



# Message in a Bottle

November 2018 Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **Guided Pathways Campus Round Table**

Mon, December 3  
3:00-5:00 pm  
Guthrie Hall

### **Meet and Eat with President Bell**

Thurs., December 6  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
Location TBD

### **President's Holiday Gathering and Classified Senate Silent Auction**

Thurs., December 13  
Guthrie Hall

### **Coffee Talks with President Bell**

Tues., December 18  
8:30 am to 9:00 am  
PAC 119



## *President's Message*

Greetings Colleagues and Friends,

Did you know Lincoln proclaimed the first and official Thanksgiving holiday in 1863. It was during this time that Thanksgiving became an official national holiday, declared on the fourth Thursday of every November. George Washington was the first president that mentioned this term back in 1789.

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches with autumn leaves falling on the ground, I hope that you all have lots to be thankful for and celebrate with cheer. During this month of Thanksgiving I have been reflecting on the things for which I am most grateful. Primarily among them is all of you, an exceptional group of colleagues. Thank you for the work you do to make our college great. Without your commitment, creativity, and high standards, we would not be the thriving college we are.

We are thriving because you have been working hard to ensure our students are meeting their educational goals both in and out of the classroom. You are delivering great curriculum, developing guided pathways, giving out financial aid and scholarships, outreaching to the community, maintaining and cleaning our facilities, and keeping our student safe! The theme for All College Day was Building Community. I highlighted the following four areas that we would focus on this year: guided pathways, safety on campus, increase diversity among employees, and expanding the offerings in the Santa Clara River Valley. We are making significant progress on most of them. I plan to give a more detailed progress report in the final newsletter of the semester.



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I will be hosting a Meet and Eat once a semester to meet with my colleagues and discuss activities on campus. Bring your lunch and share your ideas with the President. The first Meet and Eat will take place on Thursday, December 6 from 12 to 1 pm. Space is limited for the inaugural event, please RSVP to Andrea Rambo.

### *President's Holiday Gathering*

Please join us for the President's Holiday Gathering on Thursday, December 13, in collaboration with the Classified Senate Silent Auction, for an afternoon of good food and good cheer.



**Citrus Cup—2018**

The 51st Citrus Cup game between Ventura and Moorpark ended up being the most one-sided for the Pirates. VC scored in a variety of ways Saturday night at the Sportsplex en route to a 62-7 victory over their cross-county rivals, setting a series record for a Ventura margin of victory in the process. The Pirate defense forced five Raider turnovers, and the VC special teams scored three touchdowns in the rout, sending No. 3-ranked Ventura (6-1, 2-0) into a showdown at No. 1 Canyons.



We are excited about new instructional planning at VC East Campus. VCEC will begin offering a two-year educational plan which will lead students towards an Associate of Arts in Social and Behavioral Sciences and Arts and Humanities!!

**The Underwater Part of the Iceberg**

Art by Marc Trujillo



Opening night reception: Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm Ventura College New Media Gallery!

*Exhibition runs November 1<sup>st</sup> – November 29<sup>th</sup> M-TH 10 – 4pm.*

Originally from Albuquerque, NM, Marc Trujillo currently resides in L.A. Marc primarily paints the purgatory of American urban and suburban landscapes such as gas stations, shopping malls, big chain stores, and restaurants. The figure plays a vital role in his work and the paintings are constructed so that the viewer is the primary figure.



**Annual Student Ceramic & Art Sale**

November 27th- 29th

**Theater Production**  
**“The Crucible”**  
 Directed by Nathan Cole  
 November 15th—November 18th

**GUIDED PATHWAYS  
 CAMPUS ROUND TABLE  
 DECEMBER 3  
 FROM 3-5 PM  
 SAVE THE DATE**



**Hello to all my Pirate Colleagues....** It has been such fun to come back on board the VC Pirate ship as your Interim VP/SA for the month of October. It was a bit of "déjà vu all over again" but so wonderful to catch up with past colleagues and meet new ones. With the support of the Exec Team, the Student Affairs Team and our great Admins we kept the ship sailing in the right direction and our students had some excellent events and experiences.

**GOOD THINGS TO KNOW**

As of October 1<sup>st</sup> there have been 456 application's submitted, 446 coming from our local high schools. Teamwork makes the dreams work! Also thanks to Aundrea Roberts from FYE, Tatiana Lawler Sweeney from Student Connect, Maria Flores and Bea Zizumbo from Academic Counseling for assisting with outreach events.

On October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> we hosted Student Success Days. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, we had 400 students, Classified Professionals, & Faculty participate with 15 services and departments represented. Students were able to connect with services and receive free food from the Belly Bombz food truck. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, we had over 200 evening students receive information about College services and free churros.

On Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly Member Monique Limon from California's 37<sup>th</sup> District was invited by the Outreach Office and Undocumented Student Week of Action Committee to visit campus. She met with Dr. Gillespie, Dr. Bell, and our student leaders. Her support, passion and dedication for our undocumented student community and population was felt throughout the meeting.

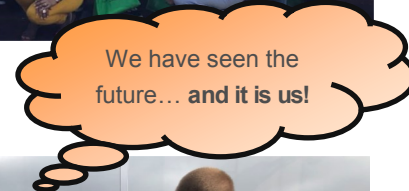


The Financial Aid Office made 15 high school/adult education visits with financial aid presentations and hands-on application assistance, provided information and financial aid assistance during the Week of Action at VC and East Campus, and presented a financial aid information session at the Faculty Academy. In addition, with the help of our wonderful VC staff and student worker assistance, we were able to serve over 230 visitors at Cash for College on October 13, and 130 at Cash for College East Campus.



22 EOPS Students made a university visit to UC Davis on Oct. 5 and 6

MESA hosted a Resume Workshop with Cameron Embree, Computer Scientist from Patagonia. They learned how to word their resume to succinctly address what employers are looking for.



On Oct 5-6th, four Ventura College MESA students attended the MESA Student Leadership Conference joining industry professionals and learning soft skills to successfully transition from college to professional careers. During the conference break they enjoyed riding the Skyspace Slide and viewing all of downtown Los Angeles and much more from the top of the US Bank Building



## New Student Centered Funding Formula

We continue to learn more about the State's new funding model for community colleges. Our funding has shifted from relying solely on college size and FTES (full time equivalent students) to include equity and success metrics. To learn more about these new funding metrics, click [here](#) to view a presentation shared with the Budget Resource Committee.

(Special thanks to Phillip Briggs for creating the presentation.)

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- State has stated that allocations will be percentage-based
- Percentages will be phased in:
  - 2018-2019: 70% FTES, 20% Equity, 10% Success
  - 2019-2020: 65%, 20%, 15%
  - 2020-2021: 60%, 20%, 20%
- However, funding metrics are raw counts (not percentages)
- [So, individual districts and colleges will vary from these statewide ratios](#)

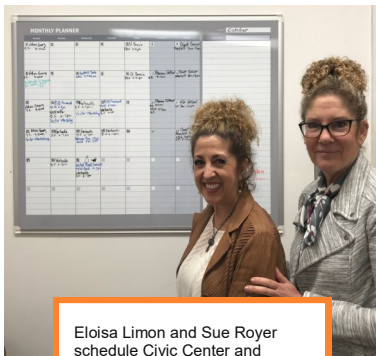
CIVIC CENTER



CAMPUS EVENTS



VEHICLES



Eloisa Limon and Sue Royer schedule Civic Center and Campus Events

### Events By the Numbers:

Since July 1, 2018

Bookings - **800**

Civic Center Events - **250**

Events Requiring Resources - **505**

**TOTAL EVENTS BOOKED SO FAR FOR FY19 - 2700**

## NEW [Van Reservation](#) Page

We have 7 vehicles available for campus use. To better serve you, we have created a Vehicle Use Checklist and have updated the Usage Requirements to now include cancellation procedures:

We request 48 hours' notice if you will not be using the van you reserved.

2 no-shows or late cancellations may result in the program's loss of van use AND the program will incur rental fees if another program had to secure outside transportation.

The Usage Requirements also reference returning the van with a full tank of gas, a receipt for gas, and a trash-free interior. THANK YOU for helping us care for our vehicles!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**EVACUATION DRILL**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019 at 9:30AM**

