



Board of Trustees Report



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Dr. David M. Johnson, President

Merritt College is excited to welcome back to our campus the *Pre-Collegiate Academy*. In 1991, the East Bay Consortium, in collaboration with the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) and Merritt College, instituted the Pre-Collegiate Academy (PCA), as a program specifically designed for students in Oakland middle and secondary schools. **The PCA was established to remedy the growing number of students from low socio-economic backgrounds who were not qualifying for admission to higher educational institutions.** As such, the PCA aims to increase the numbers by strengthening students' mathematical skills through summer enrichment courses and support services offered during the academic year. Merritt College has two administrators serving on the Board of Directors for the East Bay Consortium: Dr. Lilia Chavez, Vice President of Student Services, and Ree'shemah Thornton, Dean of Enrollment Services. We are so pleased that this partnership is back to hosting these students on campus!



I am pleased that Maria Spencer, the Merritt College Outreach Lead, has established a partnership between the College and *Black Girls in Blazers, Inc.* Founded by Ms. Felicia Harris, the organization is committed to offering young African American women practical solutions to everyday challenges. Understanding that Black girls are often stereotyped as being loud, overbearing, and hyper-sexualized, *Black Girls in Blazers* is committed to countering this narrative by providing opportunities for professional and personal development, while emphasizing the importance of self-confidence and accountability. Specifically, our collaboration will include creating an academic pathway to Merritt for all the participants in the program through customized dual enrollment classes. In addition, we will launch a College Expo that will showcase our career education programs for their members. Finally, we will work with them through our NextUp Program to provide support services to their foster youth.

ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT:

We are a little more than two weeks into the Summer 2022 Session, and the enrollment picture for the term is coming into sharper focus now that many students have been moved from the waiting lists into their sections, while others have dropped course as we have moved past the census date. As of Friday, June 23, Merritt College has Resident FTES of 293.41 (which is 83.2% of the projected enrollment target). The productivity stands at 14.41 (which is slightly above the Districtwide average).

Merritt College puts students first. Through our rich educational programs, we foster a culture of equity and inclusion that empowers students to achieve their greatest potential and make meaningful contributions to their respective communities and our global society.