



The Merritt Connection

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Dr. David M. Johnson, President

Merritt College Veteran's Connection Center



We are very pleased to announce that our project managers and campus leads (faculty, classified professional staff, and administration) met to discuss and approve plans for the Merritt College Veteran's Connection Center. The Center will be located in R-108 (we are initiating a full-redesign of the space, and we are planning to have a Grand Opening in Spring 2021. Given the number and the needs of these Merritt students, opening this Center signals our commitment to supporting and serving those who have served us.

ASMC ELECTIONS

Elections for the Associated Students of Merritt College were held on Monday, May 11 and Tuesday 2020, at 8:00 AM – Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 11:59 PM. Due to the COVID-19 concerns, candidates were unable to participate in their normal campaign ritual of posting fliers and tabling. As a result, students campaigned virtually by:

- Attending a Virtual Campaign Orientation via Zoom
- Creating and posting fliers to their social media pages,
- Posting campaign fliers, photos and statements on the Merritt College website

Students also participated in a virtual ASMC Candidates Forum via Zoom on Friday, May 8th, 2020. During the Forum, the candidates were asked questions by their peers, faculty, staff and administration.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Michael Cooper has been elected as the ASMC President for the 2020-21 academic year. Ms. Maya Henderson has been elected as the ASMC Treasurer for the 2020-21. As there were no candidates selected for the office of ASMC Vice President, a special election will be held in the fall semester to fill the post.



EMERGENCY AID GRANTS

Merritt College sent out messages to approximately 6300 students with information regarding Emergency Aid Grants. Within the first five minutes of disseminating the message, 700 students clicked the link to apply for funds. Here is a breakdown of the disbursements:

A. Hunger Free Emergency Food Grant

The Hunger Free Emergency Food Grant received 268 applications and we were able to award 200 students with a Safeway Card in the amount of \$100.



B. Student Equity & SEA (SEA) Grant

The Hunger Free Campus Grant received 314 applications and we were able to award 40 students with a \$500 one-time grant.

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

C. AT & T Oakland Promise Emergency Support Scholarship

The AT & T Oakland Promise Emergency Support Scholarship awarded 23 Merritt College students a one-time grant in the amount of \$100.

D. Peralta Dreamers Scholarship

The Peralta Dreamers Scholarship awarded 11 undocumented students from Merritt College a scholarship in the amount of \$150.

