

President's Message



Welcome to 2017! This promises to be an exciting year at the college. The College is starting the year with a new president: Chris Vitelli, formerly Vice President of Student Services here at Merced College. I wish Chris the best of luck and look forward to his tenure as President.

The new term is almost upon us, and I know many of us are busy preparing. All of us, no matter our position, play a part in shaping the students' experience here at the college. Remember: Students are our focus, and we are known by their success.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2017!
President Andrea

Welcome: New Classified Professionals

- Dec. 2016:
- Kenneth Braaksma, Police Officer
 - Cristian Gomez, Training Assistant
 - Maria Ramirez, Extended Ed Tech
 - Samuel Ramsour, Groundskeeper I
 - Marlene Sin, Sign Lanuage Interpreter II

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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/>

Employee Spotlight



Dr. Brian Ellison

Vice President of Instruction

Department: Office of Instruction

Years with College: 12 years and 9 months: 1998 to 2000 and 2016 to present

Dr. Ellison is in charge of fiscal and strategic planning responsibility for the instructional programs comprising Merced College. He has administrative oversight of the credit, noncredit, community education, and contract education programs including all CTE programs, social and behavioral sciences, English and the humanities, the natural sciences, mathematics, business and computer science, foreign languages, the fine arts, music, physical education, allied health, and child development. He provides oversight for the Library and Learning Resources Center, Child Development Center, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, and the college farm. He administers the curriculum development process and oversees liaison activity between the college and State Chancellor's Office. He provides oversight of those operational budgets under the control of the Office of Instruction. He serves as the ACCJC Accreditation Liaison Officer and as a member of the District Negotiating Team. He fulfills the role of Acting Superintendent-President and Chief Executive Officer in the absence of the Superintendent-President/CEO

Dr. Ellison is in charge of administering several grants, including: *Adult Education Block Grant, Carl Perkins Grant, CTE Transitions Grant, CCPT Career Pathways Trust Grant (Agriculture), CCPT Career Pathway in Logistics, CTE Enhanced Fund, Cal SOAP Grant, SB 1070 Grant, Enrollment Growth and Retention/Attrition Reduction for Associate degree Nursing, Assessment, Remediation and Retention for Associate Degree RN Programs, and the Basic Skills and Student Transformation Grant.*

Dr. Ellison has a Doctor of Education: *Educational Leadership* from the University of La Verne (2002). His dissertation topic was Identification of Factors Enhancing or Impeding the Utilization of Instructional Television (An analysis of resistance to organizational change within selected K-6 schools in Merced County).

He has a Master of Arts: *Applied Sociology* from San Diego State University (1987). His thesis was Work Roles and Safety Orientations: A Functionalist Approach (An analysis of San Diego Gas & Electric employee attitudes toward Occupational Safety and Health regulations).

He has Bachelor of Arts: *Psychology and Sociology* from San Diego State University (1985). He completed a double major with academic distinction in both disciplines.

He has an Associate of Arts: *General Psychology* from San Diego Mesa College (1983).

Dr. Ellison grew up in University City which near La Jolla, San Diego and has surfed for over 44 years. He shapes his own boards under the label *S&S Surfboards* in reference to his two daughters Sierra and Savannah.

Message from Charlene Reed

Hi Everyone,

As many of you know I will be retiring at the end of December. This decision was very hard for me to make, but change is good (I hope).

I'd like all of you to know that working with you has been a privilege and an honor these last 26 years. I have learned something from each and every one of you that I will remember always. Getting to know and working with you is one of the highlights of my career here Merced College. I will miss you all!

If you would like to contact me, you can call me at 209-769-6982 or by email at book-lover.4ever.2010@hotmail.com. Your messages and conversation will always be welcome.

I wish you all and Merced College a bright future and thank each one of you. I hope you have a happy new year and a great spring semester.

Regards,
Charlene Reed

Around Campus

An additional 79 parking spaces for students and staff are now available where the old tennis courts were located.

