



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OCTOBER
2022

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT KARAS



BOARD SUB-COMMITTEES

The land acknowledgment board sub-committee continues its work. A preliminary statement was shared with constituency groups at PBC. Feedback gathered from the constituency group has been summarized and shared with the sub-committee. The health benefits board sub-committee is in the process of selecting a date for its initial meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE

I had the pleasure to be a panelist during the Redwood Coast Region Economic Development Summit on the topic of “COASTAL DEVELOPMENT: Growing a Blue Economy on the Mendocino Coast”. This was a positive outcome of serving as a director for the West Center in Mendocino and Lake County Economic Development Boards.



FOOD ON CAMPUS - FALL 2022

- Tuesdays - The Zocalo Collective
- Wednesdays - Culinary Arts Program
- Thursdays - Slam Dunk Pizza



In the past month I had the pleasure to attend community events and meetings, including the AAUW (American Association of University Women) fall dinner. A Mendocino College student was highlighted as the recipient of an AAUW Scholarship. Mendocino College students can join AAUW for free. The Ukiah Symphony held its first concert of the season. It was delightful to enjoy some classical music.

The Ukiah campus fall plant sale, which was accompanied by a surplus materials sale, was a great success. This week the Mendocino College Faculty Art Exhibition opened and runs until November 6, 2022.

Also, conference play has begun for men’s soccer and women’s volleyball. Please come out and cheer on our student athletes. Go Eagles!

DEVELOPING HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS (DHSI) PROGRAM

During the 2021-2022 academic year, the district developed an application for the DHSI program. A completed grant application was submitted in June 2022. Hispanic Serving Institutions are eligible to apply. Applicants can be from public/private 4-year/2-year institutions. The Department of Education received 205 applications nationwide. Our application scored 100 out of 110 points. However, this is a competitive grant with limited funds. MLCCD was not one of the 78 funded institutions. We will learn from this process and the feedback from the Federal Department of Education. We will focus on the future and be ready for the next opportunity to apply. I want to thank Minerva Flores, Director of Research, Institutional Effectiveness and Grants, and HSI Inquiry Group, which includes faculty, staff, and administrators, for their countless hours developing our proposal.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY

The Counseling Department and our Transfer Center, in collaboration with many other departments worked to prepare and host our 2022 College and University Day (CUD), event. On Tuesday, October 4th from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, Pomo Plaza was encircled with pop-ups and tables for College/University representatives, campus program representatives, faculty and staff, and the roll-out for our Learning and Career Pathways.

Over the years, this event had been growing, engaging more local high schools, our campus community, and our community at large. Our last in-person CUD event was on October 8, 2019. By the turn out and the feedback from the college representatives and our local high schools, we are back on track with this valuable and well-received event and service. The colleges and universities left very pleased with their experience, their feedback was very positive. Comments included; *“It was great” - “Thank you for your hospitality and friendliness. I enjoyed my visits” - “Amazing fair, would love to come back” - “It was the best!” - “Everyone I met from MC was so welcoming and kind. I love my college, but if I ever think of moving up north, I will definitely check if you’re hiring! I’ll be reaching out to Mark for event tips! Everything was great, thank you.”*

Equally, the High Schools that attended were very appreciative of the opportunity to bring their students on to our campus, hear about Mendocino College and the other postsecondary options available to their students. We had 12 high schools participate (7 in 2019), with approximately 180 students and their chaperons in attendance. We had approximately 100 of our college students in attendance as well. All in attendance were treated to a hot dog BBQ lunch hosted by our longtime partner for this and many other events, the Savings Bank of Mendocino County!

A big thank you to all that assisted in this event and to President Karas for personally welcoming our College and University representatives!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 15 - Oct 15: Hispanic Heritage Month

Oct 4 - Nov 6: Faculty Art Exhibition

Oct 14: Women's Volleyball Game

Oct 15-16: Pumpkinfest

Oct 15: Dream Center: New MC UndocuStudent Admissions Day

Oct 19: Women's Volleyball Game

Oct 20: Coast Center College Day

Oct 20: Dream Center Open House

Oct 20-30: The Servant of Two Masters

Oct 21: Men's Soccer Game

Oct 28: Men's Soccer Game

Oct 28: Women's Volleyball Game

Oct 31: Halloween Festivities

Nov 2: Dia de los Muertos

Nov 10: Veteran's BBQ

To be added to the Calendar of Events, please send all upcoming events to marketing@mendocino.edu.

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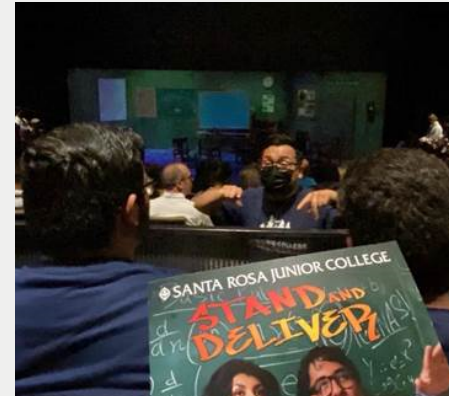
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENT-FACING SUPPORT STAFF/FACULTY

On Friday, September 30th over 40 Mendocino College staff and counseling faculty participated in a workshop led by Career Ladders Project (CLP). This was the first of four sessions with CLP that aim to provide professional development for our staff and faculty in our continuous effort to provide a welcoming and supporting, student-centered environment. While recent student surveys and success data indicate that the college is doing an amazing job of being attentive to our students, this training is being done in an effort to continue building on our successes.

The first session focused on staff/faculty mindsets pertaining to the students we serve. The purpose with this session was to facilitate a conversation about how our mindsets influence the interactions our students have with us. The next session is scheduled for October 28th, followed by two sessions in the Spring semester.

OUTREACH UPDATE

In addition to monthly visits to the Covelo classroom, Outreach continues to represent the district at both college and community events including the Hopland Health Fair, Round Valley Indian Days, and College and University Day. **The Outreach Team as well as volunteers from Student Services and the Library will represent the college at the Pumpkin Fest October 15th and 16th.** The college will host an informational booth with a fun activity well as information about the college and available programs and fun seasonal items. Outreach staff will be working collaboratively with Financial Aid staff over the coming months to offer FAFSA workshops at high schools throughout the district as the Reg-2-Go season begins this month and will continue through the spring.



UNIVERSITY VISIT: SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

CAMP and EOPS scholars participated in the first fieldtrip of the semester on Friday, September 30th. Thirty CAMP & EOPS students visited Sonoma State, where they were led on a campus tour and took part in an EOP presentation. Scholars then had dinner at Mitote Food Park in Santa Rosa where they enjoyed food from multiple vendors. The evening ended with a theatrical showing of "Stand and Deliver" at Santa Rosa Junior College, where they were treated like VIPs. Our scholars were some of the youngest attendees during opening night of the show, which featured the attendance of Sonoma County's very own Mr. Escalante - Mr. Roberto Ramirez.

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

The Veterans Resource Center has fully re-opened and offers support and information to Veterans and their families. Academic counseling services are available each Wednesday in the Center and appointments are through Admissions and Records or the Counseling Office. **The Veterans Day BBQ and Resource Fair is November 10th in the Pomo Plaza.** This event is open to all Veterans and will feature a tri-tip BBQ as well as informational booths featuring local business and agencies that serve Veterans and their families.