APIASF AANAPISI Scholarships Awarded

On February 11th, 2015, approximately 50 faculty, staff, administrators, students and their families gathered at the Hospitality/Management Building to recognize 12 outstanding Mission College Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) students who were awarded the Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APAISF) AANAPISI Scholarship. The APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program partnered with 15 institutions, including Mission College, to accelerate the success of some of the highest concentrations of underserved AAPI students. The program is supported by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Educational Testing Service, General Mills Foundation, Hilton Worldwide, Honda, USA Funds, Walmart Foundation and Wells Fargo. Through our inaugural partnership, APIASF was able to award $45,000 in scholarship funds to our 12 Mission College scholars.

The APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program is a collaboration of AANAPISIs—a federal designation of minority-serving institutions that enroll large populations of AAPI students—and the communities they serve to provide scholarships, expand institutional capacity and mobilize local resources to help foster economic development. AANAPISIs serve disproportionately high concentrations of low-income AAPI students – this collaboration reaches some of the highest concentrations of underserved students.

The highlight of the evening was when three of our APIASF Scholar student speakers (Joshua Cho, An Tran, and Dora Ye Li) bravely shared each of their family/educational backgrounds and the struggles they faced growing up in the United States. Each of them also talked about their educational/career aspirations and how they plan on using the money to fund their education. Their speeches were deeply moving and really illustrated the barriers that our AAPI students face in receiving an education.

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Scholarships Update
We have launched our online 2015-16 Scholarship Applications with Smarthires. It is not too late to apply for scholarships! The deadline is March 13th, 2015. We have over $316,000 to offer in scholarships. If you need help filling out the online application, uploading your personal essay, or have questions, then please attend one of our scholarship workshops:
• March 6th from 10:00AM – 11:30AM (Location: MT-26)
• March 10th from 2:00PM – 3:30PM (Location MT-26)
Space is limited so sign up at the Financial Aid office!
Do you know anyone who will be a newly graduating high school senior? Mission College offers specific scholarships for them. Visit the Mission College Financial Aid website for more details.

Introducing Smarthinking!
All Mission College students can now access Smarthinking, a Pearson Company that offers 24/7 online tutorial services through a link that was installed onto the MC Portal page. This tutoring service is sponsored by the AANAPISI program and will be administered by the Academic Support Center (ASC). It will be available for registered Mission College students until November 2016.

To connect to a live tutor, students need to follow these three simple steps:
1. Login to MyMissionPortal: http://mywvm.wvm.edu/mcstudent/
2. Find the Auto Sign-on window right above the Student Life OrgSync link.
3. Click on the Smarthinking Auto Sign-on icon.

Smarthinking has also developed a new video for faculty and staff who would like to know what students see when they log in, and what the system has to offer. To view the video, please visit:  http://vimeo.com/smarthinking/review/116016067/b76acaf302.

Mission College would like to especially thank Jeremy Sias, District I.S. Webmaster and Ron Smith, Director of I.S., for working with the AANAPISI programs to install the link onto the MC Portal!

Veteran Program Updates

1) Scholarships for Child Care
I am so thrilled to announce that Student Veterans can apply for Child Care Scholarships, up to $500 per scholarship, to help pay for rising child care costs. Students interested in applying must do so right away as scholarships must be both awarded and completed by the end of June.

2) Veteran-Specific One-On-One Tutoring
Another new program for the VALOR Center is One-On-One Tutoring to help our Student Veterans get through their toughest subjects. Students must apply right away in the VALOR Center as this offer is only good through the end of the Spring Semester.

3) Calling All Tutors
If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining a great staff of part-time Professional or Student Tutors, please send them to speak with Bill, Rudy or Debra, in the VALOR Center. We need tutors in all subject areas, but the biggest need at this time is Science, Higher Math, and Writing. Tutors will be working only until the end of the Spring Semester, but we hope to keep the program going again for the Summer.

4) Weekly Bread and Bagels for FREE!
Panera Bakery, a generous donor, through a local church, is providing over 70 lbs of free bread and bagels every Thursday morning, after 10 am, in the VALOR Center. Their products are excellent. Any Student Veteran or other Mission College Students and/or Staff, are welcome to come and pick up a loaf or two. Please, drop by any Panera Bakery and tell them how grateful we are for their generosity.

5) Warm Coat Program
Through generous donations from a local church, the VALOR Center has accumulated a wonderful selection of dry-cleaned, warm Winter coats. Yes, it’s true we’ve been lucky to have some unusually warm weather, but nonetheless, the coats are here, beautiful and FREE. Coats will be distributed by the Veteran’s Club, known as VWA, within the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you know someone who is in serious need of coat to stay warm, please send them by the VALOR Center and we’ll find one for them.

6) Hot Coffee for Veterans
Please let all Student Veterans know that they can drop by the VALOR Center for a delicious cup of java, anytime.

Veteran Program Staffing Updates
The VALOR Center, which serves as the Resource Center for all Student Veterans and their dependents, has a few new faces! Bill Lash, part-time, Professional Expert Staff, is our Senior Peer Advisor, and Rudy DuBord, is our newest part-time, Professional Expert Staff, serving as Peer Advisor.

There are also a few new faces in A & R
The Welcome Center is Doing Great!

In the past two months the Mission College Welcome Center has continued to fulfill the needs of current and incoming students. On a daily basis the student ambassadors attend to the questions or concerns that students may have. In January and February alone the student ambassadors have helped answer over 5,000 questions! Those questions were answered via email, telephone, and of course in person.

Even though many questions are unique, the majority of the questions asked of the student ambassadors have been about parking permits, registration (enrolling in classes/dropping classes), admission to the college, financial aid (FAFSA, BOG Waiver), and student services applications. These are only a few of the most popular questions asked at the Welcome Center. The student ambassadors at the Welcome Center are looking forward to meeting and helping all of you in the days to come! So come visit us at the Welcome Center – the student ambassadors are eagerly waiting to meet you and get you started on your academic journey!

Please feel free to come visit us or contact us at: mc.welcomecenter@missioncollege.edu or give us a call at 408-855-5083.

DSPS Staffing Updates

A returning face at DSPS! Xuan Lu, is our newest fulltime Classified addition to Disability Support Programs and Services. Xuan’s position, as DSPS Program Assistant, will having her assisting in several areas of our department, but mainly Xuan will be responsible for ensuring timely accommodations for all eligible students with disabilities, in conjunction with her work with Nan Blitz, DSPS Program Specialist. Xuan has a lot of experience assisting students to be successful and completed her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from CSU East Bay.

Fulltime DSPS/LS Faculty Instructor, Elli Constantin, is back! Elli took some time off to care for a sick little one. I am happy to report that the little one is better, although our thoughts and prayers must remain with him, and Elli is back in her fulltime Instructional role, teaching Learning Skills to students with disabilities, in the areas of Pre-algebra (LS942A/B), Written Expression (LS940), and an Overall Learning Strategies course (LS941).

Marge Throndson, DSPS Advisor, Adjunct Faculty, who has served DSPS students so well over the past several years, has been missed. Marge has been out with an illness for many months now and all of our thoughts and prayers go with Marge and her family as we wish her a speedy recovery.

Janet Pittman, DSPS Adjunct Instructional Faculty, is our newest current Faculty staff in DSPS. Janet provides Instruction for students with disabilities in the area of Adapted Computer Software, Angel Navigation and sharpening of computer skills overall. Janet is getting new training, by the State Chancellor’s Office, to provide Learning Disability Assessments for students suspected of having a Specific Learning Disability. Janet will join with other DSPS Adjunct Faculty, Glory Bratton, and Pauline Waathig, to provide these assessments, so critical to the success of our student population.

New Vendor at A&R!

Student Enrollment Services (Admissions & Records) has moved to a new vendor to provide admission application processing that will allow creation or reactivation of a student ID number in our system.

Q) Why is a 2-hour turnaround time for an active student ID number important?

A) Allows students to have almost real-time access to services like Assessment and Registration.

A&R staff at both colleges, in collaboration with District IS programmers, have logged many hours planning and implementing this new service. Some additional benefits from this implementation include:

- Reporting capabilities
- Less errors when importing data into the student system
- Recruitment efforts are streamlined and more efficient
- FREE service from the vendor for California community college
- Programming fixes applied like:
  1) Students can be inactive for a semester and still retain an active student ID.
  2) If they are inactive for two or more semesters, they will need to re-apply for admission.

Updates from EOPS/CARE

EOPS/CARE is no longer accepting applications for Spring 2015 semester. Beginning in May, we will begin accepting applications for Fall 2015.

Abdishakur Omar, EOPS Counselor, is a new staff addition to our team in the EOPS/CARE program. He is coming to us from West Valley College where he served as the interim full-time EOPS Counselor. Abdishakur received his Associate of Arts degree in Social Work and Master of Arts degree in Education with an emphasis in Multicultural Counseling from San Diego State University.

Our new EOPS Counselor, Abdishakur Omar.

The Welcome Center Student Ambassadors are ready to answer your questions.
New Name, Same Services: Welcome to “ETS”

In order to clarify Technology Service roles at Mission, Instructional Technology & Services is making a small but significant reboot: our name is changing to “ETS” – Educational Technology Services. Similarity of the IT&S acronym to the network services acronyms “IS” and “IT” has made requesting services confusing for Mission faculty and staff. So, if it relates to the technology of media, presentation or teaching (in the classroom, lab, or lecture hall) call ETS.

With the retirement of our irreplaceable A/V engineer, Mike Fee, Greg Shaw is now the point of contact for campus classroom A/V and media needs. For all other technologies in relation to instruction, Robert Guest and Dat Nguyen remain your points of contact.

How to Report

1) The preferred method of reporting issues is to use our improved work order system at: http://ets.missioncollege.edu/support/
   • It is a brand new system that is more modern, more streamlined and offers better features.
   • Every support request is assigned a unique ticket number. All support tickets are documented and reviewed to ensure quality services. A valid email address is required to submit a ticket.

2) Urgent issues can be reported by leaving a message at Tech Help phone no.: 855-5359 and/or mcitechhelp@wvm.edu

How to Report

ACCESS successfully submitted its reapplication for the Trio, Student Support Services grant. The Department of Education will be notifying institutions by August regarding the status of their Trio SSS grant competition.

ACCESS student Han Nguyen was accepted to Roseman University of Health Sciences College in the Doctor of Pharmacy program. She was admitted directly from Mission College, which is a great accomplishment. While attending Mission College, she received assistance and support from our ACCESS Counselor, Michele Hittleman.

ACCESS is continuing to accept applications for students who may need additional academic and/or counseling support. Students must be a first-generation college student, meet Federal income eligibility guidelines, and/or have a disability. If you know any students who may be interested, please refer them to the ACCESS Office for additional information.

Introducing: Payment Plans!

Mission College, collaborating with West Valley College and the District Office, will offer payment plans through Nelnet beginning Fall 2015 semester. This option will allow students to create a payment plan to confirm their enrollment if they are unable to make a full payment for the classes selected at the time of registration. The Summer/Fall 2015 schedule of classes will include a general announcement of the availability of the payment plan option and behind-the-scenes programming is starting now. Our “Go Live” date is April 20th, which coincides with the first date of priority registration for Summer/Fall 2015. Marketing to students will begin almost immediately. Information and training will be provided to staff throughout the college to assist students with this new option.

Spotlight on Outstanding International Students!

Alex Tran hails from Vietnam and is volunteering at the Mission College Child Development Center. He works with preschool children twice a week.

Yuka Kawazu joins us from Japan and has always been passionate about helping people with disabilities. She now volunteers at the Agnews Program and helps students with developmental disabilities.

Athletics News!

1. Women’s Basketball is gearing up for the first round of the State Playoffs.
2. Women’s Softball has a new Head Coach, Danielle Stines.
3. Women’s Badminton has a new Head Coach, Danielle Kawashima.
4. Women’s Volleyball will be added to our Mission Athletic Program in Fall 2016.
5. Spring Teams have begun competition – Men’s & Women’s Tennis and Men’s Baseball.

Mission @ Cash for College Events

Mission College participated in over 20 Cash for College events throughout Santa Clara County during the months of January and February. Not only did we have financial aid staff onsite as ‘experts’ to assist students and families complete the 2015-16 FAFSA and Cal Dream Act applications, these events provided yet another way for us to reach our local students and community.

We were able to show how supportive we are to our students, both on and off campus, before they even start attending here! We provided over 2,000 English & Spanish packets with lots of Mission information such as our programs listing, Student Support Services, college cost comparisons and financial aid program information. We included some financial aid information in various Asian languages as well.

These events were primarily attended by over 3,000 high school seniors and their parents. Senator Jim Beall and Assemblymember Nora Campos were among the State leaders who participated in multiple events here in Santa Clara County.
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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.