



Welcome back to the fall semester!

On behalf of the Instructional Leadership Team and the Office of Instruction, we hope you had a chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy the summer.

During the August 13 Board of Trustees meeting, Board President Peter Hidalgo shared his appreciation for the Mt. SAC community and the amazing work that happens here every day. With the fall semester upon us, he noted the excitement building on campus – students rushing to class, friends reconnecting, and faculty preparing. His challenge to us was simple: let's make this the best fall semester ever by focusing on the small things. Simple actions like smiling as you pass someone in the hallway, picking up a piece of litter, or helping a newcomer find their way on campus may make a difference. These small moments have a big impact and reflect the *Mt. SAC Way*: leading with kindness, working with purpose, and setting the tone for the year ahead.

Let's take a moment to celebrate the energy and opportunities that come with a new semester.

Fraudulent Enrollment Update

Mt. SAC has reported significant improvement in detecting and preventing fraudulent applications. Recent updates to our IT processes have reduced fraudulent enrollments going into the fall term. While IT will continue to monitor activity closely, these improvements are helping to ensure that our systems remain focused on supporting students as they apply and enroll in classes.

Reminders



Tuesday, August 19: Adjunct Faculty Orientation – Two Sessions: 9 am - 12 noon and 4 pm - 7 pm. Contact [John Orr](#) for additional information. ([Adjunct Resource Page](#))



Wednesday, August 20: Department Chair Training (9 am to 11 am)



Thursday, August 21: New Faculty Seminar from 9 am to 3 pm (full-time faculty)



Friday, August 22: [Fall 2025 Flex Day](#)



Questions: Contact your [Division Office](#) ([Instruction](#), [School of Continuing Education](#), [Student Services](#)) with any questions such as fall schedule, cancelled classes, etc.



Fall Semester Begins: Monday, August 25, 2025



August 25 – August 28 (Monday — Thursday). [Instructional Division Offices](#) open until 7 p.m.



Fall Welcome & Information Booths: These booths will be open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (August 25 – 27) from **8 am to 7 pm** at the following locations: Building 9B (West), Building 4 (Rose Garden), and Building 26 (Quad)

Thank you for all you do to make Mt. SAC such a welcoming and supportive place for our students. We also encourage you to give one another, and our students, an extra measure of grace as everyone settles into the rhythm of a new semester. On behalf of the Instructional Leadership Team and the Office of Instruction, we are excited for all that this year holds, and we are grateful to start the fall semester alongside you.

With appreciation,
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