Let's Have Lunch Together!

NEW MONTHLY GET TOGETHERS

The Classified Senate launched a lunch get together this month where classified professionals could bring your lunch, get out of your office, and spend some time communing with each other.

Several classified professionals came to the Rose Circle for this first Lunch Together. Some ate their lunch. Some stopped by for a chat. Some brought goodies to share. Some met co-workers that they had only talked to via email! It's a great opportunity to get to know each other better, take a break from the hustle and bustle of your job, and create our #workfamily environment.

If you missed it, don't worry because you're invited to the next Lunch Together on August 7th at noon! Let's build our NC classified professional family!
Brandon Owashi began working at Norco College in 2017 after earning a B.S. in Biology at the University of Redlands, a master's degree in Fisheries Science at Oregon State University, and working at the Sustainable Fisheries Group at UC Santa Barbara. While at UCSB, Brandon's research consisted of predictive modeling, mapping, and quantitative and statistical analyses that unbeknownst to Brandon, would lay the foundation that would allow him to pursue a career in institutional research. After several years of living in Corvallis, OR and Ventura, CA, Brandon and his wife, Katie, decided it was time to move back to Riverside and closer to family. The move required a career change, as fisheries science positions are scarce in the Inland Empire. Katie introduced the idea of institutional research as it aligned with many of the characteristics that Brandon loved about his job at the Sustainable Fisheries Group.

Brandon was very fortunate that Greg Aycock saw his potential and provided him his first opportunity as an Institutional Research Specialist. Brandon joined a fantastic research team that included researchers Caitlin Welch and Cyndi Gundersen. While at NC, Brandon worked on many projects including Program Review, Equity Plan, and the Strategic Plan.

After spending over two years at Norco College, Brandon was offered the position of Director of Institutional Research at Riverside City College where he will work with Wendy McEwen, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness. He hopes to remain close to Norco College and aims to encourage collaboration between the research departments of all three colleges within RCCD.

Congratulations Brandon!
What's Happening?

CLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Are you following us on social media? If not, where have you been?! The Communications Committee has been busy building a community platform for classified professionals on the Senate's social media channels.

We showcased classified professionals at work, shared milestones such as new babies to our #workfamily, and congratulated staff on their next adventures. Arezoo Marashi from the LRC was the winner of the Baby Photo Contest! Follow us and join the community.

Senate goals for this year include recognizing the hard work and professionalism of classified staff through our Classified Professional of the Year program as well as in the newsletter and on social media, providing volunteer opportunities in the community for classified professionals, fundraising to support our efforts, building our community through get togethers, social activities, and social media, and ensuring classified professionals have a voice in shared governance through committee assignments.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

Upcoming Events:

Ice Cream Social
August 6
1pm
The Corral

Lunch Together
August 7
12pm

Get Together
August 14
5:30pm
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