

# Writing Center Newsletter

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The Official Newsletter of the  
Mt. SAC Writing Center

## Welcome to Spring 2026, Mt. SAC Faculty & Staff!

Dear Faculty and Staff,

We hope you all had a wonderful winter and ready to tackle this Spring semester!

This semester, we have some new opportunities and information to highlight, including our updated workshop modality, a Canvas Commons page for Faculty to copy over, updates from last year's Spooky Story submissions and future student submissions, as well as an exciting new Faculty Professional Development opportunity!

We are very excited to work with you all and your students this semester. Please stop by or reach out to our Director Trista Payte at [tpayte@mtsac.edu](mailto:tpayte@mtsac.edu) if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to talk further about way to work with us.

Best wishes,

*-Writing Center  
Team!*

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# New HyFlex Classroom (26B-1563C): for WC Orientations and Writing Workshops



## Writing Center Orientations

With the new semester underway, we encourage setting up orientations for your classes so that your students can be aware of this valuable resource available to them here on campus. Orientations are short 15-20-minute presentations where a member of our staff will introduce students to our center and the services we offer. We can come to your classroom, or you can bring your class here!

You can request orientations here:

<https://www.mtsac.edu/writingcenter/classroom-orientation.html>

**Don't need a formal 15-minute orientation?** Feel free to bring your class at any time for a quick tour of the space--no need to request or reserve! We are happy to have you!

## Hybrid Writing Workshops

For the last few years, we've hosted our Writing Workshops online via Zoom in order to meet student needs, especially in the wake of the pandemic. However, our new HyFlex classroom allows us to meet students in a hybrid capacity. They can now choose to come to each workshop in-person or via Zoom! All workshops will be held in **26B-1563C** and via a Zoom link they receive after they register.

Students can register for our workshops here:

<https://www.mtsac.edu/writingcenter/workshops.html>

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## WC Canvas Commons page for Faculty

**Mt. SAC Campus Resources**  
**The Writing Center**

The Mt. SAC Writing Center is here to help you build your reading and writing skills for any class and beyond! At the Writing Center, we believe every writer—whether you are just getting started or have lots of experience—can grow by talking about your work with a supportive audience. That is exactly what we are here for! We can help at any stage of the writing process, from brainstorming ideas to drafting and revising your final piece of writing. We cannot wait to hear about your goals, look over your work with you, and help you take your next steps!

You can review each of the cards below for a brief overview of the services that are available to you at the Writing Center!

- A Space Designed with You in Mind!**  
Come hang out in our communal lounge, eat free snacks, check out laptops and desktops, read books from our lending library, join Zoom calls from a supported workstation, and relax in our Quiet Study Room!
- Personalized & Flexible Tutoring!**  
Work with a writing specialist whose goal is to support you in your writing process (at any stage for any class)! Our tutors are available for 30-minute or 1-hour writing support sessions to work with you in-person, on Zoom, or even asynchronously.
- Writing Workshops & Events!**  
Attend engaging online or in-person workshops to learn about specific writing topics from one of our hourly Writing Center instructors! We also regularly host events like Banned Books Day, Creative Writing Contests, and more.
- Handouts, DLAs, and More!**  
View our vast collection of Handouts and Directed Learning Activities to reinforce your understanding of the writing process, learn about grammar, and build upon your existing skills as a writer and critical thinker!

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Empowering voices, inspiring ideas

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About the Mt. SAC Writing Center

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Sophia O'Brien

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We've created a student-facing "About the Writing Center" page, which you can see a snapshot of above, in **Canvas Commons** that you can import directly into your Canvas course. It highlights our services offered, events hosted, and tutoring options, and shows students exactly how to find and connect with us. Add it to any course that involves writing, so students have the info right where they need it!

You can find the page via **Canvas Commons tab** (pictured right), searching for **Writing Center**. Then, click on "About the Writing Center" page (pictured left) and click on the **Import** button to the right.



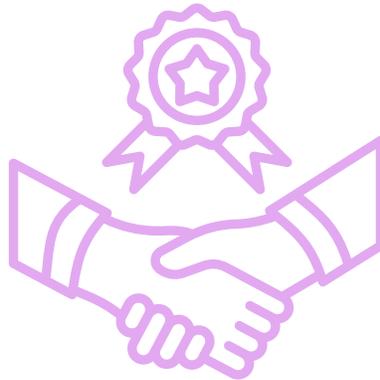
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## Paid Faculty Professional Development: Working Equitably with Embedded Tutors

The Writing Center is excited to be launching a professional development asynchronous course on equitable practices for faculty working with embedded support in writing intensive courses. This will be a funded opportunity for a selected group of faculty, with the possibility of additional cohorts in the future. The course helps faculty integrate embedded support meaningfully into class activities, using asset-based framing to encourage tutoring participation. This initiative advances student success and retention by strengthening one of our most effective equity-driven support models; when faculty leverage embedded support intentionally, students gain mentoring, clarity, and a stronger sense of belonging, all of which support persistence.

**If you are interested in participating and learning more,  
please fill out this interest form by Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>:**

<https://forms.gle/nkmtX4YM1MirLH1f6>



If you have any questions or concerns, please email Trista Payte  
at [tpayte@mtsac.edu](mailto:tpayte@mtsac.edu)

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## Writing Contest Updates

Beginning with our recent Spooky Story contest in October 2025, the Writing Center has created a student submission digital journal for student work to be published and shared via our website. All students who submit and consent--regardless of if they won or not--have a chance to showcase their creative writing to the campus community!

The digital journal is titled ***Spilled Ink: A Writing Center Student Journal*** and will be available to view early March on our website (on the Social Media and Events page):

<https://www.mtsac.edu/writingcenter/social-media.html>

### Reminder: Writing Center Services

- In-person and online tutoring (30 or 60-minute appts)
  - Appts can be made via EAB Navigate or by stopping by for drop-in tutoring
- Embedded Tutoring Program: Dedicated Writing Specialists
- Asynchronous Feedback
- Hybrid Writing Workshops
- Directed & Interactive Learning Activities (DLAs & ILAs)
- Writing Handouts
- Student Community Events (Banned Books Week, April Poetry Month Writing Contest, Spooky Story Contest, etc.)

Learn more on our website: <https://www.mtsac.edu/writingcenter/>

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<https://www.mtsac.edu/writingcenter/social-media.html>

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