



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT KARAS



## CITY OF LAKEPORT PROCLAMATION



*Pictured in the photo captured by Bethany Moss, Chief Building Official for the City of Lakeport, are, left to right: Euline Olinger, Director of Mendocino-Lake Adult Education Consortium; Wilda Shock, Chair of the Lake County Friends of Mendocino College; TeMashio Anderson, Mendocino College Board of Trustees; Kim Costa, Lakeport City Councilmember; Tim Karas, Superintendent/President, Mendocino-Lake Community College District; Kurt Combs, Retired Mendocino College Counselor; Machiko Shimada, Mendocino College Lake Center Assistant*



The past month has been some of our busiest times of the academic year. The major events included the EOP&S Ceremony, 50th Anniversary Gala, Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 50th Anniversary Gallery Exhibition, and our 50th Annual Commencement Ceremony. Each of these, in addition to the other end of term events, required innumerable hours to plan, organize, set-up, and deliver. The staff, faculty, managers, student workers and athletes, and volunteers that lent their time and energy to assist and participate in these many events are champions of student success.

On May 16, I had the privilege to receive a proclamation recognizing Mendocino College on its 50th anniversary from the Lakeport City Council. Thank you to Wilda Shock, Chair of the Lake County Friends of Mendocino College, for connecting with the City of Lakeport for our district to receive this recognition.



**BOTANY FIELDTRIPS**

This spring semester, Dr. Zuber added new field trips and continued field experiences for her Botany class. Students continued to assist with vegetation surveys at the Mendocino College Coastal Field station. The California Native Plant Society has been collecting data from these surveys on the protected land of the field station since 2017. Students assisted local botanists Emily Allen and Julia Larke with the survey and gained hands on experience with plant identification and data collection and learned about careers in botany. The class traveled to the Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah where they toured the “Curious world of Seaweed” exhibit by Josie Iselin. The beautiful imagery provided the perfect backdrop for students to learn more about indigenous uses of seaweed and how our Pacific Coast kelp forests are being impacted by climate change. The museum’s Curator of Education & Exhibits, Alyssa Boge, also toured students through the Native Gardens and Pomo basket display to learn more about plant identification and traditional uses of native plants. Students also had an opportunity to learn about other uses of plants when they visited the Tamar Distillery in Redwood Valley. They were provided education in the art of fermentation and the plants used to make spirits by company president and senior distiller Crispin Cain and distiller Rye N Flint.

**EVENTS****Road Resurfacing**

May 22 - June 11th

Parking lots and roadways on campus will be resurfaced. Plan for delays.

**Summer Semester**

June 12th

Beginning of the summer semester.

**Summer Math Meet & Greet**

June 12th &amp; 13th

Open house luncheon for students to meet math instructors and tutors.

Learning Center

**Juneteenth**

June 19th

Campus will be closed in honor of Juneteenth.

**High School Equivalency Program (HEP) Graduation**

June 25th at 4:30pm

Pomo Plaza

**50th Anniversary Gallery Exhibit**

Summer Hours

Mondays 12-2pm

Wednesdays 4-6pm

Thursdays 4-6pm

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**NORTH COUNTY & LAKE CENTER FIESTAS**

The Centers Team, under the leadership of Dean Amanda Xu, held their second annual end of the year Registration Fiestas sponsored by MLACE! These parties aimed to supporting our Latinx community to register for summer and fall classes with support from community and college services. A big thank you to the college support and academic services who attended back-to-back events, including: MLACE, financial aid, EOPS, CAMP, HEP, ESL faculty, CDV faculty, construction faculty, counseling, and CalFresh, as well as the many local community agencies who provide additional support. With expert coordination from Lake Center Director, Monica Flores, and outgoing Coast Center Supervisor, Katherine Brown, we were able to partner with Clearlake and Fort Bragg High Schools to provide games to keep children busy while their parents explored higher education and registered for courses. Registration was provided by Leticia Trejo and Center Assistants, Machiko Shimada, Tammy Carlson, Raquel Velazquez, and Tuesday Gallardo. With over 225 attendees across both events, we were excited to culminate with free raffled Chromebooks donated by the Friends of the Mendocino College Lake and Coast Centers. The Coast Center is also excited to welcome Dr. Lana McDonnell as our new Coast Center Supervisor!

**ENROLLMENT**

The Summer 2023 session begins June 12th. The enrollment numbers to date are positive. Both the number of active students (headcount) and FTES are above last summer and summer 2019 (pre-pandemic).

SEMESTER	ACTIVE STUDENTS	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	NUMBER OF SECTIONS	TOTAL FTES
SUMMER 2023	1504	7	1497	202	238.79
SUMMER 2022	1369	3	1366	228	220.16
SUMMER 2019	1478	15	1463	273	234.56