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Dr. John Stenger-Smith, Professor of Chemistry, and Julie Cornett, Librarian, are recipients of the 2013 John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award by the League of Innovations in the Community College. The prestigious award celebrates outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff across the nation.

John is known around the Cerro Coso IWV campus for his high energy and innovative teaching techniques that inspire his students to succeed through a rigorous curriculum. He is enormously influential in attracting some of the most intelligent and dedicated students to the college. The success of transfer students from Dr. Stenger-Smith's classes is a testimony to his commitment to help students achieve their dreams of a higher education.

Since Librarian Julie Cornett was hired she has brought a new dimension to library services for all students and for all modalities of instruction at the college. Library resources have moved swiftly into the online environment, and Julie has developed digital library resources, both open resources and paid subscriptions, for student and faculty use. She piloted an embedded librarian project within specific courses that provides students with direct instruction in online resources and research skills. As Cerro Coso seeks to improve the student experience at the college through the Achieving the Dream (ATD) Model, Julie is serving as the lead for the ATD Data Team exploring how the college can be made better through identified, scalable services and pedagogical practices.

"John and Julie deserve this recognition for their quality teaching practices and outstanding contributions to student learning," said Cerro Coso President Jill Board.

They received their awards during the Leagues Innovations Conference in March 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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