### MENDOCINO COLLEGE

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### PHILOSOPHY

Personal philosophy — to remain "student-centered, facultyand staff-focused, and community-minded"

Educational philosophy- community colleges are agents of positive change to strengthen our democratic and civil society. We are the engines of economic and social mobility. We ensure higher education is a right for all, not only a privileged few.

### BACKGROUND



- Mission College
   Director, Library Services
   Dean, Language Arts & Liberal Studies
- College of Alameda Vice-President, Instruction President
- Mendocino College Superintendent/President



- West Valley College
- University of Hawaii
- Humboldt Sate University
- San Jose State University
- Boise State University
- Exeter University, UK
- Fielding Graduate University



- Born and raised in San Jose, CA
- Mother from Germany
- Father from Greece
- Partner, John



- San Francisco Bay Area/Silicon Valley
- Eureka, CA
- Boise, ID
- Honolulu, HI

## **MENDOCINO COLLEGE**

# FOUR LOCATIONS

#### Main Campus- Ukiah



#### Lake Center- Lakeport



North County Center- Willits



#### **Coast Center- Fort Bragg**



# Coast Center- Fort Bragg



The Coast Center, located at 1211 Del mar Drive, is comprised of four separate buildings on an 11 acre campus, was built by the College of the Redwoods in 1987 with a second build out in 1996 for the 300 buildings. Total square footage of the center is approximately 25,000 sqft.

In 2017, MLCCD renovated the existing library, removing many fixed shelves and furniture in order to more open the space and invite student collaboration.

Fine Wood Working, located at 440 Alger Street and miles away from the Coast Center, was built in 1982, and is approximately 4,700 sqft.

## **Student Data**







## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

## **STEM EDUCATION**

For the Coast Center the strategic direction is to build STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) focus.

- An example is our current campaign through the Mendocino College Foundation: Friends of the MC Coast Center to raise funds to establish a physiology lab. This is a gateway course to STEM and Allied Health pathways. These courses in combination with the on ground availability of human biology and chemistry, provide the opportunity for coastal students to obtain almost all of their nursing pre-requisites on the coast.
- Through quarterly meetings with principals and counselors, the three coastal HSs (FBHS, Mendocino HS and Point Arena HS) have been able to share ideas and resources. We are currently exploring ways to utilize our expertise with virtual education to offer a course on ground at one location while zooming to another site. Allowing us to offer courses, we would not otherwise have the faculty to instruct.

### **DUAL ENROLLMENT**

#### Fort Bragg High School



Mendocino College VP Polak and FBUSD Superintendent Walker are pioneers of dual enrollment. We offer college and career success classes for every FBHS freshman. This ensures that every FBHS student is a Mendocino College student. We are currently developing four year dual enrollment schedules that, with Upward Bound summer courses and AP classes, will allow a FBHS student to obtain their AA while in HS. CTE certificate is also being developed.

## **Fine Woodworking**

The Coast Center is proud to offer the Fine Woodworking Program, which leads to two possible certificates of achievement.



