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Welcome to the May 2022 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?

Irma Gregory



Irma received the most nominations from her Colleagues so we celebrate “All Things Irma” in this edition of our Caring Campus Newsletter!

Irma has been employed by LMC for over 5 years. She works in the Student Success Department as an Administrative Assistant III, providing administrative support to the Dean of Student Success. Her mornings are usually dedicated to planning and catching up with different types of requests from students and colleagues. She always has a couple of ongoing projects that require daily input. Currently, she is engaged in one of the biggest projects on campus – our graduation event! She states, “I also think that it is the most rewarding project as it leads to witnessing the triumph of our students.” Irma is afforded the opportunity to interact with our students on a daily basis. She likes the feeling of total satisfaction when students say, “That really helped, Thank you.”

Irma was able to work remotely during the pandemic. However, she states that it was not a new experience for her. “Some of you might know that I relocated to the United States in 2009. For a year I supported a Moscow-based law firm remotely by managing the Human Resources Department.” She explains that the experience prepared her for the challenges and difficulties that this pandemic entailed. But she is so happy that we are back on campus and able to work and support our students in-person.

Who Got Caught Caring?

Irma Gregory

Irma's Colleagues commented:

"Irma has displayed stellar leadership, organization, thoughtfulness, collaboration and innovative strategies to support the student vaccination documentation and approval process at LMC since the passing of the vaccination mandate by the 4CD Governing Board in September of 2021. Her expertise and support have been and continue to be invaluable. She truly cares about the safety of our students and employees. I would not have been able to conduct this large-scale process without her contributions and assistance. Thank you, Irma."

"Irma was such a great help to students attending Senior Saturday- answering questions, being supportive, and guiding students with kindness and clarity."

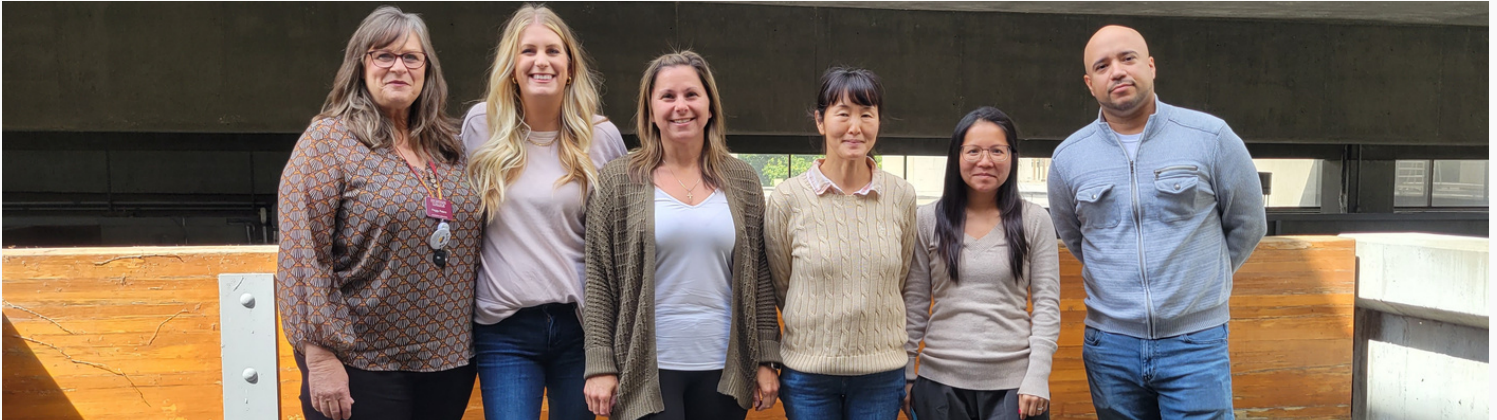
LMC's Caring Campus would like to take this opportunity to say **"Thank You"** to Irma Gregory for embodying and supporting the characteristics of Caring Campus! Your efforts are truly appreciated by all.

Please feel free to contact Irma Gregory at igregory@losmedanos.edu or call 925 473-7468.



Department Spotlights

Business Services Department



There is a select group of professionals who make up LMC's Business Services Department! Have you met them yet? Please see the picture above from left to right for an introduction to the staff:

Peggy Peters serves as LMC's Cashier. She has been employed by LMC for 10 years. Her office is located in the Student Service Center between Admissions & Records and Financial Aid. Peggy enjoys assisting our students with their financial needs and working with other departments, staff and faculty.

Melissa Inzunza is an Accountant who has been with LMC for 4 years. Her office is located in the Core Building, 4th Floor. Melissa likes that she gets to work with a variety of people internal and external. She enjoys running reports and then analyzing, calculating and reconciling data.

Alexandra Harvey has held the Account Clerk position at LMC for 6 years. She previously worked ten years at the District Office. Her office is located in the Core Building, 4th Floor. Her duties include reconciliation of procurement accounts and paying the campus bills. Her position allows her the opportunity to interact with students daily, assisting them to locate a room, hiring student workers to work athletic events with her and establishing friendships with them to encourage them to succeed in their academics.

Mika Sughara is a recent hire at LMC as an Administrative Assistant Senior. She is located in the Core Building, 4th Floor. Mika states that, "LMC and District people are nice and she is happy to get to know them!" Welcome to LMC, Mika!

Huong Nguyen is also a recent hire at LMC holding the College Payroll Technician position. Her office is also located in the Core Building, 4th Floor. Huong enjoys interacting with everyone on campus. She also is instrumental in assisting students with their payroll and web time entries. Welcome to LMC Huong!

Raymond Tirado has been employed by LMC for over 1 and a half years. He serves as the Human Resources Assistant and his office is also located in the Core Building, 4th Floor. If you have been hired by LMC recently or changed a position, you have been given the pleasure to work with Raymond. He enjoys assisting current and new employees with their employment needs.

Department Spotlights

Campus Facilities



Let's meet our persevering Campus Facilities department, Sheri Woltz and Anthony Olgin. They are located on the first floor of the College Complex. They have worked tirelessly on campus throughout the pandemic; LMC Caring Campus is extremely grateful for their work.

Sheri Woltz is the Administrative Assistant to Operations and Maintenance and the Facilities Coordinator. As an administrative assistant, her duties include invoice processing, orders, clerical, filing, email correspondence, work orders, processing timecards, etc. As a facilities coordinator, her duties include processing requests to use conference rooms, supply tables, chairs and canopies, creating contracts for outside use of the campus (currently not available due to Covid policies) and helping facilitate communication from all departments requests to the Campus Facilities Assistant, Anthony Olgin. What Sheri loves best about her job is that she is involved with the LMC community and gets to contribute to the higher education process.

Anthony Olgin has worked at LMC for 22 years. He started as a student Police Aide and then as a custodian; his title is Campus Facilities Assistant. He is the only full-time permanent employee in his department and has a student worker to assist him with setting up events. He sets up events at both Brentwood and Pittsburg campuses. Anthony states that he likes being helpful and making sure that events run smoothly. He says that seeing others smile makes him smile. He interacts every day with students, between his student worker, student ambassadors, and students in the various clubs hosting events, or just in passing in the hallways. He is always encouraging students to participate in the different programs on campus.

Michael Schenone the Director of Operations and Maintenance (also known as Buildings and Grounds) adds:

Anthony has been the sole point person for all events on campus. He is responsible for setting up the Student Union in various configurations as well as the outdoor events in the quad and other various locations including Brentwood Center. Since in-person events have come back to campus, the multitude of events are keeping Anthony very busy on a daily basis. The best part of working with Anthony is that he does everything with a smile. He is always kind and thoughtful regardless of the pressure to meet expectations.

Department Spotlights

Information Technology Services



Let's meet the wonderful professionals from the illustrious LMC Information Technology Department! They have worked diligently on campus throughout the pandemic and are conveniently located on the second floor of the library on the Pittsburg Campus. Please see the picture above from left to right for an introduction to the staff:

Rashaad McAlpin has worked at LMC for 12 years. He interacts daily with students and his favorite part of his job is watching students graduate and become successful, knowing that he had a part in that makes him happy.

Alex Suico started at LMC as a student worker in the Information Technology Department from 2017-2019. He is now a full-time permanent classified professional. His favorite part of his job is that it allows him to use his strengths to help others at LMC. He also enjoys being in a progressive environment and seeing LMC grow. Alex states that "technology is a field that rapidly changes, but Los Medanos College is adapting very steadily."

Rod Raumer has worked at LMC for 22 years. He enjoys the work environment with students and staff members. He likes working with the network and technology to aid in the success of LMC students and helping staff members do their jobs more efficiently. Currently and throughout the pandemic, Rod and the IT department have been updating equipment and completing repairs in all the workstations.

Kenny Purizaga Orejuela has worked at LMC since 2014, 6 years total. He did take a 3-year break in 2017 to serve in the Army. The thing that Kenny enjoys best about his job is that he gets the opportunity to interact with many departments on campus. He also spends his time being a mentor to an LMC student assisting them in the application process to UC Berkeley.

Jim Kolthoff started his professional journey at LMC as a student worker in the tutoring department, then working as an hourly staff, and working 20 years as a full-time permanent classified professional. Jim enjoys helping people and working on technology. Jim states, "As a college, we have the ability to change people's lives. LMC offers students an opportunity to change their life direction. Knowing that my job impacts people in such a profound way makes me proud."

Fun Facts- Did you know?



Business Services

Mika teaches Japanese to children.



Campus Facilities

They enjoy making campus events possible.

Information Technology

Rashaad, Jim, and Rod (left to right) have played in a golf tournament held by Antioch Rotary Club for the last 10 years on Cinco de Mayo.



Caring Campus Cares for Students

Senior Saturdays 04/23 & 04/30



Local High School Seniors and their parents were welcomed at the LMC Pittsburg campus during the annual Senior Saturdays that were held on April 23 and 30. The seniors toured the Pittsburg campus and were introduced to the Learning Communities. While on campus, they were able to complete their placement and online orientation, as well as visit the different departments in Student Services.

Many Classified Professionals from different departments participated in this event and they showed our visitors that LMC is a Caring Campus by identifying themselves as LMC employees by wearing LMC swags and their name badges and by helping students with questions.

Classified Professionals Maria Gonzalez Alvarez and Ms. T Gage from our Outreach Team helped to make this event successful. Both of them welcomed our seniors, checked individual students' enrollment status, directed them to the right stations, and helped students and parents all day. Ms. T held workshops for parents and Maria held workshops and tours in Spanish.



Look Who Else "Got Caught Caring!"

Nicole Almassey * Deborah Baskin * Beverly Bui * Tamara Carreon * Myles Crain
* Robert Delgado * Abbey Duldulao * Ms. T'Sendenia Gage * Lucia Garces *
Jennifer Garcia * Maria Gonzalez Alvarez * Kelly Green * Linda Jackson * John
McDermott * Lisa McFarland * Erika Messenger * Sandra Mills * Andrew Murphy
* Aaron Nakaji * Anthony Olgin * Sandra Parsons * Cynthia Perez-Nicholas *
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