



# Message in a Bottle

March 2019 Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

**Classified Professionals Retreat**  
Thurs., March 28  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Wright Event Center

**Campus wide Budget Presentation**  
Thurs., April 4  
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
PAC

**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



### SPRING IS IN THE AIR

While I am grateful for the rain we have received, I am looking forward to the warm sun, flowers blooming, and fresh air of spring. As we head into Spring Break, I want to thank all of you for the support you give to our students every day.



### Classified Professionals Retreat

The Classified Senate is hosting a professional development retreat on Thursday, March 28 and I encourage all of you to participate and/or support your classified staff to participate. Classified staff are an integral part of student success and their professional development benefits the college as a whole.

### Women's History Month

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. This March let us all acknowledge the contributions of the women on our campus who are our leaders, our support, and our anchors. Join the Associated Students on March 14 from 10 am to 1 pm for an informative women's panel.



# Empoderamienta: The Art of Latina Artists

March 14th -April 18th / Reception March 14th, 6:30-8:30pm

## New Media Gallery

This exhibition will explore the art of Latin American women artists with an emphasis on the art object as a form of cultural, artistic, and social expression. The exhibition will also explore the historic and artistic constructs of women artists in Latin America, who re-created themselves as beguiling personalities, posed uneasily between the worlds of artifice (art) and nature, or the instinctual life.



## Little Ashes (2008)

### Spain

“In 1922, Madrid is wavering on the edge of change as traditional values are challenged by the dangerous new influences of Jazz, Freud and the avant-garde. Salvador Dali arrives at the university; 18 years old and determined to become a great artist.”

The Speaker will be **Andrea Horigan**, Professor of Sociology at VC

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Length: 1 Hour, 47 Minutes

Thursday, March 21

4:00 PM in ASC-150

*Brought to you by the Ventura College International Film Festival*



VENTURACOLLEGE  
PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# HOLD ME! AN ENTERTAINMENT

BY JULES FEIFFER  
DIRECTED BY NATHAN COLE

**PERFORMANCES**  
WED. MAR. 13; 7:30 PM (FREE PREVIEW)  
THU. MAR. 14; 2:30 PM (STUDENT MATINEE)  
THU. MAR. 14; 7:30 PM  
FRI. MAR. 15; 7:30 PM  
SAT. MAR. 16; 7:30 PM  
SUN. MAR. 17; 2:30 PM

STUDIO THEATRE,  
VENTURA COLLEGE  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
4700 LOMA VISTA ROAD  
\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION  
\$5 STUDENTS & SENIORS

RESERVE TICKETS:  
[bit.ly/vc\\_holdme](http://bit.ly/vc_holdme)  
SEATING IS LIMITED

Wishing you a blossoming Spring and a restful Spring Break 2019! - Kim



# VCCCD DISTANCE EDUCATION SUMMIT 2019

## Reaching *Every* Student: Access & Equity in Distance Education Hosted by Ventura College



### Keynote Speaker: Gaeir Dietrich

Gaeir Dietrich is a consultant and trainer on access and Section 508 compliance. She is the former director of the High Tech Center Training Unit (HTCTU) of the California community colleges. While at the HTCTU, Gaeir provided trainings on alternate media, assistive technology, web accessibility, legal issues, and Section 508 compliance.

Breakout Sessions		
<p><b>Jolie Herzig</b> <i>Online Student Services</i></p>	<p><b>Richard Feilden</b> <i>Turn old photocopies into accessible readings, for free!</i></p>	<p><b>Ruth Bennington &amp; Shannon Macias</b> <i>Using Learning Glass to Create Interactive Videos to Enhance Students' Online Learning Experience</i></p>
<p><b>Suzanne Fagan</b> <i>Liquid Syllabus and Coming "Home" to Home Page</i></p>	<p><b>Araceli Trujillo &amp; Margret "Meg" Phelps</b> <i>Reaching out to students with informational survey forms</i></p>	<p><b>Deanna Ochoa</b> <i>Supporting Students' Engagement using ConferZoom, Flipgrid, Padlet, Sway, YouTube, and Other Platforms</i></p>
<p><b>Kara Lybarger-Moson</b> <i>Now and Zen: Effective Strategies for Teaching Students with ADHD and ASD in the Online Environment</i></p>	<p><b>Asher Sund &amp; Erin Martinsen</b> <i>Transforming Your Online Course Through OEI</i></p>	<p><b>Tania De Clerck &amp; Araceli Trujillo</b> <i>Humanizing your Canvas Course for equitable outcomes</i></p>
Student Panel Q&A		

Friday March 15, 2019 at Ventura College 8:30AM - 1:30 PM  
Applied Science Center & Guthrie Hall

*Breakfast and lunch provided.*



VENTURA COLLEGE PIRATE FRIDAYS

March 8 & 15, 2019

WELCOMING CLASS OF 2019 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
SHOWCASING: VC FACILITIES | SERVICES | STAFF | FACULTY

**Pirate Fridays** have begun and we welcomed 200 graduating seniors who have applied to VC on March 1. We will continue to welcome graduating seniors on March 8 and 15.

*Celebrating Women's History Month*

**HEROES**



**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**  
**MCE/MCW QUAD 10AM-1PM**

♀ **INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES** ♀  
**WOMENS PANEL AND REFRESHMENTS**



VENTURA COLLEGE EAST CAMPUS

**I AM  
WHAT  
I AM**

January 14-March 21, 2019  
A Special Art Exhibit Featuring  
*Rootless*



EAST CAMPUS  
VENTURA COLLEGE

**FIND THE LEADER IN YOU!**

CULTIVATING  
**LEADERS**



SERVE | FOLLOW YOUR PASSION | INSPIRE | MAKE A DIFFERENCE

2019 - 2020 VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

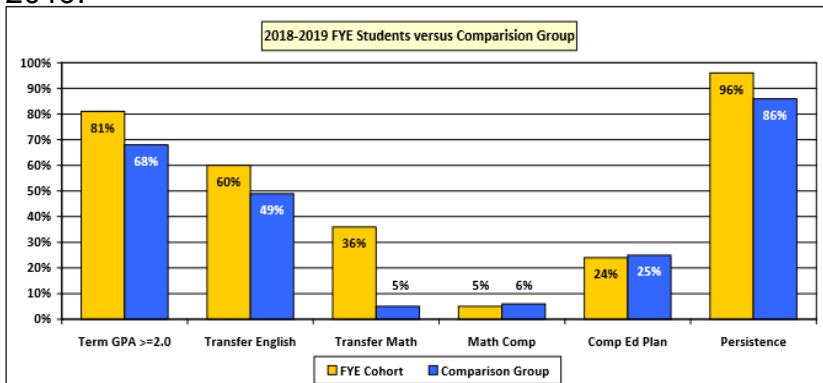
**STUDENT ELECTIONS**  
**APPLICATIONS**  
AVAILABLE FEB. 27, 2019

Run for an Associated Students position at Moorpark College, Oxnard College or Ventura College or VCCCD Student Trustee\* and represent students Districtwide.



FYE recently received data regarding our 2018-2019 cohort. The data shows that FYE students were more likely to have a GPA over 2.0, completed transfer-level English & Math, and persisted from Fall 2018 to Spring 2019.

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**FAST FACTS**



931

Admissions & Records has received 931 Graduation Applications for Fall 2019.

**531** Associate Degrees

**400** Certificates/IGETC and CSU Certifications

### Ventura College Lock Project

We are in the process of retrofitting every classroom on campus with a lock that may be secured from the inside without the need for a key. Most of these new locks will include “locked/unlocked” visual indicators as well. The initial phase of this project has been completed in the Applied Science Center.

Due to the age and specific manufacturer of most of the locks on campus, a retrofit solution was unavailable. To that end, we have had to order new, complete lock units that meet our specifications. We expect the next phase of this project to begin within the next month.



**LOCKED**



**UNLOCKED**

During their February meeting, the **Emergency Operations Team** conducted a radio training exercise. The exercise was designed to familiarize the team with proper radio protocols as well as the locations of various safety-related items on campus. ICS 214 Activity Forms were also completed as the event took place. Did YOU know that the blue reflectors on the street were indicators of a nearby fire hydrant?



### **2019 SPENDING DEADLINE:**

The last day to submit requisitions for the 2018-19 fiscal year will be Friday April 5, 2019. No purchasing will be allowed after April 5th, **including purchases from blanket purchase orders, petty cash, or procurement cards.**

There are a few exceptions as identified below.

- Supplies required by M&O for repairs
- Purchase of perishable items for meetings and banquets
- Unanticipated equipment repairs/maintenance
- Services from approved consultants and independent contractors with an established purchase order
- District issued procurement cards for approved travel related expenses

Some payments are difficult to determine this early in the semester or fiscal year. Therefore, direct payments will be allowed for such transactions as scholarships and awards, athletic officials, etc.

### **RAVE UPDATE:**

**There is an important update for the RAVE Panic Button on your smartphone.**

- ⇒ Users should visit their device app store (Google Play or Apple App Store) to update to the latest version (**Panic Button Version 2.5.3**).
- ⇒ To confirm that you are on the latest version, open the Rave Panic Button app. The version is displayed at the bottom of the menu screen.

The RAVE Smartphone App is available to all VC faculty and staff. To sign up, please send an email to [Grant Jones](mailto:Grant Jones) including your cellphone number.