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Happy Holidays

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Merritt College Accreditation Follow-Up Report Updates

Special Early Edition!

AFR Steering Committee Meeting, Wednesday December 2, 2015



We are Making Progress....

The Merritt College Community has been tasked with a monumental undertaking, to create a Follow-Up Report in response to the nine recommendations cited in the ACCJC Action letter dated June 29, 2015. Through the process of collaboration and evidence collection, participants have forged alliances while working diligently to complete the initial drafts. Ninety per cent of the drafts were submitted by the requested due date and are currently in the process of review. Over the next month, the drafts will be painstakingly analyzed to determine if the written narratives sufficiently respond to the ACCJC Standards and Eligibility Requirements.

Undoubtedly, there is still be much work ahead in the upcoming months, as we strive to demonstrate evidence of sustainability and adherence to the proposed corrective actions. However, we are cautiously optimistic that sound systems are moving into place. The goal is to present an initial draft for College perusal on Flex Day. Please attend on Flex Day, Friday January 22, to preview the draft and contribute your input!! Thanks to our Co-Leads, Accreditation Website and Evidence Coordinators. Pictured above, left to right .

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SPOTLIGHT!

Dr. Annette Dambrosio!



The Accreditation Teams welcome Dr. Annette Dambrosio who was introduced at the Steering

Committee meeting on December 2. Dr. Annette Dambrosio will lend her expertise to the Accreditation effort as the District liaison tasked with formulating the response to the 8 District Recommendations.



Merritt College Mission Statement

The mission of Merritt College is to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve by helping students attain knowledge, master skills, and develop the appreciation, attitudes and values needed to succeed and participate responsibly in a democratic society and a global community.



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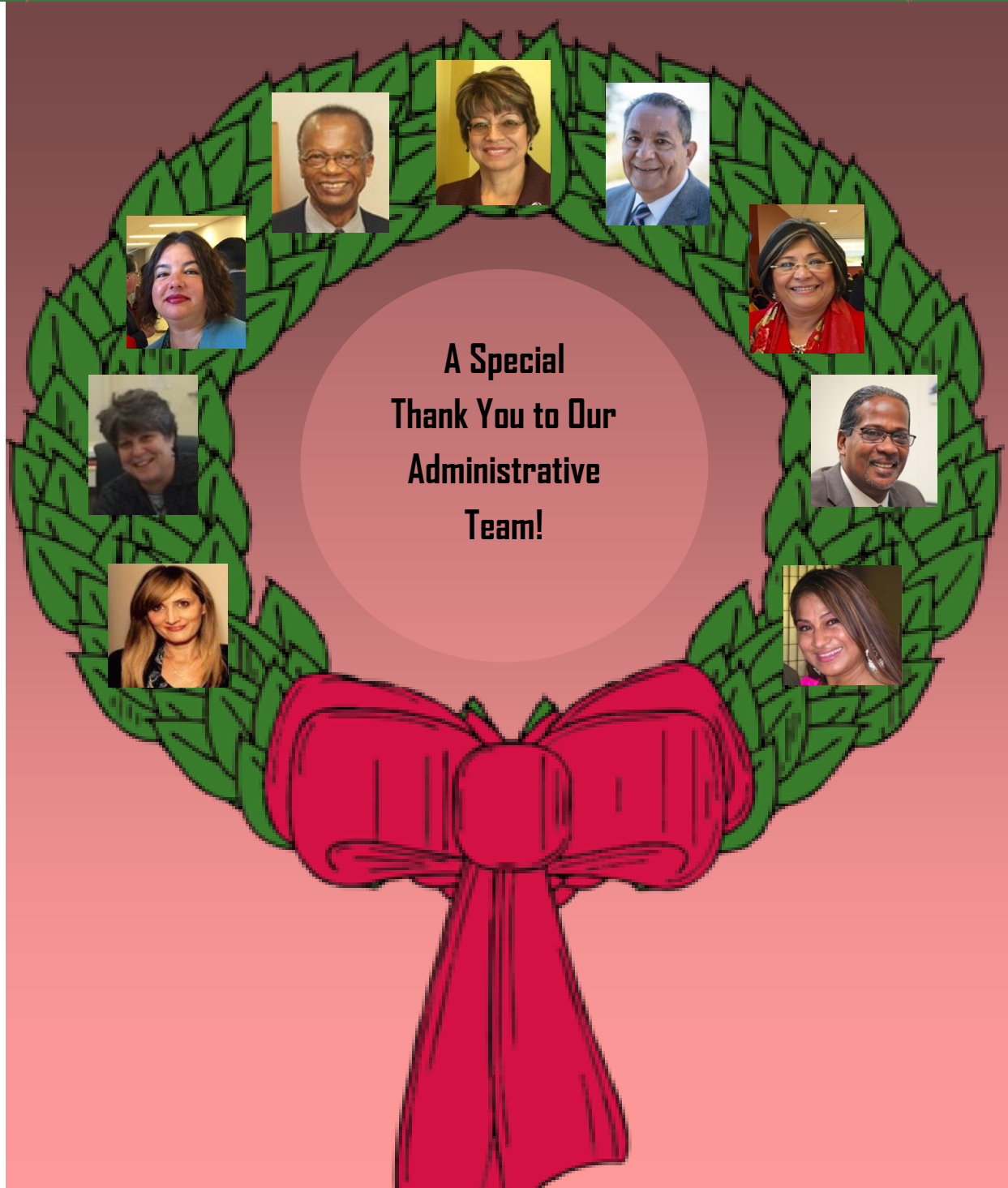
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Many thanks for the invaluable work of all Sub-Committee members. We now know that we have the commitment and the fortitude to mobilize during a crisis to get important work done. In our resolve to achieve reaffirmation of our accreditation we will continue the broad-based dialogue as we complete the work needed to refine the drafts and create a unified response.



Administrative Team



AFR Core Values and Vision Statement

Our Logo is symbolic of Merritt's collective diversity, ideas, and desire to work collaboratively to create a unified whole in efforts of restoring the institution's accreditation to excellence, and beyond...through inspection and evidence-based analysis we are reconstructing the puzzle to exemplify the shared vision, mission, and core values of the institution. — Dr. Mia Kelly