

# MC INSIGHTS

## SEPTEMBER 2024

### Report Highlights:



# CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

**Intercultural Enrichment**



**Connecting with Community**



**Latinx Student Success Initiatives**

**Student Support Resources**



**September 2024 Highlights**

# INTERCULTURAL ENRICHMENT



## Latinx Heritage Month

This year's heritage events offered opportunities to connect through music, art, dialogue, and cultural exploration. On September 16th, we kicked off our Latinx Heritage Month programming with a fiesta celebration in the quad. This joyous gathering included Cuban food, vibrant Folklorico dance performances, live music, and a welcoming space to learn more about the Latinx heritage and experiences that are so integral to our community.

A special part of our celebration this month included Hispanic Serving Institutions Week. Moorpark College is immensely proud of our designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, with 41% of our students identifying as part of the Latinx community. Our commitment to the academic success and personal development of our Latinx students is demonstrated through programs like STEM Impacto, our local Colegas Chapter, and the Latinx Club—all of which aim to empower and support Latinx leadership, academic achievement, and community engagement.



## Cafe Con Tu Comunidad

On September 20th the Moorpark College Colegas chapter hosted the "Cafe Con Tu Comunidad" event, which provided an opportunity for Latinx students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators to gather for coffee and camaraderie.



# CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY



## Tiger Habitat Ribbon Cutting Event



The Teaching Zoo celebrated the grand opening of "Rajah's Retreat", a modern exhibit that will provide a safe and enriching environment for tigers Neil and Karma, while offering visitors an unforgettable experience.

This special occasion for Moorpark College and our neighboring community included a ribbon cutting ceremony, tours of the habitat and educational talks by our student trainers and staff. Events like these are one of the many ways in which we invite our community to see the incredible opportunities available for our students in the Animal Care and Training Program.



## Fall 2024 Club Rush



Moorpark College students gathered in swarms on September 24th and 25th for ASMC's annual "Club Rush" event. Club Rush is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore and engage with the various clubs and student services available at Moorpark. The event also provides opportunities for students to socialize with their peers, connect with faculty and classified professionals, discover new interests, and get involved with the many opportunities provided on campus. Club Rush is one of the many events Moorpark College sponsors each year to bring our community together. These events serve to foster a culture of inclusivity and connectedness, supporting a students' sense of belonging and support on campus and in their community.

The logo for Moorpark College Latinx Heritage Month features the text "MOORPARK COLLEGE" at the top in a purple, hand-drawn font. Below it, the word "LATINX" is written in large, colorful, block letters: "L" is pink, "A" is green, "T" is pink, "I" is orange, "N" is orange, and "X" is purple. Underneath "LATINX", the words "HERITAGE MONTH" are written in a purple, hand-drawn font. The background is white with colorful, abstract shapes in shades of orange, pink, green, and purple on the left and right sides, and a dark green background at the top.

Each September Moorpark College proudly joins communities across the nation in honoring the history, culture, and profound contributions of Latinx individuals in our society. At Moorpark College, diversity is our strength. The rich experiences and perspectives that our Latinx students, faculty, and classified professionals bring to our college are a source of inspiration and innovation in our efforts to better serve our community.

As we celebrate Latinx Heritage Month, we must remember that this act of celebration is also a promise to hold steadfast to our initiatives to promote the academic, professional, and personal success of our Latinx students. Addressing achievement gaps among our Latinx students necessitates a holistic approach to student success, including wraparound services and academic support, outreach initiatives and events, social media engagement, financial aid workshops, and other programs and resources designed to support students from admission to graduation. Detailed below are three key areas of focus for our equity in achievement initiatives for Latinx students, our current success rates, and recent initiatives to help support Latinx students in these areas.

## Academic Persistence

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- On average, Latinx students have a first to second term persistence rate of 74%.
- Moorpark College has implemented a variety of social, emotional, and academic support resources to engage with Latinx students and connect them with the resources they need to continue in their education journey. Programs and resources such as Colegas, STEM Impacto, academic counseling services dedicated to EOPS, Dreamers, first semester students, and other support resources are available to guide Latinx students through their education and provide support at critical points in their academic journey.

## Success in Transfer Level Math & English

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- On average, Latinx students successfully complete their first attempt at transfer level Math & English classes at a rate of 19%.
- Moorpark College's Course Embedded Tutor Program's implementation of 2 way text message and other program enhancements resulted in a 10 percentage point increase in the academic success rates of Latinx students in Math and English courses.

## Transfer & Degree Completion

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- On average, Latinx students have a 39% transfer rate and a 19% completion rate for degrees and certificates.
- To support Latinx students' journey to completion and transfer, Moorpark College employs Transfer Center presentations, social media engagement regarding important transfer milestones, financial aid workshops, and events like "Admitted, Now What?" aimed at guiding admitted students through the transfer process.

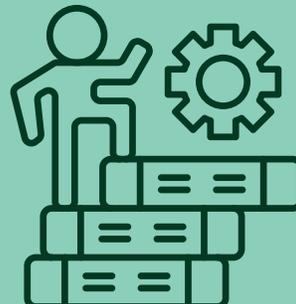
# CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH SUCCESS



Health & Wellness



Career & Transfer



Academic Success



Social Connection

## MC Health Center Update



### Health Fair



The annual MC SHC Health Fair is just around the corner! On October 1st from 1-2pm we'll have about 30 displayers on campus to share resources, play games, and have fun learning to stay healthy! These events help raise awareness of the wellness resources available to students and provide opportunities for students to connect with health professionals to ask questions and seek support.

### Upcoming Trainings

- Suicide Prevention Training (half of the Mental Health @ MC Certification) during October FLEX
- SafeZone LGBTQ Ally Training on October 24th for students and employees

## Classroom Visits for Transfer Support

The Moorpark College Transfer Center is offering in-class Transfer Prep 101 sessions for students this fall. Counselors will be visiting classrooms to discuss a brief overview of the transfer process, provide handouts and other resources, and connect them with the other services our transfer center provides.



# MOORPARK MONTHLY:



SEPTEMBER 2024						
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## Remembering Heroes

In honor of those who lost their lives in the devastating September 11th attacks, Moorpark College Hosted a Remembrance Ceremony for our community to honor to the courageous acts of patriotism of our first responders, and mourn the tragedy of those who are gone but never forgotten.

## Celebrating Success

Zoo Development Coordinator, Mara Rodriguez, joined a delegation of animal care professionals on a trip to Washington DC to advocate for having a seat at the table surrounding legislation on bills surrounding wildlife and animal care guidelines. The trip included meetings with Democrat and Republican Senate and House committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources, a meeting with Congresswoman Juia Brownley's(D-CA) staff and Congressman Darren Soto(D-FL).



## Advancing Leadership

Join us in congratulating Deborah (Deb) Brackley in her new position of Associate Dean supporting our library, tutoring, distance education, testing center, instructional design team, and the Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC) initiatives.