



Board of Trustees Report



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Dr. David M. Johnson, President

ENROLLMENT



Merritt's fall 2022 enrollment projection is encouraging. With more than six weeks before the fall semester begins, Merritt is at 43.8% of its FTES target. In order to further bolster enrollment we are researching how we can best support our students. Our goal is to remove barriers that often keep students from applying, so we are looking into providing free childcare to those students who can't afford it on their own, Safeway and Merritt Cafeteria gift cards to address food insecurity, and book vouchers. Our focus is on assisting students who make too much to qualify for financial aid, but who find themselves experiencing serious financial hardships due to rising costs.

We are excited to report that Merritt's CE programs are flourishing. Our Dean of Allied Health and Public Safety, Marie Amboy, done an amazing job partnering with our exceptional CE department chairs and program directors to promote and administer programs that provide our students with lucrative careers in Medical Assisting, EMT and Fire Science, Nursing, Emergency Technician Services, Radiologic Science, Biosciences and the list goes on. The success in these areas has been so extensive that CE now represents 70% of Merritt's FTES.



In preparation for our students coming back in the fall we want our beautiful campus to shine and be as welcoming as possible, so we have scheduled a Merritt Makeover Day for Saturday, August 6th from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. All are welcome! President Johnson has promised to buy pizza for everyone, so we are anticipating a good size turnout.

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.