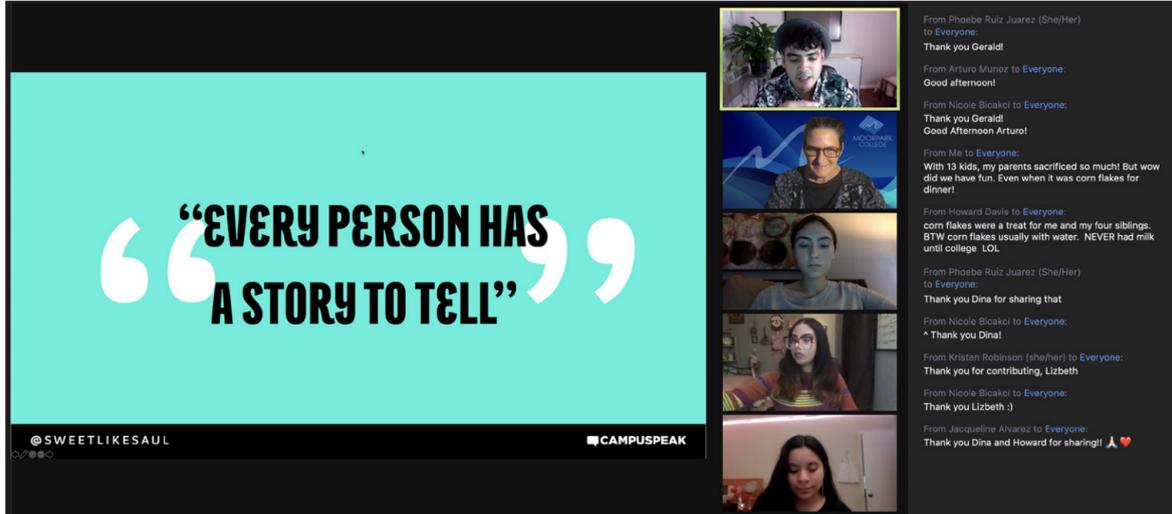


A MONTH OF DIVERSITY & CELEBRATION

October was a busy month with the campus celebrating LatinX Heritage Month and Undocumented Student Action Week. The events included presentations by local authors, lecture by scholars on Chicano/ Latin X/Hispanic identity and experience as well as digital art exhibit. These events chronicle the resilience and immense contributions to American society of LatinX people. Photojournalist Saul Flores' storytelling presentation titled "The Walk of Immigrants" documents the 5328 mile grueling walk he took through ten countries following the path of immigrants to the United States. The story of his journey interspersed with stunning visual images captures the essence of the people, communities, and cultures he encountered along the way. Flores' talk was produced by the Latinx Students Club of Moorpark College in partnership with the Associated Students of Moorpark College. [You can view the recorded presentation for a limited time.](#)



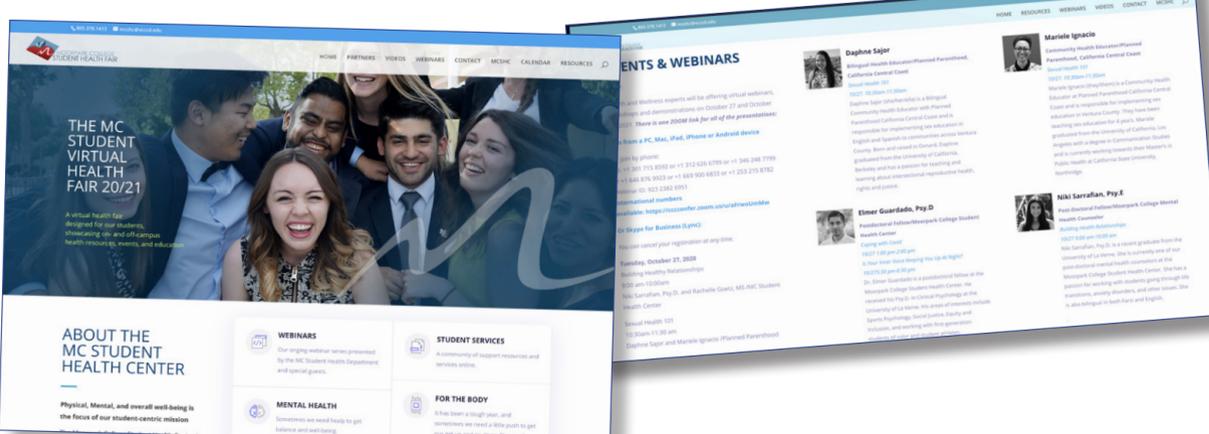
UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT AWARENESS WEEK/DACA

This year's Undocumented Students Action Week focused on empowering Moorpark College's undocumented and DACA students. The testimony from DACA and Undocumented alums illustrated the support they received from staff and faculty at Moorpark College. They shared challenges and high impact practices that facilitated success. MC just awarded 9 Dreamers Scholarships. Thank you to Karla Montenegro Gonzalez, Claudia Stillington, Greg Balam, and other members of the Undocumented Students Taskforce.



MC STUDENT HEALTH ONLINE HEALTH FAIR RESOURCE

The Moorpark College Student Health Center held a Virtual Health Fair October 27 and 28th transitioning the traditionally well-attended campus event online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Live presentations included "Coping with COVID-19, Rising Above Obstacles: Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence, Suicide Prevention and Financial Health. The fair also included a student's panel as well as a lecture on environmental health by Professor Roger Putnam of the Environmental Science and Geography department. The presentations, community resources and panel discussions are available in perpetuity at: mcstudenthealthcenter.com



CAMPUS-WIDE SOCIAL JUSTICE CONTINUES AT MC

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE RACIAL EQUITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE MONTHLY eCONVENING SERIES

Moorpark College has signed up for an ongoing webinar series that occurs each month for 3 hours. Each workshop style webinar is attended by 5 MC employees. On October 12, 2020, the workshop theme was *Understanding and Addressing Implicit Bias*. MC attendees were Professors Patricia Colman and Brandon Elliott, Dean Priscilla Mora, Marketing Coordinator Dina Pielae, and Classified Senate President Linda Resendiz. Hosted by the USC Race & Equity Center, the presenter was Dr. Julie Posselt, School of Education, USC. Three key takeaways were:

- *Implicit bias is subconscious, so people are not aware when they are applying it.*
- *Biases are visible more often in times when core needs are not met such as hunger, tiredness, and stress.*
- *We can't totally get rid of our biases but we can build our awareness and intentionally recognize what triggers an automated response. Recognition of implicit bias is a form of mindfulness.*

The workshop also covered Hiring and Retention Practices as well as Responses to Students. An observation made by the MC group is that it can be hard for members of a dominant group to recognize when bias is present because they are not experiencing the bias. Those who experience bias recognize it more immediately because it is part of their own experience.

RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS

- Add training about implicit bias during future flex sessions.
This may include introduction of the Harvard Implicit Association Test.
- Integrate reminders about implicit bias into all hiring committee orientations.
- Consider a system to make applications "blind."
- Use rubrics for assessment of applications.

The next Workshop is *Understanding and Confronting Anti-Black Racism*, Thursday, November 12, 2020.



USC Race and Equity Center



MC FALL TOWN HALL

A Town Hall Meeting is taking place on November 5th from 3-4:30pm. The Town Hall will include a budget update and reports from each of the four social justice work groups. The Campus community will summarize the action items from the work groups to determine campus priorities, action plan items, and metrics for success. A Zoom link will be made available and shared next week.

PRESIDENT SOKENU IN THE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, October 21st, Dr. Sokenu was a guest on the Moorpark Chamber of Commerce Chairman Chat with Jason Flame. He responded to questions about the college and the impact of COVID-19 on the delivery of instruction and service. He also promoted the virtual Cash for College event on October 24th and the Boo at the Zoo Halloween celebration at the EATM Zoo on October 31 and November 1st. Dr. Sokenu also shared his journey to Moorpark College and responded to questions from the audience. Thanks to Jason Flame for the opportunity to share with members of the Moorpark Chamber of Commerce.





MOORPARK COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS | OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES | OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT

STUDENTS THRIVE THROUGH ONLINE TUTORING

Moorpark College Teaching and Learning Center offers three dynamic free tutoring programs for our students: Course Embedded Tutors, The Math and Science Center, and the Writing Center.

COURSE EMBEDDED TUTORS

Course Embedded Tutors (CETs) are highly skilled tutors placed in a specific course who work directly with faculty to serve as in-class support for students. The CET attends lecture, takes notes, assists with group work, and provides weekly break-out sessions to provide further clarification of concepts and quiz/test reviews. CETs are located in 35 MC courses serving approximately 1200 students in Math, Engineering and Computer Science. Of the 1200 students, 135 have regularly attended the weekly review sessions in Fall 2020!



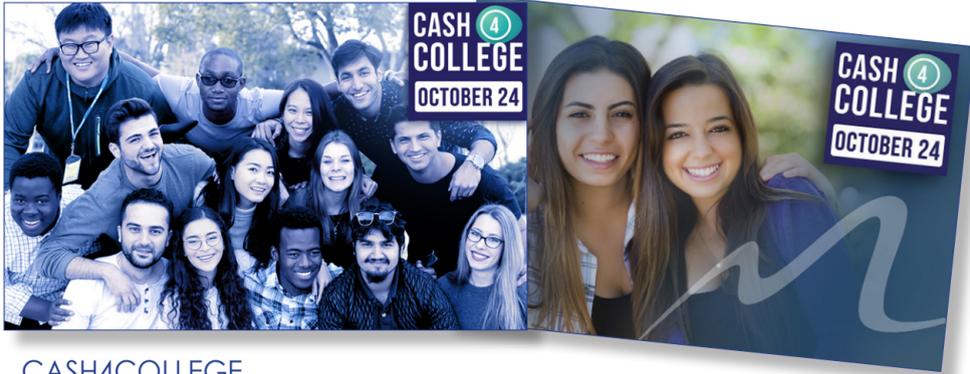
MATH AND SCIENCE CENTER

The Math and Science Center offers drop-in tutoring via Zoom Mondays-Thursday and on Saturday! Tutoring is offered for 33 specific courses in 8 academic disciplines. To date, 1,340 students have visited our Center in Fall 2020!

THE WRITING CENTER

Through dedicated appointments offered Monday-Saturday, the Writing Center consultants help students improve writing skills for courses across the curriculum (ex. English, Philosophy, Science, History, etc.), as well as for personal development or higher educational goals (ex. transfer/admission essays). In Fall 2020, 654 individual consults have occurred!

In addition to the personalized Moorpark College tutoring, MC students have benefited from NetTutor, our 24 hour/7 days a week after-hours tutoring service. Thus far in Fall 2020, over 350 hours of Online tutoring has benefited our students. [For more information about The Teaching and Learning Center, please visit us online.](#)



CASH4COLLEGE

MC Financial Aid Registered many students during the recent Saturday events. They are now offering weekly Zoom student workshops every Tuesday from 4-6PM. MC/FA takes students through a step-by-step process on how to get the money they need for tuition, textbooks and living expenses. MC/FA Officer, Kim Korinke also held a virtual webinar during the MC Student Health Virtual Fair about Financial Health.



STUDENT SUPPORT FOCUSES ON STUDENT SUCCESS

MC DUAL ENROLLMENT

Moorpark College Dual Enrollment office has submitted 30 requests for classes to be held this upcoming spring 2021 term. This is 3 more classes than the current fall 2020 term, an 11% increase from one term to the next.

The office is seeking information from the MC information technology department and the State Chancellors office to coordinate two more classes at the youth correctional facility. If successful, the total number of classes will increase to 32 and the office will yield an 18.5% increase in the program. Additionally, the office staff is working closely with high schools to streamline due dates as well as increase the marketing visibility for the classes available to students. This current fall term the average class size for 27 sections yielded 25 students per class. The office aims at increasing the average class size to 35 students for the spring 2021 term. MC Staff is currently reviewing and updating CCAP and non-CCAP MOUs and will be meeting with high school principals to begin the conversation to move from standalone sections to cohort pathway models.

RAIDER CENTRAL

Since Raider Central began its Grab and Go on September 4th, 2020, we have provided the following food assistance to our students:

- 187 Students served
- 255 Bags of food distributed
- 174 Boxes of food distributed
- 334 Student family members assisted
- 66 Additional services requested through Raider Central such as financial aid and scholarship information, housing referrals, state/county social services resources, textbook lending program, and more.

We are excited to add a new team member, Britnee Sweat, to Raider Central. She is a recent MC graduate and currently enrolled at UCSB. She will be serving as provisional office assistant to support Raider Central.

Recently, Raider Central received \$50,000 from a foundation gift to address food and housing insecurities. Raider Central also received federal block grant funds to provide housing allowances to students. The staff is partnering with financial aid to disburse funds to needy students.

HOLIDAY CARE

Raider Central team is preparing to pass out Thanksgiving turkey boxes to students during the week of Thanksgiving as well as holiday boxes in December.



MOORPARK COLLEGE EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

EATM: SPIRIT of AMERICA VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER

We love animals. The job at our zoo is to care for and protect our animal friends is one that never stops, regardless of what may be happening in the world around us. Moorpark College has safely and cautiously created ways for our students to continue their education in the Exotic Animal Training and Management program throughout this pandemic.

What we did miss was all of YOU! This year we missed our summer campers, our field trips, our birthday party boys and girls and will now be without our favorite night of the year, Rendezvous at the Zoo. Our students and animals need you now, more than ever. To help us grow and continue to provide for wildlife, students and our community we have created a virtual fundraiser location. So go and support your favorite animal: [the Spirit of America's Teaching Zoo!](#)



MC VETERANS' DAY VIRTUAL EVENT

Moorpark College will be hosting a special Zoom event to honor our Veterans on November 10 at 11AM. We will be showing a special tribute video featuring our own campus veterans, with words from staff and dignitaries. A Zoom link will be provided with the next few days and this event is open to all.



MC FOUNDATION: OUR RISING STARS

Mentor-ship and encouragement at an early age primes students for success in a post-secondary career, especially students who qualify as low-income, non-English and foster children. MC initiated the Rising Scholars Academy in 2019. It provides students in 7-12 grades from East Ventura County public schools a college-access program designed to give them and their families the encouragement, mentor-ship, rigorous academic exposure and social support that offer a pathway to a college degree at no cost. Students who complete the Rising Scholars program and choose to attend Moorpark College are eligible to receive scholarship funds and enrollment in the highly successful First Year Experience program. [Find out more on the MC Foundation page](#)

