



# MERRITT COLLEGE

## Office of the President



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Board Meeting – March 15, 2011

The following highlights activities of the college:

- The Merritt Real Estate Forum Event was held on campus February 24, 2011. There were approximately 150 in attendance to hear the Guest Speaker, Ed Krafchow, CEO of Better Homes and Gardens.
- A Town Hall Meeting was held with Chancellor Allen on March 2, 2011, regarding the impact of State budget reductions on Peralta. The meeting was well attended by students, faculty and staff.
- On Saturday, March 5, 2011, our Maximum Achievement Project (MAP) Program held an African American Male Conference in the Newton/Seale Student Lounge, R110. This event was well attended by our students and the community. Guest speakers included: Oakland Attorney John Burris, Paul Cobb, Post Newspaper Editor, Kevin Brown, KBLX Radio Personality, and Al Attles, Golden State Warriors Legend.
- Helenka Livingston, Nutrition and Dietetics Instructor, was chosen as the "Outstanding Dietetic Educator of the Year" during the Dietetic Educator Practice Group's Annual Meeting in Asilomar.
- The Merritt Budget Committee met on March 2 and 9, 2011, to talk about the impact of the budget reductions on the college and our College Council will hold its monthly meeting on March 16, 2011.
- I attended the March 14, 2011, Rally in Sacramento with our students. There were about 5,000 students and over 400 were from Peralta.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The Associated Students of Merritt College (ASMC) and the Puente Project and Club will hold its Fifth Annual Tribute to Cesar Chavez:  
Part I: March 21, 2011, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Newton/Seale Student Lounge, R110, Presenter Richard Santana, "Homeboy Goes to Harvard"  
Part II: March 30, 2011, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Newton/Seale Student Lounge, R-110, Documentary Film, "Harvest of Loneliness"
- Merritt College's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Latino Conference will be held on April 1, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Newton/Seale Student Lounge, R110.