

President's Message



Time is marching towards the end of the year. The Board of Trustees will begin a new year in December. We look forward to working with them to address the issues relating to classified professionals.

Also in December, the Board will confirm a new president. This person will bring new leadership to guide us through the accreditation process and all the other challenges facing Merced College.

With Veteran's Day this month, I want to thank all the classified professionals who have served. Thank you for your role in protecting our country!

November is a time to take stock and show appreciation. I would like to thank all of you for your support for me as Classified Senate president. I appreciate your feedback, your willingness to volunteer for hiring committees (sometimes on very short notice), and your assistance with other projects. You are truly a fantastic group of people. I'm honored to be working with you.

Best wishes to you all.
Andrea Hall-Cuccia
Classified Senate President

Welcome: New Classified Professionals

Reginal Burch, Custodian I
Ricardo Gomez HVAC Tech
Pamela Jensen Area Secretary
Ayssa Mejia Instr Aide
Clara North Program Assistant
Nancy Vang Library/Media Clerk

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Classified Senate Information

Merced College Classified Senate Officers
President: Andrea Hall-Cuccia
Vice President: Gabriela Garcia
Secretary/Treasurer: Jeanne Bernardi

News Letter:
Rosa Hernandez
LaDenta Smith

Web Site:
Shannon Gragg.

Meetings
Third Thursday of every month from 2-3 pm in the Administrative Conference Room unless otherwise specified. Video Conferencing for Los Banos available upon request.
Website: <https://mc4me.mccd.edu/>

Around Campus

It is a pleasure to announce the proposed renovation of the 1st Lt. Peter J. Gallo Veterans Resource Center Veteran's Resource Center. Due to a generous donation by Mike Gallo and Linda Jelacich, the 1st Lt. Peter J. Gallo Veteran's Resource Center will feature a first-class facility to support our student veterans and family members.

The new space will provide increased seating in comfortable chairs for both study and socializing. Moreover, the classified professional offices and counseling office will be refurnished to improve faculty and classified professional's ability to serve students.

The 1st Lt. Peter J. Gallo Veteran's Resource Center will also feature new carpet, a fresh coat of paint, and improved welcome desk, and a meeting and study room with computer access.

Finally, student veterans will also have access to a quiet room if needed. The project will commence mid-way through December and should be complete prior to the beginning of the spring 2017 semester.

State News

Elections Results for CSEA supported Propositions and Local Measure

Proposition 51: California Public Education Facilities Bond Initiative—Yes (54%)

Proposition 52: Hospital Fees—Yes (69.6%)

Proposition 53: Revenue Bonds—No (51.4%)

Proposition 54: Post Legislature Bills—Yes (64.3%)

Proposition 55: California Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare Initiative—Yes (62.1%)

Proposition 58: Bilingual Education—Yes (72.5%)

Proposition 59: Campaign Finance—Yes (53.32%)

Measure V: Merced County Transportation Tax Yes (69.2%)

Measure W: Delhi Schools: Yes (72.5%)

Merced College Trustee:

Area 2: Gary Arzamendi

Area 3: Carmen Ramirez

Area 6: Jean Upton (unopposed)

Results from: 2016 California Election Results website

What is CalWORKs?

California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) is a state funded welfare-to-work program designed to help individuals on public assistance (TANF). TANF stands for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, a cash aid program (welfare) for parents who meet income guidelines and have a child in the home under the age of 18.

The Merced College CalWORKs program serves students and their families by providing educational and career opportunities, combined with an array of high-quality support services that enable students to complete their education goals, find meaningful employment, and a successfully transition into the workforce. Through collaboration and advocacy with our college and community partners, we prepare a segment of California's workforce by promoting the economic self-sufficiency of CalWORKs students through the attainment of a higher education.

Merced College CalWORKs program works collaboratively with Merced County Human Services Agency (H.S.A) to meet the needs of the CalWORKs students. The H.S.A. CalWORKs program provides temporary financial assistance to qualifying families and provides Medi-Cal Coverage for all recipients. There is a work requirement of 20/35/40 hours per week based on a one or two parent household. Once a student is approved to participate in the program they become eligible for book services, child care, as well as transportation through H.S.A.. All students in the program are required to have a current Educational Plan.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Program Coordinator LaDenta Smith at 384-6234.

Program Office Locations:

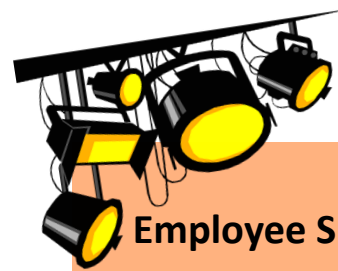
Merced Campus
Leshar Student Services Building, 2nd floor
(209) 381-6515

Los Banos campus
Administration Building
(209) 381-6428

calworks_student@mccd.edu
<http://www.mccd.edu/calworks/>

CalWORKs Staff:

Ray Davenport, Student Services Assistant (Los Banos Campus)
Debbie Prince Student Services Assistant
Angellee Sorieno, Student Services Assistant
LaDenta Smith, Student Support Coordinator
Sue Helfgott, Counselor
Vacant, Director



Employee Spotlight

Andrea Hall-Cuccia

President, Classified Senate

Job Title: Sr. Research Analyst

Department: Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Years with College: 4

Andrea is a boomerang. She grew up in Merced but left for college and work, then returned because she could afford a house. Andrea has a degree in English Literature with a concentration in Women's Studies and a now-expired teaching credential from Swarthmore College near Philadelphia. She also has a Master's in Library and Information Studies from Drexel University, also in Philadelphia.

Andrea is in charge of submitting mandated state and federal reports for the college. She provides data (FTES, enrollment, course completion, course success, awards, demographics, etc.) for Instructional Program Review, faculty hires, accreditation, IEPI, and other uses. Andrea helps administer surveys. She provides data for program investigation. Andrea provides data on placement in reading, writing, and math. She also assists in developing dashboards to provide an overview of key data. Andrea is on her fifth career track. She believes "What do you want to be when you grow up?" is an open question. Her household is (over)run by two cats and two Boston terriers. She's a reading fiend and an escapist—she likes her reading material light—the fluffier the better!

