



Welcome to Week 9!

This week's Monday Minute includes:

- **Program Review Replaces PIE: What You Need to Know**
- **You're Invited! DEISA+ Community Circle**
- **Mt. SAC Culinary Students Shine at Café 91: on AB& News**
- **Mt. SAC Program Highlight: Nursing in Demand**
- **AWS Outage Resolved (Canvas): Update**
- **Important Dates and Reminders**



Program Review Updates: Timeline and Process

The new Program Review process is beginning now. The Institutional Effectiveness Committee made several important changes to the Program Review process (formerly known as PIE):

- Comprehensive Program Review is a new process focusing on data review, analysis, goal setting, and planned actions to support implementation of Mt. SAC 2035.
- The new Program Review Timeline starts with data analysis this Fall.
- Register Now on POD Connect for [Program Review: From Data to Action](#)

learning sessions. Training begins the week of October 27, is recommended for all, and is different from previous PIE training.

- Deadline for all Unit Program Reviews will be Friday, March 27, 2026.

The purpose of these changes is to create a more efficient, data-driven, and practical Program Review process that promotes aligned institutional effectiveness for ongoing improvement throughout all units of the College.

Please reach out to [Patty Quiñones](#) or [Jennifer Hinostroza](#) for additional information or if you have any questions.



You and Your Students are Invited! DEISA+ Community Circle

As we continue to advance the goals of [Mt. SAC 2035](#) and the Chancellor's Office [Vision 2030](#), our shared work around Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Social Justice, Antiracism, Accessibility, and other Anti-isms (DEISA+) remains at the heart of our Culture of Care and Healing-Centered Engagement efforts. Together, we have the opportunity to define what DEISA+ truly means for Mt. SAC—our values, our commitments, and how we show up for one another.

We invite all students and employees to join us for the DEISA+ Community Circle: Food for Thought – Space for All on Friday, November 7, 2025, in the Summit Event Center (Bldg. 410, 3rd Floor). This campus-wide event will include food,

conversation, and reflection to help shape Mt. SAC's DEISA+ philosophy.

 Pizza, Salad, & Dessert | 12:30–1:00 p.m.

 Conversation Circle | 1:00–3:00 p.m.

 Healing Circle | 3:00–4:00 p.m. (Optional to attend, feel free to bring a yoga mat or blanket. Chairs will be provided)

We encourage everyone to participate:

- Classified staff are encouraged to seek supervisor approval to attend.
- Faculty are invited to join—and to consider offering extra credit for students who participate. Extra credit verification will be provided to students who attend.
- Managers are encouraged to attend and bring their teams to engage in this collective effort.

Your voice and perspective matter. Together, we can define a DEISA+ philosophy that reflects who we are and who we aspire to be as a caring, inclusive, and equity-driven community. In light of the current climate, these conversations are more important than ever. Your voice is important; we hope to see you there!

Warmly,

Cara.Tan?Eva.Figueroa.Morales?and.Kelly.Fowler?
DEISA+ Council Co-Chairs



Mt. SAC Culinary Students Shine at Café 91

Congratulations to our incredible Culinary Arts students and faculty for being featured on ABC7 News! The story highlights Café 91, our on-campus restaurant where students gain hands-on experience running every aspect of a professional kitchen—from menu design to customer service. As student Chloe Macis shared, “It’s kind of pushed me more to want to actually be in this field. And it’s also cool to meet new people that also want to do the same thing as me.”

Their passion and teamwork reflect the heart of Mt. SAC, learning by doing and striving for excellence. Kudos to our Culinary Arts team for continuing to serve up success and inspiration for our students and community!

[Read the full story on ABC7 News →](#)



Nursing in Demand — and in Short Supply

Mt. SAC is prominently featured in [The Hechinger Report's](#) piece on the statewide nursing capacity crunch, spotlighting our students’ resilience and our program’s innovation. The story highlights our simulation labs from high-fidelity mannequins to planned AI-enabled models in the new Health Careers building. Student voices, like Oscar Mateo’s journey into nursing and Nicole Ong’s reminder that trust is learned with real patients, underscore the purpose behind the work we do every day. We are so proud of our nursing faculty and classified professionals for turning challenges into learning and opportunity. [Read the full article at The Hechinger Report \(Oct. 6, 2025\).](#)

Photo to the Left: Andrew Santana instructs students on how to do an APGAR assessment on a simulated newborn baby at Mt. San Antonio College campus. Credit: James Bernal for The Hechinger Report



AWS Outage Resolved (Canvas)

Many thanks to IT for their continuous communication to campus today regarding the AWS Outage and its impact on other systems at Mt. SAC. Eric Turner, Assistant Director of Web & Portal Services , shared in an all-campus email this evening:

According to our vendors—including those for Canvas, EAB Navigate, Smartsheet, Qualtrics, Wepa, and others—the AWS outage has been resolved. All affected systems are currently up and responding as expected.

Vendor engineering teams continue to monitor the situation to ensure ongoing stability. We appreciate your patience during this disruption and are glad to report that services have returned to normal.

The latest updates on these systems can be found on these websites:

- Canvas system status: <https://status.instructure.com>.
- Smartsheet system status: <https://status.smartsheet.com/>.

- AWS system status:
<https://health.aws.amazon.com/health/status>



Key Dates and Resources

- **Adjunct Faculty Celebration:** Tuesday, October 21
- **Accreditation Follow-Up Visit:** Thursday, October 23
- **Banner Financial Aid Upgrades:** November 2, 2025
- **DEISA+ Community Circle:** November 7, 2025 (1 - 3 pm, 3 - 4 pm)
- **Winter 2026 Merged Canvas Shell Requests:**
Monday, December 1, 2025
- **Spring 2026 Merged Canvas Shell Requests:**
Monday, February 2, 2026
- **Veteran's Day (Campus Closed):** Tuesday, November 11, 2025
- **Thanksgiving Holiday:** November 27 and 28 (Thursday and Friday)
- **Last Day of the Semester:** December 12, 2025
- **Grades Due (full term classes):** December 16, 2025
- **[Mt. SAC 2025 - 2026 Academic Calendar](#)**

- [Mt. SAC Calendar of Events](#)

We are already halfway through the semester, a perfect time to pause, reflect, and celebrate the incredible work happening across our campus. Thank you for your continued dedication to our students, your creativity in the classroom, and your commitment to making Mt. SAC a place of learning, care, and inspiration.

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.

Thank you,

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