The Counseling Department has a Successful Retreat

On March 24th the Counseling Department held a retreat to focus specifically on support services for transfer students. The retreat was held at The Art Institute of California – Silicon Valley, a campus that offers baccalaureate degrees in Design & Technical Graphics, Graphic & Web Design, Animation, Game Design & Programming, Culinary Management, Hospitality Food & Beverage Management and more.

Counseling faculty engaged in in-depth discussions about the needs of Mission’s transfer student population. Prior to the retreat, counselors surveyed current and former Mission students to get a student perspective. Approximately 60 students participated in the surveys by relating what helped them most at Mission, what additional support they may have needed, and what challenges they faced once at a 4-year institution.

In addition, a panel of former Mission students attended the retreat to share their personal transfer experiences. Their stories offered great insight into the ways that Mission helped prepare them for the university and also ways that we could expand the services available.

Counselors used all the information provided, along with data from the Student Equity Plan, Institution Set Standards, and Transfer Data Mart to brainstorm services to support students exploring transfer, preparing to apply, and getting ready to transition successfully to a 4-year school. The intent is to identify minimally one to two new services that can be implemented in the 15-16 AY. Counseling will collaborate with the Transfer Center and other special programs to ensure resources are maximized in an efficient way.

The Counseling Department is proud of the many Mission students transferring on and pursuing advanced educational goals.

Graduation 2015...
Coming Soon
When: Friday, May 22nd 2015 at 6:00pm
Please arrive at the Convention Center by 4:30pm
Where: Santa Clara Convention Center
Details: In order to participate in Graduation you are required to wear a graduation cap and gown. Please pick up your cap and gown at the Mission College Bookstore.

April Student Life Events
FAA Financial Literacy Workshop
Date: Tuesday, April 28th
Time: 3:00PM
Location: GC 326

MCHOA Drawing for SJ Earthquakes vs Orlando City and SF Giants vs Atl Braves
$1 Tickets; $5 for 6 tickets; and $10 for 13 tickets. All tickets must be bought by Monday, May 4th!

Free Legal Advice
Dates: Wednesday, April 22nd
Time: 12:00PM
Location: CC 225

Career Center Hosts Guests from Greece

Recently, Mission College was delighted to host four Career Directors from Greek universities in Athens. Their visit, sponsored by the US Department of State, was designed around gathering information on Mission College’s career services and how Mission interacts with local employers. Considering the breadth of jobs and employers who utilize our services, along with our job posting program SmarThire.com, they went away with an enormous amount of information. It was fun and we hope to have more visitors in the near future!
Change is in the Air at A&R

In the March Newsletter, A&R reported that it has moved to a new application vendor: from XAP Application to Open CCCAPPly. There were several benefits of this shift, such as faster turnaround, faster assessment and registration, better reporting capability, and extended active status. It is also free.

Here is another change and “Change” is the theme. After many meetings and discussions, our district has entered an agreement with Nelnet Company for student Payment Plan Options.

What is the benefit? In the past, students were obligated to pay in full by certain deadlines. Paying it all at one time put financial burden on our students. For example, take a look at Spring 2015’s deadlines:

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As of Fall 2015, the above Spring 2015 mode of registration, payment due dates and non-payment dropping dates are things of the past.

Now, beginning Fall 2015, students have three options to choose from prior to submitting their registrations. Nelnet offers the three Payment Plan Options below:

- Choose a Payment Plan
- Pay in full at registration
- Hold a place for their courses (for about 2-3 days) and then pay by check or cash in the A&R Office.

If no payment plan is selected, then there is no registration. This mechanism prevents students from enrolling and owing the district. It also streamlines incidental grades such as “W”s and substandard grades. We believe that the new payment plan option will strengthen the PR between the district, students and the surrounding communities.

Athletics News – Go Saints!

Mission Baseball is currently in 2nd place – one game out at 10-6 conference record and 15-12-1 overall

Welcome! Danielle Stines, New Women’s Softball Coach

Danielle Stines comes to Mission College by way of UC Davis, where she served as Assistant Softball Coach and Physical Education Lecturer the past three years. She brings an impressive playing and coaching resume along with her.

At her alma mater, CSU, East Bay (Hayward), Stines was a two-time First Team All-West Region selection (NCAA Div. II her junior year and NAIA Div II her second year). As a senior, she won the batting title while hitting .614 in conference play and earned Co-Player of the Year honors. While at CSUEB, she was the career home run leader and is currently the single season home run leader, ranking in the top 10 in home runs, RBi’s, and batting average. Prior to transferring to CSUEB Stines was a two time All Conference Player at Moorpark Community College. She was also inducted into the Fillmore High School Hall of Fame this fall (2011), as a Varsity Softball and Basketball standout in the Southern California area.

Stines also competed on the California Stars tour to Appledorn, Holland where she was the tournament MVP while batting .564. Stines also is a two time ASA all American as a member of the HI Five Women’s Softball team where she won back to back national titles in two different classes.

After graduating from CSUEB, Stines served there as a one year assistant under the direction of Karen Yoder. The Pioneers of CSUEB were the CAL PAC Conference Champions after posting an undefeated conference record. The team finished as NAIA Regional Runner-up. Stines then moved to the East Coast to be an assistant at Elon University and UNC Greensboro, respectively.

In 2006, Stines served as the Head Coach at Foothill College where two of her players earned all conference honors. Prior to that she served as Head Coach at CSU, East Bay (Hayward), compiling a 26-9 record while helping one of her players earn NCAA Division III “Independent Player of the Year”. From 2003-05 Stines served as CSUEB’s assistant coach with the team accumulating a 79-27-2 overall record. The 2004 team finished with a stellar season with a loss in the NCAA West Region Playoffs.

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After that, while at Menlo College, Stines served as Head Softball Coach and Senior Woman’s Administrator (SWA). As an administrator, she was responsible for returning student eligibility, gender equity and title IX committees. Stines also served as the California Pacific Conference president for softball for three years. As the Head Softball Coach, she produced 17 all conference student athletes, 26 student athletes on the dean’s list, 3 all region athletes, 2 academic all Americans, and an overall 4 year combined team GPA of 3.02.

Stines holds a BA in Sociology and an MS in Kinesiology with an Option in Athletic Administration. She is originally from Southern California.

Congratulations! Bobby Hill promoted to Head Baseball Coach

In 1996, the Anaheim Angels out of Leland High School in San Jose drafted Bobby Hill in the fifth round. Bobby instead chose to attend the University of Miami. While at the University of Miami, he had a .360 average, became and remains Miami’s career stolen base leader (139), is 2nd in runs scored (240), and 3rd in career hit by a pitch. Bobby is also in Miami’s top ten in career hits (253), career walks (166) and reached base in 97 consecutive games. In 1998 he was a member of the U.S. National Team, scored a Miami school record 87 runs and had a .404 batting average. Bobby was privileged to be a part of the 1999 NCAA College World Series helping lead the Hurricanes to their third National Championship.

In 1999 the Chicago White Sox drafted Bobby in the second round. Bobby played for the Newark Bears of the Atlantic League until he was drafted in the second round and signed by the Chicago Cubs in 2000. While playing with the Chicago Cubs, Bobby was named prospect of the year and made his major league debut in 2002. He remained with the Chicago Cubs organization until 2003 when he was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates. Bobby played in the major leagues with the Pirates until 2006 when he was traded to the San Diego Padres.

During his 2006 season, while playing with AAA Portland (San Diego), he was selected to play for the Olympic Qualifying Team USA where he led the tournament in hitting with a .522 BA. He re-signed with the Chicago Cubs in 2007.

As a switch hitting infielder Bobby has a Major League career .262 BA, OBP of .343 and a .985 fielding percentage. Displaying his versatility playing second base, shortstop and third base, he achieved success at the Major league level as a starter, utility role player, and a pinch hitter that was three hits shy of the Pirates single season pinch-hitting record. Bobby accumulated over seven years of professional baseball experience, of which five years are at the major league level. In 2012, Bobby decided to retire from playing professional baseball. However, he will never truly leave “The Show,” continuing his career in a new capacity as Head Varsity Baseball Coach at Los Gatos High School in 2012, mentor to aspiring young athletes throughout the Northern California area. In January 2015 Bobby Hill was named Head Coach at Mission College.

Blood Drive a Success!

Mission College held its semi-annual American Red Cross Blood Drive on March 24 and 25. 131 pints of blood were collected. Students and employees collectively donated their gift of life to make this drive successful. As seen in the photo, former student Saman Lahidji has been donating blood at Mission College since 2001. He donated double red blood cells at this drive. Kudos to Rosalyn Chan, RN, Coordinator of the Student Health Services and her staff, along with the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society for putting on this worthwhile event to benefit the entire community!

Updates from the Welcome Center

In the month of March, the Welcome Center served about 1200 contacts! We continue to assist students with all of their questions and concerns. We have given tours to middle and high school students, done outreach, and assisted in presentations for future potential Mission College students.

In and around the Welcome Center, we have a lot of technology available for student use. There are: sixteen internet-ready stations, nine touch screen tablets, two Kiosks for purchasing parking permits, three TV monitors (which give students updates on classes and other important information), and a map device to use for whatever inquiry a student or future student may have.

This month, in particular, we have helped many students with their scholarship applications. Students were concerned and worried about how to apply for scholarships and left happy because we were able to assist them with their applications.

So please, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, come in or refer your students to the Welcome Center, where our student ambassadors are ready to help! (408-855-5083)
On April 7, approximately 60 resident and international students and several of their instructors from Sierra School visited Mission College. Sierra School (located in Santa Clara) is a private high school that, in addition to serving U.S. citizens and residents, can accept foreign-national students.

The students were greeted by Vice President John Mosby and Chigusa Katoku, the Academic Coordinator of the Intensive English Program at Mission. Lucia Moreno, Recruitment Supervisor, also talked to the students regarding applying to Mission.

After lunch, Sierra students were treated to an informative panel discussion with two former Mission College international students: Vy Tran, who now works for Applied Materials, and Jingxin (Valery) Chen, who is about to graduate from UC Berkeley and transfer to USC. Dy Nguyen, the third person on the panel, is still at Mission College but was a student at Sierra School. The visit was very informative for the Sierra students!

“Coming to America was my choice; that’s why I have to keep working on this!”

“In spite of watching American movies, it is not what I thought.”
Lucy Vietnam

“Homesickness is a feeling that every single person has to experience when they are abroad.”
Ivy Vietnam

“I passed the first difficulties in my life without my parents.”
Ngan Vietnam

MY FIRST WEEK IN AMERICA

“ Sometimes, I have difficult problems, but I remember President Obama’s speech, ‘Yes, we can!’ ”
Yumiko Japan

“My mom’s letter said, ‘Go straight ahead, Honey. You can do it because you are my daughter.’”
Thanh Vietnam

“It was the beginning of a new journey in my life; everything was beautiful.”
Larissa Brazil

“Keep moving forward and never giving up is my purpose.”
My Vietnam

“When I arrived here, I got what I expected: Everyone was kind.”
Hong Cambodia

“My first week in America wasn’t as amazing as I thought it would be. All I saw was frozen food!”
Yinh Vietnam

“My first week, I felt very lost.”
Mr. China
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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.