



# MT SIERRA COLLEGE

## THE ALUMNI CONNECTION

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### NEW LOCATION!

*By Bill Kakish, Campus President*

Mt. Sierra College is pleased to announce that we will officially be relocating our campus from the current location at 101 E. Hunting Drive, Monrovia, CA to 800 Royal Oaks Drive, Monrovia, CA following the end of the Fall 2015 term. Our new location is conveniently less than one mile away from our current campus!

#### What does this mean for you?

The new location will provide a new and improved space for learning, collaborating, presenting and more. Modern classrooms and meeting spaces will be readily available for all students to utilize. The College will also have reserved parking in a large lot for our commuters who drive.

#### What's next?

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### COMMENCEMENT 2015

*By Tawny Hernandez, Career Services Director*

84 students marched to Pomp and Circumstance before proud family and friends at the twenty-third Mt Sierra College Commencement Ceremony held Thursday, June 25 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena; launching the transition from college students to graduates of Mt Sierra College.

David Thach, Senior Director of International Software Development and Special Operations for Sony Worldwide Studios America delivered the keynote address at the ceremony. Thach shared his career's journey, revealing his triumphs and set-backs in life. He used the poem, "The Road not Taken" by Robert Frost as a focus of his speech and how it related in his life and his journey. Thach oversees some of the company's largest and most profitable franchises, such as Gran Turismo, LittleBigPlanet, Killzone, and Bloodborne. He also oversees the production of Horizon: Zero Dawn and The Last

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## FAMILY, FRIENDS & FOOD TRUCKS!



#MSCF3 | August 2015

Photograph by, Devette Johnson

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*“Mt Sierra College will be accepting donations of gently used coats and new socks...”*

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*By Tiffanie Cross, Student Services Advisor*

Every first Thursday of the month from 5:30-9:00 pm, Mt. Sierra College hosts a variety of gourmet food trucks, vendors, giveaways and music for all ages to enjoy; along with an opportunity to participate in monthly community service initiatives.

Monthly, Mt. Sierra College spotlights a charity or organization that needs communal support by collecting donations. Since February 2015, the college has partnered with the Foothill Community Center, American Cancer Society, Door of Hope, PATH, American Red Cross, Children’s Hospital LA, and Monrovia High School Band & Color Guard.

For the month of October, Mt Sierra College will be accepting donations of gently used coats and new socks for, Coalition for the Homeless, an organization that assists the homeless community of East San Gabriel Valley. The need for these items will be in high demand to support the less fortunate during the cold and rainy winter. We ask that you look into your closet and take out some of the gently used coats; or when shopping at the local store, pick up a pack of socks and deliver them to the campus.

Visit the website and follow Mt Sierra College on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, to see the food truck lineup and community service spotlight for each month. Admission is free and it is open to the public so bring your family and friends to catch up with old classmates and faculty!

### ***New Location from page 1***

The College plans to have a grand opening of the new campus in early January 2016. The facility will be under construction until our move-in date, however we would like to offer an invitation to all of our students and alumni to stop by and visit! We will be arranging a tour schedule to provide a sneak peek of the new campus. When the tour schedule is finalized we will reach out with a link to the website where you can sign up for your tour.

We are committed to the improvement of the facilities, academic programs, quality of teaching, and placements for our students. This is another step in that direction.

For your personal alumni invitation to the Grand Opening, please submit your name, home and email address to: [TCross@mtsierra.edu](mailto:TCross@mtsierra.edu).



*Entrance to the New Campus*

**STAY CONNECTED!**

Mt Sierra College is proud to celebrate the successes of our graduates. We are always looking for new contacts that provide our graduates opportunities to achieve their professional career goals.

As graduates, you may need assistance with transcripts, new employment opportunities, and sometimes are available to share their personal story with our current students. As we continuously build a network of employers, alumni and community contacts, we are opening doors for the students and alumni who come to Mt Sierra College with a focus on an expected outcome.

To do any of the following, visit: <http://mtsierra.edu/career-services/alumni>

- Request Transcripts, Education Verification and Diploma Information
- Update your Alumni Contact Info
- Share your Success Story with us
- Hire a Student or Alumni

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Guardian. Both of which were announced a few weeks ago at the E3 convention and walked away with numerous 'Best of Show' nominations and awards.

David earned his Bachelor's Degree from UCLA in Music. He is clearly a man who can wear many hats – one of which is a Red Hat Certified Engineer. Following the keynote speaker, were addresses by President, Dr. William Kakish and Provost Dr. Jon Persavich.

After Administrative speeches were completed, student addresses by: Shawn Olandesca Flores, speaking on behalf of Business Programs; Laura Angulo, speaking on behalf of the Technology Programs; Betty Gallaher speaking on behalf of the Media Arts & Design, emphasis in Graphic Design and Andrew Thompson, representing the Media Arts & Design Program, emphasis in Game Arts & Design, were introduced.

As eyes were dried, and friends and family applauded the heart-touching speeches, the moment all anticipated finally arrived. Provost Jon Persavich, Ph.D. conferred the degrees, and Associate Dean of Academics, Tim Botengan read the names of the students aloud as they walked across the stage in their moment of glory.

Graduates turned their tassels from right to left, symbolically officiating themselves as graduates of Mt Sierra College. Graduates exited the sanctuary in pride, as family, friends and all that attended cheered for the former students, whom are about to embark in a new beginning.



*Jon Persavich, Provost, and Bill Kakish, President, conferring the Degree of Shawn Olandesca Flores*

*Check out the 2015 Commencement Ceremony video here:*

<https://vimeo.com/136880665>

## INTERESTED IN BEING MORE INVOLVED?



Join the Alumni Association. You can help plan Alumni networking events and mixers, collect admissions referrals, network, and help your fellow graduates get connected to the resources available to them after they have completed their degree.

Contact Student Services Advisor, Tiffanie Cross, for more information!

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