Welcome to Fall 2011!
NEW SEMESTER, NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT, NEW SENATE PRESIDENT

Dr. William (Bill) Scroggins took office as the ninth President & CEO of the College on July 1, 2011. He has “hit the ground running” since, and worked closely with Senate and CSEA leadership to bring professional development breakout sessions for our Classified staff on August 25, Convocation Day. Classified staff have been impressed with Dr. Scroggins’ transparency in leadership, noting that they appreciate information he shares regarding Cabinet meetings and reports to the Board of Trustees via campus-wide emails.

The Classified Senate welcomes Bill Scroggins to the campus, and we look forward to working with him in serving our students.

To say that Mt. SAC has been a part of Marchelle’s life since childhood would only be the half of it. Growing up in Walnut a few blocks away from the college, Marchelle dreamed of attending and working at Mt. SAC since the age of six. “I feel as if I’ve come full circle,” Marchelle shares. As a work study student, Marchelle worked in the C.A.L.L. Center (Community Adult Learning Lab), now known as Adult Basic Education. She was hired full time in 2000 as secretary in the ESL department of the Continuing Education division.

Marchelle took the helm of Classified Senate this past July, and looks forward to working closely with both CSEA units to further the inclusion of Classified staff on governance and participatory college committees. Other goals she hopes to achieve during her tenure include the New Classified Employee Mentor program, and a successful fund-raising year for our Professional Growth Scholarship fund.

"The Classified Senate’s mission is to provide Classified employees with a formal participatory voice in supporting the College’s mission, vision and core values."
As Fall begins, CSEA 262 begins preparing for their Executive Board Elections in December. This is a great opportunity for each of YOU to become actively involved in the running of YOUR Chapter. This year we will be electing the following positions: 1st Vice President, Secretary, Chief Job Steward, and Site Representative Coordinator. The election process begins at our October Chapter Meeting, where we begin accepting nominations for these positions from the membership. Nominations remain open until the conclusion of our November Chapter Meeting. The official elections of these officers will take place at our December meeting.

To nominate and vote you MUST be a Chapter 262 member. To be eligible to hold office, you MUST be a Chapter 262 member “in good standing.” That means, having been a local Chapter member for at least six consecutive calendar months immediately proceeding the month in which you are nominated. You should verify your eligibility to nominate, vote, and hold office, by contacting Linda Tackett, x5532 or via email, treasurer@csea262.org.

To learn more about the duties of each office, please attend the Executive Board orientation meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, in Building 6, Room 144.

Most classified on campus are Chapter 262 members. However, there are a few who think they are Chapter 262 members, but are actually “Fair Share Fee Payers.” (Again, call Linda Tackett to verify your standing.) Being a Chapter 262 member is very affordable. For a mere $1 per month for ten months of the year, you are eligible to fully participate in our elections process, vote on contract matters, and receive a variety of discounts through CSEA.
Spotlight on:
New Senators

Naomi Abesamis, Bridge Program
Naomi is Program Coordinator for the Bridge Program, and has been at Mt. SAC for five years. She is working on her second master’s degree, and hopes to teach English at the community college level. Her self-published book of poetry, *Inner Victory, A Collection of Filipina American Poetry*, continues to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a cause close to her heart since her son was diagnosed with the disease. She feels blessed with a beautiful family: husband Romeo, daughter Rianna, son Noah and Golden Retriever, Snowball! Naomi shares that finding your true purpose and living it, is to recognize that “life’s perfect moments are NOW.”

Darlene Vale, Agricultural Sciences
Darlene is a registered veterinary technician (animal nurse), and a Mt. SAC alum. She has been with the college for ten years and is an avid horse enthusiast. She keeps her skills fresh by working at a large 24 hour animal hospital on the weekends, and has a number of “rescue critters” that include cats, dogs, horses, and reptiles. She enjoys music and concert-going, and loves all programs CSI-related!

TRIVIA CHALLENGE
Each issue of *The Classified* will include a Mt. SAC trivia question. We ask that you email the correct answer to:
classifiedsenate@mtsac.edu
The winning correct answer will be chosen at random, and the winner will receive a $10 SAC Book Rack gift card.
Okay...here’s your question:

Who coined the phrase, “The Mt. SAC Way”?

Deadline for submission of correct answer is October 14, 2011. Winning entry will be chosen October 21, 2011. Good luck!

2011-12 Classified Senate
(Executive Board members in bold)
Naomi Abesamis
Erika Aparicio (Alt.)
Rosa Asencio
Karen Braggins, Director
Liz Callahan, Recording Officer
Jackie Carmona
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Raising Funds

“Supporting the professional growth and welfare of Mt. SAC’s Classified”

Each year, Classified Senate conducts fund-raising events to support our Professional Growth Scholarship fund, and to provide support in other areas to Mt. SAC’s Classified staff. First up this year, we’ll be bringing back our popular “Gift Card Basket” for raffle. Tickets are $1 each, or five for $6. Look for the email announcement coming soon!

The “Classys” Brings the College Community Together to Celebrate Mt. SAC’s Classified Professionals

The 2011 Classified Service Recognition awards (The Classys) ceremony was held May 25 in the Sophia B. Clarke Theater. Joan and Melissa “Shivers” (Caitlin Rodriguez and Jill Dolan) got us Red Carpet Ready before the big show began. Our wonderful emcee, Clarence Brown, kept the show upbeat with his improv skills, and Cliff Notes kept us entertained. We recognized service years, retirement, and awarded $2400 in scholarships. We introduced the Senate’s Excellence Awards, given to Classified staff that best exemplified the standards set in each category. Awards were presented to: Laura Martinez, College Leadership; Jose Briceno, Campus Improvement; Darlene Vale, Citizenship; Jeff George, Best Attitude; Dena Schumaker, Creativity & Innovation; Karen Naveda, College Appreciation; Marlene Ward, Rookie of the Year; Anna Acosta, Outstanding Achievement; Caridad Oppenheim, Commitment to Student Service; Donna Lee, College Excellence.

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