

## Proposed MPC Mission Statement

Committed to fostering student learning and success, MPC provides excellent instruction, programs, facilities, and services to support the goals of students seeking transfer, career, and life-long learning opportunities. By so doing, MPC enhances the intellectual, cultural and economic vitality of this diverse community.

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From: Marilyn Wilcox

Since this is the MPC mission statement, shouldn't it lead with "Monterey Peninsula College is committed to fostering student learning and success by providing", etc?

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From Andres Durstenfeld

Hi Fred:

Thanks for soliciting our opinions on the proposed mission statement. While I like the general content, I think the phrasing tends to anchor us in the present instead of providing a forward looking view, as mission statements are usually intended to do. Consider the phrases "MPC provides excellent..." and " MPC enhances the..." These give the impression that we have (already fully) accomplished our goals and are satisfied with the current results. Speaking for myself I tend to view my efforts as yielding some successes, but still requiring continued efforts, such that my best days are still ahead. Perhaps the following small changes would convey the forward looking approach that I'm referring to:

MPC is committed to fostering student learning and success by providing excellence in instructional programs, facilities, and services to support the goals of students pursuing transfer, career, and life-long learning opportunities. Through these efforts MPC seeks to enhance the intellectual, cultural and economic vitality of our diverse community today and into the future.

Just a thought,

Andres

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From Jon Mikkelsen

My first rewrite of the mission statement went something like this:

MPC enables and encourages potential students to pursue education. MPC fosters student learning and success by providing excellent instruction, programs, and services. MPC enhances the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of our diverse community.

Those three sentences cover all we do: How/why we bring 'em in. How we process 'em. How all that effects the community when we are done.

The bring 'em part is really at the core of our justification for existence. We are here to bring in first-in-family college students. We are here to make education affordable for people who either can't afford a university. We are here to help make education a part of peoples' lives who feel deep down inside like they don't belong in the educational system. Bringing them in is as much a part of the mission of a community college as anything else we do. It needs to be addressed directly in the mission. AND, it is central to what directs our administrations activities daily. If this isn't in our mission we are kidding ourselves.

Enjoy,  
Jon

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From Lynn Iwamoto:

In the e-mail from Fred Hochstaedter, did you see the Mission Statement?

College Council's Proposed Mission Statement:

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Don't we want "basic skills" explicitly mentioned in MPC's mission statement to show our commitment to basic skills?

Thanks,  
Lynn