



THE CLASSIFIED VOICE

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Welcome back and welcome anew, everybody! We are fired up and ready to continue providing the best possible service to our students and community. You hold in your hands a special one page Flex Day issue of The Classified Voice. Our regular issue is brewing and we welcome your submissions. Contributions to The CV are welcome- please contact mbull@peralta.edu to learn more and to air you ideas. Onward!

The Spring 2017 Semester Arrives- Along with New Faces, New Places

That's right- on January 23rd we'll be welcoming new and returning students alike. We'll also be welcoming some new staff members and we'll see some familiar faces in new areas. Yes, there are upward opportunities for classified in PCCD! Last year transitions (what you might call a promotion ☺) within our ranks include... in July, Daraja Wagner went from Staff



Senator Margie Rubio,
Student Services Specialist

Assistant to Project Manager (CAFYES), shortly thereafter, Margie Rubio moved on up to Student Services Specialist. The fall saw Tara Marrero become permanent Facilities Services Specialist (following a stint as temp out-of-class in that same position).

After at least 10 years as Staff Assistant to the VPI (a few of 'em!), we congratulate our dear Doris Hankins as she moves into her new position as Program Manager/CA Career Pathways Trust. Doris is a Merritt College alum herself and will now be helping students who have completed Merritt programs to gain hands-on work experience through industry-partner externships. Look for a feature on Doris in our next regular issue of The Classified Voice!



We welcome brand-new hires Principal Library Tech James Gordon (Sarah Gallardo has moved on) and Rick Lopez joins us as A&R tech. Long-time hourly Alejandra Cerda has landed a permanent (well, grant-funded- let's cross our fingers) position as Div. II Dean Kunkel's Staff Assistant.

We also welcome our new and returning hourly employees whose hard work is so crucial to our functionality. (would you like to feature an hourly in The next CV's Hourly Minute Column? Contact mbull@peralta.edu)

Long-Term Classified Lorna Pascual Retires (43 Years of Service!!)



Lorna Pascual (R) bids adieu with Molly Sealund (L) who came to celebrate Lorna's many years of devoted service to our students & community

After 43 years of service to Merritt College, our beloved Lorna Pascual is now enjoying her retirement. We were sad to see her go, but sent her off in style with a December 15th party filled with cake & other deliciousness (ok, we threw in a goodbye to Biology faculty Hank Fabian too while at it).

We know Lorna will miss serving students and regularly visiting with her many friends and fans in her always tidily-appointed office, but there are no couch potato plans in Lorna's future. Among many other pursuits, Lorna will be traveling, enjoying and taking care of her grandchildren, making sure her roses and orchids continue to flourish, and much more. Lorna, we love you and wish you well!

Professional Development Survey coming your way!

Professional Development doesn't end with Flex Day - training opportunities are coming your way, Merritt classified. Watch your inbox- you'll soon see a survey invite landing there. We want to hear from you and tailor upcoming events to your needs. Fun is on the horizon too- share your ideas with the senate. Contact a senator or attend a senate meeting- every 3rd Tuesday 1:30pm, Rm L132.