

EXPANDING

WHAT'S
POSSIBLE.



ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026



MONTEREY PENINSULA
College

Leadership Message



Monterey Peninsula Community:

MPC is entering a period of focused growth, alignment, and forward momentum—so naming this annual report

“Expanding What is Possible”

reflects the prevailing ethos here at MPC. We are focused on innovative programs that advance equitable access, strengthen student support, and drive long-term success—while reinforcing fiscal stewardship, honoring our legacy, and investing in the future.

As a community college, our direction must be shaped in partnership with the community we serve. This next phase prioritizes transparency, active listening, and a shared sense of purpose.

Through significant voter-approved facilities investments, forward-looking planning, and a clear commitment to improving student success, we are defining the next chapter of affordable education and economic mobility on California’s Central Coast.

Thank you for supporting our community college’s position as a driver of opportunity and community impact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Marshall T. Fulbright III". The signature is fluid and stylized.

Dr. Marshall T. Fulbright III
Superintendent/President

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Credit

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- Contractor: SC Builders, Inc.
- Project Manager: Brailsford & Dunlavey, Inc.

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“ MPC

*is a great place
to explore, learn, grow,
and get ready for the
next chapter in life.*

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WHO WE ARE



Fast Facts

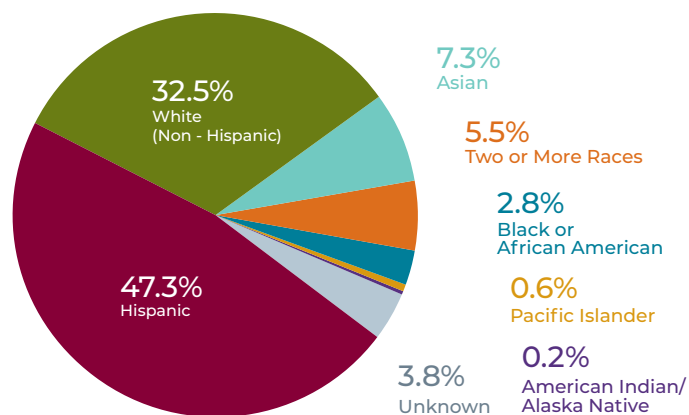
OUR VALUES

- SOCIAL JUSTICE
- EXCELLENCE
- STUDENT-CENTERED
- INTEGRITY
- COMMUNITY
- SUSTAINABILITY



STUDENTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY*

47.3% Hispanic
32.5% White (Non-Hispanic)
7.3% Asian
5.5% Two or More Races
2.8% Black or African American
0.6% Pacific Islander
0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native
3.8% Unknown



11,409

Students Enrolled

49%
of degree-seekers
get financial aid

74%
attend part-time

26%
attend full-time

800+
employees

\$58M
Annual budget

3 CAMPUSES

MONTEREY



MARINA



SEASIDE



MPC GOVERNING BOARD



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MORE STUDENTS ARE CHOOSING MPC—AND THE TREND IS ACCELERATING ACROSS:

- Dual Enrollment/Early College
- Academic & Transfer Pathways
- Continuing & Professional Education
- Maurine Church Coburn School of Nursing



First-Generation Students

34% First Generation

34% of MPC students are the first in their families to attend college. For many, an MPC education results in upward mobility, rewarding new careers, and expanded opportunities.



Early College = Early Opportunity

1,689 Granted Tuition-Free

1,689 high school students earned college credit at MPC tuition-free, helping them save both time and money while accelerating their path to a degree or career.

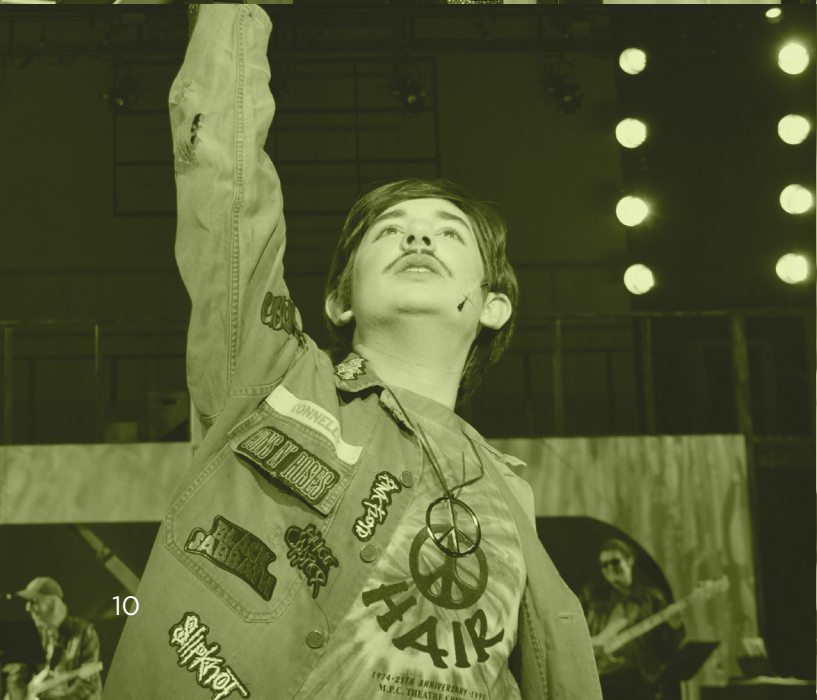


Learners at Every Stage

96 - Seat Early Childhood Education center

At Little Lobos Academy, our 96-seat early childhood education center, regional families have access to high-quality, affordable early learning. At the same time, MPC students preparing for early childhood education careers gain hands-on classroom experience under licensed teachers. This model expands opportunity across generations.

A YEAR OF GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT



Student Success Snapshot

MPC AWARDED OVER

1,753

DEGREES AND
CERTIFICATES
THIS YEAR.



Our students transfer to four-year universities or enter the workforce well prepared.

TOP ASSOCIATE DEGREES FOR TRANSFER

- Business Administration
- Psychology
- Mathematics
- Administration of Justice
- Kinesiology
- Biology
- History
- Sociology
- Communication Studies
- Physics

TOP INTER-DISCIPLINARY ASSOCIATE DEGREES

- Social Science
- Natural Sciences
- Communication and Analytical Thinking
- Arts and Humanities

TOP DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC ASSOCIATE DEGREES

- Business Administration
- Psychology
- Nursing
- Pre-Nursing
- Medical Assisting

TOP CERTIFICATES

- California General Education Transfer Curriculum
- Administration of Justice – Law Enforcement
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Firefighter Academy
- Associate Teacher
- Medical Assisting

A YEAR OF GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

Student Spotlight

From Student to Success Coach

Esteban Sotelo

Esteban Sotelo balanced high school with engineering courses through MPC's Dual Enrollment program, then enrolled

full-time to study Business Administration as well as Psychology. He credits MPC's "First Year Experience" team for guiding his transition to college.

"The support I received from MPC's coordinators and counselors was so important. They ensured my assignments were submitted on time, and helped me navigate college life and its expectations," he said.

After graduating, Esteban now serves as the Success Coach at MPC.



NEW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS ARE OPENING DOORS.

Puente Project is strengthening transfer pathways and outcomes

College Corps is promoting civic engagement through internships and fellowships that offer students financial support for their education

MPC courses at **Monterey Adult School** offer on-ramps to college and career training that center equity and inclusion

PATHWAYS START EARLIER.

MPC launched early college high school academies to accelerate college readiness and career exploration at:

Marina High School
Seaside High School



Excellence Beyond the Classroom

ATHLETICS

About 250 student athletes participate in the athletic program annually

BEACH VOLLEYBALL:

Ranked #3 in Northern California |
6 students competed at State Championships

TRACK & FIELD:

7 students competed at State Championships, including Lily Thrasher, the first-ever MPC Heptathlon State Champion

WOMEN'S TEAM

Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Cross Country, Softball, Track & Field, and Volleyball

MEN'S TEAM

Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country, Football, Soccer, and Track & Field.



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

THEATRE

From original productions to timeless classics, MPC's Visual & Performing Arts programs give students a stage to shine while inspiring audiences and enriching the cultural life of the Monterey Peninsula.

Seussical™

Music by Stephen Flaherty | Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens | Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty | Co-Conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty, and Eric Idle Based on the Works of Dr. Seuss Seussical™ was presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

Black Comedy by Peter Shaffer

"Black Comedy" was presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

Our Town by Thornton Wilder

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Dancing at Lughnasa

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MUSIC AND DANCE

Students showed off their talents at various concerts and performances:

- Jazz Band concert
- Mariachi concerts
- Music in the Stacks
- Spring Dance concert
- String Orchestra concert



A YEAR OF GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

**WE OFFER A DYNAMIC,
ENGAGING STUDENT
EXPERIENCE.**

**GATHERINGS
INCLUDED:**



Our largest Career Fair to date, which welcomed 77 employers and 400 students



El Chisme That Matters Vol. 2: Lowriding as Storytelling

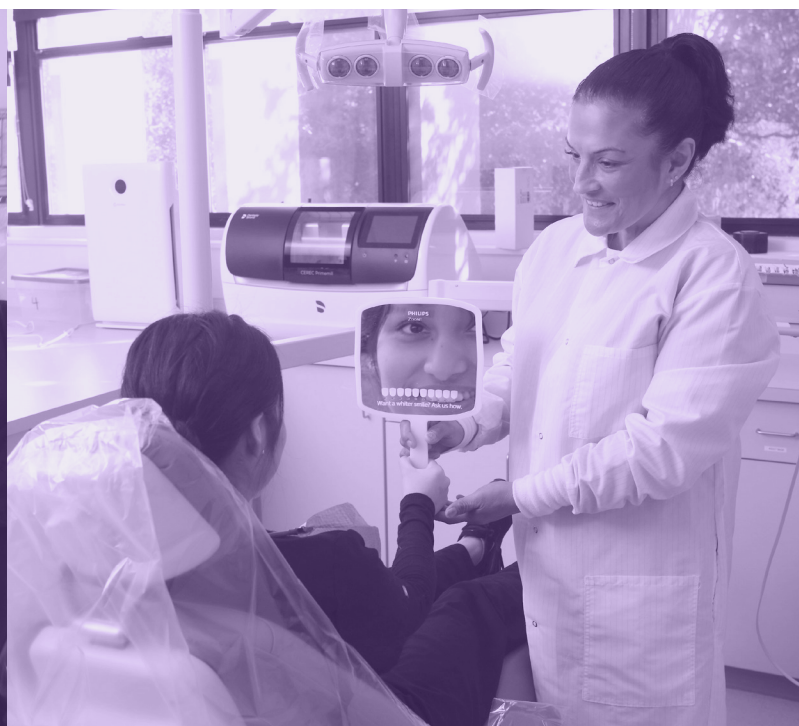


The Asian Student Association's 21st Annual Asian Culture Show



A Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Transfer Event

SHAPING THE FUTURE



Student Belonging & Support

MPC fosters an environment where students feel seen, supported, and empowered to achieve their goals.

Kenza Munsinger

Kenza Munsinger found a strong support network at MPC. “All my life, I wanted to study beyond high school, and MPC gave me truly amazing support. I loved the counseling I received, including valuable guidance about a financial aid program.”

After MPC, Kenza plans to transfer to California State University, Monterey Bay, to earn a Bachelor’s degree in Business, with plans for a Master’s and then an international banking career.

Supporting Every Student, Every Step



A HOLISTIC, COORDINATED APPROACH TO STUDENT SERVICES

MPC supports the whole student through integrated programs and services designed to promote well-being, persistence, and achievement.



Use this QR code to learn more about our comprehensive support services.

INCLUSIVE TUTORING AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

These dedicated learning centers offer personalized support that builds skills, confidence, independence, and a sense of belonging:

- The Math Learning Center
- Reading & Writing Center
- STEM Tutoring & Study Center
- Tutoring & Academic Success Center
- TRIO Learning Center



Advancing Academic Pathways and Innovation



GUIDED ACADEMIC PATHWAYS LEAD TO HIGHER COMPLETION RATES

MPC aligns education with workforce demand. Our academic counselors coach students pursuing high-impact degrees and certificates in:

- Allied Health
- Applied Technology
- Business
- Hospitality
- Social Science
- Language & Communication
- Public Safety & Education
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)
- Visual & Performing Arts

ACADEMIC INNOVATION

We Launched New Associate Degrees

- Modern Policing (Career)
- Public Health (Transfer)

We Offered New

Certificates of Achievement

- Business Fundamentals
- Business Essentials
- Fundamental IT Networking & Security
- Intermediate IT Networking & Security
- Advanced IT Networking & Security

Opening Doors for Every Student

ACCESS AND EQUITY PIPELINE

MPC continues to expand access for historically underrepresented populations, making college more attainable.

K-12 ACCESS

No-cost college courses offered middle and high school students a head start.

At Central Coast High School, for example, MPC delivered an Irrigation Installation course, where students gained technical and communication skills and displayed their knowledge in workplace-type scenarios.

COMMUNITY AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Free and open to the public, the event allowed learners of all ages to experience firsthand that MPC is a place where everyone belongs.

ADULT PATHWAYS

We offered free college credit courses at Monterey Adult School, creating clear pathways to careers.

Students enrolled in courses in Phlebotomy, Hospitality, and English as a Second Language (ESL). Early Childhood Education offerings will begin in fall 2026.

Free ESL classes at our Marina and Monterey campuses build communication skills and a sense of belonging, creating pathways to career advancement.

WHAT STUDENTS GAIN



Hands-on skills



Communications



College credit



Career readiness

From Classroom to Career

MPC is recognized for delivering high-quality work-based learning experiences that support transitions to employment in:

- **AUTOMOTIVE**
- **HEALTHCARE**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY**
- **BUSINESS**
- **HOSPITALITY**
- **AND OTHER INDUSTRIES**



WORK - BASED COURSES

Our WORK 98 and WORK 99 courses focus on career readiness through internships and real-world industry connections. These courses are regionally recognized for setting students up for careers.

CONTINUING & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) SAW IMPRESSIVE GAINS

- Strongest growth in Youth Programs and Personal Enrichment
- From Fall to Spring, **31%** Growth in enrollment for CPE Programs.

NEW CPE COURSES

Phlebotomy Technician Program

- Launched in partnership with Monterey Adult School
- 10-month certification preparation program
- Expands local healthcare workforce pathways

Community & Youth Access

- Increased fundraising expanded access to summer camp scholarships
- New program offerings in 2026 include: Culinary Arts and Jewelry & Metalwork.

Student Spotlight

The Rising Automotive Technician

Jerret Hernandez

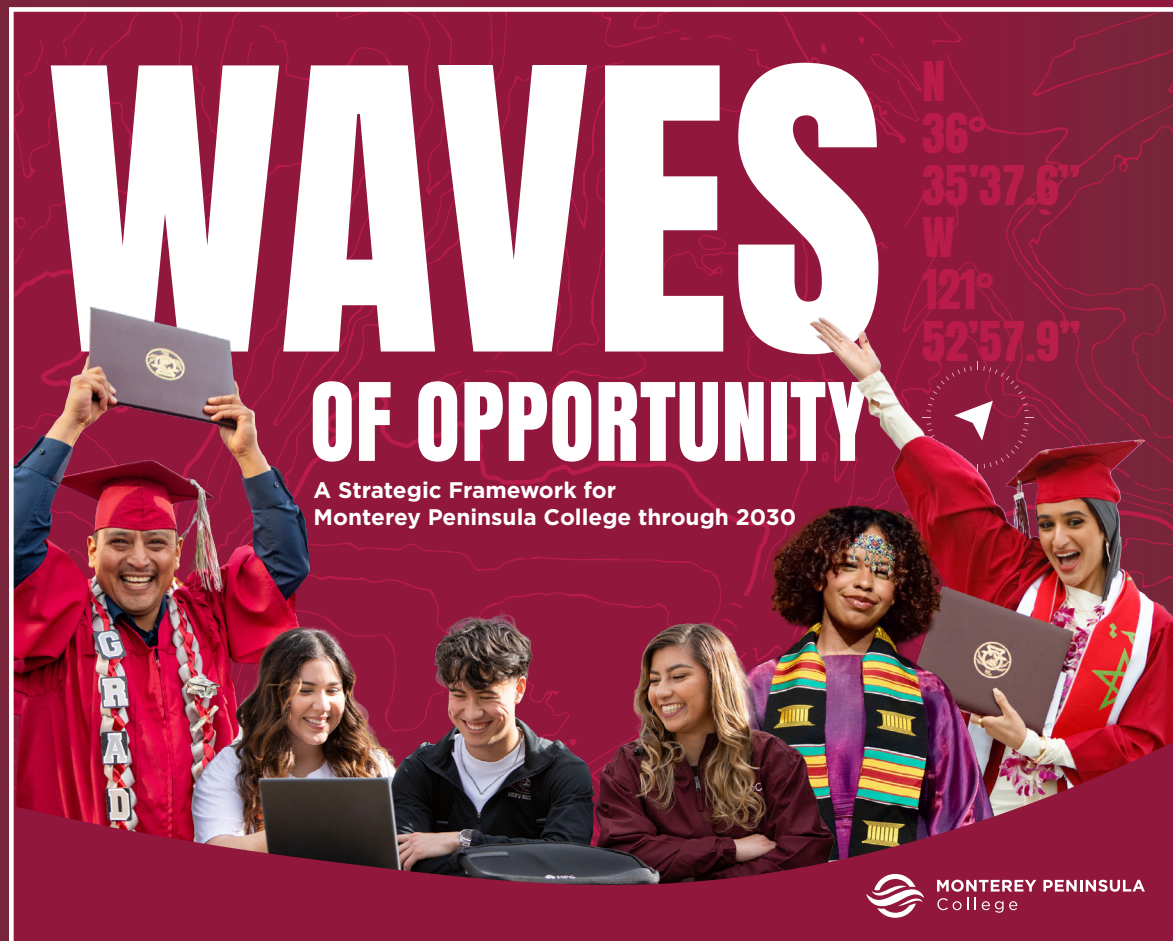
Jerret Hernandez arrived at MPC with clear goals: pursue Career Technical Education and secure meaningful employment. Counselors and program coordinators took the time to understand his ambitions, guiding him to resources via Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS) and an internship at a local automotive shop.

Within just two weeks, “they told me they wanted to hire me,” Jerret recalls.

This spring, Jerret graduated with real-world experience and an Automotive Technician job already in hand.

MPC 2030 Strategic Plan

Guided by the 2030 Strategic Plan, MPC is stepping into the next phase of our growth, centered on student access, student support, student success, innovation, a stronger campus community, and deeper connections to careers.



MPC 2030 Strategic Plan reflects a clear and deliberate ambition: to position the College as the premier community college in our region.

It communicates our commitment to lead with purpose, to partner across education, industry, and

community, and to continuously evolve in response to the needs of our students and workforce.

This plan is not only aspirational; it is grounded in action and shared responsibility.

OUR COLLEGE'S 2030 GOALS:

GOAL 1:



EQUITY IN ACCESS

MPC will expand opportunities for our community to participate in higher education by ensuring equitable access for every learner to enter an educational pathway.

GOAL 2:



EQUITY IN SUPPORT

MPC will provide holistic, equity-centered support that empowers students to achieve their educational and career goals.

GOAL 3:



EQUITY IN SUCCESS

MPC will improve student success in program completion, transfer, and employment, with a focus on achieving equitable outcomes.

GOAL 4:



INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENT

MPC will provide students and employees with a safe, innovative, inclusive, and effective learning and working environment.

GOAL 5:



CAMPUS COMMUNITY

MPC will strengthen its organizational culture that supports collaboration, professional growth, and leadership development to ensure that we support student access and success.

To learn more:
**MPC 2030
Strategic Plan**



**MORE VOICES.
STRONGER
DECISIONS.**

MPC continues to include community perspectives through:

**Town Halls
President's Councils
Community Forums**

FUELING WHAT'S POSSIBLE



Transforming MPC: Build, Innovate, and Educate

MPC is investing in the modernization of its facilities to support the future of education and workforce development in the region. We're aligning resources with impact.

- **In 2020, Voters approved Measure V, a \$230M bond investment**
- **39 projects in progress or completed**

In FY 2025/26, MPC expended **\$24 million, completing or advancing 14 projects into final construction**, with key investments in student wellness, campus safety, and academic infrastructure:

- Little Lobos Academy
- Fitness Center with Gender Neutral Locker Room
- Administration HVAC upgrades
- Music Building
- Building 10
- Sidewalk & Monument Signage
- Campus-wide signage
- Building Management System (BMS) Phase I

Ten additional projects are in design or scoping, including an Adaptive PE/Dance space, Social Science building, Lecture Forum, Marina Campus improvements, PSTC, campus-wide elevators, Theater, Baseball facilities, Student Services, and Landscape Revitalization.

Infrastructure upgrades to the Parking System, Access Controls, and Traffic Assessment further round out the program.

With \$134.1 million in Measure V funding committed to future phases, MPC is well-positioned to deliver transformative facilities for students, faculty, and the Monterey Peninsula community for generations to come.

MPC INTEGRATED FACILITIES PLAN

Integrated facilities planning is underway to strategically align MPC's physical infrastructure with institutional priorities and evolving community and workforce needs. The plan will be ready in late 2026.

MPC FOUNDATION'S IMPACT

Thanks to generous donors, charitable businesses, and grant-making institutions, the MPC Foundation fuels scholarships, internships, and programs that give students the tools to thrive.

*Data reflects the 2025 calendar year

POWERING OPPORTUNITIES AT SCALE

\$565,000

DISTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS THROUGH:



Scholarships



Emergency assistance



Internships



Additional support programs

476 STUDENTS SUPPORTED
most of whom were extremely low-income

\$1,550 AVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

IMPACT ON STUDENTS

64%

FIRST-GEN COLLEGE STUDENTS

IMPACT ON INSTITUTION

22 GRANT PROPOSALS PREPARED

\$2.4M
MILLION TOTAL AWARDED

\$284,450
TO THE FOUNDATION

\$2.12M TO MPC

26%

**TRANSFERRING
TO FOUR-YEAR
UNIVERSITY
NEXT YEAR**

**FUNDED MPC
PROGRAMS &
INITIATIVES**

TRIO Student
Support Services

TRIO Upward Bound

MPC Oral
History Project

Emergency
Assistance Program

Evans College
Incentive Program

Student Internships



“Time and again, we hear from students and graduates that, without the support provided by the MPC Foundation, their educational journeys would not have been possible. We are profoundly grateful to the donors and organizations who make this work possible.”

—Beccie Michael, Vice President, Advancement, MPC, and Executive Director, MPC Foundation

MPC FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS (2026)



Top row (left to right): Tom Pesce, Linda Yellich, Dr. Marshall T. Fulbright, III, Mary Alice Rennick, Theresa Wright, Evelyne Lamson, Isaac “Buddy” Sharp, Karen Parker, Libby Downey.

Bottom row (left to right): Beccie Michael, Elias Kary, Maria Ruess, Marco Lucido, Lindsay Schutzler, Tom Clifford, Natalie Nielsen. Not pictured: Andrew Ausonio, Ron Eastman, Steve Haigler, Patricia Milowicki, Jacqueline C. Simon.

FUELING WHAT'S POSSIBLE

Student Spotlight

Balancing Motherhood and Nursing

Danielle Coustette

“Balancing school, parenting my young son, and managing financial responsibilities has been challenging, but the scholarship has lightened the burden significantly.”

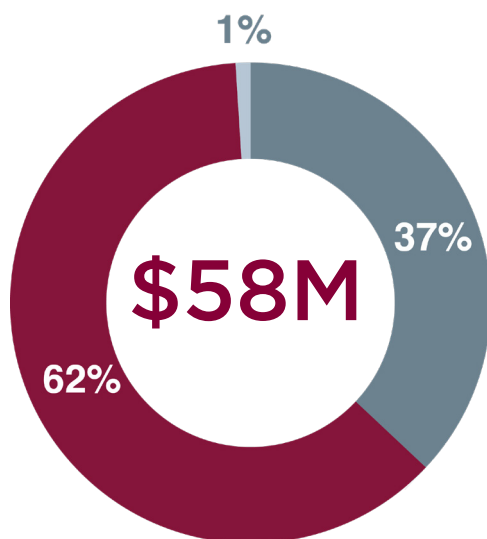
—Danielle Coustette, Nursing Major

Strategic Investments for Lasting Impact

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

MPC's 2025-26 Budget is an investment in what matters most—our students and their success. By planning responsibly and maintaining a strong financial foundation, the College is well positioned to meet today's needs while preparing for tomorrow's opportunities.

Every budget decision supports our vision for a stronger MPC. Guided by our Strategic Plan and Educational Master Plan, we're expanding opportunities for students, strengthening our campuses, and building a brighter future for everyone we serve.

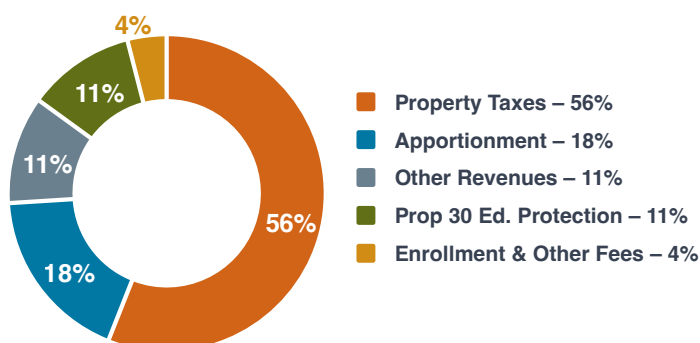


INCOME SOURCES IN FY2025-26*

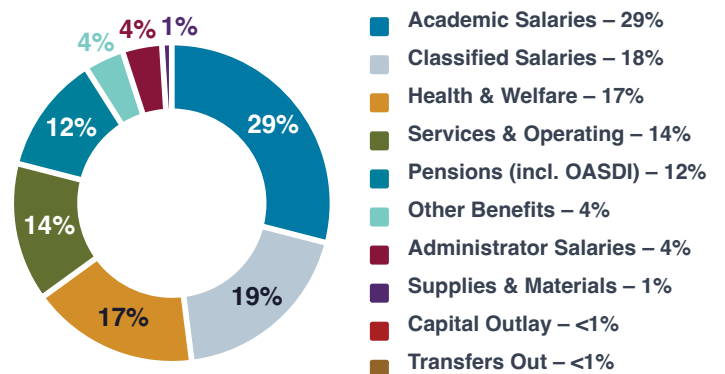
- Federal - \$8,000
- State - \$21.6 Million
- Local - \$36.5 Million
- Other - \$350,000

Total: \$58 Million

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND (UGF) REVENUE SOURCES



UGF RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS/EXPENDITURES



Our Mission



MONTEREY PENINSULA
College

MPC provides our community with a safe environment that supports students with diverse academic, career, and personal goals. MPC ensures that all students have equitable access to the courses, programs, opportunities, and mentorship essential to their success. We help students acquire the skills and knowledge needed to become critical thinkers and engaged members of society.

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