

Writing Center Newsletter

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The Official Newsletter of the
Mt. SAC Writing Center

Welcome to Fall 2026, Mt. SAC Faculty & Staff!

Dear Faculty and Staff,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are having a smooth start to Fall!

This semester, we have updates on our Fall events calendar, starting with our Vision Board event happening this week, as well as reminders of ongoing services. We are also launching our WC Student Journal, titled Spilled Ink, to our website this month. We are very excited to share the work of our student submissions for our Fall and Spring writing contests.

We look forward to working with you and your students this semester. Please stop by or reach out to our Director Trista Payte at tpayte@mtsac.edu if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to talk further about ways to work with us.

Best wishes,

-Writing Center
Team!

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on 9/2 & 9/3

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Join us for a Vision Board event this
Wednesday & Thursday!



“Visualize Your
Success”:
Vision Boarding Event

WHEN?
Wed 9/2 &
Thu 9/3,
12-2pm

WHERE?
The Writing
Center
Bldg 26B,
1563C

Manifest and
visualize a
successful semester
at our **vision board**
event!

Email
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for more info!

Manifest,
Visualize,
Succeed



WC Canvas Commons page for Faculty

Mt. SAC Campus Resources

The Writing Center



The Mt. SAC Writing Center is here to help you build your reading and writing skills for any class and beyond! At the Writing Center, we believe every writer—whether you are just getting started or have lots of experience—can grow by talking about your work with a supportive audience. That is exactly what we are here for! We can help at any stage of the writing process, from brainstorming ideas to drafting and revising your final piece of writing. We cannot wait to hear about your goals, look over your work with you, and help you take your next steps!

You can review each of the cards below for a brief overview of the services that are available to you at the Writing Center!

A Space Designed with You in Mind!



Come hang out in our communal lounge, eat free snacks, check out laptops and desktops, read books from our lending library, join Zoom calls from a supported workstation, and relax in our Quiet Study Room!

Personalized & Flexible Tutoring!



Work with a writing specialist whose goal is to support you in your writing process (at any stage for any class)! Our tutors are available for 30-minute or 1-hour writing support sessions to work with you in-person, on Zoom, or even asynchronously.

Writing Workshops & Events!



Attend engaging online or in-person workshops to learn about specific writing topics from one of our hourly Writing Center instructors! We also regularly host events like Banned Books Day, Creative Writing Contests, and more.

Handouts, DLAs, and More!



View our vast collection of Handouts and Directed Learning Activities to reinforce your understanding of the writing process, learn about grammar, and build upon your existing skills as a writer and critical thinker!

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About the Mt. SAC Writing Center

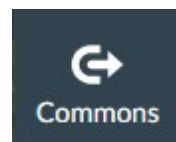
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As a reminder, we've created a student-facing **"About the Writing Center"** page, which you can see a snapshot of above, in **Canvas Commons** that you can import directly into your Canvas course. It highlights our services offered, events hosted, and tutoring options, and shows students exactly how to find and connect with us. Add it to any course that involves writing, so students have the info right where they need it!

You can find the page via **Canvas Commons tab** (pictured right), searching for **Writing Center**. Then, click on "About the Writing Center" page (pictured left) and click on the **Import** button to the right.



Reminder of our Writing Center Services



- **In-person and online tutoring (30 or 60-minute appts)**
 - Appts can be made via [EAB Navigate](#) or by stopping by for drop-in tutoring
- **Embedded Tutoring Program: Dedicated Writing Specialists (DS)**
 - Faculty can submit their request for a DS via [our request form](#) on our website at any time before the start of each semester/intersession.
- **Asynchronous Feedback**
 - Students can [submit their writing assignment](#) and prompt at any time during the semester and will receive specialized feedback from a Writing Specialist within 24-72 hours.
- **Hybrid Writing Workshops**
 - Our [calendar of workshops](#) is open for September. All workshops are offered both in-person and online.
- **Directed & Interactive Learning Activities (DLAs & ILAs)**
 - A complete list of our [fillable PDF DLAs](#) and descriptions of our ILAs are available on our website.
 - **Note: DLAs** are done by students independently before a tutoring appt and then checked off by a tutor. **ILAs** are completed during an appt. Students need to know the title they want to work on, and a will provide the ILA activity to work on with them.
- **Writing Handouts**
 - A complete list of our [PDF handouts](#) are available for students to access and use as a resource.
- **Student Community Events!**
 - (Banned Books Week, April Poetry Month Writing Contest, Spooky Story Contest, Finals Food Fest, etc.)

Learn more on our website: <https://www.mtsac.edu/writingcenter/>



Launch of *Spilled Ink*!



The Writing Center has created a digital journal for student work to be published and shared via our website. This student work consists of submissions to our October Spooky Story Contest and April Poetry contest. All students who submit and consent--regardless of if they won or not--have a chance to showcase their creative writing to the campus community!

The digital journal is titled ***Spilled Ink: The Writing Center Student Journal*** and will be available to view this month on our website (on the [Social Media and Events page](#)):

Here is a preview of our cover page, which was designed

by our very own WC tutor Lily Vargas!

We are planning to have a different Mt. SAC student design for our cover art each year!





Fall Events Calendar



September

Vision Board Event

- Wednesday 9/2
- Thursday 9/3



OCTOBER

Banned Books Celebration

- the week of October 5th
- official date TBA

Fall Writing Contest

- Poetry, fiction, & non-fiction submissions due Friday 10/30
- More details TBA

To find past WC Newsletters, please visit:
<https://www.mtsac.edu/writingcenter/social-media.html>

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