62nd Commencement
Set for June 13

Rep. Hilda Solis will keynote ceremony, and college will award a record number of degrees

Mt. SAC will mark its 62nd commencement ceremony with the theme, “Celebrating Excellence and Distinction!,” on Friday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Hilmer Lodge Stadium.

“We expect to enjoy a wonderful and inspiring celebration of academic excellence and achievement,” said President John S. Nixon. “I invite all faculty and staff to attend this special occasion.”

Nixon noted that for the third consecutive year, a record number of graduation petitions — 2,827 — were processed. In addition to awarding hundreds of Mt. SAC grads their Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees, 23 candidates will be awarded Bachelor of Science degrees in Aviation Management through Mt. SAC’s long-standing partnership with Southern Illinois University.

The ceremony will feature Congresswoman Hilda Solis as keynote speaker and psychologist-author Dr. Gloria Morrow, who will receive the “Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award.”

As in past years, retiring faculty and deans will be recognized for their years of dedication and service. The talents of the Mt. SAC Wind Ensemble and members of the Chamber Singers will be showcased.

In keeping with tradition, Mt. SAC’s award-winning Flying Team will conduct a flyover, and the ceremony will end with a “bang” with an elaborate fireworks display.

Following the ceremony, faculty and staff are invited to gather and celebrate at the Reception Tent, located at the south end of the stadium. The tent will be hosted by the Mt. SAC Foundation and catered again by Walters’ Restaurant of Claremont.
President’s Update

While an Improvement, Governor’s Revised Budget Still Presents Challenges

I want to present the latest information on the State budget, focusing on the so-called May Revision, announced in May by Governor Schwarzenegger. As we all know (and feel), the economy is experiencing a downturn, resulting in lower tax revenues (sales, income, property) to the State and less revenue available for State funded programs, including education.

Our System Office recently announced that current year property tax shortfalls (the State is collecting less money from property taxes than the current year State budget assumed) would result in less revenue to community college districts, reducing Mt. SAC’s 2007-08 revenue by just over $2 million. That was the first round of bad news, and we expected a second round of bad news with the Governor’s May Revision (for 2008-09). However, the May Revision does not impact community colleges as negatively as many in Sacramento had feared.

The Governor’s revised budget proposal for 2008-09 funds a modest level of enrollment growth (less than 1% for Mt. SAC); augments available general funds to backfill for anticipated decline in property tax revenues next year; and, on a one-time basis, restores approximately 80% of the revenue lost in the current year to declining property tax revenues.

Of course, those proposals only sound good at a time when many of us in education anticipated far worse. Indeed, the Governor’s proposal includes no cost of living adjustment (projected at 5%, if it were funded) and includes a 7% reduction to a number of ongoing categorical programs, primarily in Student Services (e.g., EOPS and DSP&S, among others). Without a cost of living adjustment and with only a small allocation for growth, we will not have sufficient new revenue to cover cost increases for which we are obligated next year (e.g., employee step and column payroll increases, utilities, contracts). We will have to rely on cost savings and available one-time funds to balance next year’s budget.

As I have stated before, Mt. SAC remains fiscally sound, and I am confident that we can withstand a year or two of State budgets on the order of the Governor’s May Revision without making significant cuts to programs and services and without affecting the job security of current employees. (We also must recognize, however, that the Governor’s May Revision is a proposal to the Legislature and that the final budget for 2008-09 may be different.) Although the economy is weak, we will approach the future together from a position of strength, focusing on our mission and not allowing noise from Sacramento to distract us.

I will keep you informed, and, should you have any questions, please contact me.
Mt. SAC Eyes Second Bond Measure

College launches public information effort and website to highlight campus needs

Seeking to maintain the momentum behind campus improvements started with Measure R, exploratory efforts are underway to place a measure for a bond extension before voters in November. Several projects originally identified for funding under the $221-million bond measure in 2001 have been deferred as a result of sharp increases in construction costs. These projects include a Student Center, a Child Development Center and a Business Center, which would become priorities under a bond extension program.

As enrollment continues to grow, new needs have been identified that will require renovation and modernization of existing facilities. While progress has been made to upgrade existing buildings, there are several other facilities that show serious signs of aging and do not meet earthquake safety and handicap accessibility standards. Other potential projects include making basic repairs such as removal of mold, lead paint and asbestos. New projects that may be considered are a much-needed fire academy and a pedestrian bridge over Temple Avenue would be among new facilities.

“We have a lot to finish,” said President/CEO John Nixon. “But, we are committed to keeping our community promise to provide a state-of-the-art learning and teaching environment for our students and faculty. The continuing success of Mt. SAC depends, to a large degree, on our physical capacity to meet the quantity and quality demands of future students.”

The Board of Trustees will decide at its July 23 meeting whether to place the measure on the November ballot. “This General Election season appears to be the best timing for a bond proposal,” Nixon said. “There will be a high level of interest in the presidential election, and voter turnout is expected to be at record levels.”

If approved by voters, the new bond measure would simply extend the 2001 bond, without an increase in the tax rate. Passage could also qualify Mt. SAC for $132 million in state matching funds.

An informational campaign has been launched through the establishment of a speaker’s bureau and a new website—www.ImproveMtSAC.com—as well as a series of mailings that will inform local communities of the various campus improvement needs at Mt. SAC.

Nixon and other administrators have begun to reach out to community stakeholders, Mt. SAC employees and students for their input. “I hope everyone will get involved by participating in our speaker’s bureau and by helping us spread the word to their friends and neighbors,” he said.
**We Welcome New Employees!**

We welcome the following Classified employees to the Mt. SAC family.

- **Cathi Alvarado**
  Counseling Secretary
  Student Services

- **Clarence Banks**
  Educational Advisor
  Student Services

- **Roberta Gregg**
  Budget & Accounting Technician
  Administrative Services

- **Guy Spangler**
  Admissions & Records Systems Analyst
  Student Services

Not Pictured

- **Hernan Amaya**, Custodian, Facilities
- **Jason Strong**, Computer Facilities Assistant, Information Technology
- **Matthew Whitney**, Tutorial Services Assistant, Learning Center

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**Mt. SAC Says Farewell to 20 Instructional Retirees**

These professors and deans have provided 527 years of dedicated service to the College.

*Editor’s note:* Profiles are provided below by those employees who submitted them.

- **Nancy Adcox**—34 years of service as a Mathematics professor. Nancy holds the distinction of being the Math Department’s first full-time female professor. She has taught virtually all of the courses offered by the department. During her tenure at Mt. SAC, she has served as Treasurer and Secretary for the Faculty Association. In retirement, Nancy plans to read, relax, and travel.

- **Helen Bauch**—29 years of service as a Foreign Languages professor.

- **Mike Butler**—20 years of service as a Mathematics professor and over 40 years of teaching. Mike served on the Faculty Association. He holds memberships in the California Teachers’ Association, the National Education Association, and the La Verne Historical Society. In retirement, Mike plans to travel “during seasons other than the summer.”

- **Lois Cole**—23 years of service as an English professor. Lois developed the English courses that incorporate cinema as literature.

- **Barbara Crane**—36 years of service as a professor and administrator. Barbara began her long tenure at the College as an instructor in the Agricultural Sciences Department. Some of the classes she taught included Poultry Science, Wildlife Management, Veterinary Technology, Pet Shop Management, Aviculture and many others. She established the Animal Control Technology and Registered Veterinary Technology programs. Later, she was named Agricultural Sciences Coordinator, Natural Sciences Division Dean, Assistant Vice President of Student Learning, and her current position, Assistant Vice President of Community Education. She belongs to many community and professional organizations, including the California Community College Association of Occupational Education, the National Council for Workforce Education, ACCCA, the Pomona Chamber of Commerce, the 48th Agricultural Association, the National Association of Agricultural Educators, and the West Coast Pygmy Goat Association. She has been honored with the Pomona Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Member Award, the Southern California Section 4-H Club’s Outstanding Volunteer Award, and Mt. SAC’s Outstanding Manager award. In her spare time, she enjoys showing registered pygmy goats. She says that we should all “Enjoy our time at Mt. SAC. It’s a great place to work!” In retirement, Barbara plans to travel to Ireland and Scotland in September, teach part time at Mt. SAC, substitute teach for the Norco High School Agriculture Department, play with her critters at home, and sleep more.

- **Clarence Edwards**—27 years of service as a Nursing professor. Clarence also served as director of the Nursing Program. Under his leadership, the program more than doubled in size. He was also one of the first Mt. SAC respondents to answer the call for medical volunteers in the Gulf region after Hurricane Katrina hit.

- **George “Hop” Estes**—35 years of service as an Agriculture professor.

- **Velora Ferris**—33 years of service as a Nursing professor.

- **Dr. Ralph Greenwood**—35 years of service at Mt. SAC as a History professor. Ralph taught U.S. history, African-American history, and history of Africa. He also served as president of the Faculty Senate (now Academic Senate) in 1985-86. He holds memberships in the American Historical Society, the Oxford University Roundtable, and the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History. In retirement, Ralph will teach part time and travel.
**RECOGNITION**

**Carolyn Inmon**—16 years of service as a Communications professor. Carolyn has served more than 40 years in education. At Mt. SAC, in addition to serving as a Communications professor, she has served as department chair, assistant director of Forensics, Faculty Association President, Academic Senate Secretary, Community College Association President, and Director of the Honors Program. While she was Honors director, the program grew and produced four members of the prestigious All-USA Academic First Team and won many international and regional awards. Her personal awards include State WHO (We Honor our Own) awards from the Community College Association and the California Teachers Association, the Phi Theta Kappa Paragon Award for Advisors, the Phi Rho Pi National Service Award, and most recently the 2008 Mt. SAC Outstanding Educator Award. She loves to travel, and her favorite trips were to the former Soviet Union and two safaris to Africa. She says Mt. SAC is a wonderful place to work and is thankful for the honor. In retirement, Carolyn will teach part time, travel, be a grandmother, and run for the South Orange County Board of Trustees.

**Dr. William (Bill) King**—38 years of service to Mt. SAC as a History professor. Bill taught California/Asian and U.S. history. He also taught part time for four years at Mt. SAC and was an adjunct professor at Cal Poly for 16 years. At Mt. SAC, he served as History Department Chair for three terms, served on the College Insurance Committee, and served as co-developer for the College’s Vintage Years Project in 1976. He is a board member of the Historical Society of Pomona Valley, and he won the Golden Leaves Award for his history book, *Pomona, the Citrus Empire*. He enjoys writing about local history, serving as a community volunteer, and travel. He refers to his time at Mt. SAC as “38 amazing, rewarding years.” In retirement, Bill plans to travel, write, visit his grandchildren, and return to Mt. SAC to teach for at least two winter intersessions.

**Helen Lawrence**—18 years of service at Mt. SAC as a counselor/professor. Helen taught the Career Life Planning course at Mt. SAC. She established the New Student and Parent Orientation programs and served as a liaison with the Aeronautics, Engineering, Agricultural Sciences, and Architectural departments. She wrote two textbooks for classes at Mt. SAC. Off campus, Helen served as director for Women’s Educational Programs and Services and as president for Temple Sholom in Ontario. She was selected for the Outstanding Women in America honor and has won numerous awards for her photography. In retirement, Helen will teach part time at Mt. SAC and College of the Desert. She will also golf and continue photographing the world.

**G. Wayne Miller**—30 years of service as a Sign Language professor.

**Anita Millsapugh**—31 years of service as a Computer Information Systems professor. Anita taught Java, C# (C Sharp), and beginning and advanced Visual Basic courses. She served as the CIS Department chairperson. She holds memberships in the Assistance League of Covina Valley and is a Microsoft author. Anita was named a Master Teacher by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development at the University of Texas. In retirement, she plans to travel and golf.

**Dr. Henry Pacheco**—38 years of service as a History professor.

**Raul Rodriguez**—10 years of service as the Dean of Counseling. Raul was the College’s first dean of Counseling. During his tenure, Raul was instrumental in establishing a University Transfer Center and helped strengthen the College’s articulation programs with the UCs and CSUs. He has been recognized widely for his leadership and achievements, having received the California Community College Athletic Academic Advisors Association Outstanding Achievement Award, as well as honors from the California Counseling Association. He was also named an Outstanding Volunteer by the American Red Cross. Raul holds memberships in many professional and community organizations, including the California and American Counseling Associations, the San Gabriel Valley Latino Roundtable, Habitat for Humanity, and the Claremont Committee on Human Relations. He enjoys woodworking, gardening, and cooking, and has aspirations to become a chef. In retirement, Raul will teach part time, do some consulting, and expand his involvement with the Red Cross Disaster Relief Services.

**Charles Sorocabal**—17 years of service as a Mathematics professor.

**Kerry Stern**—18 years of service as an administrator. Kerry joined the College as the Coordinator and Director of the Library Services. She later was appointed Dean of Learning Resources. She was in charge of the library when the facility was renovated and transformed into the Learning Technology Center. Kerry established the College’s robust Distance Learning Program and co-chaired Mt. SAC’s last accreditation process, which has been upheld as a state model. She holds memberships in the Chief Council of Librarians and the Directors of Educational Technology in California Higher Education. Last year, Kerry received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Directors of Educational Technology in California Higher Education. Kerry enjoys reading, gardening, scrap booking, and photography. In retirement, she plans to renovate her second home in Palm Desert, relocate to the Pacific Northwest, and make some road trips.

**Barbara Vigano**—19 years of service as a Foreign Languages professor. Barbara taught all the French courses, created the French Culture through Cinema course, and also taught German. She created interactive websites for her French classes and introduced the first completely free college-level French textbook for Mt. SAC students. She holds memberships in the American Association of Teachers of French and the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages. She served as President of the Southern California chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German. She was honored four times as a Mt. SAC Educator of Distinction, was a co-winner of the College’s Outstanding Faculty Member honor last year, and this year received the League of Innovation Award. Among her hobbies, she enjoys biking in France and skiing at Lake Tahoe. In retirement, Barbara plans to live in Europe and will host another Mt. SAC Study Abroad Program in Paris during the next winter intersession.

**Guillermo Villarreal**—20 years of service as a Foreign Language professor.
Leanne Dogoldogol (r) and Cheryl Jamison were among the state’s 76 community college students named to the 2008 All-California Academic Teams, selected by Phi Theta Kappa, the national community college honors society. Dogoldogol, a nursing student with a 3.68 GPA, was selected for the first team, and Jamison, a political science major with a 3.7 GPA, was named to the second team. Dogoldogol was later selected among 1,500 associate degree candidates across the nation for one of the top 20 slots on the most prestigious All-U.S.A. Academic First Team.

The Mt. SAC Women’s Basketball Team won its third consecutive state championship by defeating Foothill, 65-57, in the championship game. The championship is the Mounties’ fourth state title in the last five years. Mt. SAC women finished the season with a 37-1 record.

Interior design student Arcel Punsalang won the International Interior Design Association’s student competition that included a $4,000 scholarship. He competed against students from Cal State Northridge and the Design Institute of San Diego. Punsalang was also the lead designer for the campus’ Founders Hall.

Mt. SAC’s nationally ranked Forensics Team was recently crowned “World Champion Community College Forensics Program” at the International Forensics Association Tournament in London. The team returned to the United States to receive the Silver Medal in Team Sweepstakes at the Phi Rho Pi Community College National Tournament, where they competed also against universities and other four-year colleges.

Journalism students won 18 awards this spring at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges state conference in Los Angeles. More than 800 students from 60 California community colleges competed at the statewide conference.

Health Career students won a gold medal, 11 silver medals, and two bronze medals at the Health Occupation Student of American (HOSA) state competition. The 11 Mt. SAC students competed against more than 800 secondary and post-secondary students at the state tournament and qualified for the national competition.

Mt. SAC honored 20 Students of Distinction in May. The award recognizes students for service to the College, and academic and personal achievement. This year, the College added a new category for competitive achievement.

Horticulture students won first place at the 19th Annual Spring Garden Show in Costa Mesa. Mt. SAC’s entry was “Les Elements de la Conception Verte,” a display garden that featured low-maintenance plants. The garden was designed by student Roberta Colleasure.

The Engineering Design team took second place at the Westec Manufacturing Challenge at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Westec is the largest West Coast annual manufacturing expo. The team’s entry in the competition was an assortment of fishing accessories for radio-controlled boats. The team is made up of students from the Engineering Design Technology and Electronic Technology departments.
Faculty/Staff Awards

★ Coming on the heels of the Mounties’ third consecutive state championship and a 37-1 season, Women’s Head Basketball Coach Laura Beeman was selected for an assistant coaching position with the Los Angeles Sparks of the WNBA.

★ Communication Professor Carolyn Inmon received a California Teachers Association WHO (We Honor Ours) Award this spring for her service to the higher education community. Specifically, she was instrumental in creating the Community College Association Academy for new leaders in education. Paul Sharpe received the local WHO award at the Community College Association’s Spring Conference.

★ The Academic Senate recently announced its 2007-08 Outstanding Employees selections—“Outstanding Faculty”: Communications Professor Carolyn Inmon, Chemistry Professor Iraj Nejad, and Foreign Languages Professor Kumiko Noriega; “Outstanding Classified Employee”: Student Relations Specialist Eula Gray; and “Outstanding Administrator”: President John Nixon.

★ Under the leadership of Clarence Brown, the Marketing & Communication Team garnered six statewide community college marketing awards this year, including top honors for best class schedule and best performing arts season brochure. This brings the team’s three-year total award count to over 30 state, regional and national honors for outstanding marketing products and campaigns.

★ Under the leadership of Professor Toni Albertson, the Mt. SAC journalism program has far exceeded expectations and achieved unparalleled milestones over the past couple years. Not only has The Mountaineer been rated among the best community college newspapers in the state and nation, but the staff took its edgy vision to yet another level with the year-end launch of a new, high-end magazine, Substance.

★ Communications Professor Liesel Reinhart received the “Legacy Award” from the American Readers Theater Association for contributions to intercollegiate forensics.

★ KSAC Operations Manager Cason Smith won 4 Golden Mikes, 8 Hermes Creative Awards, and 13 Communicator Awards for excellence in broadcasting and for specific stories about Mt. SAC programs.

★ Seven Mountie coaches were selected for “Coach of the Year” conference honors: Kelly Ford (Softball) led the roster as “Women’s All-Sports Coach of the Year,” which recognizes the top men’s and women’s coaches in all South Coast Conference sports; Melinda Bowen (Women’s Soccer); Mike Goff (Men’s Cross Country); Mike Green (Women’s Golf); Bob Jastrab (Football); Juan Sanchez (Men’s Soccer), who was also named “West Region Coach of the Year” by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America; and Doug Todd (Men’s Track & Field). Doug was also named Mt. SAC Relays Director, overseeing the milestone 50th Relays in April.

★ Under the leadership of swim coach Marc Ruh, the Mt. SAC aquatics program was again named the state’s and nation’s Top Community College Overall Aquatics Program.

★ French Professor Barbara Vigano received a “2008 Innovation of the Year” award for the interactive website she developed for her students. She notes that Mt. SAC is the nation’s first community college to adopt a free French textbook that is available online.

★ Student Services VP Audrey Yamagata-Noji and Summer Bridge Coordinator Patricia Maestro were recognized by state and federal legislators for their leadership of the Summer Bridge Program, which concludes its 10th anniversary in helping at-risk freshmen make a successful transition from high school to college.

★ Professors Ronald Brown, Mary Chabot, Martin Sydney Mason and Jimmy Tamayo, and Counselor Alina Hernandez and Associated Students Secretary Anita Lopez were named 2008 Educators of Distinction by the Associated Students for their inspiration, mentorship and/or quality academic instruction.

★ Athletics Director/Dean Deb Blackmore, Counselor Linda Diaz, and Biology Professor Karyn Kakiba-Russell were among recipients of the “2008 Inspiring Women of Mt. SAC” award.
The Summer Bridge Program, which has helped hundreds of students make the sometimes intimidating transition from high school to college, recently marked 10 years of success with a special celebration in Founders Hall.

The event, which had a feel of a family reunion, featured dinner, music by Bridge alumni, testimonials by past and present Bridge students and a video that featured just a handful of the program’s many success stories.

Among those who shared their stories were the Yepiz sisters—Romina and Melina—who are now college graduates and human services professionals. A member of the first Bridge cohort in 1998, Romina recently earned her master’s degree from CSU-Fullerton and plans to pursue a doctorate in the near future. The success story of the Yepiz sisters is featured on the back cover the 2008 Fall Schedule of Classes.

Also sharing his experience was original alumnus Michael Ngo, a graduate of Mt. SAC (A.A.), CSU-Fullerton (B.A.), and the University of LaVerne (M.A.). He has worked at Mt. SAC in various capacities, including his current position as an adjunct counselor in the Counseling, Bridge, and ESL departments. Michael also counsels in the Noncredit Counseling & Matriculation Department at Citrus College. Michael shared his mission to “give back” to students in the same way that the Mt. SAC faculty and staff gave to him through Bridge.

Program alumna Susan Reyes, currently a field representative for Assemblymember Ed Hernandez, presented Bridge Coordinator Patricia Maestro with a certificate to mark the program’s 10th anniversary.

The celebration also recognized faculty and staff who have participated in the program since its inception. Honored for 10 years of continued service to the Summer Bridge program were faculty members Silver Calzada, Carol Norton and Paul Russell. Jim Smith, the program’s first coordinator and longtime counselor, also was honored as was 10-year veteran Phil Maynard.

Summer Bridge founder and champion Audrey Yamagata-Noji, vice president of Student Services, received special recognition for her role in the program’s formation and continued achievements. She noted how the Bridge concept exemplifies effective collaboration between Instruction and Student Services.

The program will welcome its 11th class in a few weeks, consisting of nearly 350 students—the most ever.
Mt. SAC Celebrates Classified Staff Week

Mt. SAC celebrated the statewide Classified Employees Week (May 19-23) by honoring its Classified staff at a management-hosted luncheon, an elaborate service awards program, and a slew of other activities and educational workshops.

At the recognition awards program, Classified employees were honored for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service. This year’s honorees collectively have contributed 745 years of service to the College.

Other activities included a Staff Association-sponsored “Build Your Own Sundae” event and a round of “Goofy Golf.” In addition, informational workshops were conducted, including presentations by CSEA officials, a CSEA benefits seminar, and a Chapter 262 open forum and negotiation update.

Donors Give Record Dollars for Scholars

A record $174,000 in scholarships was awarded to 164 deserving scholars during the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on May 22 at the Clarke Theater.

This year’s total marks a $50,000 increase from last year, according to Financial Aid Director Susan Jones. The selection of recipients was based on their academic achievement and the specific criteria for each scholarship. Scholarship donors include community organizations, businesses, campus departments, foundations, and individuals. In addition, memorial scholarships are established to commemorate deceased students, professors, and family members.

“These scholarships continue to play a critical role in helping our students achieve their goals of furthering their education,” Jones said. “We are grateful for the donors’ continued generosity in contributing to the success of our student scholars.”

Jones noted that several of the awards went to deserving student scholars who otherwise would not qualify for financial aid. The individual awards ranged from $300 to $1,500.

Organized by Scholarship Coordinator Desiree Marquez, the ceremony was attended by hundreds of proud families and friends of the recipients—many of whom are transfer students who will use their awards at their universities of choice. Others students will use theirs to continue their studies at Mt. SAC.

Prior to the ceremony, more than 100 donors and guests were honored at a reception at Founders Hall. Mt. SAC’s scholarship program is a joint effort by the Mt. SAC Foundation and the Financial Aid Office. If you would like to contribute to the program, contact Foundation Director Richard Morley at ext. 4215.
The Mt. SAC Relays celebrated its 50th year this spring by featuring world-class athletes and serving as a preview to the 2008 Olympic Summer Games.

Mt. SAC hosted the second annual Health Professions Conference in April for students interested in healthcare careers.

The Teacher Preparation Institute held a grand re-opening for its relocation to a new home in building 26.

The College honored its 20 Students of Distinction in May, which included a new category this year for competitive achievement.

This spring at Cal Poly’s Kellogg West, Mt. SAC hosted the two-day Learning Community Institute designed for faculty who teach together in a learning community.

The Foundation (left photo) in May received a $50,000 donation from Rosana Hsu Chao (l) to be used for student scholarships.

Honors student Kiran Alvi (2nd, r) became Mt. SAC’s second Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship recipient, valued at $30,000 annually.
Art Gallery Director Fatemeh Burns welcomes visitors at opening reception for 60th Student Art Show, which runs through June 12.

Trustees, employees, students, community leaders, relatives and friends gathered at Founders Hall in May to officially welcome Dr. John S. Nixon, who was named Mt. SAC’s eighth President in February. There was plenty of food, merriment, well wishes and music performed by the Chamber Singers and Fermata Nowhere.

In March, the College honored its 2008 Inspiring Women: students Kiran Alvi and Cheryl Jamison, and faculty and staff Deb Blackmore, Linda Diaz, and Karyn Kakiba-Russell.

Neither rain nor wind nor scorching heat has ever stopped Mail Services from getting the tons of letters and packages delivered on time across campus. Surprising wonder, though, given the old mail van that the staff has had to drive, complete with a sticking gearshift lever and a rusted, leaking top.

“It held up a long time,” said Mail Operator Clarence Tagarao, who has been driving the ‘80s vehicle since he started at the College in 1993. “I was surprised it lasted as long as it did.”

This spring the old van was replaced by a 2008 GMC van. “I just love it,” Clarence beams. He and his staff use the van to access hard-to-reach areas on campus and to make deliveries to the post office.

The Mail Services staff thanks Purchasing—particularly Margaret Young and Pam Childs—and Administrative Services VP Mike Gregoryk for the new wheels . . . and the campus mechanics for keeping the old ones running for as long as they could!
JUNE

6-7, 8 p.m.—SubUrbia, Mt. SAC Theater production, Studio Theater.
7 & 8, 2 p.m.—SubUrbia, matinee performance

7, 3 p.m.—Faculty Association Student Scholarships Awards, Founders Hall.

7, 8 p.m.—Spring Vocal Jazz Concert, Singcopation and Frontline, Clarke Theater. Celebrating Singcopation’s 10th anniversary.

10, 3:30 p.m.—Faculty/Management Recognition Ceremony, Clarke Theater.

13, 6:30 p.m.—62nd Commencement, Hilmer Lodge Stadium.

23—Summer Intersession begins.

25, 6:30 p.m.—Board of Trustees meeting, Founders Hall.

JULY

4—Independence Day, campus closed.

23—Registration for Fall Credit Classes begins.

23, 6:30 p.m.—Board of Trustees meeting, Founders Hall.

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The Summer and Fall Schedules of Classes are NOW available both in hard copy and online at www.mtsac.edu. They include credit, noncredit and community education classes.

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