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Welcome to the June 2024 issue of the LMC Caring Campus Newsletter! We are excited to share Caring Campus news and information with our readers twice a semester. Our newsletter will recognize Classified Professionals "Who Got Caught Caring" and we will also spotlight different departments and their staff.

What is Caring Campus?



Caring Campus was designed by the Institute for Evidence-Based Change (IEBC). IEBC is a nationally-recognized nonprofit organization that implements data-driven models to increase student success. The Caring Campus process provides new support for Classified Professional involvement in student success efforts. Caring Campus work recognizes and leverages the value of connectedness to dramatically increase the likelihood students will succeed in attaining their educational goals. If students don't feel connected to the college they attend, they are far less likely to return next term, regardless of the academic interventions and support services the college has provided. Caring Campus is designed to improve student success at colleges by coaching Classified Professionals to identify and commit to behaviors that increase students' sense of connectedness and belonging.

Who Got Caught Caring?

Emmalee Muserelli

Emmalee Muserelli has worked at LMC since 2015, starting as a student intern. Working her way as an hourly classified professional, she is now 1 of 4 Early Childhood Education Specialists at the Child Study Center. The Child Study Center is located at the front of the campus, adjacent to the lake. Emmalee works diligently and passionately with students all day every day, whether it's student-parents, student-workers, work-place occupational students, nursing students, student observers, etc. She states, "As an ECE Specialist, my job is primarily to support students. While I am the lead teacher in my preschool classroom and a major portion of my job is to take care of children, my position has many hats. While I take care of the children and provide loving, teachable, and educational interactions, I am modeling and mentoring Los Medanos College's Early Childhood Education teachings and philosophy for student-

workers in my classroom, and for student-parents as well. Beyond modeling recent research and best practices for student workers and student parents by playing, problem-solving, and leading educational group times, due to our close working/mentoring relationships, I am often a resource for students, sending them where they need to go on our campus, whether it's to an academic advisor, a dean, our director, a counselor, tutor, food pantry, or other services."



Who Got Caught Caring?



Her passion for education is evident in her work ethic- she describes her work as “a beautiful cycle of endless learning.” She is proud to help form the next generation of leaders in the world while helping guide the current generation of emerging leaders and she learns from them daily.

Emmalee describes a time when she impacted and empowered her colleagues and student-teachers: “The most recent thing that I’ve done to help a student, was helping my current group of student-teachers to find their voice. Over the year, I was working on teaching the skill of assertiveness and boundaries when it comes to supporting children in the class... [for instance explaining what a boundary is, how to hold firm boundaries, and how to keep everyone in the room safe.] Beyond the classroom management, I made sure that the student-teachers were honest with what they wanted to say during personal. [We] would work through conversations that they were nervous to have with others, specifically helping them state their needs of the conversation. At the end of the year, these teachers shared with me how this affected their personal lives, and that they felt confident in speaking their true desires. I feel proud to be part of a cog in the people-pleasing wheel that many of us are stuck in, allowing my students to leave the program feeling confident in their own personal boundaries and confident to say what they need to say.”



Outside of work, Emmalee enjoys game nights with friends and family, such as DND/Pathfinder, board games, card games, dominoes, etc. She also enjoys sharing meals and conversations with friends. Other than hanging out with friends, she likes to spend time with my family anywhere and everywhere.

Department Spotlights

Custodial Department



*Pictured in photo above: TOP L to R: Sydney Morales, Milo Mathis, Wenchale Story, Brittany Hendrix, Marlan Brags
BOTTOM L to R: Raymond Edwards, Bruce Myers, Sonny Tran*

Caring Campus is happy to acknowledge our Custodial Team in this newsletter! If not for this dedicated team working behind the scene, taking care of our areas, we would all be a hot mess! Let's meet the team that keeps us clean!

KRISHTIAN SNELL

Krishtian has been with LMC almost 3 years as a Custodian in the Custodial Department. When asked “What do you like about your job?” Krishtian states, “I learn new things. Even though we are assigned to our own separate buildings, our group doesn’t mind working as a team to help each other. I get to meet a lot of new people.”

SYDNEY MORALES

Sydney has worked at LMC for 2 ½ years as a Custodian II in the Custodial Department at the Pittsburg Campus. Sydney likes that they get to take free classes to better their education. Sydney is always happy to help students find their classes on their first day. Sydney enjoys fishing.

MILO MATHS

Milo has been employed by LMC for 3 years as a Custodian II. He likes interacting with students and staff and he is always willing to assist students with directions. Milo was on the Graduation Committee and he says, “I like to play the game!!”

Department Spotlights

BRITTANY HENDRIX

Brittany has worked for LMC for 10 months as a Custodian II. When asked what she likes most about her job she stated, “My teammates and I love the people and the atmosphere and the feeling of a community.” She has assisted students with finding their class or directing them to the Information Desk.

Brittany’s hobbies include crafting, painting, and indulging in outside activities like camping, hiking, swimming, and fishing. She also loves to “sing and clean”



Pictured in photo above: Clinton Calvin (left) & Adrian Montemayor (right)

WENCHALE STORY

Wenchale has been employed by LMC for 2 ½ years. Wenchale is a Custodian who likes working with all different age groups from students to faculty. He is always glad to assist students and offer them directions to their classes.

COLBY THOMAS

Colby is a Custodian II and has been with LMC for 4 ½ years. He states, “I like the satisfaction of cleaning a building when it is dirty.” Colby is always willing to assist students as he helped a student find their phone that they had misplaced.

Colby likes to play sports and comments, “I think I have the best shot in basketball in all faculty!” He also loves bowling and is a Niners Fan.

CLINTON CALVIN

Clinton is the Lead Custodian at the Brentwood Campus. He has worked for LMC for 9 years. He states that what he likes about his job is the people. He gives an example of a time when he, “Showed a student to an area where they could pray in peace.”

When Clinton is not working, he coaches flag football for an all-girls team.

MARLAN BRAGGS

Marlan has been a Custodian at LMC for 2 years. When asked what he likes about his job, he states “Everything, the people are great and the atmosphere is wonderful.” Marlan says he assists students by “Helping them find their classes and he tries to help them stay positive and focused.”

Marlan enjoys basketball in his free time.

Join us at Classified Senate!

LMC Classified Senate represents the diverse voices of our Classified Professionals, and Caring Campus would like to invite you to attend the Classified Senate meetings.

The meetings are twice a month and are held in a hybrid format from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Join us in person at SS4-412 and via Zoom ID: 585 278 8369.

Fall 2024 Meeting Dates:

- September 16
- September 23
- October 7
- October 21
- November 4
- November 25



Learn more about our Classified Senate, meet your council members, join committees, get involved in campus activities, and get your voice heard.

Congratulations Class of 2024!



Image from <https://www.losmedanos.edu/graduation/ceremony.aspx>

Los Medanos College celebrated its 50th Commencement on May 17 in the LMC Stadium and honored 1,302 graduates! The commencement celebration was the biggest event of the year, and Student Workers, Faculty, Administrators, and Classified Professionals teamed up to make it successful. In celebration of the golden year, event participants wore an exclusive red LMC 50th Anniversary t-shirt and hat.

The Classified Professionals, Bridgette Garcia Alvarado of the Disabled Students Programs and Services and Erika Messenger of the Nursing Department, were the esteemed student name readers for this year. Both were recipients of the “Who Got Caught Caring?!” award, a testament to their exceptional dedication to our students. It's worth noting that Bridgette and Erika are LMC Alumnae, further highlighting their connection to the college.



Congratulations Class of 2024!



To celebrate our graduates, the Art Department painted the trees around the campus red, while yellow ribbons with handwritten graduation messages from our LMC employees were hung across the painted trees. Classified Professionals who were nominated for “Who Got Caught Caring?!” were given special red ribbons to write their messages to our graduates. Each red ribbon represented a Classified Professional’s commitment to our students’ success.



Look Who Else "Got Caught Caring!"

Andrew Murphy

Anthony Olgin

Ashley Fissore

Beth Ann Stone

Beverly Bui

Brianna Thomas

Bridgette Garcia Alvarado

Brittany Hendrix

Caroline Harris

Christopher Long

Cynthia Perez Nicholas

Danielle Jorgensen

Geneva Toliver

Glenn Biggs

Imari Esomojumi

Irene Sukhu

Ivan Urrutia

Jennifer Garcia

Joseph Velazquez

Kenny Purizaga-Orejuela

Lawrence Punsalang

Leticia Webb

Letta Greene

Lindsay Litowitz

Lisa Avery

Liz Esparza

Lyssa Shabusheva

Maria Torres

Myles Crain

Raymond Edwards

Reggie Turner

Robert Delgado

Rosario Lujano

Sandra Parsons

Sarah Avaloz

Sonny Tran

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Keep on Caring, LMC!



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