Christina: I'm Christina Barsi and this is the Magic Mountie Podcast. We're so glad that you're back with us this week with the holiday approaching. We do have just a short but sweet episode for you filled with lots of thanks and gratitude, enjoy.

Liesel: Hey, everybody, this is Liesel.

Liesel: And we don't have a full episode this week. We wanted to just take a few minutes though to acknowledge and thank, this week of Thanksgiving some people who've been very important in the production of this podcast.

Liesel: First I want to thank Dr. Audrey Yamagotanogi, Eric Lara and everyone else who works in the equity program office and in overseeing the campus equity plan. They help underwrite this project and have been extremely supportive in us doing something a little out of the box to try and increase the conversation among faculty about equity issues.

Liesel: I'd also like to thank some of the folks who were instrumental in getting our professional learning academy going, including Dean Megan Chen and professors Leanne Garrett and also professional learning team members Sun Azell, Julie Laverty, who've been so important in the shaping and philosophy of our work that led to this podcast.

Liesel: I also need to say a huge thanks to everyone in the Professional and Organizational Development office at Mt. Sac. There's a great team there who works so hard to pull off professional development for our faculty and staff and managers on campus. In particular, I want to thank Yolanda Harrow who is our coordinator and Elda Blount who does so many different jobs in our office, but is the person every week who is responsible for posting this podcast and making sure that all of our materials are accessible. They're an incredible team there in the office and I'm so grateful to all of them, and especially Leanne Greenlee who is our Director of Professional and Organization Development, who heard this idea of doing a podcast and said, "Sure, let's try it."

Liesel: Of course, I would be highly remiss if I did not thank our excellent coproducer of this podcast, a former student who I'm so proud of and excited to work with every week, Christina Barsi. Christina has many great ambitions in her life and has a lot of cool podcast projects going. And I'm so grateful that she finds time in her life to do our little professional development podcast as one of her many projects.

Liesel: The last thing I'd like to do is just say a special thank you, if you will indulge me, to someone who is indirectly responsible for this podcast because he served as a mentor for me. And really helped to shape my understanding of campus equity work, led to my eventual involvement with the campus equity plan, which ultimately led to this podcast. And that's Professor Philip Maynerd. Phil, as many people knew him, was a professor in the Department of Communication for many years. And he was a coauthor of our initial campus equity plan many, many years ago, long before it was a funded initiative and always advocated for our role as faculty in making sure that everyone of our students achieves academic success.

Liesel: Phil imbued that idea in me as a mentor in my department and led so many students himself to great success. We lost him far too early and tragically due to illness. And part of the motivation and impetus for doing this podcast, and especially any episode where we talk with students is really shaped by Phil and his encouragement of listening to students, talking with students and always putting them first and thinking about them in all the work that we do.

Liesel: So, take this time over the holidays to think about the people who inspire you, who have been influential in your work. And I'd like to also thank all of my guests who've ever been a part of the podcast. And finally, thanks to you for listening. We have a small but dedicated and growing audience. And we're really grateful for the community who are listening, wherever you may be listening. I hope you have some time to renew over this holiday weekend. And we look forward to being back with you on November 26th with a full episode.

Christina: Thanks again for joining us and very special thanks to Liesel Reinhart for all that she does for this podcast, for her peers and for her students, past and present, I should know, I was one of them. And for being such a leader in innovative and creative projects such as these. Collaborating with one of my personal mentors has been an opportunity I am more than grateful for.

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Christina: Happy Thanksgiving and we'll see you back here next week.