



Message in a Bottle

January 2019 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

**Coffee Talks
with President Bell**
Thurs., January 31
8:30 am to 9:30 am
Pirates Cove / FYE

**Guided Pathways
Campus Retreat**
Fri., February 8
Time and Location
TBA

**Coffee Talks
with President Bell**
Tues., February 26
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
SSC Conf Room

**Meet & Eat
with President Bell**
Wed., March 13
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
RSVP to Join

**Coffee Talks
with President Bell**
Wed., March 20
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Financial Aid
Computer Lab

**Coffee Talks
with President Bell**
Tues., April 23
8:30 am to 9:30 am
SCI Conf Room
332/333

**Meet & Eat
with President Bell**
Tues., May 7
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
RSVP to Join

President's Message

Welcome back! The spring semester is underway and I trust we are all refreshed from a long break and excited for all we will accomplish this semester. Yesterday, we celebrated Martin Luther King,



Jr. Day so I am reminded of something he once said, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education." Let's keep those words in mind as we work with students and each other.

COFFEE TALKS

Please join me this semester for a coffee talk to share your ideas, ask questions, and hear current updates from the college and district.



MEET AND EAT

I had the pleasure of hosting a Meet and Eat in the fall, and thoroughly enjoyed the intimate experience. A group of eight faculty and staff gathered, based on a first come, first served RSVP list, and we spent our lunch hour getting to know each other and discussing current topics. I will host two Meet and Eats this semester and look forward to spending time with each of you. Please RSVP to Andrea Rambo to join me!

WELCOME TO THE STUDENT AFFAIRS PIRATE SHIP

Lucia Rodriguez — Career Development Center

April Montes — MESA

Jordana Ybarra-Telias — Veteran's Resource Center

ASVC with **Basic Needs Office** celebrated the expansion of the Feed-A-Pirate Food Pantry by hosting a Grand Re-Opening Celebration. The Pantry is now open Monday-Thursdays from 9 AM-4 PM and Fridays, 8 AM-12 PM in the Student Center Cafeteria.



[Cash for College](#) is **Saturday, February 9** at the VC LRC (the Districtwide date) and **Saturday, February 23** at VC East Campus.



Things that make you say... YARR!



Three MESA students (Sopheak Suy,

Zachary Mitchell & Brianda Plascencia received summer '19 internships with the Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program at the Port Hueneme Naval Base. MESA hosted a STEM Social on Jan. 15th with STEM Faculty and STEM Industry Professionals.



Pirate Fridays March 1, 8 & 15 2019

Please mark on your calendars the three Pirate Friday dates in March 2019. We are hoping to host close to 900 local high school students this year! We will be sending more updates and invitations to present, table, showcase your department and/or program, or just stop by and greet our future Pirates.

Welcome Back VC Pirates and **Welcome Aboard** to all new Faculty and Classified Professionals! I hope you had a restful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Here's to a prosperous Spring 2019!!

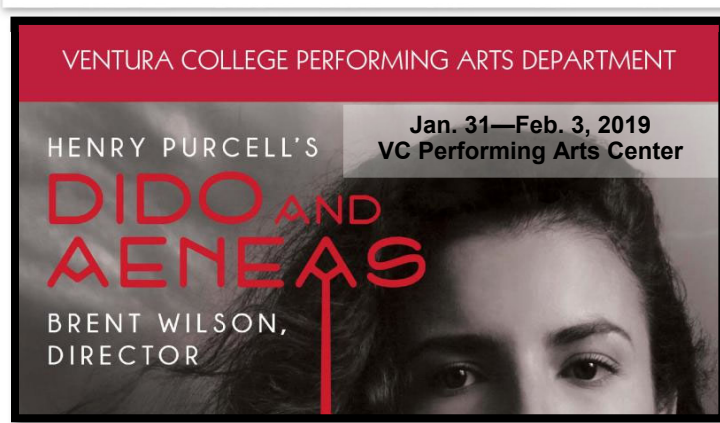
—Kim

As the semester kicks-off, there are some important items to note:

- ★ Your [VC Guided Pathways Stewards](#) are excited to host an interactive retreat on **Friday, February 8th**, here at VC, in the **Wright Event Center** from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. A calendar invitation with more details is forthcoming—please RSVP.
- ★ **VC Catalog corrections are DUE February 19th!** Please contact your Division Office, or the [Office of Student Learning](#) with any questions.
- ★ Student enrollments are down by approx. 3% - anything you can do to encourage enrollment is appreciated!

I would also like to make two **BIG SHOUT OUTS**:

- ⇒ to the VC Curriculum Committee for approving 426 courses during the Spring and Fall 2018 semesters—a 300% increase over the previous year!!
- ⇒ **Jennifer Garcia** and **Bill Hendricks** will be recognized at Basketball's "Favorite Teacher" celebration on Saturday January 19th around 6:30 pm in the AEC, just before the Women's game against SBCC.



Get ready for the 4th Annual Diversity in Culture Festival - Wed, April 10 and Thurs, April 11.

Give a presentation or host an event—be a part of this unique, educational experience for our students.

The Diversity in Culture Task Force meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 2:30 p.m. in MCE 226.

Join our special meeting on January 24th at 2:30 p.m. in MCE 226 and bring your ideas!!

SPRING SEMESTER BRINGS SHOWERS AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TO VC

The series of storms that passed through Ventura during the second week of school prompted the American Red Cross to activate an emergency shelter in our Small Gym. Thankfully, the storms were not as damaging as anticipated, and the shelter was placed on stand-by.

Ventura College is proud to partner with the American Red Cross in providing safe shelter to our community in times of emergency. This was the third time in a year that we were called upon to assist.

Heartfelt appreciation from the Red Cross goes out to our Athletics Division for their flexibility as classes needed to be relocated and to all Pirates for their generosity.

Pirates Baseball Team assists Red Cross with load-out. Thank you!



CAMPUS-WIDE EVACUATION DRILL WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30TH @ 9:30AM

Governor's Proposed Budget FY20

On January 10, Governor Newsom released his proposal for the 2019-20 State Budget which recognizes an ongoing strong economy, continued support of public education, and the need to prepare for the next economic downturn by increasing the States' Rainy Day Fund.

Each year, Proposition 98 establishes the minimum funding level for K-12 and community colleges. This funding source, through general apportionment, is what supports the day-to-day operations of our college. FY20 Proposition 98 revenues are projected to grow albeit at a slower pace than in the past several years.

MAIN PROPOSED ITEMS:

- Continue **Student Centered Funding Formula** at current percentages
- \$40M to expand California College Promise program to a second year
- \$10M to provide legal services to undocumented and immigrant students, faculty and staff
- \$248.3M for 3.46% COLA (Cost-Of-Living Adjustment)
- \$3B in non-Proposition 98 funds to buy down CalSTRS employer contribution rates in FY20 and beyond.



Base Allocation tied to FTES and college size
(70%)
+
Supplemental Allocation targets equity of access and opportunity for low-income students
(20%)
+
Student Success Allocation targets successful student outcomes
(10%)

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER:

- This is the beginning of the budget process. The proposals will be considered by legislative committees.
- Eventually, the Governor will release his Revised May Budget and the Legislature will pass the 2019-20 budget in June.
- We will provide you with updates throughout this process.