



**MONTEREY PENINSULA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015**

CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 3:14 PM
To: ALL USERS; Student All Users
Subject: Veteran Suicide Prevention Workshop

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged
Expires: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 8:00 PM

Sent on behalf of Student Health Services. Any questions may be directed to Brianna Anderson at 646-4017 or banderson@mpc.edu.

Veteran Suicide Prevention Workshop:

Includes an evidenced based practice experiential activity on

Guided Mindfulness Meditation



Where: MPC Sam Karas Room at the library

When: February 25th 6-8pm

****Snacks and Refreshments will be Provided***



Contact Student Health Services for more information (831) 646-4017 or Presenter Ben Albracht, balbracht@csumb.edu

Brianna Anderson
Project Coordinator
Making Sense of Student Life
Monterey Peninsula College
Student Health Services
(831) 646-4017



An advertisement for "at-risk Gatekeeper Training". It features a man in a suit and glasses standing in front of a computer monitor. The monitor displays the website "kognito.com/ccc" and a "START NOW" button. To the right, the text "at-risk Gatekeeper Training" is displayed. On the left, a dark box contains the text "STRESSED STUDENTS: How you can help" and "Learn how to identify, talk to, and refer students in this innovative online training." The background shows a desk with books and a framed certificate.

Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:13 AM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: AATAT Performance on 2/28/15, 7pm at MPC Theatre

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Expires: Saturday, February 28, 2015 7:30 PM

Please see the message below from Larry Walker.

On Saturday, February 28 at 7:00pm, MPC is hosting UCSC's African American Theater Arts Troupe (AATAT) at the MPC Theatre. Admission is free. The cultural enrichment theatre performance is funded through MPC's EOPS/CARE, TRiO Programs, and CalWORKs.

Thank you,
Larry Walker

Monterey Peninsula College's Annual Community Play-23 years and running...

Written by: Leslie Lee

Directed by: Don Williams

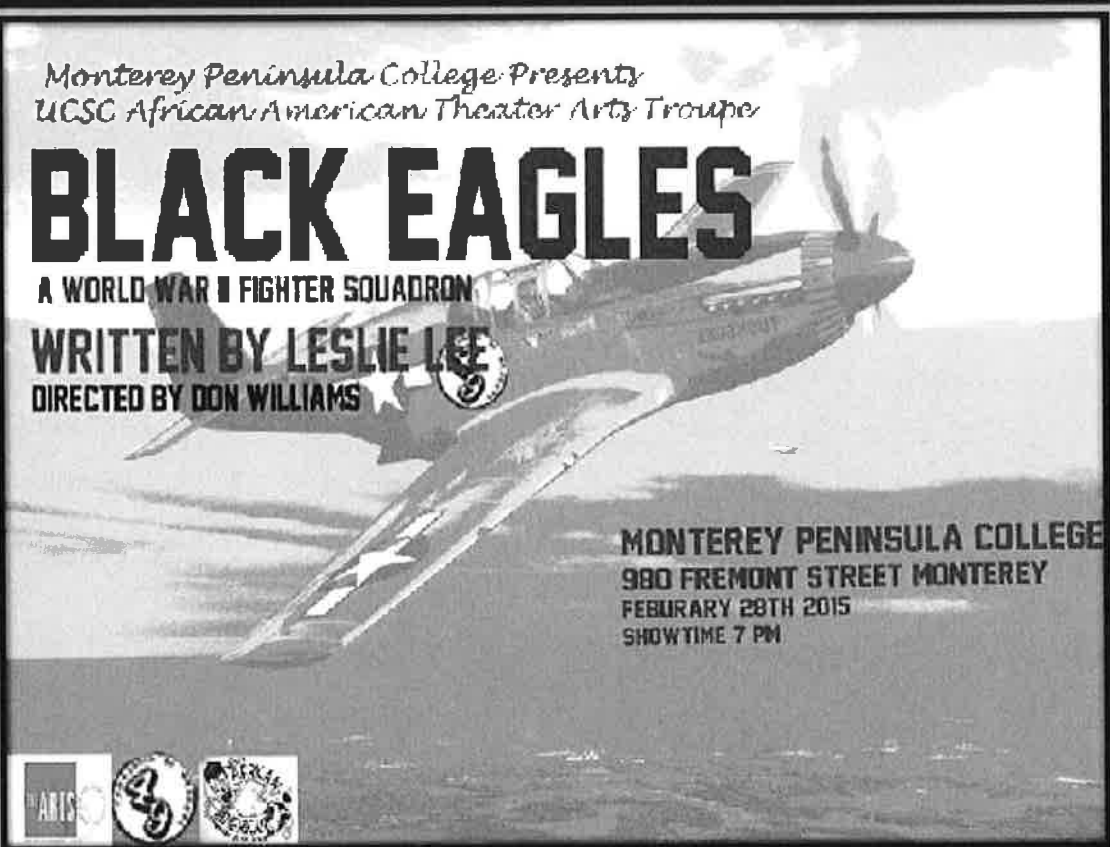
Produced by: The African American Theater Arts Troupe in conjunction with the UCSC Theatre Arts Department

Black Eagles

Showtime: Saturday, February 28, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Free Admission

Location: Monterey Peninsula College Theater




Monterey Peninsula College Presents
UCSC African American Theater Arts Troupe

BLACK EAGLES

A WORLD WAR II FIGHTER SQUADRON
WRITTEN BY LESLIE LEE
DIRECTED BY DON WILLIAMS

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE
980 FREMONT STREET MONTEREY
FEBRUARY 28TH 2015
SHOWTIME 7 PM



Contact 831-646-4290 for more information

Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 11:02 AM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: Early Alert Assistance
Attachments: Early Alert Spring 2015.doc

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Expires: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 5:00 PM

Please see the information below regarding Early Alert Assistance for students.

We are all striving to connect with our students and provide them with support services necessary to be successful in their academic endeavors. Early Alert Assistance is a program which is a stepping stone toward higher student retention. Please review the attached document and contact Larry Walker (ext. 1372) if further assistance or clarification is needed.

Thank you,
Carrie
Carrie E. Craig
Matriculation Services Specialist
Counseling Department
(831) 646-4021

Shawn Anderson

From: Leslie Procive
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:28 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FW: LOBO GEAR NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

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Sent on behalf of the MPC Athletics Department

Greetings:

MPC Athletics has opened its first online store. The store is open now through March 9. Items will be shipped directly to buyers by March 27. The Athletic Department plans a new store three times a year, offering new items and continuing with the most popular.

I've provided a link below.

<http://www.au1988.com/SearchResults.asp?cat=328>

Thank you for shopping!

Christine

Christine Hunsley
Division Office Manager
Monterey Peninsula College
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Monterey, CA 93940
831-646-4220
Fax: 831-645-1334

Shawn Anderson

From: Leslie Procive
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:49 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FW: Mark Your Calendars - MPC Online Training and Coffee & Chat Sessions Return for Spring 2015

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Sent on behalf of the MPC Online Support Team

Greetings MPC Faculty

The MPC Online support team is pleased to share a schedule of new and returning MPC Online training sessions for the spring semester. The following professional development opportunities are designed to help you become more comfortable using MPC Online to support face-to-face and fully-online courses.

Here are some of the workshops and other professional development opportunities starting this month:

1) MPC Online Faculty Certification Workshops

The MPC Online Faculty Certification courses are designed with faculty needs in mind. You will receive usable tips for designing and teaching quality online courses. Each course is 4 weeks long. **Register Today!**

- COTL2: Introduction to Teaching with MPC Online (Moodle LMS Training) — begins February 23, 2015.
- COTL4: Designing Effective Online Assessments – begins April 6, 2015

2) Using MPC Online to Support Face-to-face Instruction - NEW for Spring 2015

- ***Register today for the first cohort which starts February 23, 2015! You may attend either of the two weekly sessions—Tuesdays 2-3:30 OR Fridays 1:15-2:45.***

This 4-week hybrid online course covers the basics for getting started with MPC Online. You will learn how to setup your MPC Online shell, organize and present content, setup an online gradebook, track attendance, and create online activities including discussion forums and quizzes. We will meet once a week for 1.5 hours for 4 weeks (If you need to miss a week, you'll still be able to see the material and do the work entirely online).

3) Faculty Coffee & Conversation Sessions are back for *Spring 2015*

Come to the MPC Online Coffee & Conversation sessions to meet other online faculty, learn new ideas, share strategies, and eat doughnuts! Join us the **2nd and 4th Fridays of each month** from **11am to noon in LTC 317** for conversations about effective online teaching and learning. ***No registration required!***

- **February 27:** Student Retention Tips and Strategies
- **March 13:** Helping Students Gauge Their Understanding of Course Content Through Lessons, Self-checks, and Quizzes
- **March 27:** Using Rubrics to Efficiently and Effectively Grade Student Assignments

Visit the [full schedule](#) of Coffee & Conversation sessions online.

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Jon Knolle, Ed.D.
Associate Dean of Instructional Technology & Development

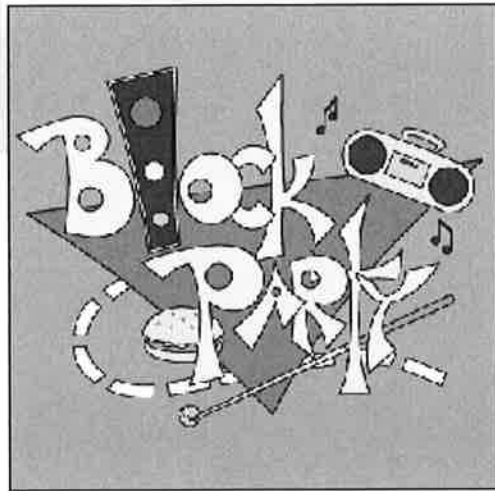
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Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 8:57 AM
To: ALL USERS; Student All Users
Subject: Lobo Day - February 25th!!!

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Expires: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 5:00 PM

Sent on behalf of ASMPC.



Lobo Day Block Party!

**Come and learn about MPC
services and clubs & enjoy
free food & entertainment!**



**Wednesday, Feb. 25th
10 am to 2 pm
Student Center**



Julie Osborne
Student Activities Coordinator
Monterey Peninsula College
(831) 646-4192

Shawn Anderson

From: Shawn Anderson
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 11:48 AM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: MPC Lobos Booster Club

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SENT ON BEHALF OF THE MPC FOUNDATION



Booster Club



JOIN THE PACK!

Dear MPC Lobos Fan,

Did you know that MPC student-athletes have a **higher Grade Point Average** than the overall full-time student population at MPC?

MPC student-athletes also have **higher transfer rates**.

Students like Felicia Villarruel, who came to MPC from Soledad high school, are giving their best in class and in their sports. Felicia is studying Psychology and maintaining a 3.3 GPA. She is currently ranked **2nd in the State for Free Throw percentage**, and **10th in the State for Scoring**.

The MPC Foundation is proud to work alongside the Athletics Department to raise funds for student athletes through the Lobos Booster Club. We want our coaches and athletes to know that their hard work is important and their goals are worthwhile.

You can be a part of the action by cheering for the Lobos at a sporting event, participating in one of the activities featured below, and of course, by Joining the



Felicia Villarruel, Class of '16
Women's Basketball Shooting Guard

Pack!

**Thank You
Booster Club
Members!**



**Click here to see who has
already Joined the Pack!**

The Booster Club provides resources for critical program costs. From the gridiron to the baseline, the backstop to the back nine, our members' contributions provide student athletes on all playing fields with an opportunity to succeed!

**Meet the
Lobos Booster Club
Committee**



Birt Johnson, Chair
Wendy Bates
Charles Brown
Bill McClintock
Ron Johnson
Joy Junsay
Lewis Leader
Hansen Reed
Patrick Stafford

Lyndon Schutzler, Advisor
Beccie Michael, Advisor

**Meet our Student
Athletes**



Friday, March 20, 2015
The Nicklaus Club Monterey

Golf Tournament
(\$200/ea or \$700/foursome)
\$1,000,000 putting challenge!
Prizes on all 5 par 3's
MPC Student Athletes hosting mini-games throughout the course



Featuring MPC Alum and Chicago Bears Quarterback, David Fales

Wine Trolley & Dinner
(\$149)

An unforgettable journey sampling wine in the alluring Carmel Valley, including picnic lunch, followed by dinner at the Nicklaus Club.

Click Here to Register Today!
or call 1-800-348-2486

**MPC Foundation & the Lobos Booster Club Present
1st Ever Rubber Ducky Drop!**



Following in the flightpath of the wildly popular Rubber Chicken Drop, hundreds of sweet little (rubber) ducklings will attempt to take flight from a helicopter hovering over the MPC Baseball Field on April 18th prior to the MPC vs. Hartnell game. Their destination? Three targets on the baseball field - each corresponding with a lucrative cash prize.

CASH PRIZES!
1st Place: \$500
2nd Place: \$300
3rd Place: \$100

Tickets for sale now at mpcfoundation.org/rubberducky.
\$20/duck or 6 for \$100.

Get Your Lobos Apparel - Now Available Online!



Show your Lobo spirit by attending one of our games! Did you know Lobo Booster Club members get into all home games free? Join today!



By the way, you'll need some new gear to wear to all the games you'll be attending. Buy Lobo Gear by March 9 and proceeds support the Athletics Program at MPC!



Brianna Harris
Class of 2016

Position: Softball Pitcher
Major: American Sign Language
Hometown: Pacific Grove

"Playing softball at MPC helps keep me focused on my goal of becoming a teacher for the hearing impaired."



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HALL OF FAME
MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE

**Join us for the 24th Annual
Hall of Fame Banquet**

Distinguished Alumni of the Year
Vince Cardinale, David Clemens, Joe Shammass

Lobo Hall of Fame
Jerry Greenwell, Joanne Grier, Tisha Palma, Squeaky Parker

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2015
Time: 6:00 PM - No-host cocktails, 7:00 PM - Dinner
Place: Ferrante Bay View Room, Marriott Hotel
Price: \$75

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

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From: Leslie Procive
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 8:21 AM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FW: Success Over Stigma Presentation March 4th

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Sent on behalf of Student Health Services. For inquiries, please send to Brianna Anderson at banderson@mpc.edu.



Student Health Services Proudly Presents:

Success Over Stigma Presentation By:



What: Success Over Stigma is a community advocacy and educational outreach program dedicated to eradicating the stigma associated with mental illness. Success Over Stigma is a forum where the presenters will share their personal experiences of mental illness with the community-at-large.

When: Wednesday March 4, 2015 12-1pm

Where: Almaden Room in the Student Center

Why: To reduce the stigma associated with mental health struggles so that people feel able to seek help, feel supported, and have the opportunity to live an improved quality of life.



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STRESSED STUDENTS:
How you can help

Learn how to identify, talk to, and refer students in this innovative online training.



at-risk
Gatekeeper Training

kognito.com/ccc

START NOW

Shawn Anderson

From: Leslie Procive
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 2:35 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FW: Online Student Retention Tips and Strategies - Feb 27th MPC Online Coffee and Conversation
Attachments: iCal-20150223-142117.ics
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Sent on behalf of the MPC Online Support Team

Greetings MPC Faculty

We are pleased to announce the return of the **MPC Online Coffee and Conversation** sessions this semester. Our first conversation will take place this **Friday, February 27th from 11:00 a.m.-noon in LTC 317**. Join us this week for a conversation about **Online Student Retention Tips and Strategies**. This week's conversation is facilitated by Jaye Luke and Steve Bruemmer.

This session is intended to stimulate conversation about increasing student retention in online courses. Our conversation will include the following topics:

- Variables that impact retention in online courses
- How to intervene early with tools already available to you through MPC Online
- Tips to reduce technical issues/concerns that frustrate students
- How to build community in your online course

... share your own ideas too! Join us for a great conversation ... and to eat doughnuts! **No registration required**. Add this event to your calendar by double-clicking on the attached calendar icon.

A fundamental goal of MPC's Institutional Committee on Distance Education is to support the development of high quality online learning environments that facilitate student engagement and promote learning. Learn more by visiting <http://mpconline.mpc.edu> and clicking the link to Faculty Training & Support.

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Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 12:27 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: Welcome Home Veterans Training
Attachments: MPC Welcome Home Training Flyer.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged
Expires: Friday, April 10, 2015 5:00 PM

Please see the message below from Eileen Crutchfield.

The Welcome Home training is a program for faculty and staff about the specific readjustment and mental health needs of student veterans. The major objectives of the training are to increase awareness about military culture, the transition challenges veterans face when leaving the military, and the particular stressors faced by student veterans, including the signs and symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and suicide so that faculty and staff can better understand how these conditions might impact student success in the classroom and on campus. The Welcome Home training is a four-hour training that includes three hours of lecture and one hour dedicated to a panel made up of student veterans.

Eileen Crutchfield
Veterans Certifying Official
CalWORKs
Categorical Services Coordinator

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.cccstudentmentalhealth.org

Toll-free: (855) 304-1647



Student Mental Health Program

Training and Technical Assistance for California Community Colleges

Welcome Home Veterans on Campus

Tuesday, April 7th, 2015

Check-in at 12:30pm; Training from 1:00pm – 5:00pm

**Monterey Peninsula College – Lecture Forum 103
980 Fremont Street, Monterey, CA 93940**

The California Community Colleges Student Mental Health Program, in partnership with **Monterey Peninsula College**, is now offering the *Welcome Home Veterans on Campus* training.

This is a 4-hour, **NO-COST** training for faculty and staff about the specific readjustment and mental health needs of student veterans. The major objectives of the training are to increase awareness about military culture, the transition challenges veterans face when leaving the military, and the particular stressors faced by student veterans, including the signs and symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and suicide so that faculty and staff can better understand how these conditions might impact student success in the classroom and on campus. This training includes three hours of lecture and one hour dedicated to a panel made up of student veterans.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Campus staff and faculty, neighboring community colleges, UCs and CSUs, as well as community based organizations and county mental health.

TRAINING DETAILS:

Time: Check-in at 12:30pm; Training from 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Location: Monterey Peninsula College, 980 Fremont Street, Lecture Forum 103, Monterey, CA 93940

Cost: NO CHARGE

Questions? Contact Kari DeCelle, Project Manager at CARS at kdecelle@cars-rp.org or Eileen Crutchfield, MPC, ecrutchfield@mpc.edu, 831-646-4025.

To REGISTER for this important training, visit:

CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

4 Hours Continuing Education for BRN, MFT, LCSW, LEP, LPCC, and AOD Counselors are available. C.E. Hours are offered by the Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS) for \$25.00.

Payment available online for CEHs during registration. No CEH payment accepted onsite.

CARS is an approved provider for BRN, (Provider #16303), BBS (Provider #2190), and CAADAC (Provider #4N08-923-0814).

Shawn Anderson

From: Amy Cavender
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 9:40 AM
To: ALL USERS; Student All Users
Subject: Tickets for Joyce Carol Oates event now available at HSS109

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Expires: Thursday, March 26, 2015 5:00 PM

Please contact Henry Marchand with questions.

Advance tickets for The MPC Guest Authors Series' March 26 reading/discussion/book signing featuring National Book Award winning author Joyce Carol Oates are now available in the Humanities Division Office, HSS109.

The event will take place in the Monterey Peninsula College Theatre. Doors will open at 6:15 PM and the event will begin at 7 o'clock.

Tickets are \$20 each. However, current MPC students receive an exclusive 50% discount on advance ticket sales. This discount is for MPC students only and applies only to tickets purchased between now and March 25 (the day before the event).

All tickets that remain unsold will be available at the event for \$20 each.

Ticket sales are by cash or check only.

Questions about this event should be directed to Henry Marchand at hmarchand@mpc.edu

Information about the Guest Authors Series, and video of past Series events, may be found at mpc.edu/creativewriting

This event is made possible in part by the MPC Creative Writing Program, English Department and Humanities Division, The MPC Foundation, The Arts Council for Monterey County, and The Monterey County Weekly.

From: Vicki Nakamura
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 3:57 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting Agenda for Monday, March 9, 2015

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meets Monday, at 3:00 PM, in the Sam Karas Room, Library & Technology Center. The agenda is provided below, for a quick look.

For the complete agenda packet in pdf format, click on this link: <http://www.mpc.edu/about-mpc/campus-information/mpc-bond-measure/citizen-s-bond-oversight-committee/meeting-agenda-minutes>

MONTEREY PENINSULA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Monday, March 9, 2015
3:00 PM – Regular Meeting
Sam Karas Room, Library and Technology Center
Monterey Peninsula College
980 Fremont Street, Monterey, California

MEETING AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Introductions of New Members**
3. **Public Comment**
Members of the audience wishing to address the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee may do so during the public comment period. Under provisions of the Brown Act, the Committee is prohibited from discussing or taking action on oral requests that are not part of the agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes per person or as determined by the Committee.
1. **Purposes, Duties and Authorized Activities of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee/Review of Ethics Policy Statement** INFORMATION
Mr. David Casnocha, bond counsel from Stradling, Yocca, Carlson, and Rauth, will provide an overview of the purpose of the committee, its duties, and authorized activities as set forth in the Bylaws. Mr. Casnocha will also review the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Ethics Policy Statement.
2. **Review of the Ralph M. Brown Public Meetings Act** INFORMATION
Mr. David Casnocha will briefly outline the requirements of the Brown Act as it relates to the conduct of Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meetings.
3. **Approval of November 17, 2014 Minutes** ACTION

- 4. Accept Bills and Warrants Report** ACTION
The list of payments from bond funds expended through December 31, 2014 will be reviewed for acceptance by the committee.
- 5. Bond Expenditure Status Report** INFORMATION
The December 31, 2014 bond expenditure status report will be reviewed with the committee.
- 6. Bond Auditors' Reports for 2013-14** INFORMATION
The Independent Auditors' Report of the District's bond funds, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and the District's Bond Performance Audit Report, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, will be reviewed with the committee.
- 7. Monterey County Treasurer's Investment Report** INFORMATION
The bonds issued by the district have been invested with the Monterey County Treasurer's office. The Treasurer's Report of Investments for the quarter ending December 31, 2014 provides a review of asset allocation and investment performance.
- 8. Meeting Schedule** INFORMATION
Future meetings of the Committee are scheduled for:

 - Monday, June 15, 2015
 - Monday, August 10, 2015
 - Monday, November 2, 2015 (Annual Organizational Meeting)
- 9. Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics and Announcements** INFORMATION
- 10. Adjournment**

Shawn Anderson

From: Leslie Procive
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 4:20 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FW: Allen Griffin award nomination solicitation
Attachments: MPC Allen Griffin Award Recipients rev3-15.docx

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Sent on behalf of the Professional Recognition Board. Please direct any questions to Laura Franklin

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

The **Allen Griffin Teaching Award** is an award funded by the Community Foundation for Monterey County to reward and stimulate outstanding teaching. Award winners receive a cash award and a commemorative certificate.

The Allen Griffin Teaching Awards were established in 1982 by a bequest from Colonel Allen Griffin, a founder and former President of the Community Foundation for Monterey County and for many years a community leader in education and other fields. By designating the Allen Griffin Fund within the Community Foundation for annual teaching awards to outstanding teachers, Colonel Griffin intended both to reward and to stimulate superior teaching. Income from the fund is used for cash awards to outstanding teachers from the public secondary schools and the major accredited institutions of post-secondary education on the Monterey Peninsula. One teacher will be selected to receive an award from each eligible institution.

At MPC, the Professional Recognition Board (PRB) will review the nominations and will forward a recommendation to the Community Foundation for MPC's Allen Griffin Award winner for 2015.

- a. **Eligibility:** The Allen Griffin Award winner must be a full-time classroom teacher with at least three years of classroom teaching experience who has taught for at least the past two years at MPC. Previous award winners are not eligible (please refer to attached list).
- b. **Nominations:** Nominations should present evidence that the nominee has demonstrated sustained excellence in classroom teaching and has had a positive impact beyond the classroom at MPC, in his/her profession, and in his/her community. Current PRB members are not eligible to submit nominations.

Please provide detailed information in a narrative format to support your nomination, keeping in mind all of the elements listed under b. Nominations in the guidelines provided above.

Nominations are due by 5pm on Friday, March 27 to Laura Franklin, Dean of Instruction, at lfranklin@mpc.edu.

Laura Franklin
Dean of Instruction

MPC Allen Griffin Award Recipients

- 2013: Dr. Andres Durstenfeld
- 2012: (no awards given by Community Foundation due to funding decrease)
- 2011: Mr. Peter de Bono
- 2010: Mr. Mark Jenkins
- 2009: Ms. Beth Penney
- 2008: Ms. Constance Anne Gamiere
- 2007: Dr. Caroline Cook Carney
- 2006: Mr. David George Clemens
- 2005: Mr. Mark E. Clements
- 2004: Dr. Josef A. Gamper
- 2003: Ms. Allye Hobson-Robinson
- 2002: Ms. Diane Boynton
- 1998: Ms. Wanda Lockwood
- 1996: Mr. Homer L. Bosserman
- 1993: Dr. Phyllis Peet
- 1991: Mr. Elliot Roberts
- 1989: Mr. William Minor
- 1987: Mr. Chris Pappas
- 1986: Dr. Richard Kezirian
- 1984: Dr. David Yamada
- 1982: Dr. Grant Voth

Shawn Anderson

From: Leslie Procive
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 4:38 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: FW: MPC Online Tools for Practice & Self-Assessment - March 13th MPC Online Coffee and Conversation
Attachments: iCal-20150310-163254.ics
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Sent on behalf of the MPC Online Team

Greetings MPC Faculty,

We are pleased to invite you to join us this Friday for the next **MPC Online Faculty Coffee and Conversation** which will focus on **Tools for Practice & Self-Assessment (including lessons, flash cards, and practice quizzes)**. This mini workshop will take place this **Friday, March 13th from 11:00 a.m.- noon in LTC 317**.

This session is intended to stimulate conversation about **building practice and self-assessment into your MPC Online courses**. Our conversation will include the following topics:

- MPC Online **Lesson tool** to guide students through course content and confirm understanding
- Creating online **Flashcards** to help students study and master course concepts
- Use **Quizzes** for self-assessment with rich and meaningful feedback

... share your own ideas too! Join us for a great conversation ... and to enjoy coffee and treats provided by MPC's Hospitality students! **No registration required**. Add this event to your calendar by double-clicking on the attached calendar icon.

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Shawn Anderson

From: Shawn Anderson
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 4:24 PM
To: ALL USERS
Subject: Announcing the 2015 MPC President's Award

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Announcing the 2015 MPC President's Award Honoree



Mr. Charles Page

Please join us in honoring Mr. Page's outstanding contributions to MPC and the community at

The 9th Annual

President's Address to the Community

May 1, 2015
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Lunch served at 11:45 am
Monterey Conference Center

\$60 per person
OR
\$750 to Sponsor a Table

[Register at mpcfoundation.org/pa15](http://mpcfoundation.org/pa15)



Connections Statue
Caroline Page Garden, MPC

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MPC beats Hartnell in women's hoops

By John Devine

You're going to win a lot when you produce the first 23 points of a game.

For Monterey Peninsula College, the frustration of winning 18 games last season and failing to make the playoffs serves as incentive down the stretch.

"There's some bitterness for the sophomores," MPC women's basketball coach Wendy Bates said.

The Lobos won their 16th game of the season Friday, emptying the bench in a 62-42 win over Hartnell.

Equally important was it kept MPC tied for second in the loss column in the Coast Conference with Mission, who it split its season series with.

"We're in the thick of the playoff picture," Bates said.

MPC has two games left in the conference season. A split will likely catapult the Lobos into the postseason.

"We started this important journey before we played Mission," Bates said. "We laid it out to the girls and hoped they could handle the situation. We felt beating Mission could go a long ways in helping our playoff chances."

The Lobos responded last week with a 60-55 win.

"That game helped us with the tiebreaker rules if it comes down to that," Bates said.

It also enabled the Lobos to control their own fate instead of relying on help.

MPC had little trouble in sweeping its season series with the Panthers, building as much as a 30-point lead in the first half.

"We wanted to keep that rhythm going," Bates said. "We added some new offensive formations."

In part that is because teams have been doubling or boxing high-scoring guard Felicia Villarruel.

"Teams are trying to stop Felicia," Bates said. "We struggled with getting into a flow of late. So we wanted to change some things. Tonight it served its purpose."

Villarruel, Soledad High's all-time leading scorer and the state's No. 10 leading scorer at 19.3 points a game, finished with a game-high 18 point in limited duty.

"You can't double Felicia if others are stepping up," Bates said.

Which is what has occurred in the last two games. Kyana Rivera and Alex Sierra both contributed 11 points for MPC, which came into the game averaging 65 points a game.

“It’s important to get some production from the guards coming off the bench as well,” Bates said. “We need our bench to give our starters a little rest and be productive on both ends of the court.”

For Hartnell, it’s been a tough two-year stretch as it suffered its 42nd consecutive loss.

Boys basketball

Palma 49, Monte Vista 37 >> The Chieftains have the Gabilan Division title all to themselves, improving to 10-0, holding Monte Vista to 11 points in the second half. Wyatt Maker led the Palma assault with 20 points while sophomore Jamaree Bouyea added 10.

Christopher 65, Seaside 45 >> The Spartans are limping to the finish, falling to 1-9 in the Gabilan Division. RJ Johnson and Andrew Jakubowsky combined for 21 points with Johnson finishing with 12 points.

Salinas 63, San Benito 46 >> LaRon Logwood and Nat Hunsdorfer combine for 30 points as the Cowboys went on the road to beat San Benito. Logwood finished with 16 points while Hunsdorfer finished with 14. Willie Gray added nine points and Nick Dainty eight. Richard Torres chipped in with four steals and four assists.

North County 66, North Salinas 47 >> Jordan Graves had 23 points, 14 rebounds and six assists while Jeremy Heitzman added 17 points as the Condors improved to 10-0 in the Pacific Division. Elijah Achay tallied 12 points for North Salinas while Nehemiah Daye finished with seven.

Alvarez 74, Gilroy 39 >> Deryck Benting had 20 points as the Eagles remained one game behind North County in the Pacific. Eddie Macias added 13 points while Bernard Gomez and Blake Kunkel each had 10.

College baseball

CSUMB 6, Western Oregon 2 >> San Benito graduate Greg Steinbeck tossed six innings in his first start, improving to 2-0 on the season as the Otters snapped a three-game losing streak. Will Rosado, Josh Heinz, Justin Flores and AC Nunez all had two hits for CSUMB, now 2-3 on the season.

Men’s basketball

MPC 77, Hartnell 70 >> The Lobos kept their playoff hopes alive, improving to 12-11 overall, sweeping their season series with Hartnell.

Girls soccer

Anzar 6, Marina 0 >> Michelle Serna and Charlene Tomasini both scored two goals as the Hawks shut out Marina. Goalie Dulce Martinez was credited with nine saves for Marina while Jocelyn Commabig was a standout.

Alisal 1, Alvarez 1 >> The Eagles battled the 14-2-1 Trojans to a tie.

York 2, Pacific Collegiate 2 >> Barring a stunning upset in their season finale, the Falcons will gain a share of their first Coastal Athletic League soccer title after playing the defending champions to a tie. Claire Galloway and Laura Bauman both scored goals for York, which is 7-1-1 in league play.

Monterey 2, Monte Vista 1 >> Aida Mora and Gabi Unowitz each had goals as the Toreadores won their second straight game.

Salinas 2, San Benito 1 >> Valeria Tellez and Alondra Partida both scored goals as the Cowboys are a step closer to a Gabilan Division title, improving to 8-0-2. Ashley Tibbs and Nicole Ellis each had assists while Sophia Tellez was credited with three saves.

‘Foreign Gods’ author Okey Ndibe talks storytelling at MPC

By Jeannie Evers

To novelist and political columnist Okey Ndibe, telling stories is a right and a privilege. It’s also essential.

“Stories are what make us human,” said Ndibe, who will be talking about storytelling at Monterey Peninsula College on Wednesday as part of its Guest Author Series.

Ndibe spoke shortly after a conference in Texas designed to pick books for students to read in their first year of college. He was there on behalf of his novel “Foreign Gods Inc.,” published in January of last year. It tells the story of Ike, a highly educated New York cab driver who decides to steal a statue of an ancient war deity from his home village in Nigeria and sell it to an art gallery that specializes in foreign gods.

“The novel raises several questions that students should be interested in,” said Ndibe, a professor of African literature at Brown University in Rhode Island. “One of these questions is of course the inevitable and important question of identity. ... Language also. How does language shape and form who we are, and how does language serve as a tool of inclusion and exclusion of a people?”

“Foreign Gods” was many Americans’ introduction to the Nigerian-born Ndibe, though it was his second novel. His first book, “Arrows of Rain,” written in 2000, was published for the first time in the U.S. last month. Both have been well-received.

He’s wrapping up a collection of essays about his early experiences in the U.S., “Going Dutch and Other American Misadventures.” The title refers to his embarrassing introduction to our habit of splitting restaurant bills. Another story surrounds him being suspected of bank robbery a mere 10 days after arriving here in 1988 as the founding editor of African Commentary, a magazine published by his mentor, “Things Fall Apart” author Chinua Achebe.

“I find it very rewarding,” Ndibe said of writing “Going Dutch.” “Some of the experiences I’m retelling. Some (like the bank robbery incident) were extremely frightening when they happened. ... But now when I tell the story, I tell it with a lot of humor.

“It’s good to look back, when things happen to you and you think, ‘I’m going to die today, that’s the end of my story.’ ... That story has become something that enriches me as a person.”

Though Ndibe has been in the U.S. for nearly 30 years, he remains deeply invested in his home country. Since 1999 he has written weekly columns in Nigerian publications that are often critical of “leaders” (he uses the term loosely) he sees as corrupt. As a result, he is listed as an “enemy of the state” and has been detained for two to 10 hours at a time at various airports around the world.

Recently, he has been disparaging of the approaching election between presidential candidates Muhammadu Buhari and incumbent Goodluck Jonathan. Neither is a good choice, he says.

“The country has been unfortunate in its elite, its leadership,” he said.

Seaside, MPC product at NFL combines

By John Devine

Through all the hardships, doubts and tough love, Terry Poole never stopped chasing a dream. Poor decisions kept him out of football his senior year at Seaside High.

“I had to get some personal issues in my life straightened out first,” Poole said.

Football was still his ticket to a different life.

“Coach (Al) Avila told me I had the talent to make it into the NFL,” Poole said. “But he said you have to get your life right.”

Those were words of wisdom that Poole never forgot.

Today the 6-foot-6, 310-pound offensive tackle has dreams of buying his mother a house.

Poole is spending the week in Indianapolis at the NFL Combines, where he will field questions from all 32 NFL teams, as well as be gauged and tested against other collegiate offensive tackles.

“He came from the bottom and turned his life around,” said Avila, Seaside’s longtime football coach, who has stayed in contact with Poole. “He’s come full circle. I’m so happy and proud of him.”

Big, strong, physical and fast, the 22-year-old is projected to go anywhere between the fourth and seventh rounds of the NFL draft, to be held in May in Chicago.

“He always wanted to be a defensive lineman,” said Avila, who coached him as a junior when Poole weighed just 220. “I told him ‘you’re an offensive lineman.’ He was so physical. Now he is going to make some money.”

Poole, who spent the last two years pancaking opponents for San Diego State, has already received interest from the Dallas Cowboys, Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks.

“It’s a blessing to get this opportunity,” Poole said. “I remember watching the NFL Combines. It’s like a dream. All my boys back home are hitting me up and watching me. It’s an honor to represent Seaside.”

And Monterey Peninsula College.

With his senior year in high school a washout, Poole went to MPC, where he took his academics as seriously as his prowess on the football field.

“For Terry, it’s one of the greatest success stories you’ll ever want to see,” MPC coach Mike Rasmussen said. “For us coaches, these are the real paydays. He got in trouble and straightened his life out.”

“Football can be a great vehicle for life. He put the work in,” Rasmussen said. “But every day, it was tough love. The great redemption quality is school was actually important to him. He went out and got his degree.”

Two dominating years at MPC earned Poole a full-ride scholarship to San Diego State, where he went from a pass-oriented attack at MPC to a run-heavy offense. He also showed up on the radar of NFL scouts.

“I just matured,” Poole said. “Coach Rasmussen told me I had a bright future if I put the work in. I love the game. I knew I would play again. I just had to get my life together. I wanted to make this a career.”

Poole is a step closer to achieving a dream. His size and speed are an immediate attraction. He also made an impression in January at the East-West Shrine game in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he ran into Tampa Bay linebacker and Seaside graduate Mason Foster.

“He came and watched me practice,” Poole said. “Mason told me to stay confident and keep going hard.”

If Poole is drafted, he will become the third Seaside product in the last four years, joining Foster and current Buffalo Bills linebacker Ty Powell. He will also become the third former MPC player in three years to be drafted, joining Powell and current Bears quarterback David Fales.

“I just kept getting more knowledge,” Poole said. “I know what the opportunities were in front of me. The main thing is I got more aggressive on the field. I got my life together off the field.”

Poole did the Wonderlic test on Wednesday, along with flexibility testing. Thursday he will look to impress NFL coaches on the bench press before doing a full workout on Friday, which will include a 40-yard dash.

“I’ve run 5.1 in the 40,” Poole said.

Poole, who speaks to troubled youth, remains in touch with Rasmussen and Avila.

“He came over during one of our games this year,” Rasmussen said. “We sat and talked after the game in my office for I don’t know how long. His mother sent us a copy of his degree from San Diego State. We have it hanging in our office.”

Poole has used his past as incentive to push forward and never fall back.

“He can continue to get better physically,” Rasmussen said. “He’s got a big upside.”

Rather than being nervous about making an impression on 32 NFL teams, Poole is excited to put himself on stage and demonstrate that what he has shown on film is the real thing.

“This is a chance to put myself in a higher draft spot,” Poole said. “I’m not afraid of the challenge. This is a big opportunity. I’m so grateful and taking it all in.”

Nigerian author Okey Ndibe grew up in war but comes to MPC today with a message about stories.

By Walter Ryce

Like many people who are driven to live life fully, to find and propagate meaning out of it, Okey Ndibe grew up, as a child, in war. In his native Nigeria, it was the Biafran War, a conflagration of ethnic civil war and imposed famine in the late '60s that accounted for more than 1 million deaths. It was exacerbated by the arbitrary and divisive political boundaries imposed by the British Empire.

He moved to the United States on the invitation of Nigerian literary legend Chinua Achebe (*Things Fall Apart*), who would become a mentor, and he studied and wrote and railed against injustice.

He earned an MFA and PhD from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He edited Achebe's acclaimed African Commentary magazine. He won the 2001 Association of Opinion Page Editors award for his essay "Eyes to the Ground: The Perils of the Black Student," about the lower standards expected of black students. He's taught at Connecticut College, Bard College, Trinity College and, as a Fulbright scholar at the University of Lagos.

He lives in New England with his wife and three children, but he's been back to Nigeria. And he's been arrested there for his writing.

He's on the West Coast as part of a Northern California tour as a guest of Monterey/Northampton poet Kathryn Petrucci's program Literary Cadences ("a new kind of exchange between the Central Coast/Bay Area and literary-rich western New England").

Ndibe's itinerary is meandering through talks and signings at San Francisco State University, Books Inc. in San Francisco, Book Passage in Corte Madera and Moe's Books in Berkeley. The latter of which was yesterday.

He was slated to conduct an intimate storytelling workshop at Henry Miller Library this coming weekend, but that's been cancelled. But his reading and talk at Monterey Peninsula College, as part of the school's Guest Author series, is still on, 2:30pm today, Wednesday, at Lecture Forum 103. It costs \$10. He's reading from his 2014 book *Foreign Gods, Inc.*, about the adversarial relationship between Western and African values, capitalism and spirituality, played between a corrupt New York art dealer and a desperate Nigerian economist/cabbie. *NPR* named it one of the best books of 2014.

Ndibe responded, in writing, to a series of questions by email, and called this morning to amend one of his responses to the question about the importance of stories: "To be able to share your stories with the community, it's a privilege."

Then he had to hang up to attend to a finicky GPS app and navigating Bay Area highways and freeways as he heads our way.

Weekly: Why are stories important? In particular, why are they important for non-writers?

Okey Ndibe: I'd suggest that the capacity for telling stories is the single most important distinction between humans and animal species. We use the broad economy of stories to keep our memories alive, to wrestle with—and often resolve—our ethical challenges, and to keep the relationship between the past and present vital. Among other things, stories define us, shape our identity. They embody ethical and moral outlook. They enhance our innate human desire for aesthetic pleasure, and they offer us one of the best ways for posing the most important challenges of being human. I'd go as far as contending that any society that's indifferent to stories—or permits the repression of them—is to that extent impoverished, weakened, vitiated.

What will you tell people at Monterey Peninsula College?

I'll remind them why stories are at the heart of being human. And I'll use my own stories as well as my Igbo society's strictures and stipulations on stories to underscore the point.

When was the last time you were in Nigeria? You've been arrested for political reasons 5 times in Nigeria. What were the circumstances?

I was last in Nigeria last December. Well, in 2011, Nigeria's security agents arrested and detained me at the international airport in Lagos. The reason? My name had been included on a list of "enemies of the state" on account of my weekly column, which I began to write in 1999. I guess that the column's unsparing denunciation of corruption in Nigeria—and of the contemptible political class that's all but ruined the country—finally riled some beneficiaries of corrupt power. The airport detentions—there have been five in all, for anything between two and 10 hours—represent the government's mode of push-back. No question, the idea is to intimidate me. But I won't be intimidated. Fear is a choice, and I have chosen not to fear.

I understand there was an attack in Nigeria by Boko Haram [yesterday]. What needs to happen for Nigeria to find peace? What do you do in toward that end?

Boko Haram incessantly explodes suicide bombs and carries out other kinds of violence, including arson, kidnappings and videotaped killings. For Nigeria to find peace, the military should be equipped and trained to fight and defeat Boko Haram and other groups that use violence against innocents to achieve their ends. That's in the short run. In the long run, we must refashion Nigeria as a society based on the rule of law—where the law operates in a blind manner, indifferent to ethnicity, status, religion or such like. At the moment, Nigeria is something of a legal jungle where the biggest, most egregious criminals—those who betray their high political and corporate offices—are hardly ever prosecuted. Once we establish a society where public resources are used, in the main, for public purpose—rather than to serve the greed and gluttony of a few—then the Nigerian state is bound to witness a dramatic reduction in organized violent crimes, even those fueled by religious fundamentalism.

There are many people in Monterey County whose first language is Spanish or something other than English. What is your advice to people who are trying to improve their grasp of the English language?

I'd suggest that they bear in mind that the acquisition of any other language, in this case English, is a marvelous undertaking. It'd be a shame if they saw the issue as a contest, say, between Spanish and English. They should grow in Spanish whilst trying to master English.

***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* is the story of William Kamkwamba from Malawi [who] went to Dartmouth. Have you seen the film? Are there similarities in both of your experiences?**

I have heard about the film, but no, never seen it.

What authors are popular in Nigeria? John Steinbeck?

Chinua Achebe and Wole Soyinka are the most well known authors in Nigeria. Of the Americans, years ago, it used to be such African American giants as Richard Wright, Langston Hughes, Toni Morrison, James Baldwin, Zora Neale Hurston, and Ralph Ellison. Also writers like William Faulkner, Steinbeck, Irving Wallace had their following. But the landscape of leisure reading has changed drastically. I'd hazard that, today, the most popular texts are religious books, Christian and Islamic, as well as "how-to" books. Readers are terribly interested in "how to" find wealth, health, happiness. Of course, bestselling American writers, like John Grisham, have their appeal.

MPC women's basketball falls to West Hills in playoffs

By John Devine

Felicia Villarruel knows her collegiate basketball career isn't over.

Yet, her chapter at Monterey Peninsula College is.

"It hasn't really hit me," the sophomore sharpshooter smiled.

Suddenly tears slowly began to stream down her face, as she turned and paused.

"This was my last game with my teammates and coach," Villarruel said.

The Lobos' magical season and return to the postseason was brief as they were eliminated Wednesday by West Hills of Coalinga, 61-35.

"I love the game," the Soledad High graduate said. "It wasn't my best effort tonight. But I left it all on the court."

As did her teammates. While it's a freshman-dominated roster, five players played their last game for MPC.

"Hopefully I can find a school that fits my academic needs," said the 5-foot-5 Villarruel, who will go to a sophomore showcase next month.

"We will find a place for her," MPC coach Wendy Bates promised. "She's got some schools that are interested."

With good reason.

There may not be a better pure jump shooter in the state.

Villarruel, the state's 10th leading scorer, commanded the attention of West Hills, a third-year program that set a school record this year with 19 wins and is ranked 20th in Northern California.

The Golden Eagles made a conscious effort to make sure that Villarruel wasn't going to single-handedly beat them.

"Wouldn't you?" Bates said. "It's not like we haven't seen it before."

What was different for MPC was not having two of their post players available for the game, including sophomore Darjhian Tennant, who suffered a dislocated knee cap.

"Our defense was a little flat tonight," Bates said. "Not having those two really affected us inside. We were getting outmuscled. It was a tough assignment. West Hills was a little more athletic, a little more longer."

The Lobos, who won 17 games this year to earn a playoff spot, were held to a season-low 14 points in the first half, hitting just five field goals.

“When I walked into the locker room at halftime, they were already giving themselves a pep talk,” Bates said. “I just told them there is no sense in holding back.”

A calm yet fiery Lobos squad came out and clamped down on West Hills, holding them to one point in the first five minutes of the second half, getting the crowd back into it.

“We made better decisions,” Bates said.

And the Lobos found other options offensively as Daniella Villegas and Alex Sierra triggered a surge that saw MPC cut the deficit to 13 with 7:01 left in the game.

“I wish we could have that first half back,” said Villarruel, who came into the game averaging over 18 points a game, but was held to 11.

The Lobos opened the second half with a 19-7 run, using six points from Sierra and four from Villegas.

“We switched a lot of our stuff,” Villarruel said. “It was working.”

Yet the energy it took to get back into the game caught up with MPC over the final five minutes as West Hills regained command of the game, closing it out with a 19-2 run.

“The margin of error is slim when you’re down by that much,” Bates said. “We started to press a bit. It’s tough to dig yourself out of that deep of a hole.”

While Villarruel knocked down a 3-point field goal early in the game, it’s about all that went right for the Lobos, who found themselves staring at a 25-point halftime deficit on their home floor.

Sierra, who played her final game for the Lobos, finished with 10 points while Villegas, a freshman from Salinas, came off the bench to produce six points.

MPC students bring Dr. Seuss characters to life

By Claudia Meléndez Salinas

It can be fun to try to imagine how a cat wearing a hat pops up in Sally and Conrad's living room.

But judging by the smiles on La Mesa Elementary School kindergarten students, nothing beats seeing the actual "Cat in the Hat" on stage.

"That was the best part," Kate Hutchinson, 5, said of seeing the Cat.

To celebrate Read Across America, students of La Mesa Elementary were treated to live readings of "The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham" courtesy of Monterey Peninsula College theater students. While Lane Edginton narrated, thespians dressed up as the Cat in the Hat, Sally and Conrad, Thing 1 and Thing 2, the fish and the mother moved about the stage reciting lines, carrying props and making gestures that made children laugh.

"We put it together in a week and a half," theater club president Melissa Kamnikar said. They gathered the props, painted cardboard with a fish bowl and a tea cup, and practiced acting out the books.

"We just reacted to everything the narrator was saying and tried to make it as colorful and fun as we could," Kamnikar said. "I'm happy how it turned out considering we had such a small amount of time to do it."

It's the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel — better known as Dr. Seuss — a day that's been embraced by elementary school educators across the country to celebrate his whimsical characters and reading in general. It's called Read Across America, and at La Mesa Elementary, most children were wearing red and white paper hats, whiskers and bows. This week they'll be writing essays and creating art inspired by Dr. Seuss characters that will be entered in a contest. It's all about inspiring children to read, said reading lab teacher Elizabeth Heff.

"It gets them excited about literature and characters," she said. "It shows how books are not just pieces of paper, it's a whole lot more."

The brainchild of the National Education Association, Read Across America is now in its 18th year and it's intended to motivate children and teens to read through special events. Several events are scheduled in Monterey County, including invitations for community members to read to students at Ord Terrace Elementary on Tuesday; a door decorating contest, mismatched socks day at Marshall Elementary, and a read out at San Lucas, San Antonio, San Ardo and Bradley schools. At the Dual Language Academy of the Monterey Peninsula, teachers and the principal dressed as Thing 1 and Thing 2.

"Inspiring our students about reading and the good company of good books are a big part of what teaching is all about," Dean Vogel, president of the California Teachers Association, said in a

statement. Vogel, like many high-profile educators, reads to students in Suisun City and Vacaville in Solano County.

“Reading skills last a lifetime and really are the foundation of all learning,” he said.

After performing for almost the entire school, the Cat, Thing 1 and Thing 2 led a parade for the kindergarten students of La Mesa Elementary. They were so excited it was hard to keep them quiet during lunch time.

“I liked all about it,” said Jacob Curtin, 6.

“I liked the Cat,” said Emilia Inhoff, 6.

“When the Cat came in, that was fun,” said Mahnoor Waqas, 7.