

Professional and Organizational Development, in partnership with the Developmental Education Committee invites you to attend the 10th Annual Parachutes & Ladders Conference. Please note registration is **FREE** to the first 100 Mt. SAC employees until April 29. Registrations received between April 29 and May 6, will require a \$45 registration fee.

### **Parachutes and Ladders X: Celebrating Student Engagement**

Dr. Myron Dembo is Emeritus Professor Educational Psychology in the Rossier School of Education at the University of Southern California. He is a fellow in the American Psychological Association and the American Educational Research Association. Dr. Dembo specializes in the areas of learning and motivation with a focus on teaching students how to become more self-regulated learners. He has written three books and over 100 papers and research articles on the teaching-learning process. His educational psychology textbook, *Applying Educational Psychology*, is now in its 5th Edition. His most recent book with Helena Seli is *Motivation and Learning Strategies for College Success: A Self-Management Approach (3rd ed)*. He has consulted with numerous community colleges in California including Pierce Community College, Valley Community College, Riverside Community College, and Sacramento City College. In addition, he has worked with the Los Angeles Community college District in developing a Faculty Teaching and Learning Academy and the College of the Canyons in developing a learning-how-to-learn course for web-based learning.

This conference will explore the connections between student engagement and success by investigating how students learn within the context of specific content areas and understanding the faculty member's role in improving students' motivation to learn. This investigation will include creating an understanding of why students often use inappropriate motivational strategies to cope with the demands of college life and why students often fail to use tutoring and other support services on campus. In response to key research findings in diverse, relevant disciplines and actual student presentations on how they have been motivated to succeed, participants will work toward developing specific strategies to improve students' motivation, engagement, and ultimately, their academic performance and completion.

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Presenter: Dr. Myron H. Dembo

Date/Location: Friday, May 6, 2011, 7:30 am - 3:00 pm, Building 9C - Stage Area

Registration and Continental Breakfast will be served from 7:30 - 8:00 am with the Keynote Speaker beginning promptly at 8:00 am.

Faculty may elect to earn 6.5 hours of Salary Advancement Credit

**Click on the following link to register:**

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