New President SETS GOALS FOR Mission College

From college student to college president, Ernest H. Moreno has served in many capacities on community college campuses. In July of this year, the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees appointed him as president of Los Angeles Mission College.

Moreno brings a wealth of experience to the office. He has occupied positions on community college campuses ranging from student worker to classified staff member to administrator to faculty to vice-president to president. Recently completing 12 years as president of East Los Angeles College, he is approaching his new position with enthusiasm. He believes that Mission should take its rightful place as the educational center of the community. “Mission College is located in a strategic part of the valley, he said. “We have a tremendous need for higher education in this area and Mission is poised to answer that need.”

President Moreno has established a VISION PLAN with specific goals for the college during the coming academic year. These include stabilizing the leadership at the college with a management team composed of members of the Mission College community and some imported from ELAC on an interim basis. “I have been very impressed with the commitment to educational quality that I have seen from the faculty and staff at Mission,” he said. “Working together, we should be able to make Mission...Is Your Success

Parking Structure On Track For Spring Completion

Since taking the helm at Mission College, President Moreno has had frank discussions with student leaders, including Yesenia Franco (ASO vice president) and Jesse Martinez, president.

Calendary of FALL Events

September 6 - 7 & 13 - 14
ASO Club Day & Welcome Activities
Various times

October 2
Fall Intra-Session Begins

November 6
Transfer Fair • 10 am - 1 pm

November 8
Focus on Careers • 9 am - noon

November 9
Veterans Day Ceremony (tentative)
Time tba

November 10
Veterans Day Holiday • College closed

November 15
Fall Honors Ceremony • 5 pm

November 23-26
Thanksgiving Holiday • College closed

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Beauty is different things to different people. For a longtime construction guy like Nick Quintanilla, beauty is a building project that’s right on schedule.

“Actually, we’re a few days behind but we’re going to schedule some Saturday work-days to catch up,” said Quintanilla, Mission College project director for the Proposition A / AA program. Barring unpredictable winter weather, Mission College’s three-story parking structure should be completed on schedule in March 2007, he said.
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Transition to College

Sixty students representing a dozen high schools got an early start on higher education through the Bridge to College program. The students braved sizzling summer temperatures to attend classes in English, business, multimedia, humanities, and personal development. Workshops in resume-writing, financial aid and career planning (photo), as well as enrichment field trips, were part of the program. Many of the students went on to register for fall semester at Mission College.
Transfer Center Goes Full-Time
Mission College staff have known her as the “articulation person” for several years. Now Madeline Hernandez has a new assignment as head of Mission College’s Transfer Center. Great news for students: the center now becomes a full-time operation after years of maintaining only a partial schedule. Hernandez is excited about her new assignment and already has plans for a big Transfer Fair on November 6. Representatives from more than 20 universities and colleges are expected to be on hand to provide transfer information to Mission College students.

ASO Leader Plans for Fall
Jesse Martinez looks forward to an active school year in 2006-07. The ASO president says he would like to increase the number of student activities, including perhaps a rock concert, more club participation, and increased ASO-assistance for students who want to form clubs. Martinez, a veteran, also hopes to bring the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall to the college. At a recent “get acquainted” meeting with President Moreno, Martinez spoke bluntly. “We brought to his attention the need for more calculus-based physics, advanced chemistry, and biology classes,” said Martinez. “And more foreign languages, like Chinese.”

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Former Student Interns in Washington
When Joseph Chicas (LAMC ’05) considered an internship with the District of Columbia Superior Court last spring, he thought of his friend. That friend had been arrested, and Chicas—a former ASO vice president—ended up helping him through the legal process. Chicas said the internship with the DC juvenile intake unit was challenging...so much so that he is seriously considering law school after he completes his studies at UCLA.

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As we Prepare for Fall
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College the first choice for higher education to those in our service area.”
He noted that moving the college forward would include reinvigorating the academic programs at Mission. “Some departments are poised for growth and development,” Moreno stated. “We need to establish a schedule of classes that best reflects community needs.”

Spring 2008.

Family and Consumer Studies Building

Design of this building is expected to begin in September. It will house the college’s culinary arts program and include demonstration kitchens, classrooms, and a dining area. In addition to the culinary arts program, the building also will house a 10,000-square-foot bookstore, general purpose classrooms, and faculty offices.

Media Arts Center

The programming phase has been completed on this building which will include a performance theatre, art studios, graphic arts computing facilities, general purpose classrooms, and faculty offices. This project is scheduled to begin design in late 2007.

All projects above share state and Proposition A / AA funding.

Parking Structure continued from first page

Other Key Projects:

Campus Infrastructure

If you were away all summer, you won’t even know this happened. Digging and trenching created detours for students and employees who were on campus. But the payoff will be a more efficient campus, reduced utility costs, greater safety, and the groundwork for expanded communications lines in the future.

Campus Expansion / EIR & Master Plan / Health, P.E. & Fitness Center

President Moreno announced an agreement in principle for the college to purchase a 3-acre parcel at Eldridge Avenue and Harding Street, allowing the college to begin construction of a Health, P.E., and Fitness Center in Summer 2007. A second adjoining 8-acre parcel also will be acquired to allow for future college expansion. A new master plan and environmental impact report are currently being developed. The Draft EIR is due for release in mid-October.

Child Development Center

A request for bids will be released in September for this teaching and child care facility that will combine service with academic training for the community and students preparing for a career in child development. It is anticipated that this building will take approximately 14 months to complete and will be ready for occupancy in Fall 2008.

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Los Angeles Mission College

President Moreno begins an academic year that promises to be exciting and challenging. He is very optimistic that the college can achieve the goals that he has presented. “We have loyal and dedicated members of the college community. With such good people, our goals can become reality,” he said.