CalWORKS SHINES on the Career Spotlight
MVC’s
African-American
Administrators
and
Full-Time
Faculty
Black History Month February 27, 2013
MVC Administrators
Dr. Rosslynn Byous has served as the director of MVC’s Physician Assistant program since May 2012. She was appointed to the Physician Assistant Committee for the Medical Board of California & the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission.

She has worked as associate dean of administration and program director at Charles Drew Medical School since 2010. She joined the University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine’s Primary Care Physician Assistant Program in 2000 and was promoted to program director in 2006. Dr. Byous was faculty for the primary care assistant preparatory program at Riverside Community College since 1999.

She served as associate professor at Western University of Health Sciences from 1997 to 2002, where she previously served as instructor of physician assistant education from 1991 to 1997. She is a member of the California Academy of
Dean Eugenia Vincent graduated from Gardena High School and received her undergraduate degree from Clark Atlanta University. She received her Masters of Educational Administration from the University of Southern California.

Her career in higher education began at Iowa State University. She then moved on to start a career at Riverside Community College District back in 1989. She began as the Financial Aid Director and served as the District Dean of Student Financial Services at all three campuses for years. She now serves as the Moreno Valley Dean of Student Financial Services. She is here to support all students in having a positive and rewarding experience at Moreno Valley College.

On a personal note, she is happily married and the mother of two young adults. She is an active member in her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. She enjoys her position here at Moreno Valley College and supports the mission of the College. Dean Vincent is a long standing member of the NAACP.
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James Banks has worked at Moreno Valley College for 11 years since 2002. He is the chair of the Health, Human and Public Services Department and an Associate Professor of Human Services at MVC.

He earned a Master of Social Work (M.S.W.), from University of Wisconsin, Madison & a Bachelors of Science from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.

Mr. Banks has modestly build a very active program that allows students to fully engage the entire college and community. He fosters leadership in his students. Their contributions include A food bank, Off campus internships, Service Learning, Advocacy Charity, Health awareness walks and an annual Veterans Day BBQ.

Professor Banks has been involved been involved in higher education for the past 30 years. Professor Banks has taught and counseled at the University of Wisconsin, University of California-Irvine, UCLA, Cal State San Bernardino and San Bernardino Valley College. Professor Banks has been involved with the criminal justice systems in Wisconsin and California. He also has extensive experience in social services, veterans’ affairs and gang initiatives.
Dr. Cordell A. Briggs, Ph.D., returned to teaching Communications after working as the Dean of Public Safety Education and Training. He is a graduate of historically black colleges, including Howard University, from which he earned a doctorate of philosophy degree in English with an emphasis in sociolinguistics and African American literature.

He has not only taught English on the Riverside & Moreno Valley College campuses but has also served in a variety of administrative positions within the Riverside Community College District.

Dr. Briggs is a co-founder of the Renaissance Scholars Program on the Moreno Valley College campus & is the 47th Distinguished Faculty Lecturer in the Riverside Community College District. Over the years, Dr. Briggs has lectured & presented extensively on topics related to African American literature, African-American linguistics, & language variation and change in the African American Community.
Terrie Hawthorne, is the Workforce Preparation Counselor/Counselor coordinator for the CalWORKs Program at Moreno Valley College. She rose above teen parenthood and life in the inner city ghetto of south central Los Angeles where she was born and raised to become a first generation college student who graduated from California State University Northridge (CSUN) with a B.S. in Home Economic emphasis in Fashion Merchandising Business option in June 1994 and went to work in corporate America.

After finding her passion in helping others Terrie graduated with a Master’s Degree in Social Work (MSW) from Loma Linda University in June 2001. She worked in a variety of capacities in traditional social work positions until she became a community college counselor/instructor in 2006.

Terrie worked at MSJC and SBVC before she joined RCCD as a faculty intern in the 2008/2009 academic year and promoted to adjunct counselor in general counseling in April 2009. She has counseled students in general counseling, Athletics, First Year Experience programs, Veterans, EOPS/CARE and CalWORKS programs, guest lectured & taught a variety of guidance courses.

Terrie was hired full-time as the Moreno Valley College CalWORKS Counselor/Coordinator in August 2011 and continues to use her role to mentor others. She actively participates in a variety of collaborative to advocate for students and social change. She is a former corresponding secretary for the Inland Empire Association of Black Social Workers.
Cheryl Honoré is a Professor of Accounting at Moreno Valley College, and is a member of the Moreno Valley College Academic Senate. She is also co-advisor for the Moreno Valley College Choirs, and has been advising the Gospel Singers for over 20 years.

Before her employment at Moreno Valley College, Ms. Honoré practiced public accounting for eight years, including working for two international CPA firms and a business management firm in the entertainment industry.

Prof. Honoré received her Master of Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in 1995; her B.S. degree in Accounting from Loyola Marymount University in 1981; and her CPA certificate in 1984.

Ms. Honoré was honored in the 2004 and 2005 editions of Who's Who Among American Teachers. She is a member of National Association of Black Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
Sarah Michelle Marshall is an Associate Professor of Anatomy and Physiology and the Department Math, Science and Kinesiology Chair of Department (MSK): Shara Marshall earned a Master of Arts in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB). During the time Shara was working on her master’s degree in 2002 she started teaching labs, doing research and her passion for the sciences unfolded. She studied Anatomy, Physiology, Health Science, and Biology and found a passion for teaching. As her career path was being paved she decided to become a professor and really enjoys teaching. She still enjoys research, and learns more every day. Her role as department chair continues to foster her personal and professional growth. She loves being part of the college and the interaction with students.
Ms. Moore earned her undergraduate degree, (B.S. in Home Economics-Fashion Merchandising emphasis and a minor in Business) and her graduate degree, (M.A. in Counseling-Student Services emphasis) from California State University, Fresno. Frankie comes from the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development on the campus of California State University, Fresno. Frankie has worked in the field of Student Affairs for approximately 30+ years, starting her career on the campus of UC-Santa Barbara as an Outreach Counselor, (approximately 4-years). From there she returned to her Alma Mater, Fresno State where she served as Outreach Counselor, Advisor to the Associated Student’s, Coordinator for New Student Orientation and Transitions Programs, and Advisor to numerous clubs and organizations, (approximately 19 years). Her personal goal in working with students is to reinforce the knowledge they receive in college outside in the real world for leadership, civic duties and responsibilities. She is an advocate for students, and supports their desire to participate in shared governance.

Ms. Moore was elected as President and continues to serve on the Executive Board in the role as Student Senate Liaison of the California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA). This group’s purpose is to serve as an advocate to Student Affairs personnel throughout the state and to keep personnel abreast of leadership opportunities and issues affecting community college students.

Outside of work, Frankie spends some of her time participating in community service activities as a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a not for profit philanthropic community and nation-wide organization. She was elected and served 7 years as the Western Region Vice President of the National Brotherhood of Skiers, (NBS), a not for profit organization designed to identify, develop and support athletes of color who will WIN Olympic and international winter sports competitions representing the United States and to increase participation in winter sports.

Frankie’s hobbies include traveling, attending sporting events, going to movies and live theatre productions, shopping, meeting new people and of course “skiing”.

Frankie joined the RCCD-Moreno Valley campus, as Faculty-Tenure Track & Coordinator of Student Activities Monday, September 12, 2005. She brings with her energy, a wealth of experience in the field of student services and a sincere passion to work with students.
Ms. Parker won the hearts of students & colleagues alike with her warm welcoming down to earth personality. Ms. Parker stepped on the California Community College scene as a professional in fall 1998 serving as a counselor at RCCD’s Norco Campus.

Most people know Ms. Parker for being a caring woman that goes against the status quo to serve and advocate on behalf of students. She has a Master’s degree in Counseling: Student Development in Higher Education from Cal State University, Long Beach (1999), Bachelor’s of Arts in Psychology (CSULB, 1995) & Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts (Long Beach City College, 1992). Her advanced degree & lifelong learning experience is parenthood. Her most significant life role is loving & fostering the development of her 5 children. Her closest acquaintances know her as “city girl with country roots”. Her upbringing took her from the streets of Los Angeles to the southern heart of Tennessee and back to Long Beach, California as a teenager full of promise. If, the saying is true “you are what you eat”, then Ms. Parker is a cast iron skillet baked piece of corn bread, deep fried smothered chicken, fresh string beans, potato salad, fried corn off the cob, macaroni & cheese, and a large helping of fresh out the oven peach cobbler with French vanilla ice cream.

As an educator she serves the MVC community as a general counselor and coordinator of the Renaissance Scholars Program. She is no stranger to the local community for she has also served as a Social Worker to the foster youth. And to the neighboring community college Mount San Jacinto she has served as a part-time athletic counselor, EOPS counselor, basic skills & general counselor. She is dedicated to academic excellence. She defines in a quote the higher educational setting as a place where we are all “United by Education, and Shaped by Culture.” (Date: Spring 2013)
My name is Paula Stafford and I am a Physician Assistant, and an Assistant Professor at the Moreno Valley College, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, Physician Assistant Program. I graduated from Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School as a physician assistant in 1983. I practiced as a certified physician assistant from 1985 to 2002. I worked in the field of Family Medicine for Hawthorne Community Medical Group, Southern California Permanente Medical Group (aka – Kaiser) and Vista Medical Group.

As a clinician I enjoyed helping patients improve their health or offer some solace during desperate times. As an Assistant Professor I learned the pleasure of watching students progress from uncertainty, to highly intelligent, skilled and confident physician assistants.

It feels good to give back to society and contribute to the well being and success of people. I encourage all persons to visualize their goal and work hard at achieving it and don’t settle for anyone telling you – you can’t do it. Everyday you wake up is an opportunity to make your life better. Don’t waste time on things you cannot change or yesterday – always look forward and make your dreams a reality.
Jeff Townsell, M.A.

- Jeff Townsell has worked at Riverside City College and Moreno Valley College for nine years as the Student Financial Services Counselor. Jeff received his Master in Science degree from National University in Educational Counseling. He also received his Bachelor in Arts degree in Behavioral Science at National University. Jeff is a product of the Community College system where he received his Associates in Science degree from Fullerton College as a Business Management major.

- Jeff Townsell is a Vietnam “Era” Veteran where he served in the United States Marine Corps for three years from 1973 to 1976. Jeff found his way into the Community College system at the age of 29 as a single parent. When in school, he received support through DSP&S, EOP&S and Veterans Services. After eight years of college and university classes, Jeff was the first in his family across generations to receive his Master’s degree. Jeff has 20 years of counseling experience of which 10 of those years were with high school students in Long Beach, San Bernardino and Corona unified school districts. Jeff has always had a strong desire to work with students who have the greatest needs, such as first generation college students. He believes that this is easily accomplished when his target population are students who are eligible for financial assistance. His goal is to inspire students to be Patient and Persistent with the process of higher learning and to have a Passion for their career goals and the people.