



REPORT TO THE

Community

2011

One College

One Mission

Many Possibilities



Ridgecrest



Edwards Air Force Base



Bishop



Lake Isabella



Mammoth

Value Statement

At Cerro Coso Community College, we value:

Student learning and student success in all areas of endeavor;

Creativity and the implementation of best practices
in a rapidly changing world;

Accountability to our students for their learning experience,
our communities for good stewardship of public funds,
and to each other through the participatory governance process;

Diversity in students, our communities,
our environment and our programs and services;

Our **Communities** and the partnerships and
relationships we build with them; and

Our **Faculty and Staff** who turn the wheels of learning.

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Message from the President



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Cerro Coso Community College
President

Dear Friends of Cerro Coso Community College:

Welcome to Cerro Coso Community College's first community report, where we have highlighted the College's achievements and challenges in 2011. The information in this report is designed to give the communities we serve a better understanding of the College's mission, vision, successes, and needs. It also provides us with an opportunity to recognize and thank our partnerships and donors that have supported our work and made a significant difference.

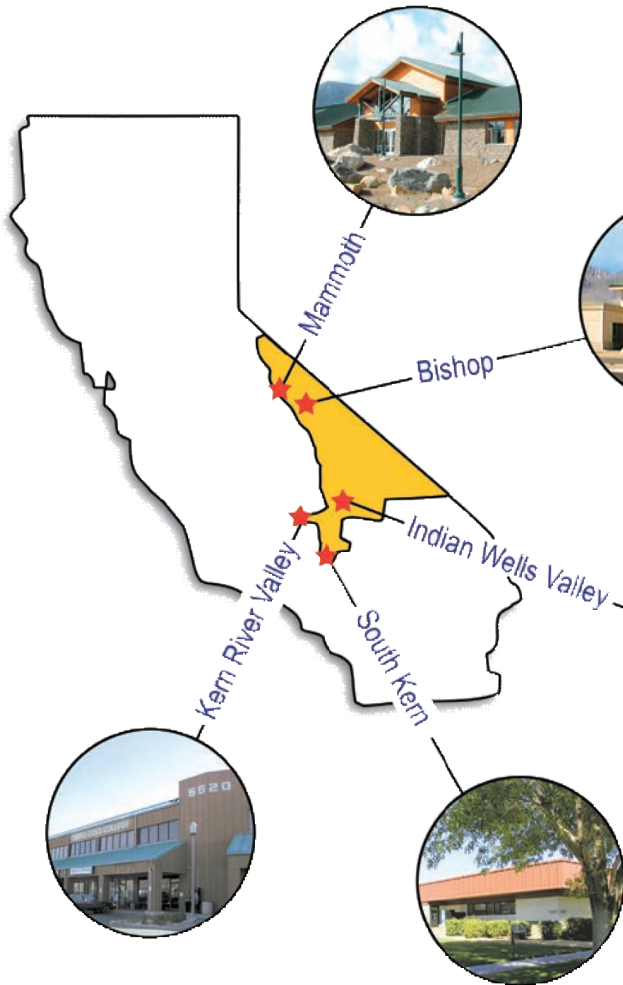
Cerro Coso Community College serves the largest geographic area of any community college in the state of California and with that comes great opportunities and challenges. Despite the state of the economy and dwindling State budget, the college is committed to student success and developing programs that provide degrees, certifications, and skills that give our students a competitive edge in today's workplace.

Continuing an open dialog about our successes and challenges has never been more important to the future of the college. The state's change in focus from "open access" to "access, student success, and completion" is a change in direction for California community college leadership. Strategically Cerro Coso has staffed its management to address the challenges we face, to restructure course offerings to increase college completion, and develop career technical education programs to meet the workforce needs of the remote locations we serve. Even when faced with financial shortfalls, state mandated cuts to courses, and increased student fees, Cerro Coso Community College remains committed to providing students with meaningful learning environments that maximize their potential. We believe an investment in education is an investment in the future of our communities.

EDUCATE, INNOVATE, INSPIRE, SERVE



About Cerro Coso



Established in 1973 as a separate college within the Kern Community College District, Cerro Coso Community College has five instructional sites (Eastern Sierra Center Bishop & Mammoth, Indian Wells Valley, Kern River Valley, South Kern, and CC Online), which together form the largest geographical service area of any community college in California and serves a rural population of approximately 85,000 over a three county region of eastern California. A leader in online education, Cerro Coso has been offering online classes since 1998 and offers 16 Associate degrees entirely online.

7,670 degrees and certificates confirmed since 1973.

(Does not include transfer students who did not apply for graduation.)

Serving Kern County, Inyo County, and Mono County.

Cerro Coso students receive higher quality interaction with faculty than students nationally.

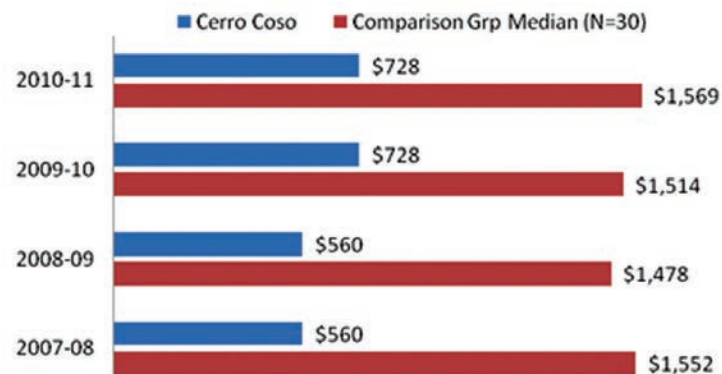
The average class size at Cerro Coso Community College in Spring 2011 was 22 students per class. In face-to-face classes the same year the average was 16, online 31.

CERRO COSO IS LESS THAN HALF THE COST OF SIMILAR COLLEGES NATIONALLY.

Cerro Coso Community College derives its name from the early Spanish and native Americans who originally resided in eastern Kern County. Cerro is Spanish for "fire" and Coso is Paiute Indian for "mountain". Pronounced SER'RÔ KÔ'SO.

Academic Year Tuition and Fees

For full-time students at Cerro Coso compared to 30 similar institutions in the country



Source: U.S. Dept of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS

Campuses



Indian Wells Valley - Ridgecrest

Serving the communities of: Ridgecrest, China Lake, Inyokern, and Trona.

Class of 2011: 192
Jill Board, *President*

Cerro Coso Community College is one of three colleges in the Kern Community College District. Since 1998, the College has been offering distance education to effectively address the needs of its unique demographics

South Kern - Edwards A.F.B.

Serving the communities of: Edwards Air Force Base, Mojave, Boron, and California City as well as a number of other locations in San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Kern Counties from facilities located on Edwards Air Force Base.

Class of 2011: 5

Dr. Erie Johnson, *Director - KRV and South Kern*



and student population. Many students are too remote to be able to benefit fully from traditional classes offered on-site, and because

Kern River Valley - Lake Isabella

Serving the communities of: Lake Isabella, Kernville, Wofford Heights, and Weldon.

Class of 2011: 40

Dr. Erie Johnson, *Director - KRV and South Kern*

of the lack of population density, the College employs distance learning strategies to maximize the availability of its programs and courses. Although online is the predominant distance education mode used at the College, we also offer remote instruction



through: Interactive Television (iTV) and Adobe Connect. Doing so enables sections of a distance learning course to

Eastern Sierra College Center - Bishop/Mammoth

Serving the communities of: Bishop, Mammoth Lakes, Big Pine, Lone Pine, Independence, Death Valley and surrounding areas.

Class of 2011: 44

Deanna Campbell, *Director - Eastern Sierra College Center*



be delivered to multiple locations with a single instructor. In addition to enabling courses



and programs at the smaller campuses that would not otherwise be possible, it also provides options for students who prefer classroom learning over online learning.



CC Online

CC Online is the online "campus" at Cerro Coso Community College.

Class of 2011: 68

Charles Osteen,
Director of Distance Education

Student Profile

Enrollment

Fall 2011 - 5,611

2011 Degrees Conferred

Associate of Arts Degrees - 200

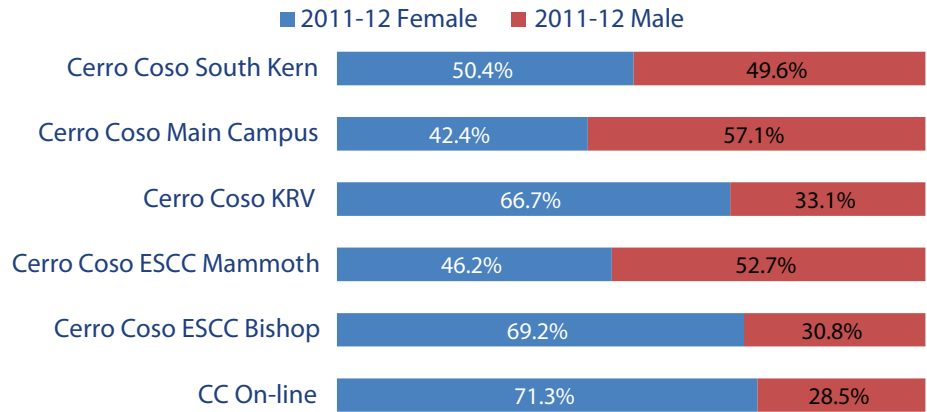
Associate of Science Degrees - 82

Certificates Awarded - 34

Students graduating with honors (3.75 to 4.0 GPA's) - 45

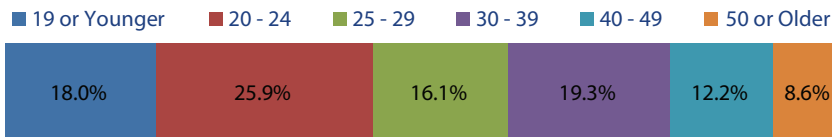
Gender

2011 Cerro Coso Students by Gender on each Campus and Online



Age

Cerro Coso Student Age Distribution - Fall 2011



Mammoth campus students.

2011 Student Transfers:

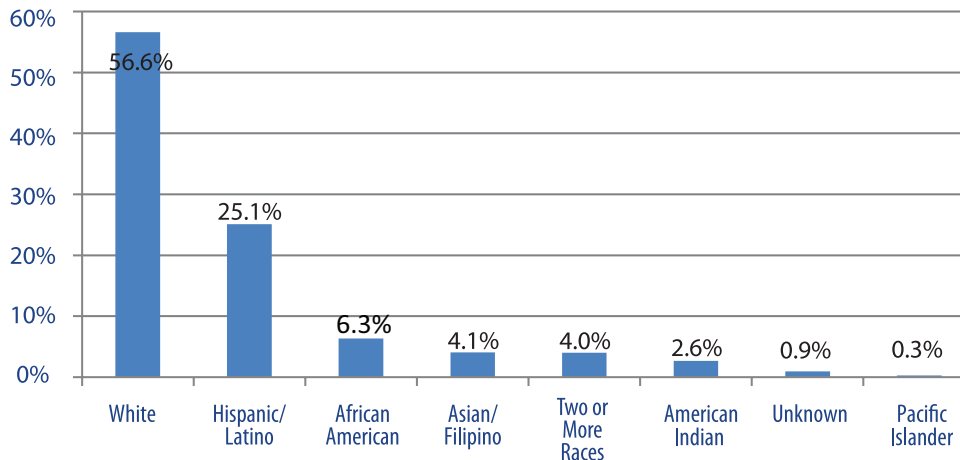
UC Los Angeles CSU Chico UC Riverside CSU Long Beach
 CSU Bakerfield UC Santa Cruz CSU Northridge
 UC Santa Barbara CSU Fullerton UC Irvine

Top 5 Majors:

(Consistent from 2009 to present)

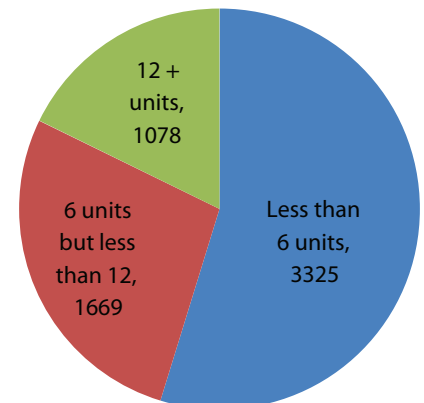
1. Administration of Justice
2. Nursing LVN
3. Business Administration
4. Child Development
5. Business

Cerro Coso Ethnicity Distribution Fall 2011



Part Time vs. Full Time Students

Part Time and Full Time Students - Fall 2010



Percentages do not necessarily add up to 100% due to rounding.

Students & Campus Life

Associated Students of Cerro Coso

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) is the official student organization with membership open to all students. The ASCC, through its governing body the Student Senate, promotes the Student Activities Program at Cerro Coso. A system of self-government has been established by which the students, through democratic action, formulate and execute policies and programs and prepare the student body's financial budget.

A.S.C.C. Clubs & Advisors

A.S.C.C.....	Kimberlee Kelly Schwartz
Athletic Club.....	Jon Holmes
Coyote Christian Club.....	Bonita Robison
International Club.....	Lucila Gonzalez-Cirre
KRV/ASCC Student Club.....	Erie Johnson/Ted Little
Optimist Club.....	Jan Moline
Phi Theta Kappa.....	Christine Swiridoff
Student Services United.....	Pam Godfrey/Penny Talley
Student Vocational Nursing.....	Cheryl Gates



Students form Optimist Club

A group of Cerro Coso Community College students formed a "Coyote Optimist Club" at the College in October. Their aim is to conduct positive service projects that benefit area youth and the community. The new club is affiliated with Optimist International, one of the world's largest and most active service club organizations.

2012 Student Activities in Review

Student activities at Cerro Coso Community College offer students the opportunity to participate in Student Government, Leadership Conferences, leadership and team building workshops, community discount programs, lectures and guest speakers, concerts, student I.D. program, social activities, and fun and games.

- Phi Theta Kappa Induction
- Special Services Awards Ceremony
- Midnight Madness
- Spring and Fall Blood Drives
- Earth Day Fair
- KRV Awards Ceremony
- Rush Week Activities
- Harvest Fest
- Houchin Blood Drives

Leadership Events/Workshops:

- Finding Balance in Leadership
- Self Direction & Self Protection
- Marty Essen - Motivational Speaker
- 'Sex Signals' Awareness & Prevention
- Civil Rights - Luncheon Lecture with Ted Little
- Leadership & Athletics - Luncheon Lecture with Katie Moorman
- Overcoming Obstacles - Luncheon Lecture with Jan Moline
- Mark Wellman - Motivational Speaker

Other Activities:

- A.S.C.C. sponsored bus trip to CSUB
- Hands Across California
- Annual Spring Awards Ceremony

Concerts in the Garden:

- Walk Off Hits
- SUDDYN
- Dr. Tom Foggia
- Big Band X-Press
- Men of Worth
- The Remodelers



2011 Earth Day event promoted appreciation for nature and environmental protection.



Cerro Coso's Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society in conjunction with a local church donated pillowcases to the Southern Sierra Boys and Girls Club for an arts and crafts project.

Students
are the
heart of what
we do!

2010-2011 Student Awards

President's List

3.75 GPA or Higher and earned a minimum of 40 grade points during the semester.

Spring 2011

Kyle Anthony
Dani Arellano
Amanda Atencio
Ashley Ayon Loza
German Barajas
Robin Barney
David Barry
Christopher Beaderstadt
Tyler Belk
Rebecca Ben Hammada
Edward Bermudez
Dana Biederman
Marilyn Booth-Horn
Debra Bouchez
Caitlin Brigdon
Robert Broad
Dennis Brooks
Stephen Bunch
Rebekah Cash
Samuel Cassel
Ching Chan
Paul Clair
Lena Comer
Jordan Covert
Benjamin Cox
Dylan Curry
Angie Delgado
Aaron Diffenbaugh
Megan Dobbs
Arcee Duag
Guadalupe Durham
Robyn Durham
Gregory Elkins
Michael Erwin
Sarah Ferrucci
Sadie Finney
Jillian Flavin
Nicholas Flores
Susan Ford
Danelle Ford
Michael Fox
Marissa Franks
Emilie Gad
Thomas Galloway
Daniel Garcia
Brandon Geherty
Mary Gleason
Gisell Gomez
Paul Gonzalez
Elizabeth Grajeda
Patricia Gruver
Andrea Guerrero
Dizander Guerrero
Jacquelyn Guyette

Daniel Hanvey
Morgann Havig
Tiffany Henry
Jesus Hernandez
Jacquelyn Hewlett
Thomas Higdon
Janelle Holland
Tim Holloway
Abigail Homer
Chris Hudson
Lauren Ingle
Judy Irwin
Angela Jackson
Lane Jacobson
Christina Johnson
Calvin Johnson
Jennifer Jones
Trenton Jones
Michael Kendall
Tammy Kinnan
Bryan Koenig
Alan Laderas
Tiphaine Lefevre
Lucas Llewellyn
Moriah Lloyd
Justin Loundagin
James Mahoney
Rose Martin
Margaret Marvin
Cindy Mayhugh
Beverly Mcgowan
Sarah Miller
Franziska Mitchell
Stevie Mondragon
James Money
William Moore
Anna Moschitto
Josh Mouton
Thushara Niyangoda
Jordan Olson
Kyle Ordway
Kristy Park
Melanie Pearl
Tammy Pereira
Angela Perkins
Emily Plett
Lisa Pope
Amber Pyle
Nicole Reese



Student Caitlin Brigdon received top honors in CIS and Business from full-time faculty member Karen O'Connor at the Spring Awards Ceremony.



Ninety-five students were inducted into the Beta Kappa Chi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society at Cerro Coso for the 2011-2012 academic year.

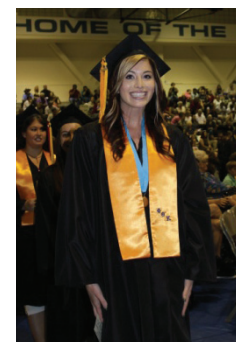
Debra Reese
Thomas Robb
David Rocha
Nickie Rothwell
Ricardo Ruiz
Lucas Salisbury
Nathan Sandt
Anderson Schmidt
James Schneiter
Hopi Sievert
Barrett Sinclair
Kyle Smith
M Smith
Shannon Smith
Michelle Snoderly
Ricky Sparks
Travis Stansbury
Taylor Strawn
Michael Street
Patricia Thomas-Perez
Angel Thompson
Diana Thompson
Chrystene Thurm
Shayla Tillotson
Adam Tinoco
Malissa Toppas
Breanna Tuttle
Amanda Uetz
Robert Vallet
Maria Vasquez
Honora Violet
Danica Vittoria
Andrew Walsten
Rachel Weaver
Drew Webster
Wendy Werneking
Consuelo Westmoreland
Jacob Wheeler
Brandon Willis
Clayton Witman
Kimberly Witzel
Erin Ybanez
Steve Yoder
Eric Young
Armando Zazueta
Laural Zimmerman

Fall 2011

Amanda Abercrombie
Danielle Almaraz
Kimberly Angel
Stacy Anthony

Josh Argenbright
Melissa Bacher
Rebecca Bachinski
Kayla Barton
Lori Bassett
Angela Bermudez
David Bernard
Lester Bichard
Dana Biederman
Leslie Blake
Taylor Boske
Kelli Braithwaite
Caitlin Brigdon
Rhonda Brooks
Stetson Bullard
Bill Buzzell
Bryawna Bychek
Christina Cardenas
Irving Carrillo
Luis Carrillo
Jaymee Chaides
Sarah Cooley
Amanda Corlett
Jason Corona
Dylan Curry
Mason Denning
Shelby Dolim
Julia Early
Wendy Evans
Kelsey Farmer
Alondra Figueroa
Amanda Fix
Chanel Gagnier
Thomas Galloway
Kelly Gardner
Michelle Graham
David Harrell
Brandi Haugen
Tina Helm
Deanna Herrin
Thomas Higdon
Briana Hingston
Megan Hyatt
Christina Johnsen
Janelle Johnson
Albertine Johnson
Danae Jones
Samantha Kessler
Tyler Kramer
Crystal Krill
Alan Landeras
Aubrey Landon
Ellen Lieberman

Vivian Lopez
Matthew Mangum
Samule Martinez-Munton
Jarrod May
Janice McCarley
Jonathan McClain
Sarah Miller
Mark Mincer
Stevie Mondragon
William Moore
Brian Moore
Tanya Morgan
Anna Moschitto
Jennifer Musick
Paula Nelson
Karl Osharkey
Nancy Pace
Angela Perkin
Lisa Petrey
Roree Phillips
Catherine Placencia
Lori Pope
Amber Pyle
Alisha Ramirez
Stephanie Reedy
Debra Reese
Jonathan Rhea
William Ripley
Shannara Roberts
Erica Ruiz
Lucas Salisbury
Larena Sandoval
Stephen Schale
Candice Schrodetzki
Jean Scott
Jeremy Seckinger
Robert Shaw
Marlo Sheckells
Jamey Simmons
Barrett Sinclair
Sarah Smith
Jessica Smittle
Michelle Snoderly
Robert Stephens
Amanda Stewart
Alan Sticker
Ashley Thompson
Brian Thompson
Malissa Toppas
Veronica Tuttell
Mathew Vallet
Danica Vittoria
Kelly Watson



Martin Weit
Andria Whitfield
Teri Whitfield
Bill Wilson
Kimberly Word
Haley Ziegler
Lin Zhu
Laural Zimmerman

All-California Academic Team

Abigail Homer
Pedro Santiago

Cerro Coso Community College Foundation, Inc. Athletic/Academic Achievement Award:

Robert M. Vallet

Department Awards

English

Morgann L. Havig

Mathematics

Justin J. Loundagin

Science

Lisa Michelle Pope

Social Sciences

Morgann L. Havig

Industrial Arts

Valerie S. McLaughlin

CIS & Business

Caitlin K. Brigdon

Digital Media Arts

Paul D. Kuttig

Public Service

Faith A. Lorenz

Site Student of the Year

South Kern

Jennifer M. Keys

Kern River Valley

Mary F. Gleason

ESCC

Sandra L. Warlie

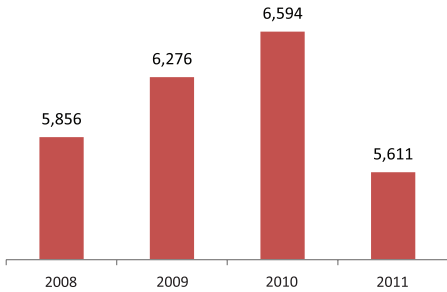
GOAL

IMPROVE OUR RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY NEEDS THROUGH CUSTOMIZED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TRANSFER PROGRAM, AND QUALITY STUDENT SERVICES.

Cerro Coso Students

Fall 2008-2011

(Unduplicated headcount)



The CCCC Special Services Program Hi Tech Center is dedicated to helping and assisting students who are faced with special challenges to obtain their education.

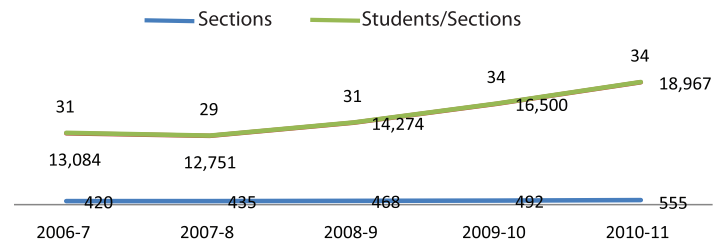
Cerro Coso met and exceeded enrollment targets for the 2010-2011 academic year.

CCCC has seen a steady increase in online enrollments of 45% from 2006-2007 to 2010-2011.

The number of course sections that were conducted also increased 32%. CCCC has increased efficiency by increasing the average students per online section from 29 to 34.

Online Enrollments

With numbers of average students per section - 2006-2011

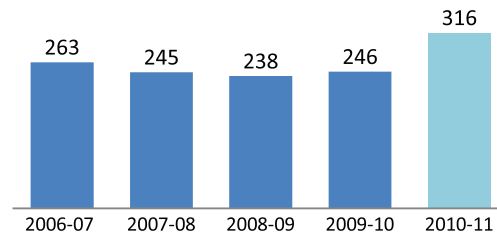


"Cerro Coso is a pioneer in online instruction..." Bill Gates

1998 LEAGUE FOR INNOVATION CONFERENCE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Rise of Cerro Coso Completions

2006-2011



Cerro Coso saw a 28% increase in the number of certificates and degrees awarded this year over 2009-10.

Career Technical Education

Specialized training is required as occupations and industries continue to evolve to meet an ever increasing demand in the world economy.

Cerro Coso offers 14 Career Technical Education Programs with a wide variety of certification, degree, and transfer opportunities for career development, job skills training, occupational training, and workforce education.

Career Technical Education programs at Cerro Coso are established based on labor market and student demand. Employer input is vital to establish the curriculum and training needs for the future local workforce.

It is estimated that in 2020, California will require one-third of the state's power to come from renewable sources. Cerro Coso is on the forefront of renewable energy education.



Cerro Coso and CSULB Partnership

Recognizing local potential a collaborative effort has been made to train and retain highly skilled engineers locally. The articulation of this agreement between Cerro Coso and Cal State University Long Beach now provides a local pathway to a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical or mechanical engineering. The Lancaster University Center's location offers unprecedented access to industry professionals, real-world engineering projects, and internships with local companies.

"I believe not one student enrolled and showed up this week to experience failure."

JILL BOARD, CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT

GOAL

IMPROVE SERVICE TO UNDER-PREPARED STUDENTS AND INCREASE THEIR SUCCESS RATE.

The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) was conducted for the first time throughout KCCD to begin benchmarking transformation for the next few years. Approximately 550 Cerro Coso students (randomly selected) participated in the survey administered in the Spring of 2011.

Compared to the national cohort of over 206,000 students at 699 colleges, Cerro Coso students were more likely to have:

- Tutored or taught other students (a powerful learning strategy)
- Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course

- Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on their performance
- Have frequently used Academic advising/planning and Career counseling

Cerro Coso students also had high praise for the Career Counseling office and used that service more frequently than students at other colleges. Areas requiring improvements are being addressed to better meet student expectations.



Cerro Coso Named "Military Friendly" School

G.I. Jobs magazine added Cerro Coso Community College to the list that honors the top 20 percent of colleges and universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's service members and veterans as students.

- Cerro Coso served 295 veterans and eligible dependents.
- Priority registration was established in 2011 for veterans and dependent families.

"Through streamlining enrollment management processes, implementing CurricUNET, aligning our graduation requirements to reflect SB1440, and developing a Business Plan for Contract and Community Education, we have increased our service to our students and our communities."

JILL BOARD, CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) Helps Loya Reach New Heights



Cerro Coso student, Cristian Loya, has the power and motivation to succeed in school and life. Don't let the wheelchair fool you, this young man is a daredevil at heart. A real thrill seeker, Cristian has always wanted to skydive, whitewater raft, and rock climb.

Cristian got his chance to fulfill one of his dreams at Cerro Coso's Ridgecrest campus this past fall. Following an inspiring presentation by adventure

athlete and motivational speaker Mark Wellman, Cristian, with the assistance of specially designed "adaptive" equipment, climbed a wall. "It was an incredible feeling" said Cristian.

"This was something I've wanted to do since I was 18," he added. "The equipment pulled me right out of my chair and lifted me 24 feet up the wall. It made me feel like anything is possible," he added.

Wellman's inspiring story showed Cristian that with innovative ways and astonishing dedication, anything is possible and accessible. Challenges can be overcome.

"Don't limit yourself just because you have a disability," exclaimed Cristian. "Find a way to make your dreams come true. A positive attitude gives you hope."

The DSPS Program at Cerro Coso assists Cristian with books and bus passes, and he utilizes the high tech lab almost daily to complete class assignments. Cristian regularly uses the screen reader "JAWS" to have his texts read aloud.

The College's DSPS Program currently

offers support services to 123 Cerro Coso students. The program helps students gain maximum benefit from their education experience by providing appropriate academic accommodations related to their disabilities.

"The friendly staff in the DSPS office makes you feel right at home," Cristian said.

Whether it's a college class or rock climbing, this young man enjoys challenging adventures and believes in living life to the fullest.

Cristian is working on a Liberal Arts Degree at Cerro Coso Community College and plans to graduate in May of 2013. Ultimately Cristian's goal is to be an English Professor.

GOAL

SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE THE ACQUISITION AND USE OF RESOURCES.



Three defense contractors continue to pledge their support for the Engineering Program at CCCC. Jacobs Technology, New Directions Technology, Inc. (NDTI), and DCS Corp. each donated \$5,000 to the College's engineering program in an effort to train and retain highly skilled engineers locally to meet the demands of regional employers.

New Grants and Collaborations in 2011

Trade Adjustment Assistance Act – Department of Labor Grant
\$1.5 Million to Cerro Coso

Goal – Develop new basic skills classes and increase Allied Health programs at all campuses.

California Education Policy Fund Grant
\$600,000 to Cerro Coso

Goal - Improve college readiness of students leaving the K-12 system by alignment of curriculum in English and math between the K-12 and community college, and developing a common placement assessment among K-12, community college, and CSU systems.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Co-Op Grant
\$372,000 Est. to Cerro Coso

Goal - support funding for educational equipment, increase coordination of STEM efforts, and increase student learning support for students in these programs.

Sunset Foundation Grant
\$35,000

Goal – support funding for the CCCC Vocational Nursing Program in Bishop and Mammoth.

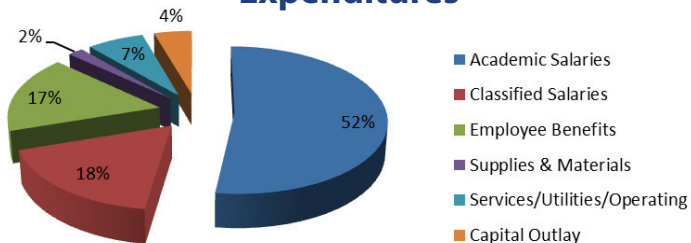
Consortiums and Partnerships Pay Off

Partnerships and collaborative efforts between K12 districts, colleges, employers, agencies, and industries are critical to Cerro Coso's ability to serve the educational needs of our communities.

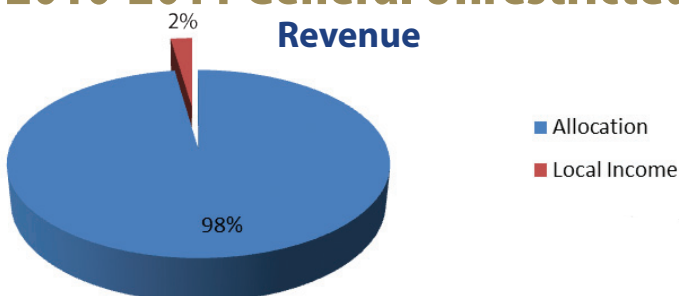
“Partnerships and consortiums allow us to share experiences, vision, knowledge, talent, and resources that add exceptional value in developing programs that produce top performers.”

JILL BOARD CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT

2010-2011 General Unrestricted Expenditures



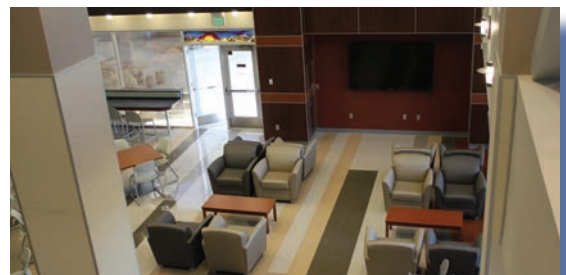
2010-2011 General Unrestricted Revenue



2011 Building and Construction Activities:

- Science Labs Modernization—Complete
- Welding Lab Roofing—Complete
- Fine Arts Remodel and Expansion—Complete
- ADA Compliant Exterior Hardware—Complete
- Bridge Repair—Complete
- Student Center Remodel Project—Complete
- Wireless Upgrade at all campuses—Complete
- East Wing Smart Classrooms Equipment—Complete

The newly remodeled Student Center at the Ridgecrest campus.



Accreditation

Cerro Coso is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and is fully approved by the Board of Governors, California Community Colleges and other state and federal agencies. The University of California, California State Universities and other Universities and colleges grant credit to lower division transfer courses completed at Cerro Coso Community College.

An accredited school is focused on a mission and goals for students; it is student-oriented and examines its students' performance continuously, it accepts objective evaluation from a team of outside peer professionals trained by WASC, it maintains a qualified faculty within an effectively organized school, it collaboratively assesses the quality of its educational programs on a regular basis, and it plans for the future.

The college is preparing for its accreditation visit conducted by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. This visit, and the preparation that it involves, usually occurs on a six year cycle. A team of Community College professionals is scheduled to visit Cerro Coso in October 2012.

February 1-March 1.....	Community Review of Standard Descriptors
March 15-April 15.....	Community Review of Self Evaluation
April 1-May 1.....	Community Review of Actionable Improvement Plans
June.....	Self Study approved by the KCCD Board of Trustees
October.....	Accreditation Team Site Visit

Community Involvement

Cerro Coso staff and faculty participate in a variety of community events and activities to broaden their impact beyond the services provided at the college. The following list is only representational and does not list all events and activities for 2011:

- Kern River Valley Education and Cultural Foundation 20th Anniversary celebration



- Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association ESIA Fall Forum "Building Connections to Success"
- KRV Whiskey Flat Days
- KRV Living Green Festival
- KRV Heart Walk
- Houchin's Blood Drive
- Children's Fair
- Career Days
- IWV Business Expo
- IWV Economic Outlook conference
- Coyotes in the Classroom
- National NSF KidWind Challenge
- Cal City Tortoise Days
- Mammoth Lakes - Blue Sky Food and Wine Experience
- Native American College and Career Day (Awahu Subana'i)
- Coyotes for a Cure – Relay for Life
- Desert Empire Fair
- KRV Gleaning Project

Herman Foster, Welding Instructor, shows Sister City delegates from Tepetitlan, Jalisco, Mexico, welding projects and explains the techniques and materials used by Cerro Coso students.

GOAL

IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION.

At Cerro Coso Community College we take pride in our mission to Educate, Innovate, Inspire, and Serve.

Cerro Coso, as an institution, has a long history of valuing students as individuals with unique capabilities and needs and teaching-learning processes that motivate students towards excellence.

As you read this report of our activities and

accomplishments in 2011, we hope you will be inspired by the ways in which we have continued to increase student success rates, improve course efficiencies, and upgrade facilities despite challenging budget cuts.

Cerro Coso remains committed to providing and improving its academic programs to prepare students for lives of excellence, leadership, and service.

Cerro Coso Emergency Notification System



As part of ongoing efforts to improve communication in case of an emergency, Cerro Coso has implemented an emergency alert system. Cerro Coso maintains an emergency management program to protect lives and property and to continue necessary critical functions.

During an emergency, the emergency notification system will alert and provide pertinent information and instructions to students, faculty, and staff via voice, e-mail, and text messages to the phone numbers and e-mail addresses on file. The system uses CONNECT-Ed, which is a web-based mass notification system that sends emergency messages instantly and simultaneously to telephones, mobile phones, wireless devices, and email addresses uploaded into the CONNECT-Ed system by KCCD.

“The success of participatory governance at Cerro Coso depends upon the levels of cooperation and trust attained, the values shared, and the consensus achieved among all college constituencies.”

Governance

Cerro Coso Community College adheres to an established model of Participatory Governance that encourages broad participation and involvement in college decision-making by all members of the college community, including students, faculty, classified staff, and administrators. The College President, however, retains ultimate responsibility for all decisions.

The goal of the participatory governance process at Cerro Coso is to bring together all constituent groups in order to facilitate the development of college-wide recommendations.



Our Staff and Faculty are Our Greatest Asset

Even during tough economic times, at Cerro Coso Community College we encourage staff and faculty training and professional development. We believe our employees are what drives our success. Cerro Coso employees are given opportunities to attend various local workshops, state and national conferences, and utilize the resources available to them through iStream.



STEVE ROGERS

Associate Professor of Mathematics

and

DEBRA RUNDELL

Associate Professor of Psychology and Human Services

have met the criteria for teaching excellence and were granted tenure by KCCD.



Instructors of the Year

Full Time Faculty
JONATHAN TITTLE

Adjunct Faculty
CHARLES HUMPHREYS

Classified Staff of the Year

Classified Senate Staff of the Year
JEREMY HORTON

Academic Senate Staff of the Year
KIM BLACKWELL
AMY KENNEDY

2011 Staff Retirements Recognized

JONATHAN TITTLE
Professor of Social Science and Counselor, 1974-2011

LARRY BOARD
Professor of Automotive Technology and Renewable Energy, 1992-2011

SHAREN KERLIN
Bookstore Assistant II, 1996-2011

ROBERT JORDAN
Library Technician I, 2001-2011

EMELITO VISTA
Custodian I, 2006-2011

CORI BLEAU
Instructional Design Specialist, 1997-2011

MARGARET HUNTER
Accounting Assistant, 1996-2011

LORI OLIVERA
Program Manager, 1996-2011

DEEMS MORRIONE
Graphic Designer, 1999-2011

*An investment
in our staff
and faculty is
an investment
in the success
of our students*

Faculty & Staff

Leadership Through A Different Lens

While success has always been at the center of Cerro Coso Community College's commitment to students, administrators recognized that many adjunct faculty are unable to attend department meetings and college flex day activities. Determined to change that dynamic, Cerro Coso Leadership held their first Professional Development activity for Adjunct Faculty at the Ridgecrest campus on Saturday, November 5, 2011. Adjunct and full-time faculty were invited to attend to heighten the dialogue about Student Success and Best Practices. "Because such a large number of our students are served by our adjuncts, it is important that they become part of the discussion and training surrounding Student Learning Outcomes and Student Learning Outcome Assessments" said President, Jill Board. Forty-nine adjunct faculty members participated in the event and came from as far away as San Francisco. The activity was purposely scheduled as a face-to-face meeting to give faculty members an opportunity to meet, greet, and get acquainted with colleagues from the various locations the College serves. The main topic for the day was Student Learning Outcomes – what it is, why we do it, and what good it does for students. Over 70 faculty, staff, and administrators participated. In the afternoon, faculty were given the opportunity to join in department meetings. Adjunct Math Instructor, Helen Wang, found the discussion on Student Learning Outcomes insightful and interesting and is looking forward to future department discussions.

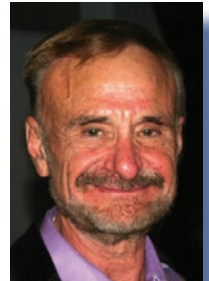


Karen O'Connor

Associate Professor of Business Office Technology and Computer Science at Cerro Coso is serving as President of the California Business Education Association (CBEA) Board of Directors for 2011-2012. CBEA is a state-wide professional organization for business and computer instructors, administrators and their business/industry partners.

Dr. Don Rosenberg

Retired Professor of History and Social Sciences and current adjunct faculty member was recognized by the Division of Undergraduate Studies at UC Irvine as an instructor who has had the most significant impact on the academic performance of Cerro Coso first year transfer students at UCI.



Raul Gonzalez

from the College Grounds Department receives recognition for his many years of service during Classified Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation.



Tammy Kinnan

Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs at CCC received the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International. Tammy is a graduate of the KCCD Leadership Academy and has represented the classified staff on many college and district wide committees.



CCC Child Development Center Staff Receive Recognition

Cerro Coso Child Development faculty and Center employees attended the annual Child Development Recognition Dinner given by the Eastern Sierra Association for the Education of Young Children (ESAEYC) on March 29th. Presenting the awards as the guest master of ceremonies was Cerro Coso President, Jill Board. Three Cerro Coso Child Development Center employees, Jessica Vasquez, Theresa Guerrero, and Julie Keller received special recognition for their dedicated service to children.

Fundraising Events

Denim and Diamonds Gala Raises \$12,707

Community members, staff, and CCCC Foundation board members, clad in jeans and a bit of sparkle, came out for



the 3rd Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala to raise funds for Cerro Coso students. Party-goers were decked out in glitzy jewels and comfortable jeans while they participated in a silent auction that included everything from gift baskets and vacation getaways to a real gold nugget. A casual theme, higher attendance, and generous donations made the evening a great success. Guests enjoyed an entertaining evening of dining, dancing, and bidding on wonderful donated items. The CCCC Foundation is dedicated to bridging the gap between student needs and available resources. The Foundation Board of Directors supports

In the presence of Royalty as (l to r) Jan Bennett was crowned Queen of Diamonds by 2010 Queen Mary Alvarado and Matt Crow was named King of Diamonds by 2010 King Bud Gates.



Community and staff showed their support for Cerro Coso students by donating auction items to the CCCC Foundation Denim and Diamonds Gala Fundraiser.

the College's mission to provide comprehensive academic opportunities to the community for lifelong learning. The Foundation voted to give away more than \$40,000 in scholarships to Cerro Coso students in 2011.

Golf Tournament Raises Funds for Book Scholarships

The average cost of books and supplies for college students attending Cerro Coso Community College (CCCC) full time exceeds \$600 per semester. Now more than ever, paying for textbooks is a financial struggle for students. The Cerro Coso Textbook Scholarship Program helps students to continue their education by offering qualified students the opportunity to receive funds for their books. The CCCC Golf Tournament has raised more than \$8,000 over the past two years for needed textbook scholarships.



The Third Annual Cerro Coso Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the Tierra del Sol Golf Course in California City. Cerro Coso is looking to expand educational services in California City. To celebrate this endeavor it was decided to host this year's tournament at the golf course in California City.

The College and the CCCC Foundation teamed up to host the event with proceeds going for student book scholarships. Prizes were awarded to the teams with the highest score, lowest score, and longest drive. There were Putting Contest prizes and Par 3 prizes. "True to our goals, six students were awarded scholarships this year to help defray the cost of books. Golfers and non-golfers should be proud of their contribution in time, talents, and money on behalf of these Cerro Coso students," stated Dave Cornell, co-chair of the Cerro Coso Golf Tournament.

6th Annual Astronomical BBQ Raises \$4,954.32

Despite cloudy skies and the threat of rain, the 6th Annual Astronomical BBQ and Star Party held on Friday, September 23, 2011 was once again a big hit with the community. The public loves this family friendly signature fundraising event where College Administrators and the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation team up and invite the community up to the college to enjoy great food, live entertainment, and to expose them to the beauty and wonders of space at the Dr. Alex Shlanta Observatory. While the cloud cover kept barbecue goes cool, it did not make for good star gazing. The Star Party portion of the event was cancelled for the evening to be rescheduled in the near future. Special thanks go to the China Lake Astronomical Society for volunteering their expertise and services at the Observatory and music provided by "Harmonic Bonding" and "Unconditional Life". The Cerro Coso Alumni Association donated cookies and many area businesses pledged their support with raffle prizes and goods showcasing their local community involvement. "What makes this event a success is the community," said College President Jill Board. "We are very fortunate to have such great support from our administrators, foundation, staff, businesses, and guests all of whom made this fundraiser a lot of fun."



CCCC Foundation, Inc.

Invest in Student Success

State funding does not meet the education needs of Cerro Coso's rapidly expanding student population. The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation Inc., provides support to better meet the needs of Cerro Coso programs, students, faculty, and staff.

Founded in 1977, the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized under California law to receive scholarships, loans, and gifts on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College. The Foundation as an auxiliary arm of the College assists and supports in the attainment of Cerro Coso's cultural and technical goals, and in the fulfillment of its role in serving the communities of which it is a part.

The CCCC Foundation recognizes the outstanding work and contributions of the following Foundations in support of Cerro Coso Community College:

- Eastern Sierra Foundation - Bishop
- Mammoth Lakes Foundation
- Kern River Valley Education and Cultural Foundation

Foundation Scholarships

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Cerro Coso received \$100,000 from SCE for scholarships as part of its Green Job Training Initiative.

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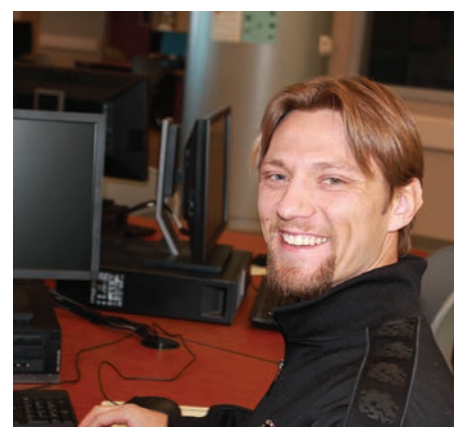
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"Scholarships lightened my load, allowing me to go to school full-time, work a part-time job, and not neglect my family." – Bryan Repsholdt



CCCC Foundation scholarships help Cerro Coso student Kaylee Stuart turn her dreams into reality.

Employee Giving

Monetary donations made by employees to the Foundation for 2011 - \$1,619.00

The Foundation plans to improve these numbers through an Employee Giving Campaign in 2012.

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Athletics Boosters

Cerro Coso Community College is committed to providing a comprehensive intercollegiate athletics program for men and women, which promotes the academic, physical, social, psychological and total development of student athletes. The college's athletic programs have provided hundreds of students the opportunity to fulfill their dreams of an education while playing competitive sports for more than 34 years.

Cerro Coso Athletics – *Creating Individuals of Great Promise!*

At a time when the state budget is forcing painful cuts, the Cerro Coso Athletic Boosters are actively seeking community support for the athletic programs at the college that help train the leaders of tomorrow.

Cerro Coso believes college athletes develop leadership skills in strategic and tactical planning, persistence, sensible risk-taking, resilience, self-discipline, time management, a sense of fairness, teamwork, understanding of adversaries, sportsmanship, competitiveness, pride and loyalty, memories, lifetime fitness, and lifelong friendships that give them a competitive edge in today's workplace.

Athletics Boosters Board

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The Coyotes in the Classroom program offers local elementary students mentoring by student athletes in a classroom environment.

Cerro Coso athletes demonstrate community spirit by assisting with:

- Coyotes in the Classroom
- Junior Olympics
- I'm Going to College
- Coyote Basketball and Baseball summer camps
- 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Cerro Coso student athletes participated in more than 600 hours of community service in the 2010-2011 academic year.



"Today's Coyote Athletes Are Tomorrow's Leaders"

The Cerro Coso Athletics Boosters is an auxiliary organization under the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation.

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ANGEL LASH

Former Cerro Coso Women's Basketball Player, 2005-06, 2006-07 Seasons

Originally from Detroit, MI, former Coyote Women's Basketball player Angel Lash chose Cerro Coso Community College over two Division I colleges to develop her basketball skills and confidence. Accepted at both Western Michigan University and Eastern Michigan University, Lash seized the opportunity to grow and seek new experiences at Cerro Coso.

Her collegiate journey began at the age of 17. Determined to work harder in practice, Lash challenged herself to be a leader on the court and in the classroom and earned the role of team "captain" both her freshman and sophomore years. With the title came a desire to lead by example. As team captain she was determined to exude respect and get it in return, while focusing her team on winning. Lash's goal for the team was to end the season better than the previous team's season. They were culturally diverse, talented in different positions, but they all wanted to finish top in the conference. Challenges and injuries strengthened their resolve to make their goal. The team learned a lot from one another, pushed, and worked hard.

While at Cerro Coso, Lash earned All-Conference both years, was named MVP player at every tournament except one, was invited to display her talent at the California Junior College All-Star game her sophomore year, and was ranked 12th in the state in scoring. One of her most memorable recognitions was receiving the Fire Mountain Foundation (now Cerro Coso Community College Foundation) Outstanding Student Athlete Award. She was the first female athlete to receive the award for academic and athletic achievements in more than 5 years, and was inducted into the first chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society for two-year colleges at Cerro Coso.

Though her main reason for choosing a community college was to develop and learn more about basketball, she learned far more by participating in Cerro Coso programs. She was mentored and encouraged to strive for success in all tasks. Being a student athlete takes a significant amount of discipline and strength and is at times overwhelming. "I credit my ability to overcome adversity, to take calculated risks, and to not fear ownership as a leader, to my positive experiences and adventures at Cerro Coso," said Lash.

After graduating from Cerro Coso, Lash transferred to the University of Las Vegas where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts and is currently attending their graduate program studying Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Her career goal is to be an Athletic Counselor/ Advisor. "One day I hope to touch the lives of athletes like the individuals at Cerro Coso influenced mine."



Alumni

Life after graduation is involvement in the Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association (CCCCAA).

The Cerro Coso Alumni Association serves to maintain that important relationship between graduates of the College that began while they were students.

Alumni Board of Directors

Sharon Irving – Class of 1978
Joyce Wilson – Class of 1992
Steve Garcia – Class of 2000

The CCCCCAA is looking for additional board members. If you are a graduate of Cerro Coso Community College and want to actively serve as a Board of Director please contact the Alumni Office at the College.

The CCCCCAA is committed to recruiting members who will bring diverse ideas and perspectives to best serve Cerro Coso students.

Tell us Your Cerro Coso Success Story!

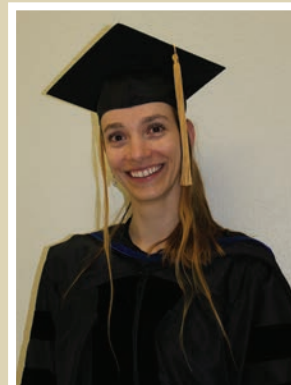
If you are a former Cerro Coso student, we want to hear from you. Help us to put a face on Cerro Coso. Tell us your CCCC success story and we may even feature you on our website, annual report, etc. Contact the Alumni Office for more information.

Your participation in the CCCCCAA will keep great things coming to Cerro Coso.

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2011 Distinguished Alumni Speaker

Dr. Ana Petrovic



Every year the Cerro Coso Alumni Association invites an outstanding alumnus who has excelled in their chosen field to share some of their relevant experiences and encourage graduates at commencement. The Association selected a graduate who is an inspiration to all students, Dr. Ana Petrovic, to address the graduating Class of 2011.

Born and raised in Belgrade, Serbia, Dr. Petrovic came to the United States in 1998 as an exchange student to experience the American culture, improve her knowledge of the English-language, and finish her senior year of high school. The support she received from her host family and the academic community of Cerro Coso gave her opportunity and incentive to continue her higher education in America. "The friendly academic family at Cerro Coso Community College gave me an incredible support and a "bouncing board" for all of the success that followed," stated Dr. Petrovic.

"In the personalized atmosphere of Cerro Coso classes, I acquired not only knowledge and communication skills, but also an academic home that has fostered in me a spirit of creativity, work-ethics and determination to attempt those goals that seem hard to reach. It is the success in seemingly unreachable endeavors that has awakened my confidence. Cerro Coso has nurtured in me the power of persistence in pursuing my dreams."

Dr. Petrovic was a member of the Cerro Coso Honors Program and graduated in 2001 with an Associate of Arts degree in General Education with a 4.0 GPA. Her education and accomplishments at Cerro Coso opened the doors for her transfer to Whitman College with a full academic scholarship.

Dr. Petrovic graduated from Whitman College in 2003 with a BA in Chemistry (summa cum laude). In 2007 she graduated from Vanderbilt University with a PhD in Physical Chemistry. In the summer of 2007 she began a three-year postdoctoral experience at Columbia University where she taught an undergraduate class called "Frontiers of Science" and pursued research in structural investigations of chiral organic inorganic and biomolecules via tandem implementation of chiroptical methods.

Dr. Petrovic is working as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at New York Institute of Technology (NYIT), where besides continuing research involvement, she is pursuing her commitment to undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

"Success is not a place at which one arrives, but rather the spirit with which one undertakes and continues the journey towards accomplishment of the desired goals."



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