



Welcome to Week 13!

As we enter the final four weeks of the Spring semester, it's a good time to pause and take a deep breath. This stretch can feel intense, but your dedication, creativity, and commitment continue to make a meaningful impact on our students. This week's Monday.Minute includes a few reminders, expressions of gratitude, and celebrations to carry us through the final stretch.

This week's Monday.Minute topics

- Gratitude: Kim Earhart, Allie Frickert, and Kelly Rivera
- You're Invited! Healing-Centered Engagement Faculty Workshop
- Reminder: Mt. SAC 2025 Commencement Ceremony
- Celebrate: Dr. Garcia's Monthly President's Report (PowerPoint) to the Board of Trustees
- Voices From Across the California Community College System: Perspectives on Teaching, Leading, and Learning
- Important Resources and Dates



A Note of Gratitude: Kim Earhart, Allie Frickert, and Kelly Rivera

A heartfelt thank you to Kim Earhart, Allie Frickert, and Kelly Rivera for their incredible leadership, advocacy, and dedication in organizing the powerful Teach-In held on Wednesday, May 14. Their vision and commitment brought together students, faculty, and the campus in meaningful dialogue around academic freedom, equity, and the role of higher education in shaping truth and understanding. Events like this remind us of the strength of our community—and the impact of those who lead with purpose, vision, and courage.



You're Invited! Healing-Centered Engagement Workshop

As part of our Mt. SAC 2035 vision, we are excited to invite faculty to a unique opportunity that reflects our shared commitment to building a healing-centered Culture of Care. This summer, a limited number of faculty will have the opportunity to participate in an engaging and informative workshop on Healing.Centered.Engagement.(HCE)—a strengths-based approach that honors culture and identity as essential to personal and community well-being.

Rooted in over 30 years of research, this Four.Pivots.Workshop will explore how awareness, connection, vision, and presence can reshape our instructional spaces and deepen our support for students' lived experiences.

The workshop will take place on Wednesday, July 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall, and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Faculty will be compensated at the non-instructional rate for 4 hours.

We ask that all participants:

1. Read *The Four Pivots* by Dr. Shawn Ginwright (books will be provided once your registration is completed),
2. Attend the full session, and
3. Commit to sharing implementation strategies with peers in a follow-up setting.

Mt. SAC faculty participants share how they have been impacted by Healing-Centric Engagement workshops:

- The HCE trainings have helped me become a better and more informed practitioner, colleague, and member of our diverse Mt. SAC community. I've gained a greater sense and appreciation of HCE's asset-based model whose core principle is built on cultivating others and communities so that they can maximize their potential despite the obstacles/harms they might have encountered in the past.
- Healing-Centered Engagement has strengthened my commitment to seeing students not through the lens of what's missing but through the richness of their culture, resilience, and potential. It reaffirmed that education is a powerful space for restoration— a call to teach with humanity at the center so we can move from surviving to thriving together.

Space is limited and [registration](#) is on a first come–first served basis. Please [register](#) by Friday, May 23 to reserve your seat!

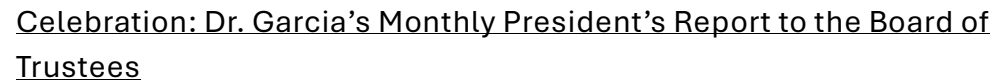


Mt. SAC 2025 Commencement Ceremony

The Mt. SAC 2025 Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 13, at 5:30 pm. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30 pm (rain or shine). More information can be found at the [Mt. SAC 2025 website](#).

- Faculty and staff regalia orders will not be processed in-store this year. All [faculty and staff orders](#) must be placed online.
- [Student orders](#) may be placed online or in-store. For their convenience, students may also [pre-order flowers, stuffed animals, leis, and other items](#) to pick up at the stadium on graduation day.

Please refer to the attached emails from Laura Martinez, Markelle Stansell, and Carol Nelson for additional Commencement information.



Please take a moment to explore the [May 2025 President's Report](#) and join us in celebrating the outstanding events/accomplishments across the Instructional Division and campus community.

Voices From Across the California Community College System:
Perspectives on Teaching, Leading, and Learning

Each week, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and its affiliated listservs share timely articles, media, presentations, and resources designed to inform and inspire educators, advocates, and leaders across our system. This curated content highlights emerging trends, effective strategies,

and thought-provoking perspectives that continue to shape the future of teaching, learning, and leadership in California's community colleges. Below are several resources that may be of interest to you:

- [California Community Colleges Chancellor Sonya Christian Issues Statement on Gov. Gavin Newsom's Revised Budget Proposal](#)
- [How Stanford Teaches AI-Powered Creativity in Just 13 Minutes](#)
- [Governor Newsom unveils plan to create high-paying, fulfilling careers for more Californians, college degree or not | Governor of California](#)
- [CCCCO 2025 Report: Retention and Enrollment Efforts \(May 2, 2025\)](#)
- [The RP Group Report: Results From a Comprehensive California Community Colleges Online Education Study \(A Report to the 2024 - 2025 California State Legislature\). March 2025](#)



Important Dates and Resources:

- Resource: [Course Cancellation Protocol Final May 1 2025](#)
- Memorial Day (Campus Closed): Monday, May 26, 2025
- Summer 2025 Merging Canvas Course Shells Deadline: Monday, June 9, 2025
- Office of Instruction Open House (Building 414): Monday, June 9, 2 – 4 pm <Note: date change!>
- Spring 2025 Finals Week: June 9 – June 15, 2025
- Mt. SAC Commencement: Friday, June 13, 2025:
 - Event Begins Promptly at 5:30 pm
- Spring 2025 Final Grades Due Date (2nd eight-week, full-term, etc.): Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 8 pm
- Fall 2025 Merging Canvas Course Shells Deadline: Monday, August 11, 2025
- [2024 – 2025 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Mt. SAC Calendar of Events](#)

As you support students through final projects, presentations, exams, and end-of-semester celebrations, please remember that your [Dean or Division Office](#) are available to provide guidance and support as needed.

Wishing you a strong and supportive Week 13 and continued momentum through the finish line!!

Thank you,

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