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Welcome to the September 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?

Franklin Chavez

Frankie serves as the Alternative Media Specialist in the Disabled Student Program & Services (DSPS) located at the LMC Pittsburgh Campus. He worked as an hourly employee for four years and has been a Classified Professional for the last three years.



Frankie is responsible for formatting instructional materials for students such as audiobooks and large print, while also providing hands-on training among student, staff, and faculty. He also acts a liaison for students while facilitating resources that properly accommodate students with disabilities. For example, providing accessible furniture throughout the entire campus and creating accessible online forms such as surveys, applications, and request forms.

Frankie states, *“The one thing that I love about my job is getting to know our students and seeing them graduate from LMC. One time I helped a student who needed software for a certain program and couldn’t afford it due to financial struggles. I recommended that the student apply to EOPS and Financial Aid. I also found resources for the student that were free to low cost.”* Frankie also enjoys learning new software and hardware.

For fun, Frankie listens to and makes his own music. He exclaims, “Since I was in a band for half of my life, I became musically inclined and I started getting my gear together and making beats.”

You can contact Frankie at fchavez@losmedanos.edu and 925-473-7848.

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Frankie's colleagues commented:

"Frankie has enormous patience in assisting students who need extra help updating CCC apply and assisting students through navigating college processes."

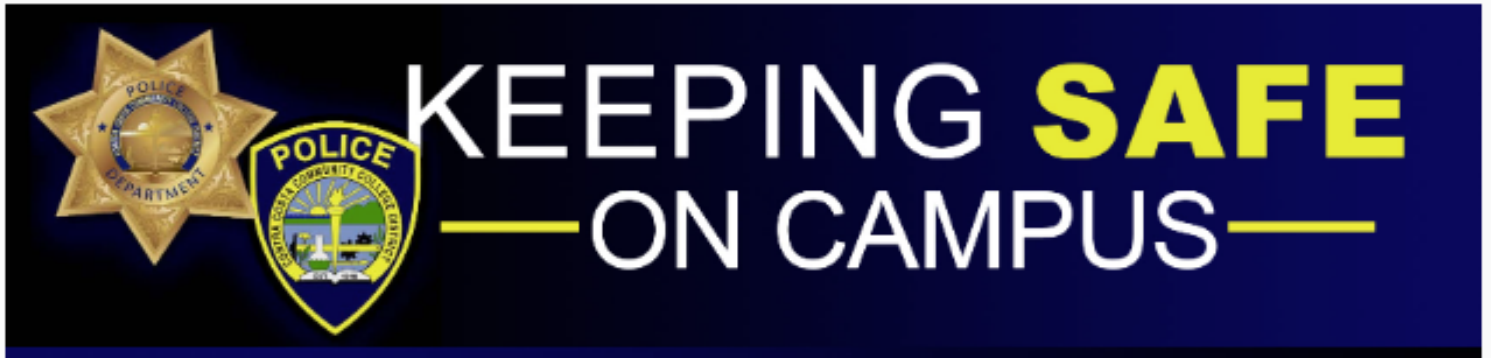
"Frankie was getting ready to leave his office when an incoming Fall student and his mother stopped by to see him. Frankie could have told them to come back the next day, but he took his time to assist the student and help them with the questions they had. Frankie even showed them around campus."

"He helped a student who was unable to register for a class. He walked the student to the computers outside the information desk and called CCCapply to help the student register for their classes."

Caring Campus wishes to thank Frankie for his dedication and passion for assisting our DSPS students!

Department Spotlights

Brentwood Police Services



Caring Campus is proud to highlight LMC's Brentwood Police Services! Thank you for keeping our campus and students safe!

Vidal Garcia, III

Vidal has worked at LMC for 20 years as our Senior Parking Officer and is located at the Brentwood Campus. He enjoys helping staff and students. For instance, he assists students with purchasing parking permits and educates them on the services offered. Vidal enjoys spending time watching shows, movies, and football in his man cave. He is a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan.

A classified professional states, "Officer Garcia was helping an instructor access the faculty office while at the same time unlocking classrooms for faculty. He also helps students by showing them where a classroom is located. He patrols the center and always seems to be helping someone that crosses his path."

Trina Gaines

Trina initially worked at LMC from 2007-2012 and returned in 2021 after working several years at the DVC campus. She is a police officer stationed at the Brentwood Campus. Additionally, she is happy to assist students in all situations. She has assisted students with needs such as, helping them find their way on campus, medical emergencies, locked their keys in cars, providing car battery jumps, and investigating crimes or domestic violence. She has done it all.

Officer Gaines enjoys staying active with bike riding, weight lifting, and taking Zumba and kickboxing classes. She also collects toys and is very proud of her Star Wars collection.

Department Spotlights

Office of Instruction



Caring Campus is proud to highlight LMC's Office of Instruction team! This team of individuals collectively represent 70.5 years of service to our District and LMC! They all possess an extreme level of attention to detail and commitment to our Campus, Staff, Faculty and Students. Please read on for an introduction to this amazing team!

Grace Villegas

Grace is LMC's Academic Scheduling Specialist, a position she has held for 17 years! Her office is located in the Office of Instruction on the 4th floor of the Student Services Building. Grace began her career at LMC in 1998 as an hourly A&R Assistant and was hired as a Classified Professional in January 2002 as an A&R Assistant II. In 2005 she accepted her current position. Grace states, *"I like all aspects of my position. The satisfaction I get knowing the work I do benefits our student's ability to register for classes is so rewarding, as well as giving faculty the ability to teach their classes, be it through Canvas or face to face mode."* Grace is a member of the Classified Senate and the Curriculum Committee.

Shondra West

Shondra has been working with the District for 23 years and has been with LMC for 8 of those years. She holds the position of Administrative Assistant, Senior in the Office of Instruction located on the 4th floor of the Student Services Building. Shondra states, *"The most exciting part about my job is providing helping hands to assist faculty, administrators, classified, students and the community in various areas, such as processing paperwork, taking minutes, creating workflows that streamline processes and educating people on navigating the college systems."* Shondra participates in Classified Senate, Local One and she is the note taker for SEM, Curriculum and TLC.

As of the release of this newsletter, Shondra has announced that she is leaving LMC for a teaching opportunity at Antioch Middle School with Friday, September 30 being her last day. We wish her all the best in her new endeavor and thank her for her years of service to our District and LMC. We know that she will be a valuable asset in her new employment position!

Department Spotlights

Office of Instruction

Irene Sukhu

Irene has been employed by LMC for 3.5 years as a Classified Professional and holds the position of Administrative Assistant II. She assists the Dean of Instruction for CTE & Workforce & Economic Development (WED). She is located in CC3-371 WED Office next to the Auto/Welding area.

Irene likes knowing that her job assists students by making purchases for equipment and/or program supplies that aid the students with gaining the hands-on experience needed for the trades. She states, *"With the use of grant funds through the Workforce and Economic Development Department, I was able to assist in the process of the purchase of a Tesla for students to learn how to repair hybrid vehicles."* She also enjoys assisting students who contact her when researching a CTE program on the LMC website.

Irene serves as a Council Member of the Classified Senate. She is also a classified representative for the Shared Governance Council and the Planning Committee, as well as a Committee Member of Caring Campus and an Editor/Author of the Caring Campus Newsletter.

Leetha Robertson

Leetha holds the position of Administrative Assistant, Senior in the Office of Instruction. Her office is located in the Office of Instruction on the 4th floor of the Student Services Building. Leetha will celebrated 20 years with the District in October with the last 16 years here at LMC!

Leetha states that she likes, *"Being of service to anyone I encounter and those I administratively support including the Office of Instruction Team, Deans, Faculty and Classified Professionals as well as, the Campus community at large and the students."*

Leetha has been a member of the LMC Foundation for 11 years. She currently serves as Board Secretary and formerly served as Treasurer. She is also a Committee Member of the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Committee and previously served on the Planning Committee and Accreditation Writing Team.



Caring Campus Cares for Students

Welcome Week



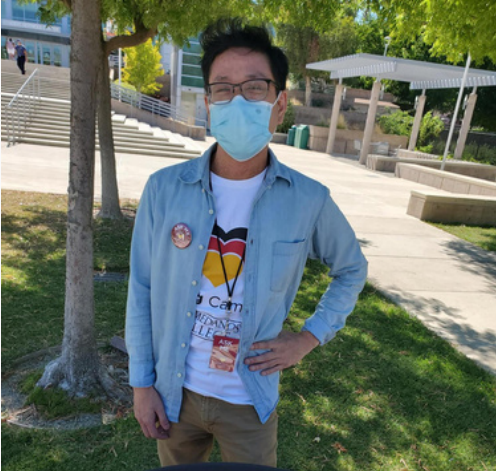
Welcome week is one of Caring Campus's General Behavioral Commitments to improve student success by increasing students' sense of connectedness and belonging. Both the Outreach and Student Life departments collaborated to bring this event to life.

Classified Professionals, Faculty, Administrators, and Students gathered at several stations at the Pittsburg and Brentwood Center to welcome students on the first week of the fall semester. Decorated with LMC gear, Caring Campus t-shirts, Ask Me badges, and pins, Welcome Week participants greeted our students with a smile, gave directions, answered questions, helped with registration, loaned out tech equipment, and walked students to where they needed to go, whether it was to a classroom or any of the resource departments for additional assistance and information.

Special thanks to Facilities Department for setting up the stations daily, Police Services for providing access to offices and classrooms, and to the Buildings, Grounds, Maintenance, & Custodial Department for keeping our campus clean and beautiful.

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Look Who Else "Got Caught Caring!"

- Aaron Nakaji
- Abbey Duldulao
- Beth Ann Stone
- Catt Wood
- Danielle Scott
- Debbie Baskin
- Emmalee Coppedge
- Erika Messenger
- Grounds Department
- Irene Sukhu
- Lawrence Punsalang
- Leticia Webb
- Lucia Garces
- Michael Simpson
- Nicole Almassey
- Robert Delgado
- Sandhya Bhatnagar
- Sarah Ryan
- Sharonda Frazier
- Vidal Garcia III



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