

# President's Message



Greetings!

Classified Professional Development Day is almost upon us! Our theme is "Take a Trip to Development Beach!"

This year's event will take place Friday, April 6, the Friday of Spring Break. This year will have an exciting new format: a keynote speaker and workshops on the Merced Campus in the morning, followed by lunch and teambuilding activities at the lake.

Our keynote speaker will be Dave Bressoud, a comedian from Fresno. Workshops will include Money Management, Retirement, the MC4Me Portal, Guided Pathways, and Emergency Preparedness. Register and join us for this exciting day!

Classified Senate still has available funds for individual professional development. You can request these for any professional development activity not otherwise funded. Examples include conferences, workshops, certifications, and online courses. Email me for more information.

Opportunities to improve your skills abound! Take advantage of them!

President Andrea



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### Classified Senate Information

#### **Merced College Classified Senate Officers**

President: Andrea Hall-Cuccia  
 Vice President:: Gabriela Garcia  
 Secretary: Delia Esquivel  
 Treasurer: Maria Soto

#### **News Letter:**

Andrea Hall-Cuccia  
 Jason Handforth

#### **Web Site:**

Denise Dupree  
 Jeanette Martin

#### **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/organizations/class-senate/default.aspx>

# Employee Spotlight



## **Irma Martin**

Job Title: Instructional Support Lab Tech III

Department: SME Area 1—Biology

Years with College: 24

Irma prepares, sets up, supports, and maintains the general lab classroom. She supports students' and instructors' projects, programs, and activities. Irma maintains lab supplies, materials, and chemical solutions, including hazardous waste. She supervises student workers and volunteers. Her duties include maintaining live lab animals and plants. Irma also maintains the inventory of equipment, machines, models, etc.

Irma is a choir group vocalist. She prepares and serves food at a homeless shelter. She is a Girl Scout volunteer and volunteered in military wives group activities. Irma has a certificate in cake decorating and has taken a ceramics class. Irma has experience in classroom teaching and training in K-12 classes. She has worked as a clerk, receptionist, and assistant in hospitals and clinics. Irma is also a certified home care provider.

## **Lonita Cordova**

Job Title: Dean of Student Equity and Success

Department: Equity

Years with College: 2 months

Lonita is responsible for categorically funded areas including DSPS, EOPS, and Cal-WORKS. She also oversees Guided Pathways and First Year Experience, Guardian Scholars, and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Peter J. Gallo Veterans Resource Center.

Lonita has a BS in Information Systems Management, an MS in Educational Counseling, and a PhD in Psychology. She is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. She has worked in Education for 14 years. She has worked with foster youth, group homes, housing insecurity, incarcerated students, veterans, DSPS, and mental health.

# Professional Development

## Professional Development: Go2Knowledge

The Student Equity Office has provided access to Go2Knowledge ([www.go2knowledge.org/mccd](http://www.go2knowledge.org/mccd)). This site provides on-demand trainings on Institutional Effectiveness, Campus Safety and Security, Student Populations, Student Success, Teaching & Learning, Technology & Online Learning, and Title IX. To access the site, follow the link above and create a profile.



## Around Campus

Want to help our school?



The Office of Relations with Schools is gearing up for Blue Devil Preview Days, an annual campus-wide event that helps incoming high school seniors to register at the college. We are looking for your assistance in volunteering at the event. We have several roles available and you can sign up in the attached Google Doc. [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PNzm\\_7YG2nDWksZRhcHdSwMnScIYH1WfihWrBAE8\\_J8/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PNzm_7YG2nDWksZRhcHdSwMnScIYH1WfihWrBAE8_J8/edit#gid=0)

**Floaters** will help with various duties throughout the event and may end up greeting or guiding student groups.

**Workshop presenters** will assist with the creation and leadership of a student success workshop to student groups ranging in size up to 100. Comfort with large groups is required, and presenters will meet with event organizers prior to the presentation.

**Workshop guides** will help direct student groups from one campus location to another.

**Panel participants** will share their expertise in a department, club, resource, or activity to an audience of incoming students.



# Classified Professional of the Year

## Classified Professional of the Year Nominees

- Janet Branvold from the Los Banos Campus Library/Book Store
- Veronica Briceno from the Office of Relations with Schools
- Luis Flores from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness
- Nora Martinez from EOPS
- Carmen Moreno from the Learning Resources Center
- Jamie Moua from Campus Police
- Diane Spork from Admissions and Records
- Linda Ysebaert-Mayfield from Maintenance and Operations
- Jeanette Martin from Info Tech Svcs

Congratulations to all the nominees!!

To find out who won, sign up for the Classified Professional Development Day (check your e-mails) and come join us at the lake for lunch where the winner will be announced.



**Congratulations!**