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*“To improve the lives of
our members, students,
and community.”*

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Chapter 262 would like to extend their appreciation to Bruno Hernandez for his valuable service and representation of Mt. SAC students. We wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

Although I have worked at Mt. SAC for 10 years, I experienced my first Commencement this month. I was astounded by the hard work of so many people and departments who made it a memorable event for our graduates. Congratulations to class of 2012 and thank you to those who created such a spectacular event.

As you know, in February Chapter 262 concluded negotiations with the District. The process was long and occasionally frustrating, but was handled with mutual respect and a willingness by both Teams to do what was best for Mt. SAC. However, the current trend of negotiations between the District and Chapter 651 has me concerned. The very nature of negotiations is to strive for compromise on the issues. Without such compromise, the negotiation process erodes into one party simply insisting their point of view be adopted. The longer such a process continues, the more divided we become. Given the current budget crisis and with consideration of the major financial initiative to be determined by California voters in just over 4 months from now, I will remain hopeful for negotiations to be concluded efficiently and equitably. At this crucial time, Mt. SAC needs all its people and efforts focused on serving students by preserving this institution upon which they rely so heavily.

Thank you and good evening,

Respectfully submitted,

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