



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

APRIL
2024

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT KARAS



On March 23, 2024, I attended the White House Initiative for Native Americans and Tribal Colleges and Universities sponsored Native American/Indigenous Education Summit at CSU San Bernadino. Attendees were predominately state and federal representatives, tribal leaders, and K-12 community. A central focus of the summit concerned a recent feasibility study on the need to establish an accredited Tribal College/University (TCU) in California. There are currently 35 TCUs in the United States, none in California. A community survey was developed to provide data to identify the needs of Tribal Colleges in California: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7721239/TCU>

SPRING 2024 ENROLLMENT

The Spring 2024 semester continues with strong enrollments, with a 9% increase in FTES over last year.

↑ 1,377 enrollments

↑ 84.31 FTES

↑ 611 students

Below is a chart showing a same day comparison across five semesters. If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

SEMESTER	DAY	ACTIVE ENROLLMENTS	ACTIVE STUDENTS	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	CONTINUING STUDENTS	NEW STUDENTS	RETURNING STUDENTS	K-12 STUDENTS	TRANSFER STUDENTS	UNKNOWN STATUS STUDENTS	NUMBER OF SECTIONS	TOTAL FTES
SPRING 2024	91	11235	5117	772	4345	1921	298	597	1133	212	956	846	1029.65
SPRING 2023	91	9858	4506	609	3897	1591	274	549	1120	169	803	785	945.34
SPRING 2022	91	7919	3759	504	3255	1443	169	439	1086	145	477	679	837.21
SPRING 2021	91	7336	3261	586	2675	1507	120	386	724	195	329	496	911.37
SPRING 2020	91	10444	4513	767	3746	1976	224	483	1024	306	500	785	1105.94

FACULTY DIVERSITY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Mendocino College NEW Faculty Diversity Mentorship Program (FDMP) is a year-long, paid by stipend, mentorship with currently employed Mendocino College faculty.

The program mission is to meet the needs of our diverse students by attracting, inspiring, and preparing individuals who share the college's commitment to inclusive, equitable learning as they prepare themselves for a career in community college teaching. The Faculty Diversity Mentorship Program (FDMP) brings faculty mentees from diverse backgrounds into the Mendocino College community for training and hands-on experiences in our classes and programs. Mendocino College faculty mentees gain valuable professional development and career exploration opportunities while the students and institution benefit from increased diversity, expanded faculty hiring pools, and new perspectives.

Ultimately, by attracting, recruiting, and providing advanced training for talented new faculty with diverse backgrounds and ideas, we hope to better serve our students. Specifically, we aim to

- Promote equitable achievement for students of all gender identities, and cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, and
- Ensure Mendocino College students from underrepresented groups have role models from their gender category, race, ethnic, or cultural background who they can identify with and recognize as examples of high achievement.

EVENTS

Krenov Exhibit at Grace Hudson Museum

March 30 - August 18, 2024

Naloxone Distribution Kick-Off Events

April 16th-18th

Queer Prom

April 20th - Lowery Student Center, Ukiah

Elena Casanova in Concert (UCCA)

April 21 - Free to Students

Earth Week

April 22 - April 25th

Denim Day for Sexual Assault Awareness

April 24th. 11am-12pm

Free Student Dinner

April 24th at 5:30pm, Lowery Student Center

Annual Student Show - Opening Reception

April 25th, 4-6pm

Latino Student Retreat

April 26th

Spring Plant Sale & Surplus Sale

April 26th and 27th

Alex DeGrassi Benefit Concert

April 27th

Spring Dance Festival

May 2nd-5th

1st Annual Missing & Murdered Indigenous Peoples Awareness Walk

May 4th

Health & Wellness Fair

May 8th

Walking Moai - ongoing

Mondays 12:30-1:30pm - meet at Pomo Plaza

K-16 COLLABORATIVE



Through partnership with the K-16 collaborative facilitator, Christine Samaniego, Mendocino College is enhancing support of district wide dual enrollment opportunities! Anderson Valley Dual Enrollment Ambassador Tricia Anglian Rubio poses in front of the DE bulletin board wearing a DE graduation stole for earning 12+ units of college credit while in HS. This would not have been possible without the support of AVHS staff including counselor Christopher Howard, pictured above.

EARTH WEEK



Mendocino College's annual Earth Week event will be held April 22nd-April 25th in the Pomo Plaza and next to the Eagles Nest indoors. There will be an EV on display on April 25th from our Automotive Technology Department, along with Earth Friendly Food from our Culinary Arts Department. The annual Student Poster Competition is expanding this year! We're going to add another category, a Student Art Contest for art connected to sustainability and climate change. Art will be displayed in the library.

FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

The state priority deadline for Cal Grant has been extended from April 2, 2024, to May 2, 2024. This extension was codified through the signing of Assembly Bill 1887 by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 25, 2024. This bill takes effect immediately. This extension is in response to the delays and difficulties with the roll-out of the updated 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Many students nationwide are experiencing difficulties submitting their financial aid applications. The financial aid office will continue to hold workshops to assist students in completing their application. The workshops are scheduled throughout April and May to assist families and students completing a financial aid application. Workshop dates and times can be found on the financial aid office website at <https://www.mendocino.edu/financial-aid>.

DREAMER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Dream Center was given a generous donation from Alianza to award scholarships to undocumented students. Our program received (6) applications for the scholarships and we were able to award (2) \$250 scholarships!

EOPS UPDATE

On Friday, May 10th, the EOPS/CARE/NextUp staff will celebrate the academic success of their students with an awards ceremony to be held in the Center for Visual and Performing Arts Center Theatre. This will be a very special evening for EOPS and CARE students who are graduating this May and/or who have maintained at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average.

STARFISH TOOL

As we continue our work with the Starfish integration, we anticipate the soft-launch of the software to a small group of students to test-out the capabilities to communicate with these groups and engage with getting feedback to make necessary changes to our plans for the next phase, and larger launch to the greater college community. These small groups who have willingly partnered with us in our next steps include the Women's Basketball Team, Pomo Pathway cohort, and the Disability Resource Center.

NCC COLLEGE & CAREER DAY

Our Transfer Counselor and Retention Specialists took part in tabling as well as presenting at the North County Center College & Career Day. Transfer Counselor Mark Osea provided two workshops around the dual enrollment options in the North County and benefits of starting at the Community College. Students who attended came from a wide geographic area including but not limited to Ukiah High School, Willits High School, Willits Charter School, Laytonville, and Boonville High Schools. Students were engaged and appeared to have previous awareness of the opportunities to transfer to a four-year University from Mendocino College. Students learned about the upcoming Latino Retreat and were generally impressed with the wide array of supportive services now being delivered from our Retention specialist team.

PUENTE

Puente is rounding up its first year with end-of-the-year celebrations to honor the continued participation in the Puente Program. Rebecca Ortega has been integrated into the program and is supporting the administrative assistant needs. Her diligence and organization have streamlined processes, and we look forward to her support to develop a calendar of programs for the coming years.

PARTNERING WITH K-12

Our Disability Resource Center team provided an information packed tour to our Workability/Transition partners from our local K-12 schools. Students who are near completing their graduation requirements who have been identified as students with disabilities learned more about the certificate and degree opportunities at Mendocino College. Counseling services were highlighted as well as a campus tour and engaging presentations from our pathways.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of the HSI grant, we held the second of three trainings for student-facing staff. As part of our partnership with the Career Ladders Project, the activities focused on building awareness of critical cultural aspects to active listening. Student services departments as well as Instructional programs such as MESA participated together and learned more about how to respond to student needs. It was an opportunity to reflect on both our individual responses and institutional practices when engaged with supporting students. Particularly, responding to new and returning students needs with empathy and a non-assuming listening skill set. We look forward to the continued opportunities to work together to improve our practices and enhance the community's experiences at Mendocino College.

The newly hired Disability Resource Counselor, Julie Pennington, provided an Inservice to faculty to inform our responses to students who have experienced trauma. The workshop was well attended and was standing room only. Faculty learned about typical signs to be aware of, as well as practical day-to-day ways we can help students to feel safe in our learning environments. Faculty shared experiences with one another and were able to support each other in strategies to implement in the face-to-face as well as within online learning environments.

ASMC:

FIRST ANNUAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE RECORD

The Associated Students of Mendocino College hosted its first Student Leadership Conference on Wednesday March 20 to promote student involvement opportunities. It highlighted the three main entry points for students to gain leadership experience: Student Senate, Student Clubs, and Participatory Governance on campus committees. Former Advisor Phil Warf was honored for 13 years of service to the ASMC.

HYDRATION STATIONS

ASMC recently amended a previously approved budget, now totaling \$52,000, to update the hydration stations in every building on the Ukiah Campus. The student senate also approved the installation of a second station in the Library. ASMC purchased the previous hydration stations and remains committed to the best possible availability of this basic student need. Facilities will soon assess hydration station needs on satellite campuses.

QUEER PROM

Mendocino College is working in partnership with the Arbor Youth Resource Center to host Queer Prom on April 20, 2024 from 4-10 PM in the Lowery Student Center. This year's theme is Rocky Horror Picture Show. The event is an inclusive, safe space for LGBTQ+ students, community, and allies to come together share food, participate in talent show, and access community resources.

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MENDOCINO COLLEGE
Foundation

Mendocino College Foundation Scholarship Awards Mixer

Our 24-25 Scholarship Recipients were awarded \$227,650



Wednesday, May 1st



2.00 PM - 4.00 PM



1000 Hensley Creek Road
Ukiah, CA 95482
Center for Visual and
Performing Arts (CVPA)
Foyer and Courtyard

This is an opportunity
for scholarship
recipients, scholarship
sponsors/donors,
faculty and staff to
meet & mingle!

Music and light
refreshments will be
provided

More info: scholarship@mendocino.edu

(707) 467-1018

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**GRACE HUDSON MUSEUM NEW EXHIBITION:
DEEP ROOTS, SPREADING BRANCHES: FINE WOODWORKING OF
THE KRENOV SCHOOL**

Museum explores the 40+ year history of the School, while showcasing numerous examples of fine furniture and crafted wood arts.

March 30 through August 18

This show focuses on the over 40-year history of the Krenov School of Fine Woodworking in Fort Bragg, Mendocino County. It explores the philosophy and practice that made James Krenov a master woodworker and teacher, and features examples of his own work and fine furniture made by current and former instructors, and by graduates of the program.

Many thanks to our exhibition sponsors: The Krenov Foundation, the Sun House Guild and Museum Members, The Krenov School, Mendocino College, Lie-Nielsen Toolworks.

**ALEX DE GRASSI & FRIENDS GUITAR NIGHT
A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE FRIENDS OF MENDOCINO COLLEGE
MUSIC PROGRAM**

The Friends of the Mendocino College Music Program (FMCMP), the newest affiliate of the Mendocino College Foundation, is excited to announce a concert with internationally acclaimed guitarist Alex de Grassi and friends, including Symphony director Maestro Phillip Lenberg, as well as some of the guitar program students.

The concert, which will benefit the Mendocino College Music Program, is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at 7pm in the Little Theater on the Ukiah campus of Mendocino College, 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah.

Tickets are available online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6270196> and at the Mendocino Book Company in Ukiah and Mazahar in

**ALEX DE GRASSI
AND FRIENDS
GUITAR NIGHT**

**SATURDAY
27. APR
7:00 PM**

AN ECLECTIC EVENING OF SOLO, DUO AND
ENSEMBLE GUITAR PERFORMANCES.

FEATURING
ALEX DE GRASSI
W/ GUEST GUITARISTS, FACULTY AND STUDENTS
OF THE GUITAR PROGRAM

TICKETS: \$30 ADVANCE \$35 DOOR
Mendocino Bookstore/Mazahar (Willits)
Online at: Brown Paper Tickets
(link in description)

at the LITTLE THEATRE
Mendocino College
1000 Hensley Creek Rd., Ukiah CA 95482

For more information:
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Please join us for the biggest show of the year featuring 200 works of art from Mendocino College students working in Photography, Ceramics, Painting, Printmaking and beyond. Student work from the Coast Center, Lake Center, North County Center and the Ukiah Campus is represented, as well as Dual Enrollment students.

Annual Student Show

April 19 – May 19, 2024

**ARTIST RECEPTION & DRAW-A-THON:
APRIL 25TH, 4-6PM**

The opening reception will include an interactive 'Draw-a-thon'. Dancers from the Mendocino College Repertory Dance Company will model in costume for anyone who would like to try their hand at drawing from life, materials provided.
Light refreshments will be served.

Mendocino College Gallery

1000 Hensley Creek Rd., Ukiah - CVPA Theatre Lobby
Gallery Hours: Tues/Thurs 3-6PM, Wed 12-3pm,
and by appointment
www.mendocino.edu/gallery

Mendocino College Dance Department presents the 42nd Annual

Spring Dance Festival

May 2 - 5, 2024



Original Dance Works · Live Music · Visual Arts