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Newsletter Issue No. 3, December 2021 \$[FNAME|Customer|Guest]\$, welcome to Marina Moments, the official

newsletter of the Marina Education Center!

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Beginning with the Spring 2022 Semester, all students are required to be fully

Vaccine Mandate Goes Into Effect Starting in Spring 2022

vaccinated against COVID-19 per MPC's Communicable Disease Policy. If you are not already vaccinated, we strongly urge you to start the process

NOW. The latest you can receive the first dose and meet this requirement is December 17, 2021. MPC will be holding a pop-up vaccine clinic on December 8 from 10 am-2 pm at

our Marina campus. COVID-19 vaccines are FREE and the first 100 students to receive the vaccine at this event will get a \$100 gift card!! You can also schedule an appointment at My Turn - California COVID-19

<u>Vaccine Scheduling & Notifications</u>. In addition, lists of Monterey County Vaccination sites are available in both **English** and **Spanish**. If you need help, contact MPC Student Health Services (SHS) at 831-646-4017. More information will be provided in the next few weeks regarding:

How and when to submit your proof of vaccination

- How to request an exemption for medical or religious purposes, if applicable
- What happens if you fail to show proof or request an exemption by the deadline
- Please continue to check your email regularly for important updates. We also

recommend you follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and

keep an eye on the COVID Vaccine page on our website: www.mpc.edu/vaccine

for information and resources. Spring 2022 Registration

Spring Registration has Started!

Priority Registration for Spring 2022 started Monday, November 15.

you want!

Dear MEC Campus Community,

 All students are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 (See below for more information)

• Priority Registration: November 15 - November 29

Open Registration: begins November 29, 2022

Here is some important information for Spring 2022:

- (Check when you can register in WebReg or on the web page linked above)
- Early Spring Classes: January 3 January 20, 2022 Spring Classes: January 21 - May 27, 2022

The sooner you register, the better your chances of getting the courses/sections

Starfish Survey

Engage, Promote, Connect (EPC) Title V Grant

excited about it's adoption across the college. As we continue to expand our Starfish system, we want to hear from you!

Your feedback is important to shaping how we develop and use Starfish at

MPC. Did you send or receive a flag, a kudos, or a referral? If so, click the link

below to tell us about your experience. What works for you? What suggestions

This semester MPC launched the <u>Starfish Student Success Network</u> and we're

do you have for improvement? Complete the Starfish Survey!

New Marina Education Center Team Staff



Carla Becerra

Work Based Learning Coordinator

Carla is a recent hire at Monterey Peninsula College. For three years she worked for the city of Salinas. She is a former CSUMB alumni member. During her time at CSUMB she was a Peer Mentor for the TRiO Program which is

excel during and after their time at MPC.

Teacher Credentialing Partnership Pilot Program (TCPPP)

where she found passion for higher education. She is excited to help MPC

students develop their educational and career goals as well as empower them to

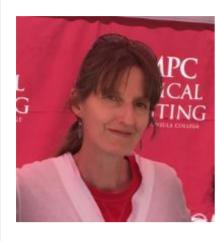
Nancy Gonzalez Reyes

Categorical Services Coordinator



Nancy Gonzalez Reyes is the Categorical Services Coordinator for the Teacher Credentialing Partnership Pilot Program, a collaboration between MPC and CSUMB to diminish the teacher deficit in our community. Previously, Nancy worked in K-12 as a Para-Educator and as a Residential Counselor in the Salinas Union High School District and Hollister, respectively. Her administrative experience sprouted in Hartnell College and UC Santa Cruz, where she studied History, Psychology, and Education and worked in the Office of Student Life and the Writing Program. She followed her newly sparked interests in helping students of all ages navigate necessary resources for their academic success and learning more about deficits in the education field through her undergraduate research in K-12 Bilingual Education and Political Propaganda. Nancy aims to use the knowledge acquired through the vast fields she has worked in to help prospective teachers obtain their credentials and make a difference in our community's future generations. In addition to her passion for education, Nancy enjoys hiking the outdoors and relaxing with her doggo Yoyo.

Faculty Spotlight



Monika Bell

Faculty Medical Assisting

What do you teach at the Marina Education Center and how long have you been with Monterey Peninsula College?

Ten years ago, I started working at MPC as the Medical Assisting Department Coordinator. I've been teaching academic and clinical courses in Monterey and Marina since then, some online and some in person.

What do you like most about teaching at the Marina Education Center (MEC)?

I like the quiet setting and ample parking space. Our classroom feels like home to our students and myself. The staff is very supportive as well.

What drew you towards or inspired you to work in your field?

a nursing apprenticeship at a mid-sized hospital where she worked. After moving to the US, I raised a family and worked as a CNA for several years. When I had the chance to attend college, I decided to become a medical assistant. I love that profession, and I feel very honored and privileged to teach prospective medical assistants all they need to know to be successful.

I stumbled into nursing back in Germany many years ago when an aunt referred me to

interesting or fun fact about yourself? I love cats. I also enjoy crafts, cooking, painting and listening to music.

When you're not working, how do you like to spend your free time?/What is an

How have you adapted your curriculum and teaching methods to support

students who are learning from home?

expertise and field of study?

It is always challenging to make lectures interesting and engaging – whether they are

breaking up dense material. Online teaching increased the need for very clear electronic communications and instructions. It is great that MPC offers a wealth of support service to online students, and the online help team is very responsive. What is the most impactful piece of advice you ever received in relation to your

delivered online or in person. Tools like videos, quizzes and questioning are helpful in

In my first job as a medical assistant, the person who trained me told me to always 'keep the rooms full' - meaning to keep the doctor busy seeing patients. Time

empathetic but efficient. She always put her patients first, which I have strived to do as well. What would you like students to know about you and what advice do you have for students interested in taking your course(s) and/or taking classes at the MEC?

management is very important in a busy medical office. Another mentor taught me to be

Medical assisting is a great way to explore career options in health care. The best thing to do is to see a counselor before enrolling in courses. Be assured that all MEDA

courses offer relevant material, and all of it is important. Our programs are intense but

interesting and fun. Student Activites & Resources

• Student Health Services Office Hours

In-Person, December 2nd, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, MA-403 (<u>RSVP</u>)

Walk-Ins: Thursday, December 9th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, MA-104 Resume Workshop

Upcoming MEC Activities

- Via Zoom, December 2nd, 2:30 3:30 pm (RSVP) • Pop-Up Clinic: COVID-19 Vaccines, Boosters, and Flu Shots
 - December 8th, 10:00 am 2:00 pm • COVID vaccines are FREE and the first 100 students to receive the
 - MEC Event Calendar

vaccine will get a \$100 gift card!!

Brain Teaser

What has no hands but might knock on your door, and

if it does you better open up?

Issue No. 2, September 2021 Newsletter Answer: The number 8

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