



CLASSIFIED SENATE

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The Community of Classified Professionals

Classified Catch-Up

Drop in and say hello to your fellow classified professionals!

EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON VIA ZOOM
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Classified Catch-Up!

CONNECTING WITH CLASSIFIED COMMUNITY

The Classified Senate launched Classified Catch-Up in April to provide a space where classified professionals could drop in and chat with colleagues about their work, their day, life stresses, games being played, families stories, and just to see a friendly face that isn't in a work meeting setting. It can be isolating working remotely from home and this is a great way to stay connected. It's only a half an hour on Fridays, allowing for classified professionals to pop in for a quick chat before going back to their day. Everyone is invited. Join the email list to receive notifications of activities.





PATRICIA GILL

Patricia Gill is the STEM Services Developer for the Engineering Pathways Program. An alumnus of RCCD, she is a first-generation college student who has dedicated her career to working with educational programs that support first-generation students in achieving a higher education. She is committed to her students and is known as the STEM mom, guiding them through their educational journeys, giving advice, and even baking them cookies! She is active on campus as a PUENTE mentor, STEM Club advisor, and as a representative on the Classified Senate.

Patricia is a strong advocate for students, an inspiring team player, and a mentor to her fellow classified professionals. She exhibits leadership and collaboration skills, building partnerships in and outside of the college.

Congratulations Patricia on being the 2020 Classified Professional of the Year.



Classified Professional OF THE YEAR 2020

Classified Professional of the Year

PATRICIA GILL, STEM SERVICES DEVELOPER

Patricia Gill is the STEM Services Developer for the Engineering Pathways Program—Title III HSI STEM Grant at Norco College. She is a first-generation college student and the first in her family to achieve a college degree. She knows from personal experience the challenges students face while trying to pursue their educational journey. She has spent the majority of her career dedicated to working with educational support programs that assist first generation college students succeed and achieve a higher education.

"I love working with students. It's so fulfilling to see them succeed, mentor others, and give back to the community" says Patricia. She coordinates resources, networking opportunities, internships, scholarships, and events for STEM students. She has served as a PUENTE mentor for the past 12 years and an advisor to the STEM Club. Patricia earned her associate's degree in Accounting at

RCCD before attaining her bachelor's degree from CSU San Bernardino in Business Administration Management. She worked at UC Riverside for 22 years before making the decision to focus her efforts on her young son, Antonio and his education. She sought a position with regular hours where she could support his athletic and school activities. She was hired in 2007 at Norco College as an Accounting Services Clerk for the TRiO Programs. She became an Educational Advisor with TRiO before transferring in 2014 to her current position. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her son, family and friends. She loves to cook, hike, and explore the outdoors.

Patricia serves on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, chairs the Social Activities Committee, and is on the Classified Senate. She is a mentor to her fellow classified professionals. And is the 2020 Classified Professional of the Year. Congratulations Patricia!



If you're interested in joining a college or Senate committee, please email: ncclassifiedsenate@gmail.com

Send your pictures and news to the Communications Committee at: ncclassifiedsenate@gmail.com

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Classified Professional Development Fridays

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CLASSIFIED PROFESSIONALS



As the world has turned to zoom meetings and classified professionals are working remotely, the Classified Professional Development Committee met to discuss virtual professional development. The committee coordinated with Gustavo Ocegueda, Dean of Equity, on getting approved time from management on specific Fridays for classified professional development. It is important for classified professionals to have professional development not only as part of the Educational Master Plan but for individual growth.

First up is the Growth Mindset Workshop featuring Anita Bailey and Justin Mendez who are affectionately known as "Juanita!" Explore your own mindset triggers and learn how to respond to the everyday challenges and demands to help us become the people we want to be. Growth Mindset Workshop is on May 8th at 10am.

The second workshop is the Zoom & Tech Tips Workshop featuring Leonard Riley. We're all using zoom more and may not understand all of the functions available to us as well as other technology that we may or may not be using in our remote work environment. Zoom & Tech Tips Workshop is on May 15th at 10am.

The Classified Professional Development Committee is working on scheduling Guided Pathways Workshops as part of Classified Professional Development Fridays. Stay tuned.



Join a Committee:

Classified Professional Development Committee

Social Activities Committee

Communications Committee

Classified Professional of the Year Committee

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Upcoming Events:

**Growth Mindset
Workshop
May 8th
10-11:30am**

**Zoom & Tech Tips
Workshop
May 15th
10-11:30am**

**Classified Catch-Up
Fridays
12-12:30pm**

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What's Happening?

CLASSIFIED PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

April saw classified professionals settling in with working remotely from home, while in the middle of a pandemic, and in many cases taking care of children and family members while co-working with spouses and pets! Some classified professionals are isolated from their loved ones and friends.

One way we're staying connected with our classified family is through our social media! We celebrated National Sibling Day and got to see so many siblings. We shared in the congratulations to Justin Czerniak, Safety Coordinator, on his new addition to the family...baby son Paxton. We wished a happy birthday to Desiree Wagner and

Nelya Parada. And we congratulated Patrica Gill on being the 2020 Classified Professional of the Year!

The Classified Professional Development Committee announced the new Classified Professional Development Fridays and shared the May Workshop Calendar. The committee is working on June workshops for the first and third Fridays as well as Summer Staff Development Day. Stay tuned.

Share your news with us! Stay connected and follow us on social media! Facebook. Instagram. Twitter.

