



SCE News October 2023

Accreditation

The ACS WASC self-study report is very close to being completed! Many thanks to those of you who have participated. It is not easy to make time for the self-study process, but it is extremely important and it helps us grow as programs, departments, and as a division. And, most importantly, we do it for the benefit of our students.

Extensive accreditation work has taken place since Fall 2022 to analyze data and identify strengths and areas of growth. The table below gives you a sense of the many, many meetings that have taken place.

Accreditation Meetings from Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

	# Of Participants	Participants	# Of Times Met
Program Teams	59	Faculty, counselors, classified staff, managers	47
Criterion Focus Groups	59	Faculty, counselors, classified staff, managers	11
Advisory Group	68	Faculty, counselors, classified staff, managers, partners, students, and alumni	2

Drafts of sections of the self-study are currently being finalized. The initial completed draft will be shared with the Mt. SAC community in November 2023. Keep an eye out for it!

To keep stakeholders updated on our WASC self-study process, presentations and updates have taken place. The following is a list of those activities.

- Presented to the Mt. SAC Board of Trustees on November 11, 2022¹ and March 18, 2023²
- Update at Spring 2023 Flex Day & Fall 2023 Flex Day
- Update at Advisory Group Meeting, December 2022 and April 2023
- Updates at faculty meetings

The Short-Term Vocational (STV) Team, including a CNA Program alumna, at the Advisory Group meeting, December 2022.



The ESL Team, including two students, at the Advisory Group meeting, December 2022.



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Adult Basic Education

Graduation

A big shout out to our faculty and staff for making ABE's 2023 graduating class the biggest to date with 118 graduates who earned a High School Diploma or High School Equivalency.



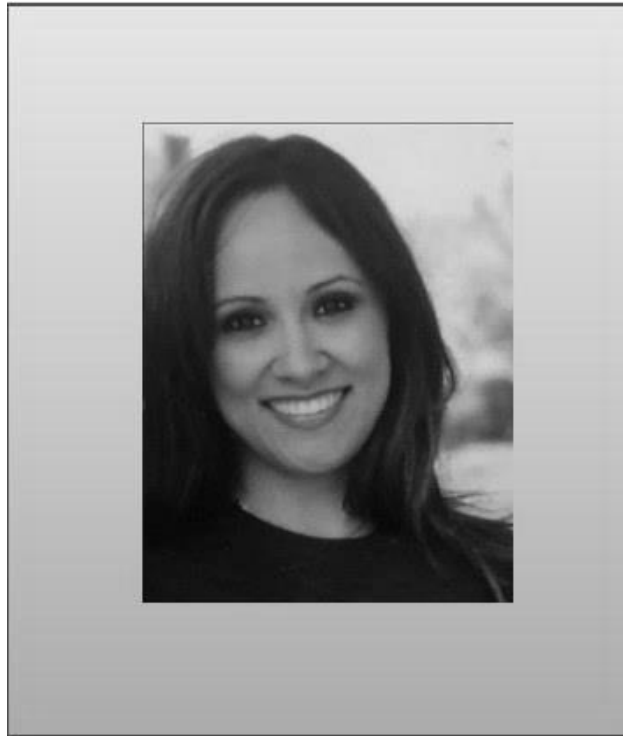
Nuestra Celebración

El Centro invited our 2023 Adult High School Diploma graduates to participate in the Nuestra Celebración in the spring. Faculty and staff helped out with the event and it was awesome to see our students recognized at such a great event.





Congratulations to Yvette Santillan, Professor, Counseling, Adult Basic Education, started 7/1/23



Yvette Santillan came to Mt. SAC in 2000 as an Adjunct Instructor and Program Supervisor for the WIN Program, where she worked until 2006. She then became an ABE Adjunct Counselor and has been serving in that role for the past 17 years. She earned a BS in Human Services from Cal State Fullerton and a MS in School Counseling and PPS credential from University of La Verne. Yvette approaches her role as a counselor as an opportunity to create a comfortable environment that enables her students to have a positive experience with school and to be connected to their program. Yvette loves being a counselor and is grateful to be part of the student journey! She is excited for this opportunity to continue working with the ABE faculty and staff to help our students reach their goals.

Welcome Back Day

ABE held its annual Welcome Back Day for students in the first week of fall. Students were able to meet faculty and grab a treat! We also participated in the campus welcome booth during the first week of school.



Classes

AIME

AIME (Academic Instruction for Math and English) classes started September 18. These prep classes are designed to get students ready for and pass transfer level Math and English. Classes are offered throughout the fall term and you can enroll anytime. See our flyer and scan the QR code for dates and times.



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Don't stress! AIME for SUCCESS!

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or need help registering!

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QUICKBOOKS

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Organize your small business and make your life easier!

Take the Mt. SAC **FREE** QuickBooks class and earn a certificate.

LEARN HOW TO:

- Track income & expenses
- Manage customers & vendors
- Create invoices & estimates
- Track inventory & items
- Run financial reports
- Perform banking tasks
- Record sales & sales tax



Online and In-Person options available!

Start at any time by completing the Interest Form at
www.mtsac.edu/sce/abe/register
 or call (909) 274-4935

View the Schedule of Classes at bit.ly/ABEClasses



HIGH SCHOOL REFERRAL

Our High School Referral program has grown exponentially! We served approximately 2500 students during the summer. If you have a high school student who needs to make up a class to stay on track for graduation or get ahead refer them to ABE.

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA/GED/HISET

Do you know a friend or family member who needs to earn their adult high school diploma or equivalency. Refer them to ABE to get started! We offer in-person classes and online options for students.



ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

- Adult High School Diploma
- High School Equivalency Prep (GED/HiSET)
- ASVAB, SAT, TEAS, CBEST, & Healthcare Exam Prep
- Computer Skills including Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Publisher) and QuickBooks
- Free Typing Tests
- Reading, Writing, and Math Review
- Earn High School credits while in high school
- College-level English and Math Prep
- Counseling and educational advising services



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Know what you want to do? Call us to find out how to register!

Not sure yet? Call us at (909) 274-4845 to talk to a counselor or educational advisor to explore educational options and take a picture of this code to learn more about our programs



ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Adult students can earn credits toward completion of a high school diploma under the guidance of an instructor and support staff. Coursework is offered in small group instruction, computer aided instruction, and individual study. A cap and gown graduation is held on the Mt. SAC campus in June to honor students receiving high school diplomas. Only 160 credits are required and we accept credits you've earned from accredited schools and colleges. There is also an option to get credits for work experience.

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PREP (GED/HISET)

The General Education Development (GED) Test and the HiSET are all High School Equivalency (HSE) tests that measure your knowledge and academic skills against those of today's traditional high school graduates. Students who pass a HSE test will be granted a California High School Equivalency (HSE) Certificate. Adult Basic Education offers two ways to prepare for the HSE tests: on-campus preparation in the Adult Basic Education Lab and through Distance Learning. Both programs have similar instruction, but the Distance Learning program offers a flexible at-home study format.

ASVAB PREP

The Adult Basic Education Lab provides preparation for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) examination, which is the entrance test for all branches of the United States military. You must earn a certain minimum score on the ASVAB to enter the military, get a particular job, or receive additional benefits in the military. To help you reach your goals, the ASVAB Preparation program focuses on helping students earn the highest score possible on the test.

COMPUTER CLASSES

ABE computer classes help students gain skills in various computer applications, internet web searching, emailing, and basic computer literacy. Students may also learn computer skills through self-study, with support provided by instructors and lab assistants. In addition, students can obtain Microsoft Office 2016 certificates by completing a series of computer tests that will demonstrate acquired knowledge and proficiency of each program.

LEARNING CENTER (READING, WRITING, & MATH)

Classes are offered in the Adult Basic Education Learning Center to improve students' reading, writing, and mathematics skills. Special emphasis is placed on skills necessary for the workplace, as well as academic and test-taking skills. Instruction is offered through small group instruction, independent study, and computer-aided instruction (PLATO software).

HIGH SCHOOL REFERRAL

High School Referral is a self-paced, independent study program designed to allow high school students the opportunity to retake classes to earn a higher grade, make up credits, and/or get ahead in their studies. Credentialed teachers supervise the classroom and provide individual instruction and support. Students must be currently enrolled in high school and have parent and counselor consent to participate.

COLLEGE-LEVEL ENGLISH & MATH PREP

Not ready for college-level math or English? These prep classes will help you succeed in college-level math and English and are quick, convenient, and FREE!

Community & Contract Education

New Team Members

Marina Araya, SCE Testing Center Manager, started April 2023

Marina has worked at Mt. SAC for the past 7 years. She started in the Natural Sciences Division office as a student assistant and joined our team as a Professional Expert at the SCE Testing Center. Marina was integral in the opening and success of the SCE Test Center. While working at Mt. SAC she also worked full-time for the Ontario-Montclair School District as an HR Technician and as the Executive Assistant for the Executive Director of Human Resources. She received her bachelor's degree in Management and Human Resources and a minor in Regenerative Studies at Cal Poly Pomona . She also has her MBA from Grand Canyon University. She loves animals, especially her fur babies, spending time with family, eating good food, traveling, and gardening during her free time.



1 - Marina Araya

Dr. Alyssa Avila, Assistant Director, Community & Contract Education, started August 2023

Alyssa has 10 years of experience in higher education and community-based organizations. She has a strong background in program management, educational leadership, and DEI practices and is committed to supporting the personal and professional development of students from underserved communities. Previously, Alyssa served as the Acting Director of Diversity Initiatives and Resource Centers, the Interim Director of the WoMen's and Adult Reentry Center, and the Violence Prevention Educator at Cal State

Fullerton. Her career has focused on working alongside students and community partners to take an intersectional approach to develop educational initiatives that address complex societal issues.



2 - Dr. Alyssa Avila

Community Education

- Congratulations to one of our CPR/First Aid Instructors, Frank DeLeo! **Frank was voted and named Southern California Region Outstanding Outdoor Emergency Care Instructor for 2023.** He was in Sacramento in September 2023 and won the **Division Award and the Gold Star National Award for National Ski Patrol as Outstanding OEC Instructor.** He is very proud of this achievement and so are we – we're happy to have him on our team!



- As of April 2023, the CPR/First Aid Training Center is now open five days a week for the first time in its 33-year history at Mt. SAC!
- Summer 2023 College for Kids offered full-day in-person programming for the first time since the pandemic. There was a 5% enrollment increase with classes in Art, Computer Applications, Dance, English/Writing, Kids Klub, Speech & Presentation Skills, and STEM. The department worked in collaboration with Aeronautics, Agricultural Sciences, Animation and Gaming, Business Division, CPR Training Center, Dance, Theatre, Radio Broadcasting, Planetarium, and the Wellness Center.





Contract Education

- Check out our new WTC logo!

MT. SAC

The logo features a stylized gear with a white arrow pointing towards the center, set against a black background.

WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER

- The Workforce Training Center developed two institutionalized training programs for Athens Services, The Athens Way: Leadership Essentials and Rising Leaders' Summit. Over 70 incumbent workers have completed the trainings.
- This year, we graduated the first class of the newly minted Arktura Academy with partner employer, Arktura, LLC. Twenty incumbent workers completed 84 hours of Lean, Value Stream Mapping and Kaizen trainings over the span of 25 weeks, total of approximately 1,680 training hours. A second cohort of trainees are currently completing the academy.





SCE Testing Center

- The SCE Testing Center was approved as a National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) Medical Assistant test site to support students in STV's Medical Assistant Program.
- SCE Testing Center is now open six days a week, with extended hours, from Monday through Saturday for the first time to better serve Mt. SAC and the local community.

EOA, VRE & AWD/IMPACT

Shelby White-Tremazi, Tenured Professor for Education for Older Adults

Shelby has been a professor serving older adult students in the School of Continuing Education for 22 years. This fall, she began the term as the first tenured faculty member in the Education for Older Adults Program. The evaluation process for tenure-track faculty is rigorous, taking place over four years and involving continuous review of performance by a committee. Congratulations to Shelby on this significant and well-earned achievement!



Welcome New EOA/AWD Team Members!

Congrats to the newest members of the Education for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities department. Welcome to the team!

Adjunct Professors

- Sydney Albertson, Adjunct Professor AWD
- David Avila, Adjunct Professor AWD
- Lisa Fears-Hackett, Adjunct Professor AWD
- Skyler Phamle, Adjunct Professor AWD
- Oscar Reyes, Adjunct Professor AWD
- Kenzie Barnes, Adjunct Professor EOA
- Hazel Escusa, Adjunct Professor EOA
- Muna Ezumah, Adjunct Professor EOA
- Adam Porter, Adjunct Professor EOA

- Angelica Sanchez, Adjunct Professor EOA & VRE
- Devon Wayne, Adjunct Professor EOA
- Kassandra Wilson, Adjunct Professor EOA
- Brandon Elrod, Adjunct Professor VRE
- Rachel Jimenez, Adjunct Professor VRE
- Steven Lam, Adjunct Professor VRE
- Ruben Perez, Adjunct Professor VRE

Tutor Experts

- Angelica Silva
- Ariana Lemus

Athletics Support

- Kinsy Glidewell
- Nayelli Ramos

Student Assistants

- Dennis Burgos
- Doug Iiga
- Michelle Rico
- Genny Silva
- Juan Velazquez

18th Annual Intergenerational Art Exhibit – Brain, Beauty, & Art









This year was the 18th annual Intergenerational Art Exhibition. The theme was *Brain, Beauty, & Art*. Thank you to Kelly Conte, Adjunct Professor, for curating the show!

The Art Exhibition of *Brain, Beauty, & Art* was displayed for one week at the Walnut Senior Center. The exhibition included paintings, drawings, textile and quilting, jewelry design, sculpture and mixed media creations. An artist's reception was held Saturday, August 5th, 2023 to kick off the week long show. During the Artist's reception, twenty-three pieces of student work sold at a live auction. For many students, this was their first time displaying and selling their artwork. All profits go directly to the artists.

Five artists received special recognition for their talent. Artist award winners received certificates, art supplies, and of course, some Mt. SAC swag!

- Best Artistic Dedication - Alex Fu (not pictured)
- Best New Artist -Leonard Lopez



- Best Creative Expression - Susan Kang



- Best Enterprising Artist- Susan Weber



- Best in Show - Kenneth Suh



Coffee with the Community

The Adults with Disabilities (AWD) program hosted a conversation with Dr. Jesse Weller, Executive Director of the San Gabriel /Pomona Regional Center on July 31, 2023.

AWD students spoke about their experience in our classes and presented on projects they worked on during the 2022-2023 academic year. The student presenters were Michelle Rico, Esteban Loera and Genevieve Silva.

Dr. Jesse Weller opened the Q&A session to allow members of the audience ask questions. The participants of this Q&A included students, faculty, and members of the community. It gave students an opportunity to practice the self-advocacy skills they had been learning about in class, and it gave Dr. Weller a chance to meet our students and learn about the AWD program.





In September, Renu Katoch and Briseida Ramirez brought students from our Adults with Disabilities program to enjoy the Latinx Heritage Month celebration and to meet Mt. SAC President, Dr. Martha Garcia!





AWD Student Story - Michelle Rico



Michelle Rico has been a long-term student in AWD. Throughout her time in the program, Michelle has become a leader and mentor among her peers. This year, Michelle became the first Student Assistant for AWD. Currently, she assists in two classes at the La Verne Community Center: Self Determination and Personal Care. Yasmin Cardona, Adjunct Professor AWD, teaches one of the classes that Michelle assists in. Yasmin highlighted Michelle as "consistently fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment. Her respectful and empathetic attitude toward students encourages active participation and collaboration. Michelle's dedication to student success is commendable and greatly appreciated."

EOA Student Story – Christine Andersen



“When I came to this class, I had just retired. I was overweight, high blood pressure and pre-diabetic. The regular routine of daily exercise in the pool lowered all my levels, and I lost 70 pounds. I have had knee replacement surgery, and the low impact exercise has returned my mobility. After 13 years here, the final blessing is the wonderful friendships I have made with my fellow students.” – Christine Andersen

VRE Student Story – Judy Gutierrez

Judy Gutierrez has attended the summer 2023 Sewing and Design class held at the Diamond Bar Center on Thursdays at 12:30 P.M.-3:35 P.M. Judy purchased a sewing machine a few years ago, but lost her passion for it. After attending our sewing and design class, she completed a tote bag, cross body bag, and two skirts. Furthermore, she has gained the inspiration needed to continue being creative in making one-of-kind projects to enjoy. Her enthusiasm, positivity, and desire to learn is truly admirable.

“Sewing and design has allowed me to rediscover my passion to create with an inspirational instructor. It has also connected me with a talented community! What a fun and joyful experience this had been.” - Judy Gutierrez



English as a Second Language

Welcome to new full-time ESL faculty, Mark Herbst!

Mark Herbst did his master's degree practicum teaching in the Mt. SAC ESL department 16 years ago and has been a part of Mt. SAC ESL ever since! Along the way, he has also taught at Cal State University, Fullerton and in the credit and noncredit ESL departments at Orange Coast College. At Mt. SAC, he has primarily taught intermediate, advanced, and citizenship for naturalization courses. Teaching the citizenship courses, which help immigrants prepare for the U.S. citizenship interview, has been an especially rewarding career highlight. Mark holds a bachelor's degree in government and Spanish from the University of Redlands and a master's degree in TESOL from Biola University. He has studied and taught in Ecuador and Turkey.

Fun fact: Until he went away to college, Mark grew up on Catalina Island. He used to sneak away from Mt. SAC in the summers and work as a deckhand on tour boats there. Now he loves taking his wife and daughter back to visit his parents and experience island life.



New Skills Certificates

ESL is offering new Written and Oral Communications certificates for students. These certificates will allow students to progress through speaking, writing, reading, and pronunciation courses at a pace based on their specified language ability.

ESL Certificates for Level Courses



ESL - Beginning Level

Take these courses*:

Foundations | Pre-Level 1 | Level 1 | Level 2

Earn this certificate after passing Level 2

ESL - Intermediate Level

Take these courses*:

Level 3 | Level 4

Earn this certificate after passing Level 4

ESL - Advanced Level

Take these courses*:

Level 5 | Level 6

Earn this certificate after passing Level 6

* Students do not need to take courses below their initial placement level.

Why earn a certificate?

A certificate shows that you have demonstrated a certain level of English ability. By earning a certificate, you can improve your academic skills and employability.



Certificates are recognized by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

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Earn an ESL
Certificate in



Written Communication

Pass These Classes

Earn This Certificate

Reading Pre-1
Writing Pre-1



Written Communication
Literacy Level

Reading A
Writing A



Written Communication
Beginning Level

Reading B
Writing B



Written Communication
Intermediate Level

Reading C
Writing C



Written Communication
Advanced Level

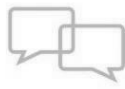
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Earn an ESL
Certificate in



Oral Communication

Pass These Classes

Earn This Certificate

Pronunciation Pre-1
Speaking Pre-1



Oral Communication
Literacy Level

Pronunciation A
Speaking A



Oral Communication
Beginning Level

Pronunciation B
Speaking B



Oral Communication
Intermediate Level

Pronunciation C
Speaking C



Oral Communication
Advanced Level

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List of ESL Certificates

Certificates for ESL Level Courses

Take These Courses*	Pass This Class	Earn This Certificate
Foundations Level Pre-1 Level 1 Level 2	Level 2	ESL – Beginning Level
Level 3 Level 4	Level 4	ESL – Intermediate Level
Level 5 Level 6	Level 6	ESL – Advanced Level

*Students do not need to take courses below their initial placement level.

Certificates for Oral Communication

Pass These Courses	Earn This Certificate
Pronunciation Pre-1 & Speaking Pre-1	Oral Communication – Literacy Level
Pronunciation A & Speaking A	Oral Communication – Beginning Level
Pronunciation B & Speaking B	Oral Communication – Intermediate Level
Pronunciation C & Speaking C	Oral Communication – Advanced Level

Certificates for Written Communication

Pass These Courses	Earn This Certificate
Reading Pre-1 & Writing Pre-1	Written Communication – Literacy Level
Reading A & Writing A	Written Communication – Beginning Level
Reading B & Writing B	Written Communication – Intermediate Level
Reading C & Writing C	Written Communication – Advanced Level

Certificate for VESL* (Vocational ESL)

Pass These Courses	Earn This Certificate
VESL Speaking VESL Writing Career Life and Planning for ESL Office Management Skills Microcomputer Applications	VESL Career Paths

*Students who pass Level 5 are eligible to take VESL classes.

ESL Career Resource Fair

Over 200 students attended the annual career resource fair on May 17. Approximately 30 Mt. SAC programs and community organizations attended and distributed information to students about their services.





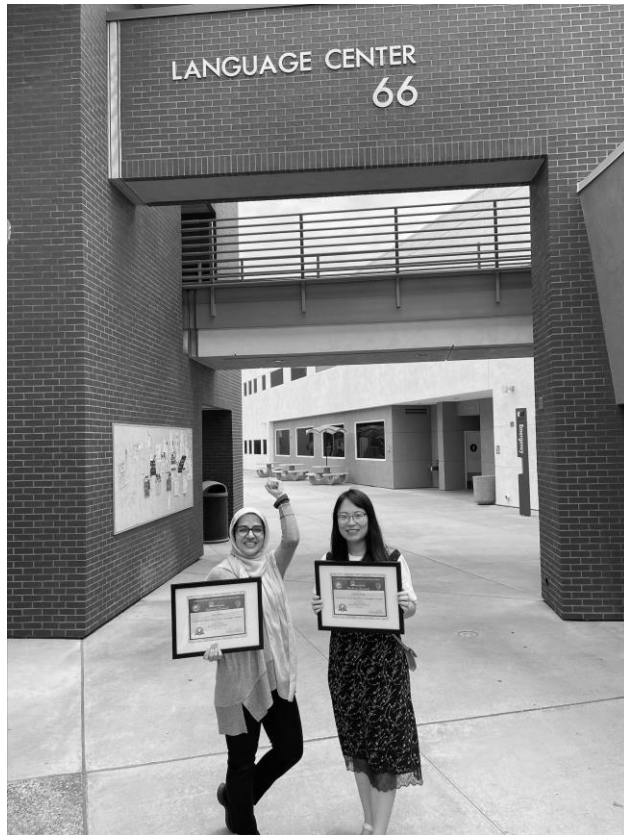
OTAN Students Succeed Awards

Former ESL students Celia Zhang and Sara Basiri received the OTAN Students Succeed Award. Sara now works in ESL registration and Celia works for the School of Continuing Education. Read their stories at the links below.

- Celia Zhang³
- Sara Basiri⁴

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Off-Campus High School

The Off-Campus High School Team won the Mt. SAC Torch Bearer Award. We are super excited about this award because it represents the hard work we put into helping students stay on track to graduate and/or get ahead during the summer session. We are honored to have the work that we do recognized by the campus.



Retirement

Diane “Deej” Jette has retired, while we are happy for her we will miss her. Her last day in the office was September 27. We hope she is enjoying all of her free time!



Technology

OCHS has started piloting the SCE Online Application this fall with Pomona Unified School District. We are excited and scared at the same time. A special thanks to Omi Miri and Krystal Yeo for helping us get this process started.

Adventures

While most departments take a vacation during the summer, OCHS has to wait until fall and winter to take a break. So, if you are looking for us over the next few months, we will be staggering our vacations. Lots of exciting pictures to come!

Short-term Vocational

New Adjunct Professors

Moses Migallos, EMT



Jena Jungmann, EMT



Rosalind Barba, Medical Assistant



Alex Portillo, CNA (not pictured)

Jhunatess Perez, CNA (not pictured)

Summer Logistics

After a two-year hiatus from the Logistics Technician program, Juan Carlos successfully had 21 students complete the program.

Career Fairs

Our Career Services Specialist, Dina Paton, has visited numerous schools, community career fairs, and other partner locations to promote community awareness of Short-term Vocational programs. She has participated in the following:

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- *Youthbuild Charter School College and Career Day*
 - *East San Gabriel Valley AJCC Career and Resource Fair*
 - *Garey High School College and Career Fair*

- *Weekly presentations at the Pomona Valley AJCC*
 - *Chaffey Adult School*
 - *Region III GAIN Program*
 - *Presentation for the San Gabriel Valley Workability Group*
 - *Coronado Continuation High School*
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Student Stories

Five Medical Assistant students completed their 160-hour externship at Pomona Valley Hospital, and three of them were hired permanently. Pomona Valley wishes they had openings for all five.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carlos Zepeda, Tamara Navarrete, and Emely Flores!

Fatimah Gomez

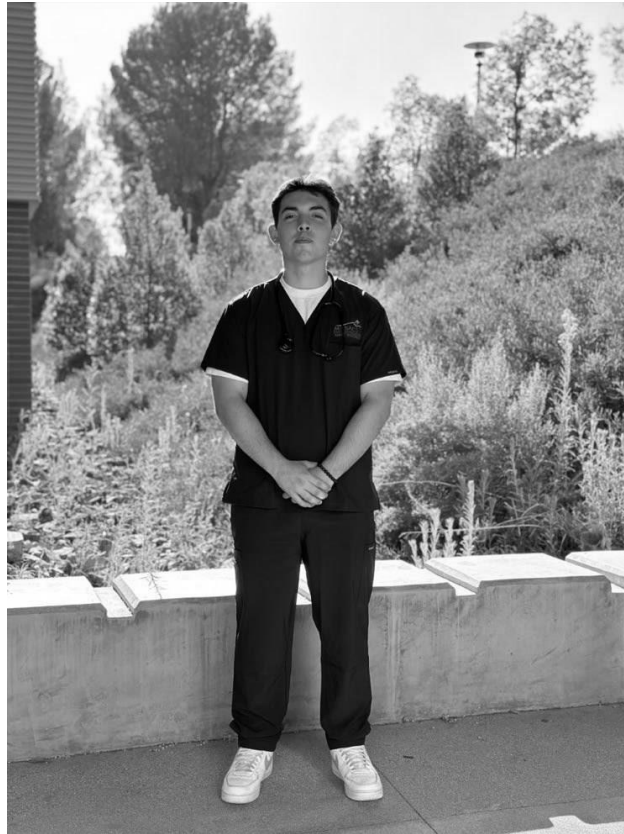
"The Physical Therapy Aide program was amazing; shortly after completing the program, I was hired as a PE teacher at a private school and have used a lot of what I learned at Mt. SAC's program. I'm very

thankful to Professor Yeo for his thoughtfulness and above-and-beyond actions that helped all his students learn effectively in class. It was truly a fantastic experience!"



Isaiah Popernick

CONGRATULATIONS to Isaiah for being awarded the Nurse Assistant Training program Rupe Scholarship for \$400!



Noncredit Regional SWP Project

- The Noncredit Career Pathways Regional Strong Workforce project was selected by the Los Angeles Regional Consortium (LARC) as one of three “Cornerstone Projects” for the second year in a row! Cornerstone Projects are regional projects that have consistently ranked high for multiple rounds of voting. They are strategic in that they guide LA 19 institutions to consider foundational pathway objectives regarding infrastructure, student support, academic integration, and evaluation through the lens of established metrics. The project has had continued success with impressive outcomes and the 19 CEOs from the LA colleges selected it as a cornerstone.
- The project’s total budget was increased to \$2.2 million for the 2022-23 round and continues to support all 19 LA colleges. Mt. SAC was awarded \$600,000 of those funds.
- There has been at 40% increase in enrollment in noncredit vocational courses across the LA region since the project began and a 226% increase in the number of noncredit vocational certificates students have earned.
- The Noncredit Career Pathways project hosted a series of Competency-Based Education (CBE) workshops for regional college partners. The series focused on CBE overview and frameworks as well as CBE workforce development offerings. Over 60 faculty and administrators from all 19 LA colleges were in attendance.



Noncredit Career Pathways Regional SWP

in collaboration with

C-BEN (Competency-Based Education Network)

COMPETENCY BASED EDUCATION

ZOOM WORKSHOPS

Join us to learn more about noncredit competency based education pathways and workforce development offerings

SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

**Workshop 1:
What is CBE?**

**Competency-Based Education:
Overview & Quality Framework**

- National movement - What is CBE? Who is engaged?
- CCCCCO's Direct Assessment Collaborative
- Postsecondary case studies on innovative noncredit to credit models using CBE
- Interconnected systems for strong instruction and student outcomes

SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

**Workshop 2:
Workforce Development Programs**

Competency-Based Workforce Development Offerings

- Building workforce development offerings based on competencies
- Aligning with for-credit partners on the design of offerings
- Identifying shared competency set and assessment tools
- Leveraging workforce development offerings as pathway to credit-based credentials
- Engaging external partners throughout the design and delivery process

C-BEN COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION NETWORK

PRESENTERS
Dr. Long & Dr. McIntyre-Hite, C-BEN

QUESTIONS?
Contact Shannon Rider, Srider@mtsac.edu



REGISTER
Scan the QR code to register for the Zoom or click here: [Noncredit CBE Workshops](#)

SCAN ME

- Shannon and L.E. presented at the Racial Equity for Adult Credentials in Higher Education (REACH) convening for the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The presentation was on the topic of creating infrastructure around comprehensive pathways for students.
- The Noncredit Career Pathways project also hosted a two-part workshop on Creating Dynamic Lectures for regional college partners. The workshops focused equity equity-centered teaching online.

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Attention ALL LA Regional Faculty
Learn how to enhance Distance Ed instruction by ...

**CREATING
DYNAMIC
LECTURES**

Part A
Friday, Oct. 21, 2022
9 am - 12 pm

Part B
Friday, Oct. 28, 2022
9 am - 12 pm

**It is strongly recommended
participants attend Part A & Part B*

Facilitated by:
Emily Versace
Mt. SAC Counselor

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Seats are limited.

LA19
Noncredit Career Pathways
LA19 Regional Strong Workforce




**In this two-part workshop,
you will learn:**

- Interactive Zoom activities
- Brain-based lesson planning
- Equity centered teaching
- Concepts that can be applied to both noncredit and credit instruction

To register, scan QR code or click on this link: [Creating Dynamic Lectures Registration](#)

- L.E. partnered with the LA County Office of the Assessor (LACOA) to create a certificate of completion for Ownership Clerk 1. It provides preparation for a specialized position within the LACOA to meet the ongoing hiring needs for both new Ownership Clerks and incumbent workers. L.E. also collaborated with other faculty to write curriculum for: Registered Behavioral Technician, Regenerative Communities, and Digital Media Specialist.
- Over the summer, the project also hosted a Mirrored Courses and Articulations Workshop for the region. L.E. co-presented with Marie Tyra, Articulation Specialist for Mt. SAC and over 70 faculty and administrators attended.



- The project was highlighted on the LA Regional Consortium website and newsletter: <https://losangelesrc.org/noncredit-career-pathways-in-the-la-region/>⁵

Division

Transitions

On September 29th, we had the opportunity to participate in a collaborative strategy and planning process led by Kathy Booth and her team from WestEd. This session focused on adult learners' transitions from noncredit to credit programs, and brought together SCE staff, faculty, and esteemed campus partners. WestEd provided valuable insights based on their research at Mt. SAC, including data analysis and feedback from focus group sessions. The primary goal was to enhance the transition of noncredit adult learners into credit programs and gainful employment. The active participation and expertise of attendees were instrumental in shaping future educational pathways at Mt. SAC for adult learners in the community.

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New Division Full Time Professors!

Dr. L.E. Foisia, Professor Basic Skills, started 8/25/23

Dr. L.E Foisia has been noncredit faculty at Mt. SAC for over 10 years. Within SCE, L.E. has taught in ESL, STV, and ABE programs. In her current role, she is the faculty lead of the Noncredit Career Pathways Strong Workforce regional project, which brings together faculty throughout the LA region to collaborate on developing noncredit CTE curriculum for college and career readiness. She has been instrumental in the growth of noncredit vocational courses and has a tireless commitment to faculty and students in our region. L.E. has a BA in Literary Journalism and a Minor in Educational Studies from UC Irvine, an MA in TESOL from Azusa Pacific University, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership from Maryville University. In her spare time, L.E. enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, cooking, baking, and trying new restaurants, and visiting the happiest place on Earth, Disneyland!



Renu Katoch, Professor, Counseling, SCE Transitions, starts 8/7/23

Renu Katoch started her higher education journey at a community college, then transferred to Cal Poly Pomona to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and earned her MS in Counseling from University of La Verne in 2019. She comes with over 20 years of experience working as an Ed Advisor and 3 years as a noncredit adjunct counselor in the ABE Department, serving the most marginalized students on Mt. SAC's campus. She has experience working with a non-traditional diverse student population age

ranging from 18-80+ in higher education providing academic, personal, and career counseling, taking a holistic approach to ensure that students move closer to reaching their specific goals. Her motto - *One Stop Shop* supports students with enrollment process to assist in their transition to credit classes. She lives by the “Mantra” of getting to know her students, their stories, and their barriers to connect them with opportunities, resources, and support available in our institution.



Manager additions & promotions

Krystal Yeo, Director, Systems and Operations SCE, started 8/1/23

Krystal Yeo has worked in SCE over 15 years, moving from the ESL Department to the Division Office in 2017. She has an A.A. in Natural Science and Mathematics from Mt. SAC, a B.S. in Health Science and a M.S. in Instructional Design and Technology from Cal State Fullerton. Krystal has been responsible for developing and streamlining many of SCE business processes and with the IT department has established an endless number of technical solutions. She is an important resource to the tutoring labs and SCE staff and was hugely valuable to the College during the pandemic. Krystal enjoys the daily challenges and opportunities that SCE brings. She believes that continuing her work alongside our partners across campus and with those within SCE will be the greatest perks of her new position. She also enjoys spending time with her family.



Laura I. Perez, Dean, Continuing Education Programs and Services, started 8/7/23

Laura Perez is new to Mt. SAC and the SCE Leadership team and will be taking on the newly created position of Dean, Continuing Education Programs and Services. Her over 20 years of experience in both the community colleges and the K-14 Unified School Districts demonstrates her commitment to adult learners. She has onboarded many unique training programs, including, a Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training program, Careers for a Cause, a pre-employment training program to prepare students to compete for careers in social services, and the Phlebotomy Technician training program. In her previous role as Dean of Adult, Community & Continuing Education at Los Angeles Southwest College, she worked with a number of programs including Allied Health, Career Technical Education, Noncredit, Career Center and specially funded grants like the Strong Workforce, Perkins, WIOA, and Adult Education. She holds a M.Ed. from National University, and a B.S. in Biology and Biomedical Physics from California State University, Northridge.



Dr. Tami Pearson, Associate Vice President, SCE, started 8/1/23

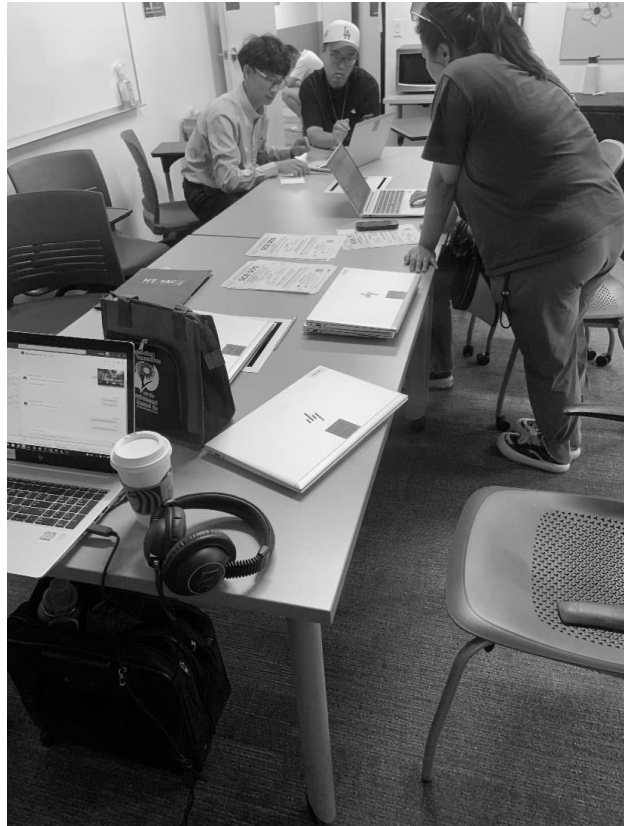
Dr. Tami Pearson has been at Mt. SAC since 2016 when she started as Associate Dean, Career Education and Workforce Development before becoming Dean, Continuing Education and Workforce Development in 2019. Prior to that she spent her professional career in the K-12 world at Los Altos High School and eventually moving to the District. Tami's focus in her professional educational career has been on providing all students with access to and success in courses and programs that will improve their life and their family's. This commitment to DEISAA+ is evident in her work at the high schools, Education-Trust

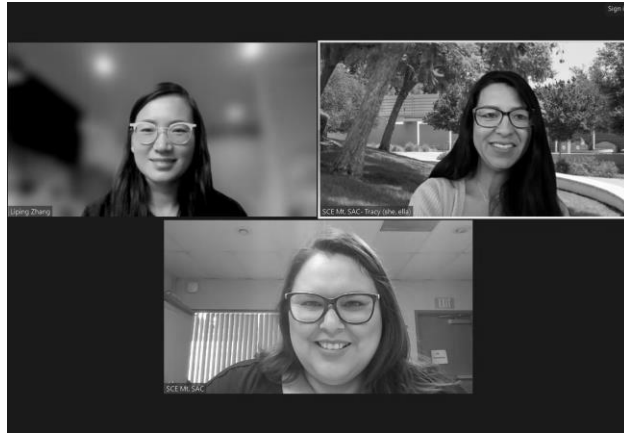
West and now at Mt. SAC. In all areas she has taken down barriers that prevent students from access to the best education possible. She is excited and honored to continue doing this work as Associate Vice President, School of Continuing Education and working with a group of people who also are as committed to our students.




S.O.S.

- For those unfamiliar with the SOS team, they are a team of 4: Tracy Ramos, Monica Juarez, Andy Wu and Christopher Ryan. Monica and Andy have been helping our noncredit student population for quite some time and have welcomed Christopher, the newest addition to the team. They all have a dedication to help students get the help and support they need. Tracy leads the SOS team and has a deep passion for serving students and getting them the support they need to succeed. Please reach out to her for any program inquiries, support for student needs, high impact events, workshops, etc.
- In addition to Zoom, email, and in-person, students are now able to connect with us via phone. This has been extremely helpful for students. SCE SOS has also created an Instagram account to provide students with another way to get in touch with the program. Please follow them on Instagram! @mtsacsos





- SCE SOS has translated flyers into Spanish and Chinese and has staff available to help students needing help in those languages.



**SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
STUDENT ONLINE SUPPORT**

SCE SOS

Our Student Online Support program provides, LIVE, one-on-one help for noncredit students who need assistance with any technology support to help you succeed, navigate and access your courses!

WHAT WE HELP WITH:

• Mt. SAC Portal	• Mountie Mail	• Download files for coursework
• Canvas	• Office 365	• Noncredit Application
• Zoom	• Convert Files/Docs	• And much more!

FALL 2023 ZOOM HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: 9am-1pm & 3pm-7pm
Friday 8:30am-4pm

FALL 2023 HYBRID HOURS (IN-PERSON OR ON ZOOM)

Mondays: 9am - 1pm (Location: Bldg 30, Rm 111 or on Zoom)

HOW TO CONTACT US:



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成人進修教育學院 (SCE)
學生在線支援團隊
(STUDENT ONLINE SUPPORT)

SCE SOS

SOS 在線支援團隊提供各種即時、一對一地電腦技術協助，
給無學分課程的學生，並協助您訪問、瀏覽課程以致成功學習。

我們能協助您關於：

- Portal 學生帳戶
- Mountie Mail 學生郵箱
- 下載課程檔案
- Canvas 課程平台
- 微軟 Office 365 軟件
- 無學分課程申請表
- 連接 Zoom
- 轉檔/文件
- 其他更多線上服務

2023 年秋季 ZOOM 服務時段：

週一至週四：上午 9 點至下午 1 點 & 下午 3 點至晚上 7 點
週五上午 8 點 30 至下午 4 點

2023 年秋季綜合服務時段（線下 或 視訊 ZOOM）

週一：上午 9 點至下午 1 點（地點：30 號樓，教室 111 或 Zoom 上）

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ESCUELA DE EDUCACION CONTINUA
AYUDA EN LÍNEA PARA ESTUDIANTES

SCE SOS

El equipo de SCE SOS asistimos EN VIVO
a estudiantes de clases sin credito
quien requieren ayuda tecnológica.

AYUDA CON:

- Cuenta de Mt. SAC
- Correo electrónico de Mt. SAC
- Descargar archivos para cursos
- Canvas
- Office 365
- Solicitud de SCE
- Zoom
- Convertir archivos/documentos
- Y mucho mas!

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Lunes-Jueves: 9am-1pm y 3pm-7pm
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Fall Info Booths

With classroom changes and building closures, SCE staffed an information booth to help direct students to their SCE classrooms. They also served as volunteers for college-wide information booths.



Basic Needs Support

There are so many new updates within Basic Needs Resources for our SCE students. First, let's recap what Basic Needs Resources is - It is a campus-wide effort to serve students experiencing housing instability, food insecurity, and other emergency/crisis situations.

The program goals are to provide students in need with:

- Food resources
- Housing Referrals
- Case Management Support
- Transportation Support
- Mental Health Resources
- Child Care Resources
- Physical Health and Hygiene Needs
- Technology Support
- and many other supportive services

We kicked off Fall 2023 with a **Basic Needs Resources tabling event** at Building 30 on Wednesday, 9/6/23 and Building 40 on Tuesday, 9/12/23. We were able to connect with many SCE students as well as faculty. We were able to share information about Basic Needs Resources, Mountie Fresh Food Pantry, and CalFresh Outreach.



We have flyers to share with SCE students in the following languages: English, Korean, Spanish, and Chinese. We also have presentations to share with faculty, staff, and students on Basic Needs Resources. Here are the links to view the video:

English - Basic Needs Resources Informational Video - <https://youtu.be/HiHdy4UKr34>⁶

Chinese Translations -Basic Needs Resources Informational Video - https://youtu.be/UeHr0AG_NLM⁷

Spanish Translations -Basic Needs Resources Informational Video - <https://youtu.be/ShfBRZ7Q25M>⁸



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Mt.SAC 기초생활품 지원안내

아래와 같은 상황에 처한 Mt. SAC Mountie(학생)을 위한 신선한 기초지원입니다.

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CAL Fresh 에 직접 지원하기 어려우시다면 도움을 요청해주세요.
Mountie Fresh Food Pantry 에 방문하셔서 음식과 기본적인 필수품을 지원받을 수 있습니다.
더 자세한 정보는 웹사이트 mtsac.edu/basic-needs/

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Noncredit

Mt.SAC Basic Needs Resources

The Mt.SAC Mountie Fresh Basic Needs Resources serves students experiencing:



- housing instability
- food insecurity
- emergency/crisis situations

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Assistance for applying to CALFresh also available. Visit the Mountie Fresh Food Pantry for food and basic necessities. For more info visit mtsac.edu/basic-needs/



TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

Go to the Link:



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- ★ Food Resources
- ★ Housing Resources
- ★ Case-Management Support



For more information contact:

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Los Recursos de Necesidades Básicas Mountie

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- A simple line drawing of a milk carton. The word "MILK" is written on the front, and there is a small circular detail on the top flap.



- ★ Recursos alimenticios
- ★ Recursos de vivienda
- ★ Soporte de coordinación



The MFFP will be implementing a new practice called the **"Take A Bag, Leave A Bag"** policy. They would appreciate any unused plastic bags to be donated to the Basic Needs Resources office (Building 9C) for students to use if they do not have a reusable bag for the pantry.

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*We appreciate all your hard work supporting SCE students. Stay tuned for the Winter 2024 edition of
SWAY!*
