January Mailbag!

Dear Campus Community,

Welcome Back! On this first week of the spring semester, I want to wish everyone a great semester and a very Happy New Year! As the cold (and sometimes very wet) winter gives way to spring, we have many things to be excited about here at MPC. Through strong leadership from our PRIE team and tremendous participation and engagement from our governance groups, we have completed the 2020-25 Educational Master Plan for final Board approval on January 29th! This key planning document lays the groundwork for bringing the MPC vision into focus for this new decade. Additionally, it serves as our guide for college-wide decision-making that not only impacts our students of today, but also our students of tomorrow. This spring we also look forward to increasing the number of professional development and leadership opportunities here at MPC, as investing in our MPC personnel becomes a top priority.

The start of the semester, while always busy (and occasionally stressful), is also an exciting time, knowing that soon our classrooms will be full as our students return to campus and their studies. There really is no better work than to help our students realize their dreams and achieve their goals.

Thank you for the endless and outstanding work you are doing for our students and each other. I look forward to seeing you around campus this semester and celebrating with all of you at graduation in May!

David Martin, Interim Superintendent/President
Save the date!

Statewide Student Learning Outcomes Symposium at MPC

MPC is honored to host the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Symposium this year in partnership with the Chancellor's Office Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) AND the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. This yearly event focuses on building support, networking, and providing solutions for assessment of student learning. Faculty, SLO coordinators, researchers, administrators, and research analysts throughout the state will be coming to MPC on Friday, February 7th and Saturday, February 8th. Any faculty or staff members interested in participating in the symposium should contact Dr. Bob Pacheco, Dean of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness, before February 1st.

Friday Campus Forums
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in Lecture Forum 103

The schedule for our spring semester Friday Campus Forums is listed below.

- Friday, February 7, 2020 - SLO Symposium (All Day Event)
- Friday, March 6, 2020 - Dr. Jean Twenge - Reaching the New iGen Student Population
- Friday, April 10, 2020 - Dr. Brian Corpening - Campus Diversity & Implicit Bias
- Friday, May 22, 2020 - State Budget May Revise & MPC Budget

Feedback or suggestions regarding future topics or guest speakers may be emailed to dmartin@mpc.edu.

President’s Office Hours
7:30 AM to 9:00 AM in the President’s Office/Administration Building

January 31st, February 7th, March 13th, April 3rd & 10th, and May 15th

The President’s Office will be open to the campus community each Friday listed above. Please drop-in anytime during these hours for a cup of coffee and open discussion.
Hot News!

Educational Master Plan (EMP)

The MPC Educational Master Plan process is complete! Throughout the Fall 2019 Semester, the following campus groups were involved in the EMP development process: Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE), Academic Senate, Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC), Administrative Services Advisory Group (ASAG), Academic Affairs Advisory Group (AAAG), Student Services Advisory Group (SSAG), and President's Advisory Group (PAG).

On Wednesday, December 11th, the Board of Trustees held a first reading and discussion regarding the final draft of the Educational Master Plan. The Board will hold a second reading and consider final approval of the plan at their January 29th meeting.

Feedback can still be provided via email to dmartin@mpc.edu. Click to view the latest draft of the 2020-25 MPC Educational Master Plan.

Spring 2020 MPC Strategic Planning - Facilities Master Plan & Technology Master Plan

Using the Educational Master Plan as the guiding document, we will be developing the multi-year Facilities Master Plan (FMP) and Technology Master Plan (TMP). These plans will be driven by our campus-wide Facilities Committee and Technology Committee, respectively. Campus forums and presentations will be scheduled throughout the spring semester to solicit broad feedback and input from the entire campus community. Please keep an eye out for additional participation details that will be distributed early this spring.

New Search Tool at the MPC Library

MPC Library is proud to announce the launch of a brand new search tool on its website, OneSearch. OneSearch provides a fresh new way to find books, articles, and other items found in MPC Library’s collection. This powerful search engine has been implemented at 110 California Community Colleges and it is the same platform at all of the California State University Libraries.

- **Key benefits** to this new system include account sign in, course reserves searching, and more options to refine your search.
- **Special Note:** Faculty using library resources in their online course sites (Canvas) should double-check their links - they may need to be updated.

Find the new searching tool “OneSearch” from the library's homepage [www.mpc.edu/library]. *Please contact Glenn Tozier if you have any questions or need assistance.*
**Degree Audit Task Force**

A task force will be assembled this semester to help review the status of the current degree audit project and possible options moving forward. The task force will include representatives from all stakeholder groups. If you are interested in participating, please email me at dmartin@mpc.edu. The commitment for participants will be two Fridays in February.

**Open Administration Positions Update**

We will be starting another search for the Chief Human Resources & Employee Relations Officer this spring. The search process will commence at the beginning of the spring semester with the goal of filling the position prior to the end of the semester. We have contracted with PPL Inc. to help us advertise the position and recruit candidates.

**MPC Partners with Monterey Bay Economic Partnership Career Connect**

This partnership is designed to contribute to the economic vitality of the Monterey Bay region through the provision of free and accessible information on careers and jobs and to increase MPC student opportunities to gain work experience and find relevant information on local labor resources. More information can be found at mbcareerconnect.org. Please share this information with all of our students!

**Census 2020 and MPC**

In support of our Trustees 2020 Census Resolution (adopted at their October 2019 meeting), MPC will be partnering with regional census organizations to support census efforts. This support will come in many different formats over the next few months, including but not limited to Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs) and Questionnaire Action Kiosks (QAKs) on our campus this spring. If you would like to know how you can participate in these efforts, please contact me at dmartin@mpc.edu.
Campus Kudos

American Sign Language (ASL) Escape Room Contest
Under the leadership of Dr. Kelly Stack, 16 MPC ASL students participated in an engaging and educational activity at MPC, courtesy of Barrie and Christina Riddoch, the owners of Escape Room 831 in Monterey. In this game-like environment, students improved their ASL skills through interaction, teamwork, peer-to-peer instruction, and problem-solving in a "real world" setting! Thank you, Dr. Stack, for supporting your students in such a creative way!

November Holiday Feast
A big thank you to Scott Gunter, Physical Science Division Office Manager, for spending his November holiday cooking a large feast in the MPC culinary arts building for the MPC PRIDE Pack and other students looking for a place to spend their holiday. Scott is well-known as a great cook, so, of course, the food was delicious and the environment was warm and welcoming!

CSUMB's Jubilee Stories: Honoring the Past
A big congratulations to Counseling Division Chair Alethea DeSoto for being selected to participate in CSUMB's President's Speaker Series on December 3, 2019! Alethea, honored as CSUMB's founding director of student outreach and recruitment, was asked to share memories of moments in history that changed the face of education in Monterey County!

Justin Russo
Congratulations to MPC Men's Golf Coach, Justin Russo, who recently received the 2019 Youth Player Development Award by the Northern California Section of the PGA of America. Justin has coached the Lobos for 20 highly successful years. His teams are annually among the top 4 community college golf programs in Northern Californias. His 2018 squad captured the Big 8 Conference Championship, finished second at the Northern California Championships and 7th at the State Championships. His program has produced three Peter Cutino Award recipients, an award given annually to the top Lobo sophomore scholar-athlete. Justin also runs the Justin Russo Golf Academy from Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Club. For many years he has been heavily involved with local junior golf programs and has received several awards for his service to golf and the community.

MPC Welcomes Hundreds of Middle School Students
Thank you to Student Financial Services Director Francisco Tostada, Categorical Services Coordinator Elroy Gardenhire, and Student Financial Services Coordinator Victoria Mavricakis for organizing and hosting over 400 middle school students from Sunnyvale Unified School District over the break. These students were able to ask a panel of MPC students questions regarding life as a college student. The visit also included a college campus tour and MPC swag giveaway!
Important Updates

2020-21 California Budget Proposal Released on January 10th
Governor Newsom's 2020-21 budget establishes a baseline investment in important areas, including student hunger, dual enrollment, faculty diversification, apprenticeships, and support for undocumented students. State leaders look forward to working with Governor Newsom, the legislature, our colleagues, and community college stakeholders to increase investment in deferred maintenance, instructional equipment, and other critical areas to grow the per-student funding in California's largest and most diverse sector of higher education.

Key highlights from the January Budget Proposal include:
● Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) - 2.29%
● No changes to the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF)
● Over $50M in statewide funding for expanding apprenticeship and work-based learning programs

Senate Bill 206 - Collegiate Athletics: Student Athlete Compensation & Representation
Starting January 1, 2023, college student athletes will be allowed to earn compensation for the use of their own name, image, or likeness and obtain professional representation. The bill also requires the Chancellor of California Community Colleges to establish a statewide working group to review the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) bylaws and make recommendations for changes.

Assembly Bill 1308 - Students in Hotel Management or Culinary Arts Programs
This bill amends Section 25668 of the Business and Professions Code to permit students who are at least 18 years old and enrolled in an accredited associate degree or bachelor's degree-granting programs in hotel management or culinary arts to taste, but not consume, an alcoholic beverage for educational purposes.

Do you have news to share in the Monthly Mailbag? Send the details to dmartin@mpc.edu.