

Your CSEA Chapter 274 Newsletter

March 2025

Chapter Updates

Welcome to the first edition of the CSEA Chapter 274 Newsletter! This is your go-to source for union updates, upcoming events, and member highlights. CSEA Chapter 274 proudly represents classified employees at Merced College —let's stay informed, engaged, and strong together.

Each month, we'll feature a **Member Spotlight** to recognize the incredible work of our colleagues. If you'd like to nominate someone, email us at (<u>note: this</u> <u>email is currently being created so it may take a few days before it is active!</u>) <u>csea_chapter274@mccd.edu</u> with their name, years of service, and a brief note on their contributions. Every effort matters, and we're excited to celebrate our members!

Member Spotlight

Each month, we will highlight a member who deserves recognition for their dedication and hard work. For our first spotlight, we're featuring **Stacey Jorgenson**—my friend, coworker, and a cornerstone of the Merced College community.

For over 30 years, Stacey has been a friendly face to students and staff, always ready to help. Since I started here just over two years ago, she has been more than a mentor—she's been a friend and an ally. She's taught me the ropes at the help desk, always looking out for me and leading by example.

Stacey has seen it all, and she continues to show up every day with the same commitment and kindness that make her invaluable to our campus. That's why she's our very first Member Spotlight for CSEA Chapter 274!



Community Corner

We have some wonderful news to share from Dawnnet (Nickey) McEwen, our Accounting Technician II - Student Fees! With the McEwen family's permission, we're excited to announce the arrival of **Skye Anne McEwen**! Born on February 7th, Skye weighed **6 lbs. 6 oz** and measured **19.5 inches long**. Congratulations to the McEwen family!

Have a milestone or special announcement to share? Email <u>csea_chapter274@mccd.edu</u>, and we'll celebrate with you in the next newsletter!

Upcoming Events

Member of the Year | California School Employees Association
 Deadline: March 1, 2025

Details: Time's running out to nominate a standout classified employee for CSEA Member of the Year! Recognize someone who's making a difference at Merced College. Submit nomination forms by March 1—grab them at csea.com or email us at <u>csea_chapter274@mccd.edu</u> for details.

• Next Chapter Meeting – Save the Date

Date: March 19, 2025

Details: Our next chapter meeting is March 19th. At this meeting we'll be ratifying the MOU regarding Education Code 88022 Compliance. More details on voting will be coming out soon. Got ideas? Email us at <u>csea_chapter274@mccd.edu</u>, we'd love to hear from you!

• <u>See's Candies Yumraiser – Spring Storefront</u>

Date: Open now through March 31, 2025 **Details**: Stock up on See's Candies for Easter or Mother's Day and support the CSEA Dorothy Bjork Assistance Fund! A portion of every purchase helps members in need. Order by March 15 for holiday delivery, or any time before March 31 to contribute.

Classified School Employee Week (CSEW) 2025
 Date: May 18—24, 2025

 Details: Celebrate classified employees with our annual breakfast and
 BBQ. Event details are still being planned. Volunteers needed—contact
 Angelica Campos (campos.a@mccd.edu) or Maria Soto
 (soto.m@mccd.edu).

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Our mission | To improve the lives of our members, students and community. Want to share your thoughts, join a committee, or connect with fellow members? Your Chapter 274 team is here to support you—contact us at <u>csea_chapter274@mccd.edu</u> https://csea.com/chapters/274

