



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JUNE / JULY
2026

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT KARAS



In May, we held our 2026 commencement ceremony. This is the largest celebratory day of the year. We are inexpressibly proud of the students; thankful to everyone who supported our students during their journey; and appreciative

of the faculty, staff and managers that curated a learning environment so that everyone can thrive.

As I noted in my remarks “And wherever your path takes you, I encourage you to lead with kindness and to live with appreciation. In a world that can feel rushed and divided, simple acts of respect, gratitude, and generosity still have the power to heal, to build bridges, and to remind people they matter. Say thank you often. Lift others up. Notice the good around you—and add to it. If you do, you will not only find success; you will help create the kind of world we all want to live in.” 

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**STUDENT AFFORDABLE
HOUSING GRANT
APPLICATION**

The Board authorized the District to apply for a State student affordable housing grant. This is a highly competitive grant opportunity, and we expect to receive preliminary feedback in early 2027. Should the grant be awarded, it will require a small local match.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Congressman Huffman, State Senator McGuire, Assemblymember Wood, Mendocino County Supervisor Mulheren, and the City of Ukiah for providing letters of support. Securing endorsement from every local governmental representative and jurisdiction in which the project is located sends a powerful statement about our community's shared commitment to student success. 

**ADOPTION OF THE 2026-27
TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Additionally, the Board officially adopted the 2026-27 tentative budget. I am pleased to report that the District remains in excellent fiscal health. The adopted budget is fully balanced, operates entirely in the black without deficit spending, and continues to maintain a prudent general reserve to ensure our long-term financial stability. 

MEASURE A

Current election results show a majority of voters in the district support Measure A. However, the measure requires a super-majority of 55% to pass. The statistical trend indicates Measure A will not make that threshold. Final election results may take up to early July to be certified, and we will continue to monitor the official count.

While this is not the direction many of us hoped to see, I want to begin with gratitude. We are deeply appreciative of everyone in our community who took the time to participate in the democratic process. Every vote reflects civic engagement, and every conversation over the past several months has helped illuminate what our communities need, value, and hope for from Mendocino College.

Our commitment to serving this region does not change. Mendocino College is here in service of our students, our local workforce, and the communities of Mendocino and Lake Counties. We will continue to lean into the programs our region needs most, including allied health, fire, emergency response, construction, skilled trades, transfer pathways, and other critical areas of education and training.

Measure A gave us the opportunity to map out a larger future for ourselves and for the community we serve. That work was not wasted. It helped clarify our priorities, deepen our community relationships, and strengthen our shared understanding of the role Mendocino College plays in local healthcare, public safety, economic development, and educational opportunity.

We have just graduated our 53rd class, marking more than half a century of educating local students. We are also entering a new academic year with record-breaking enrollment and the largest student body in our history. Those milestones remind us that Mendocino College is not standing still. Our mission remains forward-looking, responsive, and rooted in the needs of the people we serve.

There will be challenges ahead, and we will need to be thoughtful about how we prioritize limited resources. But we will continue moving forward together, with creativity, determination, and the same commitment to students and community that has sustained this college for more than 50 years.

Thank you for your dedication, your professionalism, and the work you do every day on behalf of Mendocino College. 

– *Tim Karas, President*

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SEMESTER	ACTIVE STUDENTS	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	TOTAL FTES
SUMMER 2026	2391	17	2374	392.34
SUMMER 2025	2199	14	2185	366.47
SUMMER 2024	2126	17	2109	339.51
SUMMER 2023	1504	7	1497	238.79
SEMESTER	ACTIVE STUDENTS	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	TOTAL FTES
Fall 2026	1941	383	1558	452.93
Fall 2025	1598	374	1224	423.22
Fall 2024	1480	397	1083	403.04
Fall 2023	1096	302	794	311.14

SPRING 2026 & SUMMER 2026 ENROLLMENT

Our summer session has begun. This is the first week of classes. Enrollment numbers for summer are up 7% over last year. This summer each of our locations have planned a Summer Scholar Program. The Friends of the Coast Center, North County Center, and Lake Center have collaborated with the Mendocino College Foundation to support the Summer Scholar's program.

Running similar to summer enrollments initial fall 2026 enrollments are up 6%. There are still many weeks until the beginning of the fall semester, but this is very positive news. 

**BOARDDOCS TO BOARDABLE*****Migrating August 2026***

BoardDocs, the meeting management system used for Board of Trustee meetings, is being retired by Diligent. We will transition to a new meeting management system, Boardable, beginning August 2026. To check out another District that has already migrated to Boardable, visit the [Ventura Community College District website here](#). 



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COAST CENTER UPDATES

"I fell in love with ceramics in high school. When I retired, I built my own studio and spent several years working by myself, but I was lacking fellow artists' collaboration. I enrolled in fall of 25' and have really enjoyed taking classes with Sarah and other students. As you can see from my work, I enjoy sculpting fanciful creatures!"

- **Randy Gluck**

The Coast English and Art departments celebrated student work via Good Words in May and Randy's work was recognized. Pictured is Ceramics Student Randy Gulck and Part Time Ceramics Instructor Sarah Logan.

NORTH COUNTY CENTER UPDATES

Tuesdays are produce days at the North County Center! We are fortunate to receive fresh produce along with other essential items such as eggs, rice, potatoes, pasta, and onions- twice a month to share with our students. They truly appreciate this wonderful service and look forward to the variety available each time.

A special thank you to Naoto and Alex for delivering these items, which they pick up from our local Willits Food Bank. 



LAKE CENTER UPDATES

Students from Ceramics class with Instructor Jacqueline Adams. Both students currently have their ceramic artwork exhibited at the new Visions Art Gallery in Lakeport, CA! In addition, in June, both students will be highlighted by the gallery as artists with work on display for the month of June.



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**ANNUAL REGISTRATION FIESTAS
SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

Congratulations on another amazing academic year! As we transition forward, the Lake and Coast Centers recently celebrated their fifth annual end-of-the-year Registration Fiestas, generously sponsored by the Mendocino Lake Adult Career Education (MLACE) consortium. These vital events helped our English- and Spanish-speaking communities enroll in summer and fall classes while providing direct access to essential college and community resources.

This achievement was a true collaborative effort. Under the expert leadership of Lake Center Manager Dariela Lopez and Coast Center Manager Christine Samaniego, the centers partnered with Clear Lake and Fort Bragg High Schools to provide children's games and activities, allowing parents dedicated time to focus on their educational goals.

Registration services were skillfully provided by Center Assistants Neydi Rodriguez Zamora, Tammy Carlson, and a dedicated cross-departmental team.

Thanks to exceptional community attendance, the events wrapped up with an exciting raffle of free Chromebooks, generously donated by the Friends of the Mendocino College Lake and Coast Centers.

Looking ahead, please save the dates for next year's festivities: Thursday, May 6, 2027, at the Lake Center and Friday, May 7, 2027, at the Coast Center.

**HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES****Check Out Open Positions**

- [Employment Opportunities](#)

Training Opportunities

- [Training with Keenan SafeColleges](#)
- [Vision Resource Center](#)

Access Collective Bargaining Agreements

- [Collective Bargaining Agreements](#)

Retirement Links

- [CalPERS - Classified Employees & Managers](#)
- [CalSTRS - Certificated Employees & Educational Administrators](#)
- [403\(b\) Supplemental Retirement](#) 

EVENTS

Details can be viewed on the [Events page](#) or the [Athletics page](#). The monthly [student newsletter, The Eagle](#), provides a listing of upcoming events and campus news, too.

Independence Day (Observed) | July 2 & 3

Summer Semester Ends | July 30

Dan Drew Golf Tournament | July 31

Doug Browe: A Lifetime in Clay | Aug. 14 - Oct. 15

Fall Semester Begins | Aug. 17

Last Day to Add w/Instructor Approval | Aug. 28

Last Day to Drop w/o Notation | Aug. 28

Last Day for Refund of Enrollment Fees | Aug. 28 