

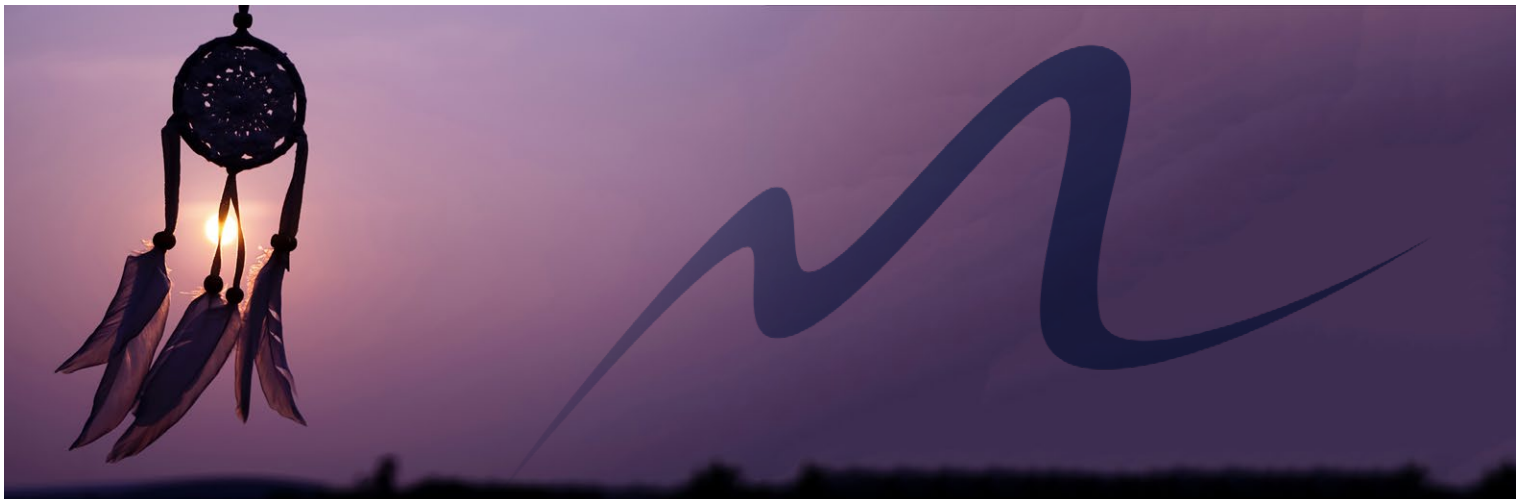
# MC INSIGHTS/NOV '21

## CHANGING SEASONS

Fall has arrived and with it the milder days and cooler nights. Change is inevitable, sometimes unsettling but often is an opportunity to grow. We are all working very hard to serve students and meet the college mission: *Grounded in equity, social justice, and a student's first philosophy, Moorpark College values diverse communities. We empower learners from local, national, and global backgrounds to complete their degree, certificate, transfer, and career education goals. Through the integration of innovative instruction and customized student support, our programs are designed to achieve equitable outcomes.* The entire Moorpark College family is working tirelessly and in unison to make our campus a safe and inclusive place to learn and work.

## MARKETING & INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

As of October 1, Marketing has been moved to the Institutional Effectiveness, Grants, Planning and PACE Division under the supervision of Dean Oleg Bepalov. This move centralizes marketing alongside institutional effectiveness. The campus will also be hiring a permanent Director of Institutional Advancement and Community Relations in the next month. The entire Moorpark College Community thanks John Loprieno who has served as the Interim Director of Institutional Advancement, Marketing and Community Relations since August 2020. John's diligence, professionalism, can-do spirit, and advocacy on behalf of MC students and the entire campus community has set a new standard of vision and outreach.



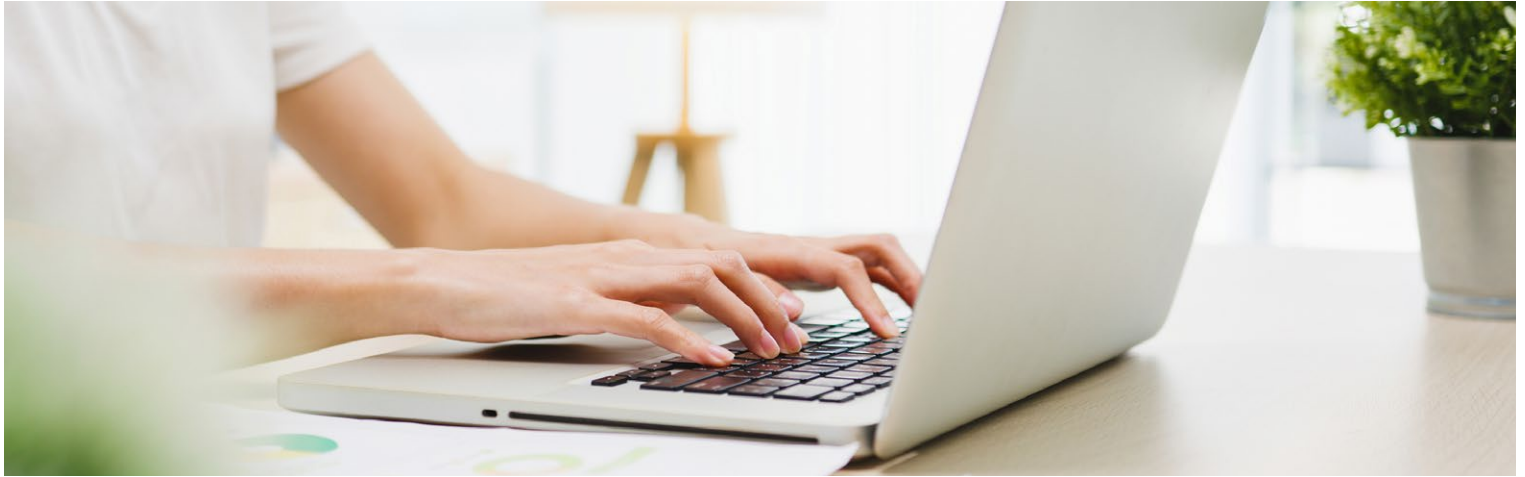
## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge Moorpark College occupies the unceded traditional land of the Chumash people who have stewarded it throughout generations. As we honor the Chumash people with gratitude, we commit to learning how we may be better stewards of this land we inhabit as well. We seek to build relationships with the Chumash community through academic pursuits, partnerships, historical recognitions, and community service as these relationships are foundational for inclusive and equitable education and community engagement.

## REMOTE WORK & THE FUTURE OF TEACHING/LEARNING/HIGHER ED

MC continues to adjust to the realities of life during a pandemic and reflect upon the future of work on campus and in our District. Moorpark College has developed 4 Remote Workgroups: Monica Garcia is convening the Policies subgroup; Carol Higashida, the Best Practices subgroup; Howard Davis, Operations subgroup; and Robert Cabral, Areas and Jobs subgroup.

Danielle Kaprelian and the librarians have been collecting resources on remote work and research on the future of work. They are curating a digital hub where articles, podcasts, books, policies, and other material on remote work that can be accessed and to support the deliberations of the remote workgroups. I appreciate the time and effort that faculty, staff, and managers have invested in exploring how we create work environments that enable us to serve our students more efficiently utilizing multiple modes of interaction and to offer employees flexible work options that foster a balanced life while maintaining productivity.



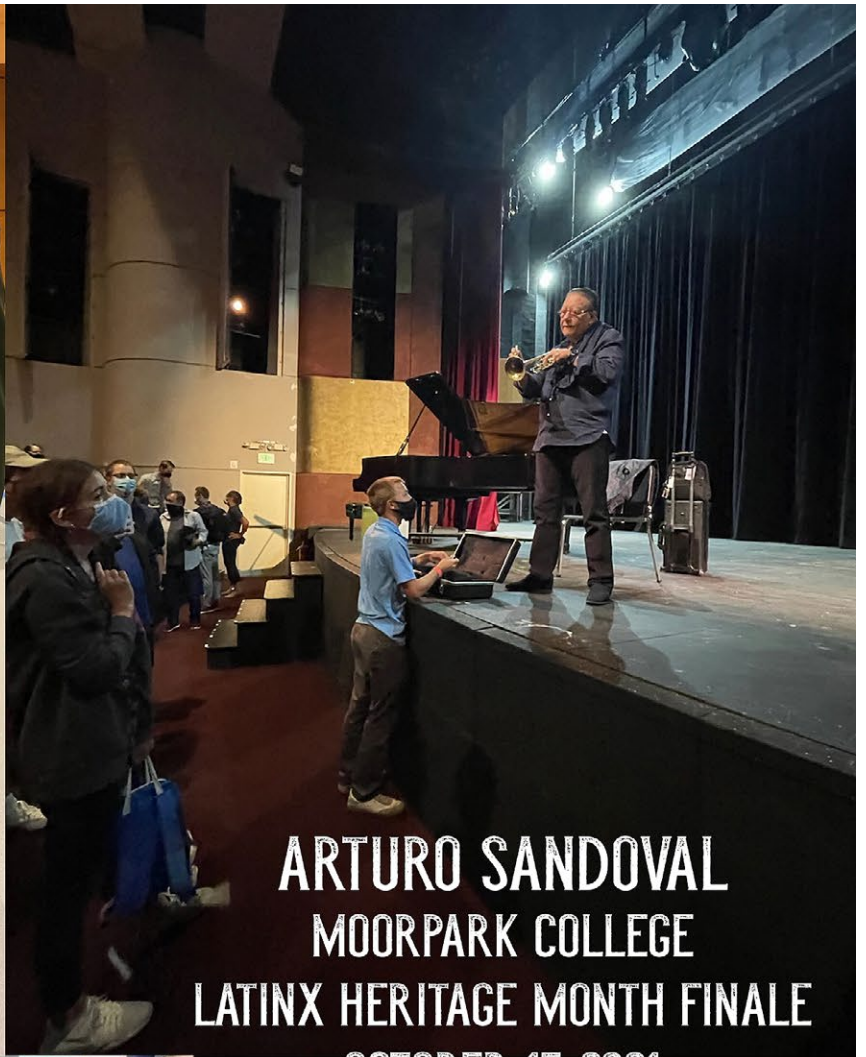
Linda Resendiz (Classified Professional) Jodi Dickey (Counseling Faculty) Monica Garcia (Academic Manager) and Dan Mc Michael (Classified Supervisor) are representing Moorpark College on the VCCCD Remote Work Workgroup. Vice Chancellor Laura Barroso and Dr Sokenu are co-chairing with Associate Vice Chancellor Dan Watkins serving as the technology lead. The district group will meet for the first time in November to review recommendations on remote work from the three campuses and the District Administrative Center staff. The district wide group will sort the recommendations into those to be addressed in the short term and long term. The group will present Chancellor Gillespie with a report of short-term recommendations in December 2021. Spring 2022, the group will discuss policies and policy implications of remote and alternative work assignments, review job classifications that can be designated as remote, partially remote, or traditional. Late spring, the VCCCD Remote Workgroup will present recommendations for the long term to Chancellor Gillespie.

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## MC CLASSIFIED SENATE

The Classified Senate would like to acknowledge Dr. Tammy Coleman and the entire Latinx Heritage Month team for putting on an amazing month of events. It was inspiring to see many Latina/o leaders talk about their experiences and climb to their current positions. The Classified Senate would like to congratulate Michael Ashton for receiving the September Employee of the Month recognition on September 23rd. We would like to acknowledge all of our classified professionals who have stepped up to be a classified representatives for our various campus committees and also to be part of the accreditation work. Classified Senate Meetings follow the monthly Board meetings and are held in hi-flex mode in A-138 at 1 p.m. every Wednesday after the regular monthly Board meetings.





**ARTURO SANDOVAL  
MOORPARK COLLEGE  
LATINX HERITAGE MONTH FINALE  
OCTOBER 15 2021**



## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH HONORED

The Moorpark College family all joined together to acknowledge and celebrate fellow colleagues on their selection for Employee of the Month for October 2021. Full time faculty: Kellie Porto-Garcia (Counseling), Classified staff: Brian Dederian(IT), Supervisor/Manager: Claudia Sitlington (Student Success Services), Student staff: Analisa Jugan (Marketing). A small reception was held in their honor on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Lobby Area. Dr.Sokenu presented each winner with a certificate and gift card to Wood Ranch. The winners photos are proudly displayed on the wall in the President's Suite for the entire Month of November. The Moorpark College Community are invited to nominate fellow colleagues at: [moorparkcollege.edu/faculty-and-staff/professional-development/kudos-nomination](https://moorparkcollege.edu/faculty-and-staff/professional-development/kudos-nomination)



## FOUNDATION REPORT

We've earned a gold! MCF earned a GuideStar 2021 Gold Seal of Transparency! Now, you can learn more about Foundation programs and areas served and find us on social media.

Community generosity and dedication to championing our mission of providing access to higher education in the last year provided support for student Basic Needs with more than \$60,000 to support students and expand the Raider Central essential needs center, over \$182,000 in scholarships awarded to a wide range of students — from a fund to help single mothers afford tuition to others focusing on professions like healthcare, engineering, technology, the arts, and leadership skills, support for the Rising Scholars Academy with \$12,000 in funding for mentorship, social support and rigorous academic exposure for students in middle school through high school to provide a pathway to a college degree at no cost.



In addition, the quarterly Job-Ready Alumni Forums for alumni and prospective students provide an understanding of the college-to-career pathway and career support provided by Moorpark College Career Training & Education programs. Many donations have also facilitated funding for America's Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College as well as other campus programs. This year's goal will be \$240,000. The Foundation is well on its way having already raised many thousands of dollars with your help. To donate: [moorparkcollege.edu/community/foundation](https://moorparkcollege.edu/community/foundation)



# MC/STUDENT CENTRIC

## FIRST YEAR/SECOND YEAR/CHESS STUDENTS

FYE has been keeping busy by providing the new cohort of students with coaching and counseling appointments and prepping for priority registration. Success Coaches will be providing students with workshops focused on physical and mental health to keep them motivated to get through the rest of the semester. FYE Counselors are working on getting students comprehensive education plans to align with our guided pathways work.

CHESS students are gearing up for transfer and are attending weekly group meetings with their success coach to work on their personal insight questions (PIQ) to prepare for UC applications. In addition, all CHESS students who participate in the Career Launch Internship Program will receive \$1,000 after completing the program.

## GLOBAL STUDENTS

MC International is currently working with about 15 students for Spring 2022. MCI is also preparing to attend the virtual ICEF Berlin this year, as well as working on drafting a pathway program with catholic schools in Ventura County. Another focus is to bring more international athletes to Moorpark College.



## RISING SCHOLARS

On Tuesday, October 26th we held a Rising Scholar Parent/Guardian Information Night in both Spanish and English for our Rising Scholars' parents and guardians. We discussed the Rising Scholars program and gave them an idea of what events would be held during the 2021-2022 school year. Our tutor, former Moorpark College student, Sofia Ingersoll, told her experience of being a student at Moorpark College and transferring to UC, San Diego in Chemistry as well as her experience with tutoring middle and high school students in math, English, and Sciences. Our adjunct counselor, Nancy Canela, interpreted the event in Spanish. She also told her heartfelt story about immigrating to the United States. Seven new Rising Scholars' parents and one guardian attended the event. Parents and guardian were encouraged to ask questions.





## MC/OUT ALLY & SPECTRUM CLUB

Staff advisors and student participants are reviving the Moorpark College Spectrum Club, whose goal is to foster a safe space for LGBTQIA+ and Ally Students at Moorpark College. The Advisors and Board held a special Meet and Greet Halloween Celebration on October 26. Snacks, pizza and drinks were provided, and people also brought favorite board games. Participants came dressed up in their spookiest, coolest Halloween costumes and won prizes in a costume contest. A New website is currently underway with details to follow in the November 2021 update.

## RAIDER CENTRAL

Raider Central has provided food, hygiene products, mental health services and housing referrals to over 250 students in the month of October. The efforts contribute the collaboration of connecting with the athletics, EATM and nursing departments, Raider Central staff is preparing to offer Thanksgiving boxes that will include turkey and sides during the week of November 22nd.

## DI GRADUATION/TRANSFER PROJECT

Two counseling faculty have intentionally targeted over 5,500 disproportionately impacted students who have completed at least 45 units. The students are helped with the UC/CSU application, information on the transfer process, and submission of graduation applications.

## DI PILOT PAID INTERNSHIP

The Career Launch program is a 100% remote internship designed for students who will participate in a 4-week self-paced course. Students will learn how to build relationships and valuable communication skills with employers, explore careers and occupations, and learn how to land an internship in today's world of work. Upon completion of the internship, Career Center will work with each student for internship placement for SP22.

Target Population: Undocumented Immigrants-Dreamers, Black students, Veterans, Foster Youth, & International Students

Stipend: \$1,000.00

1-unit (75 hours) M80 college credit

Career Launch workbooks

Access to over 5,000+ career training LinkedIn Learning videos



**CAREER  
TRANSFER**

*Center*

## VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER (VRC)

The VRC staff are preparing for spring 2022 registration beginning on November 1, 2021. The team has met with veteran students to discuss their GI Bill options, course selections, submitting graduation applications and assisting with transfer information. A call and email campaign were developed to reach out to veteran students who last attended since spring 2019 to encourage them to re-enroll for spring 2022.





## CLASS IN THE HIGH SIERRAS

Roger Putnam teaches Mineralogy as a capstone class that MC geology majors take before they transfer. In this class, they apply the skills they have learned in their introductory geology and chemistry classes to understand how the chemistry of the geosphere (rocky part of the earth) influences how it is formed, subsequently modified, and consequently interacts with the biosphere, atmosphere, and hydrosphere.

On a trip to the eastern Sierra, our majors explored a variety of volcanic deposits to contrast how mineral chemistry affects volcanic behavior and natural hazards. This was done at Fossil Falls and the Owens River Gorge. They also explored where the granitic magma that later became the rock of the Sierra Nevada contacts the rock into which it intruded at the Alabama Hills and Pine Creek Canyon. This helped them understand how granitic magma (the magma that makes the continental crust) forms and evolves.

Professor Putnam reflects, *"Many of these students only knew each other from Zoom classes during the pandemic. Despite working together in a face-to-face lecture/lab environment this semester, watched friendships blossom and community be built on this trip. It warmed my heart!"*



# MC/PERFORMS



## GARAGE TRANSFORMED TO FULL HOUSE

The Theatre Arts Department successfully mounted the 2016 Olivier Award for Best Comedy, *Nell Gwynn*, in the parking structure! It played to packed houses from October 7th - 17th. The Athletics Department at Moorpark College graciously collaborated with the Theatre Arts Department and allowed the actors, costumes, props, and audience members use of their facilities. Those in attendance were either curious or indifferent when told the show would be in the parking garage. However, upon arrival they were greeted with the full *Nell Gwynn* Experience. There were actors waiting to greet audience members at check-in, in the makeshift lobby and in the theatre while they waited for the show to begin. Many likened it to a Disney or Universal experience, as there were set pieces set up even while waiting to enter the theatre and audio that took you back in time to Cheapside, London, England. Another great feat, not one student, actor, crew member or faculty or staff came down with Covid. Everyone who participated spoke of how much they needed theatre in their life, the collaboration, and the outlet for artistry, and those in attendance were inspired by the fact that theatre can take place anywhere.

After the October 8 performance, MC Pac Tech II classified employee and faculty member, Mickey Howell, was celebrated by all in attendance. After 39 years in the Theatre Arts department, Mickey has decided to retire. In attendance were faculty, students, friends, and family.



## STREAM JAM HITS TWITCH

Moorpark College Music Technology put on a great live concert with their seventh installment of the Stream Jam on Thursday October 21. This was broadcast airs on [twitch.tv/mcmusictech](https://www.twitch.tv/mcmusictech) and was hosted by students, with a wide range of musical styles and student-produced music. This format has proven to be extremely successful in forming a following in the music community despite COVID constraints. Stream Jam highlights a part of the vibrant music scene here at Moorpark College. There are 7 to 8 Stream Jams throughout the year. Join our Twitch Community to join in the experience!

Moorpark College  
Music Technology  
Proudly Presents:

# STREAM JAM 7



[Twitch.tv/mcmusictech](https://www.twitch.tv/mcmusictech)  
Thursday October 21st 7:30pm





## DYNAMIC MUSIC

Under the direction of Brendan McMullin, the first two in-person concerts took place this month on the Main Stage with a **Dynamic Evening of Music** by the Moorpark College Wind Ensemble on Saturday October 23 and **All About Jazz** by the Moorpark College Jazz Ensemble on Sunday October 24. Both concerts featured a range of popular tunes, wonderful solos, and high-energy arrangements. The music was enjoyed by a full house! Both ensembles will be performing again November 20 at 7:30pm (Jazz) and November 21 at 2:00pm 21st (Wind Ensemble).

## DYNAMIC VOICE

Our Contemporary Vocal Ensemble (**a.k.a. DYNAMIX**) returned to the stage on Friday October 29, at 7:00pm, performing **Sound Check** at the Black Box Theater. The audience came and grooved with the ensemble as they performed top hits a cappella style featuring jazz, pop, hip hop and much more.

## DYNAMIC DANCE

The Moorpark College Dance Department is gearing up to present **Speaking Movement** as a long-awaited and triumphant return to the PAC Main Stage theater. The varied program celebrates faculty and student choreographers as they navigate ever-evolving social dynamics of our communities and relationships while reflecting intimately on our human experience. Save the date for November 12-13, 2021 at 7:30pm. Find out more at: [moorparkcollege.edu/departments/academic/theatre-arts/performing-arts-center](https://moorparkcollege.edu/departments/academic/theatre-arts/performing-arts-center)

FEATURING  
THE MOORPARK  
COLLEGE WIND  
ENSEMBLE

# A Dynamic Evening of Music

OCT 23th 2021  
7:30 PM

NOV 21th 2021  
2:00 PM

Join us for an exciting afternoon of music featuring the Moorpark College Wind Ensemble. Our talented student musicians will perform music ranging from the classics to modern masterpieces and even popular Broadway and TV/film music. Directed by Brendan McMullin.

Adults \$15  
Student & Senior \$10  
Child & Staff \$10

Box Office (805) 378-1485  
7075 Campus Road, Moorpark  
<http://www.moorparkcollege.edu/PAC>

MOORPARK COLLEGE FALL DANCE CONCERT 2021

# Speaking MOVEMENT

NOVEMBER 12 & 13 @ 7:30 PM  
TICKETS \$15  
<https://bit.ly/MC-PAC>  
BOX OFFICE (805) 378-1485  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR Beth Megill

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## AMERICA'S TEACHING ZOO

### An Annual Favorite: Family Friendly Halloween Event BOO at the ZOO

No Tricks, Just Treats: animal shows, costume parade, prizes, treats for kids! America's Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College hosted their annual "Boo at the Zoo" event on October 30 & 31 to a record crowd of 2000 guests.

### Holiday Spectacular

America's Teaching Zoo shines bright this holiday season during the first ever holiday light event, WILD LIGHTS & DISCO NIGHTS will inspire a groovy energy as guests walk through a sparkling disco ball forest. Visit Ira the lion under the Lion's Den Canopy of Lights! MOVE and GROOVE to the tunes in front of our INTERACTIVE light wall in our ARCTIC VIBES area. Join us on a themed night and come dressed to impress according to the theme. Explore the ZOO and see what the animals DO...at night!

Find out more by contacting Mara Rodriguez: 805-378-1441

[zoo.morparkcollege.edu/holiday-lights](http://zoo.morparkcollege.edu/holiday-lights)





## ATHLETIC SUCCESS @MC

October was a great month for Moorpark College Athletics. Our Men's Cross Country team was crowned Conference Champions, our Women's Volleyball team went undefeated for the month, our Wrestling team had an outstanding performance in the Annual Meathead Movers Tournament and our Football Team is tied for 1st place in their conference.

This week sports two amazing games. Our Women's Volleyball Team looks to stay atop their conference in a battle for 1st place this Friday at 6:00 pm vs Santa Barbara. Our football program plays the last home game of the year on Saturday at 6:00 pm vs Santa Barbara in another game to stay atop the conference standings!

### Here are just a few individual standout student athletes from last week:

Robert Cosby – Football: High School: Chaminade/West Hills

Cosby sparked the Raiders' second-half comeback with an interception return for a touchdown in the third quarter while Moorpark trailed 20-8. Cosby's efforts led to an eventual 21-20 win over Valley.

Madison Fuller – Women's Volleyball: High School: Heritage Chr./Northridge

The talented setter dished out a combined 68 assists in Moorpark's three wins this week over College of the Canyons (36), Pierce (16), and Mission (16), respectively.

Luke Hansen – Wrestling: High School: Palisades Charter

Hansen finished 2nd place at the Meathead Mover Wrestling Tournament over the weekend, competing at 174 pounds. Hansen's performance helped the Raiders to finish 8th overall (of 21).

Trinity Chavez – Women's Soccer: High School: Simi Valley High

Chavez did it all in Friday's 2-0 win over Cuesta, assisting on Natalie Tapia's goal in the 61st minute before scoring herself in the 71st minute.

Please check out our Athletics website for a more in depth look as well as our Social Media on Twitter [@MCRaiders](#) and Instagram [@mcraiders\\_athletics](#) or contact Matt Crater, Athletic Director [mcrater@vcccd.edu](mailto:mcrater@vcccd.edu)

