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Dear MiraCosta Faculty and Staff Colleagues,

Welcome to the Spring 2026 semester! Happy new year! I hope you all had some rest and time away to spend with your loved ones. Attached to this email are the Spring 2026 Full-time and Associate Faculty Fact Sheets. This will be posted on the Instruction Office website later this week, but please save them to your files as a handy reference for the future. And, as the spring semester starts, there are some big changes I am excited to share with you all.

First, there have been some critical personnel changes in Instructional Services from last semester. Long-time Dean of Career Education, Dr. Al Taccone retired and Dr. Annie Ngo has been selected as the new Dean of Business and Technology as his replacement. Welcome, Annie! Dr. Ngo's office will be located on the Oceanside Campus in OC 3610. Dr. Lauren Halsted, Dean of Humanities, Communication Studies and Math, will now be serving as the site administrator for the San Elijo Campus. Lauren will be at San Elijo in the Dean's office in the Administration building (SAN 1123). With these changes, Susan Corley and Becky Kassab will continue to support Business and Technology career education programs and will be moving to Oceanside, and Daria Davis and Monique Reeves will continue supporting Humanities, Communication Studies, and Math and will be moving to San Elijo. Please feel free to stop by and say "hello" to all of these colleagues as they move into their new physical spaces.

Second, there are several facilities updates for the spring term. At the Oceanside Campus, the 4500 Science and Design Renovation is moving forward. Preparations for exploratory demolition will begin in January, followed by full implementation in March. This work will require a partial closure of Lot 3E, and Facilities will be sharing path of travel details shortly with all of you. The 3000 Series project (Social Justice and Equity Center, Social Sciences Hub, and Student Life) continues on-schedule for summer completion. This space will house almost 40 full-time faculty offices as well as associate faculty office spaces. More details will be shared later this semester. The Oceanside solar panel installation is nearing completion by mid-February, with parking lots 4C and 5A mostly open except for a brief shutdown January 5–9 for transformer installation. San Elijo's solar project is on track for late January completion, and all parking remains open there. Please keep in mind that traffic is always impacted the first few weeks of instruction, so please leave extra time for yourselves to park and move around campus if you are able. At the Student Services Building, the elevator repair is underway, and we are hoping for a final repair later this month.

I hope you all are enjoying the wonderful array of Flex programming this week. Many thanks to Aaron Roberts and the PDP committee and staff for creating a [vibrant schedule](#) of offerings. I am looking forward to seeing our associate faculty colleagues on Tuesday morning for orientation at 9:00 AM. Here's the zoom [link](#) for those associate faculty interested and able to attend. And, I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday for All College Day. The guest presenter will be Jose Antonio Vargas, author of *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen*. The Office of



IDEA will have a limited supply of *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* book copies for any staff or faculty that have not received a book yet. The schedule is below. Hope that you can join us for this exciting event!

8:15 a.m. - Breakfast, Concert Hall Patio

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. - Announcements and Important Updates, Concert Hall

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Guest Speaker: Jose Antonio Vargas – Author of *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen*, Concert Hall

I wish you all a wonderful start to the semester. Enjoy the sunshine this week and get ready for a great semester!

Best wishes,
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