

THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

The President's Circle was founded in July 1989. The partnership between Merced College and the President's Circle is a wonderful example of the good work that can be achieved when a community and its community college work together.

OUR GOALS

- To establish, encourage and maintain close, meaningful relationships between Merced College and the residents it serves; and,
- To provide the President of Merced College funds for exceptional and worthwhile student-focused projects which are not covered through District resources.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To encourage the public to participate in its community college;
- To promote an understanding of the mission of Merced College;
- To promote an understanding of the challenges confronting the college;
- To encourage community involvement in Merced College through social and cultural activities; and,
- To afford its members an opportunity to confer with the college staff.



2024-2025 FUNDED PROJECTS

- Agriculture Ambassador Conference
- Career & Transfer Branding Enhancements
- Counseling Events on the Quad
- Capturing Campus Life / Osmo Cameras for Students
- Downey Center Interactive Touch Kiosk
- Dr. Benjamin T. Duran Business Resource Center Photograph Canvas Prints
- International Student Luncheon
- Los Banos Outreach Materials
- Los Banos Blue Devils Brew Furniture
- Relationship & Sexual Violence Prevention (RSVP) Peer Educator Program

EXAMPLES OF PAST PROJECTS FUNDED SINCE 1989

- Faces of Merced College photography projects
- Improvements at stadium track
- Student attendance at competitions & conferences
- Mosaic at Interdisciplinary Academic Center
- Poetry Slams
- Sewing machines and vehicle lifts for instructional use
- Autoclave at the Los Banos Campus
- Contribution to the purchase of swimming pool scoreboard
- Trees and lighting at amphitheater
- Shelter for bus stop
- Picnic tables, benches, and furniture for student use
- Signage and banners for the Veterans Resource Center
- Student film festivals
- Family movie night
- Equity Center Mural, "Growth and Diversity of the Valley"
- Open House & Cram Night Week
- New and renovated benches in Agriculture & Industrial Technology
- Diversity Center recreation tables
- Campus Murals
- Tools for Success for Veteran Students

"Students are our focus and we are known by their success"

MERCED COLLEGE MOTTO

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• 2025 - 2026 •

MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merced College President's Circle has generously supported student-focused projects since 1989. As President, I am incredibly grateful and appreciative for the support and dedication of this team of volunteers in our community. With limited resources and competing priorities, the President's Circle assists our College in maintaining quality educational experiences and services for our students.

The President's Circle has a longstanding tradition of helping us provide an atmosphere of academic excellence and an attractive learning environment for our students and community members. Project and services supported by the President's Circle have benefitted all facets of our District, including the Merced and Los Banos campuses and the Business Resource Center.

Whether you are continuing your membership or joining us for the first time, your participation and support of this program will serve our community and our students according to the mission of Merced College, which is dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence. It is with sincere appreciation that I extend my gratitude to the President's Circle for the ongoing support of student success at Merced College and welcome you as a member!

Chris Vitelli

Chris Vitelli, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President
Merced Community College District



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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

PLATINUM

- Two courtesy parking permits;
- Entry for four to one fall concert, one spring concert, and one play; and,
- Table for eight to annual dinner.

GOLD

- Two courtesy parking permits;
- Entry for two to one fall concert, one spring concert, and one college play; and,
- Two tickets to annual dinner.

SILVER

- One courtesy parking permit;
- Entry for two to one fall concert and one spring concert; and,
- One ticket to annual dinner.

BLUE

- One courtesy parking permit; and,
- One ticket to annual dinner.

Thank You to Our 2024/2025 Platinum Members

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- ☐ Platinum Membership \$1,000
- ☐ Gold Membership \$300
- ☐ Silver Membership \$200
- ☐ Blue Membership \$100

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