

Dear Colleagues,

Spring 2025 is here! Happy new year! I hope that you are all healthy, happy and refreshed. I spent my break enjoying time with loved ones and cleaning out my closets. I love a good closet cleaning—it's a cathartic way to start the year (Out with the old and in with the new).

As has been the practice for the past few semesters, attached are Fact Sheets—one for Associate Faculty and one for Full-time Faculty. Please make sure to save these to whatever storage files you access on a regular basis. They have helpful reminders and guides to support you in your work. These Fact Sheets can also be accessed on the [Full-Time Faculty Information page](#) and the [Associate Faculty Information page](#). I am also including the [Spring 2025 Student Support Guide](#) here as well. Please bookmark these documents somewhere that provides you with quick access as needed. And please know that [the deans and support staff in Instructional Services](#) are here to assist however we can.

A few quick notes to start the semester:

1. **Construction continues:** Please note that this Friday's All-College webinar will have updated information about the construction on the [Oceanside \(Barnard\) campus](#) and about upcoming road closures on the loop road as we get ready to replace the bridge that connects our Health and Wellness hub with the larger campus. And make sure to check out some of the new buildings on Friday after the webinar. There will be tours of the new Media Arts and Chemistry/Biotechnology buildings.
2. **Parking:** We have a robust Spring semester. Enrollments are up slightly from last spring and on par with the Fall. Please plan ahead and give yourselves time to park and locate your classrooms. Students may also be figuring out the parking situation over the next few weeks too. Let's be patient and kind as we come back to campus.
3. **New faces:** We are happy to welcome many new associate faculty this spring. Thank you for choosing MiraCosta! We are also welcoming a new dean and new administrative assistant. Lauren Halsted Burroughs is the new Dean over Humanities, Communications and Mathematics and she can be found in OC3610. Ariel Locke is the new administrative assistant supporting the work of the Academic Senate and she can be found in OC 4600. Make sure that you pop in to say "hello" and welcome them to campus.
4. **5<sup>th</sup> Friday Artificial Intelligence (AI) Event:** You're invited to participate in the *5<sup>th</sup> Friday Artificial Intelligence (AI) Event* that is schedule for Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. This event will enable you to engage with AI tools, topics, conversations, and colleagues according to your interest. Please [RSVP by this Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>](#). We're looking forward to seeing you there!

I wish you all a fun and informative [FLEX week](#). I hope you feel engaged and connected as you go through the week. My very best wishes for the start of the semester. In the spirit of our upcoming [All Things AI Fifth Friday](#), I am excited to share with you my AI otter celebrating the New Year--enjoy!