



The Monday Minute

Week 16: June 8, 2026

As we share the final Monday Minute of the Spring 2026 semester, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for all that you have contributed throughout the year. Together, we have navigated significant opportunities and challenges, advanced important college initiatives, supported our students through moments of growth and achievement, and continued to strengthen our campus community. From accreditation efforts to innovation in

teaching and learning, student support, and countless acts of service that often go unseen, your dedication has helped make this a remarkable year for Mt. SAC. Thank you!

This week's *Monday Minute* includes:

- Father Boyle: Create a Community of Belonging
- Mt. SAC Fall 2026 Flex Day: Registration is Open!
- Supporting Students During Finals Week
- Faculty Support and Resources
- Spring 2026 Final Grades (Open Office Hours to Assist You are Available!)
- Celebration! Mt. SAC Athletics Program
- Your Feedback Requested: The *Monday Minute*
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Father Boyle: Create a Community of Belonging

As we reflect back on [Father Greg Boyle's](#) visit to Mt. SAC on April 22, many of us continue to carry his powerful message of kinship, compassion, and belonging. Through stories drawn from his work with [Homeboy Industries](#), Father Boyle reminded us that transformation begins when we choose to see one another not through labels or circumstances, but through our shared humanity. His challenge to stand with one another, especially those who have been marginalized or overlooked, resonates deeply with the work we do every day in service to our students and each other.

Whether through [Rising Scholars](#), the [Equity Center](#), or the countless acts of care and support that take place across our campus, his message encourages us to create spaces where everyone feels seen, valued, and connected. As we close out the semester, Father Boyle's example reminds us that belonging is not simply an aspiration, it is demonstrated through compassion, connection, and our shared responsibility to care for one another and strengthen our community.

You can watch Father Boyle's message and also listen to the accompanying Mt. SAC Podcast:

- [Equity Speaker Series: Father Greg Boyle](#)
- [Mt. SAC Podcast – Episode 230: Creating A Community of](#)



[Belonging with Father Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries](#)
Fall 2026 Flex Day: Registration is Open!

As the spring semester comes to a close, the **Flex Day Planning Committee** invites you to [Fall Flex Day 2026](#), taking place **Friday, August 21, in the Summit Event Center (Building 410, third floor)**. This year's carnival-inspired event, "Navigating Change Together," brings our community together through collaboration, discovery, engaging activities, and a bit of fun as we prepare for the fall semester.

Breakfast and check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Summit Event Center, with the official program starting at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. This year's program has been intentionally designed as a campuswide experience. Rather than breakout sessions, all presentations and activities will be offered to the entire campus community, allowing us to engage in common conversations and hear the same key information as we prepare for the fall semester.

Unlike previous years, faculty and staff do not need to register for individual breakout sessions. Since all activities will be offered as part of a campuswide experience, faculty and staff need only complete a single registration through [POD](#).



Register Here: [Register for Fall Flex Day through POD.](#)

Please contact [Raul Madrid](#) or [Shelley Doonan](#) if you have any questions.



Supporting Students During Finals Week

As we head into finals, we know many students may be experiencing higher levels of stress. Our Behavioral Health Services (BHS) team and Basic Needs Resources (BNR) are offering support to help students stay grounded, focused, and cared for during this busy time. Please feel free to share these resources with your students.

[Behavioral Health Services – Grounding Support](#)

Behavioral Health Services is offering brief, 10-minute grounding sessions for students who may need a moment to reset before studying or taking a final exam.

Options include:

- Guided breathing or box breathing
- Sensory grounding using the 5-4-3-2-1 method
- Progressive muscle relaxation
- Quick mindfulness check-ins
- Short supportive conversations to help students regulate

BHS continues to provide crisis walk-in support for students who need immediate assistance.

Basic Needs Resources – Emergency Childcare

Students who need last-minute childcare during finals may qualify for emergency support through Upwards, our childcare partner. Students can contact the Basic Needs office at **(909) 274-6170** to inquire about eligibility and available support.

[Student Health Center](#)

Recognizing that total wellness is essential to academic success, Student Health Services strives to provide optimum physical health services to the College community in a confidential environment with sensitivity to individual needs.

The student health services team consists of a multiethnic team of licensed professionals that provide short-term quality care to support you with academic success. Our team is dedicated to respecting the diversity of Mt. SAC and attending to the unique needs of each student. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your full body and mind are cared for through your academic career at the college. We hope you explore the resources available to you at Student Health Services.

All information is confidential and available only to the patient, with few exceptions as mandated by law. Learn more about your [Protected Health Information](#).



Faculty Support and Resources

As we approach the end of the semester, we recognize that this is one of the busiest times of the academic year. Faculty who may benefit from additional support are encouraged to take advantage of Mt. SAC resources, including:

- [Employee Counseling Center](#) (ECC),
- [Employee Mental Health Resources](#),
- [Employee Assistance Service for Education](#) (EASE),
- [Employee Wellness programs](#), and
- [Faculty Center for Learning Technology](#) (FCLT).

In addition, the Mt. SAC [Employee Wellness Committee](#) also supports the well-being of Mt. SAC employees by providing resources, programs, and activities that promote healthy lifestyles, mental wellness, and a supportive campus community.

Whether you need assistance managing stress, instructional technology support, or guidance on available services, we are here to support you. Your [Division Office](#) team is also available to help connect you with campus resources, answer questions, and provide support as you navigate end-of-semester responsibilities.



Spring 2026 Final Grades

With the end of the Spring semester rapidly approaching, this is a friendly reminder that **Spring 2026 grades are due by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.** The Admissions and Records Office will initiate the "grade roll" process or "batch" processing of all Fall grades in Banner immediately following the 8 pm deadline on Tuesday (June 16, 2026).

We thank you for submitting your grades **on or before Tuesday, June 16, 2026.** Here are some reasons why students need their grades posted on time:

- Students need to know if they passed a pre-requisite course so they can register for the next course in a sequence.
- Students need to complete units aligned with the federal or state financial aid they have received.
- Our Veteran students may need proof of completion to receive veterans' benefits.
- Students send their transcripts to their transfer university, confirming they are ready to transfer in the upcoming semester.
- Students' wage increases, bonuses, or promotional opportunities depend on passing employer-approved courses or programs.
- Students must show satisfactory progress on their academic and/or progress probation status.

Seeking one-on-one support? [Loralyn Isomura](#) will be hosting the following **Drop-In Office Hours** via Zoom (link information below) to provide guidance and support regarding the grade submission process:

- **Thursday, June 11:** 4 pm - 6 pm
- **Friday, June 12:** Anytime between 8 am - 5 pm
- **Saturday, June 13:** 8 am -10 am

- **Sunday, June 14:** 3 pm - 7 pm
- **Monday, June 15:** Anytime between 10 am - 8 pm
- **Tuesday, June 16:** 8 am - 12 noon
- **Tuesday, June 16:** 3 pm to 8 pm

ZOOM DETAILS:

Link: <https://mtsac-edu.zoom.us/j/9092745770>

Meeting ID: 909 274 5770

Below are some helpful resources for navigating the Grade Submission Process:

- Contact Information by Division: [Instruction](#), [School of Continuing Education](#), or [Student Services](#)
- [Grade Changes and Incompletes](#)

If, for any reason, you anticipate that your grade submission process may be delayed (after 8 pm on June 16, 2026), please immediately contact your [Dean or Associate Dean](#).



Celebration! Mt. SAC Athletics Program

Over the weekend, the Mt. SAC Athletics Program was recognized with the prestigious **Learfield Director's Cup Award** at the National Athletic Directors Meeting. The Learfield Director's Cup Award is the **nation's most prestigious award in collegiate athletics** and honors the top two-year college athletics program in the nation based on overall performance in national championship events. Mt. SAC last received this recognition last year, making this a remarkable achievement for the last two consecutive years.

Mt. SAC Athletics also earned the **Ron Case Cup Award** presented by Daktronics and awarded by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA). This award recognizes the **best two-year college athletics programs in California and Western United States**. Named in honor of Ron Case, who led the award from its inception in 2004 through 2024, the award reflects sustained leadership in collegiate athletics. This is the thirteenth consecutive honor and sixteenth overall for the Mt. SAC Athletics Program.

Congratulations to our student-athletes, coaches, classified professionals, the athletics support teams, Tammy Knott-Silva, and

Joe Jennum for these outstanding accomplishments!



Your Feedback Requested: The *Monday Minute*

As we close out the semester, we invite you to take a [brief survey](#) to help the Office of Instruction assess the *Monday Minute*. With just four quick questions, the survey is designed to gather your input on what is working, what could be improved, and how this communication can better support you. Your feedback will help us enhance how we share updates, highlight achievements, and keep our campus community informed.

The [Monday Minute survey](#) will remain open throughout the summer, so you can respond at your convenience. Thank you for taking a moment to share your thoughts.

Important Dates and Resources



- **Summer 2026 Canvas Merged Requests Extension:**
Please Submit ASAP by Wednesday, June 10, 2026!
- **Spring 2026 Finals Week:** June 8 – June 14, 2026
- **Mt. SAC Commencement:** Friday, June 12, 2026 (arrive no later than 4:50 PM and be in line by 5:15 PM)
- **Spring 2026 Final Grades:** Tuesday, June 16, 2026 (at 8 pm)
- **First Day of Summer 2026:** Monday, June 22, 2026
- **June 30 (5 pm) to July 1 (11 am) Reminder:** Banner Down. Canvas and Email remain operational.
- **Fall 2026 Canvas Merged Requests Due:** Thursday, August 6, 2026
- **Fall Flex Day:** Friday, August 21, 2026 (on campus)
- **First Day of Fall 2026 Classes:** Monday, August 24, 2026
- [Fall 2026 Course Cancellation Protocols](#)
- [Mt. SAC 2025 - 2026 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Mt. SAC 2026 - 2027 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Mt. SAC 2035 Education and Facilities Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Mt. SAC Calendar of Events](#)

As we celebrate commencement and the close of another academic year, I hope we also take pride in what we have accomplished together. Thank you for your talent, dedication, and commitment you bring to your work every day. Each of us plays a role in creating a college community where students and colleagues feel welcomed, supported, and connected.

Please continue to reach out to your [Dean or Division Office](#) to share your concerns and identify any assistance needed. We are here to support you.

Wishing you a strong finish to the semester and a wonderful summer with family and friends.

Thank you,

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