

Classified Senate



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Season's Greetings!

Message from Classified Senate

by Michael Monsour, *Classified Senate President*

Dear Classified Professionals,

This year, our college has undergone profound changes—changes that seem to unfold weekly. Amid the turnover, investigations, lawsuits, and drama, one constant has remained: the unwavering dedication of classified professionals. You have been the glue holding together our shared commitment to improving the college, even in the face of uncertainty. For that, I am deeply grateful.

Progress can be uncomfortable and, at times, even confrontational. These growing pains remind us that anything worth doing requires perseverance, resilience, sacrifice, and courage. Let me be clear—I am more optimistic than ever. From the challenges of this past year, we are on the verge of rebuilding a college that is more equitable and that values the voices of classified professionals in ways we have never seen before—or even imagined.

I want to thank every classified professional who has stepped into the light to share their experiences, challenges, and barriers to success. Your courage has made a difference. To the 130 of you who served on a committee this year, to those who took on leadership roles as Senate officers, to those who spoke up at board meetings, wrote in on surveys, or took action for the greater good—thank you. Your efforts and dedication define the strength of our community.

Let us embrace the opportunities ahead with resilience and determination. College of the Canyons is greater than its founders, greater than its current or former leadership, and will persist long after my service here. We are a community college, yes, but more importantly, we are a community of people—people with diverse views, united by our mission to serve students and support one another. It is our collective actions, not job titles, which define who we are and what we stand for. This collaboration is what makes our college truly special.

In closing, let me simply say this: I am grateful to have you as a colleague, and I will do everything I can to help us succeed—in our classification as employees, as part of a team of district professionals, and as members of an institution dedicated to service. If you share this mission, let our actions in 2025 speak for themselves.

With gratitude and hope,



Warm regards,
Michael Monsour
Classified Senate President



Meet our Board!

Executive Board

President, Michael Monsour

Vice President, Joanna Kelly

Treasurer, Lisette Godinez

Secretary, Marilyn Jimenez

Non-Executive Board

TLC Senator, Fred Bobola

Custodial/M&O Senator,

Justin Bradshaw

CARE Program Senator/Outreach,

Gina Thompson

Library Senator, Nick Schutz

Information Technology Senator,

Norberto "Lalo" Soto

Career Service Senator,

Hiba Edgheim

Empowerment Program Senator,

Souhaila Elmoukari

Personal & Professional Learning Senator,

Rosario Gonzalez

Photography Department Senator

Juan Renteria

**Biological & Environmental Science
Department Senator,**

Barbara Andrade

Human Resources Senator,

Sandra Esquivel

Annual CSEA & Classified Senate Holiday Party!



Memories from the Year!



Canyons Cares Graden

Pictured here Custodial & M&O Senator, Justin Bradshaw, President, Michael Monsour & Vice President, Joanna Kelly



Classified Senate Executive Board

Pictured above President, Michael Monsour, Treasurer, Lisette Godinez, Vice President, Joanna Kelly and Secretary, Marilyn Jimenez



Retirement Party for Sharon Melton in Reprographics

Pictured here Lisette Godinez, Sharon Melton, Leslie Miller & Alissa Seidel



Snow Cones & Ice Cream Event

Pictured here Alicia Perez & Israel Ramirez



Coffee & Bagel Drop Event!

Pictured here Stephen Burns, Jason Buccat & Javier Carcano



Health & Welfare Fair

Pictured here Anabel Diaz, Deshiba Grant & Sandra Esquivel

Holiday Candy Grams Are Back!



To: _____

From: _____

*Wishing you a “bear-y” special holiday season
and a joyful New Year!*



Make someone's day or thank your COC co-workers for their hard work by sending an end-of-year holiday candy gram.

Deadline to order:

Friday, December 6, by 1:00pm (No late exceptions).

Each holiday gram costs \$5.00.

Order here:

Holiday Candy Grams Order Form

*Purchase includes a
Candy Gram Card & Chocolate Treat*

The Classified Senate Team will be delivering the holiday gram in the 2nd week of December.

Any questions please email *Joanna Kelly* at

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