Fall 2016 Honor Transfer Project Orientation

The Honors Transfer Project is now in its 3rd year of existence at Mission College and is continuing to grow and do great things. This semester, we admitted 26 new students (a 28% increase from Fall 2015) and have 55 students enrolled in Honors courses.

In addition to preparing them academically for the challenges and rigor of University work, the Honors Transfer Project is committed to exposing students to information and experiences outside of the classroom. This semester, we will do that by offering our students the option to participate in the following:

- Consumer Rights presentation by law students from Santa Clara University’s Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center
- Google Tour
- Research Presentations by students from Stanford University’s Institute for the Research in the Social Sciences
- Ernst & Young Tour

Events:

Mission College Library Speaker Series: Sonia Nazario
Pulitzer Prize Winning Latino Author
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
& 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Transfer Day
Thursday, October 27
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Main Bldg Center Space

ASG Campus Safety Event
Wednesday-Thursday, October 26-27
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Financial Aid Night
Thursday, November 3, 2016
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Concert Series:

Fall Feature Concert - “Memories & Masterpieces”
Saturday, November 5, 2016; 7:30 p.m.
Mission Santa Clara

Advanced Piano Class recital
Thursday, November 17, 2016; 7 p.m.
Gillmor Center - Room 103

Choir Concert #2:
Tuesday, December 6, 2016; 7:30 p.m.
Gillmor Center - Room 103

Choir Concert #3:
Thursday, December 8, 2016; 7 p.m.
First Unitarian Church of San Jose
In addition, Honors Transfer Project students have the opportunity to attend and/or participate in the annual Honors Research Symposium where honors students from all over the Bay Area and Southern California present their original research from a wide range of disciplines. Presenting in this event is very competitive but we are proud to say that in Spring 2016, our very own Lesley Taylor was selected and gave an amazing presentation titled Yoga Therapy for Mental Health. Lesley was the first Mission College Honors student to be selected and was mentored by Honors Faculty member, Jeff Cormier. We are very proud of Lesley’s accomplishment and hope to continue preparing more students for this wonderful opportunity.

More information regarding the Honors Transfer Project can be found at http://honors.missioncollege.edu.

EOPS – Welcome Back Barbeque

On Thursday, September 8th from 12-2pm, EOPS held its first annual Welcome Back BBQ for new and returning EOPS students. We provided delicious food from a wonderful vendor: Anytime is Taco Time. Over 100 EOPS students were served. Tables were set up and music was played in the quad area, offering a fun environment for students to mingle with one another and staff members from various departments. We were lucky to have Mission College administration and several members of our EOPS Advisory Board in attendance, so that they could get to know our students better. It was also an excellent way for EOPS to outreach to Mission College students who are not aware of our program and services. We hope to offer many events like this in the future and continue to serve more and more students.
Please help us in welcoming our newest AANAPISI staff to Mission College!

Omar Murillo comes to Mission college from Salinas, CA, also known as “The Salad Bowl”. He has 13 years of experience working in various institutions of higher education and enjoys making authentic connections with students, staff, faculty, and administrators in an effort to ensure a welcoming institutional culture is developed and sustained. In his previous role as Program Coordinator of TRIO SSS at CSUMB, Omar provided budget administration, leadership, direction and coordination for the program and developed partnerships with staff, faculty and research areas to create and provide an inclusive climate supportive of first generation, low-income and students with disabilities. Aside from his educational work, Omar has been involved in community organizations for 10 years, currently serving as the Board President for the Alisal Center for the Fine Arts (ACFA), a creative hub in Salinas, CA that focuses on connecting, teaching and strengthening the community through performing and visual arts. Omar holds a B.A. in Liberal Studies with a Spanish Minor from CSUMB, a Master’s in Education (Concentration in Counseling and Student Services) from San Jose State University and a Doctorate degree (Ed.D) in Educational Leadership from San Francisco State University.

On his free time, Omar enjoys playing music (he has played the drums for most of his life), spending time with loved ones, laughing, taking his dog “Mia” out on walks, exercising, eating/cooking and sharing his positive energy with the world.

Mission Baseball and Women’s Basketball in review:

Mission Saints Baseball Spring 2015:
28-13 record Champions of the Coast Conference-Golden Gate Division. First in 17 years made it to the playoff all the way to the Northern Super Regional

Players moving on:
Matt Hearn (Outfield) Drafted by Atlanta Braves Organization
Andrew Najeeb-Brush, Cole Lang and Garret Cluks- San Francisco State
Adam Rios- Point Loma
Brendan Holler- Georgia College
Kai Haake- Bemidji St University
Tyler Pineda, Steven Jaramillo- Chico St
Zayne Patino- Cal Berkeley
Wes Malik- San Jose St

Awards:
Matt Hearn - All Conference, All State
Zayne Patino- ALL CONFERENCE

Mission Saints Women’s Basketball 2015-16 Season:
23-9 Most wins in history of program
Made playoffs again
2nd in coast conference south

Moving on:
Rachel Baity- Our Lady of the Lake
Leia Baity- Antelope Valley University
LaChae McColor- Antelope Valley University
Erica Pagan- Pacific-Oregon
Celina Pagan- Menlo College

Awards:
Pagan and Baity All State Players

Diego Espinoza graduated with a B.A in Social and Behavioral Sciences from CSU Monterey Bay. He is currently enrolled at Santa Clara University in hopes of attaining his Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership. Diego comes to Mission College after working in the non-profit sector at United Way Monterey County as a Community Outreach Associate. Recently, he worked for the CSU Monterey Bay GEAR UP Grant as a Site Coordinator for school sites in south Monterey County, where he coordinated the After School Homework Center and led several initiatives to build a college going culture within the Schools. Diego has a passion for helping students develop themselves professionally and insuring that they have all the tools necessary to succeed. In his free time Diego enjoys spending time with his family and going on hikes in Big Sur, CA.”

Lusyna graduated from Mission College in 2015 with an A.S in Early Childhood Development. She is currently enrolled at Pacific Oaks College and working towards her B.A in Human Development specializing in Early Childhood and Adolescents. Lusyna will be finished this Fall 2016. She recently was accepted into the Master’s program, also at Pacific Oaks in hopes of furthering her education. She was born and raised in San Jose, CA where she resides with her husband and infant daughter. Lusyna joined the AANAPISI team back in April 2016 and she is an alumni of Mission and provides a unique lens to her position. Prior to coming on board, Lusyna was working at a private preschool in Mountain View, CA. She is dedicated to providing the best possible service along with an upbeat attitude to help add to the Mission College Community.
**Pick up your Eco Pass!**
Did you know that you already paid for the Eco Pass Fee? Bring your Student ID card and your Government issued ID to the Campus Center Information desk to obtain your Eco Pass card. It just takes three minutes. Let’s get what you already paid for!

**Have questions about legal documents or any other legal question?**
Come to talk to Mr. Rossi for legal advice. It’s FREE! Campus Center room 225 on Wednesday October 12 and Tuesday October 25, 12 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

**Air Hockey Table**
Come relieve your stress with the Air Hockey Table at the cafeteria! Have fun with your friends after class, why not? Borrow the equipment for the Air Hockey Table at the Campus Center Information desk.

**Game Room**
**Quiet Room**

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**Destination Registration a Success!**

This August the Mission College Outreach team collaborated with colleagues from across campus to host a very successful Destination Registration the Saturday before classes commenced. The day was designed as a one-stop shop where students would receive the assistance necessary to make sure they were able to enroll for the upcoming term with the assistance of representatives from across campus. Over 200 students were able to do just that!

The Welcome Center and Student Ambassadors played a critical role in helping students as did the Admissions & Records and Financial Aid Offices. The Assessment Center and Counseling Office also hosted special hours to accommodate students needing to take any assessments or get help setting up an Educational Plan. In addition, volunteers from MESA, STEM Core, CalWORKS, EOPS, ESL and the International Student Center welcomed prospective students, guided them to where they needed to go and provided critical information about their respective programs.

While the great turnout of prospective students was obviously a huge success the Outreach team really wants to thank all of the students, staff, and administrators who worked tirelessly to make our future students feel so valued, supported and cared for. You all made this event a joy to work and we are already looking forward to our next Destination Registration event on January 21st, 2017!

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**CAPED Student of the Year Award**

Jerry Eagleman; Student-Veteran, Math and Science Tutor, who provides one-on-one, Multi-Sensory Tutoring, in DSPS and the Veteran’s Resource Center (known as our VALOR Center). Mr. Eagleman works tirelessly, hardly conscious of time, Tutoring Students with Disabilities using methods that incorporate Sight, Color, Contrast, Kinesthetic Movement, Repetition and Student-Centered building of Graphic Organizers, to assist students to achieve success both in higher education and careers. Mr. Eagleman, also a Student, is studying Physics, hoping to achieve a Doctorate in Black Hole Theory. Also a decorated Air Force Veteran, Mr. Eagleman suffered multiple disabilities as a result of service to his country. Mr. Eagleman reads lips rather than using an Interpreter and also uses Live Captioning in his Physics courses, as well as special camera equipment to assist with visual challenges. Mr. Eagleman uses a Power Chair to assist mobility. Until recently, Jerry had a small Service Dog that fit into the front of his now famous overalls, to help sense/signal glucose levels and emotional distress. Although Mr. Eagleman’s Service Animal, “Cookie” passed away in 2015, he prefers to train his own Service Animal due to such unique needs and is currently on a Service Animal waiting list.

Nominated by: Debra Williams, Director of DSPS and The Veteran Program, Mission College, Santa Clara
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*Student Veteran and Tutor, Jerry Eagleman email: jeagle737@gmail.com
*Jerry Eagleman can also be contacted through DSPS Staff assigned to Supervise Tutors 408 855 5086

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*Office of Student Services Newsletter - Fall 2016*
Puente Project

The Puente Project has had two successful events this fall semester. Our Bienvenida event welcomed the fifth generation on Wednesday, August 24th and we are excited to have 30 students in our new cohort. Students received a tour of the campus, a student panel and had a chance to meet our team and Puentistas from previous generations.

On Thursday, Sept. 22nd, we had our fifth annual Noche de Familia where we welcomed the current cohorts’ families and friends to the Mission College campus. Students received a motivational talk from Erica Fernandez (Stanford Alum and SEIU Worksite Organizer at Stanford University) and the families learned about the Puente program, the transfer process and financial aid with our own Lucia Moreno.

Sharing Knowledge and Skills at the National Level

NAFSA: Association of International Educators is the world’s largest nonprofit association dedicated to international education and exchange. The organization strives to provide training to all educators who are involved in the field of international education and to foster understanding and respect among people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives in order to develop globally competent individuals.

One way the organization does this is through the NAFSA Academy for International Education, which is an intensive year-long training program with extensive networking opportunities for professionals in the field of international education. The Academy recruits the Coaches from institutions and programs nationwide and these coaches from each of the 12 regions in the U.S. and Canada spend the Academy year mentoring and training new international educators from their districts, helping them to become leaders at their institutions and with NAFSA itself.

The year-long program is comprised of three major training events, complemented by written assignments, regular conference calls and coaching.

In 2014, Tracey Ward, Program Supervisor for the Institute for International Studies at Mission College served as an Academy Coach for NAFSA’s region XII (California, Nevada, Hawaii) for Academy class 12, mentoring and training 6 Academy trainees from California and Nevada. For 2017, Jouney Chong, International Student Advisor, at Mission College will serve as an Academy Coach for NAFSA’s region XII for Academy class 14 and will mentor and train a cohort of new trainees.

The networking and professional development from the Academy experience brings new perspectives and ideas to the International Student Center at Mission College as the Coaches and trainees within the Academy learn from each other and share strategies for making improvements to how international education occurs on campus.
The Mission College Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) Program has much to celebrate this fall!

MESA Family grows:
• We welcome passionate and dedicated new staff, including Thuy Trang, our new MESA counselor, and three enthusiastic new student assistants and tutors.

MESA Promotes Educational Access:
• Our Study Center now includes textbooks for all STEM courses and software for all engineering classes. Additionally, fall 2016, MESA Students received book vouchers to ease the pressure of textbook prices.

MESA Shines:
We promote academic excellence among our students, who are first-generation to go to college, financial aid recipients, and in the pipeline towards bachelor’s degrees in STEM fields. What better way to do this than to immerse students in the nation’s STEM community?
• Ten MESA students will travel to Seattle, WA this November to attend the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) Conference, where they will build leadership skills, network with senior level engineers, and interview for summer internships at companies across the nation.
• Twenty-five biology and chemistry students attended the UC Davis Pre-Health Conference this October, where they began preparing for their careers as doctors, pharmacists, dentists and veterinarians.

MESA Students Transfer:
• 30% of our 2015-2016 MESA family has transferred to the nation’s top STEM programs with generous scholarship to UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego and UC Davis, allowing for new students to join MESA this fall.
• Our MESA Transfer Boot Camp brought UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz and San Jose State admissions representatives to Mission College. These representatives helped 42 MESA and Mission College students complete their UC and CSU transfer applications.

MESA Serves:
• MESA Students volunteer at Santa Clara Valley Medical Hospital, the Humane Society, tutoring programs for elementary aged kids, and at community-based organizations where they serve as mentors and teachers.
• During Destination Registration, multilingual MESA Volunteers helped new students apply to Mission College and navigate the many opportunities Mission offers.
• We will continue to serve the Mission College community and beyond to promote equity and access for all students, especially promoting STEM education.

To our students, in the words of Dr. Seuss: “And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.)” Off to a wonderful semester we go!
Transfer Center – It’s UC TAG Season!

September is the month for the University of California Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) applications. TAG Applications are due every year on September 30th for the following fall admissions cycle. The UC TAG Program offers students a prescribed set of admissions criteria that guarantee admission to the university and most often, the student’s intended major. This provides a clear and quantifiable transfer pathway for UC bound students. Since the UC will guarantee a student’s spot on the campus, the criteria for a TAG is set notably higher than what is usually needed for the general admissions process. Eligibility for a TAG varies from UC campus to UC campus and from major to major. However, for any UC TAG a student must:

- Have completed 30 UC transferable units at the time of the TAG application.
- Complete 60 UC transferable units by the end of the spring term prior to fall enrollment at UC.
- Be a California Community College student, defined as one who has completed at least 30 semester (45 quarter) UC-transferable units at one or more California community colleges, and has attended a California community college in the last regular session enrolled before admission to a UC campus.

Six UC campuses participate in the TAG Program: Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. Students are only able to submit a TAG application to one campus. This year 67 students submitted an application for a UC TAG. This number is up slightly from last year’s total count of 62 UC TAG applications. The majority of our students apply for TAGs to Davis and Santa Cruz.

The Transfer Center has hosted one workshop each week in order to assist students with the application form. Twenty seven students attended these workshops which were held in the Gillmor Center computer labs. The lab setting allows students to work on their applications in a group setting with the assistance of a counselor. Counselors are required to review the TAG applications submitted to Davis, Irvine and Santa Cruz before the applications are forwarded to the UC’s. This produces a more accurate and error-free application and a greater likelihood that the application will be approved.

Mission students are applying across the UC system and in many different, non-traditional majors. The Transfer Center is happy to announce the completion of another successful TAG application cycle for our students.

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UC IRVINE TAG by Major
Fall 2017 Admissions Cycle

- Computer Science
- Computer Science/Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Philosophy
- Software Engineering

UC MERCED TAG by Major
Fall 2017 Admissions Cycle

- Biological Science
- Mechanical Engineering

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Crazy Hat Day Thursday 10/6 - In Remembrance of Gerry Oliver

The Welcome Center - New Student Ambassadors

MEET OUR NEW STUDENT AMBASSADORS!

HELLO
MY NAME IS
JOSH ZUCK

HELLO
MY NAME IS
JOHN LIN

HELLO
MY NAME IS
HILLARY NGUYEN

English
Major: Liberal Arts/Social Behavior
I've made many valuable connections here with my professors, so I'll be sure to do my best to steer students in the right direction.

Cantonese
Major: Computer Science
My goal as an Student Ambassador is to help provide the best support and assistance for students.

Vietnamese
Major: Biochemistry
As a Student Ambassador, I believe in providing students opportunities in order for them to strive and thrive.
Mission Statement

Mission College's first priorities are students, their learning, and their success.

Our College serves the diverse educational, economic and cultural needs of the student population of Santa Clara, the Silicon Valley and our global community by providing associate degrees, transferable, career and basic skills courses and programs, as well as opportunities for life-long learning.

Through participatory governance in support of our first priorities, Mission College systematically commits to evaluating and improving educational programs, technological resources and student support services by making informed decisions, allocating resources, and establishing institutional policies and procedures.