

President's Message



Welcome to a new term!

Fall term kicked off with Convocation and the Convocation Carnival, and the campus is once again swarming with students. Quite a change from the quiet of summer!

Classified Senate will be holding its first meeting of the year Sept. 20. We will be voting on the 2018-

2019 budget. This is a very important business item, so I hope to see you all there.

A new cycle has begun for professional development funds. A total of \$5,000 will be available for individual requests; \$2,500 each will be available from July-Dec and Jan-June. Requests should be sent to andrea.hall-cuccia@mccd.edu. Request should include purpose, how it relates to your job, date needed (registration deadline) total amount requested, number of people included, breakdown of cost per person (trip request and/or invoice), and a note explaining why expense isn't covered by other funds. Activities that may be covered include classes, workshops, conferences, seminars, online training, etc. directly relevant to your work but not funded by your department or other funds (e.g. SSSP, Equity, Guided Pathways). Requests will be put to a vote at the next meeting.

Best wishes for a fantastic term!



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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>

Welcome New Classified Staff

Let's welcome all the new staff that came on board over the summer and a little before!

May:

Yesenia Arroyo, Acct Tech I

June:

Renee Dekker, Secretary—Arts
Debora Delfino, Instructional
Support Tech II—CDC
Keith Rieg, Police Officer
Julie Sellin, Student health Nurse
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July:

None

August:

Dustin Thompson, Security
Guard
Jose Silveira, Jose, Electrician
Daniel Payan, HR Analyst
Sarah Madrid, Acct Tech I



Welcome Week

Welcome back to school everyone! The first week of school is a challenge for students but thankfully staff went the extra mile to ensure a good first impression was made. A booth was set up between the vocational building and the gymnasium. There staff provided water and cookies and directions to students as they passed by. I'm sure each student left with a sense of a relief and a great impression of our college. Great work to everyone involved!



Employee Resources

Employee Resources: MD Live

Need a doctor? Use MDLIVE!

MDLIVE is a [telehealth](#) provider. The company provides patients, health plans, health systems and self-insured employers with access to [board-certified doctors](#), pediatricians and licensed therapists via online video, phone or a smartphone app.^[1]

MDLIVE's telemedicine services are designed to replace ER or urgent care visits for non-emergency issues, including [sore throats](#), [asthma](#), [skin rash](#), [fever](#), and more.^[2] MDLIVE also offers virtual behavioral health therapy through video or phone, where licensed therapists consult with patients on issues such as marital problems, child behavior & learning issues, financial hardship, and coping with loss & grief.

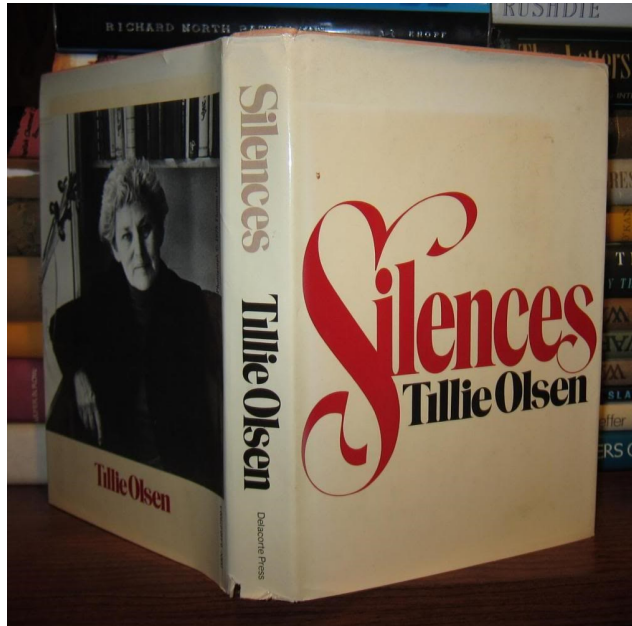
All virtual medical consultations are conducted through a [HIPAA](#) and PHI-compliant platform. In addition to allowing patients to talk to a doctor from home or on the go, and if necessary, obtain an e-prescription, payers and providers can use MDLIVE to collect and share clinical data from patient medical records, lab results, and in-home biometric devices for real-time risk assessments, wellness advice, diagnosis, and treatment.

MD Live is part of and covered by our medical insurance. Employees must go to [MDLive/SISC](#) on the internet to register for the service (https://members.mdlive.com/sisc/landing_home). The employee will be asked to enter their medical history, choose a pharmacy, and enter a credit or debit card number. Once registered, employees can use this website or download the MD Live app to their phone. When the service is needed, the employee will be asked what symptoms they are having, and they can then choose a doctor or have the next available contact them. The doctor will contact them, diagnose them, and write and call in scrips if necessary. All for a co-pay of just \$5.00; billed to the card on file at the time of service.



Book Review by Melinda Cornwell

Silences by Tillie Olsen (1978)



Olsen wrote this book because she saw an urgent need for it and no one else had written it. "Having to let writing die over and over again in me," she says, "I have had special need to learn all I could of this." She looked at creative writers both noteworthy and obscure and analyzed the ways they were kept from writing. Those reasons are as different as the authors themselves, but there are a few common denominators. Censorship, politics, marginalization, perfectionism, having to meet work and family demands - these are just samples. One of the most persuasive sections of the book is a genre-by-genre breakdown (painstakingly compiled in the pre-Google era) of women authors represented in textbooks, literary studies, anthologies, prizes and membership in literary societies. A 2015 study by VIDA (an organization promoting gender equity in the literary arts) shows that things have changed, but a striking disparity still exists.