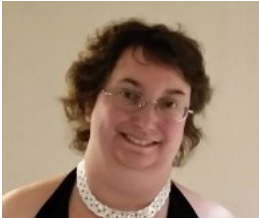


President's Message



Greetings!

Thank you to everybody who came out to Classified Professional Development Day! It was a gray, windy, rainy day, but we had a lot of fun anyway! Pictures below!

The morning on campus was interesting and informative. President Vitelli enlightened us all on the indicators of employee engagement. Dave Bressoud gave an entertaining and thought-provoking address. The workshops were very informative. The afternoon at the lake was a blast! We had a delicious lunch of hamburgers, chips, and drinks served by our managers and administrators, then bonded over team-building activities. Congratulation to Freddy Loera's and Terry Plett's teams for winning the paper airplane contest! We all had a good laugh over the skits.

I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped out: Chris Minor for getting the food; Chris Minor, Elena Altamirano, and Richard Orozco for cooking; all the managers for serving; Gabriela Garcia and company for check-in; Irma Martin, Nora Flores, and Tracie Green for organizing the speaker and workshops; Nora Flores and Maria Soto for organizing the raffle; Sandi Goudy and Jeanette Martin for selling raffle tickets; and Sandi Goudy, Dondi Lawrence, and Veronica Briceno for organizing the teambuilding activities and the decorations. Great job, everyone!

If you want to help organize next year's event, volunteer for the committee. We're always looking for new blood!



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Classified Senate Information

Merced College Classified Senate Officers

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

News Letter:

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 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>

Classified Development Day



Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed a memorable event with us!

The weather certainly tried its best to ruin our day but I think a good time was still had by many. Congratulations to all the raffle winners and also to our classified professional of the year Jamie Moua . The team building fun and games seemed to go over well this year and rounded out the day nicely.



Around Campus

I know many of us are parents and may find this useful. Registration is open now for children going into 2nd thru to the 8th grade. There is everything from academics to sports and aquatics, even theater. For a full list and more information see the following link.

<http://www.mercedcommunityservices.com/CFK%202018%20Brochure.pdf>



COLLEGE FOR KIDS IS COMING!!
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!

CLASSES ARE FILLING UP!

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SESSION 1.5 • JUNE 25 - JUNE 28, 2018
SESSION 2 • JULY 9 - 19, 2018
SESSION 3 • JULY 23 - AUGUST 2, 2018

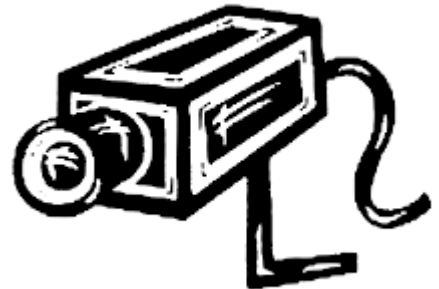
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Campus Security Upgrades

Apr-24-2018

This week Ojo Technologies will be on campus doing some very needed upgrades. This along with the current lighting upgrade project in progress will give us all, staff and students a safer feeling while on campus.



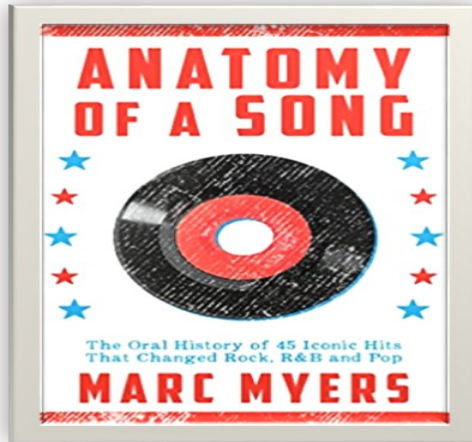
Welcome New Hire

Welcome to our new PC Technician Joseph Lara



Book Review

ANATOMY OF A SONG by Marc Myers (2016)



These “song biographies” are really a series of newspaper columns Myers wrote for the *Wall Street Journal*. For baby boomers and music lovers of all generations, ANATOMY is a mini walking tour of five popular music genres: r and b, blues, soul, rock and country. Myers makes no pretense of impartiality. He chooses these songs because he loved them. He doesn’t always choose the big hits, either.

The book begins with 1952’s “Lawdy Miss Clawdy” by Lloyd Price, among the earliest R&B hits to “cross over” with white audiences. Myers proceeds by chronology rather than by genre. “You’ve Lost that Loving Feeling” by the Righteous Brothers, is a masterpiece of Spector-sound. In calling Motown formulaic, he means no insult, producers Holland and Dozier use simple but masterful musicianship and emotional vocals to produce unquestioned classics.

Country music fans will be disappointed: Myers references Loretta Lynn’s “Fist City,” and touches upon a few country-rock crossovers, but it would really take another book to cover the nuances and transitions of country.

The book is worth its price just for the surprising stories behind a few hits. One of the most eye-opening is that of “Cary” by Joni Mitchell. Myers provides quotes from Mitchell and her boyfriend at the time, Cary Raditz, about whom two songs on “BLUE” were written. His comically differing version of their relationship veers into “He said, she said” material.

While traveling in Greece after an unhappy breakup, Mitchell met the real Cary when he blew up an oven in his restaurant (he was a chef). Adventuress that she is, did she think “What an idiot! He blew up the oven” and keep away? No – she thought, “I have to meet this guy!” What transpired is the stuff of rock legend. Did he really keep her camera to sell? You’ll have to read the book to find out.