



MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE

Monthly President's Report to the RCCD Board of Trustees

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- I. **STUDENT ACCESS & EQUITY** *MVC is committed to eliminating persistent student equity gaps and improving access to higher education by strengthening a college-going culture in our community and implementing effective interventions, programs, and services.*
- (October 5) **15 MVC STEM students were accepted into the UCR 2019 College of Natural and Agricultural Science (CNAS) Sequence to Success DNA Barcoding Challenge.** The students are participating in a 4-week research experience where they will work as part of a team at the college to extract DNA from fish and perform a barcoding experiment. The kick-off meeting was Saturday, October 5th at the Genomics Auditorium at UCR, along with students from Riverside City College, Norco College, Mt. San Antonio College and El Camino College. All of the students are members of the STEM Club. Dr. Kasey Nguyen, Assistant Professor of CIS is the club advisor.
 - (October 5) A total of 32 Puente students and 4 chaperones were among the 600 students from Southern California Puente programs who attended the **PUENTE Transfer Motivational Conference** at UC San Diego. The keynote speaker was Reyna Grande, author of *The Distance Between Us*, a memoir about the hardships and heartbreak from a child's perspective of having been left behind when parents make the difficult decision to depart their home country to make a living in the United States.
 - (October 14-18) In recognition of **Undocumented Student Action Week**, Associate Student Moreno Valley College organized a number of workshops for students, employees and community members. Workshops focused on legal rights, the 2020 census, and thriving in a climate of fear. A panel of students, who enrolled at MVC, CSU San Bernardino, and UC Riverside shared their experiences.
 - (Week October 14) Distribution of chrome book computers to all students enrolled in the **Puente Program**. These laptops provide access to CANVAS for web-enhanced courses in which the students are enrolled and aims to enhance synchronous and asynchronous support and collaboration among the students, faculty and mentors.

II. **STUDENT LEARNING, SUCCESS AND COMPLETION** MVC is committed to promoting student learning, success, and education goal attainment through implementation of the guided pathways framework.

- (October 11) In keeping with our college **Guided Pathways Action Plan**, a team of classified staff , faculty and administrators visited Mt. San Antonio College. Tahmina Morshed, Deanna Murrell, Robert Fontaine, Andrew Graham, and Michael Paul Wong met with peers to learn and gain practical insights about student success teams, optimal counseling case loads, increasing college-wide engagement for guided pathways, and professional development ideas.
- (October 10) The **86th Correctional Academy** completion ceremony was held at The Grove Church in Riverside. All 23 graduates have employment. .
- (October 12) The completion ceremony for the 21 graduates of the **20th Paramedic Academy** was held on Saturday, October 12 at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center. Fifteen of the graduates have passed the National Registry Exam and are already employed as paramedics, all within the region. The remaining 6 are completing final hours with preceptors and will soon take the board exam. All will be employed by the end of the year.
- (October 3) **Career and Technical Education Outcomes Survey (CTEOS), 2019 College Report.** MVC participates annually in the CTEOS survey. Completer and skills-building students who met one of the following criteria: earned a vocational degree, or 9+ CTE units. The survey addressed student perceptions of their CTE program, employment outcomes, and how their coursework and training related to their current career. A total of 700 students were surveyed and 195 (28%) responded: 34% by email, 56% by phone, and 10% by SMF. Based on the survey results, there are increases in all metrics over the 2018 CTEOS results:
 - 90% had secured employment within 6 months (40% were employed immediately; 76.7% secured employment within 3 months)
 - 71.6% of students secured a job in a field that is very close or close to their program of study;
 - 89.7% of students were satisfied or very satisfied with their education and training;
 - 64.3% increase in wages after completing training (Hourly wages increased from \$9 before training to \$23 after training); This increase reflects living wage for a 2-adult household with one working adult plus one child.
 - 36% of respondents reported transferring to another college or university to continue their education.
- Two recent **alumni of MVC Game Art Program**, Ross Carr and Jermiah Taylor competed and won 1st prize in the **Dallas Dream Hack Game Jam**. Contestants had 5 days to design, test, and showcase a computer game that is capable of being completed in 5 minutes or less. The object of their game, they called *Ambu*, is for an ambulance crew to drive around the town and save people in a variety of emergency circumstances. The students are now focused on preparing a full-version of the

game for the market. The alumni returned to MVC and provided a brief talk with current students in the Game Art program as well as with students in a game art club.

- (October 18, 4-7P) Halloween Valley ASMVC and MVC will host the annual Halloween Valley. This is a community event, with activities aimed at all ages.

III. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS:** *MVC is committed to actively engaging the community, educational partners, and industry employers by fostering innovative collaboration to respond to community needs.*

- (October 11,18,25) **Young Men of Color – Middle School Conference** On October 11, MVC in collaboration with Val Verde Unified School District and Moreno Valley Unified School District, Moreno Valley College held the inaugural **Annual Young Men of Color Conference for Middle School Students**. Over the course of three consecutive Fridays, we will host 10 middle schools from our local districts, and close to 600 students. Our goal is to reach all young men of color enrolled in middle-school. The purpose of each event is to motivate, inspire and empower young men of color to pursue higher education through topics that address: understanding themselves in the context of the broader society, understanding the importance of education, specifically higher education, and discussing strategies to be successful in life. Dr. Kendrick Davis, Associate Dean of School of Medicine, UC Riverside provided the keynote. His message stressed the importance of building one’s own ‘dream team’ comprised of peers, family, and mentors; making good decisions, being mindful of with whom time is spent, and being with and round people who share values for success. In addition to the keynote address, attendees toured the college, participated in high engagement conversations and activities with professionals from various career fields and current MVC students, who represent similar backgrounds and identities as our attendees. The goal is to connect students to MVC early in their educational journey. Follow up events have been scheduled at the middle schools in the spring 2020 term. This conference is funded through MCHS Partnership, TRiO grant, and MVC general fund.

IV. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** *Moreno Valley College is committed to enhancing professional and leadership growth of students through approaches aligned with the College mission and core commitments.*

- (October 4) **Communities of Practice (Comp)** faculty in the disciplines of English and ESL, full-time and part-time faculty, met for discussion and norming session to ensure students, who may have entered at various levels of preparation, are thriving. The faculty reviewed teaching and support strategies. This Comp is part of our AB705 implementation.

- (October 7) **Regional Meeting for Implementation of AB705** – MVC sent one of the largest teams in a Region IX meeting that focused on successes, challenges, data collecting, strategies for placing and supporting students. The team of seven included Ree Amezquita, Dean of Instruction, MichaelPaul Wong, dean of counseling, Melanie James and Dr. Kathryn Stevenson (English), Gabriela Marean and Rosalia Queto (Mathematics) and Joyce Kim (ESL).
- (October 11) We held the **2nd session of the New Faculty Development Growth Series**. All tenure-track and part-time faculty are invited to participate. This session was focused on academic and student support services. Panel presentations and discussion highlighted: tutoring, supplemental instruction, library, and UCLA/TAPP Honors Program, Veterans, UpNext (Foster), Financial Aid, Food Bank and Clothing Closet, CalWorks, Counseling, and Psychological and Physical Health Services.

V. **INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND RESOURCES** *MVC is committed to fostering a culture of continuous institutional improvement and effective resource management, accountability, planning, management, and assessment.*

- **BCTC Education Center** – We received formal notification from the College Finance and Facilities Planning Division of the Chancellor’s Office for the California Community Colleges that our Letter of Intent to establish the Ben Clark Training Center as a state-funded Education Center has been reviewed and approved. They found the LOI is both complete and in alignment with the required elements of the LOI review criteria. With this approval, we may now proceed with the preparation and submission of a Needs Assessment, which will be reviewed by the Chancellor’s Office and subsequently considered for Educational Center status by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. MVC, in collaboration with RCCD Facilities Department, have compiled all required information and on track to submit the Needs Assessment in November. It is anticipated that approval of the Education Center will be on the January docket of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.
- (October) The Leadership and Governance Subcommittee is conducting the **Annual Assessment of Shared Governance and Decision-Making Processes**. A survey has, or will be distributed, to all shared governance committees during the month of October. Results will be reported out in November.
- **(Post Census-Full Term) Enrollment Data/Activities**: Based on current projections MVC is projected to generate 3041.81 FTES for the Fall 2019 semester which is 12.43 FTES (-0.4%) below target. The estimate remains conservative pending the generation of all Public Safety Education and Training positive attending programs, including the new Riverside City Fire Instructional Services Agreement. Combining summer and fall FTES production, MVC is currently 19.29 FTES (+0.5%) above target for the year.

SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- (November 1) **Veteran's Scholarship Breakfast:** On Friday, November 1st we will host our Fifth Annual Veterans Scholarship Breakfast at 7:30am in SAS Room 121. Dr. Carla Thornton, Master Sergeant, US Air Force, Ret., Assistant Professor, Cal Baptist University, and City Councilmember, City of Moreno Valley, will be our guest speaker. We are excited and look forward to honoring students with scholarships during this event. I hope to see you there.
- (November 5-14) The inaugural **Pop-Up Art Exhibition** at Moreno Valley College is scheduled for November 5, 2019 in SAS 121. The art exhibition will open during college hour at 12:50 pm and remain on display through November 14th. The theme is "Art and Politics" and student submissions are ongoing.