



Welcome back to the fall semester (almost)!

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.

We ended last week with our classified professionals during the Classified Professional Day (CPD) exploring *Small Moves, Big Changes*, and this week we continue that idea as we come together for Fall Flex Day and *Navigating Change Together*. Change can feel like it happens all at once, sometimes beyond our sphere of influence; however, it is the small moves we make together that help us find our way. With a little carnival fun mixed in, Flex Day will give us a chance to reconnect, learn from one another, share some laughs, and begin Fall 2026 together.

This week's *Monday Minute* highlights upcoming events and important dates as we prepare for the start of the fall semester.

What's Ahead

- ✦ **Tuesday, August 18:** Adjunct Faculty and New Full-time Faculty Orientation. Choose from One of Two Sessions: 9 am - 12 noon or 4 pm - 7 pm. Contact [John Orr](#) for additional information. ([Adjunct Resource Page](#)).
- ✦ **Wednesday, August 19:** Department Chair Training (9 am to 11 am) in Heritage Hall (continental breakfast at 8:30 am).
- ✦ **Thursday, August 20:** New Faculty Seminar from 9 am to 3 pm (full-time faculty).
- ✦ **Monday - Thursday (August 17 – August 20).** FCLT pre-term workshops daily from August 17 - August 20. These FCLT workshops can help prep, update your knowledge on changes in Canvas, Zoom, and other applications, and save you time as you ready

for the fall term.

To Register for an FCLT Workshop in POD

1. Go to the [POD Connect Calendar](#) (**tip:** hold down ctrl or cmd in Mac when you click to open in a new tab)
2. Log in with your Mt. SAC Credentials. (you can also go directly to the [POD](#) web page, select POD Connect Calendar, and log in).
3. Select “**POD Calendar**” and navigate to the month of August. Look for the workshops on the days and times listed below.
4. Click on any workshop title to review session details and sign up! Sign up for one or many!

When you register, you will receive a Zoom link in email. If you do not see the link, check your spam or junk folders. Join links can always be found in the POD calendar entry as well. If you need day-of help getting into a session, FCLT staff are hosting and not responsive to calls or emails. Please email POD at pod@mtsac.edu for the most timely assistance.



Thursday, August 20. New Faculty Seminar (full-time faculty) from 9 am to 3 pm.



Friday, August 21: [Fall 2026 Flex Day](#)



Monday, August 24, 2026: Fall Semester Begins.



August 24 – August 27 (Monday — Thursday). [Instructional Division Offices](#) open until 7 p.m.

August 28 (Friday). Adjunct Faculty: If you are interested in applying for the Spring 2026 semester, please complete the [Adjunct Professor Office Hour \(Pilot Program\)](#)



[Request Form](#). Click here for more information: [Fall 2026 Adjunct Professor Office Hours](#).



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

Fall 2026 Welcome & Information Booths: These booths will be open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (August 24 – 27) from **8 am to 7 pm** at the following locations: Building 9B (West), Building 4 (Rose Garden), and Building 26 (Quad). *If you*



have any questions, please contact Christine Romeo, Inreach Services, Project/Program Specialist, cromeo3@mtsac.edu or to inreach@mtsac.edu.

As we begin Fall 2026, thank you for the many ways you support our students, one another, and the broader Mt. SAC community. The start of a semester always brings new energy, new possibilities, and, yes, a few unexpected turns along the way. On behalf of the Instructional Leadership Team and the Office of Instruction, we are grateful to begin another year alongside you and look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

With appreciation,
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