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From the President's Office

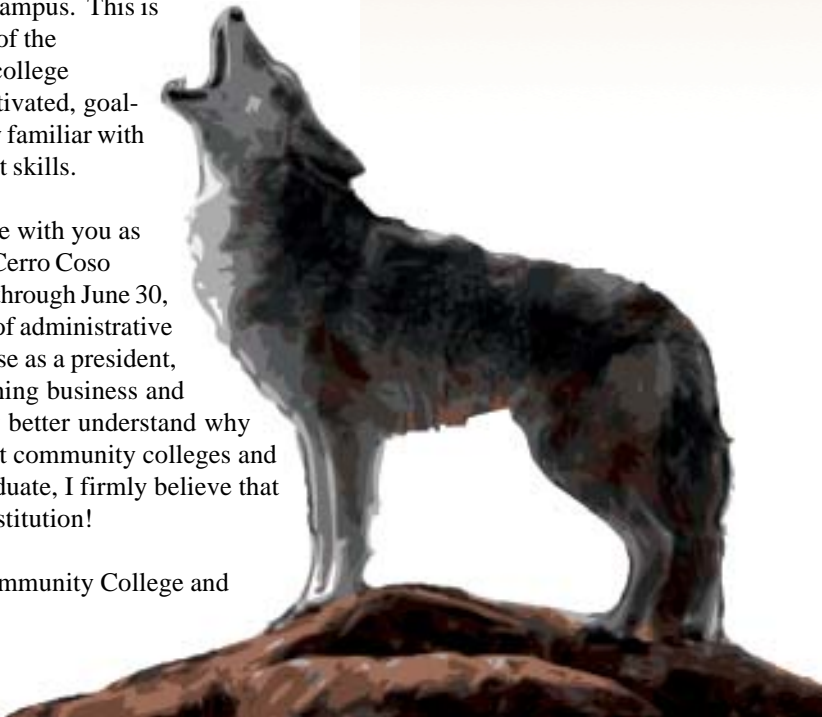
The Fall Semester is off to a fast start with a bumper crop of students at the various sites of Cerro Coso Community College. This year we have nearly as many students enrolled in CC Online as we have attending the Indian Wells Valley campus. This is a powerful indicator of the demands of today's college students who are motivated, goal-directed, and strongly familiar with computer and internet skills.



It is my pleasure to be with you as Interim President of Cerro Coso Community College through June 30, 2007. With 13 years of administrative experience, 11 of these as a president, and 16 years of teaching business and accounting, you may better understand why I am passionate about community colleges and

the success of our students. As a community college graduate, I firmly believe that if I can succeed, so can each and every student at this institution!

Thank you for your continuing support of Cerro Coso Community College and I look forward to meeting you during the coming year.



Cerro Coso Welcomes a New Interim Vice President of Student Learning, Jane M. Harmon, Ph.D.



Thank you all for your warm welcome as I begin my year at Cerro Coso Community College. What I have found are campuses dedicated to students and committed to the communities they serve. I have found faculty, staff and administrators working hard to get students well counseled and into appropriate classes. And in meeting with the Faculty Chair Committee, I saw the wide-spread interest this college community has in ensuring that students receive an education that is accessible and rigorous in a supportive learning environment. I look forward to working with all of you this year as we strive to build on Cerro Coso's reputation of excellence and innovation.

I come to you with 35 years of educational experience, the past 24 in community colleges. I have worked in student services and instruction, both as a faculty member and as an administrator. I have served colleges in Minnesota, New York, and California and continue to feel a sense of immense satisfaction and pride in the work we do as community college educators. We add quality and value to people's lives every day and my goal for this year is to help you in doing so in any way I can.

Faculty Member Valerie Karnes Steps up as Interim Dean for Fall Semester



Valerie Karnes has come forward from the faculty ranks to serve as Interim Dean of Occupational Education and Workforce Development for the fall semester. Valerie was born in Ridgecrest, California, but was raised in California and Virginia. Her undergraduate studies began at the University of Virginia at Wise in the Appalachian Mountain in Virginia and concluded at the University of California in Davis, CA. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in European History with a minor in Political Science. Valerie completed her Masters degree in Educational Technology at Pepperdine University in July of 2003.

Prior to joining Cerro Coso as a full-time faculty member, Valerie worked as a government contractor in support of Naval Air Warfare Center for 17 years, working with Naval publications and desktop publishing. She has also worked for manufacturing, and research and development companies in Northern California prior to moving to Ridgecrest in 1985.

Valerie Karnes was hired in August 2001 as the Cerro Coso full-time Computer Information Systems Assistant Professor. She has been teaching at Cerro Coso as an Adjunct Faculty member since 1992, teaching both online and on-ground classes. Her teaching focus is in computer courses such as Computer Literacy, Word Processing, Spreadsheets, PowerPoint and Database programs on both the Macintosh and Windows environments. In the past 5 years, Valerie has accepted some additional responsibilities and has served Cerro Coso Community College as Faculty Coordinator of Occupational Education & Workforce Development, Faculty Director of Information Technology, Department Chair of the Department of Business and Information Technology and is a Team Leader for Standard III on the Accreditation Steering Committee.

Valerie and Doug Karnes have been married for 23 years and have 4 children (Douglas Jr, Christina, Brandon and Melissa) ranging from 17 to 32. They are the proud grandparents of 5 grandchildren (Samatha, Vada, Matthew, Miya and Felix) who all live within driving distance.

Polish up Your Picture Book Manuscript for Children's Stories at Cerro Coso

Cerro Coso Community College is offering a Community Education Class in picture book manuscripts for children's stories at the IWV campus.

Have you written a story for young children and you aren't quite sure if it's on the right track? Is your picture book manuscript a diamond in the rough, just waiting for you to polish it into a sparkling jewel? Then, enroll in this Cerro Coso Community Education class today. This class will give you the chance to analyze your picture book story from the general (What is the theme?) to the specific (Does my main character have enough voice?)

This Cerro Coso class will meet twice in Room 329 (Main Building, 3rd Floor) from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6th and September 13th. Students may register and pay the \$75 fee at the College in the Office of Student Learning, Room 214 or download, print, and complete the registration form from <http://www.cerrocoso.edu/communityed/> and mail it along with the \$75 fee to: Cerro Coso Community College, Community Education, Attention: Lia Bement, 3000 College Heights Blvd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. This Community Education class fills quickly, please register early.



Child Care Center Receives Kitchen Renovation

The Child Care Center recently underwent a much needed kitchen renovation. The \$50,000 project was funded out of two repair and renovation grants. The kitchen received new paint, vinyl floor covering, upper and base birch cabinets, a three bay sink with commercial faucet and high power sprayer, stainless steel countertops, sanitizer and new hood. Maris Wagener, site supervisor stated, "I was amazed how smoothly the project went. Joann Handeland and Randy Patterson were great supports. Due to the timing, we were able to prepare meals for the children at the Coyote Kitchen. It was a cooperative effort." Collette, Child Care food coordinator, is very pleased with the new kitchen. "It's so clean and sanitary, not to mention bright and shiny. It's beautiful! It's like working in a brand new kitchen."



Cerro Coso Announces Auditions for Fall Production and Other Drama Choices

Cerro Coso Community College is holding auditions for the fall production. The College will be producing Tina Howe's contemporary comedy MUSEUM. MUSEUM takes place on the final day of a group show of three fictitious contemporary artists being exhibited in a major museum of modern art. Over the course of a day, some forty people walk through the show: art lovers, skeptics, foreigners, students, lost souls, fellow artists, and of course, museum guards. This impromptu gathering of strangers creates some interesting chance encounters. Hilarious, touching and disturbing scenes ensue. What the critics say about MUSEUM: "Moving and beautiful ...a passionate and thoroughly personal play about the whole world" ~Village Voice. "The gallery becomes a parable of humanity... [in this] comedy of absurdities with a serious message" ~NY Times. "Excellent slice of life comedy... exceptionally good comment on the human condition" ~Variety.



EVENTS CALENDAR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2006

August 24 & 25, 2006
Faculty Flex Days

August 26, 2006
Fall Semester Begins

August 28, 2006
On-Site Classes for Fall
Semester Begins

September 4, 2006

Labor Day Holiday
College Closed

Sept. 7 & 8, 2006
Board of Trustee Meeting
& Visit to ESCC
(Bishop & Mammoth)

There are over forty parts in this production, with roles for both beginning and advanced actors. No experience is necessary. All interested are encouraged to enroll now in the 3-unit **Theatre Production Course (THEA C121)**. Auditions will take place in class during the first week of classes. Those interested in working behind the scenes on MUSEUM can sign up for the 3-unit **Technical Theatre Course (THEA C131)**. Students in the Technical Theatre class will get hands-on experience in areas of technical production including set design, lighting, sound, costuming, makeup and publicity, to name a few. Artists and those with experience in artistic display are especially encouraged to join to the class.

For those interested in a less structured performance, the College is once again offering the 2-unit **Improvisation Course (THEA C118)**. Students in the Improvisation Course will develop creativity and spontaneity through fun class activities.

Are you just starting out in theatre? Or are you a seasoned performer who's ready to brush up on your acting skills? The College is offering four levels of 2-unit Acting Courses, including **Fundamentals of Acting (THEA C111)**, **Beginning Acting (THEA C112)**, **Intermediate Acting (THEA C211)**, and **Advanced Acting (THEA C212)**. The Acting Courses will culminate in a final public showcase.

The College is also offering 2-unit **Voice for the Actor (THEA C145)** this semester. Students in the Voice Course will learn relaxation, breathing, and vocal techniques to enhance clarity and expressiveness for performance.

For more information about Cerro Coso's Theatre Classes, contact Melinda Fogle Oliver in the Theatre Department at (760) 384-6114.

Cerro Coso Offering "English as a Second Language" Class

Are you ready to learn English and have fun at the same time? Cerro Coso Community College is offering an English as a Second Language course entitled, "**English Speakers of Other Languages II**" (ENSL C021) for the Fall Semester. Classes begin the week of August 28th.



Fire and Ice Cataclysm and Climate Change Along Highway 395 between Bishop and Bridgeport

Cerro Coso is offering a one-unit class Geology Field Trip “Fire and Ice” (PHSC 103, CRN 72826) September 9th and 10th.

On day one, the class will visit Long Valley Caldera. The class will also visit Convict Lake moraines; Mammoth Mountain Gondola to the summit at 11,000 feet; Mono Craters; and then camp at Lundy Canyon.

On Day 2, the class will go to Saddlebag Lake, a 10,000 ft. glacial lake in the Yosemite High Country.

Fire and Ice

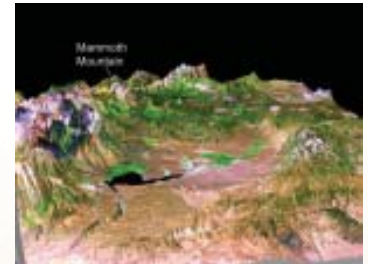
Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice,
From what I’ve tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.
But, if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To know that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.

- Robert Frost

Check out <http://ccomoodle.org>, login as “guest” for details or email damiller@cerrocoso.edu

College Foundation President Installs New Board Member

David Haugen, newly installed President Cerro Coso Community College Foundation, swearing in Jennifer Kuhlman as a new board member. Kuhlman is an alumnus of Cerro Coso Community College graduating in 1995. She went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Cal State Bakersfield in 1997. Kuhlman is the Vice President of Operations for Q4 Financial.



New York City in Action!

Cerro Coso is offering a Politics and History in Action class with a trip to New York City, December 27, 2006 through January 3, 2007.

The class will focus on the cosmopolitanism and ethnic diversity of the world's greatest city. Two required class sessions before and after the trip will provide necessary academic preparation and analysis.

The cost of the trip is \$1,770.00 and includes airfare, 7-nights at Embassy Suites Hotel, 4 Broadway Shows, tickets to Radio City Music Hall Rockettes Christmas Spectacular, tours, gourmet dinner at famous Carmine's Restaurant, and many other special attractions.

The trip consists of enrollment in the class, and payment procedures which should be completed as soon as possible.

For more details about the trip, please contact Dr. Don Rosenberg at (760) 384-8719.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Cerro Coso Community College is well into the fall semester and we are serving over 230 more students than last fall semester. That is great news for the College!

Cerro Coso and the entire Kern Community College District will undergo its regular six-year re-accreditation process in October. Accreditation of California Community Colleges consists of a lengthy self-study process, followed by a site visit of 10-12 community college professionals to evaluate adherence to accreditation standards. We are well-prepared and anticipate a smooth process.

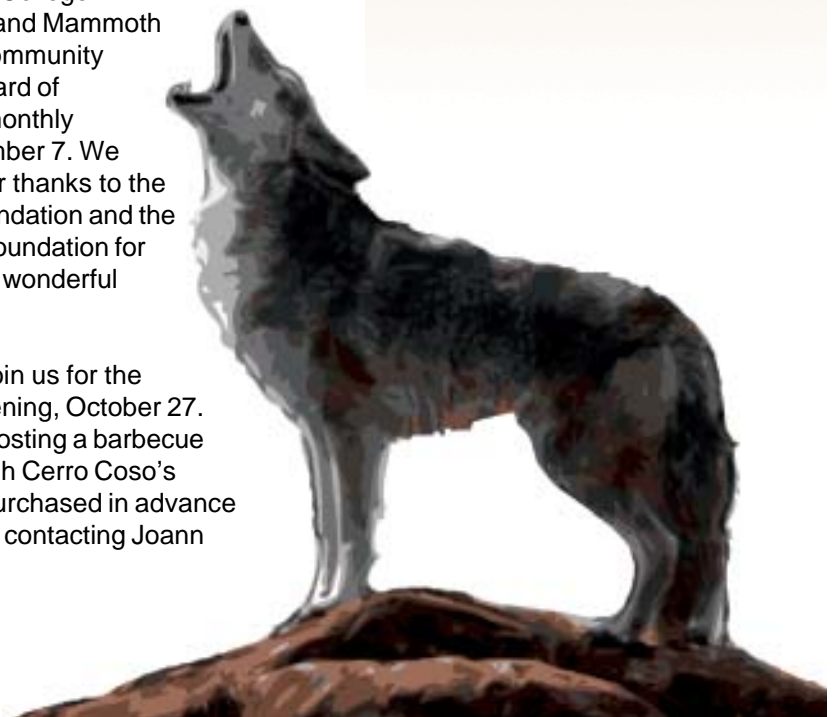


The Eastern Sierra College Centers at Bishop and Mammoth hosted the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees for their monthly meeting on September 7. We wish to express our thanks to the Eastern Sierra Foundation and the Mammoth Lakes Foundation for their support of this wonderful two-day event.

We hope you will join us for the Astronomical Barbecue and Star Party on Friday evening, October 27. The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation is hosting a barbecue dinner with live music, followed by star gazing through Cerro Coso's \$500,000 collection of telescopes. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce or by contacting Joann Handeland at 384-6230.

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CERRO COSO COLLEGE & FOUNDATION SPONSOR ASTRONOMICAL BBQ & STAR PARTY



Dr. Alex Shlanta and Dr. Maryn Retterer

Cerro Coso Community College and the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation are teaming up to sponsor the first ever Astronomical Barbecue & Star Party!!! **Mark your calendars** for this fun-filled fundraiser which is a benefit for the "Dr. Alex Shlanta Astronomical Observatory" at Cerro Coso. The fundraiser is scheduled for **Friday, October 27** with the barbecue dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the College Library's front lawn (with chef's Mary Retterer and her husband Rich) with the Star Party beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Observatory.

"Yesterdaze" a popular local band (with John Stenger-Smith) and the CERRO COSO COMMUNITY BAND (with Tom Foggia) will both be providing musical entertainment during the dinner. Presale tickets are adults: \$8.00, children \$6.00, and family four-pack \$25.00. Tickets are available at Lou's Hallmark, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and the Cerro Coso Business Office. Come and enjoy the fun!

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET RETURNS TO MOJAVE

Auditions for the Cerro Coso Community College production of the Nutcracker Ballet will be held at the Mojave High School Mustang Gymnasium on Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Mojave High School Gymnasium is located at 15732 "O" Street in Mojave. There is no charge for the audition.

Roles are available for adults and children age seven years and up. Previous dance or stage experience is desirable but not necessary; however, solo and feature dances require some dance training, including the ability to dance on point. Gymnasts and actors are welcome. People interested in backstage experience are invited to sign up for the production crew.

The Nutcracker Ballet will be presented on Saturday December 2 and Sunday December 3 2006 in Mojave. This will be the eleventh production of this holiday classic. For more information contact Cerro Coso Community College, South Kern at (661) 258-8644, ask for Kristi Lowe.



CERRO COSO BASEBALL PLAYERS ACKNOWLEDGED

On Sunday, August 27th, Baseball Coach Dick Adams and Assistant Coach Joey Davis kicked off the fall semester with their annual baseball team orientation. The coaches meet all afternoon with the new and returning student athletes to begin “team building” and to provide the players’ guidelines on what it takes to be a successful student at Cerro Coso. Dr. Jane Harmon, Vice President of Student Learning, and Jill Board, Vice President of Student Services both addressed the students welcoming them to the college. That evening, the team met at a local restaurant and were addressed by a past player who encouraged the team to take advantage of the opportunities that our college athletic program offers, and stressed how important it was to keep their attitude and priorities straight. Coach Adams finished the day by presenting certificates to the returning players who received All-Foothill Conference First and Second Team recognition. The players who received First Team were shortstop, Mark Sayas, and for Second Team designated hitter Cameron White, pitcher Jessie Zuber, and outfielder Jon Proesi.



CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SPONSORS “REGISTER AND WIN” PROMOTION

The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation recently sponsored a “Register and Win” promotion on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College. Postcards were sent to households in the College’s service area and individuals were asked to log on to the College web site and register to win a \$100 prize towards textbooks in the College’s Bookstore the “Book Nook”.

Ms. Ruthie Lancaster from Trona is the online winner of the \$100 for textbooks promotion. Lancaster is a full-time Cerro Coso on-line student taking 13 units during the Fall 06 Semester. She works at both the Trona Branch Library of San Bernardino County and the Trona High School Library. Bookstore Manager, Natalie Dorrell, presents a smiling and thrilled Ruthie Lancaster with her textbooks.



Sean Lundin, a concurrently enrolled student (Mesquite High School and Cerro Coso) is the winner of the “Register & Win” promotional contest at Cerro Coso Community College. Lundin received a \$100 gift certificate toward the purchase of textbooks in the Cerro Coso Book Nook. Lundin who is enrolled in Calculus and English at the College for the fall semester smiles as Vice President of Student Services, Jill Board and Natalie Dorrell, Bookstore Manager present the textbooks. The \$100 gift certificate was made possible by the Cerro Coso College Foundation. Each of the College campuses: Kern River Valley Campus, Eastern Sierra College Center – Mammoth Lakes and Bishop and South Kern at Edwards AFB all presented a student with a \$100 gift certificate for textbooks.





ASCC HOST 9/11 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

At 12:30 p.m. on September 11, 2006, the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) hosted a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony around the College flag pole. Ted Hagle, ASCC President, presented Dr. Mary Retterer, Interim President of Cerro Coso with a new flag purchased by the ASCC. Cerro Coso staffer, Rudy Solidarius, raised the new flag with assistance from Burroughs graduate, Air Force Tech Sergeant Patrick Connelly. Connelly recently returned home from Germany and two deployments to Iraq. The assemblage sang the National Anthem, taps played and a moment of silence was observed for those lives lost and their families.

CERRO COSO STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

The Learning Disabilities Association of California Awards and Scholarship Committee recently awarded The John Arena Memorial Scholarship (JAMS) for \$1,000 to Cerro Coso College student Naomi Toborg. Ms. Toborg is a full-time Cerro Coso student, enrolled in 13 units for the fall semester. The JAMS award committee chose Ms. Toborg for her academic perseverance and tenacity and her campus service as Vice President of Special Services Club and as a participant in the Student Ambassador Program.

John Arena was a teacher, writer, lecturer, publisher and college instructor who dedicated his life to those with learning disabilities teaching others to teach to students' strengths to help them overcome their weaknesses. The Award Committee stated Ms. Toborg carried on these same qualities in that "she has gone beyond being a student with a disability to being an instructor and role model for other students."

"I was surprised and grateful to be honored in such a wonderful fashion," stated Toborg.

Naomi Toborg was recommended for her willingness to assist other students and work and service related accomplishments by faculty members Jon Tittle and Bonita Robison.



RUSH HOUR WEEK AT CERRO COSO

An invitation was sent out college-wide to participate in the "Rush Week" activities. The week of September 11, 2006 was designated as Rush Week this semester at Cerro Coso.

"Rush Week" is designed to provide students with an introduction to the Clubs, ASCC Activities and Student Life on campus. This is a time to recruit new students and gather returning students back into action. Faculty were asked to recruit Area Representatives that could attend the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) meetings. Department Chairs were invited to participate and to provide students with information regarding their Department, particularly any co-curricular activities or events that their Department is providing for students.

This semester's "Rush Week" included both the fifth-year remembrance of 9/11 and the day chosen to celebrate US Constitution Day.

Small flags were disseminated on September 11th, and copies of the United States Constitution on September 14th along with information regarding the ASCC.

Rush Week Events

Monday: 9-11 Remembrance 12:30 – 1:30

Tuesday: Club Competition (trivia quiz) Student Center 11:00 – 2:00

Wednesday: Club Fund Raisers Student Center/Patio 11:00 – 2:00

Thursday: Constitution Day-Wear Red, White & Blue Student Center 11:00 – 2:00

On Wednesday, September 13th, during "Rush Week", the CARE Club offered a "Dunk the Staff" activity in the grass area adjacent to the fountain outside of the Student Center. A huge THANK YOU to those volunteered! In addition to the club raising funds, this was a great opportunity for staff to inform students about themselves.

Participating staff included:

11:00-11:15	Betty Jones, Educational Advisor, Counseling
11:15-11:30	Debby Kilburn, Faculty, CIS
11:30-11:45	Dick Benson, Faculty, Art
11:45-12:00	Dan Johnson, Adjunct Faculty, Information Technology
12:00-12:30	Jan Moline, Faculty, Counseling, ASB Advisor
12:30-12:45	Eloy Rodriguez, Faculty, Mathematics
12:45-1:00	Kim Kelly, Faculty, Physical Education & Wellness
1:00-1:15	Karen O'Connor, Faculty, Business
1:15-1:30	Rudy Solidarios, Custodian
1:30 - 2:00	Jim Manion, Faculty, Mathematics



Dick Benson



Jim Manion



Karen O'Connor



NEW ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH

Baseball Coach, Dick Adams, announces new Assistant Baseball Coach, Joe Davis. Joe Davis is originally from the Chico area but most recently northern Nevada. He has played professional baseball, pitched collegiately at Napa College and coached at Solano College.

Mr. Davis will be an adjunct instructor in the PE/Athletics Department. He will coach the pitchers, and assist with recruiting. Mr. Davis plans to rejuvenate the winter baseball camp and continue our summer camp tradition.

Mr. Davis has been married 10 years to his wife Tammy. Tammy works at Payless Drugs where she is a licensed Pharmaceutical Technician.

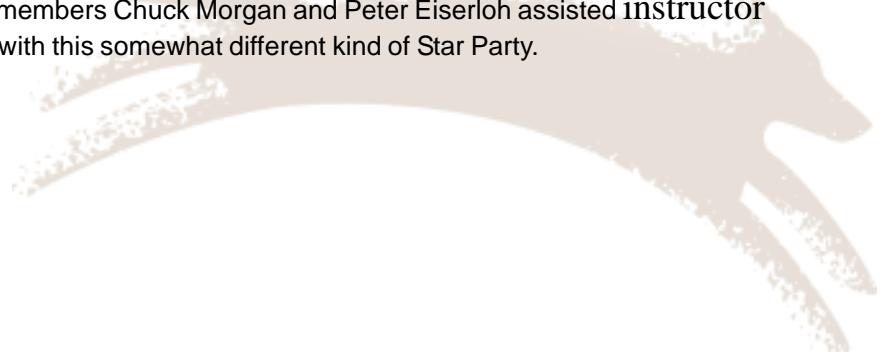
Mr. Davis replaced Paul Bassett who accepted a volunteer job at BYU, who will work camps and part time grounds on the baseball field. We wish Paul well as he follows his dreams in his pursuit of coaching at a Division 1 University.

Mr. Davis has hit the job with his feet running! We are so pleased with his expertise and performance is well received by the players.

Welcome Joe and Tammy Davis to our valley and college!

STAR PARTY FOR 3RD GRADE GATEWAY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Windy or not the show must go on! A Star Party was held at the Cerro Coso College Observatory on Friday, September 15, 2006 for the 3rd grade classes of Virginia Weisz and Paige Sorbo from Gateway Elementary. "About 50 students and parents attended the event and they were an enthusiastic group. The weather defied the forecast and presented a real challenge for the outing. It was 63 degree F, partially cloudy, with a wind WSW at 25 mph, and gusts into the 30's. Needless to say, the wind precluded the use of telescopes. I was thinking about canceling the Star Party when the Gateway elementary group appeared at the College. But, I noticed they all were so eager and I just couldn't let them down. So, a variation on the star party theme was carried out and it proved to be effective," stated Cerro Coso instructor Alex Shlanta. China Lake Astronomical Society members Chuck Morgan and Peter Eiserloh assisted instructor Shlanta with this somewhat different kind of Star Party.



EVENTS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2006

"Rush Week" September 11-14, 2006

Monday: September 11, 2006
9-11 Remembrance East Entrance
Flagpole 12:30 – 1:30

Tuesday, September 12, 2006
Club Competition (Trivia Quiz)
Student Center 11:00 – 2:00

Wednesday, September 13, 2006
Club Fund Raisers Student Center/Patio
11:00 – 2:00

Thursday, September 14, 2006
Constitution Day-
Wear Red, White & Blue
Student Center 11:00 – 2:00

Nutcracker Auditions, Saturday,
September 23, 2006,
Mojave High School Mustang Gym

Tuesday, October 3, 2006,
Special Services "Octoberfest"
Welcome Back Program,
12:30 – 1:30 PM, First Floor, Fountain Area,

Monday, October 9, 2006,
Classified Staff Development Training

Friday, October 27, 2006, 5:30 PM
Astronomical Star Party

The Star Party commenced with Shlanta using a green laser pointer and pointing out some of the primary Constellations that could be seen. Indicated were the big dipper in Ursa Major, Cassiopeia, the Summer Triangle of stars, Northern Cross in Cygnus, the Square of Pegasus, and the Andromeda Constellation. Shlanta shared a few stories and anecdotes which accompanied this sky tour. Then the group was walked through a model of the solar system with stakes in the ground spaced to represent the relative distances between planets. "When we stopped at each stake the group was told some of the characteristics of that planet. We talked about there being only 8 planets now with Pluto, Eris (2003 UB 313), and Ceres being in the Dwarf planet category," shared Shlanta. The group toured the three domes that were open in the observatory compound and the 3rd graders took an up-close look at the telescopes inside the domes. Chuck Morgan demonstrated how to use the Orion 12-in Dobsonian mount reflector the students then took a look down at the mirror. Then Morgan went to the Meade 12-inch LX200 Schmidt Cassegrain telescope on a fork mount. The students particularly liked it when Morgan controlled the motion of the LX200 with the hand controller. Peter Eiserloh then demonstrated the Cave 10-inch reflector on an equatorial mount and the use of a finder.

Teachers Virginia Weisz and Paige Sorbo were pleased with the Star Party. Now that their students had some background they would like to come back with them again in the springtime to do some actual looking through telescopes at celestial objects.



CLASSIFIED STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Monday, October 9, 2006, a non-instructional day at all Cerro Coso Community College sites, Classified staff will participate in two-sessions, with lunch in the middle, Staff Training. The first session will address Ergonomics and the second address Stress Management. There will be no classes that day and the Cerro Coso Child Development Centers in Ridgecrest and California City will also be closed. The College will be closed to the public on October 9th due to staff development training. The College and the Child Development Centers will resume normal activities on Tuesday, October 10th

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Cerro Coso Community College is proud to announce the appointment of Deanna Campbell as Director of our Eastern Sierra College Center. Ms. Campbell comes to us from the world of international banking and is already a resident of the Eastern Sierras. There will be receptions in both Mammoth and Bishop in the near future to welcome Ms. Campbell to Cerro Coso.



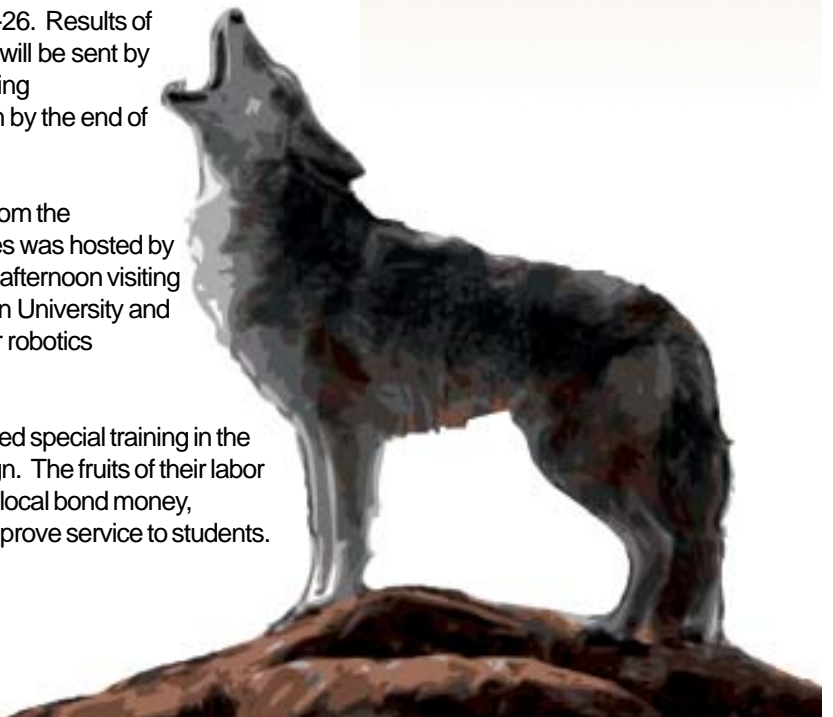
Every six years Cerro Coso and all of the California Community Colleges are visited by a delegation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges to assess our accreditation. All of the Kern Community College District colleges were visited the week of October 23-26. Results of these visits will be sent by the accrediting commission by the end of January.

On Wednesday, October 11, Cerro Coso hosted a visitor from the Philippines. A team of business people from the Philippines was hosted by the China Lake Rotary Club and one of the team spent the afternoon visiting the IWW campus. Jigger Latoza is employed by St. Agustin University and teaches political science. He was very impressed with our robotics program and the courses available from CC-Online.

Some members of the Cerro Coso leadership team attended special training in the area of master planning for facilities construction and design. The fruits of their labor will be seen in the near future as we move forward with our local bond money, leveraged by state funds, to modernize the campus and improve service to students.

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ABANDONED LEGO RESCUE EFFORT SUPPORTS ROBOT DEMONSTRATION

- *Abandon Lego Rescue Effort
- *S.I.T. Fair Activities
- *Wanted: Some Stuff!
- *Geeks, Geek-Wanna Be's, and Technophobes Welcome!

*****ABANDON LEGO RESCUE EFFORT*****

In preparation for the Desert Empire Fair, the Students Intrigued by Technology (S.I.T.) club has sent out a request to donate old LEGOS!

The club will make use of these in a variety of ways:

- Fundraising activities, background sets, props, or prizes
- Building a welcome monument to extraterrestrial life
- A robotic walking throne for our club president
- Outreach activities with K12 students

These LEGOS would become club property. Club LEGOS will be stored at the college and will be available to the club and Robotics class. A similar request was sent out to the public.



LEGO ROBOTICS at Sage Hall



Students Working Together

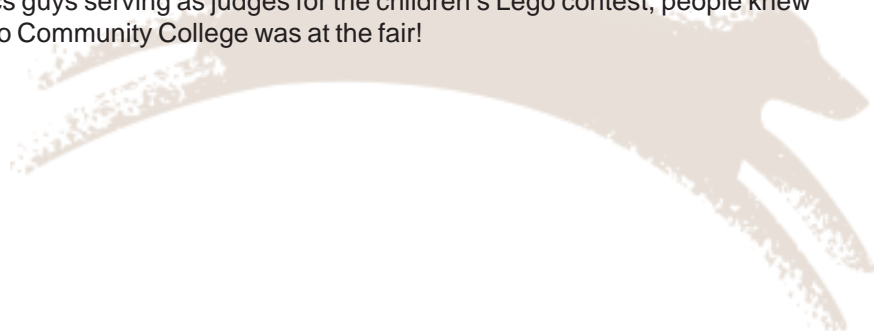


Set up

CERRO COSO FEATURES ROBOTS AT THE FAIR!

Come one, come all... Cerro Coso students went nuts with ROBOTS at the fair (October 12-15, 2006). Set up took place all morning at Sage Hall before the Fair opened. Fair-goers were entertained by students working on tough challenges that involved herding golf balls into a hole and others that are working on making a walking robot. A fundraising effort included playing a game or two of Robo-Lotto. Ever see a random robot choose a square?

An amazing time was had by all at the Fair! Many inquiries were made about the Robotics class. Between our exhibition, the college booth in the other hall, our IMPROV group putting on a show, students getting on the radio, and a couple of our robotics guys serving as judges for the children's Lego contest, people knew Cerro Coso Community College was at the fair!



The robotics demonstration was completely student organized and directed. Great lessons on teamwork and collaboration were learned and how to talk to the public about Cerro Coso College activities. At every opportunity a student would respond to questions explaining what they were doing. A number of students commented on how they loved having an extended time to work on their projects and how much they learned by having to fix things on the fly.

Many thanks go to a multitude of participants which included, faculty, staff, students and community members. The participants included:

The Cerro Coso staff in general - we have an AMAZING group of people at this college!

Maintenance and Operations – tables, cones, canopy, drop off and pick up

Deems Morrione – printing for our posters

Mike Thomas and Board of Directors of the Desert Empire Fair - for allowing us to have so much space to set up in

John Stenger-Smith - for letting us use the lab coats (everyone LOVED those!)

Lisa Darty - for opening up the Media Arts Lab so we could edit the video

Dennis Wilson - for getting the laptops ready to go

Barbara Roberts - for helping us get in with the fair in the first place

People who baked cookies - need I say more?

All of our students worked hard, but special recognition should go to the following:
Michelle Montemayor – for being the Fair Liaison and making everything so easy for us to do

Michael Moline and Josh Loscar - for creating the video

Joshua Montemayor and Robert Villicana - for judging the LEGO contest

Bill Kenny – for building the robot that visitors played with ALL weekend

Dan Johnson – the LEGO man! [with a little help from his mom :-)]

Over 30 students volunteered their time throughout the weekend to staff our exhibition with several students putting in extraordinary amounts of time:

Joshua Montemayor, Wayne Tanner, Liz Stanley, Tammy Peach, Robert Villacana, Bill Kenney, Brandon Sanders, Dominick Beckham and Jackie Bledsoe

METAMORPHOSES 2006 AND MET ONLINE

Cerro Coso has published *Metamorphoses 2006: A Journal of Literature and Art*.

This year marks the first time *Met* has been published with a perfect binding.

Contributors include Cerro Coso students, alumni, and community members.

Metamorphoses Online also has a new image, thanks to the help of Cori Ratliff,

Cerro Coso webmaster. Take a look at the new online presence at

www.cerrocoso.edu/metamorphoses and leave some feedback on the blog.

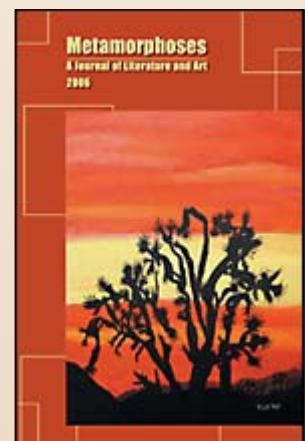
Met is now accepting submissions for the 2007 issue and is running an online creative writing workshop October 29 through November 11 featuring poet and teacher Sterling Warner. Students, faculty, and community members are welcome to participate.



Robotics Demonstration



The LEGO Man (Dan Johnson)



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October 12-15, 2006 FAIR –
(Cerro Coso staffs booth)

October 12, 2006 26th Annual
College and University Night

October 27, 2006 Preview Day

October 27, 2006 Astronomical
Observatory "Star Party" Fund
Raiser

October 29-November 11
Metamorphoses Accepting Submis-
sions for Metamorphoses 2007

October 29-November 11 Online
Creative Writing Workshop with
Poet Sterling Warner

November 9, 2006 Cerro Coso
Community Band Fall 2006 Concert

ONLINE CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH POET STERLING WARNER (October 29-November 11)

Cerro Coso's *Metamorphoses* and Creative Writing Community (CWC) hosts a two week (October 29-November 11, 2006) Online Creative Writing workshop with Poet Sterling Warner. The workshop is open to all.

Visit the following blog to sign up and receive a twenty percent discount on Warner's latest book:

<http://ruinedbybooks.blogspot.com/2006/09/guest-poet-workshops-with-cwc.html>

Every poet and fiction writer—from beginner to published author—needs a good reader from time to time. That's why the Creative Writing Community and Metamorphoses are hosting their second creative writing workshop featuring guest poet and teacher Sterling Warner.

For over twelve years, Warner has served as chief editor of Leaf by Leaf, Evergreen Valley College's literary journal. His poetry has appeared in *LBL*, *inside english*, *In the Grove*, and other literary journals.

Warner's latest book of poetry, Without Wheels, is a collection of poems spanning the poet's career. The book was printed in 2005 by Valley book and journal publisher In the Grove. For a sample of the new collection, read the poem "Listening to Nakai," a zen-like ode to nature and to place.

Discount on *Without Wheels*: As an added bonus, all CWC members will receive a *twenty percent discount* on the purchase of *Without Wheels*. Join the CWC to receive the special discount code before ordering.

Please feel free to click "comments" below to post a question or add to discussion. For more information about the workshop, email the CWC coordinator.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SPONSORS "REGISTER AND WIN" PROMOTION

The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation recently sponsored a "Register and Win" promotion on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College. Postcards were sent to households in the College's service area and individuals were asked to log on to the College web site and "Register and Win" a \$100 prize towards textbooks in the College's Bookstore. Ms. Angela Looper is the proud winner of the textbook promotion at the Kern River Valley Campus of Cerro Coso Community College. Looper works as a student worker at the College, and is the manager of the popular local eatery Chilly Willy's. She is enrolled in 11 units and will graduate at the end of the Spring 2007 term. Campus Director Gayle Whitlock presents a smiling and thrilled Angela Looper with the Bookstore gift certificate.



Gayle Whitlock Angela Looper

CERRO COSO COLLEGE COMMUNITY BAND TO HOLD FALL 2006 CONCERT

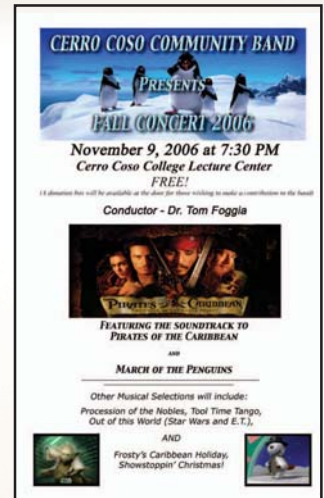
The Cerro Coso College Community Band will hold their Fall 2006 concert on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cerro Coso Community College Lecture Center. The concert will feature movie soundtracks to *March of the Penguins*, *Star Wars*, *ET*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

The concert will also feature Cerro Coso staff member, Felix Flores, playing the electric drill in a power-tool performance of *Tool Time Tango*.

In celebration of the upcoming holidays, the band will perform *Frosty's Caribbean Holiday*, *The Chipmunk Song*, and *Showstoppin' Christmas*.

Other musical selections will include: *Procession of the Nobles*, *To Sail Beyond the Stars* - performed while images from the Hubble Telescope are shown, *Palladio*, Latin *Celebration* – a medley of famous Latin songs, and *On the Mall*.

The concert is sure to be fun for the whole family! The public is invited to attend this FREE concert. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY OCTOBER 9, 2006

All campuses closed to the public on Monday, October 9, 2006 so that classified employees could attend a professional development activity in Ridgecrest. Kathy Espinoza, of Keenan and Associates, took the typically uninteresting topics of Office Ergonomics and Stress Management and turned them into exciting, energetic, and often comical presentations featuring demonstrations. To do so, she used everyday items such as a broom and rag, and unique items such as a 5 pound glob of human fat, a pink bridesmaid gown, and a Gatorade "edge" bottle. Did you know that "edge" stands for Ergonomically Designed Gatorade Experience? Kathy's presentations focused on more than just the work environment as she encouraged employees to make adjustments in their home and personal life. Suggestions included adjusting their home office furnishings, assigning stress numbers to situations and the concept of "don't should on me".



In between the two presentations, the management team barbequed and served lunch. The day concluded with Dr. Mary Retterer presenting each employee with a Cerro Coso name badge.

ASSOCIATE STUDENT OF CERRO COSO BOARD



Back row, Anna Sue Eldridge – Department Assistant, Scott Toborg – Vice President, Jan Moline- Advisor, Ted Hagle – President, Diana Reyes – Secretary. Front row Valerie McLaughlin- Financial Manager, Isabel De La Rosa- Representative, Rachelle Miller – Student Trustee

RELAY FOR LIFE

This year's Relay for Life was totally awesome! Overall, the town of Ridgecrest raised approximately \$182,000 dollars for the American Cancer Society.

Cerro Coso's family should be proud! This year, Cerro Coso Community College raised \$1,790.00 from donations, luminaries and our opportunity drawings. A special **BIG THANKS** to our nursing students. These ladies (and one very lucky fiancé) stayed the full 24 hours, staffing the tent and walking the track.

It's not too soon to think about next year's Relay for Life! Let's start recruiting now, both walkers and anyone who would just sit at the tent for an hour or two. We need a team name, ideas for raising money, decorating our tent, and promoting our college. You will be seeing more emails throughout the next few months promoting this event!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

As this fall semester draws to a close, life is still very busy "up on the hill." Students are preparing for final exams and finishing up semester projects.

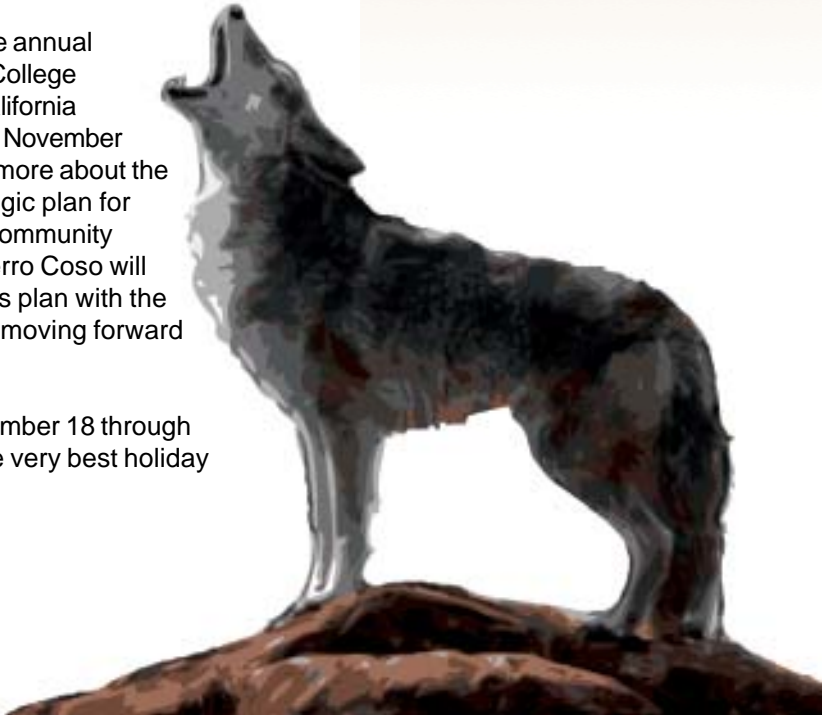


The California State Board of Governors for the Community College System met at the Kern Community College District office on November 13. It was very interesting to watch them in action, especially since one of our own trustees, Pauline Larwood, is on the Board of Governors.

I attended the annual Community College League of California convention in November and learned more about the state's strategic plan for California's community colleges. Cerro Coso will be aligning its plan with the

state's and that of the Kern District so that we are all moving forward together.

The College will be closed for winter break from December 18 through January 1, reopening on January 2. We wish you the very best holiday season, and a safe and happy New Year!



CERRO COSO COLLEGE & FOUNDATION SPONSOR ASTRONOMICAL BBQ & STAR PARTY



Cerro Coso Community College and the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation teamed together to sponsor an Astronomical Barbecue & Star Party on Friday, October 26, 2006. This fun-filled fundraiser benefits the "Dr. Alex Shlanta Astronomical Observatory" at Cerro Coso. The fundraiser included a barbecue dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the College Library's front lawn and the Star Party began at 7:30 p.m. at the Observatory. Entertainment was provided by "Yesterdaze", a popular local band, with the Cerro Coso Community Band, providing musical entertainment during the dinner. The event was very well attended!



2006 PREVIEW DAY AT CERRO COSO



On Friday, October 27, 2006, Cerro Coso hosted its 6th Annual Preview Day. Junior and senior high school students from our service area were invited to visit our campus and learn more about Cerro Coso. Students had the opportunity to gather information about all the programs offered at Cerro Coso during the "Information Fair." Instructors provided information about their program areas, including campus and lab tours. Approximately 200 local high school students attended.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FALL 2006 DRAMA PRODUCTION



Cerro Coso Community College will present the fall theatrical production *Museum* on Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the Cerro Coso Lecture Center. Tina Howe's hilarious play *Museum* takes place on the last day of an abstract art exhibit. The exhibit draws together an unusual cast of over forty characters resulting in a series of unexpected and somewhat surreal chance encounters. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students, seniors, and military. Tickets are available at the CCCC Business Office, the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce and at www.cheapgeeks.us. Doors will open thirty minutes prior to the show. *Museum* is an adult comedy and is not suitable for children. For more information contact Melinda Fogle Oliver in the Cerro Coso Theatre Department at 384-6114.

CSCI 101 ROBOTICS PROJECT

It's that time again!! Students worked two weeks on a robotics unit that gave them hands-on experience creating, programming, troubleshooting, and problem solving working robots. On Wednesday, November 22, the Intro to Computer Information Systems classes tested their robots! Teams programmed their robots to run the Amazing Maze! It was very entertaining and demonstrated an outstanding introduction to engineering studies.

NEW DIRECTOR OF EASTERN SIERRA COLLEGE CENTER

Ms. Deanna Ing Campbell is the newly appointed Director of the Eastern Sierra College Center. Ms. Campbell has had numerous years experience in education as faculty and adjunct faculty for colleges and universities in Shanghai, Pennsylvania, Arizona and California. Most recently, Ms. Campbell has been adjunct faculty for Cerro Coso Community College teaching international business and accounting.

Prior to moving to the Eastern Sierras in 2004, Ms. Campbell worked for Morgan Stanley as a Senior Associate, Investment Banking, in Hong Kong, Singapore and New York, executing mergers and acquisitions, high-yield debt and equity issuances and providing corporate advisory services. Ms. Campbell also worked for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group as Manager, Corporate Banking, in Shanghai, managing the bank's China loan portfolio; and American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago as an Analyst, Commercial Lending, in Chicago.

Ms. Campbell has a BA in Economics from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and an MA in International Studies from the Lauder Institute of the University of Pennsylvania.

Since moving to the Eastern Sierras, Ms. Campbell has been very involved in volunteer and community service activities. She is currently Secretary of the Board, Lower Rock Creek Mutual Water Company; a volunteer firefighter, Paradise Fire Protection District; a volunteer team member, Inyo County Search and Rescue; and provides private tutoring for local students.

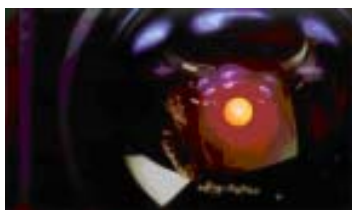
TECHNOLOGY CLUB FUNDRAISER

Tickets are on sale for the Students Intrigued by Technology (S.I.T.) fundraiser, the Random Lotto-bot. If you've seen Cow Patty Bingo, you'll know what this is all about! There were 100 squares and a robot programmed to randomly run the grid to stop on the winning square. Cash and prizes included up to \$100 in cash and prizes (LEGOs of course!). Tickets were sold by S.I.T. members and their advisor, Debbie Kilburn, for \$5. We will run the Lotto-bot at the end of next week at our club meeting, December 1st.



Deanna Ing Campbell

S.I.T. CLUB HAS GUEST SPEAKER



On Friday, December 1, 2006, a special guest addressed the Students Intrigued by Technology (S.I.T.) club meeting with other campus personnel invited to attend. Dr. Steven Kurti, research physicist from China Lake Naval Air Warfare Station (NAWS) gave a talk titled "What will HAL think? "The famous computer known as HAL in the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey". The villain was known as SID 6.7 in the movie "Virtuosity". The DNA computer was created by Professor Emile Chambourd in the book "The Paris Option". Science fiction seems obsessed with futuristic computers, but what will computers look like in 10, 20, or even 30 years? Attendees were entertained with some "Imagineering" while pulling back the veil of the future and taking a peek at what tomorrow's computers may look like."

COYOTE PRIDE DAY!



On Friday, November 10, 2006, the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) sponsored a Coyote Pride Day! Some of the participants included Dr. Jane Harmon, Bonita Robison, Janet Wilson and all the wonderful students that gave their time and effort. The IWV Campus Coyote Pride Day was a tremendous effort. There were at least 10 large bags of trash, pine needles and other debris removed from the areas adjacent to the curbs being painted. The curbs in front of the Main Building were painted as were many of the Handicapped Parking spaces. A special thanks to Ted Hagle, ASCC President and Scott Toborg, ASCC Vice-President who arrived at 7:30 am to get things set up and stayed until 5:00 pm to put things away and lock up. Also, many thanks to Mark Lathrop who opened doors and made multiple trips to Home Depot for more paint as well as made sure everything was locked up properly. A half-day Coyote Pride Day was also scheduled on Friday, December 1, 2006, after 12:00 noon, to finish painting a few curbs. The ASCC provided water for the participants. Thanks to everyone for their help and participation!

CERRO COSO COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS PRESENT "MEN OF WORTH"



On Friday, November 17, 2006, the Cerro Coso Community College Associated Students (ASCC) sponsored a "Men of Worth" concert. This dynamite duo, consisting of James Keigher and Donnie MacDonald, appeared in concert to the delight of many of their friends and fans in the area. Their combination of Celtic music and humor is a treat for all those in attendance.

The folk music duo was formed by James Keigher, an Irishman, and Donnie MacDonald, a Scotsman, in 1986. It was through the Celtic music scene in southern California that James and Donnie first met, and within a couple of years a partnership developed that was simultaneously serious and fun. On stage, they

perform with octave mandolin, accordion, bodhrans, guitar, banjo and mandola while singing their songs in both English and Gaelic.

This concert was a treasure to all who attended. The back and forth friendly banter always draws a laugh, and James and Donnie know how to draw the audience in. Their ability to adapt on the fly, to bring attention in a light-hearted way to someone coming in late or clapping off beat, always amuses the audience. The concert is very informal and the audience is often regaled with stories of their travels to the location, or rather mishaps along the way. The musicians also share stories about the music, helping the audience to understand the meaning behind the words or the relevant history to help enlighten the listener to the significance of the songs. Songs are performed in both English and Gaelic and include exciting tunes and heartfelt ballads.

James and Donnie have often said that their visit to Cerro Coso is one of their favorite stops on their fall concert tour.

TRANSFER CENTER HOSTS CSUB AT CERRO COSO

On Thursday, November 16, 2006, the Cerro Coso Transfer & Career Center hosted the California State University Bakersfield, Antelope Valley Campus "On-Site Transfer Day."

The CSUB representatives are hoping that this on-site Transfer Day will encourage potential transfer students from Cerro Coso Community College to meet with their advising staff and ask questions concerning admission status to the CSUB Antelope Valley Campus.

TRIO STUDENTS VISIT CSUB

On Thursday, October 5, 2006, TRiO took 33 students from IWV and KRV to California State University San Bernardino for an all-day campus visit. As part of our day, we were treated to a campus tour, lunch in the dining hall, and a great transfer presentation by the Transfer Department representative. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions about specific majors and transfer requirements. Students also had a great time exploring the campus and participating in the many campus activities, such as the Health Fair, Sorority booths, outdoor B-B-Q and the free concert by the "Blue Grass Boys".

As a result of TRiO's hard work, we are very proud to announce that two students, Louvina Donielle Russell Covey and Amber Clibbens are now planning on attending CSU San Bernardino. Louvina will be majoring in History at CSU San Bernardino

EVENTS CALENDAR DECEMBER 2006

December 1, 2006
"Coyote Pride Day"

December 8, 2006
Holiday Party
Knights of Columbus

December 8,9,10, 2006
"Museum", by Tina Howe
CCCC Lecture Center

December 11- 15, 2006
Final Exam's



and ultimately plans on becoming a Prosecuting Attorney. Amber is working on her degree in Nursing.

TRiO is a program designed to help students reach their academic goals at Cerro Coso Community College and transfer to a (4) year college to complete their education. One of our many services is providing the opportunity for campus trips, so students can see first-hand if the campus they are considering transferring to is a good “fit”, an important factor necessary for their success. To have TRiO students find “their” campus as a result of our time and effort, makes the work well worth it—TRiO staff is very proud of Louvina and Amber.



Louvina Donielle Russell-Covey

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Happy New Year! Things are moving fast at Cerro Coso as we begin a new calendar year and complete the second half of the academic year. Our counseling and advising office is crowded with registering students and our numbers look healthy.



Cerro Coso welcomed Deanna Campbell officially as the new Director of the Eastern Sierra College Center. Deanna has increased enrollment at both Mammoth and Bishop Centers already and is hard at work developing new institutes and programs for her region. Welcome Deanna!

Three Cerro Coso employees were certified in January to deliver all

contract training courses that are offered through Development Dimensions International (DDI). Our first client will be China Lake NAWS for the NAVAIR Leadership Vector. Certified facilitators now include Deanna Campbell, Julie Rueger, and myself.

Keep your eye on Cerro Coso for more contract training, new programs, and increased service to our students and our communities throughout the new year!



JOSEPH MOSCHITTO NAMED CERRO COSO'S FALL 2006 "STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"

The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association proudly announces the "Student of the Semester" for the Fall 2006 term. Joseph Moschitto was recognized as an outstanding student by the Association at a Special Awards Luncheon held in his honor on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at Texas Cattle Company.



Cerro Coso Community College's Director of Information, Development and Alumni Relations, Joann Handeland (left) and Interim President, Dr. Mary Retterer (right) congratulate Joseph Moschitto as the recipient of the Alumni Association's Fall 2006 "Student of the Semester" award.

Mr. Moschitto was nominated for the award by speech instructor, Janis Jamison, who described him as being "devoted to his church and the essence of his life is to someday be a loving husband, an energetic father, a giving member of the community and an honest, upright instructor who will add joy to his students' lives." Joseph is enrolled in 15.5 units this semester and is majoring in English and education and carries a perfect 4.0 GPA. His goal is to obtain his masters degree and teach English at the college level.

Mr. Moschitto enjoys writing, weightlifting, skeet shooting, and dancing. He is a youth leader at his local church, and tutors college students in English, speech, and biology.

"The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on Mr. Moschitto and acknowledges his many achievements by selecting him as the Fall 2006 Student of the Semester", stated Director of Information, Development, and Alumni Relations, Joann Handeland. Mr. Moschitto was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, and a special Cerro Coso remembrance gift. Joseph's name was also added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE NOW HAS LOWER FEES!!

Paying for your education just got a bit cheaper....thanks to the California legislators. California Community College fees have dropped from \$26 to \$20 per unit, effective January 1, 2007. Students who register at Cerro Coso Community College now for the Spring 2007 will enroll at the \$20 per unit rate. The change comes from state Assembly Bill 1802, signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger July 19.

Community colleges around the state saw a drop in enrollment when fees were raised from \$18 to \$26 in fiscal year 2004-05, said Ron Owens, spokesman for California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Kern

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Community College District Chancellor Sandra Serrano praised the fee decrease as fitting for the community college goal of providing access to local, affordable education.

Dr. Mary Retterer, Interim President at Cerro Coso Community College, said the fee decrease will help students with other college expenses. "Our students need every break they can get with respect to finances."

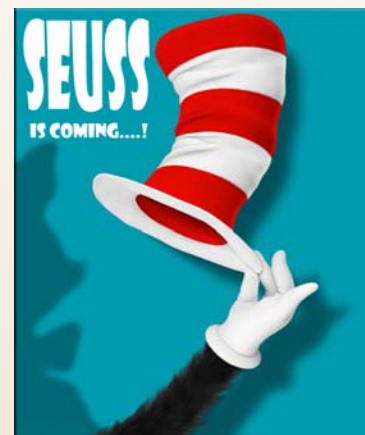
Students may register for Cerro Coso Spring 2007 classes on the web at www.cerrocoso.edu. On-campus registration will continue through January 19, no appointment is necessary.

SEUSS IS COMING...! CERRO COSO ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR SPRING MUSICAL!

The Cerro Coso Theatre Department is gearing up for a busy spring semester which officially began January 20, 2007. Auditions are coming up for the College's spring production of the musical *Seussical*. *Seussical* is a full-length book musical that weaves together the most famous characters and tales of Dr. Seuss. *Seussical* incorporates elements from at least fifteen Dr. Seuss books. Many Seuss characters meet one another for the first time in this musical – some of the characters fall in love, some have desperate adventures and some even save the world!

In addition to the spring musical production, *Seussical*, other associated classes being offered include: **Theatre C121 (CRN# 30552)** to become part of the *Seussical* cast; **Theatre C131 (CRN# 30553)** to work behind the scenes; **Theatre C105 (CRN# 30609)** for students to learn about types of performances beyond traditional stage performances. The College is also offering four levels of Acting – **Theatre C111, Fundamentals of Acting (CRN# 30549)**; **Theatre C112, Beginning Acting (CRN# 30550)**; **Theatre C211, Intermediate Acting (CRN# 30554)**; and **Theatre C212, Advanced Acting (CRN# 30555)**. In addition to on site classes, the College is also offering an online play reading class, **Theatre C103, Introduction to Play Reading (CRN# 30699)** which introduces students to the interpretation and analysis of dramatic literature with focus on the script as a vehicle for performance.

For more information about Cerro Coso's Spring Theatre classes or the College's new Degree in Theatre, contact Melinda Fogle Oliver in the Cerro Coso Theatre Department at 384-6114.



CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE HIRES NEW DIRECTOR FOR MAMMOTH & BISHOP CAMPUSES



Cerro Coso Community College is proud to announce the appointment of Ms. Deanna Campbell as the new Director of the Eastern Sierra College Center. Ms. Campbell has had numerous years experience in education as faculty and adjunct faculty for colleges and universities in Shanghai, Pennsylvania, Arizona and California. Most recently, Ms. Campbell has been adjunct faculty for Cerro Coso Community College teaching both international business and accounting.



Cerro Coso Community College and the Mammoth Lakes Foundation hosted two Open Houses to introduce Deanna Campbell to the communities the Eastern Sierra College Center serves. The Bishop Campus Open House and Student Art Opening took place at the Bishop Campus, Friday, January 12. The Mammoth Lakes Open House with a performance by Brian Schuldt & Rebecca Hang of the Felici Trio took place at the Mammoth Lakes Campus from 6 to 8 p.m. also on January 12.



Prior to moving to the Eastern Sierras in 2004, Ms. Campbell worked for Morgan Stanley as a Senior Associate for Investment Banking, in Hong Kong, Singapore and New York, executing mergers and acquisitions, high-yield debt and equity issuances and providing corporate advisory services. Ms. Campbell also worked for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group as Manager of Corporate Banking in Shanghai, managing the bank's China loan portfolio; and American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago as an Analyst of Commercial Lending in Chicago.



Ms. Campbell has a BA in Economics from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and an MA in International Studies from the Lauder Institute of the University of Pennsylvania.

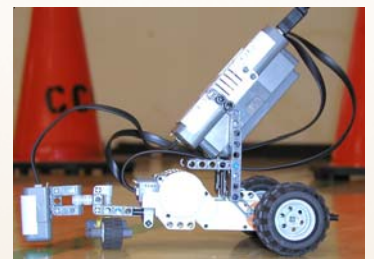
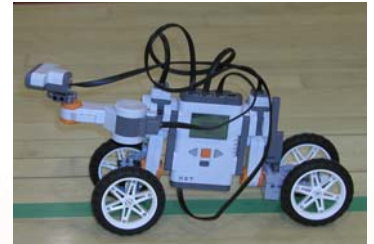
Since moving to the Eastern Sierras, Ms. Campbell and her husband Andrew have been involved in volunteer and community service activities. She is currently Secretary of the Board, for the Lower Rock Creek Mutual Water Company; a volunteer firefighter, with Paradise Fire Protection District; a volunteer team member with Inyo County Search and Rescue; and provides private tutoring for local students.

LEGO ROBOTICS –FUN, CHALLENGING, AND EDUCATIONAL

Do you like to discover new things? Enjoy challenges? Have fun with puzzles? Are you constantly learning? Easily adaptable? Ready to be on the cutting edge of technology? Then come and join the Cerro Coso Community College Robotics class!

Though the term “Lego Robotics” may conjure up visions of a 10-year-old boy’s hobby, Computer Science Instructor Debby Kilburn is using it as a vehicle to teach her students cutting-edge technology in a hands-on fashion. “You don’t just learn by someone lecturing you, you learn by putting your hands on something, wrapping your brain around it and figuring out solutions for yourself,” said Kilburn.

A new Computer Science class CO81-Robotics is a 1 unit class was offered January 4-6, 2007 at the Kern River Valley Campus. Students may view the class schedule and register for the Spring 2007 semester on line at www.cerrocoso.edu or by stopping by the Kern River Valley Campus location.



CERRO COSO COLLEGE GEOLOGY – ROCKIN’ THE EASTERN SIERRA

The Cerro Coso College Geology Department will offer the following Geology classes at the Bishop Campus in Spring semester 2007.

Physical Science 101, General Earth Science is a 3 unit class, that covers the study of the earth as an integrated system, earth-sun relationships and motions, weather, climatic types and regions, ecosystems, soils, natural hazards, resource management, landforms and the ocean.

Physical Science 102, General Earth Science Lab. a 1 unit lab class that provides practical experience in field methods and enhancement of topics discussed in Physical Science 101.

These classes satisfy the Natural Science General Education requirement and are transferable to the CSU and UC systems. Both classes will emphasize local geology, resources, and geologic hazards in the spectacular natural laboratory of the Eastern Sierra and Owens



Valley. The Cerro Coso College Geology Department will also offer two weekend field trip classes this Spring.

PHSC 103 is a 1 unit class scheduled for April 14-15 Eastern California Shear Zone – The spectacular mountain scenery of Eastern California is the product of young faulting and active mountain-building. The Eastern California Shear Zone is the name geologists give to this region and it was subject of a major international geology conference in Mammoth in 2005. One of the conclusions of the conference: the “New San Andreas” may be breaking through the crust in the Owens Valley. What does this mean for seismic hazards in the Owens Valley? In this weekend field trip Dr. David Miller will look at evidence for active faulting and mountain building in the Owens, Panamint, and Death Valleys. The class will camp Saturday night near Panamint Springs.

PHSC 103 is a 1 unit scheduled for May 4-5 Glacial Owens River – During glacial times the Owens River was much larger and flowed all the way from Mono Lake to Searles Lake and possibly as far as Death Valley. “On this field trip we will take a virtual float trip along the glacial Owens River down the stair step necklace of glacial lakes from Mono to Owens to China Lake to Searles Lake,” stated instructor David Miller. “The class will leave from Bishop both days. Day 1 we will journey up Hwy 395 to Mono Lake and return to Bishop down the ancient river channel via Benton Hot Springs. On Sunday we will travel from Bishop to Searles Lake, stopping at Owens Lake, Fossil Falls, and the Trona Pinnacles,” Miller explained.

For more information contact Dr. Dave Miller at damiller@cerrocoso.edu. Review the schedule of classes and register on line at www.cerrocoso.edu.

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CERRO COSO FACULTY REPRESENTED ON UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION

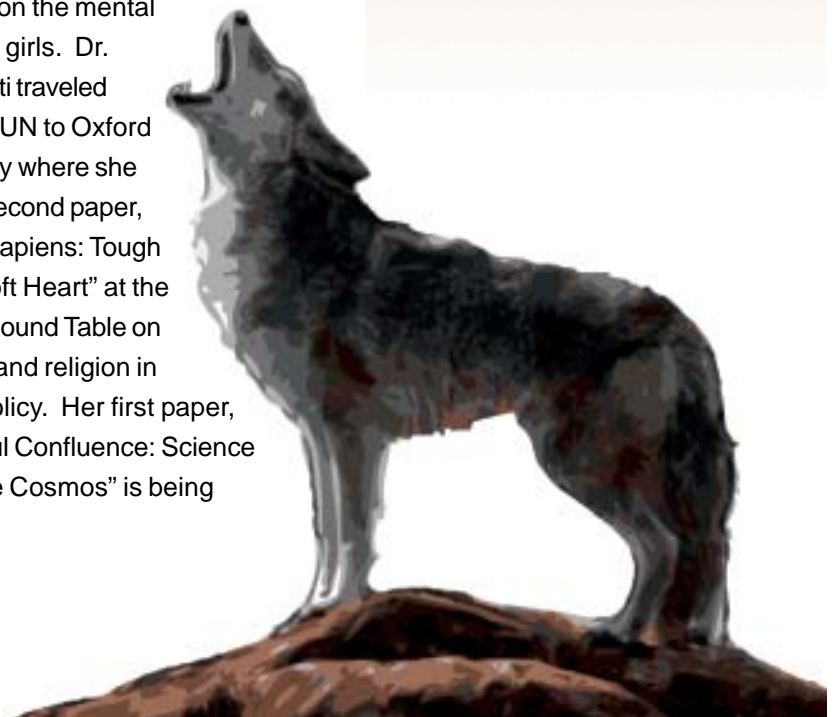
Dr. Anne C. Benvenuti, Cerro Coso faculty, traveled to New York City as an NGO (non government organization) delegate to the 51st meeting of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. This year's meeting theme is The Girl Child, and Dr. Benvenuti attended meetings and caucuses focused on the mental health of girls. Dr. Benvenuti traveled from the UN to Oxford University where she gave a second paper, "Homo Sapiens: Tough Mind, Soft Heart" at the Oxford Round Table on science and religion in public policy. Her first paper, "Beautiful Confluence: Science

and Religion as Modes of Human Participation in the Cosmos" is being published this spring in Forum on Public Policy.



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CERRO COSO FACULTY RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS JANE BUGAY AWARD



Speech Instructor Janis Jamison-Nichols recently received the prestigious Jane Bugay Award for her dedication to the Community Light Opera and Theatre Association otherwise known as CLOTA.

The Jane Bugay Award was established in 1972 to honor Jane Bugay a charter member of the CLOTA organization. Jane served on the CLOTA Board for several years and was secretary at the time of her death. She was killed in a car accident, along with one of her children, on April 1, 1972. The impact of her death on CLOTA members was significant, since Jane was respected and admired for her devotion to getting in there and doing whatever needed to be done. Jane Bugay was one of the first board members to look beyond just doing productions, to see what the greater possibilities for CLOTA were. The Jane Bugay Award was established by the 1972 Board of Directors to honor the work and spirit of this dedicated woman. This coveted award has been presented by CLOTA every year since 1972.

Janis is a talented actress and virtuoso singer. When she first moved to Ridgecrest she displayed her talents on stage in several musical productions. It did not take long for her to become immersed into the CLOTA community and soon she was inviting guest directors and co-producing plays while mentoring young actors. She took up the publicity torch helping to design logos, writing publicity releases, even painting the large road signs used for visual publicity. Her vision of providing the highest quality of amateur volunteer theater in the Indian Wells Valley is contagious and has sparked much activity within the CLOTA organization. Her background in professional acting has made her a valuable asset to the CLOTA organization as a whole and specifically to the recently revived Play Reading Committee. Janis constantly promotes the role of CLOTA in the community and continues to encourage young actors and stage craft students to follow their dreams. Ridgecrest is fortunate to have such a knowledgeable, dedicated and active patron of the performing arts. She exemplifies through her actions the spirit of the Jane Bugay Award.

CERRO COSO FACULTY DONATES TO “CHIPS FOR KIDS” CAMPAIGN



During the holiday season, it is not always so happy for many children. Thanks to the California Highway Patrol’s “Chips for Kids” Program and the generosity of caring individuals some children had something to smile about.

Thanks to people like Associate Professor John A. Garcia and his very generous donation of toys and gift cards, children from Trona, Inyokern and Baldwin Park, had a happier holiday.

“Growing up poor, John knew what it was like to do without, and how the kindness of others made a difference,” says Garcia.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE JOB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Could your company use an economically-priced assistant? Wouldn't you love to have help? Employ one of Cerro Coso's students and have 75% of the wages paid for you. Cerro Coso Community College is interested in partnering with your business/organization to assist you in your staffing needs while providing a realistic employment setting for students in training. Benefits to your company include:

- Acquire eager, educated and qualified part-time trainees
- Have the satisfaction of helping students become independent
- Assist students who are receiving on-going career development training
- Build community partnerships

The CalWORKs (The California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids) Program is a State and Federal-mandated program designed to assist parents who are receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) gain employment by providing training and work-study internship opportunities. Cerro Coso's Job Development Program is helping with California's welfare reform (CalWORKs) by training individuals and assisting in their placement into paid temporary short-term work experiences. Cerro Coso Community College is offering organizations a chance to partner by the business providing a work site for paid internships and "hands on" training that parallels the intern's educational training.

Cerro Coso has received State funding that will pay 75% toward's the intern's salary. The employer would be required to pay appropriate employee benefits and the difference in salary, which would be the remaining 25%.

"We're excited by the opportunity to assist our student's transition into the job market. The College has a commitment to be an active member in the development of our local workforce" says Paula Suarez, CalWORKs Coordinator at Cerro Coso Community College.

Cerro Coso's Job Development Program is designed to assist the CalWORKs student population achieve their personal career goals and self-sufficiency. "The work study opportunities provided to the local community will assist students in transitioning from education to employment" stated Mary Adams, Job Placement Specialist.

Have your Human Resources Office contact Mary Adams, Job Development Specialist, Cerro Coso Community College; CalWORKs Office; 760-384-6219 to learn more about this special partnership program.



CERRO COSO HOSTED CAL POLY-POMONA JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The Cerro Coso Community College, Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) hosted the Cal Poly – Pomona Jazz Ensemble performed in the Lecture Center on Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 7:00 pm. The 25 piece band comprised of dedicated jazz enthusiasts who excel in all aspects of jazz. They are taking their Ensemble on the road to gain experience in performing before crowds in preparation for the up coming college competition to be held later in the year.

ROMANTIC DINNER FOR TWO HOSTED BY ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CERRO COSO

The public was cordially invited to a Romantic Dinner for Two given by the Cerro College A.S.C.C. (Associated Students of Cerro Coso). The Romantic Dinner for Two was held Friday, February 9, 2007 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Student Center.

Sweethearts enjoyed a delightful romantic dinner in a facility with a gorgeous view overlooking the valley. The atmosphere was enhanced by soft music and mood lighting.

The dinner included two glasses of sparkling cider, salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, and ice cream with chocolate syrup for dessert. Coffee/tea, water, iced tea and punch are also available.

CERRO COSO AND WATER DISTRICT TEAM UP TO CONSERVE

On Wednesday afternoon, Cerro Coso Community College Interim President Dr. Mary Retterer (left) and Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD) Board President Harold W. Manning celebrated an official collaboration on a large scale water conservation project on the college campus.

The cheapest water is conserved water. Cerro Coso's Interim President Dr. Mary Retterer firmly believes in this concept. So when the Indian Wells Valley Water District approached her with an idea to help make the college campus more water efficient, she welcomed the opportunity.

"As teachers and caretakers of the environment, Cerro Coso is delighted to partner with the IWV Water District on this exciting venture," Retterer said.



A few years ago, Cerro Coso Community College had received grant money for and subsequently invested in a sophisticated satellite-controlled automated irrigation device. A so-called “smart timer” on a large scale, the attendant technology has been proven by independent studies to significantly cut outdoor water usage because it adjusts watering levels to account for such variables as heat, chill, rainfall and even wind. However, California’s community college system went through a prolonged period of budget belt tightening and CC was unable to put their smart timer into full implementation mode.

In August, then IWWWD Board President Peter Brown wondered aloud at a District Water Management Committee meeting if there was some way the District could assist Cerro Coso’s water conservation needs and efforts. Shortly after, representatives from the community college, including their Director of Operations John Daly, met with IWWWD General Manager Tom Mulvihill to thoroughly discuss the situation.

And a plan was born.

With the assistance of Water District funds specifically set aside for conservation programs coupled with an investment by Cerro Coso to purchase and install water-system upgrades and a weather satellite connection, the college will soon enter into a new phase of water stewardship. Mulvihill is looking forward to water savings on the campus.

“District staff has developed a method for approximating the amount of irrigation water used by Cerro Coso over the last five years as a base for comparison,” Mulvihill explained. “By averaging water usage totals during months when outdoor irrigation is negligible and subtracting that figure from months when it is high, we have been able to come up with a reasonable number for average outdoor use. This is the number we will monitor in the months to come and we expect to see real results.”

This week, the IWWWD and Cerro Coso formally entered into an MOU (Memo of Understanding) designed to clarify the goals and scope of this project. Next, the smart timer computer software will be fine tuned. Daly is optimistic about the possibilities.

“Using water wisely is important to Cerro Coso – a high priority,” Daly said. “As our Valley continues to grow, we at the College want to do our part to conserve. This system is going to be awesome. It will allow us to maximize our irrigation process because we will water only when we need it and only at amounts that the ground can absorb at any given time.” Mulvihill and Daly expect all the software, the weather station and other upgrades to be in place and operational before spring sets in.

“Because of its sheer size, Cerro Coso is our biggest water user here in the Valley,” Mulvihill said. “And they are setting a great example by their tireless support of this effort. I am looking forward to a positive result.”

CERRO COSO FACULTY WRITES LEAD ARTICLE IN STATE PUBLICATION



Ms. Rachel Winston, Associate Professor of Mathematics at Cerro Coso Community College and an accomplished writer has a featured article in the upcoming Winter 2007 edition of the *“Faculty Association of California Community Colleges”* magazine. The article titled “Crossing the Digital Divide – Understanding and Engaging 21st Century Students” is sure to be a big hit among the State’s Community College faculty” stated Dr. Mary Retterer, Interim President of Cerro Coso Community College.

Rachel Winston is a member of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

As a member of the Executive Committee, she serves

as the liaison to the Communications Committee, Professional Development Committee, and the Political Action Committee. She holds graduate degrees in mathematics and computers, and teaches full-time at Cerro Coso Community College, where she is Academic Senate vice-president, and an adjunct instructor at Orange Coast College. Ms. Winston will be giving a presentation on this topic at the Teaching and Learning Colloquium, March 2 -3 at DeAnza College. For a copy of the article visit, www.faccc.org.

CERRO COSO GETS COLOR



Deems Morrione, who is a graphics designer and runs the College Print Shop operation is standing by the first color copier in Cerro Coso’s history. “Cerro Coso has finally entered the 21st Century with its first color copier. The copier will produce up to 11x17 size documents, print two sided, hole punch, all with full connectivity,” stated Morrione.

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Phi Theta Kappa All California Academic Team



L to R: Michael Garrison and Michelle Arnts Cerro Coso students selected to the 2007 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team.

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Cerro Coso Community College students Michelle Arnts and Michael Garrison have been named to the 2007 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team, a state-wide competition co-sponsored by the Community College League of California and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Both students are members of Phi Theta Kappa and were nominated for this award by Cerro Coso Community College Interim President, Dr. Mary Retterer. "Both Michelle and Michael exemplify Cerro Coso Phi Theta Kappa students. We are very proud of their academic achievements and community involvement", stated Dr. Mary Retterer, Interim President, Cerro Coso Community College.

Ms. Arnts and Mr. Garrison were invited to attend a luncheon in Sacramento on March 29 where the



state's top community college students will be formally recognized for their academic achievements, community service, and for the example set for their fellow students. Prior to the awards luncheon, the 69 members of the All-California Academic Team will be honored on the Senate and Assembly Floor. Ms. Arnts and Mr. Garrison were also invited to meet with Senator Roy Ashburn, who delivered a Senate Certificate of Recognition; and along with Assembly Member Jean Fuller, will present an Assembly Scholastic Achievement Award to these deserving students to commemorate their outstanding achievements.

Michelle Arnts has a 3.93 GPA at Cerro Coso Community College. Her goal is to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and become a Child Life Specialist. She currently works as an Emergency Room Technician and enjoys caring for children. Since Cerro Coso first received its Phi Theta Kappa chapter in May 2006, Ms. Arnts has served as its Fellowship and Service Officer. She spearheaded the Phi Theta Kappa effort to collect goods and money for Give2TheTroops, a non-profit-political organization aimed at supporting U.S. deployed and wounded troops through letters and packages, was the co-captain of Phi Theta Kappa's Relay for Life team, and worked to deliver meals to families and toys to children at the holidays.

Michael Garrison has a 4.0 GPA at Cerro Coso Community College. He plans to transfer to UC San Diego or UC Berkeley in the fall as a Chemical Engineering major and to attend graduate school to become a Molecular Biologist. Garrison volunteers for the Rose Varga Discretionary Fund in Ridgecrest, an organization, that lends at no cost medical equipment to the physically disabled, and donates a few nights a week to care for an Alzheimer's patient. In addition, Mr. Garrison has participated in research projects in the Chemical Division of Michelson Laboratory at China Lake. Cerro Coso, faculty named Mr. Garrison the Math Student of the Year and the Physical Science Student of the Year in 2006. Furthermore, Mr. Garrison received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the American Chemical Society for obtaining a perfect score on the standardized ACS Organic Chemistry Exam.

Last year Cerro Coso Community College became a part of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honors society for community colleges nation wide, through the efforts of Professor of English, Dr. Christine Swiridoff who continues her service to the society.

“UNDECIDED STUDENT WORKSHOP” OFFERED BY CERRO COSO

On Monday, March 26, 2007, The Career and Transfer Center at Cerro Coso Community College hosted an informative workshop entitled, “**Undecided Student Workshop**” in the Learning Resource Center, Room 710. The workshop is designed for students who have not yet declared an educational goal or major at Cerro Coso.

During the workshop the students were taught about the different resources available to them to explore majors, careers, and how best to approach the decision making process. Students also explored the web resources: ECOS and Eureka and took a personality assessment (offered on these web resources) to learn what major and/or career that best fits their personality. The workshop was conducted by counseling staff Wendy Adams and Karee Hamilton.

Financial Aid Workshops

On Friday, March 2, 2007 was the Cal Grant priority deadline. Cerro Coso College Financial Aid staff conducted six Outreach Financial Aid Workshops for high school juniors, seniors, and their parents in Ridgecrest, Trona, Lone Pine, Independence, Big Pine, and Bishop during the month of February.

Conducting the financial aid workshops in the high school classrooms was exhilarating and proved to be a valuable effort to promote financial aid opportunities and priority deadlines, per JoAnn Spiller, Director of Financial Aid. The students received pens, calculators, application packets, and a general overview on state and federal grants, work study, fee waivers, student loans, and scholarships to help pay for college. This was the first step in helping students understand that going to college is affordable and easy by applying for financial aid.

Students and their parents from the Bishop area attended a Financial Aid presentation at the Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC); this included a question and answer session. Deanna Campbell, Director at ESCC and Greg Kost, the ESCC Counselor provided their support at the Bishop College Center presentation. Rochelle Sutton, Financial Aid Technician assisted with Outreach Workshops in Ridgecrest. In addition, to the various presentations, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) assistance was available for both students and their parents.



CERRO COSO TO HOST NEW ART EXHIBIT -The Constructed Image

Cerro Coso Community College presented an exciting art exhibit in the new Learning Resource Center Art Gallery for the month of March. Beginning March 1st and continuing through March 31st the art gallery will display a collection of digitally created images by students taking courses in the Media Arts Department of the College.

"The Constructed Image", as the show is titled, provided a special opportunity for these students to show their work in a public venue, perhaps for the first time. It is also an opportunity for the rest of us - to see a collection of unique images that express traditional design principles while employing alternative methods of creating art. A common element among the images is the aspect of collage; many incorporate photographs and graphics, blended with original digital painting. The results of combining such disparate elements within one image are compelling; these pieces juxtapose the ordinary with the extraordinary, the real with the imagined, and the innovative with the conventional.





Cerro Coso's Student Nurses Host Open House

Having become a very popular event, the Annual Health Career's Open House will be sponsored by the Student Vocational Nurses at Cerro Coso Community College on Thursday, April 12, 2007. The event will start at 8:30 AM and end at 2 PM. At each Open House, the student nurses provide demonstrations and information about several health topics. This year's topic is *Challenges for Everyday Health*.

High school students, parents, and the general public are encouraged to attend. Guests can talk with the student nurses about the challenges of entering and surviving in a strenuous academic environment such as nursing. As a bonus, several times during the day, the student nurses take guests on a tour of the general college campus. During a typical tour, guests may have the opportunity to see the Art Lab, the Library, and some of the science labs. Students can also see the room where LVN graduates, who are enrolled in Bakersfield College's LVN to RN Associate Degree Career Ladder Program, attend lecture RN courses. It is in this classroom where the RN students listen and watch theory lectures by Interactive TV that are broadcast live from Bakersfield or Porterville College.

The Counseling Center takes an active part in this event. Counselors speak to students about basic college issues including admission requirements, types of college majors, and how to seek financial aid.

Cerro Coso Community College's Health Career Programs has a comprehensive website that will answer many questions for anyone interested in Health Careers. In addition to vocational nursing, courses include Administrative and Clinical Medical Office Assisting and Certified Nurse Aide. Health career courses are offered in assorted arenas that suit the needs of a variety of students both regionally, in the Indian Wells Valley, as well as Kern River Valley (Lake Isabella). Many courses are available online. New programs are in the process of development for the Bishop Eastern Sierra Campus. Updates and information are available at the Health Career website: <http://academic.cerrocoso.edu/health-careers/healthcar/>



Cerro Coso Student's Resolution Passed to House of Representatives

Valerie McLaughlin Associated Students of Cerro Coso Community College (ASCC) Financial Manager, spearheaded writing a resolution about Pell Grant payout, at the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) that was passed the House of Representatives.



Ms. McLaughlin was elected into office for the ASCC in the spring of 2006 and with the new executive board attended the 2006 Spring General Assembly for Student Senate for California Community Colleges. At this General Assembly Ms. McLaughlin was elected as a Representative to Region IX. She has since been elected to the office of Vice President of SSCCC. Working with other representatives Ms. McLaughlin became involved in government and legislation that involved community colleges. One of her concerns was that the Pell Grant payout was based on how much tuition a student paid. The lower the tuition money dropped, the lower the payout to students. This concern prompted Ms. McLaughlin to compose a

resolution that she presented to the SSCCC which was unanimously adopted January 21, 2007.

The SSCCC presented this resolution to the Honorable Congressman George Miller who is serving as Chairman on the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Congressman Miller then presented HR-990 to the House of Representatives which passed February 27, 2007. It is now slated to be presented to the Senate, if it passes, it will go to the President of the United States for his signature, to be made into law.

Pell Grant Tuition Sensitivity

Whereas, The Federal Pell Grant, authorized by the Higher Education act of 1965 provides financial assistance for students, including tuition and fees, books and supplies, transportation, room and board, child care and miscellaneous personal expense;

Whereas, The Higher Education act includes a provision entitled "tuition sensitivity" that prevents Community College student from receiving the maximum Pell grant award of \$4,050 when fees are low; and

Whereas, The student enrollment fees for California Community Colleges were recently reduced from \$26 to \$20 per unit, effective January 2007, which may result in a reduction of Pell grant awards affecting more than 260,000 community college students with an approximate loss of \$17 million as a result of the "tuition sensitivity" provision;

Resolved, That the Student Senate Council for California Community Colleges support the removal of the tuition sensitivity provision as proposed in the President's fiscal year 2006 budget and the House and Senate Higher Education Act (HEA) reauthorization bills. In addition, the SSCCC implores Congress to include language in the fiscal year 2007 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education appropriations bill that would prevent California community colleges students from receiving lower Pell Grant awards.

Author: Valerie McLaughlin, Cerro Coso Community College, Region 9

Eastern Sierra College Center's Bishop Campus Announces Opening of the Learning Assistance and Resource Center

The Bishop campus of the Eastern Sierra College Center, Cerro Coso Community College is, for the first time, opening the Learning Assistance and Resource Center (LAC/LRC). "Thanks to Cerro Coso's library information technology adjunct faculty member, Julie Cornett, full-time faculty, department chair and Director of Learning Resources, Dr. Dennis VanderWerff, and the tremendous efforts of our other faculty and adjunct faculty who are providing office hours, the LAC/LRC is offering vast resources to students and the community at large," stated Deanna Campbell, Director Eastern Sierra College Center, Cerro Coso Community College.

What used to be utilized solely as a computer lab is quickly emerging as a campus resource hub that offers many remarkable services. The Center's computing lab



offers high speed Internet, databases, printing services and software used for classes. The LAC/LRC is staffed by faculty members and student-tutors who offer free tutoring and specialized research assistance on Library and Internet databases.



The new, improved LAC/LRC also boasts private group meeting rooms and a spacious, comfortable place to study while viewing student, faculty, and community artwork.

The LAC/LRC has an expanding reference library which includes rare, local references and textbooks. In 2004, Altrusa International of the Eastern Sierra, gave the library a “jump start” with their “Get Hooked, Donate Books” drive. Over 15,000 books were donated by the community. Books which did not meet the Library’s criteria were either donated to other local libraries or sold to raise money for the college library. Also, the Eastern Sierra Foundation through their scholarship program and the Learning Assistance and Resource Center is offering various textbooks on reserve for students, as well.

“Considerable progress has been made in the development, organization, and launching of a Learning Resource/Learning Assistance Center. Funds were made available and a core collection of reference books were purchased out of State new facilities monies. Additional assistance was augmented by book donations from the Bishop Community. Students are able to take advantage of the library’s resources including assistance with accessing the many online reference databases as well as course-specific tutoring and other basic skills services. Deanna Campbell and Julie Cornet have worked to create a hospitable setting made all the more inviting by displays of student art work. We are quite pleased with the result of efforts put into the development of the LRC/LAC and look forward to its continued growth and success in serving student needs,” stated Dennis VanderWerff.

This state-of-the-art Learning Assistance and Resource Center is available to all enrolled students at either the Bishop or Mammoth campuses. Community members are encouraged to enroll in classes to take advantage of this wonderful resource. Cerro Coso’s new 0.5 unit “Special Research Topics” classes this fall semester are only \$10. These classes will introduce students to specialized library and Internet research tools and databases for a variety of disciplines. Topics will include medical and legal research strategies, government information on the Internet, business information topics, Google.com as a research tool, and more.

The Eastern Sierra College Center invites you to visit the Bishop campus to find out about our most recent hours of operation and to learn more about our tutoring and other services. For more information, contact the Bishop campus at (760) 872-1565.

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THE EASTERN SIERRA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT

On Friday, April 20, 2006, the Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra, led by the Felici Trio's Brian Schuldt, presented a free concert of Beethoven's Symphony #1 and Tchaikovsky's "Rococo Variations" (with the conductor as soloist, Eddy Evans conducting) at the Cerro Coso College, Eastern Sierra College Center in Mammoth Lakes. A repeat performance was held in Bishop on Sunday, April 22, 2007.

CERRO COSO HOLDS 24th ANNUAL VISUAL ARTS INVITATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

On Friday, April 20, 2007, Cerro Coso Community College hosted its Twenty Fourth Annual Visual Arts Invitational High School Workshop at the College's Ridgecrest Campus. The workshop was created as a recruiting tool and the College invited juniors and seniors from high schools in the service area who are considering pursuing a career in the art field. Students were treated to an intensive one day community college experience, based on art courses. Once again the College received excellent responses from the area high schools and hosted approximately 80 students and their art instructors who visited the Cerro Coso art facilities at the IWV campus.

This year, Cerro Coso Community College held its first High School Art Workshops at the Eastern Sierra College Center in Bishop on Friday, May 4, 2007. The Eastern Sierra College Center in Mammoth Lakes is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2007 to accommodate their local junior and senior high school students pursuing a career in the art field.

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ROMEO AND JULIET AT A NOISE WITHIN



On Sunday, March 25, Gary Enns, English 235 Shakespeare class took a big white van down south to Glendale to see *Romeo and Juliet* at [A Noise Within](#). For many of the students, this was a first time experience with live Shakespeare (for some, live drama altogether), a particularly special event. [A Noise Within](#) is located in an old converted Masonic Temple Building in downtown Glendale and is the only theater company in Southern California working in the repertory tradition.

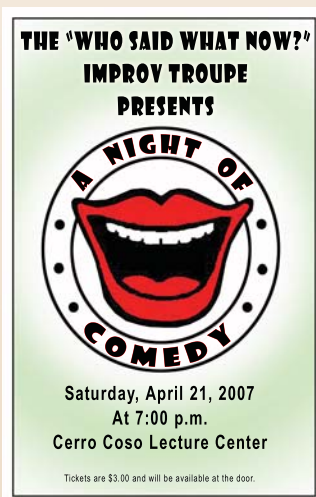


CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE HELD “PARENT NIGHT”

The Cerro Coso Community College Counseling Office hosted “Parent Night” on Wednesday, April 18 in the Learning Resource Center, Art Gallery. Cerro Coso staffers encouraged parents of seniors at Burroughs High School, Mesquite High School, Trona High School, Immanuel High School, and Opportunities for Learning, to come to the IWV Campus for a presentation on the College’s Transfer Program and a general overview of Cerro Coso. Topics discussed included the Admissions and Enrollment process, financial aid, placement testing, and registering for classes. An overview of Cerro Coso’s degrees and certificates was also explained. Student Ambassadors participated at the event and the Career & Transfer Center hosted an “Open House” from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Main Building.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE PRESENTS A COMEDIC IMPROV SHOW

On Saturday, April 21, 2007, Cerro Coso’s “Who Said What Now?” Improv Troupe performed their dazzling, incredible improvisational show, “A Night of Comedy”. The performance took place in the Cerro Coso Lecture Center. According to Joshua Horton, CCCC Theatre Arts Club President, “This is an amazing troupe. I can’t stop laughing, even in rehearsal.”



CERRO COSO COLLEGE COMMUNITY BAND HELD SPRING 2007 CONCERT

The Cerro Coso College Community Band performed their Spring 2007 concert on Thursday, April 26, 2007 in the Cerro Coso Community College Lecture Center.

The concert featured Paul Decker on tuba, in a performance of "Tuba Tiger Rag." In addition, the concert also featured the themes to classic TV shows including: Happy Days, Brady Bunch, Bewitched, The Addams Family, and I Love Lucy. For the kids, the band performed themes from popular cartoons including: Bugs Bunny, The Flintstones, The Jetsons, The Simpsons, Pink Panther, and Animaniacs. The concert also included an original animation created by the Department of Media Arts, which was shown while the band performed, "Stormchasers," by Larry Neeck. Other musical selections include: "Into the Joy of Spring," "Plaza de Toros," "Spiderman" – from the movie soundtrack, "Travelin' Trumpets," "Birdland," and the original Sousa rag, "With Pleasure."

NEW TUTORS AT CERRO COSO

Thanks also go out to **Deanna Campbell** and **Greg Kost** at ESCC and **Gayle Whitlock** and **Inge Olsen** at KRV for getting the tutoring program underway on their campuses. We now have 3 new tutors at each of those campuses and six additional tutors here at the IWV campus. The **new tutors** at each campus are to be commended on their dedication and commitment to the program.

BISHOP CAMPUS HELD A LECTURE ON THE GALAXIES

Dr. Andrew West, researcher at the Combined Array for Research in Millimeter-Wave Astronomy (CARMA) facility located in the Inyo Mountains outside of Big Pine, gave a lecture at the Cerro Coso Community College Eastern Sierra College Center in Bishop on Monday, March 26, 2007. The lecture was entitled: "Why Do Galaxies Look the Way They Do?" Dr. West discussed how we use many wavelengths of light to understand how stars form in galaxies.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY BAND

PRESENTS

SPRING CONCERT 2007

April 26, 2007 at 7:30 PM
Cerro Coso College Lecture Center

FREE!

(A donation box will be available at the show for those wishing to make a contribution to the band.)

Conductor - Dr. Tom Foggia
with
Tuba Soloist - Paul Decker



- Stormchasers -

An original animation by the Department of Media Arts will be shown during a performance of "Stormchasers" by Larry Neeck

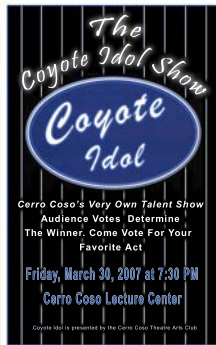
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SHEAR FUN IN THE CALIFORNIA DESERT

On April 14th and 15th, students from Mammoth, Bishop, and Ridgecrest participated in a weekend of shear fun in the California Desert. Dr. Dave Miller led a field trip to the Eastern California Shear Zone of Owens, Panamint, and Death Valleys. Students observed ghost towns, young earthquake faults, recent volcanoes, and young, growing mountain ranges. Among the highlights of the trip were a snowstorm at Aquereberry Point in Death Valley and the discovery of a rare intact fossil of a 400 million year old creature called a crinoid. A good time was had by all.



CERRO COSO HOSTS “COYOTE IDOL TALENT CONTEST”

The first ever “Coyote Idol Talent Contest” was held on Friday, March 30, 2007 in the Cerro Coso Lecture Center. Performances included songs and monologues from a number of talented Cerro Coso students. There was also a special performance by the College’s “Who Said What Now?” Improv Troupe.

The contest was critiqued by a “celebrity” panel, but the audience members’ votes determined the winner of Coyote Idol. Prizes were awarded to the top performers. Coyote Idol is presented by the CCCC Theatre Arts Club.

CERRO COSO AND WATER DISTRICT TEAM UP TO CONSERVE

Interim President, Dr. Mary Retterer, and Indian Wells Valley Water District (IWVWD) Board President, Harold W. Manning celebrated an official collaboration on a large scale water conservation project on the college campus.

The cheapest water is conserved water!

A few years ago, Cerro Coso Community College had received grant money for and subsequently invested in a sophisticated satellite-controlled automated irrigation device. A so-called “smart timer” on a large scale, the attendant technology has been proven by independent studies to significantly cut outdoor water usage because it adjusts watering levels to account for such variables as heat, chill, rainfall and even wind. However, California’s community college system went through a prolonged period of budget belt tightening and CC was unable to put their smart timer into full implementation mode.

In August 2006, then IWVWD Board President, Peter Brown, wondered aloud at a District Water Management Committee meeting if there was some way the District could assist Cerro Coso’s water conservation needs and efforts. Shortly after, representatives from the community college, including their Director of Operations John Daly, met with IWVWD General Manager, Tom Mulvihill to thoroughly discuss the situation. And a plan was born.



With the assistance of Water District funds specifically set aside for conservation programs coupled with an investment by Cerro Coso to purchase and install water system upgrades and a weather satellite connection, the college will soon enter into a new phase of water stewardship.

By averaging water usage totals during months when outdoor irrigation is negligible and subtracting that figure from months when it is high, we have been able to come up with a reasonable number for average outdoor use. This is the number we will monitor in the months to come and we expect to see real results.

IWVWD and Cerro Coso formally entered into an MOU (Memo of Understanding) designed to clarify the goals and scope of this project

CERRO COSO COLLEGE TO PRESENT DR. SEUSS MUSICAL *SEUSSICAL*

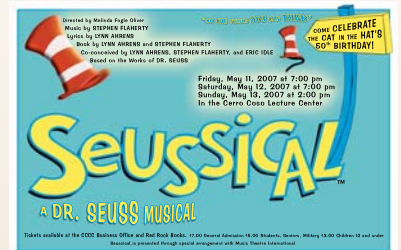
Imagine a world where anything is possible. Allow the Cat in the Hat to lead you on a fantastical journey through the magical world of Dr. Seuss where elephants talk and kangaroos sing! Travel from the microscopic world of Whoville to the Jungle of Nool and encounter all of your favorite Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Grinch, Lazie Mayzie, Gertrude McFuzz, and all the Whos of Whoville. The classic, colorful tales of Dr. Seuss are seamlessly woven together in this musical extravaganza. With music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, the score emerges as a gumbo of musical styles, ranging from Latin to pop, swing to gospel, and R&B to funk!

Cerro Coso presents the Dr. Seuss Musical *Seussical* Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 at 7:00 pm; and Sunday, May 13 at 2:00 pm.

CERRO COSO OFFERS DATABASE CONVERSION COURSES

To assist the Naval Air Warfare Station, Weapons Division employees, who will be converting *FileMaker Pro* databases to *Access*, Cerro is offering CSCI C079 Special Topics in Computer Science, Database Migration: *FileMaker Pro* to *MS Access*.

The course will walk students through the processes required for migrating data from *FileMaker Pro* into *MS Access*. Students will learn how to identify and document the key elements within their *FileMaker Pro* database: unique key fields, field data types, custom formatting, formulas, calculated fields, validation values, default values and table relationships. Student will learn how to export their data into *Access*, customize the *Access* tables to match the structure of the *FileMaker Pro* database, create table relationships, create data entry forms for efficient new data entry, create queries for extracting data and data analysis, and generate reports specific to their business needs. A brief overview of *Access* will be provided at the beginning of this workshop for those who are new to *Access*. This course is designed for individuals responsible for migrating *FileMaker Pro* databases to *Access*.



NERD HERD WORLD TOUR

Students in a 15 passenger van and a car or two in the caravan, traveled about 700 miles total, visited two University of California campuses, and were able to see inside a supercomputer, eat in campus dining commons, along with many other things on the agenda. Quite a journey!



Thursday, they all piled into vans and trucks and headed south to UC Riverside. They arrived at the [VisLab](#) where PhD candidate Rui Li gave them a tour of their research facilities. After that, they headed to the housing office to get set up for the night. After the students were paired with their Ambassadors, they went to the dining commons.

Friday's agenda! A campus tour of UC Riverside was given before heading south for the UC San Diego Supercomputer Center where one of their research scientists gave them a tour of their facilities. Friday, they spent the night in Lake Forest!

Saturday morning started in Lake Forest as they kicked back and ate breakfast. Some folks played chess, while others skateboarded or just relaxed as they got ready to start the day's activities. They then drove down to San Diego to watch the regional FIRST Robotics competition. Unbelievable energy as teams of high school kids worked together to complete the challenge. They had the opportunity to visit with the teams from Mojave (Where's Waldo) and Tehachapi (CyberDucks). Both were excited about the idea of working with Cerro Coso. The Cerro Coso team learned more about sponsoring a high school team here in Ridgecrest and definitely think this is something Cerro Coso can do!

This was a great learning experience for the Cerro Coso team on many levels and they are looking forward to the next time they all hit the road.

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CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS EVENT FOR LOCAL FIFTH GRADERS

The Cerro Coso Community College Counseling Office hosted an "I'm Going to College" event for local fifth graders on Monday, May 7, 2007. Students from Richmond, Las Flores, Inyokern, and Immanuel

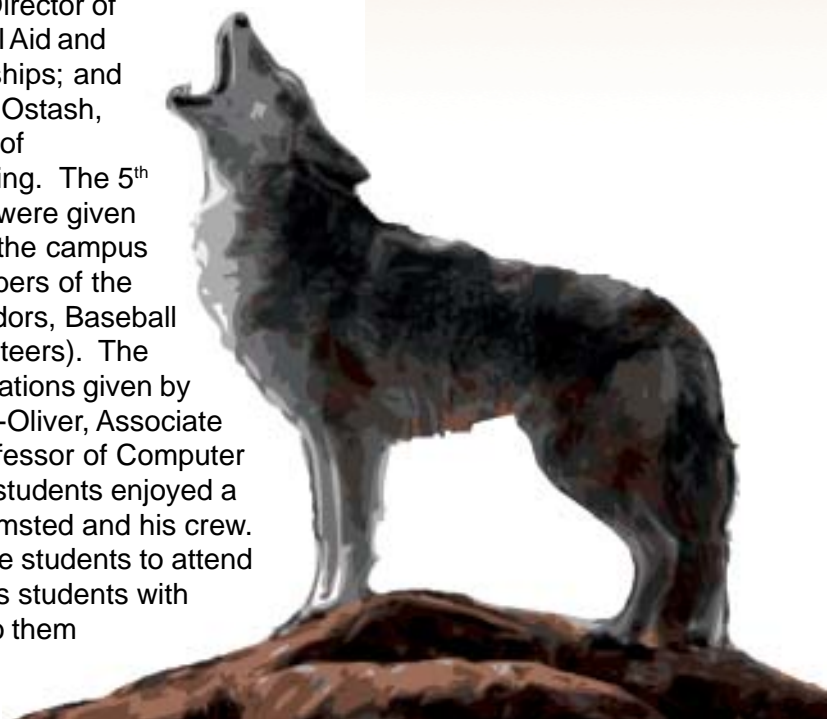


Christian Elementary Schools were on campus to learn about the opportunities that await them at Cerro Coso Community College. The 5th graders were welcomed by Dr. Mary Retterer, Interim President; Jill Board, Vice President of Student Services; Dick Adams, Athletics Director and Head Baseball Coach; JoAnn Spiller, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships; and Heather Ostash, Director of Counseling. The 5th graders were given tours of the campus by members of the

Cerro Coso student body (Student Ambassadors, Baseball Players, Student Workers, and Student Volunteers). The fifth graders enjoyed three different demonstrations given by Dick Benson, Professor of Art; Melinda Fogle-Oliver, Associate Professor of Drama; and Debby Kilburn, Professor of Computer Information Systems. To top off the day, the students enjoyed a great lunch in the Coyote Kitchen by Dale Olmsted and his crew. "This event is tailored to excite and encourage students to attend college. In addition, it assists and familiarizes students with the different opportunities that are available to them when they decide to attend college," stated Heather Ostash.

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ROTARY SUPPORTS “I’M GOING TO COLLEGE” EVENT AT CERRO COSO



Wendy Adams, Educational Advisor, helping to guide attendees from Richmond, Las Flores, Inyokern, and Immanuel Christian Elementary schools on a tour of the campus. At the conclusion of the tour, the 5th graders participate in several different hands-on demonstrations provided by the Art Department, Computer Science “Robotics” program, and the Drama Club students. The Rotary Club of China Lake donated \$1,000 to sponsor the “I’m going to College” event at Cerro Coso. “We are sincerely appreciative of the support of the Rotary Club in making this event happen,” stated Dr. Mary Retterer, Interim President, Cerro Coso Community College.

CERRO COSO CELEBRATES HONOR PROGRAM GRADUATES



CAPTION: From left to right, Vice President of Student Services, Ms. Jill Board; graduating students Justin Cosner, Michael Garrison, Mikhail Schumacher; Interim President, Dr. Mary Retterer, and Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Jane Harmon.

The Cerro Coso Honors Program celebrated its 2007 graduates: Moriah Baker, Justin Cosner, Michael Garrison, and Mikhail Schumacher on Sunday, May 6. The graduates, their families, Honors Program faculty, fellow Honors Program students, Interim President, Dr. Mary Retterer; Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Jane Harmon; and Vice President of Student Services, Ms. Jill Board attended a luncheon to honor these outstanding students. Graduates were presented with plaques and honors cords to wear at graduation. Additionally, two \$500 Faculty Honors Scholarships were awarded to Justin Cosner and Michael Garrison for exceptional academic performance.

Honors Program students have a 3.5 GPA or higher and have been accepted into the Honors Program. Graduates have completed at least 16 units of honors classes in addition to their degree and transfer requirements. The Honors Program at Cerro Coso’s is an academically rigorous program intended to meet the intellectual aspirations of highly motivated and high-achieving students. Honor classes, and the skills they provide, strengthen student’s performance in other courses and emphasize precisely those characteristics that are sought after by employers: flexibility, motivation, and skillful communication.



CERRO COSO HONORS GRADUATES DURING 34TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

Cerro Coso Community College's 34th Commencement Exercises were held in the Gym of the Raymond A. McCue Athletic Complex on Friday evening, May 18.

Friends, relatives, staff and faculty gathered to honor a class of 308 eligible graduates from the Indian Wells Valley Campus in Ridgecrest (77%), South Kern Center at Edwards Air Force Base (2%), Kern River Valley Center in Lake Isabella (9%), Eastern Sierra College Center located in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes (5%), and Online students (18%). Out of the 308 graduates, 215 graduated with an Associate of Arts degree, with 77 receiving an Associate of Science degree. Thirty-one graduates received Certificate's of Achievement. Thirty-four students graduated with honors with 11 of them obtaining a 4.0 grade point average.

Dr. Mary Retterer, Interim President of Cerro Coso Community College stated to the graduates "Today is only the beginning for you, that's why we call today 'commencement.' Some of you are undoubtedly planning on attending a university and pursuing a baccalaureate degree. Perhaps even a master's or doctorate. You have a terrific start and a solid base for university work!"

Doug Schweitzer was selected as the Alumni Association's Distinguished Commencement Speaker. Schweitzer a native of Canada, moved to Ridgecrest to play baseball for the College. In addition to playing baseball, he helped manage Dr. Rosenberg's Community Outreach Program by placing over 40 Cerro Coso students in elementary schools to assist the younger students and to encourage them to continue their education. He graduated with honors from Cerro Coso in 2001. Mr. Schweitzer returned to Canada and began working full time with the homeless and at risk youth. He is also involved in politics having worked on six political campaigns. Mr. Schweitzer received his law degree from the University of Manitoba in 2006. He and his wife Jennifer live in Calgary, Alberta where he works at the largest law firm in Western Canada.

The Academic Senate selected three graduates to address the assemblage, Ted Higle (A.A. in General Education) and Scott Toborg (A.A.) in General Education) both from the Indian Wells Valley Campus and Christine Effinger (A.A. in General Education) who attended the Kern River Valley Campus.

ASCC AWARD INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR



Dan Johnson



John Garcia

Cerro Coso Community College instructors (l to r) Dan Johnson, adjunct faculty and John Garcia, full-time faculty member smile after receiving the “Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year” and the “Full-time Faculty Member of the Year” award from the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC).

CERRO COSO INSTRUCTOR RECEIVES EMS AWARD



Cerro Coso Community College Emergency Medical Technician & Industrial Technology Instructor, Michael Metcalf was selected to receive the Kern County Department of Emergency Medical Services “EMS Outstanding Service Award.” Metcalf was presented the award, and honored at two official events in Bakersfield: May 15, the Board of Supervisors presented a resolution at 9 a.m. and on May 22 the award was presented at noon during the EMS Week Conference.

Michael Metcalf was nominated by Steve Busby, Public Service Faculty Chair and Director of Public Safety Programs at Cerro Coso who stated, “Michael has shown a life-long history of outstanding service to the Kern County EMS System. He began his involvement with the system taking the EMT Course when he was 14 years old and again at 17 years of age. He started his career in the field when he was an Explorer Scout at a local ambulance company in Ridgecrest.”

Over the past 20 years Mr. Metcalf worked as a Paramedic in Ridgecrest, California City, Mojave, Rosamond, Boron, Coso Geo-Thermal, and Kennedy Meadows. He worked with the Kern County Fire Department as a paid call firefighter and volunteered in a program aiding BLM Rangers develop their medical procedures.

Metcalf currently maintains his Paramedic skills continuing to work as a Flight Paramedic and Medical Education Coordinator for Mercy Air Services. He then advanced to the position as the Medical Base Supervisor at Mojave prior to taking a full-time EMT teaching position at Cerro Coso in 2005.

Metcalf has been an active instructor in the EMT field for over 10 years as a college adjunct instructor. "Michael does not stop at teaching but he continues to seek out training courses that will not only keep his certification active but that enhance his skills and abilities. He continually averages close to 100 hours every two years of training directly related to his field," stated Busby.

ROBERT VILLICANA NAMED CERRO COSO'S SPRING 2007 "STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"

The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988. The Alumni Association proudly announces the recipient of the Spring 2007 "Student of the Semester" award is Robert Villicana from the IWV Campus. Mr. Villicana was honored at an Alumni Association awards luncheon on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at Texas Cattle Company. He was nominated for the award by Cerro Coso speech instructor, Janis Jamison, who stated, "Robert has a lot of energy and passion for every speech he gives in my class. When other students speak, he is attentive and supportive. Robert sets a wonderful example for other students to follow. Anytime there is an event involving Cerro Coso students, in the community or on the campus, Robert is there! He is a student's student."

Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considered in the selection process for this award. Villicana is currently enrolled in 13 units and has completed 60.5 units overall. In addition to his college studies, Robert participates in the TRiO Program, serves as a Student Ambassador, President of the Special Services Club, Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) representative for the Students Intrigued by Technology Club, and is presently running for the position of President for the ASSC. He has listed his major as Social Science / History and his goal is to continue his education and one day teach history at a community college. In his spare time, Villicana enjoys reading, hiking, fishing and cooking.

Villicana was present with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, a special Cerro Coso remembrance gift, his name added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award, and his photo will be displayed on a "Student of the Semester" bulletin board at the College.



The Interim President of Cerro Coso Community College, Dr. Mary Retterer (left) congratulates Robert Villicana as the recipient of the Alumni Association's Spring 2007 "Student of the Semester" award.

Easter Project—Student Volunteers!

For Easter (2007), a small group of current and former Reading students volunteered to assist Associate Reading Professor John A. Garcia in providing Easter Baskets for underprivileged kids in the Ridgecrest area. While a large number of students initially volunteered to assist, this small group was able to set time aside when the project actually gained momentum. Mr. Garcia has aptly named the project: “Easter Baskets for Babies” Drive—this was the 3rd Annual Easter drive and is similar to the Thanksgiving and Christmas drives that provided food baskets and gifts to underprivileged children and disadvantaged families.



The students who contributed much of their time and energy in assisting Mr. Garcia are pictured from left to right above: Ashlee Clem, Amber Clibbens, Professor Garcia, Heather Lynn Weber, and Dolores Henry. Three other students, who also contributed to the project (but were unavailable for the picture), included the following: Brenda Nelson, Doris Carbajal, and Zach Petersen.

During the two weeks leading up to Easter, students assisted in shopping for ready-made baskets in addition to shopping for all of the items necessary to create home-made baskets for children. The students then made up colorfully decorated baskets and, along with the ready-made baskets, delivered them to a non-profit group (Boys' & Girls' Club of Ridgecrest) who distributed the baskets to children for Easter. Each basket was overfilled with a variety of goodies, i.e., nutrition bars, candy bars, peanut butter/cheese crackers, solid chocolate bunnies, chocolate-marshmallow bunnies, crème-filled eggs, children's books, children's educational videos, and stuffed animals. This year the effort produced a total of 50 baskets, which were donated to the Boys' & Girls' Club of Ridgecrest. Another set of baskets were also distributed to children who were not members of the club. All in all, the students' hard work and tireless efforts with this endeavor put a smile on many kids' faces who otherwise would not have received an Easter Basket this year! This project is one of several that students from Mr. Garcia's Reading classes donate their time/effort for, mainly during the holidays throughout the school year. The next project is tentatively scheduled for mid-summer for underprivileged kids in the Ridgecrest area. Mr. Garcia welcomes any students wanting to assist in participating in community service projects, by donating only their time and effort to enriching children's lives in the Ridgecrest community and surrounding areas.



Eberhardt Awarded Scholarship to Attend Leadership Institute

Cerro Coso Administrative Assistant Tammy Eberhardt has been awarded the Classified Leadership Institute Scholarship by the California Community Colleges Classified Senate (4CS). Each year the statewide Classified Senate offers two to three scholarships to attend the annual Classified Leadership Institute (CLI), which was established to promote leadership and strengthen classified staff participation in participatory governance. The scholarship covers the cost of attending the institute and provides some additional funds to assist with transportation costs. This year's institute, entitled "The Art of Creating Leaders" will be held in Tahoe City, California from June 21st to the 23rd.

Tammy, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, expressed an interest in attending the conference to her Classified Senate President, Cori Ratliff. I think she would be an excellent representative for Cerro Coso at the institute. I was pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Tammy in support of her application for the nomination, and I am ecstatic that she has been awarded the scholarship," Ratliff stated. Ratliff also suggested that the Classified Senate of Cerro Coso might be able to contribute towards Tammy's attendance at the conference, especially if she did not receive the scholarship.

When Tammy received the phone call informing her that she had been awarded one of the scholarships she said that she was sure that they had called the wrong person and even asked to verify that they called the right number. "You could have knocked me over with a feather," Tammy stated. While Tammy may have been shocked at the news, not everyone was so surprised. Dr. Mary Retterer, Interim President of Cerro Coso has this to say about Tammy, "Tammy demonstrates leadership in all aspects of her job. I don't know of anyone at Cerro Coso more deserving of this honor. The cream always rises to the top!"

Tammy is currently serving the classified staff as the Vice President of both the Classified Senate and CSEA chapter at Cerro Coso. While Tammy is uncertain she will move forward into the President position of the Classified Senate due to current obligations, she is a wonderful supporter of the classified staff and she will continue to advocate for them through her role in the CSEA and through her various roles on participatory governance committees.

Tammy began her career twenty years ago as a parent volunteer at her daughter's school and over the past two decades has worked in a variety of jobs. Five years ago Tammy joined the Kern Community College



District. She has served as switchboard operator and as the Administrative Assistant for the California Virtual Campus Regional Center 4 as well as for the Child Development Distance Learning Program associated with the First Five of California at both Cerro Coso Community College and Bakersfield College.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE COMMUNITY BAND SPRING 2007 CONCERT

On Thursday, April 26th at 7:30 PM, the Cerro Coso College Community Band performed their spring concert, featuring Paul Decker on tuba, in a performance of "Tuba Tiger Rag."

The concert also feature the themes to classic TV shows including: Happy Days, Brady Bunch, Bewitched, The Addams Family, and I Love Lucy. For the kids, the band performed themes from popular cartoons including: Bugs Bunny, The Flintstones, The Jetsons, The Simpsons, Pink Panther, and Animaniacs.

The concert, also include an original animation created by the Department of Media Arts, which was shown while the band performed, "Stormchasers," by Larry Neeck.

Other musical selections included: "Into the Joy of Spring," "Plaza de Toros," "Spiderman" – from the movie soundtrack, "Travelin' Trumpets," "Birdland," and the original Sousa rag, "With Pleasure."

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT FOR CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DR. MARY E. RETTERER

Kern Community College District, Chancellor Sandra Serrano announced the appointment of Dr. Mary E. Retterer as the President of Cerro Coso



Community College. The Kern Community College District Board of Trustees ratified the hiring at the June 14 Board of Trustees' meeting. "Dr. Retterer is a dynamic leader with a wealth of experience in community colleges, including colleges with centers in rural areas. Mary's prior experiences with the California Community College System, and in particular at Cerro Coso College this past year, are valuable and provide a foundation from which she will lead the college in a strategic direction to meet the needs of the

college's diverse service area," stated Chancellor Serrano.

Dr. Retterer, currently the interim President since June 2006, is the seventh president in Cerro Coso Community College's 35-year history, will take office on July 1.

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Dr. Retterer's 26 years in education includes 3 years of administrative service to California Community Colleges. Prior to assuming the interim assignment at Cerro Coso Community College, she served as the Superintendent/President of Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District, from June 2004 to June 2006. She was President of Pima Community College's East Campus, in Tucson, Arizona, from August 1998 to June 2004.

She began her administrative career in a variety of positions that were part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, including President of Ridgewater College in Willmar and Hutchison. She also served as Interim Regional President, Arrowhead Community College Region, and Interim President Minneapolis Community College; as well as Dean at the Rainy River Community College in International Falls.

Dr. Retterer began her educational career teaching at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, in 1980. She taught business and accounting in the San Bernardino Community College District from 1981 to 1993. She also taught at the University of Texas at Austin in 1992.

A former community college student, Retterer earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Crafton Hills College, California. She transferred to California State University, San Bernardino, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Administration, with a concentration in accounting; and a Master of Business Administration Degree, with a concentration in accounting. She earned a Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Administration, Community College Leadership Program from The University of Texas at Austin.

"Cerro Coso is a diamond in the desert! I am very proud of this college and the people within it and I look forward to an exciting future," stated Dr. Mary E. Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College. "There is tremendous creativity within this college and now is the time to continue to harness that creativity and turn it into growth and improved service to all of our communities," continued Retterer.

CERRO COSO AWARDED CAREER TECHNICAL GRANT

Scott O'Neil, NAWCWD executive director, celebrates the partnership and award of a \$250,000 grant from the State of California to Cerro Coso Community College with representatives from the College and the Sierra Sands Unified School District. Pictured from left are: Shirley Kennedy, Sierra Sands assistant superintendent; Laura Hickle, Sierra Sands special project coordinator; Joanna Rummer, Sierra Sands superintendent; Scott O'Neil; Mary Retterer, Cerro Coso College president; and Valerie Karnes, dean of Career Technical Education at Cerro Coso.



The State of California recently awarded a \$250,000 SB70 Strengthening Career Technical Education (CTE) grant to Cerro Coso Community College. The money will be used to execute a Career Technical Education Program aimed at delivering educated students to the future workforce who are strong in technical and academic skills.

Cerro Coso Community College has joined forces with the Sierra Sands Unified School District and the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division to address the growing local, state and national need for qualified engineers, technicians, and other highly trained workers in technology-rich environments.

“This is an exciting opportunity for the students in the Indian Wells Valley,” said Valerie Karnes, dean of Career Technical Education at Cerro Coso. “This grant award was made possible by our partnership with the Naval Air Warfare Center at China Lake and the Sierra Sands School District.”

A part of the CTE program will be Project Lead the Way (PLTW), a pre-engineering program that will be offered at Burroughs High School starting this fall. The goal is for the PLTW coursework and project activities to create and maintain a support system for students beginning in 8th grade and continuing through college.

“Project Lead the Way will help provide a seamless transition from high school to community college or a university system in science, math, engineering, engineering technology, renewable energy, and related career fields,” said Scott O’Neil, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division executive director.

Future outreach plans for the CTE program include summer camps, exploration opportunities, career guidance, as well as alternative project-based and online learning.

“I’m really excited to join with Cerro Coso and the school district as we work to reconstruct our technical workforce,” said Scott O’Neil. “We at China Lake are committed to this strategic partnership with our local schools and believe our combined efforts will make a significant difference here in the Indian Wells Valley as well as at the national security level.”

“NAWCWD China Lake representatives will play a pivotal role along with our local business and industry leaders in the execution of Project Lead the Way,” said Mary Retterer, Cerro Coso president.

Retterer said an Employer Summit will be held this fall to begin developing industry mentors and student internships. Another focus will be on employment during the course of a student’s educational experience as well as long-term employment following PLTW completion.

“We are excited to provide strong sequences of courses that will enable our students to focus on their interests and build skills earlier in their education,” said Laura Hickle, special projects coordinator with Sierra Sands Unified School District. “They will be much better prepared to pursue post secondary education and enter the workforce.”

CERRO COSO OFFERS SUMMER INTENSIVE SPANISH INSTITUTE AT MAMMOTH LAKES



The Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center is offering its Annual Summer Intensive Spanish Institute at the Mammoth Lakes Campus, beginning Monday, July 9th through Friday, July 13th. The one-week institute offers five full days of Spanish conversation, grammar and cultural classes, including cooking, dance, film and Spanish for health care workers. All levels from beginning to advanced are offered. The classes meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Mammoth Lakes Campus. The course is \$40 for California residents.

Whether novice or fluent, spend a week immersed in Spanish language classes developing your grammar and conversation skills and exploring the cultures of Spain and Latin American.

FOUNDATION BREAKS GROUND FOR STUDENT HOUSING



The Mammoth Lakes Foundation ground breaking ceremony, located in the college parking lot at 101 College Parkway, Mammoth Lakes, California, for student housing took place on Friday, June 15, 2007. The community was invited to participate as we celebrate this milestone.

This much anticipated project has been in the planning stages for quite some time. Dave & Roma McCoy brought it a giant step forward when they gifted \$3,000,000 dollars to the Mammoth Lakes Foundation at the Friends of Education dinner on December 2005. This generous gift combined with the efforts of the Foundation's Board, Diamond Partners, and numerous other donors and volunteers have made the student housing a reality.



The project is approximately 24,000 sq. ft. and will include 59 beds, 10 singles and 25 one bedrooms. The units will be fully furnished with private baths and convenient kitchens and televisions. There will be laundry on each floor and storage. An exercise/fitness room, outdoor BBQ and bocce court are all planned for the project. The Mammoth Lakes Foundation and community partners are creating a campus community that makes Mammoth Lakes a vibrant place to live, learn, work and visit.



CERRO COSO COLLEGE OFFERS FREE PRESCHOOL

Cerro Coso Community College Child Development Center is now enrolling children for State Preschool for the upcoming school year, August 2007 through June 2008. State Preschool is free of charge for income qualifying families with children who will be 3 or 4 years old by December 2, 2007. State Preschool is a half day kindergarten readiness program that provides quality experiences that will boost your child's success in the following areas: language/literacy, science, math, self-help and social skills, creative activities, and large and small muscle movements. The Cerro Coso College licensed State Preschool not only prepares your child for kindergarten but for their success in future grades.

C.A.R.E./CALWORKS WORKSHOP OFFERED THROUGH CERRO COSO

On May 11, 2007, the Cerro Coso Community College CARE and CalWORKs Programs offered an all day workshop at the Carriage Inn, Ridgecrest entitled: "Invest in Your Future." Thirty five students and seven staff members from the Indian Wells Valley and Kern River Valley campuses participated in the workshop presented by CARE Coordinator, Penny Talley (left); CalWORKs Coordinator, Paula Suarez (right); and CalWORKs Assistant, Cheryl Fitzsimmons (center). The activities for the day were designed to empower students mentally and physically in order to reach their academic potential. In addition, Cerro Coso Community College President, Dr. Mary Retterer spoke to the students at lunch, sharing her own quest for an education to reach her dreams and how they too have the power to work through challenges and become the person they want to be. Students and staff enjoyed a day of self-empowerment, inspiration and camaraderie as a special end of the semester celebration.

CHAMBER MUSIC UNBOUND'S MUSIC SCHOOL PERFORMS CONCERT AT MAMMOTH LAKES CAMPUS

The young and talented students of Chamber Music Unbound's music school performed in two concerts in June, both free and open to the public.

On Friday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. at Cerro Coso College in Mammoth Lakes, CMU's after-school groups performed their spring concert. The four distinct programs, "Chamber Music Mayhem," "High School Mayhem," "Mammoth Elementary Strings," and "Bishop Elementary Strings," consist of over 80 young violinists, pianists and cellists ages 5-16. They performed in a wide array of ensemble formats, from string orchestra to piano trios, playing classical and popular folk tunes. Rebecca Hang, Brian Schuldt and Wen-Ting Huang of the Felici Trio are the primary instructors, along with coaching assistance from Dennis Cox.



On Sunday, June 3, at Cerro Coso College in Mammoth Lakes, CMU's students taking individual lessons with members of the Felici Trio performed in their year-end recitals. The individual lesson and "Mayhem" programs are generously hosted by Cerro Coso College, with support from the Mammoth Lakes Foundation.

It is CMU's mission to offer to the growing populations and visitors of the Eastern Sierra outstanding classical music performances and, through CMU's music school, education that engage all age groups, backgrounds, and levels of musicianship. Many of CMU's students receive tuition or instrument scholarships through the generosity of our donors, including the MES PTO and the Music Society of the Eastern Sierra. To find out more about CMU's music school, please visit www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org or call 760 934-7015.



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CERRO COSO COLLEGE TO PRESENT SHORT PLAYS FESTIVAL

Cerro Coso's summer Short Plays Festival offers entertainment with a new twist; all of the performances are student-directed. The festival was presented on Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21 at 7:30 pm and on Sunday, July 22 at 2:00 pm. Due to the renovation of the College Lecture Center, performances took place in the East Wing in Room 206 (seating was limited).



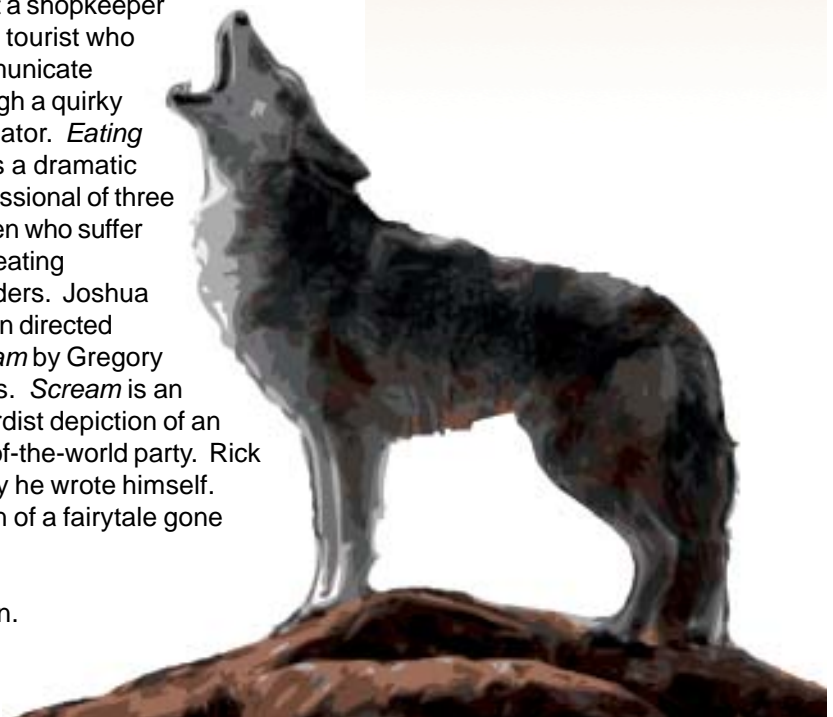
Savanah Liszka directed two plays: *Arabian Nights* by David Ives and *Eating Out* by Marcia Dixcy. *Arabian Nights* is a romantic comedy about a shopkeeper and a tourist who communicate through a quirky translator. *Eating Out* is a dramatic confessional of three women who suffer from eating disorders. Joshua Horton directed *Scream* by Gregory Vovos. *Scream* is an absurdist depiction of an end-of-the-world party. Rick

Tobias directed *Misadventure in Story Time*, a play he wrote himself. *Misadventure in Story Time* is a comedic depiction of a fairytale gone awry, complete with Princess, Hero and Monster!

The Short Plays Festival is not suitable for children.

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



(L to R) David Haugen, president of the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation swearing in new board member Solomon Rajaratnam, Vice-President/Branch Manager of Mojave Desert Bank. "I am really excited about this opportunity to serve the community through the College Foundation. I am honored to be asked to serve on the board and look forward to helping students with their educational goals," stated Rajaratnam.



From (L to R) Mary Peterson smiles brightly as she is sworn in by Cerro Coso Community College Foundation president David Haugen. "I am excited to be on Cerro Coso's Foundation Board. I look forward to helping those students in need of scholarships in this community, and would like to extend a thank you to all of those in Ridgecrest who support our cause for future fundraising" stated new Cerro Coso Foundation board member Mary Peterson.

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AUDITIONS FOR THE LARAMIE PROJECT

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"AUDITIONS"
for
Cerro Coso's production of
Moises Kaufman's
The Laramie Project

In 1998, a college student was kidnapped, severely beaten and left to die, tied to a fence on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming. His name was Matthew Shepard and he was the victim of this assault because he was gay. *The Laramie Project* compiles interviews with the people of Laramie into a breathtaking theatrical collage which raises issues of tolerance and compassion.

Sign up for Theatre C121 – Theatre Production to be a part of Cerro Coso's production of *The Laramie Project*. Auditions will be held the first week of classes. Many parts are available. No experience is necessary.

Sign up for Theatre C131 – Technical Theatre to help out behind the scenes on Cerro Coso's production of *The Laramie Project*.

Additional Theatre Courses
Theatre C111 – Fundamentals of Acting
Theatre C112 – Beginning Acting
Theatre C211 – Intermediate Acting
Theatre C212 – Advanced Acting

Improve your acting skills in one of our four levels of acting classes. Practice your skills in the performance of theatre exercises, improvisations, cold readings, monologues, and scenes. Class culminates in a public showcase.

Theatre C118 – Improvisation
Learn the basics of improvisation and be a part of Cerro Coso's "Who Said What Now?" Improv Troupe.

Theatre C140 – Movement for the Actor
Learn to enhance physical clarity, expressiveness, and creativity in performance. Develop physical characterization skills for both modern and period-style plays.

Cerro Coso now offers a degree in Theatre!

Auditions are coming up for Cerro Coso Community College's fall production of Moises Kaufman's play *The Laramie Project*. In 1998, a college student was kidnapped, severely beaten and left to die, tied to a fence on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming. His name was Matthew Shepard and he was the victim of this assault because he was gay. *The Laramie Project* compiles interviews with the people of Laramie into a breathtaking theatrical collage which raises issues of tolerance and compassion. Performances are slated for December 7th, 8th, and 9th in the college's newly renovated Lecture Center.



CERRO COSO ALUMNI OFFERS BUS TRIP TO “WICKED”



The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association is offering a bus trip on Saturday, February 9, 2008, to see the smash hit musical “**WICKED**” at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood. The cultural trip is open to the community.

Long before Dorothy dropped in, two other girls meet in the Land of Oz. One, born with emerald-green skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. How these two unlikely friends end up as the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch makes for the most spell binding new musical in years.

The Los Angeles Times calls “**WICKED** a phenomenon that keeps growing.” The untold story of the witches of Oz, features music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz (*Godspell, Pippin*, Academy Award winner for *Pocahontas* and *The Prince of Egypt*) and book Winnie Holzman (“My So Called Life,” “Once And Again” and “thirtysomething”), and is based on the best-selling novel by Gregory Maquire. With musical staging by Tony Award winner Wayne Cilento (*Aida, The Who’s Tommy, How to Succeed...*), **WICKED** is directed by 2003 and 2004 Tony Award winner Joe Mantello (*Take Me Out, Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune, A Man of Importance*).

“Rare is the tuner that offers spectators any opportunity whatsoever to make use of their minds, but **WICKED** does so numerous times. It’s a thinking person’s musical and a visual knockout, especially so at the Pantages.” - Bob Vernie, Variety

Don’t miss out on seeing what the New York Times called, “One of the most successful shows in Broadway history.” Seats are available now for \$130 per person and include: orchestra/mezzanine seating and the bus to and from the production. For more information contact the Cerro Coso Alumni Relations Office at 384-6230. Reserve your seats today.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERING ORCHESTRA THIS FALL



Share your talents! Cerro Coso Community College Kern River Valley Campus in Lake Isabella is offering Orchestra as a Community Education Class this fall. This class, taught by Bruce Brady, will begin on August 27, 2007 and go through December 10, 2007. The class will meet on Monday evenings from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Cerro Coso, Lake Isabella Campus, Room G.

The Cerro Coso Kern Valley Orchestra performs a variety of styles of music – classical and semi-classical music, music from the stage and movies, popular music, music from around the world, and big-band/jazz arrangements. Students will be required to participate in two performances per semester. All students should be able to play all major scales and be able to read music. Woodwind or brass musicians should have at least one-year of playing experience or instruction. Strings musicians should have at least three years playing experience or instruction or be able to play in 3rd position. There is a class fee of \$30.

For more information, contact the College Office at 379-5501.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS DIGITAL IMAGING AND DIGITAL VIDEO PRODUCTION COURSES

The Cerro Coso Community College Fall semester is right around the corner. Classes begin Monday, August 27. Among the courses offered this Fall at the Bishop and Mammoth campuses of the Eastern Sierra College Center are Digital Imaging (MA C102) and Digital Video Production (MA C127). Both courses satisfy requirements in the Web Design and Digital Animation certificate and associate degree programs at Cerro Coso Community College.

Digital Imaging (MA C102) - The Digital Imaging course helps students develop creative skills with an emphasis on design principles. Students will use Adobe Photoshop CS3 to edit digital photos, including retouching, color-correction, and colorizing of black and white photos. Students will also use layers, adjustment layers, filters, vector paths, and complex masking techniques to build a collage and a surrealistic scene. No prior experience with Photoshop is necessary; however, when students successfully complete the course, they will have acquired an intermediate-advanced level of skill.

Digital Video Production (MA C127) - The Digital Video Production course introduces students to digital video production techniques including camera operation and procedures, basic principles and techniques of sound and scriptwriting; and digital video editing with Adobe Premiere Pro CS3. There will be opportunities for students to collaborate and work on community projects in this course.

Ray Hocker is the instructor for MA C127. Ray is currently completing a Masters of Fine Art in Digital Cinema Production from National University. He has recently produced high definition video programming on several cable channels and teaches Video Technology at Burroughs High School in Ridgecrest. He was also a portrait photographer for many years. Ray is excited about offering digital video courses in Mammoth because of the opportunities that local scenery and community events provide as subject matter for student projects.

Both courses are offered in a hybrid format—part of the course is delivered in a classroom computer lab and part of it is delivered online. This provides students with the benefits of in-person instruction and hands-on experience, while also enabling them to build skills necessary for working in the virtual collaborative environments. Students can complete online assignments from home or in the open computer labs at either the Bishop or Mammoth campuses.

Students are not required to purchase software, as it will be available in the computer lab. However students may wish to purchase software for use at home. Academic discounts are available for software purchase and student can learn more at the first class meeting.



Registration - The course registration number for MA C102 is 70279, and the registration number for MA C127 is 70288. Students can register at either the Bishop or Mammoth campuses or call 872-1565 to enroll.

If you have any other questions about these courses or the Web Design or Digital Animation programs, feel free to e-mail Suzie Ama (sama@cerrocoso.edu), Media Arts Faculty Chair.

Media Arts Courses for Photographers Offered at Cerro Coso this summer Summer is ideal for photography in the Eastern Sierra, and Cerro Coso Community College offered two courses to enable you to enhance your photos and share them with others.

Retouch and enhance your photos in the “Digital Photo Retouching Workshop” (MA C061). Students will use Adobe Photoshop to crop, scale, and rotate images; make color, tonal, and saturation adjustments; retouch and replace problem areas of a photo, sharpen images, apply artistic filters to transform the appearance of photos, and prepare images for the Web. No prior knowledge of Photoshop was required. This 8-week class began June 26, 2007.

Create a Web site to showcase your digital photos in the “Web Site Photo Gallery Workshop” (MA C063). Students will use Adobe Dreamweaver to use and modify templates, create animated slide shows, and add and edit content, including text, hyperlinks, and images. No prior knowledge of HTML or Dreamweaver is required. This 8-week class began June 25, 2007.

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“WHAT INDUSTRY NEEDS IN A WORKFORCE” EMPLOYER SUMMIT

“We are changing the face of Cerro Coso Community College,” said President Dr. Mary Retterer, as she opened the first ever employers summit.



Mr. Burt Rutan

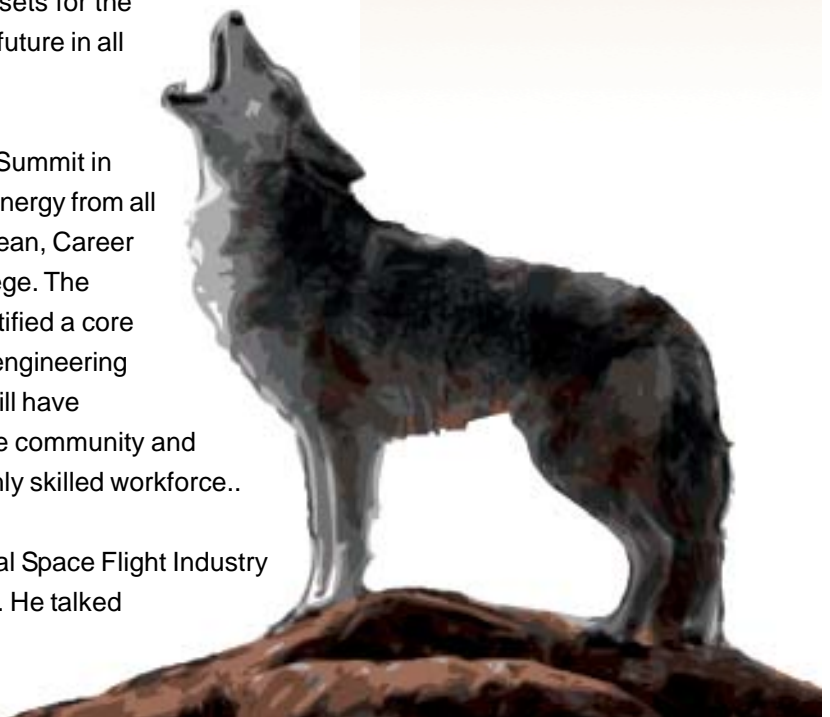
Cerro Coso Community College (in partnership with NAWC and Sierra Sands School District) was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the State of California to develop career technical programs in pre-engineering, engineering technology and renewable energy (<http://cerrocoso.edu/pio/news/2007/20070625-CTEgrant.htm>). Part of this grant funded an Employer Summit which took place on Friday, September 14, 2007, to identify key skill sets for the workforce of the future in all three industries.

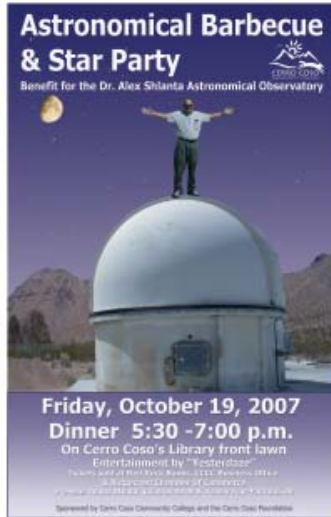
“We brought employers together at the Employer Summit in aerospace, mining/manufacturing and renewable energy from all over our service area” stated Ms Valerie Karnes, Dean, Career Technical Education, Cerro Coso Community College. The purpose of this summit was twofold. First, we identified a core curriculum for the future workforce in engineering, engineering technology and renewable energy. Secondly, we will have distinguished leaders in each industry speak to the community and faculty regarding the needs of employers for a highly skilled workforce..

Scaled Composites Founder Burt Rutan, “Personal Space Flight Industry – A Forecast for Mojave” was the keynote speaker. He talked about what the future holds in his industry.

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SECOND ANNUAL CERRO COSO COLLEGE ASTRONOMICAL BARBECUE & STAR PARTY

Please mark your calendars for the evening of Friday, October 19, 2007. This is the date for the Second Annual Astronomical Barbecue & Star Party at Cerro Coso College. This family event is sponsored jointly by the College and the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation. As well as public outreach in astronomy, this event supports the development of the "Dr. Alex Shlanta Astronomical Observatory, maintenance and related equipment at Cerro Coso College.

The barbecue dinner will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the College Library's front lawn. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be barbecued and served by grillers Mayor Chip Holloway, Councilman Dan Clark and City Parks & Recreation director, Jim Ponak. "Yesterdaze" a popular local singing group will provide musical entertainment during the evening.

Starting at 6 p.m. and repeated at half-hour intervals a narrated slide presentation and a brief overview of astronomy will be given by China Lake Astronomical Society's (CLAS's) charter member Carroll Evans inside the College Library. There will also be door prizes drawings conducted during dinner.

The Star Party, itself, at the observatory will begin at 7:30 pm. For those desiring transportation, a bus will be running continuously from the Library parking lot to the Astronomical Observatory and back. "Major stars and constellations will be pointed out. There will be approximately 10 different telescope stations set up inside the Observatory compound for public viewing and explanations of what is seen by CLAS members staffing each station" stated faculty member, Dr. Alex Shlanta.

Presale tickets are adults: \$10.00, children \$8.00, and a family four-pack for only \$35.00. Tickets are available at Red Rock Books, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and the Cerro Coso College Business Office.



CERRO COSO COLLEGE TO HOST CAREER AND TRANSFER CENTER GRAND RE-OPENING

The Cerro Coso College Career and Transfer Center was remodeled just like many of the classrooms and offices at Cerro Coso Community College over the summer. "We want to open the doors and share the information and resources that are available to students" stated Jennifer Schwerin, the new Job Development Specialist at Cerro Coso.

Students who are transferring to a CSU or UC campus will find a wealth of information at their fingertips, as will the students transferring to private/Independent colleges and out-of-state colleges.

Students, parents and the general public are invited to come and explore the newly renovated Career and Transfer Center.



Ms. Jennifer Schwerin

A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNED EVENT

On Friday, October 5, 2007, beginning at 10:00 AM, the Professional Development Committee (Margaret Hunter, Lisa Couch, Dave Cornell, Penny Talley, Janet Wilson, Bonita Robison and Karen O'Conner) has planned the Service Awards Luncheon. Featuring guest speaker, Jim Marteney, a speech/broadcasting instructor and author of several critical thinking textbooks. This event will be held in the lecture center on the IWV campus. The luncheon and awards ceremony will follow on the Learning Resource Center lawn.



Mr. Jim Marteney

A.S.C.C. HOSTED STUDENT LEADERSHIP SPEAKER

On Tuesday, September 11, 2007, the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (A.S.C.C.) hosted a nationally-known student leadership speaker, Dave Kelly as part of the "Rush Week" event.

This was not your typical lecture. Mr. Kelley, presented the information in a fun, practical and humorous way that really got the audiences involved. The audience left energized with information that can last a life time.



Mr. David Kelly

Dunk Tank Part of Rush Week Event

As a part of the activities for Rush Week, The CARE Club had a “Dunk the Staff” event on Wednesday, September 12th from 11:30-1:30 in on the lawn outside the Student Center. This was a very successful activity in which the students and staff had lots of fun!



CERRO COSO TO OFFER WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER COURSE

Eastern Sierra College Center is pleased to announce that is it offering a new course, Wilderness First Responder (WFR), this fall semester. The WFR course is perfect for anyone who spends significant time enjoying the Sierra backcountry and wants to learn how to handle and manage medical, environmental and traumatic accidents and emergencies in the wilderness. Cerro Coso's adjunct faculty member, Candy Hower, has been trained and certified by Solo www.soloschools.com to provide WFR through Cerro Coso. Students completing this course will receive 3.0 units of college credit and WFR certification through Solo.

The Wilderness First Responder curriculum uses the principles of long-term care, improvised resources, and varying environmental conditions for the framework of learning. Students will learn the patient assessment system, which will help determine the medical, traumatic and environmental problems of backcountry patients. Environmental issues such as hypothermia and heat injuries are dealt with in great detail. The course includes practical simulations and labs to provide practice in backcountry leadership and rescue skills.



CERRO COSO CLASS PARTICIPATES IN SIERRA CERAMIC MURAL PROJECT

“Celebrating the Sierra” is a natural history mural of ceramic tile, to be installed on the outside wall of the Bishop Branch of Inyo County Library. Some 400 clay tiles have been be handmade by children and adults in the Eastern Sierra. Plants and animals of our natural communities living from high peaks to the desert floor, are the subject of this mural.

A special wildlife art class at Cerro Coso Community College in Bishop has been at work designing and creating individual tiles.

The mural will be dedicated to Inyo County Search and Rescue, established in 1942. The Bishop community and surrounding areas wishe to thank them for putting themselves in harm’s way when they volunteer their time and expertise to rescue lost and injured people.

Our local communities have much to gain by working together to create a community-based mural project depicting the Eastern Sierra’s precious natural resources. By evoking the ideas, action and collaboration from key agencies, and fostering education through art, we create an awe-inspiring reminder of the beauty that surrounds us.



Clay Tile

OCTOBER IS TRANSFER AWARENESS MONTH

October has been designated "Transfer Awareness Month." During October there will be many activities held to help promote transferring to the four-year universities. All of the following events will take place at the IWV Campus in the Transfer Center Room 224, unless otherwise noted.

October 1: Transfer Q&A Workshop 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

October 2: Career and Transfer Center Grand Re-Opening 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

October 4: CSU Application Workshop 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

October 8: UC Application Workshop 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

October 10: UC Personal Statement Assistance 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October 15: Anyone Can Transfer Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

October 17: College Night 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (located in Student Center)
College Night is a chance for students to meet with the representatives from various CSU, UC, and Private/Independent Colleges. This is a great opportunity for you to get first hand information from the different universities in California.

October 18: UC Information and Handouts 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

October 22: Helpful Transfer Websites 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
There are many helpful websites for students planning to transfer that you may not know about. Stop by to pick up a list of "Helpful Transfer Websites" and use out Career and Transfer Center computers to explore them.

October 23: UC Application Workshop 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 25: TAG Agreement Workshop 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Seven UC campuses offer **guaranteed admission** to California community college students who meet specific requirements. By participating in a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program, students receive early review of their academic records, early admission notification, and specific guidance about major preparation and general education coursework. Stop by this workshop to learn more about the TAG agreement and how to fill out your application.

October 30: UC Personal Statement Assistance 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

October 31: CSU Application Workshop 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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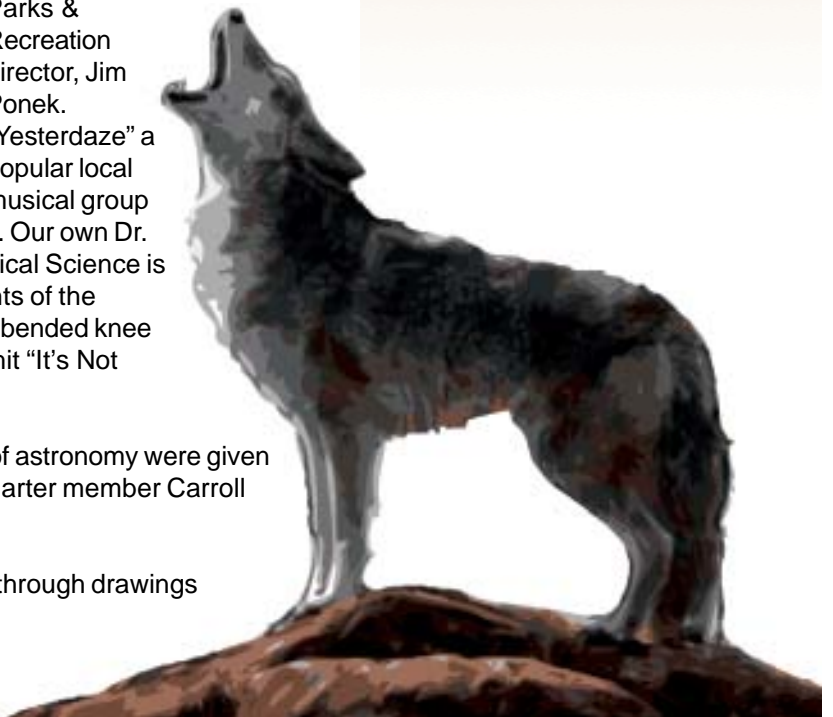
provided musical entertainment during the evening. Our own Dr. John Stenger-Smith, Professor of Chemistry/Physical Science is an active member of the band. One of the highlights of the evening occurred when Stenger-Smith got down on bended knee with out stretched arms and sang the Tom Jones hit "It's Not Unusual" to Dr. Mary Retterer!

A narrated slide presentation and a brief overview of astronomy were given by China Lake Astronomical Society's (CLAS's) charter member Carroll Evans inside the College Library.

There were over 30 gift baskets & prizes given out through drawings conducted during dinner.

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A stellar time was had by all!



CERRO COSO COLLEGE PRESENTS SPEAKER ON ASTRONOMY

Dr. Kartik Sheth from California Institute of Technology, the Spitzer Science Center, and the Combined Array for Research in Millimeter-Wave Astronomy (CARMA) near Big Pine, gave a talk at the Cerro Coso Community College Eastern Sierra College Center, Bishop Campus on Thursday, October 25, 2007. Dr. Sheth's presentation entitled, "Bars in the Universe" began at 4:00 p.m. in Room 176. The College co-hosted this speaker series in the field of Astronomy.

If you were to look out on a clear night and count all the galaxies outside our Milky Way - what would they look like? How would you begin studying them? What is the most common type of galaxy? Dr. Sheth addressed those questions and gave a preview of extragalactic research with an emphasis on what we can accomplish with telescopes like CARMA in combination with other ground- and space-based telescopes.

Dr. Sheth did his undergraduate studies at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. He received his Masters in Physics from the University of Minnesota and a Masters and Ph.D. in Astrophysics from the University of Maryland. He is a postdoctoral fellow with the Owens Valley Radio Observatory Group at Caltech. He spends his spare time volunteering for Peace over Violence in Los Angeles.



CERRO COSO REPRESENTED AT DESERT EMPIRE FAIR

Cerro Coso Community College was well represented at the Desert Empire Fair this year with three different exhibitions - the general college booth, the Automotive Hybrid Car booth, and the Students Intrigued by Technology (SIT) booth. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk about what we do at Cerro Coso. Between the three areas we had set up, fair visitors saw Cerro Coso at just about every turn! Many thanks to the huge group who worked on putting it together!

We had several activities going on throughout the fair. Club members set up a row of computers running the Linux operating system for fairgoers to try out. Visitors enjoyed watching our club members work on the machines on site and we even got several requests to fix computers.

Another activity was the LEGO sandbox. We had non-stop kids (and parents) putting together bricks to see what they could come up with. It was fun to watch kids, teenagers, and adults using their creativity to build interesting objects.

On one side of the booth, we set up several laptops using different operating systems so that visitors could see the differences. The Macbook running a cool little program called PhotoBooth was definitely the most popular. People would walk by and catch a glimpse of themselves on the monitor and stop to make silly faces. It was just like that Photo Booth bit that Jay Leno does on the Tonight Show!

Our ASCC President (and S.I.T. Club Treasurer) Robert Villicana had the opportunity to judge the Lego Building Contest, along with Sandy Smith, another club member.

Finally, the highlight of the weekend was the Build-It-Here contest. Each contestant was given a bucket of LEGOs or Duplos and had 30 minutes to build anything they wanted. Awards were given for Most Imaginative, Most Technical, and Cutest in each of the four age categories (2-5, 6-9, 10-13, 14-17). We had 27 kids involved in the LEGOs categories and 7 kids involved in the Duplo category. It was energetic, chaotic, crazy, insane fun and somehow we pulled it off. All of the kids got to take their bucket of LEGOs home (with a sticker that had the club and college name on it of course) and the winners were given certificates.





CERRO COSO BASEBALL'S 15TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

Cerro Coso Community College's Baseball Team is holding its 15th annual Christmas Tree Sale event, selling Douglas and Nobel Fir trees from 5 ft. to 7 ft. tall! In addition to Christmas Trees, small and large holiday wreaths and garlands are for the selling. All orders are due November 1, 2007 or before. This fund raiser helps to support Cerro Coso's Baseball Team.



CERRO COSO PARTICIPATES IN RELAY FOR LIFE (RFL)

The American Cancer Society hosted the Doris Owens Relay for Life – Oct. 6-7, 2007 and had another successful year. The City of Ridgecrest raised over \$150,000 and Cerro Coso Community College certainly contributed well to that total.

The Cerro Coso Clippers fielded a team of over 25 people: walking, running, going around in wheelchairs and tending our booth.

Our sponsorship goal this year was to "Go for the Gold" and indeed we did! Gold status required a donation of \$2,500 and Cerro Coso raised \$3,310.00. Another \$181.50 was raised during the event itself from the sale of candy, jewelry and an opportunity basket. This was a great year. Along with the Team Captain, Shelley Crabtree, Natalie Dorrell and Margaret Hunter shared the energy and support leading to the project's success! Our Recreational Vehicle host again this year was Dr. John Stenger-Smith. Our Nursing Team also joined us with a delicious array of goodies for sale to raise money for RFL as well.



Thank you, everyone who participated, donated money and supported our team – our Cerro Coso family!



TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NIGHT

Cerro Coso Community College held its 28th Annual College and University Night on Thursday, October 17, 2007, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Cerro Coso College Student Center.

Current college and high school students, along with members of the community, were invited to meet representatives from various University of California and California State University campuses, as well as private/ independent colleges and universities, military services, and Cerro Coso programs.

According to Ms. Heather Ostash, Counseling Coordinator at Cerro Coso, "This event helps students make choices about where it is best for them to continue their education; it is an integral part of our transfer program."



CERRO COSO HONORS STAFF

The Professional Development Committee of Cerro Coso held a Service Pin Award luncheon on Friday, Oct. 5th. There were 91 employees listed to receive service pins ranging from 10-70 semesters and 5-30 years of service. Standing Ovations went to Lois Gonzalez-Bozarth and Joann Handeland for 30 years of service and to Susan Ernst and Shirley Helmick for 70 semesters. The day started with a guest speaker Jim Marteney who is a speech/broadcasting instructor at Los Angeles Valley College. Co-author of the critical thinking textbook, *Communicating Critical Thinking* and author of the book *Our groups/ Our Roles*. Everyone enjoyed his presentation. Lunch was served in the Student Center and Dr. Retterer, Jill Board and Jane Harmon made the award presentations.



POPCORN, PEANUTS, AND PROKOFIEV

On Saturday, November 3, 2007, at 7:00 PM, the Cerro Coso Community College, Kern River Valley Campus will host a Saturday Evening Concert, Popcorn, Peanuts, and Prokofiev.

Pianist, Helen Smoot, will perform music by J.S. Bach-Wachet Auf, Scott Joplin- Maple Leaf Rag, Vince Garaldia – Linus and Lucy, Carlos Gardel – El Dia Que Mi Quieras, Rachmaninoff – Barcarole, Robert Schumann – Fantasie, Prokofiev-Waltz from Cinderella Ballet, and Mozart/Liszt – Don Juan Fantasie.



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CERRO COSO COLLEGE PROFESSOR CO-AUTHOR OF MAJOR TEXT BOOK

Cerro Coso Community College recognizes the accomplishments of Professor, Mary Kowalski. Continuing a 35 year tradition, the ninth edition of *Textbook of*

Basic Nursing by Caroline Rosdahl and Mary Kowalski has recently been published. Cerro Coso Community College Professor, Mary Kowalski RN, MSN, has been a major contributor to this text for about 20 years and began as co-author to the text in 2001. The content of the ninth edition has been completely updated and provides expansive resources for instructors. In addition to the responsibilities of writing more than half of this edition, Kowalski states that she developed 63 chapters of the PowerPoint slides, drawing from her 25 years of vocational nursing instruction. Kowalski states, "The slides I created were designed for the practical, day-to-day use by an instructor and the students." The instructor, who may be a novice or veteran, can adjust the

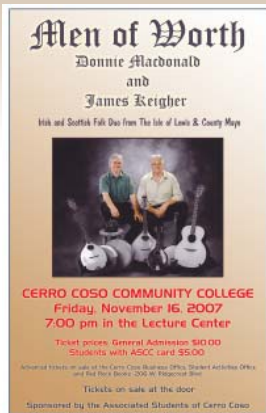


presentations for individualized classroom use. This text is used widely in the United States and also in Canada. Cerro Coso Community College has been using the text consistently since the start of the Vocational Nursing Program (long before Kowalski came to Cerro Coso). *Textbook of Basic Nursing* is considered a classic among textbooks for vocational nurses. "It is a lot of work to update the information and write for such a comprehensive text, but I find the end results are well worth the effort," continues Kowalski. The *Textbook of Basic Nursing* has received high rates on past National Licensing Exams which means a large percentage of nurses begin their careers with this book as their foundation of knowledge. Kowalski is a full-time professor at Cerro Coso Community College and has been at the College since 1996. She has also contributed to several other textbooks and nursing resources, both at the RN and LVN levels.

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CERRO COSO PRESENT MEN OF WORTH

Men of Worth featuring Donnie MacDonald and James Keigher once again delighted an Indian Wells Valley audience when they appeared at Cerro Coso Community College on Friday, November 16, 2007, in the Lecture Center, courtesy of the Associated Students. The concert featured the very best in Celtic music—songs that come from past generations as well as stories from present day observations.

Together, **Men of Worth** blend their voices with harmony and support their collection of songs with their varied selection of instruments. They have a very simple approach to their presentation, and in keeping with tradition, remain true to the music and story. Their show is a unique combination of humor, exciting tunes, and soulful heartfelt ballads.



ASTRONAUT RICK SEARFOSS SPEAKS AT COLLEGE

As an astronaut with three space missions, Colonel Rick Searfoss shares with only a handful of people in history some of the most unique human experiences possible. Colonel Searfoss shared his experiences with students and community members on Friday, November 30 at Cerro Coso Community College's IWV campus. The lecture and presentation took place in the College Lecture Center, courtesy of the Associated Students of Cerro Coso. He presented the program entitled "As We Dream" – A Spacefarer's Vision.

Colonel Searfoss was the space shuttle mission commander & pilot on three different missions...STS-58, 76 & 90 on the Columbia and Atlantis shuttles. STS-58 and 76 were space flights to the joint Russian-American mission to the Mir Space Station. The STS-90 Neurolab flight on Columbia was the most complex science research space mission ever flown, with unparalleled mission success. Searfoss has over twenty-five years experience as a leader in some of the most demanding team endeavors possible – human space flight, test flying, and tactical military aviation.



CERRO COSO FACULTY MEMBER PARTICIPATING IN PRESTEGIOUS UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Dr. Anne Benvenuti, Professor of Philosophy/Psychology at Cerro Coso has been invited to participate in the Visiting Scholar Program at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C for the 2007-2008 academic year. Dr. Benvenuti is in the Center for Clinical Bioethics in the Medical School, working with Professor James Giordano. Dr. Giordano is also Vice President for the Center for Brain, Mind, and Healing Research at the Samuelli Institute. Dr. Benvenuti is developing a research and writing agenda related to the study of Brain, Mind, and Healing. The invitation to Georgetown and this particular work is a direct result of her second invited presentation at the Oxford University Round Table (Exeter College 2006, Lincoln College 2007) on Science and Religion, and the publication of her first paper, "Science and Religion as Modes of Human Participation in the Cosmos," in the *Forum on Public Policy* (summer 2007).

Dr. Benvenuti also has a publication coming out in the December issue of *Presence*, the journal of Spiritual Directors International, a non-demoninational professional organization for the study of spiritual experience. The up-coming article is entitled,

“Love Dogs” and it is about the importance of the natural world to human spiritual development.

Professor Benvenuti has also been invited to teach a “Semester at Sea” for the University of Virginia in spring 2008. During the spring semester Dr. Benvenuti will be traveling around the world with approximately 500 students and 30 faculty, and will teach three courses: 1) Mental Health from a Global Perspective, 2) Global Women’s Issues from a United Nations Perspective, and 3) an interdisciplinary course called Human Unity and Diversity, a course she developed for Cerro Coso in 2003. About this assignment Benvenuti said, “It is quite an honor to be selected, but I mostly feel like I won the lottery!”

ASTRONOMY SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES AT CERRO COSO

Lisa Wei from University of California, Berkeley and the Combined Array for Research in Millimeter-Wave Astronomy (CARMA) near Big Pine, CA gave a talk at Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center - Bishop Campus on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. The talk was entitled “Evolution of Galaxies within the Hubble Sequence.”

Edwin Hubble was the first astronomer to classify galaxies, dividing them into two distinct types - elliptical galaxies, and spiral galaxies, and placed them on the “Hubble Tuning Fork.” Hubble believed that all galaxies started out as ellipticals, and evolved into spirals as time passed. Though we know that this is not exactly the case today, how these galaxies came to be and the exact relationship between ellipticals and spirals is still unclear. Lisa Wei discussed simulations and observations of elliptical and spiral galaxies that may be evolving, and what we can learn from them.

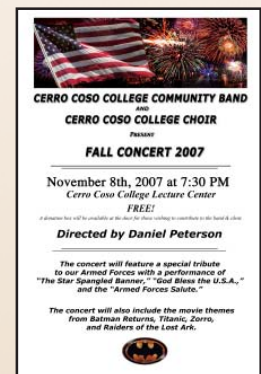
CERRO COSO COLLEGE BAND AND CHOIR PRESENT FALL 2007 CONCERT

The Cerro Coso Community College Band and Choir presented their Fall 2007 concert on Thursday, November 8th in the College Lecture Center.

Directed by Daniel Peterson, the concert featured a special tribute to our Armed Forces with a performance of patriotic classics including, “The Star Spangled Banner,” “God Bless the U.S.A.,” and the “Armed Forces Salute.” The performance included famous movie themes from “Batman Returns,” “Titanic,” “Zorro,” and “Raiders of the Lost Ark.” The concert also featured a special dedication to Todd Rogers, a music industry icon.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE HOSTS IMPROV SHOW

On Friday, November 2, 2007, The Theatre Arts Club of Cerro Coso Community College presented “Shenanigans: A Night of Improv Comedy.” The Theatre Arts Club President, Joshua Horton stated, “Get ready to laugh! Shenanigans is a chance to take the whole family out for a good time.” Students pictured (from l to r) are the current 2007-2008 officers of the Theatre Arts Club – Rick Tobias, Josh Haefele, James Fern, Josh Horton, and Erin Ray.



COYOTE PRIDE DAY

On Friday, October 26, 2007, the ASCC conducted their annual Coyote Pride day from noon until 4:00pm at the IWV Campus. Trash was retrieved from the parking lot, leaves were raked, and curbs were painted. The ASCC provided Pizza for the participants. A great time was had by all!



BIOLOGY HONORS SECTION CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Honors Biology Section this year at Cerro Coso has been taking an in depth look at the science and management of endangered species, under the guidance of instructor Shannon Bliss.

The students began by reading and discussing parts of the Endangered Species Act and moved on to reading the Management Plan for the local endangered Kern Primrose Sphinx Moth, a species only found in Walker Basin and on Carrizo Plain. As a semester-long project, the students have each chosen an endangered species to research and are writing papers summarizing and critiquing management plans for their species.

Early in November a portion of the class experienced a hands-on role in the management of the endangered Desert Tortoise when they helped local consultant Peter Woodman and his crew set up sample Tortoise Surveying Plots for a consultant training of over 100 people. The students learned about tortoise biology as they simulated the sign they would leave in the desert: digging burrows, placing foam tortoises and real scat in plots near Ridgecrest.

As a capstone event, the entire class took a trip to San Diego on November 14th. They stopped at the Santa Rosa Plateau in Riverside County, meet with their interpreter and learned about the endangered species that live on the reserve. A theme of their visit was the corridors that are being established to allow large animals like Mountain Lions to move from the 8,000 acre reserve to the much larger Cleveland National Forest. They then traveled to the Manchester Mitigation Bank in Encinitas, where they witnessed how several threatened and endangered species are being preserved in this very small 400 acre natural island surrounded by development. For students used to the wide open spaces of the high desert and southern Sierras, the urban context of these reserves was eye opening.

Finishing off the San Diego trip, the students attended a talk at the San Diego Museum of Natural History by Walter Oechel, an internationally known expert on global climate change. He spoke about the possible effects of climate change on conservation of southern California endangered species.

This class has provided the opportunity for these Honors students to explore the very important boundary between Science and Policy. One of the most exciting emergent opportunities for the students in the class has been to see so many different working biologists doing a range of work with a range of education and experience levels.



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DR. JAMES FAY ACCEPTS VICE-PRESIDENT POSITION AT CERRO COSO

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to welcome Dr. James Fay as the new Vice-President of Academic Affairs. "Cerro Coso is very pleased to have Dr. Fay join our team. Jim is a visionary, possesses high skills in technology, and has a strong background in distance education leadership. His experience with the California State University system

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will assist us in bringing upper division courses to the Cerro Coso campuses," stated Cerro Coso President, Mary Retterer.



Dr. Fay was born and raised in New York City, moving to California in 1970. He has an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University. After serving as an army intelligence officer in Germany, Fay earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from University of California Hastings College of the Law.

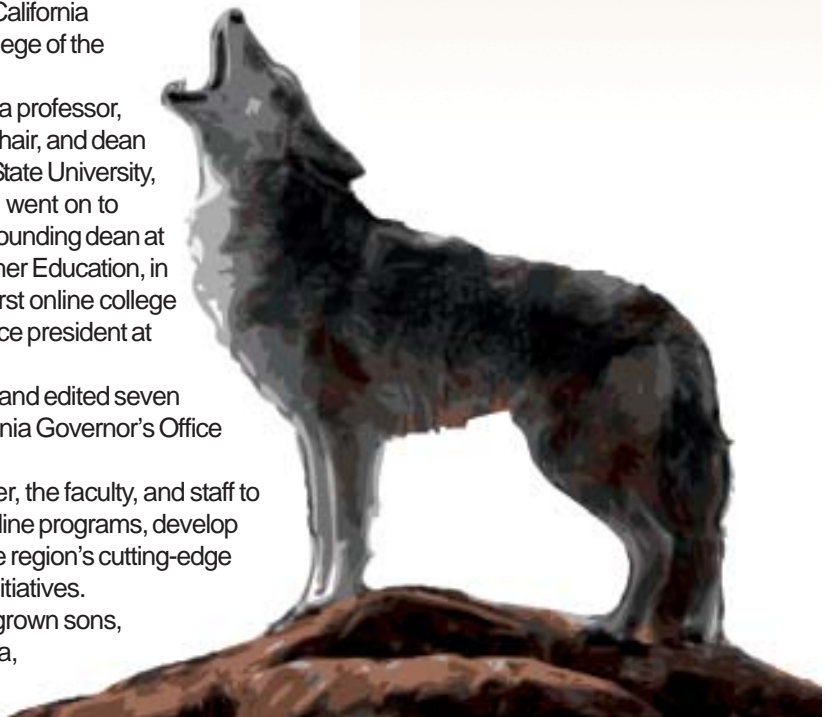
He has been a professor, department chair, and dean at California State University, East Bay. He went on to become the founding dean at Harcourt Higher Education, in Boston, the first online college

in New England, and subsequently served as academic vice president at the wholly online Ellis College, in Illinois.

During his years at Cal State, Fay developed, researched, and edited seven editions of the *California Almanac*. He worked in the California Governor's Office and ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1996.

His goals at Cerro Coso are to work with President Retterer, the faculty, and staff to improve the student retention rate, expand the college's online programs, develop new energy, technology, and training programs to serve the region's cutting-edge technology sector, and raise funds to support these new initiatives.

Dr. Fay's wife, Stephanie, is a book editor. They have two grown sons, Eric and Alex, and three granddaughters, Veronica, Victoria, and Natalia.



MATTHEW SCOLLIN NAMED CERRO COSO'S FALL 2007 "STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"

The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988 by soliciting nominations from the faculty at all campuses - Indian Well Valley (Ridgecrest), Kern River Valley (Lake Isabella), South Kern (Edwards AFB, Mojave, California City), and Eastern Sierra College Center (Bishop and Mammoth Lakes). The Alumni Association proudly announces the recipient of the Fall 2007 "Student of the Semester" award is Matthew Scollin from the Eastern Sierra College Center in Mammoth Lakes. Scollin was honored at an Alumni Association awards luncheon on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at the Texas Cattle Company in Ridgecrest. He was nominated for the award by Cerro Coso Community College instructors Christine Abbott and Matt Hightower. Abbott stated, "Rarely does a student demonstrate as much intellectual acuity and maturity as Matt Scollin. Without doubt, he is one of the brightest students I've worked with in twenty-five years of teaching. He also is one of the most gifted writers I've every known; his creative analyses of literature is especially invigorating." In the nomination from Hightower, he stated, "Matt is a very conscientious and skilled student. While he is gifted in many ways, his best skill is his writing. His written work is to-the-point and concise when necessary and creative and humorous when given the opportunity. It is always thought provoking. His work is truly a joy to read." Their nomination was also supported by Deanna Campbell, Director of the Eastern Sierra College Center; and other instructors, Joe Slovacek, Brian Schuldt, and Thomas Hardy.



Matthew Scollin, from the Cerro Coso Community College Eastern Sierra College Center in Mammoth Lakes, is congratulated as the recipient of the Alumni Association's Fall 2007 "Student of the Semester" award. Pictured (l to r) Deanna Campbell, Director of the Eastern Sierra College Center; Christine Abbott, Instructor; Matthew Scollin, Fall 2007 Student of the Semester; and Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College.

Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considered in the selection process for this award. Scollin is currently enrolled in 13 units, has completed 37.0 units, and carries an overall GPA of 4.0. He has listed his major as Political Science / Public Policy and his goal is to continue his education at a four-year institution with a concentration in either international affairs or public policy. He also plans to enroll in Naval ROTC in hopes that he may earn a commission in the United States Marine Corps upon graduation. In his spare time, Scollin enjoys snowboarding, reading, and writing. "The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on Matthew Scollin and acknowledges his many achievements by selecting him as the Fall 2007 "Student of the Semester," stated Director of Information, Development, and Alumni Relations, Joann Handeland. Scollin was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$250 cash award, a special Cerro Coso remembrance gift, his name added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award, and his photo will be displayed on "Student of the Semester" bulletin boards at both the IWV and Mammoth Lakes Campus.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS STUDENT VOCATIONAL NURSES GRADUATION

Success has been achieved by 14 Student Vocational Nurses at the Cerro Coso Community College, IWV Campus. A formal Graduation and Capping Nursing Ceremony was held in the College Lecture Center, from 2:00–4:00 pm on Friday, December 14, 2007.

"The nursing ceremony is a well-known and honored event. Students start planning for this ceremony very early in their three-semester program," stated Cheryl Gates, Director of Vocational Nursing and Health Career Programs at Cerro Coso Community College. "We are honored to have Celia Mills, RN, BSN who serves as the clinical manager for the Medical Surgical Unit and ICU at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital to be our Guest Speaker this year," continued Gates.

The highlight of the ceremony is always the candle-lighting and recitation of the Nursing Pledge. Families and friends come from near and far to experience the ceremony. The nursing capping and the Nightingale Ceremony remain a treasured part of the total student nursing experience. Formal recognition is provided to the graduates and to their families and friends, who supported them during their numerous hours of study, reading the textbooks or working at clinical facilities. The ceremony provides validation that the difficult and adventuresome college experiences have been achieved.

The Pink Ladies from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital provided a reception after the ceremony! The public was invited to attend this joyous event.





DR. MARY RETTERER NAMED AS A FOUNDING MEMBER HIGH DESERT UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College, has been named as a founding member of the Board of Directors for the newly formed High Desert University Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to secure a campus of one of the California public universities for the high desert region and to provide support for that university through fund raising and promotion of the charitable and educational purposes of the university.

The nine founding directors represent three from each county: Kern, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino. Members represent government, education, business and industry within the three-county region. Dr. Retterer is a graduate of California State University, San Bernardino, and taught accounting at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.



NEW FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER

Cerro Coso Community College Foundation President, Mr. Tony Damiano, left, administering the oath of office to new Foundation Board member Mr. Greg Rickets. Rickets a long-time resident of Ridgecrest is owner of Grego's Salon. He is excited about serving on the Foundation stating, "I have volunteerism in my blood. I am looking forward to assisting the Foundation with their goals of supporting the College." Rickets and his wife Cheri have four grown children.



CONGRESSMAN KEVIN MCCARTHY VISITS CERRO COSO



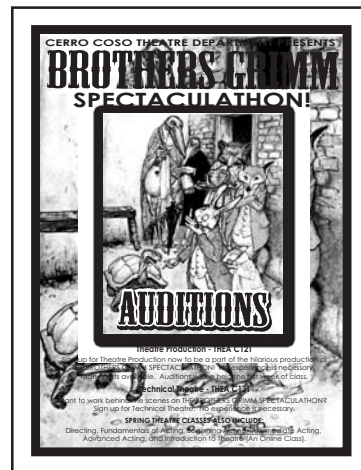
Cerro Coso Community College President, Dr. Mary Retterer welcomed Congressman Kevin McCarthy to the College campus Thursday afternoon, January 31, 2008. Congressman McCarthy participated in a round table discussion on topics of interest with College Council members. Several in attendance addressed their concerns about the continued escalation cost of textbooks sighting the difficulties students have with paying such high prices.



From left are Cerro Coso Community College President, Dr. Mary Retterer, Rep. Kevin McCarthy and Kern Community College District Trustee Stu Witt.

AUDITIONS FOR CERRO COSO'S SPRING PLAY

The Cerro Coso Theatre Department is gearing up for a busy spring semester. Auditions for the spring play were held the first week of classes. The college will be producing THE BROTHERS GRIMM SPECTACULATHON by Don Zolidis. The fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm are turned on their heads in this fast-paced, hilarious play as cast members attempt to combine all 209 stories ranging from classics like Snow White, Cinderella, and Hansel and Gretel to the more bizarre, obscure Brothers Grimm stories. The wild, free-form comedy has lots of audience participation and madcap fun. The play provides a fun challenge for cast members, with colorful characters like the Prince, Rumpelstiltskin, The Big Bad Wolf, The Talking Fish, Rapunzel, Little Red, and Cinderella. Over forty parts are available.



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SPIKE MISSILE PROJECT DEMONSTRATES A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH

Being a partner with China Lake Naval Air and Warfare Center, Weapons Division, can bring interesting surprises. Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College, was recently invited to witness a demonstration of the new Spike missile launch.

Originally conceived and developed by Felix at China Lake, Spike is the smallest guided missile in the world at 25 inches long, 2.25 inch diameter, and 5.3 pounds, and is the only missile using an electro-optical imaging strapped-down seeker. The cost goal is \$5,000 per unit, which would make Spike the lowest cost guided missile currently in existence.

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Art Hickle, Spike deputy project manager, explains to Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College, how the Spike missile will be attached to the rail beside them and then launched at a moving target on the valley floor below.





A Spike test missile is fired from the top of a small mountain on the China Lake range to simulate being launched from an unmanned air vehicle.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP AT BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL

Over 80 students and parents attended a Financial Aid Workshop presented by the Cerro Coso College Financial Aid Office staff at Burroughs High School on January 9, 2008.

Rochelle Sutton, Financial Aid Technician greeted students and parents with informational packets and answered individual questions or concerns. Karee Hamilton, Academic Counselor, provided an overall view of the Student Services available at Cerro Coso College.

Joann Spiller, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships focused on numerous financial aid opportunities available to help families meet the cost of funding an education. Highlighted was the upcoming priority deadline of for Cal Grants while insuring awareness that students can still apply beyond that March 2nd deadline for all other aid.

Candace Cornett, Financial Aid Technician delivered a step by step guide to filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using the Student Aid on the Web demonstration version. Many attendees commented that the demonstration was simple to follow and helped them understand the FAFSA process.

The Cerro Coso Staff would like to thank the Burroughs High School staff, Pat Slobodnik, Dave Vigneault, Cheryl Nalley, JoAnne Foster, and Shari Rosenberg for the organization and assistance of this successful event. A final note of appreciation is extended to the staff at Burroughs High School for the partnership in providing a dedicated bulletin board to promote Cerro Coso College Financial Aid opportunities.



COLLEGE HOLDS “PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT” AT BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL

The Cerro Coso Community College Counseling Office hosted a “Parent Orientation Night” on **Thursday, February 28, 2008 in the Burroughs High School Library.** Local high school seniors and their parents were invited to attend this presentation about the College’s Transfer Program and a general overview of the College. Some of the topics discussed included: the enrollment process, student service programs, financial aid, vocational programs, transfer requirements and resources, and the opportunities and advantages available for students through Cerro Coso Community College.

FORENSICS FORUM HELD AT CERRO COSO

A Forensics Forum was presented at Cerro Coso on Friday, February 22. The Associated Student Body of Cerro Coso hosted Dr. Yohe, Forensic Anthropologist from California State University, Berkeley (CSUB). He conducted two, two (2) hour seminars. The first seminar was entitled “Forensic Anthropology: An Introduction” providing a general background of information and a primer on forensic osteology. The second two hour entitled “Forensic Anthropology in Action: Case Studies” which presented various cases, including several recent past cases.

Dr. Yohe holds a Ph.D. and Masters in Anthropology from UC Riverside. He holds a B.A. in Anthropology from California State University, San Bernardino.

Dr. Yohe has a multitude of experience holding many management positions in his career. Dr. Yohe has served as State Archaeologist for Idaho, Director of Archaeological Survey of Idaho, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Adjunct Assistant Professor at Boise State University, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at CSUB, and Director of the Museum of Anthropology at CSUB and Coordinator of the Southern San Joaquin Valley Historic Resource Center.

COMEDIAN ERIC BLAKE APPEARED AT COLLEGE

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso welcomed comedian Eric Blake to the Cerro Coso Lecture Center stage on Friday, February 8. This talented and entertaining comedian is a regular on Black Entertainment Television’s (BET) Comic View. He is a regular headliner at comedy clubs across the nation, including: The Improv, The Comedy Store, and The Punchline. Blake has been selected to The Best of Comic View on BET for four consecutive years. Furthermore, Blake performed as the headliner for the comedy hit entitled “War on Comedy” which aired on HBO and has recently been released on video. Blake’s acclaimed notoriety lead HBO to choose him among thousands to film a documentary on the eight most up and coming comedians in the country, scheduled to air this year.



Dr. Yohe



21st ANNUAL IWV ECONOMIC OUTLOOK CONFERENCE & BUSINESS EXPO

The 21st Annual IWV Economic Outlook Conference & Business Expo held February 21 at the Kerr McGee Center to a packed audience provided a unique look at where our area is going in the future. The Conference focused on marketing the Indian Wells Valley as a great place to work and live. We learned about the recruitment and hiring challenges facing China Lake and other local employers in response to the Navy's demands on its desert research, development, testing and evaluation (RDT&E) center. We took a hard look at ways to maximize the potential for attracting new people to the valley. Also covered was an overview of business related activities and construction in the City of Ridgecrest.

A phenomenal line up of speakers included: Rear Adm. Dunaway, Commander of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division; Capt. Mick Gleason, Commanding Officer Naval Air Weapons Station; Scott M. O'Neil, Executive Director Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division; Marshall "Chip" Holloway, Mayor City of Ridgecrest; and Roger A. Brooks CEO of Destination Development, a professional marketing company.

Cerro Coso participated as an exhibitor at the event with a booth featuring the Career Technical Education programs at the College.



COMEDIAN MARIANO RODRIGUEZ TO APPEAR AT COLLEGE

The Cerro Coso Community College Associated Students are proud to present and welcome comedian Mariano Rodriguez to the Cerro Coso Lecture Center stage on Friday, March 7. Originally from the small Latin American country of Chile, Rodriguez moved to the United States at the age of five to escape political persecution. Upon moving to Los Angeles in 2000, Rodriguez began to delight audiences with his hilarious views on life. Quickly establishing himself as one of the funniest young comics in LA, he began to play at all the major clubs in Los Angeles. Rodriguez has appeared on NBC, and you can now see him on SiTV's Latino Laugh Festival. He will also be on a new skit for SiTV called Inside Joke.

Comedian, Mariano Rodriguez will take the stage at the Cerro Coso Lecture Center at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7.



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CERRO COSO STUDENTS SELECTED FOR HIGH HONORS



CAPTION: Cerro Coso College Phi Theta Kappa Honors students Sam Irving and Annette Moreau presented at the HTCC (Honors Transfer Council of California) at UC Irvine in March. Irving won two scholarships, including the big award of the event.

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Two Cerro Coso Community College students presented their research at the annual Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Research Conference at UC Irvine on Saturday, March 1. Annette Moreau and Samuel Irving will be graduating from Cerro Coso's Honors Program this May and transferring in the fall, and their conference presentations will be published as part of the research conference.

Annette Moreau's poster presentation was entitled "U.S Foreign Policy: An In-depth Look at Darfur" and examines the transformation of U.S foreign policy in Africa during the Bush administration and investigates the changes that have taken place through our involvement in Darfur.



Samuel Irving's oral presentation, "Community- and Health Care-Associated Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus*," addresses the genotypical differences between community- and health care-associated genotypic strains of Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus* (MRSA) within a small town setting. His presentation comes out of a project he is doing under Cerro Coso biology professor, Dr. Claudia Sellers.

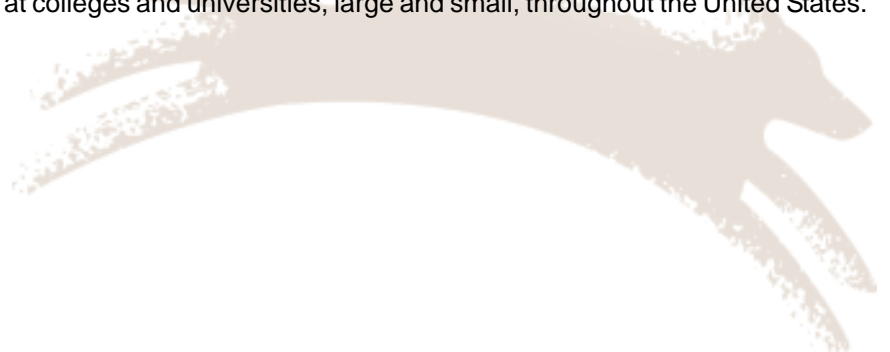
Mr. Irving won two HTCC awards, including the Director's Scholarship of \$800, the highest honor HTCC bestows on a student, and a \$300 HTCC Exemplary Achievement Scholarship. Additionally, Samuel Irving and Annette Moreau both received a Cerro Coso Honors Faculty Scholarship for their research presentations.

Dr. Christine Swiridoff, Cerro Coso's Honors Program Coordinator, accompanied them to the conference. "Annette's and Samuel's presentations were wonderful and meant that Cerro Coso was represented for the first time at the UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Conference. We are very proud of their accomplishments," Swiridoff said. "Even though we are one of the smaller colleges in the Honors Transfer Council of California, Cerro Coso certainly made a great first impression, especially with Samuel's Director's Award. Out of all of the California honors students submitting proposals, Samuel's proposal was judged the finest."

"The conference publications will also help both students once they transfer," Swiridoff continued. "Hopefully their research, conference presentations, and abstract publications will help open up more opportunities for internships or research at their universities. As graduates of Cerro Coso's Honors Program and presenters at the HTCC conference, they stand a good chance to compete for these opportunities."

HYPNOTIST RICHARD AIMES APPEARED AT CERRO COSO COLLEGE

The Cerro Coso Community College Associated Students presented and welcomed Hypnotist, Richard Aimes to the Cerro Coso IWW Campus, Lecture Center stage on Friday, March 14. Aimes is a board certified hypnotist with the National Board of Hypnotist Education and Certification (NBHEC) and studied psychology and theater as an undergraduate. As a student of hypnosis, he trained in Los Angeles and Florida with some of the top hypnotists in the country. Aimes is a trained stage and commercial actor, appearing on all three US networks, numerous dinner theater productions, NHK Japanese television, and has also been seen on local and national commercials. Marielle, his wife and stage partner, is also a board certified hypnotist with NBHEC. They have performed at colleges and universities, large and small, throughout the United States.



CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS DECORATED A FLOAT AND PARTICIPATED IN THE 150TH WHISKEY FLAT DAYS.



Pictured are students Jason Taylor, Jackie Rule, Jennifer Boston, Marnie Linebaugh, Charles Clemmons (owner of vehicle & float driver) and Channel 23 news anchors Doug DeRoo and Crystal Figueroa.

EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR AND JOB FAIR HELD AT THE BISHOP CAMPUS

In an effort to address the growing national and local economic situation, the City of Bishop, Cerro Coso Community College and the Bishop Sunrise Rotary sponsored an employment seminar and job fair. The event was held at the Bishop Campus of Cerro Coso Community College and began on Tuesday, March 25 and ran through Friday, March 28.

One of the main goals of the seminar was to provide perspective employees with the skills necessary to not only get a good job, but to meet and exceed an employer's expectations. Various instructors covered topics ranging from resume writing, interview skills, budgeting and much more. The instructors came from a wide range of experiences with a common desire to help the attendees gain the knowledge of what businesses will expect on the job.

BRIANNA LANE GAY SINGER & GUITARIST TO APPEAR AT COLLEGE

Brianna Lane is a star in the making. She is poised, ambitious, a great writer, a soul singer of the first order, and an accomplished guitarist. She is also an advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered peoples. Lane will be appearing at the Cerro Coso, IWV Campus, Lecture Center on Friday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

Lane grew up in Minnesota, once found a home in the mountains of North Carolina, but who is truly a restless soul. She has been on the road non-stop for several years so you can hear her experiences in every note she sings. This lady puts the word "singer" in singer/songwriter. She gains inspiration from the books she reads and the people she meets along the way as well as drawing from such famous folkies as Shawn Colvin, Greg Brown, and Ryan Adams. In her years of traveling Lane has shared the stage with Dar Williams, The Weepies, and Jennifer Nettles (of Sugarland) as well as sharing dozens of dates with Chris Pureka and many other rising stars of the folk world.

Brianna Lane has two self-released albums and in the fall of 2007 Lane is celebrating the release of her third CD "Let You In". Like the eleven tracks on "Radiator" (2005) this new collection of songs is introspective, heart-warming, and beautifully rough around the edges much like Lanes outlook on life. "Lane's songs are beautiful and cathartic, almost telling us that it's ok to fee down, but not to let it get us down at the same time." (Mish-Mash Reviews).



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CERRO COSO HOSTS BIOFUELS LECTURE

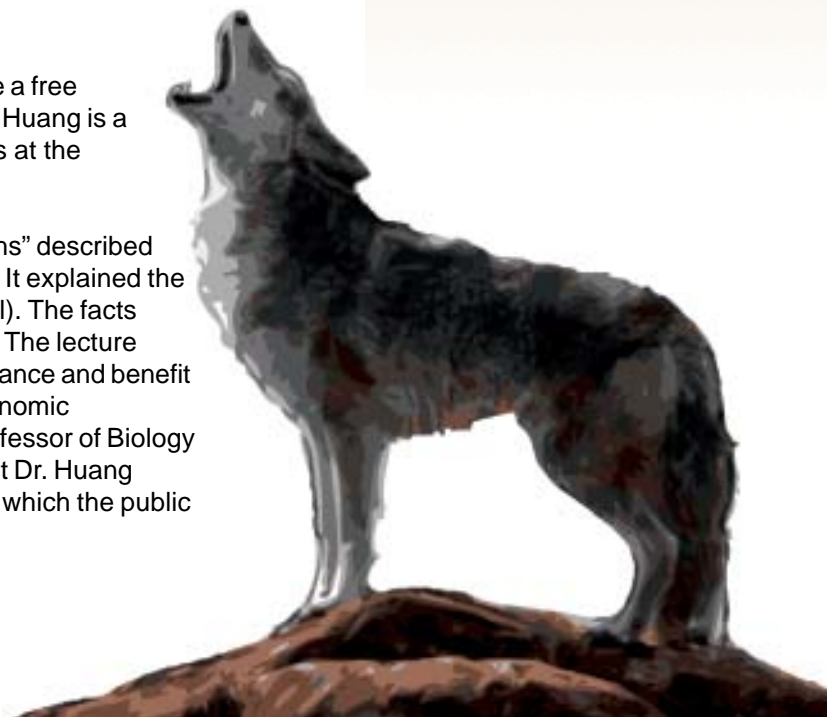


On Friday, April 25, 2008, Dr. Anthony Huang gave a free Biofuels lecture in the College Lecture Center. Dr. Huang is a Professor in the Dept. of Botany & Plant Sciences at the University of California at Riverside.

The lecture he gave titled "Biofuels: facts and myths" described the basic principles and current status of biofuels. It explained the science in simple terms (high-school science level). The facts and, more importantly, the myths were presented. The lecture addressed the energy balance, carbon-dioxide balance and benefit to the environment, effect on food supply, and economic considerations. Dr. Claudia Sellers, Associate Professor of Biology at Cerro Coso Community College was please that Dr. Huang accepted her invitation to speak at the College, in which the public was invited to attend.

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(Pictured L to R are Sundown Hittu, Robyn Gleason, Mike Riley, Jenni Melchor, and Sandy Johnson)

STUDENT VOCATIONAL NURSES CLUB HELD 50/50 DRAWING

The student members of the "Student Vocational Nurses Club" of Cerro Coso Community College sold 1,400 tickets for a 50/50 drawing that took place on St. Patrick's Day. Mike Riley, an employee at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital was thrilled to hear that his name had been selected. He plans to purchase a new set of tires for his truck with his lucky winnings. The Student Vocational Nurses (SVN), under the guidance of Program Director, Cheryl Gates, MSN, will use the \$700 profit to attend conferences and to off set various graduation costs and program expenses. Sundown Hittu is the club photographer, Robyn Gleason serves as Treasurer, Jenni Melchor acts as Secretary, and Sandra Johnson is President. The SVN Club wishes to thank all of the donors who participated in the fundraiser.

CALIFORNIA'S STRONGEST MAN IS ALSO A STUDENT AT CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE



The Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center, Mammoth Campus would like to introduce John Johnson, one of their students who when not taking college classes competes worldwide in the United States Powerlifting Federation (USPF) events. Johnson, who has been lifting for the past 25 years, recently swept all events in the California State competition in Los Alamitos, CA by taking first place in Bench Press, Dead Lift, and Squats. For details, photos, and to see his ranking in each event, you can visit the Powerlifting State website at: www.powerliftingca.com/MeetResults.htm or www.USPF.com. "The next competition happen in Rhode Island on June 28 and 29, 2008, then on to Vienna, Austria for the world championship – so stay tuned to see how John does," stated Deanna Campbell, Director of the Cerro Coso Community College Eastern Sierra College Center.

During his free time, Johnson has been a student at Cerro Coso's Mammoth Campus for two years and stated, "I would like to thank the teaching and support staff of the College for being supportive and nice to me, even before I won. Don't let anyone put a finger in your face and say you can't do it (as far as higher education)! You can accomplish whatever your goals are and succeed by believing you can."

Johnson would also like to thank his family, especially his lovely wife who is the Pharmacist at Vons in Mammoth Lakes. He stated, "She is my 100% supporter. In short, she is my world."

CERRO COSO TO PRESENT *THE BROTHERS GRIMM SPECTACULATHON*

You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be confused, you'll be disturbed, but most of all you'll have fun! The Cerro Coso Community College Theatre Department presented *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 p.m. in the College Lecture Center. *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* brought 209 Brothers Grimm stories together into one incredibly funny 2½ hour play. The Theatre Department has had many returning students this year as well as some newcomers to the stage. The performance was an amazing evening full of all favorite childhood stories.



Savannah Liszka and Jim Morford

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTED SPRING BAND CONCERT

On Thursday, April 24, 2008, the Cerro Coso College Community Band, directed by Daniel Peterson, performed their Spring 2008 Concert in the College Lecture Center. The concert featured guest conductor, Lisa Austin, conducting the music to "Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith."

The band performed famous marches including the "National Emblem March," "Crown Imperial," and "Stars and Stripes Forever." The band also performed the "Cartoon Symphony" which included famous themes from popular cartoons such as *Bugs Bunny*, *The Flintstones*, *The Jetsons*, *The Simpsons*, *Pink Panther*, and *the Animaniacs*.

Other musical selections included "Dancing with the Wind," "Foundation," and a medley of songs by famous American songwriter, Hoagy Carmichael.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE COMMUNITY BAND
PRESENTS
SPRING CONCERT 2008
April 24th, 2008 at 7:30 PM
Cerro Coso College Lecture Center
FREE!
If donations have not been available at the door for those wishing to contribute to the band & choir.
Directed by Daniel Peterson
with
Guest Conductor Lisa Austin

The concert will feature the soundtracks from the Star Wars Trilogy, and Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith.

The concert will also include:
"Foundation" by Mark Camphouse,
"Dancing with the Wind" by Tracy Behrman,
and "National Emblem March" by E.E. Bagley.

5TH GRADE "I'M GOING TO COLLEGE EVENT"

On Thursday, May 1, 2008, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., 5th graders from Las Flores, Richmond, Inyokern, Immanuel, and St. Ann's Elementary Schools participated in Cerro Coso Community College's annual "I'm Going to College" event, with a financial donation from Rotary of China Lake of \$1,000.00 for the event. The 5th graders were welcomed by the college president and administrators, given a campus tour, participated in program demonstrations, and had lunch. This was a fun event where students learned about the wonderful opportunities that await them in college.



CERRO COSO ESCC HOST THREE DAY SERIES OF CAREER WORKSHOPS



A three-day series of career workshops got under way at Cerro Coso Community College' Eastern Sierra College Center, Bishop, workshops designed for job-seekers to be better prepared after their three days of learning sessions, to meet the many job-fillers coming to Cerro Coso on that fourth day.

This inaugural Bishop event was sponsored by the Bishop Sunrise Rotary, Bishop Police and Community Services and Cerro Coso Community College. Not only were all of the workshops and the job fair offered at no charge, lunch was provided each day and even shuttle van service to the campus from downtown Bishop.

The opening career session on March 25 brought together a group of attendees of mixed ages and work experiences, though it is safe to say that many of those participating fell comfortably into the category of "young people."

The Bishop Sunrise Rotary Club President, Tom Hardy, welcomed and gratefully acknowledged the many people, businesses and agencies that provided the much needed support for this week's event.

The orientation session, presided over by Bishop Police Chief Kathleen Sheehan, reflected the out-of-the-box approach to career education that was to come. Among the things discussed and reflected was the participant's ability and willingness to be 'leaders' in his/her own life. This leadership presentation was a distillation of a program Sheehan had attended some years back.

In 1994, Ms. Sheehan had the opportunity to go to the West Point Military Academy to participate with some two-dozen people in a special leadership program," Sheehan said. "Our nation's top Pentagon officials had directed scholarly researchers to look closely at the concept of leadership, not from a strictly military perspective, mind you, but from a uniquely human one."

As Sheehan went through the visual slides highlighting the essence of the researchers' findings, she encouraged interaction with her "students." Though some showed a hesitation to speak aloud in a room full of "strangers," Sheehan effectively drew comments and personal observations from those present.

The program focused on assisting the participants to be willing to communicate and share, to be willing to recognize the leadership qualities within themselves – and to further develop those qualities – leaving them prepared to succeed on any career path you may follow, not to mention just living each and every day at your highest potential."

Sierra Employment Services' owner, Monica Allen, whose casual conversation with Sheehan about helping "kids find work" evolved into a fully-developed seminar and job fair week.

Many of the participants had unrecognized skills in themselves," Allen said. "Many had developed business-friendly computer skills just from playing video games, creating a 'MySpace' page or texting with friends. Participants were invited to stop by Sierra Employment Services offices to take some computer proficiency tests, perhaps discovering in themselves a number of useful skills."

Everyone attending these seminars became registered students at Cerro Coso Community College, enabling them to return to the campus following the week's activities to make use of the college's computer lab and other resources.

The job fair was also held at Cerro Coso Community College. Among those sending a representative to the job fair were Alta One, the Bureau of Land Management, County of Inyo Sheriffs, Dwayne's Friendly Pharmacy, California Highway Patrol, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Inyo Hospital, the Paiute Palace Casino, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Caltrans, Wachovia Financial Services, Edison, Inc., the U.S. Coast Guard, Inyo County Health and Human Services and Sierra Employment Services.

CERRO COSO FACULTY APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Karen O'Connor, Cerro Coso faculty, was recently appointed the President of the Central Section, California Business Education Association (CBEA)

www.cbeaonline.org The California Business Educator's Association has been in existence since 1935, helping to pave the way for teamwork, partnerships, and collaborations between industry, educators, and students. The CBEA vision is to connect faculty and business throughout the state to share ideas, energy, talents, and experiences with the intent to provide the best Business Education possible in a multitude of fields and by using technology to its greatest advantage in the twenty-first century.

One of the first assignments for O'Connor was to attend the 4Cs (California Correlating Curriculum Council) Education Summit meeting at the Capitol building in Sacramento in February along with CBEA representative Jim Omlid. The 4Cs is comprised of representatives from key education associations throughout the state. The summit provides a voice to assembly members and senators who are making decisions for the future of education. This year, the message was very strong to not harm Career Technical Education in the upcoming budget deficit decisions. Melinda Ramona Melendez, Education Consultant to Senator Gloria Romero, Majority Leader (assigned head of the education budget committee), says, "It will be a tough year to keep the CTE agenda moving forward, but we'll do what we can to help."





INTERNATIONAL CLUB VISITS MANZANAR

On Saturday, April 03, 2008 the students of the International Club visited Manzanar. Manzanar is most widely known as the site of one of ten camps where over 110,000 Japanese Americans were imprisoned during World War II. Located at the foot of the Sierra Nevada in California's Owens Valley between the towns of Lone Pine to the south and Independence to the north. Manzanar (which means "apple orchard" in Spanish) was identified by the United States National Park Service as the best-preserved of the former camp sites, and was designated the Manzanar National Historic Site.

Long before the first prisoners arrived in March 1942, Manzanar was home to Native Americans, who mostly lived in villages near several creeks in the area. Ranchers and miners formally established the town of Manzanar in 1910, but abandoned the town by 1929 after the City of Los Angeles purchased the water rights to virtually the entire area. As different as these groups might seem, they are tied together by the common thread of forced relocation.

Since the last prisoners left in 1945, former prisoners and others have worked to protect Manzanar and to establish it as a National Historic Site that preserves and interprets the site for current and future generations. The primary focus is the Japanese American Internment era, as specified in the legislation that created the Manzanar National Historic Site. The site also interprets the town of Manzanar, the ranch days, the settlement by the Owens Valley Paiute, and the role that water played in shaping the history of the Owens Valley. (Retrieved 04/15/08 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manzanar>)

Student Edward Junsay had this to say about his experience, "Our experience with Manzanar was exciting. We very much enjoyed the preservation and history of the 3-year span Japanese concentration camp. We were in the Manzanar gymnasium which cultivated much of the remains in Manzanar, informing the tourists of the tragedy that occurred in 1942-45 — that's three years of isolation during the tragic World War II and the displacement of the Japanese.

We also toured the actual grounds of the Manzanar camp and visited lastly the grave(s) of the men, women and even children who died amidst the concentration. Also, Jan Moline informed us of the beautiful adaptations like the water gardens and agricultural fields that the Japanese needed in order to survive...nationally."



COLLEGE HELD “EARTH DAY CELEBRATION”

On Tuesday, April 22, 2008, the Cerro Coso Community College Associated Students of Cerro Coso (A.S.C.C.) hosted an “Earth Day Celebration,” with the public invited. The day included a barbecue and a live band. The celebration featured tours of Cerro Coso’s Solar Field, the Blue Star Memorial Eco-trail and a Hybrid “Ride and Drive” Car Show. Information included a model wind generator and the new Alternative Energy Technician programs at Cerro Coso. The Student Conservation Association presented brochures highlighting their work locally and nationally. Indian Wells Valley Water District had a booth with a variety of literature including “101 Water Wise Ways” and their “Planting Guide for the Indian Wells Valley.” The Oasis Garden Club also provided information on gardening in the Ridgecrest Area. The A.S.C.C. gave away compact florescent light bulbs provided by Southern California Edison. They also sold “Chico” Bags (reusable nylon shopping bags in a convenient stuff pouch) and Earth Day T-Shirts. Many of Cerro Coso’s Student Clubs conducted fund raisers including a computer recycling booth (Students Intrigued by Technology-S.I.T.), Root Beer Floats (C.A.R.E.) and Organic Drinks (Coyote Christian Club). Students also conducted a “Book Funeral” protesting the unnecessary publication of millions of textbooks that are “revised” annually without substantive changes. Students will also be taking signatures on various petitions and resolutions related to sustainability. The celebration culminated with Dr. Mary Retterer’s signing of the Taillores Declaration, joining other colleges and universities in the commitment to environmental responsibility.



ASTRONOMY SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES AT CERRO COSO COLLEGE BISHOP CAMPUS

Cerro Coso Community College and the Combined Array for Research in Millimeter-Wave Astronomy (CARMA) proudly announce that the next astronomy speaker series at the Eastern Sierra College Center, Bishop Campus was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. This event was entitled, "CARMA Studies of Infrared Dark Clouds: Precursors to Stellar Clusters" and included a free talk and slide show by Laura Perez, M.Sc.

Cold, dense regions in the Milky Way, known as Infrared Dark Clouds are identified as obscured features against the bright mid-infrared Galactic background. They harbor cores that have similar sizes and masses as embedded clusters, which are the earliest known phase of a stellar cluster (e.g., the Orion Nebulae Cluster). This suggests that the cores detected in these massive clouds could be the precursors of stellar clusters.

As a consequence of its high resolution, the Combined Array for Research in Millimeter-Wave Astronomy (CARMA) presents an exceptional opportunity to study in detail the structure and dynamics of Infrared Dark Cloud cores.

One of the questions that can be elucidated is when does mass segregation occur in these clusters? Mass segregation is a well-known observational feature in which heavier stars are located toward the center of the cluster, while lighter stars are found in the periphery. The talk included some recent results of this investigation.



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CERRO COSO CLASSIFIED STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR, AS SWEET AS HER NAME...

Candy Caine, college receptionist, has been employed at Cerro Coso Community College since 2003 and has been bringing



smiles to peoples' faces ever since. This year Caine was honored not only by the Classified Senate as "Classified Staff of the Year," but the Faculty Senate also honored Caine as their "Staff of the Year."

"This truly speaks to the caliber of Candy's work ethic and personality," stated Cori Ratliff, Cerro Coso Classified Senate President. Candy has been described as helpful, having an outstanding attitude and having an "award-winning heart." Her fellow staff has

wonderful things to say about her, such as, "As a part-time employee, it makes me feel good to know that there are people like her carrying on and making this such a wonderful place to work." They go on to say, "Candy has an outstanding attitude on the job, is most helpful with everyone who enters the college and goes above and beyond for all." Lisa Fuller, President of the Academic Senate, indicated that one of the reasons Candy Caine was selected for the Staff of the Year award from the faculty was because she was praised by the Accrediting Team that had visited during our most recent

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accreditation. They said how lucky we were to have Caine and what a wonderful first impression she presented for the College. Candy Caine exemplifies customer service and a friendly attitude and this is why she was selected by her peers for this year's Classified Staff of the Year award.

CERRO COSO HONORS GRADUATES DURING THE 35th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

Cerro Coso Community College's 35th Commencement Exercise was held in the Gym of the Raymond A. McCue Athletic Complex on Friday evening, May 16.



Friends, relatives, staff and faculty gathered to honor a class of 243 eligible graduates from the Indian Wells Valley Campus in Ridgecrest (61%), South Kern Center at Edwards Air Force Base (6%), Kern River Valley Center in Lake Isabella (7%), Eastern Sierra College Center located in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes (9%), and Online students (17%). Out of the 243 students, 188 graduated with an Associate of Arts degree, with 36 receiving an Associate of Science degree. Nineteen graduates received Certificate's of Achievement. Twenty-two students made the President's List, 7 graduates graduated with honors, and 37 were Phi Theta Kappa honor graduates. Dr. Don Rosenburg and Ms. Gayle Whitlock served as the Faculty Marshals for Commencement.

Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso stated to the graduates "Today is only the beginning for you, that's why we call today "commencement." Some of you are planning on attending a university and pursuing a baccalaureate degree. Perhaps even a master's or doctorate. You have been given a terrific start and a solid base for that university work!"

The Academic Senate selected three graduates to address the assemblage, Stacy Howell (A.A. in General Education) who attended the Kern River Valley Campus, and Sam Irving (A.A. General Science) and Aaron Obenza (A.A. in General Education) both from the Indian Wells Valley Campus.

Jennifer Claire was selected as the Alumni Association's Distinguished Commencement Speaker. Claire graduated from Cerro Coso nine years ago and today she holds a bachelor's degree in social science with an emphasis in psychology (cum laude), a master's degree in health science (summa cum laude) and a graduate certificate in law (4.0 G.P.A.). She is presently working on her doctorate in education. Claire recently wrote a book about her life's experiences, *The Secrets of a Nigh Nigh*. She also just established the Jennifer Claire Educational Advancement Scholarship at Cerro Coso to assist others who need financial assistance in pursuing their educational goals. Claire teaches clinical and administrative medical assistant classes for Kaplan University. She and her daughter reside in Washington state.

COLLEGE OFFERS SUMMER MUSIC AND ART WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Do your kids want to do something fun and productive this summer? Send them to College! The Cerro Coso Community College, Kern River Valley Campus in Lake Isabella is offering a Music and Art Workshop as a Community Education Class this summer for children 8 to 16 years old. The fee for this class is \$120. There is also a \$10 materials fee that should be paid directly to the instructor. This class will begin on June 9, 2008 and go through July 16, 2008. The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Campus (a total of 12 classes). This Music and Art Workshop will be instructed by Cerro Coso Community College instructor Helen Smoot who has a MA in Music and Piano.

The Music and Art Workshop is divided into two sections – one hour music and one hour art. In the music class the student will learn basic keyboard skills, beginning music theory, music notation and rhythm patterns. Keyboards are provided for class instruction. The student will need an instrument for outside practice. In the art section the student will learn color theory, perspective, enlarging and transferring techniques. The ceramic portion will concentrate on hand building and glazing. The goal of the class is to provide an atmosphere for the students to creatively express themselves while learning basic art principles.



AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

The Cerro Coso Community College Bookstore hosted a special appearance by author, Jennifer Claire on Thursday, May 15, 2008. Jennifer is the grand-niece of one of the famous Untouchables who brought down Al Capone, and she grew up in Ridgecrest in a family comprised of secrets. In her first book *Secrets of a Nigh Nigh* Jennifer shares personal and family secrets with the intent of showing that everyone has a divine purpose, regardless of the family they are born into. Jennifer is a graduate of Cerro Coso Community College and was Cerro Coso's Distinguished Alumni Speaker at this year's commencement ceremonies.

"Everyone has a story. Our stories involve our families and friends, our trials and joys. I believe it is important to inspire others, and in that encouragement and mentorship, we give what we have been richly given." The purpose behind her book is not to hurt or harm anyone, but to encourage others through her life experiences. "My hope is that my story and all who are part of it will somehow, someday, inspire under-privileged and single parents to return to school and get education. I will give back what I have so richly been given: My Purpose!" states Jennifer.

Jennifer's books are available now at the College Bookstore for \$14.95 plus tax. Proceeds will fund the "Jennifer Claire Education Advancement Scholarship."

For further information, please contact the college bookstore at (760)-384-6352.





CERRO COSO COLLEGE HOLDS INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR PHI THETA KAPPA

Cerro Coso Community College held its induction ceremony for the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at the college's learning resource center. Ms. Jill Board, Cerro Coso Community College's Vice President of Student Services, was the keynote speaker. Sam Irving, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, officiated and was joined by several other Chapter Officers: Michelle Arnts, Service and Fellowship Officer; Lauren Janiec, Leadership Officer; Annette Moreau, Public Relations Officer; Iryna Putilina, Treasurer; and Diana Reyes, Recording Officer.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of the Two Year College, founded in 1918. Its mission is to encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide development opportunities through participation in leadership and service. Cerro Coso joined Phi Theta Kappa and established the Beta Kappa Chi chapter in 2006.

Thirty seven students were inducted into the Beta Kappa Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society at Cerro Coso: Steven Bailey, Michael Batty, Jeremy Bransford, Russell Brown, Jeanne Buwalda, Jillian Calouro, Ashlee Clem, Kindra Dahlgren, Devon Draig, Carole Dufresne, Kimberly Erskine, Greg Francis, Michelle Gossett, Olivia Higgins, Randall Hill, Karen Inman, Tisha Jansen, Carol Ledford, Faith Lorenz, Sean Lundin, Garrett McCarver, Michael Metcalf, Akiko Morita, Aaron Obenza, Heather Scarano, Rachel Schlick, Sandra Smith, Julie Smith, Catherine Stewart, Michelle Taylor, Sophia Walter, Marissa Wenzl, Molly Williams, Christina Witt, Henry Yglesias, Ryan Zeigler and Jennifer Zucchero.

These students earned the privilege to join Phi Theta Kappa based on their academic excellence, earning at least a 3.5 grade point average in degree- and transfer-level courses, making them the top 10% of Cerro Coso Community College students. By joining Phi Theta Kappa, they become life-long members of the world's largest honors society, have access to over \$36 million in scholarships, and join an outstanding fellowship of scholars.



NATIVE AMERICAN BASKET WEAVING COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS OFFERED BY CERRO COSO COLLEGE

Cerro Coso Community College will be offering a specialized class this summer with Instructor, Mary Louise “Weegie” Claw (Granddaughter of Renowned Chemehuevi Basket weaver Mary Lou Brown). Ms. Claw is a master basket weaver who creates classic Native American baskets using split and whole willows, unicorn plant and other local resources. She teaches traditional basket-making at Arizona Western College in Parker, AZ.

The Native American Basket Weaving class will meet on June 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, July 5, 12, and 19. There will be no class on June 28. The classes will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All class participants are to meet at the Tomo-Kahni Resource Center at 112 East F. Street, Unit B in Tehachapi. Students are encouraged to call Phil Wyman at (661) 444-6713 or Del Troy at (661) 822-6370 for class details and driving instructions. The first class on June 7 will meet earlier at 11:00 a.m. at the Tomo Kahni Resource Center to complete orientation.

June 27 through 29 is the Annual Gathering of the California Indian Basketweavers Association in Lemoore, CA. Students are welcome, at their own expense, to attend this Gathering with the Instructor.

BEATING THE ODDS “CALWORKS WORKSHOP”

The Cerro Coso Community College C.A.R.E. and CalWORKS programs held their annual end of the year workshop to celebrate the success of their students this past academic year. C.A.R.E. and CalWORKS students at Cerro Coso receive “welfare to work” benefits. These students are single or married parents who balance caring for family, working, and going to school with very little money or support. Cerro Coso is proud to provide opportunities to these hardworking students in the form of financial aid, book and transportation grants, childcare, work study opportunities and supportive staff and resources.

Cerro Coso has partnered with local employers to offer our CalWORKS students work study opportunities out in the community. Partnering employers in our community include: Armor Powdercoat, New Directions Technology Inc. (NDTI), Postal Service Plus, Compassionate Doctors, CDMC Consulting, Habitat For Humanity and Sierra Cocktail & Supper Club. Representatives of these employers were invited to lunch and honored with certificates of appreciation. Employers attending included Stephen Smith from Postal Service Plus and Cedri Knight from NDTI.

Cerro Coso serves over 100 students receiving cash aid each semester.



Left to Right- 1st row(bottom) Cerro Coso students Celia Delgado, Shelli Covey, Rebecca Howard- 2nd row(top) Deanna Mellor, Katie Barney, Heather Weber

SAMUEL IRVING NAMED CERRO COSO'S SPRING 2008 "STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"



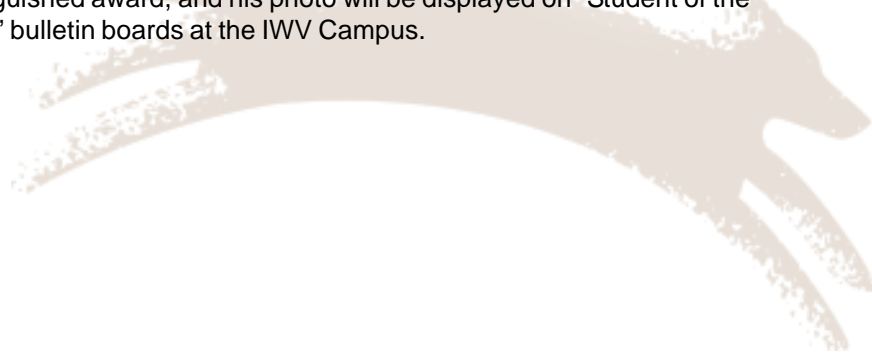
The President of Cerro Coso Community College, Dr. Mary Retterer, congratulating Samuel Irving, from the IWV Campus, as the recipient of the Alumni Association's Spring 2008 "Student of the Semester" award.

The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988 by soliciting nominations from the faculty at all campus sites. The Alumni Association proudly announced the recipient of the Spring 2008 "Student of the Semester" award is Samuel Irving from the IWV Campus. Irving was honored at an Alumni Association awards luncheon in early May.

He was nominated for this award by Cerro Coso Community College instructors Dr. Christine Swiridoff, Dr. Don Rosenberg and Dr. John Stenger-Smith. Swiridoff stated, "Sam is one of the brightest, most dedicated, well-spoken, focused, and intellectually curious students I have seen in my ten years at Cerro Coso. He recently presented his research at the Honors Transfer Council of California's Undergraduate Research Conference at UC, Irvine on March 1, winning not one but two awards, including the Director's Award, their highest honor given." In the nomination from Rosenberg, he stated, "In my decades of teaching, I have never experienced a student so capable, so dedicated, and so accomplished in all of his academic studies." Dr. John Stenger-Smith shared, "Sam is thought of very highly by all of his instructors. He has been one of the top students in the upper-level science classes for the past 4 semesters."

Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considered in the selection process for this award. Irving is currently enrolled in 15.5 units, has completed 67.5 units, and carries and overall GPA of 3.88. He has listed his major as Biology with an emphasis in Biology/Chemistry and graduated from Cerro Coso on May 16, 2008.

"The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on Samuel Irving and acknowledge his many achievements by selecting him as the Spring 2008 "Student of the Semester," stated Director of Information, Development, and Alumni Relations, Joann Handeland. Irving was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, a special Cerro Coso remembrance gift, his name added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award, and his photo will be displayed on "Student of the Semester" bulletin boards at the IWV Campus.



“Building Futures” THEME OF SPECIAL SERVICES AWARDS

The 27th Annual Cerro Coso Special Service Awards Ceremony, *Building Futures*, was held on Friday, May 2, 2008. This ceremony is held every spring to honor Special Services Students that have successfully completed Degrees, Vocational Certificates, Local Area Awards, and GED's. Special Services provided a celebratory brunch, an Alumni Speaker, and Counselors and Staff individually recognized student achievements. Special Services also acknowledge Cerro Coso Faculty and Staff members that provide Special Services Students with exemplary service during the year.



CCCC staffers Sara Brown, and Jim Kenney flank IWV Special Services Student of the Year April Naill.

“MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD”



Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College reading to the youngsters who attend the City of Ridgecrest, Park Preschool. Retterer participated as a guest reader as part of the Park Preschool celebration of the “Month of the Young Child.”

CERRO COSO OFFERING LEGO ROBOTICS FOR 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS

Are you ready to learn Lego Robotics over the summer and have fun at the same time? Cerro Coso Community College is offering "Introduction to Lego Robotics" (CSCI C081) for the summer session for 6th, 7th and 8th graders with instructor Debby Kilburn. The first session (CRN 50950) of classes will be offered from June 9 to June 12, Monday through Thursday from 12:30 to 5 p.m. The second session (CRN 50951) will be offered July 7-10, Monday through Thursday from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Both sessions are 1 unit classes and will be offered at Burroughs High School.

This course is an introduction to robotics using the LEGO Mindstorms platform. Basic mechanical, electronics, and control issues in robotics will be discussed. Students will work in teams to design, implement, and program a robot that completes a challenge presented to the class.



FACULTY OF THE YEAR

Cerro Coso Community College instructors (l to r) full-time instructor Dean Bernsten, Professor of Mathematics and Jim O'Connor, adjunct welding instructor smiling after receiving the "Full-time Faculty Member of the Year" and the "Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year" awards from the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) for teaching excellence.



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DELEGATION FROM TEPATITLAN, MEXICO VISITS CERRO COSO'S SOLAR PANEL FIELD



On June 19th a delegation from Tepatitlan, Mexico took a tour of the College's solar panel field, hosted by their Ridgecrest Sister City counterparts. John Daly, Director of Maintenance and Operations, provided an information walk-through of the solar facility. A tour of the nearby observatory followed and was assisted by astronomy professor, Ken Pringle. Translation was also provided by Professor Gonzalez-Cirre.

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CERRO COSO EASTERN SIERRA COLLEGE CENTER HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

On Friday evening, May 9, 2008, Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center held its 4th Annual Commencement at the Mammoth Campus. Thirty-one graduates received either their AA or AS degrees or Certificate of Achievement.

Commencement Speakers included: Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community





College; Mr. Stu Witt, Kern Community College District Board of Trustee; and Deanna Campbell, Director of Eastern Sierra College Center. Student commencement speakers were Stefani Ross, Eric Arce, Courtney Laubacher and Eve Pourzan. Faculty Grand Marshals were Greg Kost and Suzanne Ama.

Students graduating with their AS degree include: James Griffith, Melissa Cardenas, Stephanie Jury, and Marianne Schat. Students graduating with their AA degree include: Melissa Cardenas, Skyler Gauger, Mitch Pain, Jaime Evans, Eric Arce, Joseph Arguello, Kaelin Ashley, Maria Brown, Janet Carr, Juan Espitia, Dylan Harris, Vanessa Keller, Stephanie Keys, Mark Kiner, Lindsay Lagorio, Courtney Laubacher, Janet Livermont, Lindsay Morgan, Stephen Myers, Reilly Nelson, Melanie Otto, Eve Pourzan, Stefani Ross, Brannon Santos, Matt Scollin, John Timpano and Sarah Vega. Students receiving a Certificate of Achievement include: Aleta Bodine.

The Felici Trio provided the music for the Commencement ceremony and the reception. A special thanks goes to the Eastern Sierra Foundation, Mammoth Lakes Foundation, and the Cerro Coso Faculty Senate for their numerous contributions.

CLASSIFIED APPRECIATION WEEK FESTIVITIES

On Monday, May 19, 2008 began the official start of the Classified Appreciation week festivities. In appreciation for our classified staff, activities continued through the week to May 22, 2008. Some of the activities included Stress Management Training, a luncheon, a continental breakfast, Bunko, and Incident Training, followed by a BBQ on Thursday, May 22, 2008 with the managers serving and cooking the food. A big thanks goes out to the Committee, consisting of Paula Caudill, Shelley Crabtree, Natalie Dorrell, Tammy Eberhardt, Margaret Hunter, Laurie Rice, and Tina Whisman for arranging all the activities.

CERRO COSO OFFERS WEEKEND FIELD TRIPS IN NATURAL HISTORY STUDIES

To escape the heat this summer and make it possible for students to go somewhere cool, pretty and educational, Cerro Coso Community College offered the following two Biology field trip classes to study the natural history of the Sequoia and Bristlecone Forests.

The first class was **Biology C171 (CRN #50022)** – Natural History Studies of the Sequoia Forests. This 0.50 unit class was scheduled for all day Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, 2008. Students must register before June 25, 2008. This field course was a study of the Sequoia Forests of the southern Sierra Nevada, the geology, past and present climate, ecology, life cycle of the giant trees, and the flora and fauna associated with the isolated groves. Students studied many different types of trees and how to distinguish them by their needles, cones, bark, and shape.

The second class is **Biology C161 (CRN #50021)** – Natural History Studies of the Bristlecone Forests. This 0.50 unit class is scheduled for all day Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3, 2008. Students must register before July 30, 2008. This field course is a study of the Bristlecone Pine Forest of the White Mountains, the geology, past and present climate, ecology, and the flora and fauna associated with



the isolated groves. Saturday the class will visit the Schulman Grove of trees and walk past trees that are well over 4,000 years old. The schedule for Sunday is to visit the scraggly trees of the Patriarch Grove at the elevation of 11,500 feet. The class may proceed on up to the UC Research Labs at an elevation of 12,500 feet. Students may camp at 7,500 feet at the group camp or stay in a motel in Big Pine. Field trip and hiking at high altitudes required.

COLLEGE OFFERED DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS WEEK-LONG SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Students spent a week in beautiful Mammoth Lakes learning introductory concepts and skills in digital video, web design, digital photo retouching, or desktop publishing at the Mammoth Campus of Cerro Coso Community College!

The "Digital Video Workshop" was a one unit class in which students learned the basics of editing video and created a short video from several clips and soundtracks, created transitions and used filters. The instructor, Ray Hocker, has recently produced high definition video programming on several cable channels and teaches Video Technology at Burroughs High School in Ridgecrest.

In the *"Photo Retouching Workshop"* students learned the basics of color correcting and retouching digital photos using Adobe Photoshop CS3. Suzie Ama was the instructor for this one unit class.

Students learned how to create a 4-page newsletter using Adobe InDesign CS3 in the *"Desktop Publishing Workshop."* This workshop was instructed by Suzie Ama.

In the *"Web Site Portfolio Workshop"* students used Adobe Dreamweaver CS3 templates to create a simple web site for showcasing photographs or digital artwork. Students also learned how to manage site files locally and upload files to a server.

2007-2008 STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTATION

On Thursday, May 8, 2008, the students held their 27th Annual Student Awards Luncheon. Listed below are the awardees in the following categories.

President's List

Jessica J. Cash
Virginia E. Chamberlain
Judy E. Chieze
Jennifer L. Day
Melissa L. Parkinson
Julia K. Powell
Jeffrey M. Smith

Department Awards

CIS & Business	Colleen M. Moore
Communications	Katherine C. Fox
Humanities/Languages	Samuel J. Irving
Industrial Arts	Alvord C. Skinner
Mathematics	Jessica J. Cash
Media Arts	Jillian Calouri
Science	Samuel J. Irving
Social Sciences	Amy A. Cowie
Visual & Performing Arts	Michael D. Batty

Trustee Stu Witt and Chancellor Sandra Serrano presenting student Sam Irving, All-California Community College Academic Team recipient with his medallion.



COLLEGE OFFERING ORCHESTRA THIS FALL AT KERN RIVER VALLEY

Share your musical talents this fall! The Cerro Coso Community College, Kern River Valley Campus in Lake Isabella is offering Orchestra as a Community Education Class this fall. This class, taught by Bruce Brady, will begin on August 25, 2008 and go through December 8, 2008. The class will meet on Monday evenings from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Cerro Coso, Lake Isabella Campus.

The Cerro Coso Kern Valley Orchestra performs a variety of styles of music – classical and semi-classical music, music from the stage and movies, popular music, music from around the world, and big-band/jazz arrangements. Students will be required to participate in two performances per semester. All students should be able to play all major scales and be able to read music. Woodwind or brass musicians should have at least one-year of playing experience or instruction. Strings musicians should have at least three years playing experience or instruction or be able to play in 3rd position. There is a class fee of \$30.

Students may register and pay the Community Education fees at the Cerro Coso College office located at 5520 Lake Isabella Blvd. during regular business hours. The class starts on August 25, 2008. Registration forms can also be found at <http://www.cerrocoso.edu/communityed/>.



CERRO COSO PURCHASES 50 SETS, 2-WAY RADIOS WITH DISCOUNT FROM BIG 5



Pictured from (L to R) Peggy Mertzlak, Second Assistant Manager, and James Halstead, Store Manager Big 5 Sporting Goods, along with Cerro Coso Community Colleges' President, Dr. Mary Retterer

Cerro Coso Community College would like to acknowledge the corporate discount received from the local Big 5 store when the College purchased 50 sets of, 2-way radios as part of the Kern Community College District's Emergency Plan.

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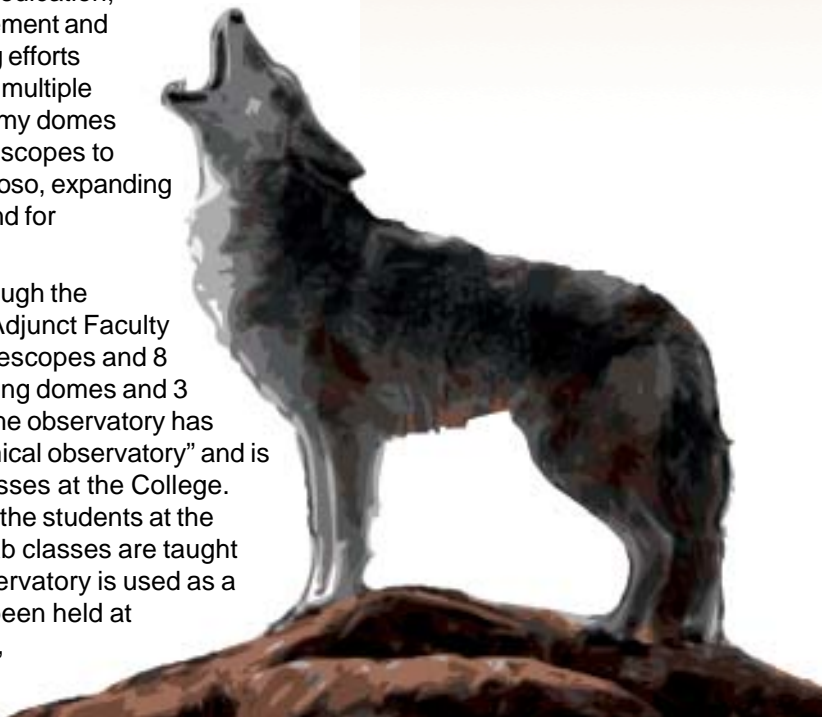
CERRO COSO HAS LOST A WONDERFUL COLLEAGUE



We at Cerro Coso have lost a wonderful colleague and friend, Dr. Alex Shlanta. Alex was the driving force behind the Astronomical Observatory at Cerro Coso Community College in Ridgecrest. He will be greatly missed by the Cerro Coso family of friends. The Dr. Alex Shlanta Astronomical Observatory was dedicated in May 2006 and is named in honor of Dr. Alex Shlanta. Alex's dedication, management and unflinching efforts brought multiple astronomy domes and telescopes to Cerro Coso, expanding

the hands-on experience for numerous students and for community members alike.

Work on the Observatory commenced in 1999 through the inspiration and leadership of Dr. Alex Shlanta, an Adjunct Faculty member at the College. Presently, there are 19 telescopes and 8 pairs of binoculars that are housed in the 4 observing domes and 3 storage areas within the observatory compound. The observatory has been developed as a hands-on "teaching astronomical observatory" and is used by Astronomy and Physical Science Lab classes at the College. This observatory provides a unique experience for the students at the College as most introductory college astronomy lab classes are taught only using interactive computer systems. The observatory is used as a community asset as well with star parties having been held at the observatory for local youth groups, boy scouts, cub scouts, girl scouts, middle school science students, and 3rd, 5th, and 6th grade students.



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Thomas Cozine and Devin Katzenstein facing off in *The Great Space Face Chase*



Johanna Johnston playing the mysterious fortune teller Mooch in *Nobody Famous*

COLLEGE PRESENTED “SHORT PLAYS FESTIVAL”

The Cerro Coso Community College Theatre Department presented their “Short Plays Festival” on Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 at 7:30 pm and again on Sunday, July 20 at 2:00 pm in the Cerro Coso Lecture Center. The festival included five plays, all ranging from 10 to 20 minutes each. *Blind Woman’s Bluff*, by Janet S. Tiger, is about a blind woman who almost gets bluffed but turns the tables. In *Nobody Famous*, by D. M. Bocas-Larson, a would-be actress is in for some good fortune, or is she? *Flowers in the Desert*, by D. M. Bocas-Larson, tells the story of a lovesick teen that learns a life lesson. *The Great Space Face Chase*, by Rick Tobias, is a hilarious and wacky space battle between good and evil. In *Family 2.0*, by Walter Wykes, a husband gets tired of his own family and decides to come home to a new one. All five plays are directed by student directors. For this years “Short Plays Festival” the Theatre Department has one returning student director, Rick Tobias, along with four new student directors: Chelsia Acevedo, Becki Cornett, Robin Moen, and Christian Sherman.

ESCC – MAMMOTH LAKES HOLDS 5TH ANNUAL INTENSIVE SPANISH SUMMER INSTITUTE

The Eastern Sierra College Center held their 5th Annual Intensive Spanish Summer Institute. This one-week institute took place July 7 through July 11, 2008 on the Mammoth Lakes Campus of Cerro Coso Community College. The institute is perfect for all levels of Spanish learners from beginner to advanced and is a mix of conversation, grammar and electives. Electives included Spanish film, short stories, cooking and vocabulary for travelers.

ESCC – BISHOP OFFERS FALL PAINTING COURSE

The Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center, Bishop Campus is offering a combined level painting class this fall. The Fall 2008 semester begins on Monday, August 25, 2008. The classes **ART C065 - CRN 70023 (Special Topic – Painting)**; **ART C131 – CRN 73101 (Painting)**; or **ART C231 – CRN 70048, Painting II**) will meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:50 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This class will include different levels from beginner to advanced and will explore watercolor and acrylic painting including still life, portraits, landscapes, abstracts, and watercolor collage. Also included in this class are some September / October “Plein Air” watercolor field trips.

COLLEGE ANNOUNCES TOP THEATRE ARTS PERFORMERS

The Cerro Coso Community College, Theatre Arts Club recently held their annual Awards Banquet. Theatre students who attended the event voted for the best talent of the 2007/2008 school year in a variety of categories. Best male and female "Techie" went to Gavin Fielder and Chelsia Acevedo. Best male and female "Comedic Actor" went to Chad Terry and Savannah Liszka. Josh Haefele and Savannah Liszka won for best male and female "Improv Performers." Best male and female "Dramatic Actor" awards went to Josh Haefele and Becki Cornett. "Best Student Director" was awarded to Rick Tobias. The winner of the best male "Comedic Actor" award, Chad Terry, has been quite busy since the Awards Banquet working on the films *Observe and Report* starring Seth Rogen, Anna Faris, and Ray Liotta and *Run for Her Life* starring Diane Kruger and Dermot Mulroney.

The 2007/2008 Theatre Arts Club Officers received a plaque in recognition of their service. This years Theatre Arts Club Officers were James Fern, President; Katherine Fox, Vice President; Josh Haefele, Treasurer; Laurel Poulton, Secretary; and Rick Tobias, Representative.

The Theatre Arts Club is open to all Cerro Coso Community College students and will resume for the fall semester which begins Monday, August 25, 2008. Club activities include shows, fundraisers, community activities, and trips.

CERRO COSO THEATRE ARTS CLUB TRAVELED TO LOS ANGELES

Members of the Cerro Coso Community College Theatre Arts Club recently took their annual trip to Los Angeles for a hands-on experience with the entertainment industry. After a tour of Paramount Studios, the group enjoyed dinner at Miceli's, complete with Broadway singing waiters and Opera Divas. The group went to see the award winning musical *Wicked* and attended a Q&A session with cast and crew members following the show. The group also participated in a Movement Workshop led by veteran director/choreographer Corky Dominguez. Group members found the workshop to be both insightful and a lot of fun. Dominguez led the group in acting exercises, based primarily on the theory of Viewpoints to help create ensemble and inspire creative movement. After the workshop, the group was off to Hollywood Boulevard to take in the Chinese Theatre and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The group then headed to Samuel French Bookstore, one of the world's largest suppliers of scripts and theatre/film related books. They also visited Santa Monica's 3rd Street Promenade to check out the street performers and do a bit of shopping. The trip concluded with a show at COMEDYSPORTZ. During the Improv Show, Cerro Coso students Savannah Liszka and Rick Tobias were invited onstage. Rick Tobias actually became part of the show as he played a dragon in one of the comedy scenes. He was rewarded for his performance with free tickets to a future COMEDYSPORTZ show. The trip was funded in part by Cerro Coso's ASCC and the Theatre Arts Club. The club will start back up with the fall semester which begins on Monday, August 25, 2008. Club activities include shows, fundraisers, community activities, trips, and a yearly banquet. All Cerro Coso students are welcome to join the club.



Savannah Liszka and Chad Terry – Best "Comedic Actors"



Pictured Officers:
Vice President, Katherine Fox;
Treasurer, Josh Haefele;
and Representative, Rick Tobias



CERRO COSO PITCHER STEVE JOHNSON SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT WITH SOUTHERN UTAH



Cerro Coso Community College announced Tuesday, July 8, 2008, that sophomore baseball pitcher Steve Johnson has signed a NCAA National Letter of Intent to attend Southern Utah University next fall. Johnson has just completed his final year at Cerro Coso where he compiled a 6-6 record along with a 5.45 ERA. He had transferred to the Coyotes from Otero Community College in La Junta, Colorado, in his sophomore year.

Johnson is currently playing summer baseball in Hawaii. He pitched a pearl against Coach Eldridge's team triggering the Letter of Intent.

Along with the Desert Dawg Award, Johnson was also named to the Foothill Conference Honorable Mention Team.

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

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CERRO COSO STUDENT RECEIVES TAP SCHOLARSHIP



We are pleased to announce Samuel Jacob Irving, who transferred from Cerro Coso Community College to University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), is among the 64 outstanding students to receive a Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) Scholarship for 2008-09 academic year.

Through a number of generous donors, UCLA is able to provide annual scholarships for transfer student entering UCLA. Recipients must be certified as having completed the

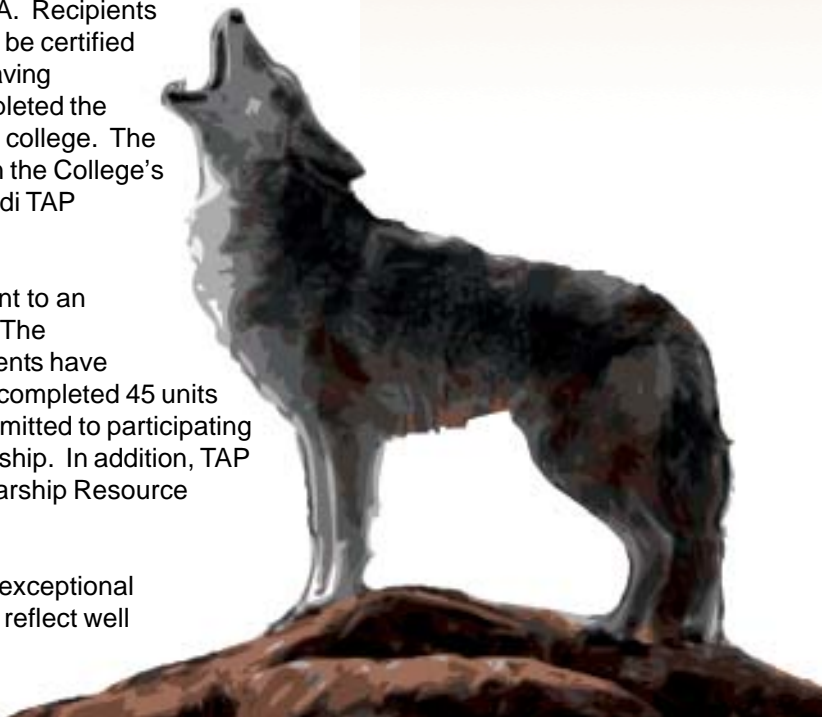
TAP Honors/Scholars Program at their community college. The students are officially recognized as participants in the College's TAP Scholars Program. Irving is one of the Riccardi TAP Scholars.

Selection as a TAP Scholar entitles transfer student to an academic scholarship of at least \$5,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable for a second year, if students have achieved a UCLA GPA of at least 3.0 (B average), completed 45 units (by Fall 2009), and have participated in or are committed to participating in undergraduate research or an off-campus internship. In addition, TAP scholars maintain quarterly contact with the Scholarship Resource Center's Director, Angela Deaver Campbell.

Cerro Coso Community College takes pride in the exceptional accomplishments of Samuel Irving; his successes reflect well on the achievements of the College's Honors/Scholars Programs in preparing him for transfer.

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CERRO COSO COLLEGE HOSTS STATEWIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY WIND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING



CAPTION (L to R): Adolfo Zavala, EnXco; Henry Shiu, UC Davis; Alan Ridley, Cuyamaca College; Eli Jaramillo; Case Van Dam, UC Davis; Michael Pecorado, College of the Desert; James O'Conner, Cerro Coso College; Larry Board, Cerro Coso College; Alan Woodhead, Sacramento City College; Dan McAllister, Vestas; Mark Berrett, Solano Community College; Ed Moreland, Cerritos College; Sean Caras, Bakersfield College; Ken Machie, Shasta College; Mike Messier, Air Stream (Instructor); David Lindy, Rio Hondo College; Jon Zeh, Sacramento City College; Peer Davis, ATTE State Director; Daniel Himes, Fresno City College and Nick Transue, ATTE SoCal Program Manager.

Cerro Coso College hosted the California Advanced Transportation Technology & Energy (ATTE) Professional Development Technical Training for Community College Faculty in Utility-scale Wind Technology August 11-15, 2008 at the Indian Wells Valley Campus in Ridgecrest, California. Cerro Coso College is on the leading edge in the development of an Industrial Technology Program with an emphasis in wind technology serving Tehachapi, Mojave and the surrounding areas.

The five day intensive training was taught by Airstreams, Inc., a leading wind industry expert located in Tehachapi. The training provided community college faculty with up-to-date educational materials developed in collaboration with industry partners and the University of California at Davis. Twenty-one faculty from all over the state attended this training to learn how to prepare the future workforce for the wind industry which is expanding throughout the state. In addition to community college faculty, industry and educational partners included University of California at Davis, EnXco, and Vestas all provided insight and instruction. On the final day of training, the group traveled to Tehachapi and climbed a wind turbine.

"The Wind Technician Program at Cerro Coso is essential to our industry. It is imperative that we have access to a pool of trained and educated individuals; this program will fulfill our employment needs. With the growth potential and meeting the mandates of the Renewable Portfolio Standard, the Tehachapi Mojave Wind Resource Area will develop an additional 4500 MW of wind generation; this growth

will also have great employment potential for the local residents of Ridgecrest and the surrounding area,” stated Linda Parker, Kern Wind Energy Association.

“Cerro Coso College is committed to serving the needs of our students, employers and industry in our service area and the state. This statewide training further prepares our faculty to provide a relevant, skill based program which prepares students to enter the workforce. We will be hiring a full time faculty member in Industrial Technology this fall to provide additional faculty leadership in the development of the program with emphasis in Energy (Solar, Wind), Engineering Technology and Electronics,” stated Valerie Karnes, Dean of Career Technical Education, Cerro Coso Community College.

The first renewable energy technology course is being offered at Cerro Coso’s Indian Wells Valley Campus this fall. Introduction to Wind Technology is a one unit class intended to provide students an overview of the industry and technology. Subsequent courses will be offered at the South Kern Campus in Mojave. A FastTrack Wind Tech Certificate Program is also in development and will be offered to provide students an accelerated path into the industry.

Students interested in this field can email Valerie Karnes at vkarnes@cerrocoso.edu or Larry Board at lboard@cerrocoso.edu.

CERRO COSO BEGINS NEW ENGINEERING PROGRAM

The new Engineering Program at Cerro Coso Community College officially started this Fall with Introduction to Engineering, ENGR C110. This 4 unit class is offered on Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:10 to 8:20 pm in Learning Resource Center Room 631. This course provides an introduction to the profession of engineering and its connection with society today and in the future. The development of basic engineering skills for future success in the field will be emphasized. Engineering disciplines, functions, and employment opportunities will be considered. Application of the engineering problem solving method, teamwork, and the design process are practiced. Typical engineering problems will be solved aided by use of computer software.

ENGR C110, Introduction to Engineering is being taught by Adjunct Professor of Engineering Ilia Lyles. Ilia Lyles is an engineer and works for the Naval Air Warfare Center.

“This class is the first in the series of Engineering classes at Cerro Coso Community College,” says Dr. John D. Stenger-Smith, Chair of the Science Department.

“This exciting new program will open up a significant number of new employment opportunities both in the new high-tech alternative energy industry and for more traditional engineering fields. Cerro Coso is passing a major milestone in 2008 as we celebrate our 35th anniversary and look to the future needs of the communities we serve by launching the new engineering program,” stated Dr. James Fay, Vice President, Academic Affairs, Cerro Coso Community College.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE TO HOLD EMPLOYER SUMMIT

Last September, Cerro Coso Community College hosted its first Employer Summit. The College brought together aerospace, military, mining, manufacturing and renewable energy industries to determine if there were common skill sets required for their entry-level technicians.

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Employers will gather on Friday, September 12th at the Indian Wells Valley Campus in Ridgecrest, California to review the innovative course and program developments of the past year. "Employer input has been critical in developing our new curriculum and training which will prepare the future regional workforce," notes Valerie Karnes, Dean of Career Technical Education.

In addition to the Industrial Technology Program, Cerro Coso will present other programs and partnerships that have been developed to serve the educational and employment needs of the region. Additional information on the Employer Summit can be found online at www.cerrocoso.edu/cte/summit.

Official invitations have been sent out to employers in aerospace, military, mining, manufacturing and renewable energy industries.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO MARK ITS 35th ANNIVERSARY

Cerro Coso Community College will kick-off a yearlong 35th anniversary celebration with a 3 to 4 p.m. event on September 8 on the Library front lawn in Ridgecrest. Alumni, friends of the College and the public are cordially invited to attend the celebration.

The President of Cerro Coso, Dr. Mary Retterer will open the event with brief remarks after an introduction by Academic Senate President Rachel Winston. Mayor Marshall "Chip" Holloway will read the City of Ridgecrest 35th Anniversary Proclamation. Honorary guest speaker "from day one" will be Dr. Don Rosenberg. Presentation of the anniversary cake to the assemblage will conclude the event. Musical entertainment will be provided by Dr. Tom Foggia. The theme for the 35th Anniversary is "Educate, Innovate, Inspire, Serve... The Tradition Continues." Cerro Coso's yearlong celebration commemorating its productive past and vibrant future will continue throughout the 2008-09 school year. The growth and success that Cerro Coso has enjoyed for the past 35 years will be highlighted through the many planned activities.



Cerro Coso Community College was established in 1973 as a separate college within the Kern Community College District. Cerro Coso has five instructional sites: Eastern Sierra College Center (Bishop and Mammoth), Indian Wells Valley, Kern River Valley and South Kern.

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35th ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

Cerro Coso Community College will be buzzing with activities the weekend of September 19 and 20. "The weekend is all part of an ongoing schedule of events celebrating Cerro Coso's 35th Anniversary during the 2008-09 school year," stated Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso.

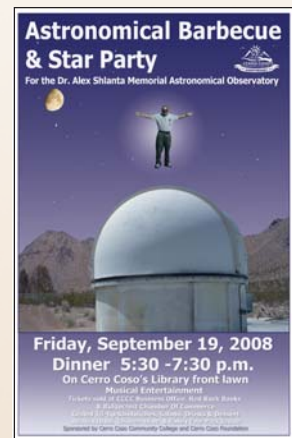
Golf - The weekend activities begins with Golf at the China Lake Golf Course on Friday, September 19. Cost is \$25 which includes the cart. Tee times begin at 1 p.m. Players can form their own foursome or can be placed with others to make a foursome. Contact Dick Adams, Cerro Coso Athletic Director and Baseball Coach at 384-6386.

BBQ & Star Party - Also on September 19, Cerro Coso Community College and the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation are teaming up to sponsor the third annual Astronomical Barbecue & Star Party. Mark your calendars for this fun-filled fundraiser which is a benefit for the "Dr. Alex Shlanta Astronomical Observatory" at Cerro Coso. The BBQ and Star Party will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner on the lawn in front of the Library. The College and Foundation are teaming up once again to bring families together to view the stars and partake in a BBQ tri-tip dinner. The Star Party will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Alex Shlanta Astronomical Observatory. Presale tickets for adults are \$10, children \$8, and a family four-pack for \$30. Tickets are available at Red Rock Books, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and the Cerro Coso Business Office.

Alumni Baseball Game - Cerro Coso Community College will host an alumni baseball game on Saturday, September 20 in the "Dawg Yard" at the College. Check in and batting practice will begin at 9:30 a.m. Game Time is 11 a.m. There is a \$20 participation fee which includes a hat and game shirt. "Come join with your former teammates and coaches as we enjoy another exciting game in the Dawg Yard," stated Dick Adams.

After the Alumni Baseball Game on September 20 there will be a dinner at Casey's Steaks and BBQ. The \$10 dinner includes steak or chicken with all the trimmings.

"Join us for a weekend of reminiscing and celebration," stated Joann Clark, Director of Information, Development and Alumni Relations. For additional information, contact Dick Adams at 384-6386 or Joann Clark at 384-6230. Alumni are encouraged to fill out the "Calling All Alumni" form on the Cerro Coso web site at www.cerrocoso.edu.



FALL PRODUCTION OF *PICNIC*

The Cerro Coso Theatre Department is gearing up for a busy fall semester with auditions being held for the fall production of William Inge's Pulitzer Prize winning play *Picnic*. *Picnic* is a theatrical masterpiece, sometimes amusing, sometimes heartbreaking, with characters that will continue to haunt the audience long after the performance. Performances will take place on December 5th, 6th, and 7th in the College's Lecture Center. The play takes place on Labor Day Weekend in a small Midwestern town. As the residents prepare for their traditional Labor Day picnic, Hal Carter arrives on the scene. Hal is a most interesting character, a child of parents who ignored him, self-conscious of his failings and his position behind the eight ball. Handsome and animalistic, Hal disrupts the group's plans and stirs each character to think about love and the extremes they would go to for love.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE STUDENTS RECIPIENTS OF FOUNDATIONS HARD WORK

The Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC) is the proud recipient of 30 scholarships for college students attending the Bishop Campus. The Eastern Sierra Foundation (ESF) raised a record amount of funding this past semester to provide scholarships for Inyo County residents attending the Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center, Bishop Campus full time. Last semester, ESF expanded its scholarship program to include not only graduates of Inyo County high schools, but all Inyo County residents. "The expansion of the scholarship program has resulted in increasing enrollment at ESCC-Bishop," commented Deanna Campbell, Director of Eastern Sierra College Center.

This past semester, over thirty ESCC students graduated with an Associates degree. Nearly all of the graduates had been accepted for transfer to four year colleges and universities. "For most of the Bishop students, the ESF scholarship program was a critical factor in their ability to attend school full time and achieve their educational goals," Campbell continued.

Students attending ESCC may earn an Associate of Arts degree; requirements to transfer to a four year college or university; a licensed vocational nursing certificate; prerequisites towards a wide-range of other degrees; and the majority of credits towards numerous other AA and AS degrees, including an AA in Business. ESCC welcomes all new and continuing students to experience higher education in the High Sierra. For more information, call the Bishop Campus at (760) 872-1565 or visit the College site online at: www.cerrocoso.edu.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE SPRING 2008 PRESIDENT'S LIST

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce that 136 students made the President's List for the Spring 2008 semester. This includes 71 students from the Indian Wells Valley Campus, 26 from the Kern River Valley Campus, 2 from the South Kern Campus, 8 from the ESCC Bishop Campus, 8 from the ESCC Mammoth Lakes Campus, and 21 from Cerro Coso Online. These students all achieved a grade point average of at least 3.75 while earning a minimum of 40 grade points within the Spring 2008 semester. The presence of students with high academic standards serves as an inspiration to both faculty and students alike.

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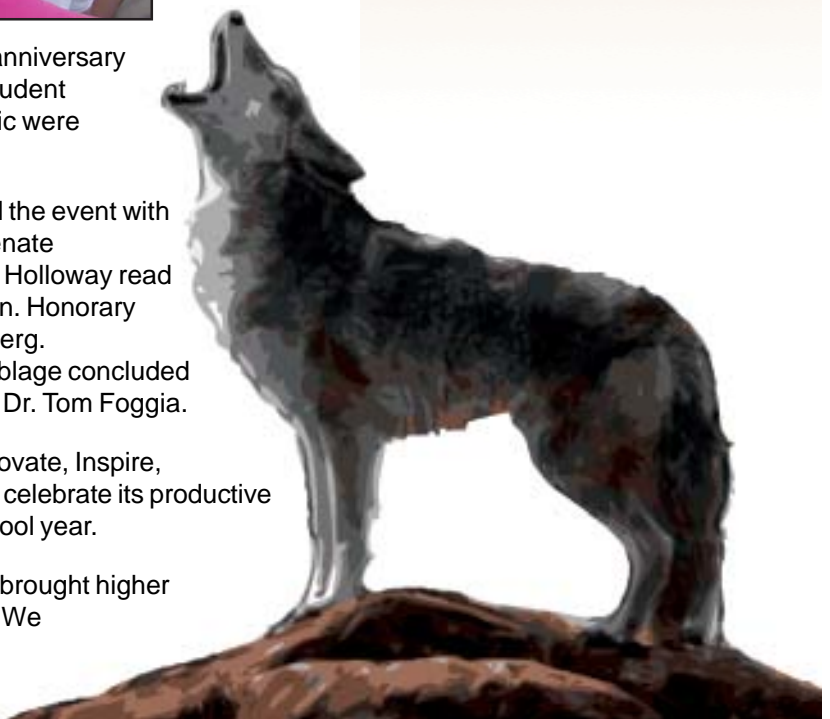
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September was a huge success with the barbecue dinner held on the College Library's front lawn and the Star Party at the Observatory. Musical entertainment was provided by *Yesterdaze*.

COLLEGE SPONSORS TRIP TO SEE THE MUSICAL "9 to 5"

Leave the driving to us! The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association is sponsoring a bus excursion on Saturday, October 18, 2008 to see the hit musical "9 to 5" - What a way to make a living. Tickets are only \$150 per person and includes round trip bus excursion to the Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles and mezzanine seating. The Cerro Coso Alumni Association is extending a special invitation to the community to participate in this day of fun and entertainment. This new musical comedy is based on the classic "9 to 5" hit movie and features a brand-new score by seven-time Grammy Award®-winner Dolly Parton that includes the blockbuster title song.

For more information and tickets, contact the Cerro Coso Alumni Relations Office at (760) 384-6230.

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Employers gathered on Friday, September 12th at the Indian Wells Valley Campus in Ridgecrest, California to review the innovative course and program developments of the past year. "Employer input has been critical in developing our new curriculum and training which will prepare the future regional workforce," notes Valerie Karnes, Dean of Career Technical Education. In addition to the Industrial Technology program, Cerro Coso presented other programs and partnerships that have been developed to serve the educational and employment needs of the region.

DELL VISITS CERRO COSO

Dell was recently on campus in the Learning Resource Center demonstrating their products, answering questions, giving away prizes and holding a FREE raffle for a piece of Dell Hardware! Students, faculty, and staff were given the opportunity to stop by and “Meet the Geeks” and see all the new computers, laptops, printers and other items Dell had to offer.

Al Christian, the Dell Representative who serves as their Major Accounts Manager in charge of Employee Purchase Programs and Student Computing, indicated we had a “great turnout of students, faculty, staff and administration.” He added “I am impressed that your College President came out and supported the event and this is indicative of the level of the partnership between Dell and Cerro Coso.” Attendees were shown some of Dell new product lines and if they signed up for the raffle they will be receiving a coupon in the mail for an extra 5% off their purchase!!!

The winner of the Dell Day computer hardware giveaway was: Joseph Ira Smith. Joseph won a Dell Multi-function Printer/Fax/Scanner from Dell. Congratulations Joseph!

Go to the Cerro Coso Dell website at: <http://www.dell.com/cerrocoso> to get your COLLEGE DISCOUNT on Dell products that applies to all faculty, staff and students!



Joseph Ira Smith

COLLEGE AUCTIONED SURPLUS EQUIPMENTS

Cerro Coso Community College held a Surplus Auction on Saturday, September 6 beginning at 10 a.m. with a preview and quick registration from 7 to 9:45 a.m. Preview was also held on Friday, September 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The auction was held under a shade canopy with chairs provided.

A wide variety of surplus equipment and supplies was included in the auction inventory....audio visual equipment, electronics and science equipment, artist and drafting equipment, exercise and sports equipment, office equipment, automotive equipment including tractors and vehicles, etc. was all auctioned off by local professional auctioneer, Wallace Martin.

SIZZLING SUMMER 50/50

The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation conducted the “Sizzling Summer 50/50 drawing” over the long hot summer months. The fundraiser raised a total of \$1,363.00 with half of the proceeds going to the lucky winning ticket Desert Valleys Federal Credit Union. The employees of the Credit Union will use their cut of \$681.50 to assist in funding their annual Holiday Party. Congratulations to the winner!



Desert Valley CEO Eric Bruer receiving the 50/50 check from Cerro Coso Community College Foundation President Solomon Rajartnam

WELLNESS WALKING CLASS EXPLORES SURROUNDING BISHOP AREA

The wellness walking class meets on Friday afternoons between 1:30 and 5:00pm. This is one of the best ways to get to know the area surrounding Bishop. Each walk starts at a different place according to a schedule developed each month by instructor, Rick Frey. Some of the walks planned for this fall include Bishop Pass Trail, Blue Lake Trail (near Lake Sabrina), Grass Lake Trail (near North Lake), the foothills near Starlight, the Buttermilk area, the Tungsten Hills, Farmer and Buckley Ponds, and the Owens River between Laws and Big Pine. All ability levels are welcome.



"Walking students on a road near Starlight. Basin Mountain, right, and Mount Humphries, near center, are in the background."



"Walking student, Leigh Molson, does some rock collecting in the Buttermilks."



Walking instructor, Rick Frey, at Grass Lake with his dog, Max

PARADE OF 1000 FLAGS

CCCC students & staff participated in the Parade of 1000 Flags which was a special tribute to a 9-11 celebration. The 1,000 plus flag bearers marched in the parade down the heart of Ridgcrest Blvd. to Freedom Park where each full size American flag was put on display. There, hundreds raised their voices and sang patriotic songs. Officers and dignitaries saluted heroes. A community that loves its country swelled with pride.



College students and staff paraded the colors during mega 9-11 remembrances celebration

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The Council members of the City of Ridgecrest honored Cerro Coso Community College and its president, Dr. Mary Retterer last month with a proclamation commemorating the Colleges 35th Anniversary.

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Last week president, Dr. Mary Retterer along with Vice-President of Student Services Jill Board and James Fay, Vice-President of Academic Affairs attended a presentation by the Kern County Board of Supervisors when they presented the College officials with a 35th Anniversary Proclamation celebrating Cerro Coso's years of service and dedication to the communities it serves.





8TH GRADERS GOING TO COLLEGE

On Tuesday, October 7th, nearly 100 Mammoth 8th graders spent the afternoon 'Going to College' at Eastern Sierra College Center's (ESCC) Mammoth campus. Besides touring the Mammoth Lakes Foundation Student Housing Facilities and touring the Mammoth campus, students participated in an interactive presentation that encouraged them to imagine and plan the cost, schedule and other logics of going to ESCC this semester. Students worked in groups to review the schedule, website and catalog and interviewed ESCC's Admissions and Records officer, counselor, and director to help plan their mock Fall 2008 Schedule and Educational Plan.



ASSEMBLYWOMAN JEAN FULLER VISITS CERRO COSO

Assemblywoman Jean Fuller visited the Cerro Coso Community College IWW Campus on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 for a tour of the Career Technical Education programs. A short one-half hour reception was planned from 1:30 to 1:45 p.m. She spoke to the assemblage in the Student Center from 1:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.



THAILAND EDUCATORS VISIT AND TOURED CERRO COSO

On Tuesday, October 21, 2008, our educators from Thailand visited and toured the Cerro Coso Community College IWW campus and had great enthusiasm for Cerro Coso, it's faculty and staff.

They were greeted with the traditional Thai welcome Sawadee Krup - "Welcome Sir", and Sawadee Ka - "Welcome Madam". The group were here in the United States visiting educational and business institutions via their local chapters of the Rotary Club and Rotary International.



Our 5 guests were most impressed by our college after having visited several institutions around the state of California over the past month which says a lot about us. First we visited with Dr. Fay and he welcomed them on behalf of the entire college. He accompanied us, joined by Student Body President Al Skinner, along with a reporter from the Daily Independent to the Automotive and Welding labs. Instructors, Larry Board and Karen O'Connor gave them an in-depth presentation of their respective areas and the guests did not want to leave! They were incredibly impressed with our ability to train people in the Career Technical Education (CTE) area and send them out to immediately work in the industry or go on to 4-year institutions.



The group also visited the Health Careers area and Cheryl Gates thrilled them with her presentation and a hands-on interactive look at their "SIM MAN" simulated patient. Again, they were impressed and did not want to leave. They were particularly impressed with our ability to provide classes over iTV to remote sites. They indicated that this would be a huge benefit to people in the remotest areas of their country.

Then, John Daly gave them an amazing tour of the Photovoltaic Field and what it means to us in the sense of "Greenness" of the project. John let them know how it lessens our financial burden for energy and provides a working educational

environment for our renewable energy initiatives. Our guests marveled at the structure and what it means to our students, our college and our environment.

The group then toured the Learning Resource Center (LRC) and had a wonderful tour of the library and a presentation from Dennis VanderWerff who took them on a journey into the stack of bookshelves and then into the world of Electronic Resources available online. We toured the Learning Assistance Center, welcomed by Sheri Windish and Bonita Robison.

The group finally returned to the Administrative area where our guests presented Dr. Fay with a Certificate of Appreciation which he accepted on behalf of the Cerro Coso College Community.

COLLEGE TO HOST TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NIGHT

Cerro Coso Community College held its 28th Annual College and University Night on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Cerro Coso Community College, Student Center.

Current college and high school students, along with members of the community, were invited to meet representatives from selected University of California and California State University campuses, as well as private/independent colleges and universities, military services and Cerro Coso programs.

“This event helps students make choices about where it is best for them to continue their education; it is an integral part of our Transfer Program,” stated Ms. Heather Ostash, Counseling Coordinator at Cerro Coso Community College.

CERRO COLLEGE TO HOST MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Just imagine, you’re 17 years old and living a dream. Your vision has always been to become a professional surfer and travel the world wave by wave. To experience your passion, be one with the ocean and enjoy the environment that has brought you so much pleasure for your entire life.

Just seconds later, you’re still 17 but your dreams appear shattered. Cerro Coso Community College hosted motivational speaker Jesse Billauer on Thursday, October 23 at 2:30 p.m. in the Lecture Center and 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

On March 25, 1996, Jesse Billauer experienced an array of emotions as he lay face down in the Pacific Ocean unable to move a single muscle. What began as his favorite activity, catching a wave while riding a surfboard, was now a struggle for life itself.

Jesse was thrown headfirst from the board into a sandbar below the water’s surface. Striking it with the top of his head, he fractured a vertebra in his neck and severed his spinal cord. Nerve messages no longer passed from his brain to his extremities. As a result, he lay face down in the water unable to turn himself over. All he could do was hold his breath and patiently wait and hope that a following wave would turn him over, allowing him to call for help.



What would you do under the circumstances? Would you panic or remain calm?
 What if you were indeed rescued, but lived to find out your life was now very different.
 What if your life now had to be viewed and experienced from a wheelchair?

Jesse's Story is the tale of two extremes. Sixteen years of independence, a childhood of fun, friends and following your dreams. Then, 10 years of virtually complete dependence. The simple functions of life now complicated beyond belief.

Jesse's Story is one individual's experiences shared in a manner truly touching to all who hear it. One young man's lessons learned in difficult fashion but with remarkable results. Young or old, the benefits of hearing Jesse's Story are invaluable. Participants learned firsthand, what appears to be obvious but is often overlooked. Life is short... Enjoy every minute. Life can be changed in an instant... live your passion. Express your love to friends and family every chance you get... you never know which goodbye might be the last.

These and other insights were just part of the pleasure of spending time with this remarkable young man. This is time well spent, time that would change your outlook on life and how you share it with those around you.

The public was cordially invited to attend this free lecture as part of Cerro Coso's Disabled Student Program & Services Awareness Day activities.

COLLEGE TO HOST EIGHTH ANNUAL PREVIEW DAY

The Cerro Coso Community College, Counseling Office hosted the 8th Annual Preview Day on Friday, October 24, 2008 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the College gymnasium. Juniors and seniors from local high schools were invited to participate. This was an exciting opportunity for students to "preview" the campus. Faculty and staff were on hand during the "Information Fair" to pass out information about vocational programs, degrees, and transfer options. Students who attended were also given a tour of the campus and served lunch.

CERRO COSO TO HOST CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

On Wednesday, October 29, 2008, sponsored by the Associated Student of Cerro Coso Community College and Professor, Dr. Don Rosenberg, hosted a City Council candidates Forum. The Forum occurred in the Lecture Center from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The candidates addressed questions including a discussion on the roads Measure N initiative.

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COLLEGE PRESENTED PRODUCTION OF "PICNIC"

The Cerro Coso Theatre Department presented Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Picnic* by William Inge on December 5 and December 6 and again on December 7 in the College Lecture Center.

Picnic takes place in a small Kansas town on Labor Day weekend in the joint backyards of Flo Owens and Helen Potts. Living with Flo are her two daughters, the beautiful Madge and the smart Millie; while Helen lives only with her invalid mother. Into this mix a handsome stranger is thrown, who upsets the familiarity of the women's lives and life in this small Kansas town will never be the same.

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The Cerro Coso Community College Theatre Department presented *Picnic* on Friday, December 5, Saturday, December 6, and again on Sunday, December 8 in the College Lecture Center. Pictured from left to right are: Becki Cornett, Chad Terry, Robin Moen, David Haefele, Heather Cornett, and Brittany Coble.



HYPNOTIST RICHARD AIMES APPEARED AT CERRO COSO



The Cerro Coso Community College Associated Students presented Hypnotist, Richard Aimes to the Cerro Coso Lecture Center stage on Thursday, December 4, 2008. Aimes is a board certified hypnotist with the National Board of Hypnotist Education and Certification (NBHEC) and studied psychology and theater as an undergraduate. As a student of hypnosis, he trained in Los Angeles and Florida with some of the top hypnotists in the country. Aimes is a trained stage and commercial actor, appearing on all three US networks, numerous dinner theater productions, NHK Japanese television, and has also been seen on local and national commercials. Marielle, his wife and stage partner is also a board certified hypnotist with NBHEC. They have performed at colleges and universities, large and small, throughout the United States.

STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER



The President of Cerro Coso Community College, Dr. Mary Retterer congratulating John Linn, from the Kern River Valley Campus, as the recipient of the Alumni Association's Fall 2008 "Student of the Semester" award.

The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988 by soliciting nominations from the faculty at all campus sites. The Alumni Association proudly announces the recipient of the Fall 2008 "Student of the Semester" award is John Linn from the Kern River Valley Campus in Lake Isabella. Linn was honored at an Alumni Association awards luncheon on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at Texas Cattle Company in Ridgecrest. He was nominated for this award by Cerro Coso Community College counselor, Gayle Whitlock and the Director of the Kern River Valley Campus, Pam Godfrey. On their nomination form, they stated, "John started Cerro Coso in the Summer of 2006 with one computer literacy class. After that, he was hooked on education and his record proves it. He has continuously earned a 4.0 each semester and has made the President's List three times. John is a good role model for other students on campus and in the classroom and has volunteered to tutor many of his peers, helping others to reach their own goals. After his tutoring abilities were discovered, he was hired as a Cerro Coso tutor where he continues to help others succeed. During his time at the College, John has served as a student representative for the Kern River Valley Student Club and is active in their events. He has also worked at the elementary school as a volunteer in the special needs classroom. We have watched his confidence grow as he successfully completes each semester."

Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considered in the selection process for this award. Linn is currently enrolled in 9.0 units, has completed 46.0 units, and carries and overall 4.0 GPA. He has listed his major as General Education and plans on graduating in the Spring of 2009 and is working towards a degree in counseling.

"The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on John Linn and acknowledge his many achievements by selecting him as the Fall 2008 "Student of the Semester," stated Director of Information, Development, and Alumni Relations, Joann Clark. Linn was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, a special Cerro Coso remembrance gift, his name added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award, and his photo will be displayed on "Student of the Semester" bulletin board at the IWV Campus.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

The newly installed officers of the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation Board of Directors for 2008-09 are (L to R) Solomon Rajaratnam, Foundation President; Jennifer Kuhlman, Treasurer; and Al Alvarado, President-Elect. The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation is a non-profit corporation, founded in 1977 to establish a better understanding of the mission of Cerro Coso Community College in its relationship to the communities it serves. The fundraising arm of the College, the Foundation assists with projects which will foster the growth and development of the College and the students.



CERRO COSO COLLEGE CHOIR PRESENTED HANDEL'S "THE MESSIAH"

The Cerro Coso Community College choral program presented their Holiday Concert featuring the Christmas portion of G. F. Handel's monumental oratorio "The Messiah" Tuesday, December 9. The concert was presented in the College Lecture Center under the direction of Daniel Peterson with accompaniment by Catherine Douglas.

CERRO COSO CONCERT BAND PRESENTED FALL CONCERT

The Concert Band at Cerro Coso Community College presented its Fall 2008 Concert on Thursday, November 20 in the College Lecture Center under the direction of Daniel Peterson.

Musical selections included Anderson's "Fiddle Faddle," Curnow's "Heritage of Freedom," Verdi's "Triumphal March," Aida Sousa's "Liberty Bell," "Star Trek Through the Years," Camphouse's "Yosemite Autumn," and "Steely Dan in Concert" to name just a few.

CERRO COSO HOSTED MEN OF WORTH CONCERT

Men of Worth featuring Donnie MacDonald and James Keigher once again delighted an Indian Wells Valley audience when they appeared in concert at Cerro Coso Community College on Friday, November 14, 2008 in the College Lecture Center, courtesy of the Associated Students of Cerro Coso. The concert featured the very best in Celtic music—songs that come from past generations as well as stories from present day observations. Donnie MacDonald, a Scotsman, and Jimmy Keigher, an Irishman, combine music with humor in a very special union that leaves an audience laughing and cheering for more.

On stage, they performed with an octave mandolin, accordion, bodhrans, guitar, banjo and mandolin while singing their songs in both English and Gaelic. Their vocals are rich with harmony and strong in unison. Together Men of Worth have a



simple approach to their presentation, and in keeping with tradition, remain true to the music and story.

They have been recording and performing since 1986 and have gained popularity from audiences all over America, Canada, Scotland and Ireland.



COLLEGE HOLDS FOOD DRIVE AND MOVIE NIGHT

Cerro Coso Community College and the Theatre Arts Club held a food drive and donated items were given to the Salvation Army to be distributed to families in need this holiday season. The Theatre Arts Club held their first Classic Movie Night, showing the classic movie, "It's A Wonderful Life" on Saturday, November 15, 2008 in the College Lecture Center. This classic movie will bring warmth to your hearts and begin the joyful holiday season. The price of admission for this event was simply to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item.

December 9 Luncheon Progress on Four-Year University

DECEMBER 2008

Take a break from the holiday goodies and savor some food for thought at our December luncheon when two members of the High Desert University Foundation will present information on efforts to establish a four-year university in our area.

Presenters will be Dr. Mary Retterer, president of Cerro Coso Community College, and George Passantino, managing partner of Passantino Andersen Communications, LLC, a company specializing in strategic communication. Passantino also serves as the University Foundation's interim executive director.

After an announcement in 2006 that California intended to open one or two new campuses in the state university system, a group of community leaders in the aerospace corridor of Kern, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties began meeting to draft a plan they hoped would induce the state to select a site in our area for one of the two new universities.

Last spring the High Desert University Foundation was established, and Mary Retterer became the representative for the Ridgecrest area. The foundation is a non-profit organization with the primary objective of establishing a polytechnic university in the high-desert region.

"In the next 25 years, our region's population is expected to grow to over two million people,"

said a foundation spokesperson. "This rapid growth requires that we in the high desert unify and focus our efforts to secure a high-caliber university, which would in turn strengthen our local economy, bring high-paying jobs to the region and protect our aerospace and defense industries."

A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. The luncheon is Tuesday, Dec. 9, at noon at Victoria's at the Heritage- \$12 per person. Reservations are a must. Call the Chamber office, 375-8331, or e-mail us at chamber@ridgenet.net by 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8.



Dr. Mary Retterer



George Passantino



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WIND TECHNOLOGY BOOT CAMP OFFERED BY CERRO COSO COLLEGE



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Cerro Coso Community College is offering a Wind Technology Boot Camp for individuals interested in learning the basics for becoming a wind technician. The Boot Camp class is being held at the California City High School, January 26 – March 19. Classes are held Monday through Thursday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. This Community Education class is limited to 15 students and cost \$1,000.

This class is being offered in response to the demand of industry requests for trained entry level wind technicians. Graduates will have an opportunity to find employment in both California and global wind resource areas. "The need for qualified wind technicians is immediate. The industry is now a national focus given the need for alternative energy resources," stated instructor Larry Board. Cerro Coso has partnered with Airstreams of Tehachapi, California wind professionals.

Cerro Coso Community College Instructor, Larry Board has attended Wind Training classes over the last two years and has completed Airstreams certified training program. Instructor Board and a variety of Airstream professionals will be teaching the Boot Camp classes. Airstream Instructors have 25 years of experience in the Wind Industry.





CERRO COSO COLLEGE HELD AUDITIONS FOR SPRING PRODUCTION

The Cerro Coso Community College Theatre Department is gearing up for a busy spring semester. Auditions were held the first week of classes for the hit musical *Little Shop of Horrors*. The show features a down-and-out skid row floral assistant who becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. The plant, “Audrey II,” grows into an ill-tempered, fowl-mouthed R&B singing carnivore who offers the floral assistant fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite. Performances will take place on May 8th, 9th, and 10th in the College Lecture Center.



STUDENT VOCATIONAL NURSING CLUB HOLDS DRAWING

The Cerro Coso Community College, Student Vocational Nurses (SVN) Club held their 50/50 drawing in late November. The winner, Lidia Gutierrez (center) received \$783.55. Presenting the check are Felipa Castillo (left) who is the nursing student who sold the winning ticket and class President, Megan Droesch (right). The SVN students are fundraising to cover the cost of their graduation/pinning ceremony, and testing and licensing fees. The SVN Club wishes to thank all of the donors who participated in the fundraiser.



CERRO COSO FACULTY WRITES BOOK CHAPTERS FOR UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS

Dr. Anne C. Benvenuti, is a visiting Scholar at the University of Chicago, where she just finished a chapter on neuroscience and religion for a University of Chicago Press book edited by Barbara Maria Stafford, as the culmination of a Templeton Grant. She is simultaneously a Visiting Scholar at Georgetown University Medical School in the Systems Medicine Program, where she is working on neuroethics with Professor Giordano. Dr. Benvenuti is now a member of the United Nations (UN) Mental Health Committee, and this spring will be her fourth conference as a Non Government Organization delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

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COLLEGE RECEIVES SHLANTA FAMILY DONATION OF ASTRONOMY EQUIPMENT

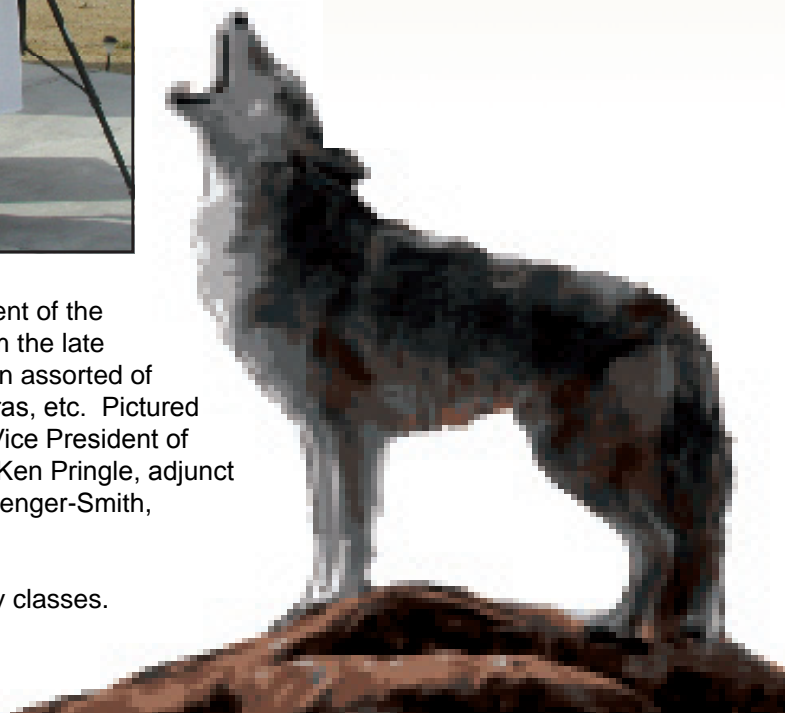


Cerro Coso Community College is the grateful recipient of the personal accumulation of Astronomy Equipment from the late Dr. Alex Shlanta's Estate. The sizeable gift include an assorted of telescopes, tripods, lens, filters, scopes, tools, cameras, etc. Pictured in front of the equipment donated is Dr. James Fay, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Norelle Shlanta (Alex's daughter); Ken Pringle, adjunct faculty member teaching Astronomy; and Dr. John Stenger-Smith, Science Department Faculty Chair.

The equipment is being fully utilized in the Astronomy classes.

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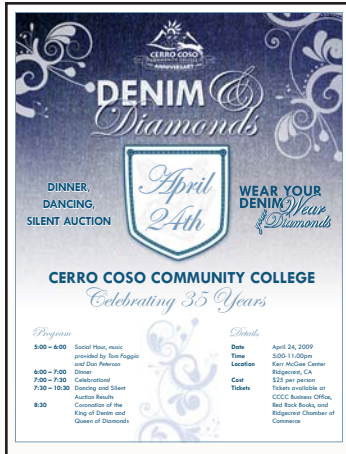


35TH ANNIVERSARY DENIM & DIAMONDS GALA

Cerro Coso Community College is celebrating 35 years of educational excellence with an Anniversary Denim & Diamonds Gala. The dinner/dancing and silent auction evening of fun and entertainment is slated for April 24 at the Kerr McGee Center.

The evening festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with a social hour (music provided by Tom Foggia and Dan Peterson), followed by dinner at 6 p.m.; the program at 7 p.m., and dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The King of Denim and Queen of Diamonds Coronation will take place at 8:30 p.m. The silent auction will run throughout the evening. Proceeds generated from the event will benefit Cerro Coso College programs and services.

Tickets for the Denim & Diamonds Gala are only \$25.00 per person. Tickets are available from the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, Red Rock Books, and the Cerro Coso Business Office. "Just come dressed in your denim outfit, your fancy formal attire or a combination of the two! The evening is all about having fun," stated Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College.



CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FALL 2008 PRESIDENT'S LIST

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce that 219 students made the President's List for the Fall 2008 semester. This includes 165 students from the Indian Wells Valley Campus and CC Online, 26 students from the Kern River Valley Campus, 6 students from the South Kern Campus, and 22 from the Eastern Sierra College Center in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes. This list is comprised of all students who achieved a grade point average of at least 3.75 while earning a minimum of 40 grade points within the Fall 2008 semester. It is the goal of Cerro Coso to recognize students who have significantly excelled in their academic studies. "The presence of students with high academic standards serves as an inspiration to both faculty and students alike," stated Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro

Coso Community College.

CERRO COSO PRESENTS "COYOTE IDOL"

On Friday, February 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cerro Coso Community College Lecture Center, the College Theatre Department presented the Third Annual Coyote Idol competition. There were many different genres of performers this year, including dancers, singers, musicians and stand-up comedians. Audience votes determined this year's Coyote Idol stars. First place went to Leanne Pearl and Jose Rodriguez who performed "The Boxer" by Simon and Garfunkel. Second place went to Bianca Anderson for her performance of "Meditation Number One." And third place went to Nick Vierra and Brian Cosner for the performance of "Let It Be" by the Beatles.



This years judges pictured from left to right were James Fern, Christian Sherman, Katherine Fox, and Chad Terry.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP – BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL

Jo Ann Spiller, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships presented a Financial Aid Workshop for the students of Burroughs High School and their parents in January 2009. Approximately forty-five persons were in attendance. The numerous financial aid opportunities available to help families meet the cost of funding an education were provided as well as informational handouts. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other application requirements were explained.

The California priority deadline of March 2nd for applying for Cal Grants was a key focus of the evening. Students and parents were reminded that many forms of financial aid resources are available beyond that March 2nd Cal Grants deadline. Attendees were encouraged to apply early to maximize their eligibility for awards.



AUTHOR & PROFESSOR DR. TRIPPS TO SPEAK AT COLLEGE

Noted author and professor Dr. Dan G. Tripps will be the guest lecturer on Friday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the College Lecture Center. His topic will be “Getting to the Heart of Success, characteristics of successful people.” The public is cordially invited to attend. The event is presented by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso Community College.

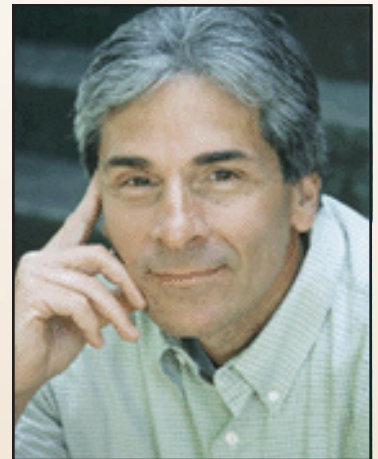
Tripps has devoted his life’s work to understanding the psychology of achievement and to helping individuals find greatness professionally and personally.

In his two recent books, *In Search of Greatness: Attributes of Achievement and Lessons for Life* (Town Books, 2002), and *The Heart of Success: Conversations With Notable Achievers* (Bainbridge Books, 2001), Tripps helps readers place their life journeys in perspective. He believes that people need to embrace the notion that they do not become great simply because their achievements have been broadcast on television or reported in the local paper. Based on his personal interviews with 160 acclaimed performers, athletes, and intellectuals, Tripps identifies qualities that ordinary individuals can develop in order to achieve personal greatness.

Tripps is Executive Director of the American Institute of Sport and affiliated human performance laboratory, and Chair of Seattle University’s Department of Sport Studies where he teaches the Psychology of Leadership and Achievement. He has also been a guest lecturer on university campuses throughout the United States and has served as a consultant to education, business, and government, providing training for senior level managers, nurturing organizational leadership, and enriching employee skills.

Tripps’ speaking engagements have included the Inquiring Mind series of the National Endowment for the Humanities and ceremonies at the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He is a frequent guest commentator on radio, a guest commentator in The History Channel’s Top Speed, and currently working as Co-Executive Producer for a forthcoming television show about sport science and technology called SportsTechWorld.

Tripps obtained his Ph.D. in Sport Psychology from the University of Oregon



and M.A. in Education from Stanford University. His undergraduate training was at the University of Southern California and San Francisco State University where he completed a B.A. in English and Social Studies.

COLLEGE GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT STUDENTS



Cerro Coso Community College and the Cerro Coso College Foundation have teamed up to host the 35th Anniversary Golf Tournament slated for Saturday, March 28, at the China Lake Golf Course. Golfers who participate will have the satisfaction of helping the College and the Foundation because the proceeds from this tournament will be providing students book scholarships. Shotgun, scramble time is 8 a.m. The registration fee of \$75 per player includes the green fees for 18 holes of golf on the beautiful China Lake Golf Course, cart, lunch, ditty bags of goodies, and refreshments. Entry fee covers two mulligan's.

There will be cash prizes for the top three teams. In addition, there will be a cash prize for the team with the highest score. There will also be prizes for the longest drive, putting contest and Par 3 prizes.

The entry form can be downloaded from the College website at www.cerrocoso.edu. Call Dave Cornell for additional information at 384-6291.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE RECEIVES LOCAL FUNDING FOR NEW ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce the establishment of a two-year pre-engineering program for both mechanical and electrical engineering students. This engineering program was developed in consultation with an advisory committee of China Lake Naval personnel, Cerro Coso faculty and administration, Sierra Sands School District faculty and administration, and California State University representatives. This program has been articulated with both the University of California and California State University systems for transfer.

Demonstrating their support for this new program, Jacobs Technology, DCS Corporation, New Directions Technologies, Inc. (NDTI) and Systems Application and Technologies (SA-TECH) have joined together to sponsor the 2009 Engineering courses by "adopting" engineering classes at Cerro Coso. Their collective donation of \$20,000 will cover the cost of adjunct instructors for the next four courses, thus guaranteeing that they will remain in the schedule. "This partnership is a marvelous example of local business stepping up to help provide for their own future and for the futures of our young people," stated Cerro Coso President, Dr. Mary Retterer.

Dale Gates (Jacobs), Chuck Faris (DCS), Cedric Knight (NDTI) and Geoff DeZavala (SA-TECH) have all expressed their commitment to the College and community by continuing to support this Engineering program in the hope that it will increase the applicant pools for engineering positions throughout the Indian Wells Valley.



Photo from L to R: Geoff DeZavala, Chief Operations Officer SA-TECH; Dale Gates, Division Vice President and General Manager Jacobs Technology; Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College; Cedric Knight, President/CEO NDTI; and Chuck Faris, Vice President DCS

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SCIENCE MODERNIZATION PROJECT UNDERWAY AT CERRO COSO

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Construction of a new and expanded Science Department is underway on the third floor of the Main Building at Cerro Coso Community College. Cerro Coso Community College is responding to the needs of regional employers by increasing its math and science programs (life science, physical sciences, earth sciences), including physics. The nearly \$6 million project includes new state of the art laboratories, new classrooms, offices and assembly space. Pictured (L to R) Joann Clark, Director of Public Information & Facilities Development; Dr. John Stenger-Smith, Science Department Chair and Professor of Chemistry & Physical Science; Shannon Bliss, Associate Professor of Biology; Dr. James Fay, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Claudia Sellers, Associate Professor of Biology and Janice Schramm, Lab Technician all smiling in anticipation of the completion of the new Science Expansion in June 2010.



CERRO COSO PARTNER'S WITH AARP FOR TAX PROGRAM



For the third season, Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center has partnered with the AARP and IRS training Tax-Aide volunteers to provide free tax filing for low and middle-income taxpayers. Matt Hightower worked to establish the partnership in 2006 and taught the first group of volunteers. For the last two seasons, local Bishop CPA and adjunct faculty, Patricia Pontak, has been teaching the free, non-credit course on the Bishop Campus. This year, for the first time, the program has been housed in the College Room at the Mammoth Lakes Library and boasts a Spanish-speaking volunteer, Teri Alfaro. Sue Stavlo, the Mammoth Lakes volunteer coordinator and her husband, John Stavlo, Tax-Aide volunteer, have also worked tremendously hard to set up a welcoming work space in the College Room and to provide the community with this much-appreciated service. The free tax help, preparation and electronic filing for low and middle-income taxpayers is available by appointment or drop-in on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 5 PM throughout the tax season.

CERRO COSO ANNOUNCES CAST AND CREW FOR SPRING MUSICAL



Pictured left to right are:
Theresa Jones, Stacey Shoaf,
and Becki Cornett.

The Cerro Coso Community College, Theatre Department has announced the cast and crew for the spring musical *Little Shop of Horrors* and rehearsals are underway. The show features a down-and-out skid row floral assistant who becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. The plant, "Audrey II," grows into an ill-tempered, fowl-mouthed R&B singing carnivore who offers the floral assistant fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite.

The Cerro Coso cast and crew include 36 talented students. Josh Rodriguez will play the starring role of the hapless florist and Robert Wilson will play the voice of the carnivorous plant, Audrey II. The show will feature puppets from The Puppet Company of Oakland, CA. Thomas Cozine will serve as Puppet Master for the show. Seymour's boss, Mushnik, will be played by Ben Bockhahn and his love interest, Audrey, will be played by Krysten Coursey. Audrey's abusive boyfriend, Orin, will be played by Chad Terry. Becki Cornett, Stacey Shoaf, and Theresa Jones play the three young, hip street urchins. Other *Little Shop* cast members include Rick Tobias, DJ Rathaur, Ashley McCormick, Brittany Coble, Calvin Johnson, Ila Johnson, Leanne Pearl, Daniel Stallings, Brianna Cote, Shyanne Evans, Katherine Fox, Christian Sherman, and Christina Skelton. The show is being directed by Instructor, Dr. Melinda Fogle Oliver. Becki Cornett and Robin Moen are serving as the Assistant Directors. Lauren Loewen is serving as Vocal Coach and Accompanist. Ryan Zeigler will be playing the drums and Alec Jaks will be playing the Bass for the show. Stacey Shoaf and Brianna Cote are the dance choreographers and Krysten Coursey is the fight choreographer. Technical Crew: Stephen Miller, Technical Director; Chelsia Acevedo, Assistant Technical Director; Gavin Fielder, Set Designer; Lucas Warkentin, Lighting Design; Rob Wilson, Sound Design; Chalen Wilson and Robin

Moen, Costumes Design; Ila Johnson, Properties Mistress; Rene Soto, Stage Manager; and Ashley McCormick, Assistant Stage Manager. Additional Technical Crew members include Franklin Hamilton, Jeff Tobias, AJ Fraser, Meghan Briggs, and Thomas Lowe.

Little Shop of Horrors will be presented on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m. This performance is not recommended for small children. Tickets will be \$7 for general admission and \$6 for students, seniors, and military. Tickets will be available in April at the Cerro Coso Community College Business Office and at Red Rock Books.

CERRO COSO STUDENT NAMED TO STATE WIDE ACADEMIC TEAM

Cerro Coso Community College student Jessica Cash has been named to the second 2009 All-California Academic Team, a state-wide competition co-sponsored by the Community College League of California and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Cash is an outstanding member of the Cerro Coso College Honors Program. She was nominated for this award by Cerro Coso Community College President, Dr. Mary Retterer, and was selected for her outstanding academic work and research on cyanate ester polymer composite matrix resins. "I am very proud of Jessica and celebrate her talents and accomplishments," Retterer said.

The California Community College League will recognize Cash along with other of the state's top community college students for their academic achievements, community service, and for the example they set for their fellow students.

ESCC OFFERS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER AT BOTH BISHOP AND MAMMOTH

The Eastern Sierra College Center is pleased to announce that both the Bishop and Mammoth Campuses now have fully operational Learning Resource Centers (LRC).

The Bishop LRC was developed by adjunct Librarian, Julie Cornett starting in the Fall 2007 semester. Julie's vision was for the Learning Resource Center to become a hub of academic activity at the college and to foster growth between the community and the campus by offering free services and resources including tutoring, research assistance, a computer lab, General Education Requirement (GED) preparation, exam proctoring, job skills workshops, and a continually updated research library. The LRC has become increasingly successful over the past few semesters; in the Fall 2007 semester, 31 students enrolled in the "Academic Skills Review Lab"—a free, zero unit "class" that students and community members enroll in to take advantage of the LRC's services. By Fall 2008, that number jumped to 123!

With the success of the Bishop Campus LRC, Julie was asked to assist in developing an LRC at the Mammoth campus by providing training, recruiting tutors, creating standard



Julie Cornett, Librarian ESCC



Daniel Ranson, Instructor, ESCC



Steve Irwin, Instructor, ESCC

operating procedures, and participating in collection development. This Spring 2009 semester the Mammoth LRC opened its doors to students and the community in the brand new College Room at the Mammoth Lakes Library. The library is a joint facility shared by the town of Mammoth Lakes and Cerro Coso College. Students and community members now have access to services and resources provided by college faculty in the LRC located on the bottom floor of the library. These services mirror those offered at the Bishop Campus LRC and are provided free of charge.

The Mammoth LRC is currently staffed by adjunct faculty Steve Irwin and Daniel Ranson. Steve has taught Geography at ESCC since 1993 and has lived in Mammoth since 1975, where he likes to explore and learn about the area's history and natural landscapes. He has a background in Math and is available to tutor students in a variety of subjects on a drop-in basis. Daniel, a native of New Orleans, has a background in counseling and social work. He has worked in the field for over 10 years. He will be teaching the Psychology 101 class in the Fall 2009 semester at the Mammoth Lakes Campus. He provides tutoring and other academic assistance in writing and research skills, computer literacy, job searching, and other subjects as well.

Daniel also provides coverage at the Bishop LRC alongside Julie Cornett. Julie moved to Bishop in 2006 and began teaching Cerro Coso's Introduction to Library Research class that year. Additionally, she teaches Introductory Cultural Anthropology at ESCC. She has worked in public and academic libraries for the past 13 years and enjoys working with students and the public on a wide range of subjects and skills. She is available for drop-in tutoring and research assistance and can also help facilitate online classes and teach basic computer skills.

Julie, Steve, and Daniel hope that the LRCs at both campuses continue to thrive as supporting learning atmospheres for students and the communities they serve.

The Mammoth LRC hours are: Monday – Thursday from 3-7pm. The phone number is: (760)-934-4777, extension 177.

The Bishop LRC hours are: Monday/Tuesday: 10am – 2pm and Wed/Thurs: 3-7pm. The phone number is (760)-872-5303



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“STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER”

The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988 by soliciting nominations from the faculty at all campus sites. The Alumni

Association proudly announced the recipient of the Spring 2009 “Student of the Semester” award as Jessica Cash from the Indian Wells Valley Campus. Cash was honored at an Alumni Association awards luncheon on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at Texas Cattle Company in Ridgecrest. Cash was nominated for this award by Cerro Coso Community College instructor, Cliff Davis. Also supporting this nomination were faculty members Christine Swiridoff, John Stenger-Smith, Don Rosenberg, and Dean Bernsten. The nominating faculty members were in agreement that Jessica is a rare example of a student who combines extraordinary academic achievements across the



disciplines. They reported that she was named to the second 2009 All-California Academic Team, a state-wide competition co-sponsored by the Community College League of California and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considered in the selection process for this award. Cash is currently enrolled in 13.0 units, has completed 96.5 units, and carries and overall 4.0 GPA. Cash is majoring in Chemistry and plans on continuing her education after she graduates from Cerro Coso in May 2009.

“The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on Jessica Cash and acknowledge her many achievements by selecting her as the Spring 2009 Student of the Semester,” stated Joann Clark, Director of Information, Development, and Alumni Relations.

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DENIM & DIAMONDS GALA HUGE SUCCESS!



The 35th Anniversary of Cerro Coso Community College was celebrated in high style on April 24 when nearly 250 attendees dressed in their best 'denim and diamonds' attire participated in the inaugural gala. Guests enjoyed an entertaining evening of dining, dancing, and bidding on fabulous silent auction items. Cerro Coso President, Dr. Mary Retterer; Chancellor Sandra Serrano; and past College Presidents, Dr. Sharon Dyer and Dr. Roe Darnell were in attendance as were staff, faculty, retirees, Foundation Board, and community members. Net proceeds from the Denim & Diamonds Gala will help support the educational endeavors of the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation.



CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE/ AIRSTREAMS EXPLORATORY WIND TECHNOLOGY TRIP (IOWA/TEXAS) MARCH 30 – APRIL 4, 2009

Cerro Coso Community College and Airstreams staffers traveled to Iowa and Texas to meet with community colleges having established wind technician programs to tour facilities, inquire about their curriculum, educational best practices and findings over the development of their programs. Attendees included the following:

Larry Board, Cerro Coso College Industrial Technology Professor (wind instructor)
Valerie Karnes, Cerro Coso College Dean, Career Technical Education
Lisa Gilbert, Airstreams Education Director
Barry Morris, Airstreams Midwestern Sales Manager

Texas State Technical College (Sweetwater, Texas)

Cerro Coso's Team met with the faculty and administration at Texas State Technical College (Sweetwater, Texas) to discuss both as a group and individually included a review of their wind technology program, their students base, retention rates, challenges, partnerships with industry, equipping their classroom, job placements and future plans.



Iowa Lakes Community College (Esterville, Iowa)

The Cerro Coso Team met with the faculty and administration at Iowa Lakes Community College (Esterville, Iowa) on April 1, 2, and 3.

Subsequent meetings included attendance at the Iowa Wind Energy Association (April 2) and the Iowa Lakes Community College Wind Energy & Turbine Technology Advisory Meeting (April 3). The Iowa Wind Energy Association (April 2) meeting had over 300 attendees with representative from colleges all around the country, the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), manufacturers and developers



CHILD DEVELOPMENT FACULTY AND STUDENTS ATTEND LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE CLASS

Adjunct faculty, Lynda McClain and students from Cerro Coso Community College's Child Development class, Language and Literature, attended an Educator's Event at Casey's Steakhouse in Ridgecrest. The event was hosted by Eastern Sierra Association for the Education of Young Children (ESAEYC) and supported by Cerro Coso Community College VTEA funding. The professional development training was presented by Sharon Brown, a dynamic and energetic Early Childhood educator and college professor.

Ms. Brown utilized interactive strategies to demonstrate classroom strategies that encourage counting trajectories by using puppets and willing student participants. Ms. Brown demonstrated how storytelling can enhance a child's understanding of mathematical concepts. The students participated in activities designed to be utilized outdoors. These lively outdoor activities are intended to enhance preschoolers' mathematical experience in a natural environment. Every attendee received manipulatives and number puzzles/stencils for use in an Early Childhood classroom.



CERRO COSO STUDENT ACCEPTED INTO JOHNS HOPKINS



Cerro Coso student, Angela Fulmer was accepted into Johns Hopkins accelerated BSN (Bachelor of Science Nursing) program. She has also been accepted into the masters of public health program. The public health program at Johns Hopkins is top in the world. There are a very limited number of people admitted.

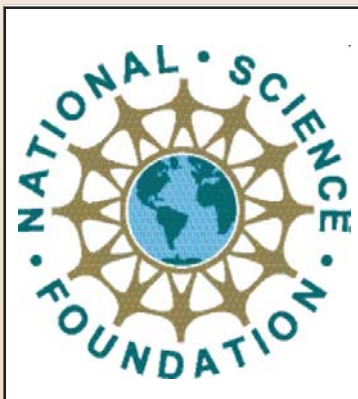
As reported by Fulmer:

My educational experience at Cerro Coso is one that I will always value and treasure. I consider my experience at Cerro Coso unparalleled - and I have attended other community colleges and the University of California. Cerro Coso is distinct because its teachers understand that they are NOT merely employees in an educational "assembly line" simply imparting their knowledge and sending their students on their way. Instead, they utilize their expertise and influence not only to educate but to inspire students to realize their potential and provide them with the tools and confidence to reach their goals.

I can identify a tool or skill that each of my teachers has bestowed upon me. Janis Jamison-Nichols and Matthew Crow helped me overcome my fear of public speaking. Bonita Robison boosted my study skills and confidence as a biological sciences tutor at the LAC. Dr. Claudia Sellers, James Bryant, and Shannon Bliss encouraged and supported my desire to attend the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. I credit Dr. Sellers with having the most profound effect on me as an individual and a student, though. Aside from being an engaging and enthusiastic instructor, she is a fervent student advocate and mentor.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION DELEGATION VISITED COLLEGE

A delegation from the National Science Foundation visited Cerro Coso Community College on April 9 & 10, 2009.



The delegation visited to discuss Cerro Coso's path-breaking programs in wind and solar technology and to see both the college's solar photovoltaic field and its outstanding astronomy facilities. In addition, the delegation joined Professor Larry Board and Dean Valerie Karnes to visit the wind farms at Tehachapi where Cerro Coso students train for green jobs in the growing wind industry. "This visit from the National Science Foundation team is a great indication that Cerro Coso Community College's efforts to upgrade and expand its offerings in science, engineering, math, and alternative energy are gaining national recognition," stated Dr. James Fay, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Cerro Coso Community College.

CCCC 35TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS

The first fund raising golf tournament held by Cerro Coso resulted in a net of \$5,500 to support books for students. Thanks to all the businesses who supported this event and to all who played. Congratulations to the following winners of Cerro Coso Community College 35th Anniversary golf tournament:

First Place (pictured): 1st Low Gross, Subway Team: Jag Dhillon, Bernard Unhassobiscay, Cerro Coso student Tiffany Carter, Bobby Daniels, and Evan Sherrer. Second Place: 1st Low Net, Gray Team: Stephan Eckel, Jim Sorenson, Darren Dickason, and Jimmy Gray. Third Place: 2nd Low Net went to XIT Solutions Team: Angel Acosta, Jorn Huseby, Pat Netzer, and Patrick Surrec. Honorable mention went to Team Bartel for having the most fun and spirit: Tony Bartel, Harold Hannemann, Bob Hannemann, and Maggie Belknap.

Over 100 golfers, sponsors, and volunteers participated in the event on Saturday, March 28th to help deserving students go to college by raising funds for textbook scholarships.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AT ESCC MAMMOTH

The Eastern Sierra College Center, Mammoth Lakes Campus has recently had an increase in students enrolled in the English for Speakers of Other Languages program. Classes are offered in the evenings twice a week, and students at all levels of English have enrolled. Here are three stories from some of the students in the Advanced level.

Nopparat Thongpoyai

I am originally from Thailand. Cerro Coso is the place where I learned to improve my English skills. The college is small, but people here are very nice. My classmates are from many different countries. We get a lot of attention from the teacher. My teacher's name is Michaela Vargas and she is very nice and helpful. She makes us enjoy ourselves and feel comfortable learning. Also, she helps us to be more confident in attending classes at Cerro Coso College. This year she encouraged me to take Basic Writing in addition to ESL, and my writing skills have improved a lot!

Nubia Dunn

My name is Nubia Dunn and I'm from Colombia. I live in Bridgeport, California, which is 50 miles from the Mammoth Campus of Cerro Coso College. It is not easy to get here from Bridgeport. I drive with my classmate Anabell Cornejo, but sometimes it is difficult because of snow, ice, and winds. Sometimes the road is closed. But we do our best to come to every class meeting because we really enjoy the class. We are all dedicated and motivated to become better at English. Someday, I hope to use my English to get a promotion at my job with Mono County.



(Left to right) ESL students Maria Barrios, Rosa Garcia, Rosaura Lopez and Anabelle Cornejo.



(Left to right) ESL students Jiranan Frazer, Nopparat Thongpoyai, Sergey Dutoy, Nubia Dunn, Anabelle Cornejo and Rosa Garcia.



(Left to right) ESL instructor Michaela Vargas with ESL students Jiranan Frazer, N Sergey Durov, Nubia Dunn, Anabelle Cornejo and Rosa Garcia.

Jiranan Frazer

My name is Jiranan Frazer. I have recently moved to Mammoth Lakes, California, with my family from Thailand. My husband's name is Fred and my three children's names are Pailin, Stephen and Tyler. I decided that it would be a good idea to take some English classes at the local college, as well as some community classes, to improve my English speaking, reading, and writing abilities. I have enjoyed all of my classes so far and also have made many new friends. In addition, all of my teachers have been friendly and very helpful. Students in my class come from all over the world, including Russia, Mexico, and Colombia. Even though my class is small in number, the diversity in the class makes it very interesting for me. We all have different abilities, but one goal in common: we all want to speak, read, and write English better than we do now.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT CLASS VISITED SOLAR POWER PLANT



From the left, Shane Cook, Shannon Bliss, Courtney Smith, Jason Trowbridge, Robin Barney, Jaime Bednarek, Brian Baird, Martha Rojo, Jesse Torres, Justina Miller, Lynn Watson.

On April 4th, 2009 The Human Environment class, taught by Shannon Bliss, at Cerro Coso Community College, visited the Kramer Junction Solar Power Plant for a great tour where the students learned a lot about the important renewable energy resource in our area.



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CERRO COSO COLLEGE “CLASSIFIED STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR” RECOGNIZED

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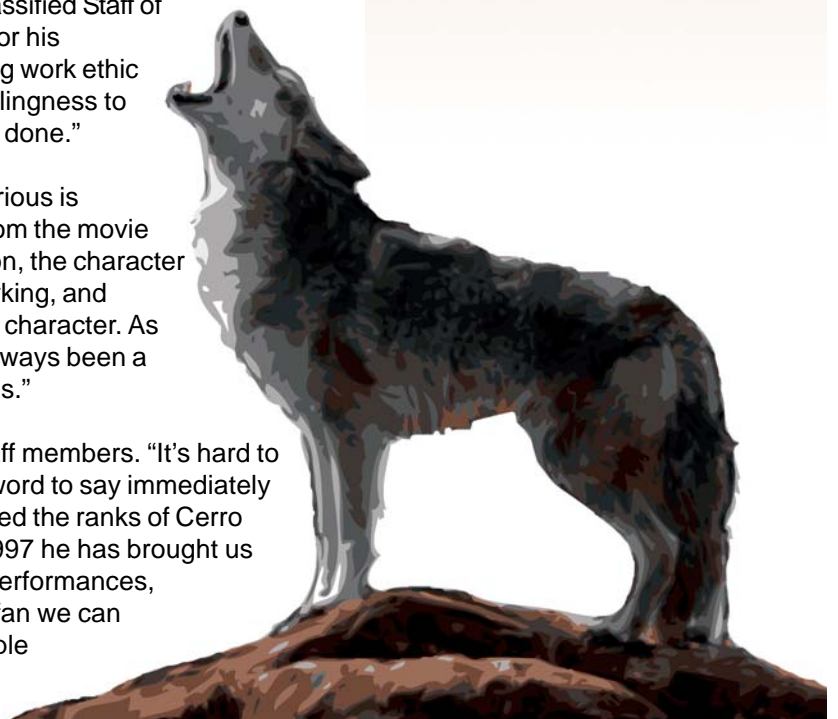
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Rudy Solidarios is one of those unassuming kind of guys. He isn't pretentious. He doesn't have any sort of 'airs' about him. What he does have is a heart-warming smile that will brighten anyone's day and a positive approach that can lift even the most sullen of moods. It's not surprising when fellow classified member Candy Caine said of Rudy, "Rudy does an amazing job for *everyone* on campus and always with a smile and a cheerful attitude to anyone he comes in contact with. Rudy is truly deserving of this award (Classified Staff of the Year) for his outstanding work ethic and his willingness to get the job done."

Mr. Solidarios is reminiscent of the character by the same name from the movie *Rudy*, that of Rudy Rudiger. Based on a real person, the character from the movie is determined, dedicated, hard-working, and caring. Cerro Coso's real-life Rudy is just like that character. As Rudy's supervisor, John Daly states, "Rudy has always been a team player and a pleasure to have around campus."

Mr. Solidarios is loved by his fellow classified staff members. "It's hard to find anyone that doesn't smile or have a positive word to say immediately when Rudy's name is mentioned. Since Rudy joined the ranks of Cerro Coso's classified staff as a custodian in April of 1997 he has brought us laughs, smiles, and a host of spectacular festive performances, costumes, and Laker outfits. An avid L.A. Lakers fan we can always count on Rudy to sport the yellow and purple come basketball season," stated Cori Ratliff, President of the Classified Senate.



CERRO COSO COLLEGE STAFFER FROM KERN RIVER VALLEY RECOGNIZED BY FACULTY SENATE



Cerro Coso's Faculty Senate representative, instructor Matt Crow presents the annual "Classified Member of the Year" award to Departmental Assistant, Inge Olson. Olson is a full-time employee at the Kern River Valley Campus of Cerro Coso Community College. She assists students with all their concerns regarding financial aid, appointments with a counselor, registering for classes, textbooks, etc. Olson is the official "go-to" person at the Kern River Valley Campus.

AWARD OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE



Associated Students of Cerro Coso presented the full-time faculty "Award of Teaching Excellence" to Kim Kelly Schwartz, Student Activities Coordinator and Physical Education Assistant Professor. Adjunct Faculty "Award for Teaching Excellence" went to math instructor Charles Martin.

NISOD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

A highlight of the NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence was a tour of the Dell Computer manufacturing plant in Austin, Texas. Attendees include Candyis Caine, Mary Retterer, Gale Lebsock, Karen O'Connor, Jill Board, Larry board, Jim Fay, Dylan Mattina, Rich Retterer, and James O'Connor. Also present at the top left is Paul Welsh, a math faculty member from Pima Community College who joined us for the trip.



CERRO COSO HOLDS PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTION CEREMONY

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society held its induction ceremony for its newest members on April 17, 2009 at the Cerro Coso Community College's Learning Resource Center. Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College, was the keynote speaker. Diana Reyes, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, officiated and was joined by several other Chapter Officers: Rachel Schlick, Service and Fellowship Officer; Laurie Rice, Treasurer; Terri Jo Kumar, Kern River Valley Representative; Michael Kendell, Leadership Officer; Christina Witt, Scholarship Officer; Charles Maxwell, Membership Officer; Cori Ratliff, Web Designer and Public Relations Officer; and Dr. Christine Swiridoff, Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Advisor. Sixty-four students were inducted into the Beta Kappa Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society at Cerro Coso Community College for the 2008-2009 academic year: Denise Allen, Kathleen Armstrong, Roxana Barbosa, Donna Bell, Doris Blackwell Carbajal, Lisa Bossert, Katie Burch, Uriah Burke, Carissa Cash, Judy Chieze, Eric Clayborn, Kristine Clemmons, Jacquelynn Conrad, Jewels Costello, Christina David, Leroy Davis, Laken Depew, Nolan Doss, Elizabeth Eisenhauer, Shyanne Evans, Phyllis Fernandez, Karen Field, Sandra Gates, Krystle Gifford, Robin Giovanni, Gabrielle Grajeda, Robert Gockley Jr., Amber Haslam, Susan Heidt, Traci Heston, Mary Huckins, Kimera Hurst, Lindsay Johnson, Michael Kendall, Rebecca Lake-Molina, Liselotte Lavelle, Robert Licari, Barbara Lieberman, Marnie Linebaugh, John Linn, Katrina Long, Charles Maxwell, Kyle McDade, Nathan McGuire, Chrystine Medina, Cindy Mertz, Rema Mitchell, Vincent Morrione, Helen Nunn, Susan Parisi, Kelly Pankey, Ginger Petrie, Robert Phung, Morgan Robles, Kellyann Sarad, Matthew Sgherzi, Jarrod Spiczenski, Daniel Stallings, Shanyn Stewart, Megan Thompson, Kimberly Tieche, Lara Wall, John Weaver, and Jian Zhang.

These students earned the privilege to join Phi Theta Kappa based on their academic excellence, earning at least a 3.5 grade point average in degree- and transfer-level courses, making them the top 10% of Cerro Coso Community College students. By joining Phi Theta Kappa, they become life-long members of the world's largest honors society, have access to over \$36 million in scholarships, and join an outstanding fellowship of scholars.



FIRST CLASS OF ESCC VOCATIONAL NURSING STUDENTS

Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC), Cerro Coso Community College celebrated the graduation of the first class of vocational nursing students during a graduation, pinning and capping ceremony on Friday, May 8th on the Bishop Campus. A generous \$35,000 grant from the Donald M. Slager-Sunset Foundation provided all the local LVN students in the program with laptop computers, nursing software, simulation packages and other equipment which greatly enhanced their classroom experience and rounded out their clinical work.

Vocational Nursing students who participated in the pinning and capping ceremony include: Nichole Belt, Cassandra Bullock, Antonette Ciccarelli, Dannastarr Cubic, Tina Damico, Sylvia Green Jayneann Hinek, Lisa Marusicz, Sibusiso Mazwi, Crystal Parra, and Katie Smith. The students personally expressed their thanks to the Donald M. Slager-Sunset Foundation during the ceremony.



Eleven students were recognized and graduated from the ESCC LVN program, a partnership between Cerro Coso Community College, Mammoth Hospital and Northern Inyo Hospital.

CERRO COSO HONORS PROGRAM CELEBRATES STUDENTS SUCCESS WITH HONORS LUNCHEON



From left to right, graduating students Ian Chafin, Jessica Cash, Carissa Cash, Leah Lauritzen, Larry Price, Rachel Schlick, Tracie Heston, and Amy Cowie.

The Cerro Coso Honors Program celebrated its 2009 graduates on Sunday, May 3: Carissa Cash, Jessica Cash, Ian Chafin, Amy Cowie, Tracie Heston, Leah Lauritzen, Larry Price, and Rachel Schlick. The graduates, their families, Honors Program faculty, fellow Honors Program students, and Vice Presidents Jill Board and Dr. James Fay attended a luncheon to honor these outstanding students. Additionally, three \$500 Faculty Honors Scholarships were awarded to Carissa Cash, Jessica Cash, and Rachel Schlick and a \$1,000 President's Honors Scholarship went to graduating Burroughs High School student Lisa Pope for exceptional academic performance.



Top row: graduating Honors Program students Ian Chafin, Jessica Cash, Carissa Cash, Leah Lauritzen, Larry Price, Rachel Schlick, Tracie Heston, and Amy Cowie. Bottom row: Honors Program faculty, Don Rosenberg, Christine Swiridoff, Jon Tittle, Tom Foggia, Cliff Davis, John Stenger-Smith, Debbie Rundell, and Heather Ostash.

CERRO COSO HONORS GRADUATES DURING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

Cerro Coso Community College Commencement Exercises were held in the Gym of the Raymond A. McCue Physical Education Athletic Complex on Friday, May 15.



Friends, relatives, staff and faculty gathered to honor a class of 230 eligible graduates (79 males and 141 females) from the Indian Wells Valley Campus in Ridgecrest (58%), South Kern Center at Edwards Air Force Base (4%), Kern River Valley Center in Lake Isabella (7%), Eastern Sierra College Center located in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes (13%), and Online students (18%). Out of the 230 students, 145 graduated with an Associate of Arts degree, with 55 receiving an Associate of Science degree. Twenty-one graduates received Certificate's of Achievement, ten students are 4.0 graduates, 24 graduates graduated with honors, and 18 were Phi

Theta Kappa honor graduates. Mr. Dean Bersten served as the Faculty Marshal for Commencement.

Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso, stated to the graduates "Today is only the beginning for you, that's why we call today 'commencement.' Some of you are planning on attending a university and pursuing a baccalaureate degree. Perhaps even a master's or doctorate. You have been given a terrific start and a solid base for that university work."

The Academic Senate selected three graduates to address the assemblage, Joshua Simpkins (A.A. in Social Science) who attended the Kern River Valley Campus, Carissa Cash (A.A. in General Education) and Rachel Schlick (A.A. in Pre Engineering) both from the Indian Wells Valley Campus.

Eric Bruen was selected as the Alumni Association's Distinguished Commencement Speaker. Mr. Bruen holds the position of CEO at Desert Valleys Federal Credit Union, a position he has held since 2004. He holds an A.S. degree in Business Management from Cerro Coso Community College. He is a graduate of Western CUNA Management School in 2004. Eric is a major supporter of the California Credit Union League and was recently re-elected to a second term of the Board of Directors in which he is the youngest seated member of the board. Mr. Bruen is a highly active member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also the president-elect of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce and will begin his term in June. He also serves as the Chairman of the Desert Area Resources and Training Board of Directors.

CERRO COSO'S IWV STUDENT VOCATIONAL NURSES GRADUATION

Success has been achieved by 16 Student Vocational Nurses (SVN) at the Cerro Coso Community College, IWV Campus. A formal graduation, Pinning and Capping Ceremony was held at the College Gymnasium on Saturday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m.

"The nursing ceremony is a time honored event. Students begin planning for this ceremony very early in their three semester intense and comprehensive program," stated Cheryl Gates, Director of Nursing for Cerro Coso College. Guest speaker was Annette Hodgins, RN, MSN, PHN, CPUR.

The Nursing Class of 2009 consists on the following SVN's: Cassandra Bullock, Felipa Castillo, Renee Doser, Megan Drosch, April Foster, Robynn Gleason, Sundown Lea Hittu, Sandra Renee Johnson, Tatiana Longoria, Elisa Hayde Macfarlane, Jenni Melchor, Tanua L. Peterson, Mary Peterson, Karen Schrader, Heather Renee Sinton and Grace Steimer.

The highlight of the ceremony is always the candle-lighting and recitation of the Nursing Pledge. Formal recognition is provided to the graduates and to their family and friends, who have supported them during their numerous hours in the books or at clinical facilities. The ceremony provides validation that the difficult but rewarding experience has been achieved.

Chaplain Roger Van Der Werken, CDR, United States Navy gave both the invocation and the benediction. The Pink Ladies Auxiliary from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital provided a reception after the ceremony.



CERRO COSO PRESENTS “LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS”

The Cerro Coso Community College Theatre Department presented *Little Shop of Horrors*, a rock musical by composer Alan Menken and writer Howard Ashman. Performances were held May 8th, 9th and 10th in the College Lecture Center.

Little Shop of Horrors features a down-and-out skid row floral assistant who becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. The plant, “Audrey II,” grows into an ill-tempered R&B singing carnivore who offers the floral assistant fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite.

The musical is based on the low-budget 1960 film *The Little Shop of Horrors*, directed by Roger Corman. The show’s music, composed by Menken in the style of early 1960s Rock and Roll, Doo-wop, and early Motown, includes several show-stoppers, including “Dentist,” “Somewhere That’s Green,” “Suddenly Seymour,” and the title song “Little Shop of Horrors.” In addition to the original long-running 1982 off-Broadway production and subsequent Broadway production, this musical has been performed all over the world. The musical was also made into a 1986 film of the same name, directed by Frank Oz.

Cerro Coso’s production featured the award-winning Audrey II puppets of The Puppet Company and Intermission Productions. The life-like puppets come to us from Northern California, but have been featured in productions across the country.

The talented cast and crew of forty featured Josh Rodriguez as Seymour the florist and Krysten Coursey as Audrey, his love interest. Becki Cornett, Theresa Jones and Stacey Shoaf played the Chorus of Street Urchins who guided the audience on their journey through Skid Row.



Cerro Coso’s *Little Shop of Horrors* street urchins (l to r) Becki Cornett, Stacey Shoaf, and Theresa Jones.



Cerro Coso’s *Little Shop of Horrors* stars Josh Rodriguez and Krysten Coursey.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BISHOP CAMPUS HOSTS COMMUNITY JOB FAIR

Job seekers and employers spent an afternoon getting to know each other in April during the Second Annual Community Job Fair hosted by Cerro Coso Community College Bishop Campus. Nearly 30 employers were in attendance and more than 200 job seekers attended the fair throughout the afternoon. The job fair was a culmination of a week-long career seminar and job search events organized and hosted by the Owens Valley Career Development Center and sponsored by Bishop Paiute Tribe, Bishop Sunrise Rotary, Sierra Employment Services, Paiute Palace Casino, Bishop Indian Education Center and the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance. The free event included workshops such as, Job Application Writing, Dress for Success, Writing a Winning Resume, and Resources for Success. Local community leaders volunteered to present the workshops and participate in mock interviews and motivational lectures.



CERRO COSO EASTERN SIERRA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

Cerro Coso College presented two free concerts of the Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra, Friday, May 1, 2009, at the St. Joseph's Church in Mammoth Lakes, and Saturday, May 2, at Cerro Coso College in Bishop. The Felici Trio's Brian Schuldts lead the orchestra in works by Mendelssohn, Vivaldi, Cimarosa and Haydn.



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The program began with Vivaldi's beloved "Concerto for Two Violins in A Minor," with orchestra members Lo Lyness and Barb Cote as soloists. The work featured Vivaldi's characteristic fluid string writing and a gift for ear-catching tunes.

In Cimarosa's "Concerto for Oboe," the listeners experience an Italian *bel canto* writing at its most beautiful. John Wehausen soloed in this charming and humorous work, inspired by the dynamic writing style of Italian opera.

Jean Johnson was the featured soloist in Haydn's "Concerto for Cello no. 1," one of the true early masterpieces written for solo cello and orchestra.

The finale was Mendelssohn's "Hebrides Overture," also known as "Fingal's Cave." The work was inspired by the cave (reminiscent of Devil's Postpile in its structure), which greatly impressed Mendelssohn on his travels through the British Isles. This orchestra showpiece relied on the full forces of the ESCO, which is comprised of players from June Lake to Ridgecrest.

The chamber orchestra was founded in 1985 and meets weekly, alternating at Cerro Coso College in Mammoth and Bishop. Brian Schuldt became the director in 2002. Brian has a master's degree in cello performance from Indiana University and is a member of the Felici Trio, who has performed over 350 critically-acclaimed concerts on three continents.

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EDDIE EDWARDS JOINS FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Eddie Edwards smiles as she is being sworn in as a newly installed board member of the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation by Solomon Rajaratnam, President. Edwards is very active in the Ridgecrest community giving of her time and talents on several committees and boards. Volunteering runs deep and support of higher education is near and dear to her heart, as she and her husband Willie are proud parents to two daughters presently attending college. Edwards serves as a branch head on the base. "I am quite excited to be able to participate and hopefully make a difference in the lives of Cerro Coso students by serving on the Foundation Board of Directors," stated Eddie Edwards.

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CERRO COSO COLLEGE OFFERED BURGER SIERRA RETREAT PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



Participants from last Fall's Burger Sierra Retreat Photography Workshop set up for motion studies outdoors.

Last fall, Cerro Coso College offered the very successful Burger Sierra Retreat Workshop. This popular Photography Workshop (CRN:50004, Art CO60) was offered again June 26-28 with an emphasis on summer colors. All levels of photographic skill were welcome, and both digital and traditional cameras were used. A variety of topics, from camera fundamentals to night photography, were covered and participants selected their topics of interest.

Located off Tioga Pass Road near the town of Lee Vining, the retreat was first homesteaded in the 1880's by Sarah Noyes. In the early 1900's, millionaire L. C. Brand bought the land and built the present lodge for hunting. It was purchased by the Burger family in 1949 and is currently designated a Bird and Animal Sanctuary. It is used primarily today for family and educational purposes. Accommodations are rustic, with 10 beds available in the lodge buildings and camping available anywhere on the grounds. Participants may drive in to the site.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE STUDENTS TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES



First Row (l to r): Meghan Briggs, Rick Tobias, Rene Soto, Shyanne Evans, Krysten Coursey, Katherine Fox and Lucas Warkentin. Second Row: Chad Terry, Christian Sherman, Ila Johnson, AJ Fraser, Tom Lowe, Calvin Johnson, Travis Miles, Brittany Coble, Robin Moen, Becki Cornett, Rob Wilson, Chalen Wilson, Melinda Fogle Oliver (Instructor) and Chelsia Acevedo.

The Cerro Coso Community College, Theatre Arts Club capped off the spring semester with a two day trip to Los Angeles to learn more about the entertainment industry. The students began their trip with a private walking tour of the Sony Studios in Culver City. Then the students were off to the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood to take in a production of the award-winning 50's musical *Grease*. The second day began with a Combat Workshop conducted by stage and film fight choreographer Kenwa Newell. Next on the agenda was a private tour of the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood. After checking out the sights on Hollywood Boulevard, the students went shopping at Samuel French Bookstore, one of the world's largest suppliers of theatre and entertainment industry related books and scripts. Then it was off to Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade to check out the street performers. The trip concluded with a ComedySportz Improv Show in Hollywood. The trip was funded in part by the Cerro Coso Community College Theatre Arts Club, the Associated Students of Cerro Coso, and Walmart. The Theatre Arts Club will resume in the fall. Club activities include shows, fundraisers, community activities, and trips. The club is open to all students of Cerro Coso.



COLLEGE ANNOUNCES TOP PERFORMERS IN THEATRE ARTS

The Cerro Coso Community College, Theatre Arts Club recently held their Annual Awards Banquet. Theatre students in attendance voted for the best talent of the 2008/2009 school year in a variety of categories. The best male and female "Techie Award" went to Gavin Fielder and Robin Moen. The best male and female "Comedic Actor Award" went to Chad Terry and Krysten Coursey. Chad Terry and Christian Sherman won the award for best male and female "Dramatic Actor." The best "Student Director Award" went to Robin Moen.

Also at the banquet, the 2008/2009 Theatre Arts Club Officers received a plaque in recognition of their service. Officers for this school year included President, Katherine Fox; Vice President, Chad Terry; Treasurer, Christian Sherman; Secretary, Becki Cornett; and Representative, Brittany Coble.

The Cerro Coso Theatre Arts Club will start back up in the fall. Club activities include shows, fundraisers, community activities, and trips. The club is open to all students of Cerro Coso Community College.

CERRO COSO HONOR STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH AT STATE CONFERENCE

Ian Chafin and Nathan McGuire, both members of Cerro Coso Community College's Honors Program, presented their research at the Annual Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Research Conference at UC Irvine and their conference presentations will be published as part of the research conference.

Ian's presentation, entitled "Easy to Play, Hard to Feel," explores how modern distortion and tonal experimentation shape expression in rock music, a point which he demonstrated by playing two versions of "The Star Spangled Banner" on guitar.

Nathan's presentation, "Creatine: A Safe Supplement or a Fraudulent Marketing Scheme?" examines the questionable effectiveness, possible psychological impacts, and potential health risks of synthetic creatine consumption.

Dr. Christine Swiridoff, Cerro Coso's Honors Program Coordinator, accompanied the students to the conference. "Both Ian's and Nathan's presentations were wonderful and represented Cerro Coso well at the UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Conference. We are very proud of their accomplishments," Swiridoff said.

"The conference publications will also help both students once they transfer," Swiridoff continued. "Hopefully their research, conference presentations, and abstract publications will help open up more opportunities for internships or research at their future universities. As graduates of Cerro Coso's Honors Program and presenters at the HTCC conference, they stand a good chance to compete for these opportunities."



Top Performers (L to R) Gavin Fielder, Krysten Coursey, Chad Terry, Robin Moen, and Christian Sherman.



Officers (L to R) Katherine Fox, Chad Terry, Christian Sherman, Brittany Coble, and Becki Cornett



Ian Chafin and Nathan McGuire

FRANKLIN ROMERO, JR. DRAFTED BY MILWAUKEE BREWERS

Cerro Coso Community College Baseball Outfielder, Franklin Romero, Jr. was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the second day of Major League Baseball's First Year Player Draft. Romero stated, "When my name was called, my heart just stopped for a minute. I didn't know what to do. I was out of my mind." And Cerro Coso's Athletic Director and Baseball Coach, Dick Adams stated that he was extremely excited for Romero and said that he had scouts looking at him for the entire 2009 season. Romero wasn't immediately sure where he would be assigned. The Brewers have two Rookie League affiliates: The Arizona League out of Phoenix and the advanced rookie league out of Helena, Montana.



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CERRO COSO COLLEGE OFFERS RENEWABLE ENERGY CLASS IN CALIFORNIA CITY

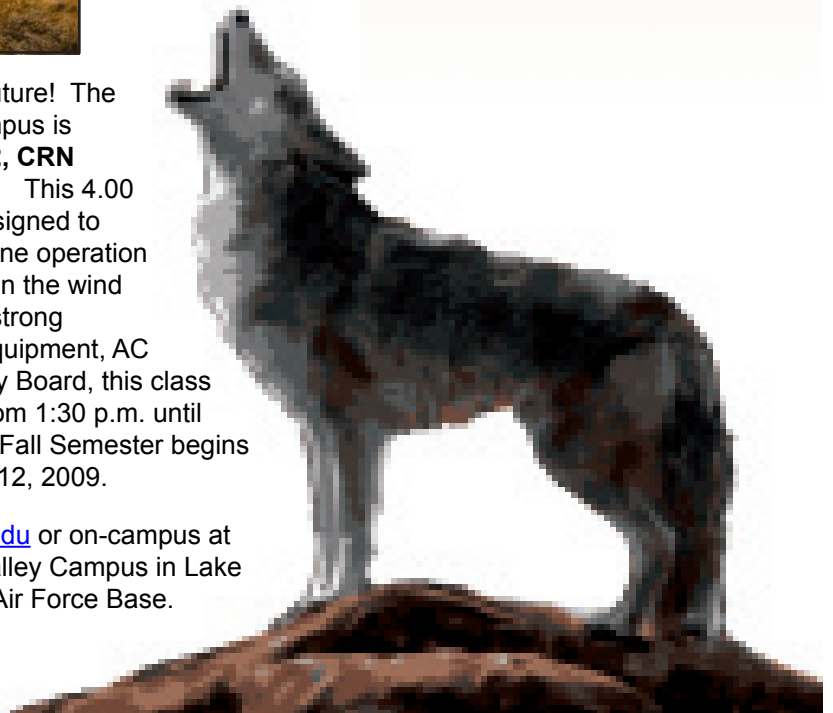


Renewable energy technology is the way of the future! The Cerro Coso Community College, South Kern Campus is offering a **Wind Turbine Tech I Class (RET C102, CRN 73054)** this Fall at the California City High School. This 4.00 unit class is the first in a series of two courses designed to instruct students in the fundamentals of wind turbine operation and maintenance and prepare them for positions in the wind industry as technicians. In this course there is a strong emphasis on safety as well as electrical testing equipment, AC and DC theory and hydraulics. Instructed by Larry Board, this class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. until 4:40 p.m. at the California City High School. The Fall Semester begins on August 24, 2009 and goes through December 12, 2009.

Students may register on-line at www.cerrocoso.edu or on-campus at the IWV Campus in Ridgecrest, the Kern River Valley Campus in Lake Isabella, or the South Kern Campus on Edwards Air Force Base.

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CERRO COSO COLLEGE TO HOST SECOND VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT

After a successful debut tournament in April 2009, Cerro Coso Community College will be hosting the Second Call of Duty 4 Video Game Tournament on Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the College's Learning Resource Center. The Tournament will begin at 1:30 p.m. with setup starting at 11:00 a.m.

With a slightly different format featuring team-based round robin style play, followed by a smashing massive free-for-all, this tournament is sure to challenge even the most skilled sharpshooters out there. Even better, gamers can form their own teams, select team captains, and work together to defeat their competition and win great prizes. Individual gamers need not worry, we will be banding solo sharpshooters together to form rogue teams so that no one will be left out of team play!

"Cerro Coso is constantly mindful of promoting classes and a learning environment for the students," stated Dylan Mattina, Director of Information Technology, Distance Education & Learning Support Services. "This is just the beginning. In the fall, the College is looking to feature a Madden Tournament and in the Spring possibly a baseball themed game. We're just getting started! What better way to promote student life, introduce potential students to the programs at the College, and involve the community than some good old competition," continued Mattina.

All proceeds go to support the Associate Student Body of Cerro Coso Community College. Gamer fees are \$20 for pre-registration, \$25 at the door the day of the event and guests cost \$5.00 at the door. Participants can learn more about the tournament and register and pay online via PayPal through the Cerro Coso website at www.cerrocoso.edu/campusgaming/COD09.

The public and all gamers are invited to participate and have a chance to win some great prizes.

COLLEGE HELD IDENTITY THEFT CLASS

Cerro Coso Community College offered a Community Education class on "Identity Theft, Protection and Recovery." This class met on Friday, August 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Cerro Coso's Learning Resource Center, Room 604. There was a \$40.00 Community Education fee for this course which included all class materials. Instructed by Robert Pearce, Private Investigator, attendees learned to deter, detect, and most importantly defend themselves against this rapidly growing crime in America. Participants learned how to modify their everyday behavior to reduce their exposure to identity theft. Students also learned when and how to use a fraud alert or security freeze on their credit file, how to order and read their credit file history and paying attention to signs of illegal activity.



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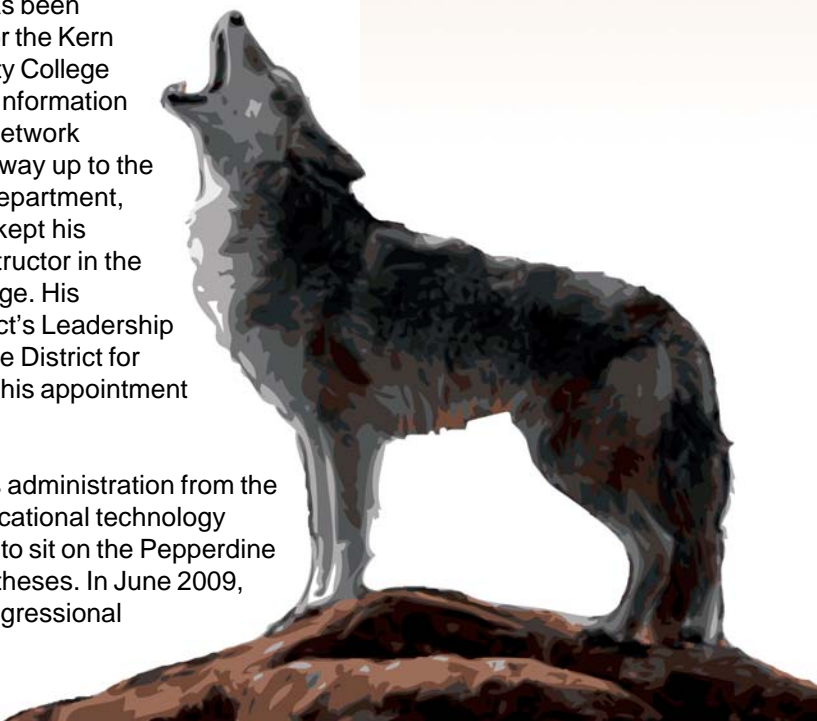
TODD COSTON APPOINTED AS INTERIM DIRECTOR, CERRO COSO COLLEGE, SOUTH KERN CENTER



After completing the Kern Community College District Leadership Academy, Todd Coston took the reins of the South Kern Center for Cerro Coso Community College on August 3rd. In his new role as Interim Director, Coston will put to use the training and education he received in the Leadership Academy to help the South Kern Center continue to grow and expand its offerings to students in the High Desert. Coston has been working for the Kern Community College District in Information

Technology for the past 12 years. He began as a network technician at Bakersfield College, and worked his way up to the role of team lead for the Systems Administration department, managing the District's Data Center. He has also kept his relationship with students active as an adjunct instructor in the Computer Studies department at Bakersfield College. His participation in the Kern Community College District's Leadership Academy, which prepares current employees of the District for management and supervisory roles, directly led to his appointment as the Interim Director of the South Kern Center.

Coston earned his bachelor of science in business administration from the University of Phoenix and his master of arts in educational technology from Pepperdine University. He has been honored to sit on the Pepperdine review panel for master's students delivering their theses. In June 2009, Coston was awarded the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman Kevin McCarthy in recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community.



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"I am very excited to be working with the students and staff at the South Kern Center and hope to continue the strong tradition of affordable, quality education that has made Cerro Coso Community College a favorite among High Desert residents." The South Kern Center serves the residents of the Kern River Valley Campus located in Lake Isabella and the South Kern Campus located on Edwards AFB. Coston and wife Cari are parents to three adorable children. Todd enjoys spending the summertime swimming and the wintertime skiing and snowboarding with family.



Kimberley Flores



Darcie Khanukayev



Susi Lind

6TH ANNUAL INTENSIVE SPANISH SUMMER INSTITUTE AT THE MAMMOTH CAMPUS

July was 'Muy Caliente' in Mammoth this summer! The 6th Annual Intensive Spanish Summer Institute at the Mammoth Campus, July 6-10th, was a week packed with intensive grammar, conversation and cultural breakout sessions for beginner, intermediate and advanced students of Spanish. This year three returning adjunct instructors, Kimberley Flores, Darcie Khanukayev and Susi Lind, developed curriculum that introduced students to well-known Spanish literature including short stories, poetry and songs, and Don Quijote de la Mancha. They also integrated Spanish film and Rubi: the Telenovela. Special focus this year was on improving vocabulary at all levels and breakout sessions concentrating on Spanish for Educators, Spanish for Health Care Workers and Spanish for Travelers were well-attended. Adjunct Faculty Member, Kimberley Flores shared her impressions, "The institute was a blast this year. The Intermediate class had fun mixing up grammar lessons and written practice with hands-on activities. Students put into practice their past tense, their reflexive verb formations, and their newly acquired slang through skits and other activities in which they were up and about. Pictured here was our culmination skit in which these three students practiced their vocabulary and grammar by being 'Dogs in a Park.' It took the class only a moment to realize that our fellow students were acting as dogs!" Darcie Khanukayev,



Pictured: Intermediate Spanish students, Bea Beyer, Nancy Ellis, and Grace Rudolph, practice new grammar and vocabulary by acting out a skit in Spanish.

Adjunct Faculty Member, added, "In the advanced class we did a lot of integrating the vocabulary and grammar that the students had previously worked on. There were a lot of communicative activities and roll playing, verb drill warm ups, singing , figuring out riddles, tongue twisters and getting to know each other using only Spanish in the class. Nearly seventy students participated in this program. The cost of the program was \$40 per person for five eight-hour days of Spanish immersion.



Pictured: Spanish Students celebrating the last day of the Intensive Spanish Summer Program during the Fiesta!

GOT ?'S ASK ME, A.S.C.C.

Pictured are four of the 2009-2010 Associated Student of Cerro Coso (ASCC) Board, Valerie McLaughlin, Austin Hallinan, Michelle Montemayor, and Daryl Moline Jr. who were on hand at the opening days of classes to assist students with questions, finding their class rooms, and sharing information about the Associated Students of Cerro Coso. The officers not pictured are Diana Reyes, Rob Wilson Jr. and Al Skinner. These students are very innovative and are striving to make this year a very upbeat inspirational and activity filled year. Not only are they involved with the duties of their offices in the ASCC, they are very focused on their futures. Austin Hallinan, ASCC President, is working toward a degree in Social Science, History and eventually Law. Michelle Montemayor, Vice President is earning a major in General Education, so that she may go into deaf studies. Her goal is to be a voice for people and create a sense of community. Rob Wilson, Jr., Secretary is pursuing his goal of nursing. Diana Reyes, Financial Manager, is earning a degree in Social Science and Child Development to fulfill her goal as an Elementary School Teacher. Al Skinner, Area IX Representative, is working toward his goal toward a welding certificate. Valerie McLaughlin, Communications, is working toward her certificate in Welding and Engineering Technology, her goal is to improve and create better communication. Daryl Moline, Jr., Student Trustee is earning his degree in Social Science and eventually a History Degree. This group of students as well as the Student Activities staff is working toward involving the students, faculty and community in the many activities we have been planning.



CERRO COSO COLLEGE GAME TOURNAMENT: A FORAY OF FUN



Cerro Coso Community College recently hosted its second College Video Gaming Tournament. Held on Saturday, August 15th, the tournament featured team game play amongst four teams, Bacon Suit Mafia, Team Discovery Channel,

Geek Squad and Big Guns. Each team was vying for the grand prize of \$250 and First Place trophy. With numerous rounds of game play, gamers had plenty of action packed mayhem to enjoy.

The winning team, Bacon Suit Mafia (pictured here during gameplay), featured team members, Bowman Perryman (Shortfuse), Jack Terheun (Buddha), James Crawford (Disciple), William Foster (WD40.Foster) and Joseph Crawford (Holy Man). Gamers were also awarded dog tags for special achievements, such as Most Kills, won by Disciple (James Crawford) and Most Deaths, won by Jacob (Jacob Trigg). Gamers were treated to a pizza lunch, provided by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC), and participating sponsors were Game Crazy, Digital Captive, and SoftMart.

"We'd like to thank all those that helped make this tournament possible, from the Director of Information Technology, Dylan Mattina, to the IT Staff, Facilities Staff, the Associated Students organization, to our sponsors, and especially the gamers!" stated Blake Whitcomb, tournament planning chairman.

Cerro Coso looks forward to our next gaming tournament, which will be held this Fall, featuring Madden NFL Football™, the wildly popular football game, just in time to celebrate the football season. With collaborative plans in process with GameCrazy, a local gaming store, the tournament will feature console play and is sure to please gamers. Look for more information coming soon or visit <http://www.cerrocoso.edu/campusgaming> for details as they become available.

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FOURTH ANNUAL ASTRONOMICAL BBQ & STAR PARTY SLATED FOR OCT. 9

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The Fourth Annual Astronomical Barbecue & Star Party at Cerro Coso Community College is scheduled for Friday, October 9. This family event is co-sponsored by the College and the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation. The event supports the continued development of the "Dr. Alex Shlanta Memorial Astronomical Observatory" at Cerro Coso Community College.

The barbecue dinner will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the College Library's front lawn. Tri-tip sandwich dinner with all the fixings, along with hot dogs for the younger kids will be served. Musical entertainment during the evening will be provided by the Cerro Coso Community Band. There will also be a wide assortment of door prize drawings which will commence at 7 p.m. The two grand door prizes have been donated by Jewelry To Go; a blue sapphire and diamond two tone ring and a ladies pear drop violet amethyst surrounded by diamonds necklace with a 18 inch 14 karat chain.



A narrated slide presentation and a brief overview of astronomy will be given by Carroll Evans from the China Lake Astronomical Society's (CLAS's) members in the College Library starting at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Star Party will take place at the observatory, and will begin approximately 7:30 p.m. For those desiring transportation, golf carts will be running continuously from the Library parking lot to the Astronomical Observatory and back. Major stars and constellations will be pointed out. There will be approximately 10 different telescope stations set up inside the Observatory compound for public viewing and explanations of what is seen by Cerro Coso instructor Ken Pringle and CLAS members staffing each station.

Tickets for adults are \$10.00 and children are only \$8.00, toddlers three and under are free. Tickets are available at Red Rock Books, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and the Cerro Coso Business Office.

For more information on this family evening of fun call the Cerro Coso Community College Public Information Office at 384-6230.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPRING 2009 PRESIDENT'S LIST

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce that 137 students made the President's List for the Spring 2009 semester. This includes 57 students from the Indian Wells Valley Campus, 18 students from the Kern River Valley Campus, 5 from the Eastern Sierra College Center in Bishop, 6 from the Eastern Sierra College Center in Mammoth Lakes, and 51 students from CC Online. This list is comprised of all students who achieved a grade point average of at least 3.75 while earning a minimum of 40 grade points within the Spring 2009 semester. It is the goal of Cerro Coso to recognize students who have significantly excelled in their academic studies. "The presence of students with high academic standards serves as an inspiration to both faculty and students alike," stated Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College.

Cerro Coso Community College is proud to honor the following students for making the President's List for their scholastic achievements during the Spring 2009 semester:



Indian Wells Valley Campus (57): Jeremy Arcibal, Rachel Babbitt, Deborah Benson, Kyle Blades, Brooke Campbell, Rachel Davis, Laken Depew, Jessica Edwards, Ivy Erickson, Shyanne Evans, Phyllis Fernandez, Ellen Firme, Rosalind Fraker, Gabrielle Grajeda, Gloria Guth, Yao Hackett, Megaera Halter, Morgann Havig, Traci Heston, Don Hoang, Mary Huckins, Joseph Hunter, Kimera Hurst, Rodger Hurst, Brandon Johnson, Lindsay Johnson, Michael Kendall, Amber Lane, Michelle Leslie, Sean Lundin, Shalee Magorian, Nathan Mcguire, Daryl Moline, Alyson Nguyen, Steven Olivarez, Susan Parisi, Vincent Parisi, Kristy Park, Larry Price, Sharon Prioleau, Marvin Ramsey, Melissa Reinke, Emily Roncase, Clemencia Sanchez, David Santiago, Clinton Schad, Rachel Schlick, Jordan Sparks, Ricky Sparks, James Swader, Robert Vallet, Kirk Viera, Brianna Walters-Caffery, Kimberly Wegener, Ariel Winegardner, Soo Yi, and Jennifer Zucchero.

Kern River Valley Campus (18): Uriah Burke, Ashley Dye, Elizabeth Eisenhauer, Mary Gleason, Sierra Godfrey, Amber Haslam, Elizabeth Imbelloni Bryan Jackson, Terri Jo Kumar, John Linn, Charles Maxwell, Courtney Moore, Christina Newbern, Lavonne Ortiz, Heather Romagno, Joy Smith, Sarah Whalen, and Carolyn Wright.

Eastern Sierra College Center – Bishop Campus (5): Kelli Brown, Celina Hunt, Veronica Lee, Peggy Vega, and Sandra Warlie.

Eastern Sierra College Center – Mammoth Lakes Campus (6): Jesse Althaus, Dylan Clevenger, Silvia Escobar, Jeffrey Fox, Katelyn Kelly, and Kasey Morning.

CC Online (51): Rachel Anderson, Martha Avila, Lydia Bates, Patricia Bergeron, Audrey Billingsley, Debbie Brooks, Karin Burgess, Sebastian Busby, Brunnetta Case, Jessica Cash, Cabrina Churgin, Angela Creach, Christina David, Andres Davis, Valorie Dunehew, Allison Eierman, Tamera Evans, Jamie Flesia, Roxana Flores, Marcy Fowler, Heather Galyardt, Sabrina Gelbart, Jennifer Gravener, Pamela Gross, Maki Grossnick, Kelli Halstead, Amber Hanson, Robert Holly, Ethan James, Tisha Jansen, Vicki Johnson, Barbara Lieberman, Christopher Maloney, Tammy Marshall, Brittany McCarthy, Courtney Myers, Justin Nott, Keith Redman, Kelly Ressel, Colin Roberts, Bethany Samhaoui, Kellyann Sarad, Amanda Sater, James Siratt, Heather Suttle, Eriko Suzuki, Cathleen Swallow, Shane Walraven, Wendy Walsh, Jennifer Warfield, and Heidi Yi

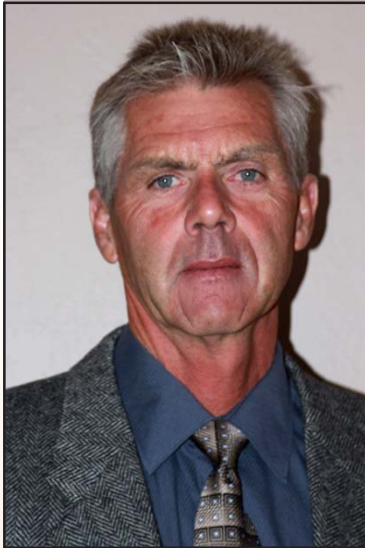
COLLEGE PRESENTED FREDDY HORN CONCERT

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso Community College are pleased to present a FREE concert by saxophone player, Freddy Horn and his band. The concert will be held in the College Sculpture Garden, located across the street from the gymnasium, on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Horn has led his own bands and played in many other groups in Los Angeles for over 15 years. He has worked with Les Claypool from Primus, jazz pianist Benny Green, blues guitarist Mike Bloomfield, San Francisco Bay area guitarist Ray Obiedo, rock singer Eddie Money, Chris Chaney-bassist for Alanis Morissette, and has also worked with Jimmy Kimmel and Wayne Brady on several television shows. Horn currently leads his own band which performs regularly in Hollywood and at jazz restaurants in Glendale, California.



CERRO COSO WELCOMES NEW FULL-TIME BIOLOGY INSTRUCTOR, DENNIS JENSEN



In response to growing demand for nursing and science programs, Cerro Coso Community College has hired full time Biology Instructor, Dennis Jensen, to develop and grow the health science, biology and natural resources programs at the Eastern Sierra College Center in Bishop and Mammoth. Jensen began his studies at Long Beach City College, earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from San Diego State University, a Master of Arts in Biology from the University of California-Los Angeles and studied the role of lipids and lipid metabolism enzymes in human disease at the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine for nearly a decade.

Jensen is no stranger to education or community colleges. He taught briefly at San Diego Community College and has been teaching and developing coursework for nearly 20 years at Cerro Coso Community College as an adjunct professor in Bishop and Mammoth. "Not only is Dennis an excellent biology teacher, but he also has a great handle on the ins and outs of the Mammoth and Bishop communities," commented Claudia Sellers, Full Time Biology Faculty Member and former Science Department Chair. In addition to being an experienced educator, Jensen is also an experienced scientist. He has worked with the California Department of Fish and Game for over a decade actively involved in restoring the endangered Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep.

"The Eastern Sierra College Center is thrilled to have Dennis as a full-time member of the faculty. He has been a tremendous resource for our science program to date and our college community is looking forward to his future contributions. The students flock to his classes - he has developed a teaching style that encourages and supports students in reaching their academic goals," commented Deanna Campbell, Director, Eastern Sierra College Center.

Jensen also relates to students on another level – his love for the Eastern Sierra. He is an avid climber, loves the outdoors and has been living in Bishop with his wife Lisa since 1984.



CERRO COSO COLLEGE TO OFFER BURGER'S SIERRA RETREAT PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



Participants from a past Burger's Sierra Retreat Photography Workshop

Due to the success of past Burger's Sierra Retreat Photography Workshops, the Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center is offering this workshop once again as a Community Education Class, instructed by Elizabeth Kenneday-Corathers. This popular Photography Workshop is being offered over three days: Friday, October 2, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 3 from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. There is a \$50 class fee. Class participants must be a minimum of 18 years old and the class is limited to 25 students. This workshop provides participants with field experience in photography at the historic Burger's Sierra Retreat. All levels of photographic skill are welcome, and both digital and traditional cameras can be used. Participants may choose to engage any or all of the weekend topics that include, but are not limited to, natural light; night techniques including painting with light and star tracking; macro photography; landscape techniques; and motion studies; as well as camera fundamentals. Since Burger's Sierra Retreat is "off the grid," a \$5.00 fuel charge is collected for the weekend usage. Meals are optional, but are available at the Retreat Workshop for a \$50 meal charge.

Located off Tioga Pass Road, this very special Photography Workshop location was first homesteaded in the 1880's by Sarah Noyes. In the early 1900's, millionaire L. C. Brand bought the land and built the present lodge for hunting. It was purchased by the Burger family in 1949 and is currently designated a Bird and Animal Sanctuary. It is used primarily today for family and educational purposes.

COLLEGE TO HOST 29TH ANNUAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY

Cerro Coso Community College is holding the others 29th Annual College and University Day on Thursday, October 1, 2009 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the College Student Center (1st floor of the main building).

Current college and high school students, along with members of the community are invited to meet representatives from selected University of California and California State University campuses, as well as private/independent colleges and universities, military services and Cerro Coso programs.

"This event helps students make choices about where it is best for them to continue their education; it is an integral part of our Transfer Program," stated Ms. Heather Ostash, Counseling Coordinator at Cerro Coso Community College.

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Indian Wells Valley

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(760) 384-6100

Kern River Valley

P.O. Box 3204
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Lake Isabella, CA 93240
(760) 379-5501

South Kern

95 MSS/DPE
140 Methusa Avenue
Bldg 2453
Edwards AFB, CA 93524
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Eastern Sierra College Center Bishop

4090 W. Line Street
Bishop, CA 93514
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Mammoth Lakes

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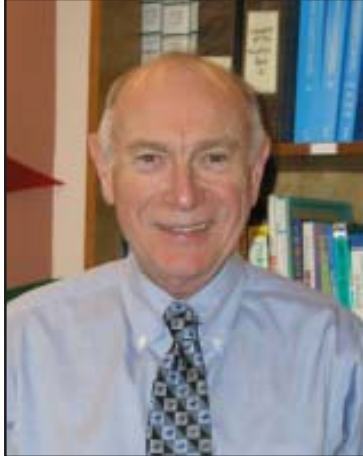


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CERRO COSO COLLEGE EDUCATORS SELECTED TO ATTEND PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTE



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Cerro Coso Community College administrators Ms. Jill Board, Vice President of Students Services along with Dr. James Fay, Vice President of Academic Affairs have been selected by a national review panel as two of only 33 community college leaders to attend the prestigious Executive Leadership Institute sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College. The 33 participants hold senior-level leadership positions in community colleges throughout the United States, Canada, and New Zealand.

Gerardo E. de los Santos, President and CEO of the League for Innovation, stated, "The review panel was extremely impressed with the quality of the applicants, which speaks well for the future vitality of the community college."

The institute, to be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, December 6-11, 2009, provides an opportunity for potential community college presidents or those in transition to review their abilities and interests, to refine their skills, and to participate in discussions on



among nationally and internationally recognized community college leaders. These include community college chief executive officers, experts in leadership development, community college trustees, presidential search consultants, members of the League for Innovation Board of Directors, and other prominent figures.

This is the Executive Leadership Institute's twenty-second year preparing senior-level community college administrators to successfully fill the presidential role.

The League is an international association dedicated since 1968 to catalyzing the community college movement. The League hosts conferences and institutes, develops web resources, conducts research, produces publications, provide services, and leads projects and initiatives with member colleges, corporate partners, and other agencies in a continuing effort to make a positive difference for students and communities.

CERRO COSO DEVELOPS ENGINEERING PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY NEEDS

Cerro Coso Community College has developed a program in Engineering in response to needs of China Lake and other defense contractors.

"The students taking these classes are locals, many of whom took pre-engineering courses at Burroughs High School in preparation for these classes. These students will be well-prepared for upper division engineering and we hope to welcome them back to the Indian Wells Valley and the local employment opportunities," stated Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College.

The husband and wife team of Gail Marie Petty and Sam Schoenhals have stepped up to start a scholarship endowment to assist these students with tuition and books.

"Our thanks to both for the \$2,500 donation to establish this engineering Scholarship at Cerro Coso. I encourage all the engineers in the valley to be part of this scholarship effort to educate our local students and support our defense employers by contributing to the Sam Schoenhals Engineering Scholarship Endowment," continued Dr. Retterer.

Individuals interested in making a scholarship donation, giving to the textbook fund or establishing a new scholarship endowment, are encouraged to contact the Cerro Coso Development Office at 384-6230.

COLLEGE TO HOLD DISABILITY WORKSHOP

October has been designated by Congress as Disability Awareness Month. Special Services and the ASCC (student government) of Cerro Coso Community College have partnered up to present **Overcoming Obstacles**, a day of special activities designed to build awareness of those in our community who face disability related obstacles every day. The Thursday, October 22 activities were **free** and open to the public. The events took place in both the Student Center



(L to R) Gail Marie Petty smiles brightly with Dr. Mary Retterer after establishing the Sam Schoenhals Engineering Scholarship Endowment in her husband's name at Cerro Coso College.

they provide our disabled students and citizens as well as career path information for those interested in further exploration.

Hope in Motion, a documentary featuring Christopher Reeve's tragic accident and subsequent courage as he sought healing, participated in ground-breaking research and reentered the entertainment industry was shown in the Student Center. A panel of volunteers shared their experiences of either "trying on" a disability or dealing with a disability every day. College Counselor, Bianca Andersen, spoke on understanding and celebrating diversity and differences. The evening ended with a special showing of award winning movie, *A Beautiful Mind*. Additionally, a challenge course was offered participants the opportunity to navigate common obstacles faced by disabled persons.

GAMERS WANTED! CERRO COSO CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE GAME TOURNAMENT

Do you love video games? Are you a Call of Duty fan? Sign up now for Cerro Coso Community College's Call of Duty Modern Warfare Game Tournament coming Saturday, November 14. Get a team together (4 people per team 30 teams total), or if you're a solo sharpshooter, come and join a team – all gamers are welcome and no one will be left out! The Tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m. with setup starting at 8:00 a.m. in the Learning Resource Center, Computer Lab. The tournament will go until approximately 8:00 p.m. and will end with the awarding of prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, as well as a variety of round prizes and door prizes.

"Cerro Coso's Game Tournament is a great way for the community to come and participate with their local college community. Not only is it a blast, but it's also a way for our community to learn more about Cerro Coso, the programs and services we offer, and check out our wonderful learning facilities," stated Cori Ratliff, Instructional Design Specialist and Digital Media Arts adjunct faculty. "Cerro Coso not only focuses on offering students a high-quality education, but the college is also interested in forming community partnerships and promoting the college within our local community."

Game Crazy, a local tournament sponsor, and Rent-A-Center will also be joining with Cerro Coso for this tournament and for our future tournaments coming soon. As this is an X-Box based tournament, it will be sure to thrill gamers of all ages and skill levels.

So, select your team captain, choose a team name, and hop online to sign up! All proceeds go to support the Associate Student Body of Cerro Coso Community College. Gamer fees are \$10. Participants can learn more about the tournament register and pay online via PayPal through the Cerro Coso website at www.cerrocoso.edu/campusgaming/COD09. Pre-registration deadline is November 11th, 2009.

The public and all gamers are invited to participate and have a chance to win some great prizes. Sign up today! For any questions or concerns please contact the Cerro Coso Game Committee Chairman at: 760-793-4537 or cerrocosgamemaster@gmail.com.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS
CALL OF DUTY MODERN WARFARE GAME TOURNAMENT & EXPO

OUR SPONSORS: **game crazy**, **U.S. ARMY**, **R&C**

WHEN: November 14, 2009 8:00am to 8:00pm
WHERE: CCCC Learning Resource Center
WHO: 17+ (under 17 requires parental consent)
WHAT: Prizes, and the thrill of the Competition
COST: \$10.00 registration

DETAILS: Come and compete with local gamers in one of the hottest games around on your favorite gaming console! Complete for cash and other great prizes! Lunch, snacks and other goodies for purchase by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso. Come Kick Butts.

REGISTER: Register early for limited possible entry fee. Payments accepted online via PayPal. <http://www.cerrocoso.edu/campusgaming/COD09>

FEATURING XBOX 360

COLLEGE TO PRESENT FREE CONCERT FEATURING DR. TOM FOGGIA

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso Community College presented a FREE concert by guitarist, and Cerro Coso instructor, Dr. Tom Foggia on Saturday, October 10, 2009 in the College's Luis Miro Sculpture Garden. Foggia performed a solo guitar recital featuring a variety of works on both classical and electric guitar. The program consisted of traditional classical and Spanish works, jazz selections, and songs by Santana.

Dr. Foggia, a native of Chicago, began his studies in classical guitar with Michael Adamczyk. At age 18, he won first prize in the Illinois String Competition. Foggia holds a Bachelor of Music degree with highest honors from California State University, Sacramento where he was awarded the CSUS Music Scholarship four years in a row. He also won first prize in the Bertha Stevers Scholarship, string division. Dr. Foggia holds a Master of Music degree from Arizona State University where he received two Regents Scholarships as well as a two-year Teaching Assistantship. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook where he received full scholarship and a Teaching Assistantship to teach music theory and guitar. Foggia has had the opportunity to study with some of the world's most gifted artists among which include Manuel Barrueco, Elliot Fisk, Paul O'dette, Timothy Walker, Albert Fuller, and Joe Diorio. Dr. Foggia currently serves on the faculty at Cerro Coso Community College.



CERRO COSO COLLEGE TO HOST NINTH ANNUAL PREVIEW DAY

The Cerro Coso Community College, Counseling Office will host the Ninth Annual Preview Day on Friday, November 6, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the College gymnasium. Juniors and seniors from local high schools have been invited to participate in the College's Ninth Annual Preview Day event. This is an exciting opportunity for students to "preview" the campus. Faculty and staff will be on hand during the "Information Fair" to pass out information about vocational programs, degrees, and transfer options. Students who attend will also be given a tour of the campus and served lunch. Interested junior and senior high school students should sign up with their high school counselor.



Nearly 200 junior and senior high school students attended the Cerro Coso Community College Preview Day last year.



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MORGANN HAVIG NAMED CERRO COSO'S FALL 2009 "STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"

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Joann Clark (left), Director of Information, Development and Alumni Relations, and Dr. Mary Retterer (right), President of Cerro Coso Community College, congratulating Morgann Havig, from the Indian Wells Valley Campus, as the recipient of the Alumni Association's Fall 2009 "Student of the Semester" award.

The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988 by soliciting nominations from the faculty at all campus sites. The Alumni Association proudly announces the recipient of the Fall 2009 "Student of the Semester" award is Morgann Havig from the Indian Wells Valley Campus. Havig was honored at an Alumni Association awards luncheon on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at Texas Cattle Company in Ridgecrest. Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considered in the selection process for this award. Havig is currently enrolled in 12.5 units, has completed 26 units, and carries and overall 4.0 GPA. She is majoring in Liberal Arts (Humanities) and plans on continuing her education after she graduates from Cerro Coso in May 2011. Her educational goals are to become certified as an interpreter



for the deaf and to earn her Bachelors in English literature, hopefully to continue on to earn a teaching certificate. Havig stated that she would love to teach at a community college, especially Cerro Coso Community College.

Havig was nominated for this award by Cerro Coso Community College instructor, Cliff Davis. Also supporting this nomination were faculty members Tom Foggia and Jon Tittle. Here are a few of the comments make by the nominating faculty members:

From Professor Cliff Davis: I have known Morgann for over a year now as a student in my English 101, 102, and 235 classes. I have been singularly impressed by her ferocious work ethic, tenacity, creativity, and generosity with her classmates and other students. Morgann is among the four or five hardest working students I have had in over twenty years of teaching at community colleges and universities, and she is a model of the acutely attentive, intellectually curious, and highly motivated student. Morgann is a rare example of a student who combines extraordinary academic achievements with impressive leadership and community involvement. She tutors approximately twenty students at Cerro Coso for some eight to ten hours a week and tutors several others outside of the college. She also volunteers in the ASL 101 classroom as a translator, as well interpreting and translating in the community.

From Professor Tom Foggia: Of the many students whom I have taught over the past 20 years, Ms. Havig stands out as one of the finest students that I have ever had the privilege of knowing and teaching. Her perfect 4.0 GPA is a testament to her commitment to this college and the pursuit of knowledge. Her passion towards her extra-curricular activities and community involvement is just as awe-inspiring. Academically, her work is exceptional. She has proven herself to be a serious, dedicated student who, in spite of her extremely busy schedule, never hesitates to help others. Morgann is a raising star who will make Cerro Coso proud.

From Professor Jon Tittle: Morgann is one of the best students I have had during my 35 years with Cerro Coso. There are many qualities that make her an exceptional student. She is always very well-prepared for class. During class discussions, I could always count on Morgann to make thoughtful observations because she had thoroughly read the assignments and, often, done additional research on topics that were of particular interests to her. She is enthusiastic about her studies and genuinely enjoys being a student. She likes being challenged and possesses the intellectual skills and courage to effectively support her ideas.

“The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on Morgann Havig and acknowledge her many achievements by selecting her as the Fall 2009 Student of the Semester,” stated Joann Clark, Director of Information, Development, and Alumni Relations. Havig was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, a special Cerro Coso remembrance gift, her name added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award, and her photo will be displayed on the “Student of the Semester” bulletin boards at the IWV Campus.

PRESIDENT OF CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT PLANS

Dr. Mary Retterer, the seventh President of Cerro Coso Community College located in Ridgecrest, California with educational centers located in Mammoth Lakes, Bishop, Edwards AFB, and Lake Isabella announced her retirement effective June 30, 2010, concluding four years at the helm of the institution.

Dr. Retterer's professional career includes 34 years of experience in the community college systems in California, Arizona, and Minnesota, 15 of these as a president. She has led urban colleges, community and technical colleges, and colleges with satellite centers in rural areas. She spent 11 years working in industry, motivating her to return to Crafton Hills College, Yucaipa, California to pursue her education. She was the first graduate of that college to be hired back as a full-time faculty member.

As the Superintendent/President of Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District from June 2004 to June 2006, Dr. Retterer instituted the first New Faculty Learning Academy, Safe Halloween, and a streamlined strategic planning process. Prior to that, she was President of Pima Community College's East Campus in Tucson, Arizona from August 1998 to June 2004. She started inter-collegiate athletics at the campus with a bowl-winning football team, oversaw growth of the Public Safety Institute, and brought the Veterinary Technician Program to the campus. Enrollment grew over 30% during her tenure.

Dr. Retterer has many years of teaching experience, including teaching business and accounting in the San Bernardino Community College District, 1981-1993; the University of Texas at Austin in 1992; and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, 1980-1981.

Dr. Retterer will be doing consulting in community college leadership, executive coaching, transformational leadership and executive searches. She is also a certified trainer for Development Dimensions International (DDI), a leadership & workforce development company.

Dr. Retterer and her husband plan to enjoy more golf, RV travel, creating original jewelry pieces, and spoiling their three grandsons.

WAIT LISTING IS COMING! WAIT LISTING IS COMING! WAIT LISTING IS COMING!

What is Wait Listing? Wait Listing is a program that allows the student to add their name to a class roster when the class is full. Wait Listing begins with Spring 2010 registration.

The student adds their name to a class wait list for the particular class from their Ban Web account. The only way to add a class to a wait list is from Ban Web. As soon as the student is admitted to a class from a wait list, however, the student will be dropped from other time-conflicting-wait listed classes. If a student has a pre-requisite or repeatability issue on their record, Ban Web will preclude them from signing up for a wait listed class to prevent this conflict.



Students who are rolled from a wait list to a class roster will be notified through their college email account. If the student does not use his/her college email account, the student must make sure that he/she links their more-often-used email to their college email account. Students can drop their wait listing classes at any time. When classes begin, students must make sure that they show up on the first day of onsite classes or logon to online classes within the first two days of class. Otherwise, the student will be dropped by the instructor and the first person on the wait list will automatically be enrolled. Students will need to assess the likelihood of getting into a class. If they are #20 on a wait list, if the class is online, he/she may still have an opportunity to enroll in the class, but probably not for an onsite class.

METAMORPHOSES MONDAYS

Metamorphoses, Cerro Coso's journal of literature and art, has launched a new "Metamorphoses Mondays" online series. Each Monday until the end of the Fall semester, *Metamorphoses* features creative writing or art by one student, alumna/us, faculty, or staff member. *Metamorphoses* has been publishing creative work since 1989; this new series was begun as a way to energize the college community around its creative voices and to share the work of talented writers and artists with a broader public. To read the latest work, visit *Met Online* at www.metamorphosesonline.blogspot.com. For more information, contact Gary Enns, Faculty Editor: genns@cerrocoso.edu.



Painting by Kelly Pankey

VTEA SUPPORTS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN RIDGECREST

The first Eastern Sierra Child Development Conference was held on October 24, 2009, in Ridgecrest. It was a HUGE success. The event was co-sponsored by the Eastern Sierra Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC), Kern AEYC, Early Childhood Council of Kern, First Five of Kern, and Cerro Coso Community College (VTEA).

The event provided training, networking and inspiration for early childhood professionals, students, and parents at an affordable cost. Participants attended the "Take A Stand" keynote address from nationally acclaimed ECE educator, Betsy Haas; 3 workshops; and a networking lunch along with browsing through 13 vendor booths.

120 people registered for this event representing 21 communities:

Bishop	Ridgecrest	Rosamond	Arvin
Boron	Bakersfield	Tehachapi	Onyx
Inyokern	North Edwards	Lancaster	Big Pine
Taft	California City	Lake Isabella	Lone Pine
Olancho	Trona	Mojave	Mammoth
Lamont			

The East Sierra AEYC Conference had the support of 20 presenters from Inyo, Mono, and Kern counties. The workshops included topics on advocacy, curriculum, and development.



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COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBER AWARDED OUTSTANDING SERVICE RECOGNITION



Karen O'Conner, Associated Professor & Faculty Chair of Business & Information Technology, Cerro Coso Community College, was recently recognized and presented with the Outstanding Service Award by The California Business Education Association (CBEA) at its annual conference.

The CBEA Award for Outstanding Service is CBEA's highest professional award. The award is given to a person or organization that has served and contributed to CBEA and business education in California through state leadership, service, research, and writing. O'Conner was also elected to the State Board of Directors for CBEA.

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CERRO COSO HOLDS AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING RECEPTION



The Cerro Coso Community College Bookstore hosted a special appearance by author, educator and lecturer, Norma Goldman on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the College Student Center. Professor Goldman, a guest of Cerro Coso instructor Charles Humphreys, is a world traveler, contributing speaker for the Nova Series "Secrets of Lost Empire," and has been active in the promotion of classical studies for over 60 years. As a Classicist and teacher, she fervently believes in the importance of the study of Latin. For countless years the Latin language was at the core of our educational system. Now, in the age of technology, it has a special importance. Technical vocabulary in the biological sciences, medicine and related fields are derived heavily from Latin-based words, and 70% of current English vocabulary is based on these roots. Furthermore, the study of language structure greatly contributes to an improved use of our own language.

Ms. Goodman is currently revising and updating her co-authored text, "Latin Via Ovid," which has been the standard for the Latin classes at Cerro Coso Community College for the past 19 years. Students of all ages have enjoyed the textbook, which uses Greco-Roman mythology as the basis for learning to read Latin.

19TH ANNUAL MAMMOTH LAKES FOUNDATION AND COLDWELL BANKER MAMMOTH REAL ESTATE FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS!



The Mammoth Lakes Foundation held its 19th Annual Coldwell Banker Mammoth Real Estate Friends of the Foundation Dinner on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at Cerro Coso Community College Mammoth Campus. Friends and supporters delighted in the sold-out event, which featured an elegant dinner, donor recognition and award ceremony, and a stunning performance by the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater.

Master of Ceremonies John Armstrong led the evening, which began with a cocktail hour and moved into a three-course meal catered by Anything Goes. Guests also enjoyed a raffle that included a Mammoth Mountain season pass and lift tickets, Kittredge Sports shopping sprees from \$200 to \$500, framed photography by Dave McCoy, and a Jill Kinmont Booth print.

Founder of the Year

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation honored the Town of Mammoth Lakes as Founder of the Year for supporting higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra. The Foundation would like to thank the Town, who has been an excellent partner in the planning and execution of the Eastern Sierra College Center and the South Gateway Student Apartments.



Volunteer of the Year

Kasey and Kelly Morning were each honored as Volunteer of the Year for their dedication to helping the Foundation, their reliability, and their helpful attitudes.

Both Kelly and Kasey are students at the Eastern Sierra College Center in Mammoth, Mammoth Lakes Foundation scholarship recipients, and excellent ambassadors of the Foundation's mission.

All proceeds from the Friends of the Foundation Dinner went to The Mammoth Lakes Foundation to support higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra. This includes providing local scholarships, supporting the Eastern Sierra College Center of Cerro Coso Community College, and operating the Mammoth Ski Museum. The Mammoth Lakes Foundation would like to extend a special thank you to all who attended, donated, and volunteered. Your support makes a huge difference!



ESCC BISHOP LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER NEW BOOKS: LOCAL INTEREST, LOCAL AUTHORS

The Bishop Campus LRC is pleased to announce the acquisition of a new collection of books on local history/interest, some of which were authored by local authors including Mark Shlenz, Elizabeth Wenk, Stephen Ingram, David Carle, Chris Langley, Mary Austin, and Jane Wehrey.

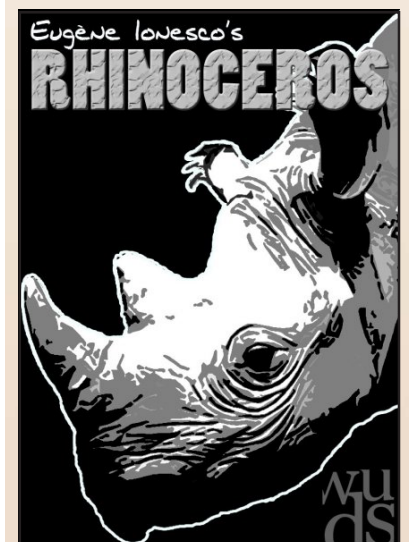
Seventy five books were published with funds raised from book sales and cover aspects of local interest such as Eastern Sierra Field Guides and Natural History, Water issues in the Owens Valley, Native American studies, and Sierra History including books about Manzanar.

The collection is currently on special display inside the library and is designated a "Reserve" collection for now. Students are encouraged to stop by the library and spend time between classes reading up on the fascinating stories surrounding the Eastern Sierra. We'll even provide unique and personalized bookmarks!



CERRO COSO ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR *RHINOCEROS*

Theatre is back on campus at Cerro Coso this spring. The Theatre Department will be producing *Rhinoceros* by Eugene Ionesco this semester. *Rhinoceros* is a masterpiece of the Theatre of the Absurd, a theatrical style developed in the 1950s and 60s that focuses on the meaning of life. *Rhinoceros* is a dark comedy about a strange turn of events in a small, provincial French town. In a mass display of conformity, the residents begin to transform into rhinoceroses. The central character, Berenger, a flustered "everyman," is the only human not to conform. Humorous and thought-provoking, *Rhinoceros* is a celebration of individuality. Scripts are available in the college book store. The acting parts, as well as the technical requirements for this show are quite challenging. Auditions were held the first week of class.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION GREEN JOBS EDUCATION -INITIATIVE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Southern California Edison (SCE) has launched a \$1 million Green Jobs Education Initiative to fund sustainable or “green” education and job training at 10 California community colleges, solidifying a commitment to its core philanthropic priorities – education and the environment.

“The Green Jobs Education Initiative holds the triple crown in our philanthropic portfolio. It will support education programs for college students, encourage environmental sustainability efforts and prepare skilled employees for the growing green jobs workforce,” said SCE President John R. Fielder. “It also has the additional economic benefit of supporting students and colleges facing crippling financial pressures.”

SCE will provide \$100,000 to each of 10 selected colleges. Each college can then invest these funds in the California Community College Scholarship Endowment to receive an additional \$50,000 match from the endowment's lead benefactor, The Bernard Osher Foundation. As a result, this match to SCE's gift will total \$500,000 and be put to work supporting community college students in need across the state.

The 10 community colleges selected for Green Job Education Initiative funding are:

- Cerritos College, Norwalk
- Cerro Coso Community College, Ridgecrest
- El Camino College, Torrance
- Golden West College, Huntington Beach
- Long Beach City College, Long Beach
- Los Angeles Southwest College, Los Angeles
- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, Los Angeles
- Rio Hondo College, Whittier
- San Bernardino Valley College, San Bernardino
- Ventura College, Ventura

The Green Jobs Education Initiative funding is designed to provide scholarships for dozens of students, each of whom will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship each year for a minimum of two years. The funding will support students with financial need who are enrolled in green job workforce preparation. This includes training programs or study of solar panel installation, water and wastewater management, transportation and alternative fuels, biofuels production and farming, environmental compliance or sustainability planning.

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CERRO COSO RECEIVES GRANT FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

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Southern California Edison (SCE) recently launched a \$1 million Green Jobs Education Initiative to fund sustainable or “green” education and job training at 10 California community colleges, solidifying a commitment to its core philanthropic priorities – education and the environment. Ten colleges were selected to receive \$100,000 each from SCE including Cerro Coso Community College. Cerro Coso Community College will invest these funds in the California Community College Scholarship Endowment to be matched by an additional \$50,000 from the endowment’s lead benefactor, The Bernard Osher Foundation. Deborah Hess, local Public Affairs for SCE presented the \$100,000 check to Cerro Coso President, Dr. Mary Retterer; Dean of Technical Education, Valerie Karnes; and instructor/department chair of the Industrial Arts Program, Larry Board. “This gift, plus the matching funds from the Endowment, will enable Cerro Coso to award a minimum of seven scholarships annually in perpetuity for students training for careers in Renewable Energy Technology. It will be a huge advantage to our students and to the local employers,” stated Dr. Mary Retterer.





CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FALL 2009 PRESIDENT'S LIST

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce that 176 students made the President's List for the Fall 2009 semester. This includes 81 students from the Indian Wells Valley Campus, 24 students from the Kern River Valley Campus, 12 from the Eastern Sierra College Center in Bishop, 14 from the Eastern Sierra College Center in Mammoth Lakes, and 45 CC Online students from various locations. This list is comprised of all students who achieved a grade point average of at least 3.75 while earning a minimum of 40 grade points within the Fall 2009 semester. It is the goal of Cerro Coso to recognize students who have significantly excelled in their academic studies. "The presence of students with high academic standards serves as an inspiration to both faculty and students alike," stated Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College.



HUMANITIES INSTRUCTOR PRESENTS AT THE PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLDS RELIGIONS

Dr. Anne Benvenuti, Humanities Instructor at Cerro Coso Community College, presented at a session on the neuroscience of spiritual practices at the Parliament of the Worlds' Religions in Melbourne, Australia last December. She was also an invited respondent to Jimmy Carter's session on the Imperative for Equity of Women and Girls in Religion, and about to publish a chapter in A Field Guide to the Neurosciences and Humanities, University of Chicago Press. Dr. Benvenuti continues to be a member of the United Nations Non Governmental Organization (NGO) Mental Health Committee.



CERRO COSO HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL EMPLOYERS SUMMIT

Cerro Coso Community College hosted the third Employer Summit on Friday, February 26th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the College Lecture Center. The employers in aerospace, military, mining, manufacturing and renewable energy industries have come together over the past two years and shared their needs for engineers and technicians. "Employer input has been critical in developing Cerro Coso's curriculum and training for the future regional workforce," stated Valerie Karnes, Dean of Career Technical Education. "We shared with the community what has been happening at Cerro Coso Community College in the development of programs including engineering, engineering technology, electronics, and renewable energy (solar/wind) technicians," continued Ms. Karnes.

The keynote speaker for the event was Robert E. McGahern, who works in a civilian capacity for the Office of the Director, Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E) as the Director of the National Defense Education Program (NDEP) K-12 Pre-Engineering Program (PEP). Mr. McGahern holds a master's in Systems Engineering Management from the Naval Postgraduate School.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Cerro Coso Community College Foundation President, Solomon Rajaratnam administers the oath of office to new Foundation Board Members Paul Valovich and Mark Swett. Mr. Swett joins the Foundation after working for the Naval Warfare Center for 23 years. He worked on explosives, rocket propellant and the design and testing of various weapons and weapons systems. "I am happy to be part of the Foundation and to help raise awareness of the College Foundation in the community to better serve our students," stated Mark Swett. Mr. Valovich is a Director of Business Development for DCS Corporation. He retired from the US Navy after a 30 year career in Naval Aviation and RDT&E including two tours at China Lake and one as Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Point Mugu. "I am looking forward to assisting the College and Foundation in meeting the needs of local employers and giving our students more educational opportunities," stated Paul Valovich.

The Foundation was established in 1977, as a non-profit corporation organized to receive scholarships and gifts on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College. The Foundation's primary purpose is to promote the welfare of the College.

CERRO COSO INSTRUCTOR CO AUTHORS WITH FORMER CERRO COSO STUDENT IN A SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL ARTICLE

Jessica Cash, a Cerro Coso Honors Graduate (2009), has co-authored a peer-reviewed article in a Scientific Journal. The print edition of this article will appear in the Journal of the Electrochemical Society in March (J. Electrochem. Soc, 157 (3) A298-A304 (2010)). The online version is already available. The article presents research on the behavior of polymer-based charge storage devices (called Supercapacitors) at extremely low temperatures. The research and development of new charge storage devices (which deliver more power than batteries) is a growing field generating a lot of interest. Jessica Cash is Majoring in Chemistry/Chemical Engineering at The University of California, Santa Barbara.

Corresponding author and Cerro Coso Chemistry Professor, Dr. John D. Stenger-Smith notes: "This is the first time that I've published a scientific paper with a student and it is a rare privilege for me to have had Jessica Cash as my student. She is an outstanding student and her laboratory work is exemplary."



CERRO COSO INSTRUCTOR RECEIVES STATE RECOGNITION



It was just an ordinary Tuesday, and after ending class and subsequent business with students of her Microsoft Word class Professor O'Connor returned to her office and proceeded to unpack what appeared to be a pile of textbooks and marketing information that arrived earlier in the day. The first envelope made from white cardboard was quite large and O'Connor wondered why Senator Roy Ashburn would be sending something addressed to her. Much to her surprise, the contents held a Certificate of Recognition from the California State Senate in honor of her recent award for Outstanding Service from the California Business Education Association in November 2009 at the annual conference.

With nearly six years at Cerro Coso Community College as a faculty member of the Business Office Technology Program and chair of the Business and Information Technology Department, she had previously worked for twenty years at a college in British Columbia, Canada doing nearly the same job, before landing in Ridgecrest. When asked about how she felt about the CBEA award and subsequent state recognition O'Connor said, "CBEA provides a priceless opportunity to work with inspired professionals from all over California. CBEA has provided so much collegiality and inspiration I feel as if I've been here all twenty-six years of my career, and have connections all over the state with other hard working faculty who share a passion for the slice of education I care about." As CBEA central section representative and board member, O'Connor says CBEA is a worthy organization, now in its 75th year, comprised of high school faculty, regional occupational coordinators/faculty, college faculty, administrators, and students of business/computers and career technical programs. The next conference is planned for November 5-7, 2010 in San Jose and O'Connor is the program chair. Interested individuals should view www.cbeaonline.org.

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CERRO COSO COLLEGE HIRES ERIE V. JOHNSON AS NEW DIRECTOR OF SOUTH KERN/ KERN RIVER VALLEY CENTER



Dr. Erie V. Johnson was recently appointed to the administrative staff of Cerro Coso College to serve as Director of the South Kern/ Kern River Valley Center. Dr. Johnson took the reins on January 4, 2010. He comes to this administrative assignment from Astoria, Oregon where he worked at Clatsop Community College in a variety of positions providing leadership for the colleges Career and Technical Education mission.

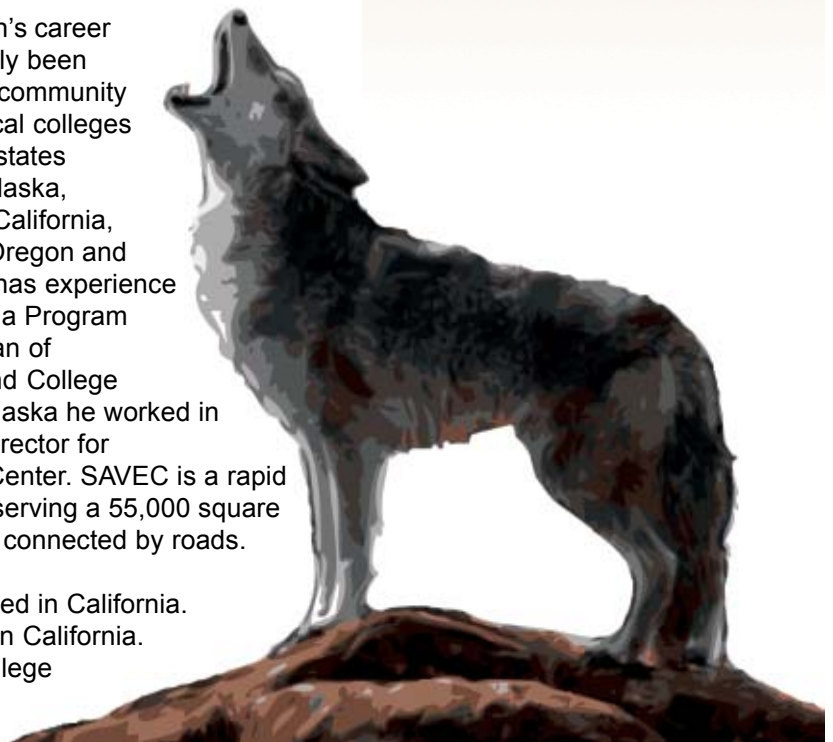
Dr. Johnson's career has primarily been working in community and technical colleges in western states including Alaska, Colorado, California, Montana, Oregon and Texas. He has experience working as a Program

Coordinator, Center Director, Vice President, Dean of Instruction, Division Chair, Executive Director, and College President. During his last four years working in Alaska he worked in rural Alaska where he was founding Executive Director for Southwestern Alaska Vocational and Education Center. SAVEC is a rapid response regional education and training center serving a 55,000 square mile area with 33 villages and only two that were connected by roads.

Dr. Johnson and his wife were both born and raised in California. They have two adult children working and living in California. When the position at Cerro Coso Community College

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opened they decided to apply to be closer to family and to move away from the 8 feet of annual rainfall that they experienced during the last three Oregon winters. Johnson attended Shasta College in Redding California where he received an Associates of Arts Degree in Agriculture. He then transferred to Chico State College and completed the Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Husbandry. Johnson then enrolled at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo completing his teaching credential and his Masters of Arts in Agricultural and Vocational Education. He next taught high school agriculture for three years in California and then returned to graduate school at the University of Wyoming completing an Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Administration. While in Wyoming he applied for and was hired to work in his first administrative leadership position at a community college in Colorado. While working for that college he completed the requirements for the Educational Doctorate Degree in Community, Vocational, and Adult Education from the University of Northern Colorado. Johnson, has chosen the community college for his life's work as he remembers how important a role that Shasta College played by preparing him to continue on with his education and allowing him to have a career that helps students as they prepare for their own journey.

The Johnson's reside in the Kern River Valley. Dr. Johnson works at the center located in Lake Isabella, refining educational services for the KRV region. He also works the South Kern portion of the centers service area at Edwards AFB. The college will seek to expand education and training opportunities for the residents and employers, including feeder high schools located in the southern portion of Kern County.

During his career Dr. Johnson has had the opportunity to help develop new colleges and or expand educational and training opportunities. With these experiences as part of his educational arsenal, Johnson is confident he can assist the college in its mission to the area Cerro Coso College defines as South Kern/Kern River Valley Center.

CERRO COSO HOSTS GUERREO MUSICAL AS PART OF "CONCERT IN THE GARDEN" SERIES

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso (A.S.C.C.) hosted the *Guerreo Musical*, a local band who plays Norteno, Cumbias, Rancheras and Latin dance music, on Saturday, March 27, 2010. This is the fifth concert in the "Concert in the Garden" series that the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) has been hosting for the enjoyment of the public. Featured band members include Albino Crescencio on bass; Eligio Chavez – lead vocals; Hermenegildo Chavez on drums; Martin Leal on bajosexto, accordion and vocals; Matthew Zubia – guitar and vocals; and Samuel Leal on accordion.



The next and final concert of this Spring's "Concert in the Garden" series is scheduled for April 24th. The ASCC will resume the "Concert in the Garden" series starting mid- September.

CERRO COSO TO HOLD SECOND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Second Annual Cerro Coso Golf Tournament is slated for Saturday, May 1 at the China Lake Golf Course. Sign-in begins at 7 a.m.

Cerro Coso Community College and the Cerro Coso Foundation have teamed up to host this fundraiser with proceeds going for student book scholarships. Shotgun, scramble time is 8:30 a.m. Registration fee of \$75 per player includes green fees for 18 holes of golf, lunch, ditty bags of goodies, and refreshments. New this year, all participants will receive a Cerro Coso logo shirt. Entry fee also covers two mulligan's.

There will be cash prizes for the top three teams. A cash prize for the team with the highest score, lowest score, and longest drive. There will also be Putting Contest prizes and Par 3 prizes. The Putting Contest will begin at 7:15 a.m. on tournament day. "True to our goals, six students will be awarded book scholarships of \$150 each 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.

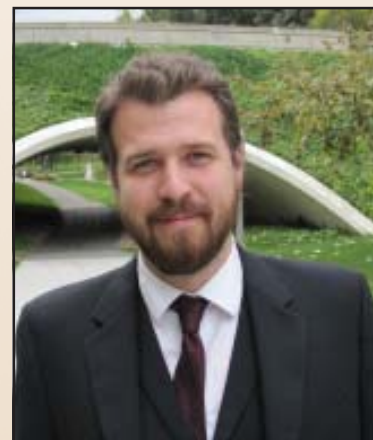
Call Dave Cornell at 384-6291 or John Daly at 384-6369 to obtain an entry form or for additional information.

CERRO COSO STUDENT PRESENTS RESEARCH AT ANNUAL HONORS TRANSFER COUNCIL

Daryl Moline, Jr., a Cerro Coso Community College student and member of the Cerro Coso Phi Theta Kappa Honors Program, presented his research at the annual Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Research Conference at UC Irvine on Saturday, March 6, and his conference presentation was published as part of the research conference.

Mr. Moline's presentation, entitled "From Jekyll We Hyde," explores the definition of *monster*, specifically through the example of Jekyll and Hyde. "It is not the monster under the bed that scares mankind; it is the monster on the bed. It is from Jekyll that we hide," he argues. "A monster is a psychological and literary device that personifies the negative aspects of man, grants man a level of disassociation, and is released into or from the mind to radical ends. Hyde proves this. He is the dark half of the duality of man, disassociated by science, and radical in action."

Dr. Christine Swiridoff, Cerro Coso's Honors Program Coordinator, accompanied Moline to the conference. "Daryl's presentation was engaging and intelligent. I probably would not have been so poised and brilliant in such a large public forum at his age," Dr. Swiridoff said. "He represented Cerro Coso wonderfully at the conference, and we are very proud of his accomplishment."



“The conference publication will also be helpful once he transfers,” Dr. Swiridoff continued. “Daryl plans to earn a dual degree in English and history. Hopefully his research, conference presentation, and abstract publication will open up opportunities for internships or research at his future university. As a graduate of Cerro Coso’s Honors Program and presenter at the HTCC conference, he stands a good chance to compete for these opportunities.”

CERRO COSO OFFERS IT’S FIRST SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC CLASS

The first Solar Photovoltaic Installation Class is currently being offered at Cerro Coso Community College. This 3-unit course is designed to prepare the learner with basic knowledge of photovoltaic systems, suitable for a supervised, entry level position with a dealer/installer or other PV industry company.



Go Green Solar provided a demonstration to the class in the past week with faculty member Larry Board. The instructional team provided a step-by-step demonstration on a small mock roof with over 30 students engaging in the hands-on exercise. By the end of the evening, the small photovoltaic system was activated and powered a lighting system. “I would like to thank Go Green Solar staffers for all their hard work and dedication for putting on the Solar Installation Workshop. The class participation was exciting to watch and the students went away with a real world hands on experience.” Stated Mr. Board

LAW ENFORCEMENT GRADUATION

January 23, 2010 at Centennial High School in Bakersfield was a proud day for twenty-one Cerro Coso Community College students who successfully completed the California Peace Officer Training Academy at the Kern County Regional Training Center in Bakersfield. This was the culmination of 840 hours of intensive instruction in the subject areas of: Community Policing, Criminal Law, Search and Seizure, Preliminary Investigation, Report Writing, Patrol Tactics, Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Physical Training and Vehicle Operations to name a few.

This course is certified through the California Commission of Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) which oversees the academy presenters. The instructional staff work in all aspects of the law enforcement community and are recognized subject matter experts in their chosen teaching field. Instructors are required to complete instructor development courses before teaching in the environment.



The academy is very demanding both physically and mentally and not all students make the end of the course, which makes the achievement of these graduates all the more special. These students have proven they have the right skills and abilities to begin a career in law enforcement. Roughly 80% of the graduates have already started the process of testing with law enforcement agencies within Kern County. Present for the Graduation was College President Mary Retterer and her husband Rich. The Public Safety Department at the college is proud to be a part of this vital training.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE PARTNERS TO OFFER K-12 CAREER TECH EXPO

Nearly two hundred middle and high school students attended the Career Tech Expo held at Burroughs High School on Thursday, February 25th sponsored by Cerro Coso Community College in partnership with Sierra Sands Unified School District and the Naval Air Warfare Center at China Lake.

Booths and displays were spread throughout the room for the students to visit. Booths from the Naval Air Warfare Center at China Lake included static displays, videos, missiles and interactive activities for students. Additional booths from Cerro Coso Community College, Project Lead the Way, Expand Your Horizons and student clubs were also available for students to ask questions regarding careers in the technical field. Students were actively engaged in asking questions as they ate pizza provided at the event.

Mr. Robert E. McGahern from the National Defense Education Program (NDEP) K-12 Pre-Engineering Program (PEP) talked about the existing and emerging needs in aerospace and the skill sets students need to be competitive in the job market. He encouraged students to engage in school and pursue scholarship and incentive programs.

The event culminated with a prize give-away. Prizes included 25 Cerro Coso logo t-shirts, a digital camera and an iPod. The digital camera was sponsored by Wal-Mart and the iPod was sponsored by Computer Science Corporation. Bradley Sutton from Murray Middle School won the camera and Brandon Jensen from Burroughs High School won the iPod.

“The Expo objective was to provide primarily 7-12th graders the opportunity to listen to a national aerospace keynote speaker, explore careers through interactive booths with hands-on stations for energy, mining and manufacturing. Students, teachers, counselors and parents were busy interacting with all of the displays, and talking with the personnel staffing the booths. The Expo was a wonderful event and we hope to provide this type of event on an annual basis for students,” stated Valerie Karnes, Dean, Career Technical Education, Cerro Coso Community College. The event was funded through the Kern Community College District.



DENIM & DIAMONDS DINNER, DANCING AND SILENT AUCTION



Denim & Diamonds committee members (L to R) Joann Clark, Mary Retterer, and Cheryl Gates are all smiles holding the posters for the upcoming "Second Annual Denim & Diamonds" gala. The festivities are planned for Friday, April 16, 5 pm. at the Kerr McGee Center. The sub-theme for this year's event is "Women of the Wild West." The evening consists of a wonderful two-meat catered dinner by Farris' Restaurant, dancing, and a silent auction. "We have lots of great items to bid on. We have weekend trips, assorted themed gift baskets, travel trailer camping rental, resort hotel stays, artwork, gift certificates, bbq grill, etc." stated silent auction coordinator Cheryl Gates.

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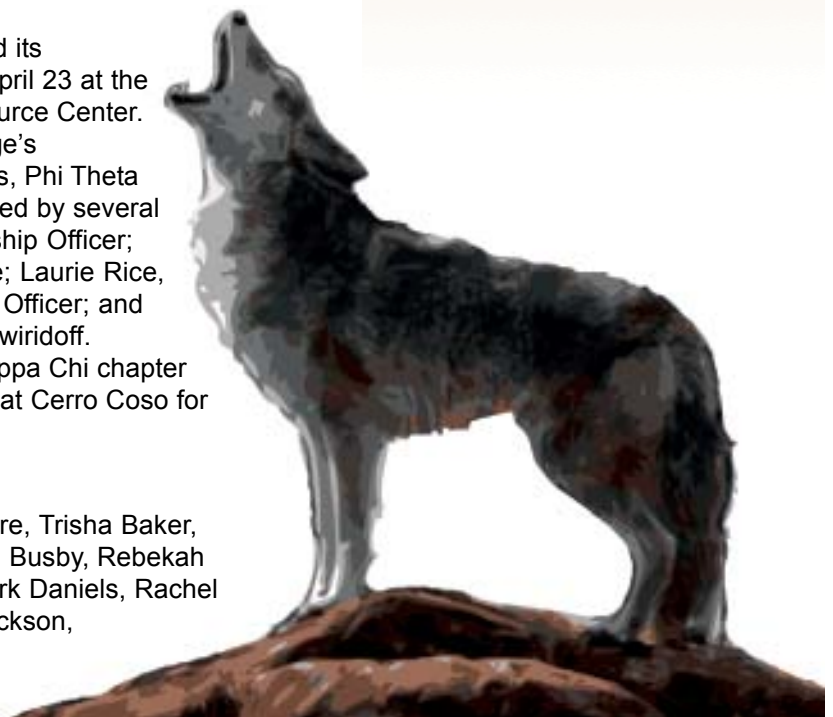


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Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society held its induction ceremony for its newest members on April 23 at the Cerro Coso Community College's Learning Resource Center. Dr. Mary Retterer, Cerro Coso Community College's President, was the keynote speaker. Diana Reyes, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, officiated and was joined by several other Chapter Officers: Michael Kendall, Leadership Officer; Terri Jo Kumar, Kern River Valley Representative; Laurie Rice, Treasurer; Sandy Smith, Service and Fellowship Officer; and Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Advisor, Dr. Christine Swiridoff. Seventy students were inducted into the Beta Kappa Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society at Cerro Coso for the 2009-2010 academic year:

Robert Allison, Nicholas Amrich, Francia Andre, Trisha Baker, Deborah Benson, Maria Boyanton, Sebastian Busby, Rebekah Cash, Megan Ciafardoni, Angela Creach, Mark Daniels, Rachel Davis, Sarah Deaton, Angie Delgado, Ivy Erickson, Sarah Farrell, Tim Farris, Tisha Fawcett,



Sarah Ferrucci, Ellen Firme, Crystal Freeman, Renee Garcia, Mary Gleason, Sierra Godfrey, Theresa Goldstrand, Elizabeth Grajeda, Jennifer Gravener, Gloria Guth, Earleen Halstead, Morgann Havig, Jared Hedges, Shelby Hinkey, Mary Inouye, Christina Jeffers, Trenton Jewett, Ashley Klassen, Paul Kuttig, Amber Lane, Susan Leatham, Amy Lowrey, Eveline Lugo, Angelika Meyer, Carolyn Meyers, Daryl Moline, Jr., Monica Morris, Alyson Nguyen, Albert Nicholson, Jr., Zulema Ortega, Ryan Oster, Aurora Ostrom, Karen Priest, Emily Roncase, David Santiago, Pedro Santiago, Darrell Scholzen, Andrea Shipley, Micah Shipley, Julie Smith, Michael Smith, Jordan Sparks, Jeffery Douglas Temm, Rena Tibbetts, Phetsavanh Tran, Katherine Tucker, Jennifer VanCamp, Melissa Wall, Shane Walraven, Tabitha Weaver, Kimberly Word, and Carolyn Wright.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of the Two Year College, founded in 1918. Its mission is to encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide development opportunities through participation in leadership and service. Cerro Coso joined Phi Theta Kappa and established the Beta Kappa Chi chapter in 2006.

These students earned the privilege to join Phi Theta Kappa based on their academic excellence, earning at least a 3.5 grade point average in degree- and transfer-level courses, making them the top 10% of Cerro Coso Community College students. By joining Phi Theta Kappa, they become life-long members of the world's largest honors society, have access to over \$36 million in scholarships, and join an outstanding fellowship of scholars.

REBEKAH CASH NAMED "CERRO COSO'S SPRING 2010 "STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"



The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988 by soliciting nominations from the faculty at all sites. The Alumni Association proudly announces the recipient of the Spring 2010 "Student of the Semester" award to Rebekah Cash from the Indian Wells Valley Campus of Cerro Coso. Cash was honored at an Alumni Associations awards luncheon on Wednesday, April 21 at Texas Cattle Company in Ridgecrest. Cash was nominated for this award by Cerro Coso College instructor Jon Tittle. Also supporting the nomination were faculty members Cliff Davis and Dean Bernsten. Here are a few comments made by the nominating faculty members:

Jon Tittle stated, "Rebekah is a truly outstanding student and very deserving of this honor. Rebekah has many qualities that make her an exceptional student. She is conscientious and thorough in all her course work. She always submits drafts of papers for me to review and consistently makes significant revision in papers that were already "A" work. Her writing skill are excellent. She has the ability to analyze issues from different perspectives. One of Rebekah's most outstanding academic skills is her willingness to address issues with both conviction and passion. She raises challenging questions during class

discussions and is able to critically examine both the opinions of others and her own views. She is optimistic and considerate of others.”

Cliff Davis stated, “I first became acquainted with Rebekah when she was enrolled in my Spring 2009 English 102: Critical Thinking through Literature section. Rebecca earned the highest grades on each of the four assigned essays, a superlative performance made all the more impressive by the unprecedented number of top-notch students in the 102 class that semester. Rebekah was the most consistently excellent of all thirty five students in that class. Rebekah also deserves recognition for her inspiring and tenacious performance as a tutor in the LAC. Rebekah has proven to be a highly effective and patient tutor to a number of students who have sought assistance with their writing.”

Dean Bernsten stated, “A semester long Probability and Statistics class significantly challenges all students. If the class is taken during an eight-week long condensed summer session, then these challenges are greatly magnified. The class that semester consisted of nineteen student’s, it was the most academically competitive group of students I’ve ever had the privilege to teach. Rebekah earned an “A” in this class.”

Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considered in the selection process for this award. She is currently enrolled in 13.0 units, has completed 20.0 units, and carries and overall 4.0 GPA. Cash currently is a tutor in the subjects of English, Reading, and Chemistry in the Learning Resource Center at the College.

“The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on Rebekah Cash and acknowledge her many achievements by selecting her as the Spring 2010, “Student of the Semester,” stated Joann Clark, Director of Information, Development, and Alumni Relations. Cash was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, a special Cerro Coso remembrance gift, her name added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award, and her photo will be displayed on the “Student of the Semester” bulletin board at the IWV campus.

CERRO COSO OFFERS EARTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) celebrated Earth Day by facilitating a week of “Green” events.

- Beginning Monday, April 19 the students painted the windows of the Student Center with “Green Scenes”.
- Tuesday, April 20 was “Open Mic Night” where the public or students shared their opinions, talent or lack thereof.
- Wednesday the 21st was “Movie Day” in the Student Center. The subject of the movies shown pertained to saving the Earth and its resources.

- Thursday, April 22 was Earth Day. At 10:00 am, in front of the LRC (Library) booths were set up for the community to come and be informed about conserving our natural resources. Some of the many groups included: the Southern California Edison, a group from the BLM, docents from Maturango Museum, IWW Water Company, and other community groups. It also was a B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bowl) as the ASCC served soups and other menu items.
- Friday, April 23 at 8:00 am was Campus clean up. Students cleaned various areas of the campus, painting curbs and performing maintenance tasks. The ASCC served a pancake breakfast for all the workers.
- Saturday, April 24 was the last “Concert in the Garden” for this semester. The band was ELEVATION 406, they are a classic rock group from Bakersfield.

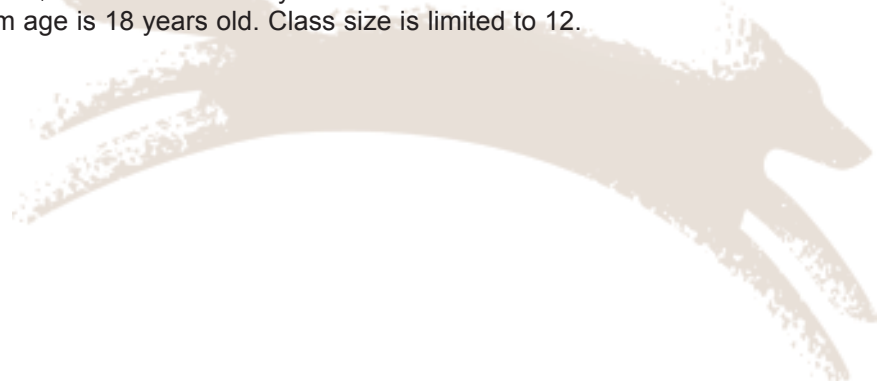
“All these events were open to the public all free, courtesy of the ASCC,” stated Kim Schwartz, ASCC faculty advisor.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERING FILM MAKING WORKSHOP AT CALIFORNIA CITY STUDIOS

Cerro Coso Community College is offering a Community Education six week “Film Making Workshop” at the California City Studios beginning May 3 through June 11. The class will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Class times may vary some to accommodate night filming.

This workshop is designed for people who wish to study the craft of filmmaking in a hands-on environment; this filmmaking workshop challenges students to produce films over a period of 6 weeks. Unlike other film schools, students will begin to learn how to write, shoot, and edit their own films from their very first day. “Many film schools just hand the students a book...not us. The students will collectively direct a short film that is then screened and critiqued in class,” stated Russell Michael, Owner of California City Studios and Film Making Workshop Coordinator. Students will devote a full 3 weeks to just producing, directing and editing their final film project.

There is a \$1550.00 Community Education fee for this course and the minimum age is 18 years old. Class size is limited to 12.



"For students with little or no filmmaking experience, the six week "Film Making Workshop" offers the best of all worlds: focused learning on topics of immediate interest to the student, hands-on film shoots, and the opportunity to make a fully-realized final film," stated Dr. James Fay, Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

For more information visit the Cerro Coso Community Education website: <http://www.cerrocoso.edu/communityed> or call Cerro Coso's Cheri Plett at (760) 384-6151. Registration forms can be found on the Cerro Coso Community Education website. Students can mail or fax completed forms to the phone number and address listed at the top of the form. Students can also register at the Indian Wells Valley Campus, Admissions and Records Office.

CERRO COSO STAFF HELPING ANIMAL SHELTER PET FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE

As part of the Kern Community College District Leadership Academy, Cerro Coso College staff members Angela Sellers and Kim Schwartz promoted a Pet Food & Supply Drive to help support the Ridgecrest Animal Shelter.

Over a three week period, with the generous help from the community both food & a variety of cleaning supplies were collected with an estimated value of \$900. The Shelter Director, Mary Stage determined the supplies received will fill the needs of the animals for approximately two to three months. Kim Schwartz stated " We are appreciative of the community's response to this drive as well as the willingness of local businesses to participate. Ridgecrest steps up again, thank you!"

Understanding the needs of the shelter is essential in our community. "As animal advocates we can all help bring relief to the shelter's resources by continuing this new venture. We plan to expand this project by challenging businesses in the community to participate through their own individual drives," stated Angela Sellers. Please Contact Kim Schwartz at 760-384-6376 if your business is interested in running a drive for the shelter.

A special Thank You to Budget, Dollar Tree, Home Depot, Rite-Aid, True Value, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, and KZIQ for their support in making this event a great first time success.



(L to R) Kim Schwartz, Associated Student's of Cerro Coso faculty advisor; Mary Stage, Animal Shelter Director; and Angela Sellers, Administrative Assistant to the Dean are all smiles after a successful Pet Food and Supply Drive. Schwartz and Sellers encourage other businesses and individuals to conduct their own Pet Food and Supply Drives. "

PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP AT CERRO COSO

On Saturday, April 24, 2010, the community was invited to attend a free and open Playwriting Workshop at Cerro Coso Community College, hosted by the Cerro Coso Theatre Department and sponsored by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso.. The workshop took place in the college Lecture Center from 2:00-6:00 pm. Prince Gomolvilas, a Professor in the Master of Professional Writing Program at USC and in the David Henry Hwang Writers Institute at East West Players, will lead the workshop. The workshop was address in the process as well as the business side of playwriting.

Prince Gomolvilas has extensive training and experience in playwriting. His plays include *BIG HUNK O' BURNIN' LOVE* (East West Players, Los Angeles, 1998), *THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING* (Singapore Repertory Theatre, Singapore, 2000), *BEE* (Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, San Francisco, 2001), and the stage adaptation of the Scott Heim novel, *MYSTERIOUS SKIN* (New Conservatory Theatre Center, San Francisco, 2003), which have been produced around United States and in Singapore. *THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING* was published by Dramatic Publishing. He received the PEN Center USA Literary Award for Drama; Julie Harris/Janet and Maxwell Salter Playwright Award; International Herald Tribune/SRT Playwriting Award; East West Players' Made in America Award for Outstanding Artistic Achievement for the Asian Pacific Islander Community; grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation; and a screenwriting fellowship from The Chesterfield Writer's Film Project, a program sponsored by Paramount Pictures. He also writes *BAMBOO NATION*, an arts and entertainment blog, and he tours around the country with musician Brandon Patton as part of the critically acclaimed, storytelling, song-singing, bingo-playing duo, *JUKEBOX STORIES*. He teaches in the Master of Professional Writing Program at the University of Southern California and in the David Henry Hwang Writers Institute at East West Players. He received his M.F.A. in Playwriting and his B.A. in Film from San Francisco State University.



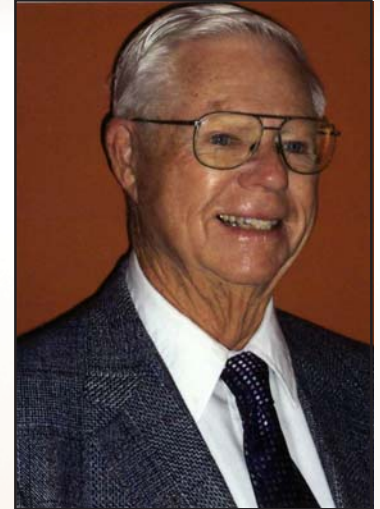
LION'S CLUB SPEECH CONTEST

On Saturday, April 24, four high school seniors competed for a scholarship award of \$4,500. Their speech topic was "Universal Health Care and How It Will Affect Us." Dr. Mary Retterer was one of the judges for this event, held at the Ridgecrest City Council Chambers, as was faculty member Janis Jamison. The winning speaker was **Kristina Blum**, a resident of Bishop and a part-time student at Cerro Coso's Bishop Campus. This amazing young woman, pictured with her Seeing Eye dog, **Lindy**, demonstrated preparation, poise, and amazing mastery of the topic. All of the student competitors were outstanding speakers and President Retterer offered each one of them a place at Cerro Coso for the coming year!

CERRO COSO FACULTY RECEIVES AMERICAN CLASSICAL LEAGUE MERITUS AWARD

It is with distinct honor that Mr. Charles L. Humphreys, an Adjunct Faculty, with Cerro Coso Community College, has been selected to receive the American Classical League's (ACL) Meritus Award. The award is presented annually to classicists in recognition of their sustained and distinguished services to ACL and the profession at large.

The awards are presented each year by the ACL President during the annual Institute Banquet. Our meeting this year is in Winston Salem at the invitation of Wake Forest University and the banquet will be on Monday June 28, 2010.



RHINOCEROS TO BE PRESENTED AT CERRO COSO THIS WEEK

Cerro Coso Community College Theatre Department is proud to present *Rhinoceros* by Eugene Ionesco, Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the Lecture Center.

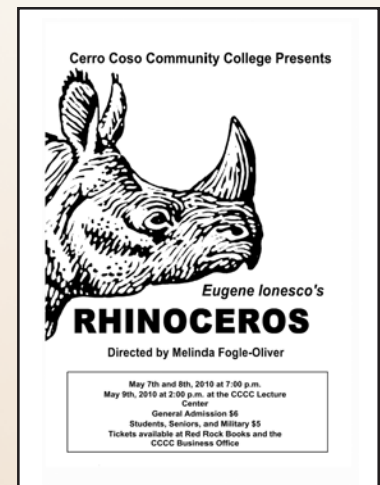
What happens when the normal routine of a small French town is shattered by the trumpeting of a rhinoceros? This play follows such a situation as a man named Berenger (played by Joshua Haefele) discusses with his neighbors, coworkers, best friend, Jean (Thomas Cozine), and the object of his affection, Daisy (Heather Blanchard), the absurd situation of a rhinoceros rampaging through the town one Sunday morning. Was there only one? Were there two? Was it an African or Asiatic rhinoceros? Does it have one horn or two? Where did it come from? And why does there seem to be fewer people than pachyderms?

Join Berenger, Jean, Daisy, and the rest of this talented cast as they try to navigate day-to-day life surrounded by rampant rhinoceroses. Will they capitulate? What would it take? *Rhinoceros* will be performed in the CCCC Lecture Center Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the CCCC Business Office and Red Rock Books for \$6 General Admission and \$5 for students, seniors, and military. Do you have it takes

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOLD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

The Cerro Coso Community College Commencement exercise is slated for Friday, May 14 at 6 p.m. Commencement will be held in the Gym located in the Raymond A. McCue Athletic Complex on the west side of College Heights Blvd. in Ridgecrest. Cerro Coso will be honoring nearly 250 eligible graduates from the



IWV Campus, Kern River Valley Center in Lake Isabella, South Kern Center at Edwards Air Force Base, and the Eastern Sierra College Center located in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes.

Ridgecrest Chief of Police Ron Strand has been selected as the Alumni Association's Distinguished Speaker. He is a 1995 graduate of Cerro Coso Community College earning an Associate Degree in Administration of Justice.

He also holds a Bachelors degree from the University of La Verne in Organizational Management. He has been with the Ridgecrest Police Department nearly 25 years and is an excellent example of what hard work, determination and a higher education can do for your future.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy, (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Juan Garcia is expected to be in attendance and will address the graduates.

The Jazz Tones a twelve member musical group from the Kern River Valley will be performing a pre-commencement concert. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE TO HOLD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE AT ESCC-MAMMOTH CAMPUS

The Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC) will hold its 6th Annual Commencement Ceremony at the Mammoth Lakes Campus on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. The Mammoth Campus is located at 101 College Parkway in Mammoth Lakes. Commencement speakers include: President of Cerro Coso Community College, Dr. Mary Retterer; Director of ESCC and Mammoth Lakes Foundation Board Member Ex-Officio, Deanna Campbell; campus student speakers Barbara Lieberman, Kristy Allred and Kelly Morning; Alumni Speaker Mitch Pain; and Kern Community College District Trustee, Stuart Witt.

"ESCC is excited to have another large graduating class this year. We welcome the community to join us in recognizing all of our graduating students and celebrating their accomplishments," stated Deanna Campbell, Director of Eastern Sierra College Center.

The Felici Trio will be providing the music for both the Commencement and the reception immediately following the ceremony.

The public is cordially invited to attend this event hosted by Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra Foundation, and the Mammoth Lakes Foundation.

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JILL BOARD NAMED 8TH PRESIDENT OF CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Sandra Serrano, Chancellor of the Kern Community College District, announced the appointment of Jill Board as the 8th



President of Cerro Coso Community College, to take office in July.

Ms. Board, President-Elect, replaces retiring president, Dr. Mary Retterer, to become Cerro Coso Community College's eighth president — and the third woman in a row to hold the position. The Kern Community College District Board of Trustees found Ms. Board's 21 years of community college background and experiences a good match for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the college.

As Vice President of Student Services at Cerro

Coso, Ms. Board is responsible for planning, developing and evaluating a college-wide comprehensive student services program and intercollegiate athletic program. She has fiscal oversight and management responsibilities for state-restricted and unrestricted budget allocations, administers the student conduct process, and serves as the Title IX coordinator and the Americans with Disabilities Act compliance officer. Previous positions held by Board at Cerro Coso included: Dean of Student Services; Dean of Student Learning; Director of Admissions and Records, Matriculation and Student Activities; and Counselor/Coordinator for Special Services.

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For the Kern Community College District, Ms. Board was a member of the Management Negotiations Team, meeting in negotiations with both the faculty and classified (support staff) unions. She served on the District Vice Presidents Committee and participated on steering committees to implement district wide technology operational plans and software. At the state level, Ms. Board served on a Degrees and Certificates Committee, led a California Community College Chancellor's Office Student Services Categorical Review Team, and participated in Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation teams in 2007 and 2008.

Ms. Board has been accepted into the League for Innovations Executive Leadership Institute in 2010 and has completed a long list of other leadership institutes, including the American Association of Women in Community Colleges National Institute of Leadership Development in 1998.

Her professional association involvement has been in the American Association of Community Colleges, California Community College Chief Student Services Officer Association, California Community College Counselor Association, and the California Association for the Physically and Educational Disabled.

Ms. Board has a Master's Degree in Counselor Education from California State University, San Bernardino, and a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, Washington.

KCCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PLANTS TREES FOR THE FUTURE

Employees of the Kern Community College District Leadership Academy recently participated in Garden Fest 2010 held in Bakersfield on April 24. The group comprised of leaders from all three colleges in the District included: Tammy Kinnan from Cerro Coso Community College; Stewart Hathaway from Porterville College; and Tim Carroll and Susan McQuerrey from Bakersfield College. The theme for this year's Earth Day event was "Garden Fest Green and Clean". The KCCD Leadership Team raised over \$600 in their efforts to raise awareness of environmental issues and to demonstrate how easy going green can be.

"Trees for the Future" was the theme for their project. Renowned Architect, Frank Lloyd Wright once said "The best friend on Earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources of the Earth." The Team thoroughly enjoyed the project and the opportunity to show their willingness to do their part to protect and sustain the natural environment. "Trees will be planted at all three colleges to promote responsible stewardship of our natural resources," stated Kinnan.

The Kern Community College District's Leadership Academy is designed to prepare employees for management and supervisory roles and to learn more about the Kern Community College District and the California Community College System.



KCCD Leadership Team (l to r) – Tammy Kinnan, Cerro Coso Community College; Susan McQuerrey and Tim Carroll, Bakersfield College; and Stewart Hathaway from Porterville College.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOLD CAPPING AND NURSING PINNING CEREMONY



The Cerro Coso College Nursing Class of 2010: Top row (l to r) Charise Jones, Kelly Greedy, Michelle Raley, Billie Jo Prevost, Trey Galvan, Amber Mattfeldt, Vanessa Gilbert, and Sherri Sherwood. Bottom row (l to r): Kara Fitzgerald, Bonnie Hall, Taryn Foust, Sumaiyya Ansari, Julie Meadors, Amy Linck, and Dawn Spevack.

Success has been achieved by 14 Student Vocational Nurses at the Cerro Coso Community College, IWV Campus. A formal Capping and Nursing Pinning was held on Saturday, May 15 at 3 p.m. in the College Gymnasium.

“The nursing ceremony is a well-known and honored event. Students start planning for this ceremony very early in their three-semester program,” stated Cheryl Gates, Director of Vocational Nursing and Health Career Programs at Cerro Coso Community College. “We are honored to have Betty Pate, FNP as our guest speaker for this year,” continued Gates.

The highlight of the ceremony is always the candle-lighting and recitation of the Nursing Pledge. The nursing capping and the Nightingale Ceremony remain a treasured part of the total student nursing experience. Formal recognition will be provided to the graduates and to their families and friends, who supported them during their numerous hours of study, reading of their textbooks or working at clinical facilities. The ceremony provides validation that the difficult and adventuresome college experiences have been achieved.

The Pink Ladies Auxiliary from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital provided the light lunch reception prior to the ceremony.



Pam Coward
Human Resources Assistant
Indian Wells Valley Campus
Cerro Coso Community College

CERRO COSO COLLEGE “CLASSIFIED STAFF OF THE YEAR” RECOGNIZED

Pam Coward is one of those people others just like to be around. She isn't pretentious. But she does have a wonderful heart-warming smile and a great sense of humor. Ms. Coward is loved by her fellow classified staff members. “It would be hard to find anyone that doesn't smile or have a positive word when Pam's name is mentioned,” stated Shelley Crabtree, Classified Senate President.

Pam Coward has been employed in the Human Resources (HR) Office at Cerro Coso Community College since 2000. This year Pam Coward has been honored with the Classified Senate “Classified Staff of the Year Award”. She has also been described as friendly, outgoing, personable, and very knowledgeable in her job. Pam is always willing to stop whatever she is doing and help anyone that stops by her desk – she is never too busy to help. She takes the time to research questions and relays the information in an accurate and timely manner. “Pam Coward puts a face on the HR Department that could not be more welcoming,” stated Clint Dougherty, Human Resource Manager. “She is truly one of a kind on our campus and richly deserves this year's Classified Senate Staff of the Year Award,” continued Shelley Crabtree.



Awardees

CCCC SPECIAL SERVICES PROGRAM HOLDS 29TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

On Friday, April 30, 2010, the Special Services Program presented their 29th Annual Awards Ceremony “Moving Mountains”. The event began with a delicious buffet brunch provided by Bill Farris and accompanying musical serenade by Dr. Tom Foggia.

Over 128 students, faculty and staff were in attendance to observe the presentation of the well deserved recognition of 4 awards, 2 certificates of completion, and 32 associate degrees.

The Alumni speaker, Margaret Hunter, spoke of her journey as a Special Services Student and encouraged the audience to continue the climb.

Presentations were made for Staff of the Year, April Nail; Faculty of the Year, Karee Hamilton & Laura Vasquez; and Student of the Year, Kimberly Tanner, of the IWV campus. Also honored was Karen Patino, Staff of the Year; Gary Enns, Faculty of the Year; and Kelly Panke, Student of the Year, of the KRV campus. The Student Services United Club recognized graduate Cheryl Bradley as their Student of the Year.

The program acknowledged retiring CC President, Dr Mary Retterer, for her dedication to, and support of, the Special Services Program. An acappella musical presentation by Janis Jamison of “Climb Every Mountain” from the “Sound of Music” was enjoyed by all. The event closed with a “Reflections” of the year in pictures and music.



Jill Board, Vice President Student Services and Susan Smith retiree and founder of the Special Services Program.

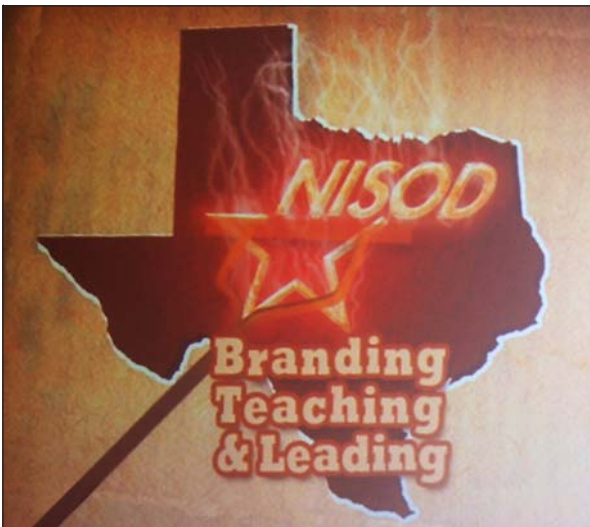


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CERRO COSO STAFF ATTEND ANNUAL NISOD CONFERENCE

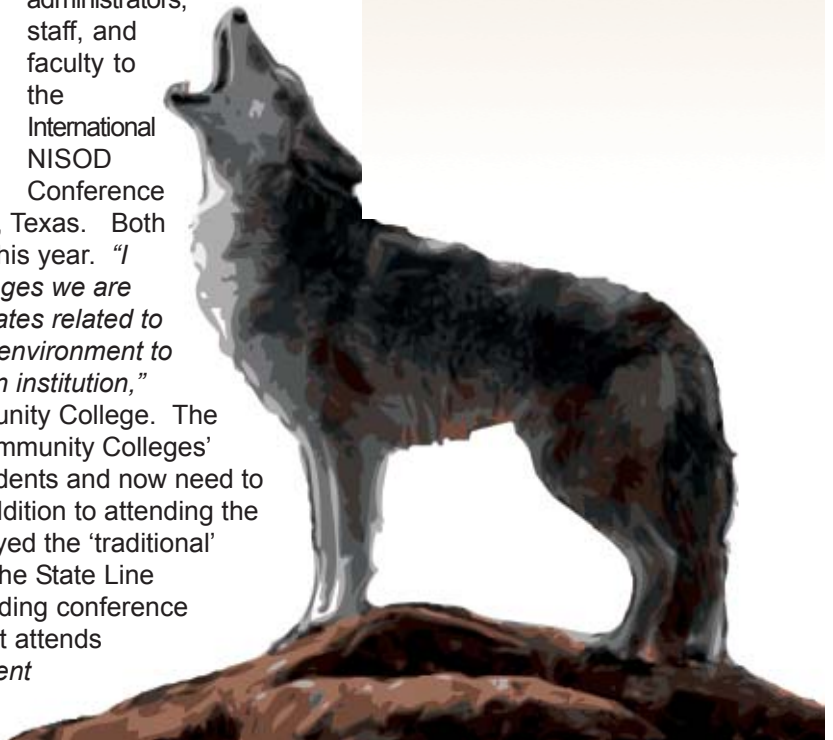


Since 1978, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) has been dedicated to the professional development of faculty, administrators, and staff of over 700 community colleges worldwide. This year Cerro Coso Community College sent six administrators, staff, and faculty to the International NISOD Conference

on Teaching and Leadership Excellence in Austin, Texas. Both Jill Board and Mary Retterer were in attendance this year. *"I found many sessions very pertinent to the challenges we are facing at Cerro Coso, from meeting federal mandates related to authenticating students in the online instructional environment to evaluating just how innovative you really are as an institution,"* stated Jill Board, President of Cerro Coso Community College. The general sessions reinforced the message that Community Colleges' have done a great job of increasing access to students and now need to focus on students' success and completion. In addition to attending the conference's sessions the Cerro Coso Team enjoyed the 'traditional' meals at a local Mexican restaurant and BBQ at the State Line Restaurant. *"NISOD is, by far, the best team-building conference for faculty and staff, especially when the president attends with the team."* stated *Mary Retterer, Past-President of Cerro Coso Community College.*

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What other participants are saying:



Charles Martin, Adjunct Math Instructor, Adjunct Faculty of the Year

“The amount of information presented at the conference was mind numbing,” stated Charlie Martin, Adjunct Math Instructor, at Cerro Coso Community College. Martin was the recipient of the Associated Students of Cerro Coso Adjunct Faculty “Award for Teaching Excellence” in 2009. Serving, engaging, and inspiring higher education faculty, staff, and administrators are the focus of the Annual NISOD conference. Martin found the information to be very valuable and overwhelming at times. *“It’s exciting and you want to take it all in, but there is just so much going on,”* stated Martin. One of his favorite presentations was on “Surviving and Thriving in Today’s College Classroom.” He plans to implement some of the strategies discussed in the presentation including: getting to know his students better sooner, in order to engage them quicker in the study of math. Research has shown that the better engaged a student is in a subject of study the better they are at mastering the subject. *“I really want to experiment with this concept and see if it helps my students”*, stated Martin. *“My recommendation to future participants is to be prepared for the array of information that is presented over the span of this four day conference.”*



Rudy Solidarios, Custodian, Outstanding Classified Staff of the Year

“It was a memorable experience,” stated Cerro Coso classified staff member, Rudy Solidarios, on his attendance at the 2010 NISOD Conference. For the past two years Cerro Coso Community College sent administrators, faculty, and classified staff to the conference that have been recognized by their peers for their excellence in teaching and service to students. Solidarios, a custodian at the College since 1997, was named the 2009 “Outstanding Classified Staff Member of the Year” by his colleagues who honored him for his hard work, dedication, determination, and caring attitude. Solidarios was thrilled by the attention he received from conference attendees who were “friendly” and “congratulated” him on his achievement and service to the students. One of the highlights of the conference was the presentation given by outgoing Cerro Coso President, Dr. Mary Retterer, on the K-16 Bridge Program that combines in-class lessons, career education, and technology to increase the number of students transitioning to post-secondary institutions. *“With a daughter in high school, I see how important programs like this are to encouraging young people to continue on in their educations. I also have a better understanding of how important I am to the educational experiences at Cerro Coso Community College. I hope all classified get the opportunity to attend this conference at some point in their careers,”* concluded Solidarios.



Dr. Erie Johnson, Director of South Kern/Kern River Valley Center

“The conference was well done and worth the time and resources to attend,” stated Dr. Erie Johnson, Director of Cerro Coso’s Kern River site. *“One of the most important program strands of the conference was the focus given to the individuals receiving Excellence Awards from the different colleges. They were shown respect and recognized for the work they contribute at their colleges.”* Notable presentations attended by Dr. Johnson included “Partnerships that work: Leveraging resources to promote community engagement” presented by Susan Karr, President, Lone Star College, Texas. Karr shared how the college partnered with the Library and hospital to combine facilities and leveraged resources to benefit both students and citizens. He also attended Dr. Retterer and Mr. Piercy’s presentation on the “K-16 Bridge Program” created to address the college-going rates at their schools. *“This program combines in-class lessons, career education, and technology to create a college-going culture.”*

Also of high interest to Johnson was the presentation by Andy Vaughn, Director, Strategic Programs, Monster Public Sector and Education, New York on “Revolutionary Tools to Create the High-Performance Workforce”.

“Monster PSE has created data analysis and outreach programs to help create a high-performance workforce. They align curriculum with real needs and fill the pipeline with skilled talent to support regional economic development and strategies. Monster PSE also has general data for public use and focused data down to a county level that identifies competencies needed. They also show how many new and current employees are needed with these competencies and will help identify funding sources for their service,” concluded Johnson.

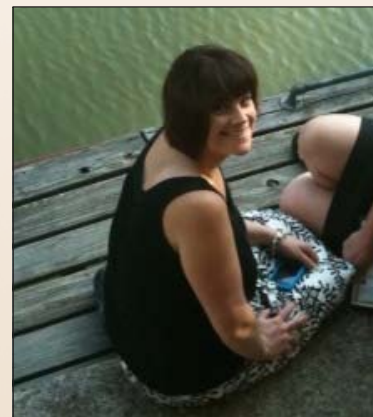
Kimberlee Kelly-Schwartz, PE Professor, Full Time Faculty of the Year

“My trip to Austin TX for the annual NISOD conference has left me with several lasting impressions. The first is an affirmation that community colleges are a system of excellence. Throughout our country community colleges create access to higher education to many who would otherwise would not have that opportunity. I loved hearing stories of success and creativity and teamwork, mostly because I see us doing that too,” stated Kimberlee Kelly-Schwartz, who was awarded the full time Faculty of the Year. Kimberlee attended several workshops on leadership and creating healthy and hardworking teams. *“My hope was to come away with ideas to be a better advisor and mentor to my student leaders. I got everything I was looking for and invaluable tips and ideas. I appreciate the opportunity to attend this conference! Thank you,”* she concluded.

Heather Ostash, Counselor, K-16 Bridge Program Coordinator

“Participation in the NISOD conference was an inspiring, energizing experience. The environment is one of creativity and innovation and the expectation is that this will be brought back to your home campus,” stated Heather Ostash who coordinates counseling services for Cerro Coso. Heather found that the breakout sessions offered a tremendous breadth of content. *“I attended sessions that ranged from demonstrations of software tools to improve instruction/services to strategies to make the employee evaluation process meaningful.”* The session on evaluations was particularly helpful for her. *“The evaluation process is the most important means we have for providing feedback to employees of the college, but can sometimes become a less than effective exercise. This session provided some practical strategies and some insightful questions about the nature of our processes that was both thought provoking and useful,”* she shared.

Heather also attended a session on the “Achieving the Dream (ATD),” a national effort to increase community college student success through data-driven decision making. The session highlighted schools participating in ATD, the process for looking at their outcomes data, and the strategies they have employed that are significantly improving student success and retention. *“These schools have engaged in challenging, candid conversations about what they do and do not do well and have used that information to effect meaningful change. The session was inspiring, and I look forward to the possibility of Cerro Coso participation in ATD,”* concluded Ms. Ostash.



I'M GOING TO COLLEGE BRINGS 5TH GRADERS TO COLLEGE CAMPUS



Cerro Coso Community College hosts area 5th graders at their annual "I'm Going to College" events in April and May. Students enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities including campus tours and department demonstrations in Health Careers, Solar Technology, Physical Education, and Lego Robotics.

On Thursday, April 29, 2010 Cerro Coso Community College hosted 250 area 5th graders as part of their "I'm Going to College" program. Children from all over the valley came to tour the college and enjoy a fun-filled day of activities, which included demonstrations from the college's Health Careers, Solar Technology, and Physical Education Departments.

The day began with a personal "Welcome" from the College President, Mary Retterer, and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. James Fay. Cerro Coso student ambassadors, baseball players, and Associated Student Body members then gave the children tours of the IWV campus including a trip through the Cerro Coso Child Development Center. Instructor Debby Kurti engaged the children with a Lego Robotics Demonstration in the Learning Resource Center and then the 5th graders were treated to a lunch in the campus courtyard.

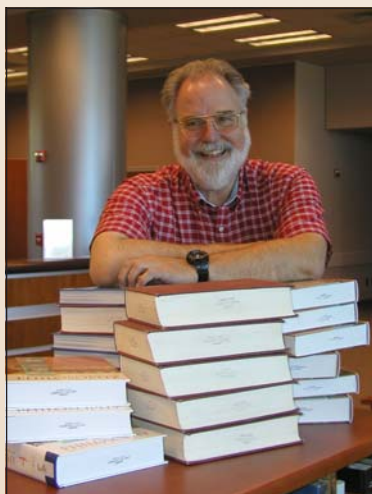
Another "I'm Going to College" event was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010. Yet another 170 area 5th graders from Inyokern, Gateway, Pierce, St. Ann's, and a group of homeschooler's visited the campus. Students were welcomed by President, Dr. Mary Retterer; Vice President of Student Services, Jill Board; and the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. James Faye. These students enjoyed demonstrations in Solar Technology, Web Design, Interactive Lego Robotics, and also explored the Library and Child Development Centers.

"The *I'm Going to College* event is a great opportunity for area children to learn about the wonderful things Cerro Coso has to offer, both academically and athletically. It's a fun-filled energizing day for everyone - the children, our students, administrators, instructors, and staff," stated President-Elect, Jill Board. "We began this program a number of years ago to expose children to the college experience and to encourage them to go to college. It's never too early to start planning for the future," concluded Board.

CERRO COSO OFFERS NEW "ASK A LIBRARIAN" SERVICE

Chat with a Librarian 24/7! The Cerro Coso Community College, Learning Resource Center librarians are excited to announce expanded reference services to Cerro Coso students. Visit the Learning Resource Center website at www.cerrocoso.edu/lrc and type your question directly into the "Ask A Librarian" chat box and start getting immediate answers to your questions. Need help researching? Need answers? You are only clicks away!

Cerro Coso librarians, as well as experienced librarians from colleges and universities all over the country, staff the service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. "The use of technology to provide students with online access to reference librarian assistance is the fruition of Cerro Coso's long-term plan to become a full-service library for the growing number of distance education students we serve," stated Dr. Dennis VanderWerff, Director of Learning Resources, Cerro Coso Community College.



Robert Jordan

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELING MOVE BACK TO 2ND FLOOR LOCATIONS

Administration and Counseling have returned to their second floor locations. *"Don't mind the mess, it will take a few days to get everything back to normal,"* stated College President Jill Board. The offices were temporarily relocated on the 3rd floor of the main building due to construction work that needed to be completed in the area as part of the Science Modernization Project. The College took this opportunity to remodel these spaces which includes new carpeting, fresh paint, an expanded conference room, and a new configuration for: switchboard, mail boxes, and office space to accommodate more staff and student needs. *"We appreciate the patience and understanding of the students and staff during the construction and moves,"* said Board.



iTV MAKE-OVER

Beginning last year, equipment at the Bishop and Mammoth campuses was replaced with new Polycom equipment provided through ProVidea. The new equipment has proven to be virtually trouble-free and the faculty have been pleased with their experience in these two rooms. This is the same feedback we received from the Health Careers Program instructors that also teach using the Polycom systems, purchased approximately two years ago. Not so from those who were still using the existing equipment located at Ridgecrest and Kern River Valley Campuses. Over the past few years, instructors have experienced an increased number of issues with equipment ranging from a poor quality picture on the monitors to connectivity issues resulting from different types of equipment. Frustration was growing for both instructors and students.

In coordination with the KCCD Information Technology department, Cerro Coso Community College recently consulted with a video design team to assess five additional iTV rooms, both for layout and type of equipment. New equipment was then purchased to replace the outdated equipment in these classrooms. Equipment installation is scheduled to begin the week of 6/21/10 and be completed in July, ready for use in the fall 2010 semester.

As a result of these new installations, we will have nine rooms equipped with standardized equipment. At the Flex Day for fall faculty will receive training on the new equipment that will allow them to teach in any of the rooms. Faculty will no longer face the frustration of having to know how to operate different systems for different rooms. The revised equipment layout, with both remote classroom and content monitors in the front center of the room, should improve the effectiveness of the learning environment. We anticipate a significant reduction in the number of trouble calls and a substantial improvement in the educational experience.



TERRA GEN DONATES WIND TURBINE TO CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Terra Gen Power has donated a Danish Nordtank wind turbine to Cerro Coso Community College for use in Industrial Technology – Wind Technician program at the college. “This is a significant contribution to our solar and wind technology classes at Cerro Coso,” stated Larry Board, Industrial Technology Faculty member. The Nordtank wind turbine is known for its strength and reliability in the Californian wind fields. “This 25 year old wind turbine will be very helpful in our class demonstrations on concepts, gear boxes, generators, and props. Terra Gen’s donation allows us to teach beyond theory and gives our students the opportunity to see first-hand what it takes to harness energy,” said Board.

Cerro Coso offers classes in both wind and solar energy to prepare students for careers in the fields of renewable energy. Solar, wind, hydropower, and geothermal alternative energy sources are being utilized throughout the College’s service area which includes the counties of Mono, Inyo, and Kern. “As the demand for energy conservation increases, Cerro Coso Community College’s Industrial Technology program has emphasis areas in Solar and Wind Technology to prepare students to enter the workforce to meet the need for skilled technicians who can repair and maintain the necessary equipment,” stated Valerie Karnes, Dean of Career Technical Education at the college. “We appreciate Terra Gen’s support and assistance. Their donation will make a big impact on our programs”.



(l to r) Cerro Coso College Renewable Energy Instructor, Larry Board; Carolyn Wiles and Raudel Castanon from Terra Gen

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HEATHER OSTASH NAMED NEW VICE PRESIDENT AT CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ridgecrest, California – The Kern Community College District Board of Trustees approved the selection of Heather Ostash to the position of Vice President of Student Services at Cerro Coso Community College at their August board meeting. Ostash replaces Jill Board, who was named President of the College in May.



An energetic and exceptional leader, Ostash inspires collaboration and will build on the many accomplishments of the College's Student Services Program. She has the full support of the CCCC campus communities, as well as the KCCD Board of Trustees, and administration. "Heather brings with her a wealth of local

experience, and a sound understanding of the needs of our students, which is very important to Cerro Coso Community College," stated College President, Jill Board.

Since joining the Cerro Coso staff in 1998, Heather has served as: Athletic Counselor, Honors Program Counselor, developed and lead recruitment and outreach in online student services and counseling efforts, served as Matriculation Coordinator, Counseling Coordinator, Transfer Center Director, and Articulation Officer. Ostash has also taught a variety of Counseling and Personal Development classes both onsite and online. She will begin her new duties in August.

Raised in Ridgecrest, Heather is a 1990 graduate of Burroughs High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Fresno State University, and a Master of Arts in Counseling, and a Public Personnel Services Credential from Sonoma State University.



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CERRO COSO WELCOMES CORNETT TO THEIR LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER



Julie Cornett

JULIE CORNETT has been selected by the Kern Community College District to the full-time position of Librarian at the Cerro Coso Community College IWV campus. Ms. Cornett is not new to the District, she has spent the last four years working as an adjunct Librarian/Instructor for the College's Eastern Sierra College Center and has assisted in meeting the Library needs of the College's online students.

Ms. Cornett replaces long serving librarian, Dr. Dennis VanderWerff who retired in May. "We are very excited and confident about the selection of Ms. Cornett to this position," stated Dr. James Fay, Vice President of Academic Affairs. "We recognize the important role our Learning Resource Centers play in providing access to information and the transfer of knowledge to our students and communities. Julie's part in developing Learning Resources Centers at our Eastern Sierra Center has been most valuable to those students. We consider ourselves to be very fortunate to now employ her expertise and leadership at the Indian Wells Valley campus which provides services to all of Cerro Coso's campuses and online students," concluded Dr. Fay.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY TO THE START OF A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR



Dr. Scott Cameron

DR. SCOTT CAMERON - is a lifelong native of Michigan and newly hired as an Associate Professor of Physical Science for the Indian Wells Valley Campus of Cerro Coso Community College. Scott's educational background consists of a Bachelors of Science in both Physics and Astronomy & Astrophysics (2003), a Masters of Science in Astronomy & Astrophysics (2005), and a Ph.D. in Astronomy & Astrophysics (2009). All three degrees were earned while attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. During his Ph.D. studies there, Scott taught six years of introductory astronomy courses and helped coordinate the University of Michigan's astronomy outreach program. These teaching experiences redirected his professional interests towards the intellectual challenges and rewards of teaching science in both the classroom and public settings.



Bob Phung

BOB PHUNG – Instructor of Math. Bob joined Cerro Coso as a temporary Math Instructor in the fall of 2009, and much to the delight of his students, became permanent this fall. He teaches basic skills math along with other math classes. Originally from San Jose, Bob received his M.A. in Mathematics from San Jose State University. While a teaching assistant at SJSU, he discovered that not only teaching can be a career, but it is also a very enjoyable experience. In addition to being a new teacher, Bob is also a new resident of Ridgecrest. Since he has been here, Bob has noticed many good things about this community. The most noticeable of all is the friendliness of the people on campus and in this city. "The natural beauty of this area is stunning," he says.

GREETINGS NEW CLASSIFIED STAFF

Meet **JANE ZACCHIA**, Accounting Technician II, in the IWV Business Office. A native of the Philippines, Jane and her husband Rick have two children. They are new to the area and enjoy the nice view of the Sierras. Some of the qualities that Jane admires most in people are honesty, friendliness, and people who don't judge you. She finds the people here to be very friendly. Her first job was as an Accounting Clerk in a manufacturing company and considers one of her greatest achievements to be passing all four parts of the Uniform CPA exam in one sitting. The best advice she ever received came from her father who told her "buy only

what you need not what you want." Most people would be surprised to know that Jane doesn't like buying stuff she doesn't need. Shopping is her least favorite chore. In her free time, Jane enjoys reading and walking. The last book she read was *The Lincoln Lawyer* by Michael Connelly and considers her ideal vacation to be traveling through the 48 states in an RV. If she wasn't working in the Accounting field Jane would probably be a librarian.

WELCOME JANE!

CRYSTAL LEFFLER, Department Assistant II has returned to the Counseling Department. She loves working in education and enjoys interacting with the students. Chrystal is a real family girl and shares that her favorite job was being a stay at home mom. She is married and has three children ages 22, 19, and 16, and a daughter-in-law. She loves spending time with her family and considers them to be her greatest achievement. If Crystal wasn't working at this job she would be "RICH", so until then she says "Thank you Cerro Coso for the employment". Her ideal vacation is anywhere near water, preferably the ocean because she loves riding quads, camping, and hanging out with her family. The last book she read was *Rich Dad Poor Dad* by Robert Kiyosaki and Sharon Lechter. The people she admires most in life are her "Paw" and "Granny" because they are "Awesome!" The best advice Chrystal has received in life is "Nothing Ventured Nothing Gained."

WELCOME BACK CRYSTAL!

SARAH ERWIN has joined the classified staff in the IWV Learning Resource Center as a Library Technician I. A native of Springfield, Illinois, Sarah graduated in 2009 from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in Anthropology. She worked in the Library of the Health Sciences while attending the University as a student worker for three years. Sarah and her fiancé attended the University together and she followed her betrothed to California when he got a job working as an Engineer on base. In her spare time Sarah enjoys reading and cooking. She likes the nice atmosphere at Cerro Coso and finds the staff and students to be very friendly. Sarah finds humor in the fact that both she and her new boss, Julie Cornett, are petite red heads with degrees in Anthropology. WELCOME SARAH!



Jane Zacchia



Crystal Leffler



Sarah Erwin

FACULTY TURN OUT FOR FLEX FRIDAY



Dr. Christine Swiridoff explains the benefits of using "turnitin".



A good turnout for Friday, afternoon's Faculty orientation.

The Fall 2010 Flex Day was well attended and highly educational. Coordinated by Academic Senate President Matthew Crow and President Jill Board the event was held at the Indian Wells Valley campus. Faculty were greeted with a reception jointly sponsored by CCA and the President's Office, followed by a presentation of service pins by President Board who recognized faculty for multiple years and semesters of serving our students and the college. A *State of the College* address covered high interest topics including the State budget, pending legislation, an update on college staffing, a progress report on construction, the new blog as a communication tool, and an emphasis of focusing on student success, retention and completion. John Daly, Maintenance and Operations Manager, gave an update on emergency preparedness sharing administrations participation in the Ridgecrest community's emergency preparedness drill and plans for college wide participation in *The Great Shake Out* scheduled for October 21, 2010.

New faculty member and Librarian, Julie Cornett, presented techniques and best practices utilizing the new iTV equipment. Faculty scheduled to teach iTV courses this fall were provided packets of information and were extended an invitation for individual training. Professor Christine Swiridoff presented on the valuable use of the online tool www.turnitin.com. This is a tool faculty can utilize to check for student plagiarism. Swiridoff also talked on how to use the website to teach students about plagiarism. The morning ended with a presentation by the Suzi Ama on course level outcomes.

Later that afternoon the administrative team provided a faculty orientation. All faculty were invited to attend with faculty chairs, faculty mentors, Academic Senate Executive Board members and the CCA College representatives specifically identified to join in the session. Various administrators and faculty leaders spoke and shared their role in serving the faculty followed by a review of an employee orientation moodle site. Valerie Karnes led the charge in creating the moodle site with input from the administrative team over the summer the outcome of facilitating consistent information used to orientate new employees. Deanna Campbell presented the site receiving welcomed input from those in attendance regarding additional information and links that were deemed to be useful. The day was well attended with timely and valuable information presented by faculty leaders!



ESCC KICK'S OFF FALL 2010

With unprecedented enrollment at Eastern Sierra College Center for Fall 2010, the Mammoth Lakes Foundation's South Gateway Student Apartments (SGSA) opened its second year with a full house. New manager, Chrisina Worley and her team of Resident Assistants have created a warm, welcoming atmosphere commencing with a Kick Off Barbeque held on, August 21st.

Nearly all of the 49 full-time Cerro Coso Mammoth students residing at the SGSA attended the event Saturday night with their parents. The Mammoth Lakes Foundation also invited ESCC faculty and staff to meet the incoming students and their families.

Like Aliza Segal and Holly Smith, classmates from Orange County School of Performing Arts, most of the students are very excited about the opportunity to study in Mammoth Lakes while pursuing outdoor activities and a 'healthy lifestyle'. Both Aliza and Holly are planning to learn how to snowboard this year and are already working on their ping pong skills.

ESCC Director, Deanna Campbell was impressed by the collegial environment, "we are looking forward to the energy this group of students will contribute to the overall campus atmosphere. Parents were relieved that their students were already bonding and making friends." The SGSA team has prepared a calendar of events to enhance student life and encourage students to work together and become more involved with the college. For example, there will be an orientation meeting Monday night after the first day of classes, regular Wednesday evening dinners in the housing lobby and students will have an opportunity to meet Cerro Coso President, Ms. Jill Board, at a Pizza Party on September 16th.

BETA KAPPA CHI HONOR SOCIETY RECEIVES SPECIAL COMMENDATION

The Beta Kappa Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Cerro Coso Community College received special commendation during the Nevada/California Regional Convention for fulfilling all requirements to be named a "1 Star Chapter."

The Beta Kappa Chi Chapter at Cerro Coso encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides development opportunities through participation in leadership and services. "We are very proud of our Beta Kappa Chi members and the chapter's efforts in providing rewarding educational experiences inside and outside of the classroom," stated Jill Board, College President.

The Five Star Chapter Development Plan strives to strengthen successful chapters by providing guidelines for organization and program implementation which improve student engagement on campus, and recognizes progress in the attainment of the goals set by the chapter. Using the Five Start Plan, chapters enhance their strategies to recognize eligible students, provide significant personal and professional development opportunities for members, and build a working relationship with the college administration by becoming active on campus and in the community. Established in 2006 under the direction of founding advisor, Dr. Christine Swiridoff, the Cerro Coso Beta Kappa Chi Chapter was also recognized for achieving 1st Star status at the Society's recent Annual Convention.



Aliza Segal and Holly Smith, high school classmates from Orange County School of Performing Arts and new residents in the Mammoth Lakes Foundation South Gateway Student Apartments, are excited to be in Mammoth going to college. They plan to learn how to play ping pong and snowboard in addition to English and to their classes at Cerro Coso.



Dr. Christine Swiridoff

CERRO COSO TO OFFER FIRE SCIENCE CLASSES BEGINNING THIS FALL

Steven Busby, Director of Public Safety Training Programs at Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce the offering of Fire Technology courses during the Fall 2010 Semester. The Fire Program has been inactive for the past ten years, but with the addition of a new lead instructor the program will again offer degree coursework locally. The new instructor, Sean Stratton, is a Battalion Chief with the China Lake Fire Department.

Stratton has been in the fire service for the past 19 years, beginning his career as a Volunteer Fire Explorer with the Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department in Nashville, Tennessee. A few years after earning Firefighter status in Nashville Stratton joined the United States Navy where he served as a medic. He earned his Naval Aircrew Wings and served as a Search and Rescue Medic. Stratton was awarded the Bell Helicopter Rescue Award for his many rescues. In 1988 he was transferred to NAWC China Lake where he served as a Search and Rescue Medic.



Sean Stratton

“ATTACK YOUR STUDIES AS HARD AS YOU ATTACK THE GAME”

That was the message of Vice President and Administrator in charge of athletics, Heather Ostash, given at the Men’s Baseball Orientation held on Sunday, August 22. Interim Head Coach, Billy Montgomery and Assistant Coach, Brian King were both on hand to welcome the players. The team was given an orientation to Cerro Coso and college baseball and the evening concluded with a BBQ hosted by the Coaches. Montgomery is a former Cerro Coso baseball player who started assisting duties last season. He took over for Coach Adams this season who is out on a coaching leave of absence due to health issues. Adams continues to instruct Physical Education and Health Science classes at the college. Brian is a returning Assistant Coach whose primary responsibilities include coaching the Coyote pitchers and assist with the catcher. Get ready for an aggressive season of “COYOTE BASEBALL”.



Coyote Baseball
Head Coach Billy Montgomery
and Assistant Coach Brian King



The 2010 Coyote Baseball Team



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CERRO COSO RECEIVES \$700,000 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT TO GROW ITS SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY TRAINING PROGRAMS

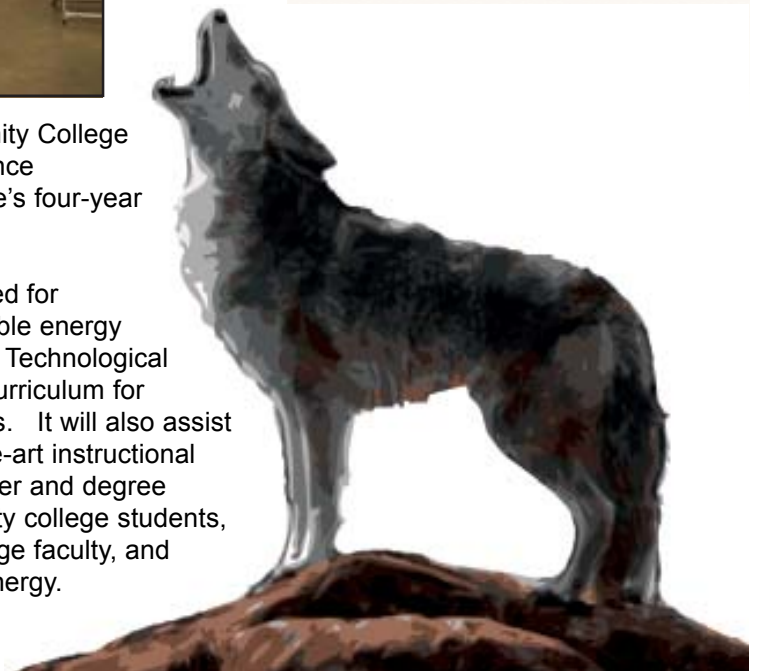
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Cerro Coso Community College and the Kern Community College District accepted a \$700,000 check for a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant award that will fund the College's four-year expansion of solar and wind energy training programs.

Cerro Coso will use the funds to address the strong need for technicians to serve California's wind and solar renewable energy industry. The grant supports the College's Advances in Technological Education (ATE) program and will fund standardizing curriculum for delivery across the state in sync with national standards. It will also assist in equipping the College's teaching lab with state-of-the-art instructional equipment. The goal of the program is to develop career and degree pathways for middle school, high school, and community college students, as well as training and mentoring high school and college faculty, and developing online training modules in wind and solar energy.





“This grant will provide Cerro Coso with the resources we need to aggressively meet our Career and Technical Education goals in renewable energy,” stated Valerie Karnes, Director of Career Technical Education. “It’s an incredible opportunity to meet the increased need for skilled workers in an industry that offers students interesting career options. This program is good for the students, it’s good for the environment, and it’s good for the economy.”

As a result of the grant, Cerro Coso College will partner with the California Regional Consortium for Engineering Advances in Technological Education (CREATE), a multi-county consortium whose goal is to increase renewable energy training programs throughout central and southern California. CREATE programs at Cerro Coso and elsewhere will provide on-ground and online technical career training and build 2+2+2 degree pathways through partnership with local high schools, community colleges, universities and industry partners.



Based in the Santa Clarita Community College District, the consortium will receive a total of \$3,000,000 to increase renewable energy education opportunities at Cerro Coso College and nine other community colleges in collaboration with 30 high schools, four universities, and dozens of industry partners.



Consortium education partners are located in the counties of Kern, Inyo, Tulare, Fresno, Merced, Yolo, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles. Cerro Coso joins Porterville College in the Kern Community College District, as well as College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, Merced College, Oxnard College, Moorpark College, Santa Barbara City College, Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, and Los Angeles Pierce College as participants in CREATE.



Universities in the consortium include three California State Universities—Los Angeles, Fresno and Channel Islands—and University of California, Davis.

“Cerro Coso Community College is committed to providing students with meaningful learning environments that maximize their potentials. Partnering with other educational institutions allows us to share experiences, vision, knowledge, talent, and resources that add exceptional value in developing programs that produce top performers. We are very excited about the impact this project will have on our students, communities, and environment,” concluded Jill Board, Cerro Coso Community College, President.

COLLEGE ENGINEERING PROGRAM RECEIVES \$10,000 IN DONATIONS FROM LOCAL ENGINEERING COMPANIES



The Cerro Coso Community College Engineering Program is the recipient of a generous donation of \$6,000 from Jacobs Technology and \$4,000 from New Directions Technologies, Inc. (NDTI). Their ongoing support demonstrates their continued commitment to increasing the local applicant pools for engineering positions throughout the IWW. “It is an investment in our community and an investment in our future,” stated Jill Board, Cerro Coso President.

Recognizing local potential a collaborative effort has been made to train and retain highly skilled engineers from within the college’s service area. The college launched the Engineering Program in January of 2009 with an initial

donation of \$20,000 from local industry leaders. Cerro Coso is in the process of articulating an agreement with Cal State University Long Beach in both mechanical and electrical engineering that will provide a local pathway to a Bachelor of Science degree for students enrolled in the college's program. Pending Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) approval, CSU Long Beach plans to begin offering Engineering classes in the fall 2011 at the Lancaster University Center –Distance Learning facility in the Lancaster/ Palmdale area with some lab work offered at the University's state of the art facilities. "It's exciting to be able to work with industry and government leaders and develop a program like this at a time when budgets are non-existent. This would not be possible without their support and is a real testimony to what we can accomplish when we work together," said Board.

Cerro Coso faculty and administration have partnered with Sierra Sands Unified School District administration to identify, educate, and prepare area students to meet current and future workforce needs. Cerro Coso's Engineering Program offers an extension to the many programs Sierra Sands Unified School District has developed to expose local youths to engineering concepts. Sierra Sands began introducing the subject through robotics to elementary school children in After School programs. Currently 60 youths are learning engineering principles via six different modules in the "Gateway to Technology" program at the Middle School. There are plans to increase the number of participants in the near future. Burroughs High School offers courses in Engineering Design, Digital Electronics, Principals of Engineering, and Civil Engineering and Architecture that also lead students into further engineering studies.

"We appreciate the substantial and continued support we have received from these companies and the community as a whole," stated Valerie Karnes, Director of Career Technical Education at the college. "Successful partnerships such as this between higher education and the local community help build the education base and sustain local and state economies," she concluded.

ASCC HOSTS CONCERT IN THE SCULPTURE GARDEN

A concert in the garden at Cerro Coso paid tribute to America and kicked off the fall semester on Saturday, September 11th, 2010. The Associated Students of Cerro Coso hosted the event held in the College Sculpture Garden. Local musicians, "Big Band X-Press", played an inspired set of classic swing music, including "Don't Sit under the Apple Tree" & "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" originally performed by the Andrews Sisters, along with performances by Patti and Brian Cosner. The turnout was excellent, with over 100 people gathered to enjoy the show. The audience was comprised of students, community, and faculty including College President, Jill Board. The ASCC topped off the affair, offering refreshments of soft drinks and pizza. The event was a great beginning to the semester and promised great things for the free Concert Series to be held in the Sculpture Garden this fall. The Associated Students will be hosting the Freddy Horn Band on Saturday, October 9th.



LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE A BIG SUCCESS



The Cerro Coso Library welcomed more than 120 students, friends, and colleagues from the college and community at their Open House held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15th.

New Librarian, Julie Cornett, welcomed the attendees and provided an overview of the library, resources, and services available. Library staff members were on hand to demonstrate online research databases, provide guided tours, schedule library orientation class visits, and answer questions.

Of special interest was new Library Technician, Sarah Erwin's, exhibit on Banned Books. Sarah explained that "September 25 – October 2" is Banned Book Week across the nation. Observed since 1982, Banned Book Week is an annual event promoted by the American Library Association that serves to celebrate the freedom to read and to remind Americans not to take this precious freedom for granted. What are some of the most frequently challenged books? Why was a book challenged? What groups led the challenge? All of these issues and more are explored in the Banned Books exhibit.



There were door prizes and other fun activities and participants were encouraged to try and "Stump the Librarian". The event was graced by a wonderful view and colorful sunset over the Indian Wells Valley.

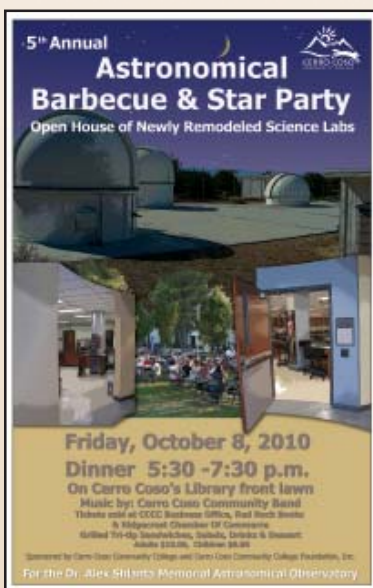
PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR 5TH ANNUAL ASTRONOMICAL BBQ & STAR PARTY SLATED FOR OCT. 8TH

Cerro Coso Community College and the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation are teaming up to host the Fifth Annual Astronomical Barbecue & Star Party. This year's event will also feature an Open House for the newly remodeled Science Labs at the college.

Mark your calendars for this fun-filled fundraiser to benefit the "Dr. Alex Shlanta Astronomical Observatory" at Cerro Coso.

The event is scheduled for Friday, October 8th, 2010 on the College's Library front lawn. A barbecue dinner will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the Star Party will get underway at 7:30 p.m. at the Observatory. The Cerro Coso Community Band will be providing musical entertainment. Presale tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8.00 for children. Tickets are available at Red Rock Books, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and the Cerro Coso Business Office.

Star parties have been an important part of the amateur astronomy scene for many years. Thousands of enthusiasts attend these events every year that offer a chance to see planets, seasonal constellations, deep sky objects, and the moon. All are invited to enjoy the wonders of the night sky and tour the newly remodeled Science Labs at the College. The recently completed renovation transformed the science area into a state-of-the-art science complex that greatly enhances and supports instructional use.



PRESIDENT BOARD VISITS EASTERN SIERRA COLLEGE CENTER

During the week of September 13th President Board visited the Eastern Sierra College Centers in Bishop and Mammoth and the community leaders of the service area. Like President Board, the Superintendents of Mono County Office of Education, the Mammoth Unified School District, the Bishop Unified School District, and the Bishop High School Principal are all new hires for the 2010-2011 academic year. The Inyo County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Terry McAteer, has the most seniority of them all with this being his second year in his position. This dynamic proved to be exciting and created a conversation focused on possibilities for partnerships that ultimately support helping students be successful at getting into the pipeline to attend Cerro Coso.

A common theme was the overhauling of ROP classes that will articulate students into specific CTE programs offered by Cerro Coso which will lead to local employment, increasing the high school yield rates of students attending Cerro Coso for their first two years supporting transfer to the University, and addressing the English as a Second Language for both students and their parents. It was clear that the K-16 Bridge Program and the articulation efforts, including the most recent 'Champions' workshop sponsored by the District Tech Prep funding that was held at ESCC Mammoth, are making a difference.

On Thursday a brown bag lunch was held with the ESCC Bishop students. Those in attendance had good suggestions about new courses they would like to see offered which led to the discussion regarding 'critical mass of enrollment' and our current use of iTV for that specific purpose. After the brown bag the faculty and staff met with President Board utilizing video-conferencing technology for over two hours. The concerns focused on the impact of the new transfer bill as it relates to the rural college student in respect to the priority admissions to a local CSU, especially due to the current difficult time of getting admitted into already impacted universities.

Thursday evening President Board ate pizza with ESCC Mammoth students at the South Gate Student Apartments (SGSA). She briefly welcomed the students and addressed the need of balancing fun with studies while in college. Students provided input as to what would make their educational experience better. The informal discussion ended with a cadre of 18 students heading out to Lake Mary for an overnight camping/fishing trip organized by the SGSA Resident Assistants. Other meetings that took place during the visit were with Director Gina Jones of the Owens Valley Career Development Center, the Mammoth Mountain's Vice President and Executive Director of Human Services, Mr. Jack Copeland, the Eastern Sierra Foundation, and with the Mammoth Lakes Foundation (MLF) Director, Mr. Evan Russell.

Over the two day visit a consistent message was made to the appropriate audiences which focused on encouraging full participation in the K-16 Bridge Program, taking advantage of the training for teachers on 'KidWind' which is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and scheduled to be held at the IWV Campus on October 8th, partnering to serve the ESL population in the communities, and increasing the college going rate of each of the high schools.



CONSTITUTION TOPIC OF ASCC "TITTLE TALK"



Constitution Week was the perfect opportunity to explore the great document that safeguards American liberties and was the topic of the ASCC's first lecture of the semester. Instructor, Jon Tittle, shared his thoughts on the Constitution on Thursday, September 16th, 2010 in the college lecture center during college hour. Those in attendance were educated on the problems the delegates at the Constitutional Convention were attempting to solve in the summer of 1787, and learned of their success and failures. Professor Tittle also addressed the concept of the Constitution as a "timeless" versus "living" document. The lecture was informative and well attended.



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FRESHMAN AUTHOR, NATHAN SANDT ROLE MODEL FOR OTHER WRITERS

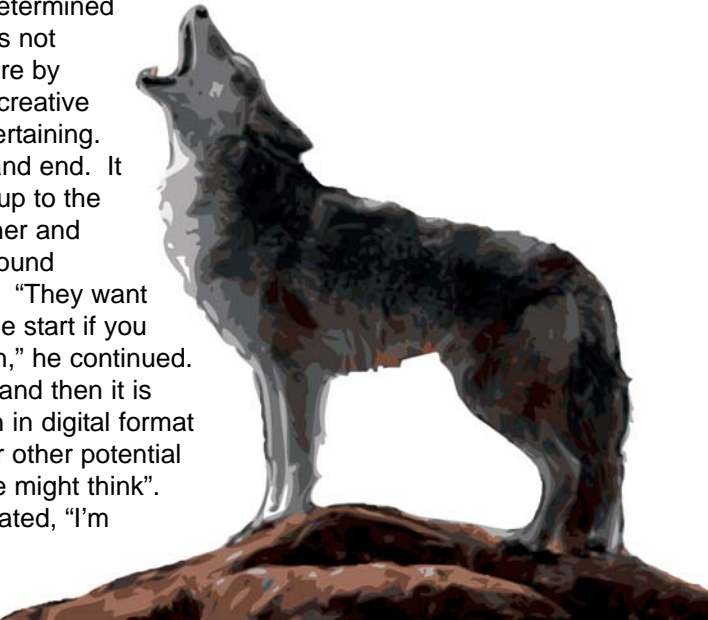


At first glance, Nathan Sandt, seems like your typical college student. However, he is anything but. A freshman at Cerro Coso Community College, Nathan is a published author. He recently self-published his first book, a thought provoking political novel, entitled *Second Revolution*. A series of conversations with his father is what inspired Nathan to put his thoughts on paper. Questions like... what if the government stopped working? Where will the polarization of politics lead us in the future? What would happen if a series of countries were unified under one flag? These questions and more are what lead to

the story line of the book. Set in the future, *Second Revolution* explores the idea of an American President uniting the United States, with Central America, Canada, and Mexico, as one country. The result of which is a revolution by a group called the 'Sons of Liberty' who are determined not to let it happen. Nathan believes that the government is not listening to the people and that they are not getting anywhere by battling each other. He presents his ideas in the book in a creative and humorous manner that challenges the ideals while entertaining. "This is not the kind of book that has a beginning, middle, and end. It presents the ideas in story form and leaves the conclusion up to the reader," stated Nathan. Grateful for the support of his mother and father it took Nathan a year to write and edit his book and found publishing to be the most frustrating part of the experience. "They want you to be published to publish," he stated. "Where does one start if you have never published? Amazon offered the perfect solution," he continued. You simply upload your document, it is review by Amazon, and then it is published. The book is currently available through Amazon in digital format and can be downloaded to a PC or Kindle. A role model for other potential authors, Nathan's advice is to "try it! It's not as hard as one might think". When asked if he ever considered writing as a career he stated, "I'm afraid the pressure of deadlines would make me lose my enthusiasm to write." Nathan is majoring in Engineering at Cerro Coso and plans to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona.

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ESCC MAMMOTH CAMPUS HOSTS MONO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR CAREER DAY

The Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC), Cerro Coso Mammoth Campus, in partnership with Mammoth High School hosted a Mono County High School Career Day on Friday, September 24th. “This was an unprecedented event – we had 100% participation from all Mono County high schools – a true collaboration!” commented Deanna Campbell, Director, ESCC. In total, there were over 450 students from all seven Mono County high schools in attendance.

The Mammoth Career Day event grew from a Mammoth Lakes’ seniors-only event in 2007 to a county-wide 9th-12th grade event this year. To accommodate student interests, there were 13 industry tracks and nearly 40 presenters. Career tracks included: Fire Protection, Law Enforcement, Renewable Energy, Beauty & Health, Legal & Law, Paramedics, Health Careers, Construction, Applied Arts, Fine Arts, Biology & Wildlife, Education & Social Services, and Business & Hospitality. Nearly all speakers were full-time Mammoth Lakes residents and industry professionals, introducing students to the vibrant and diverse career options in Mono County.

Mammoth Unified School District Superintendent, Rich Boccia observed, “This was a truly exciting day for all of our students! They had the opportunity to get a taste of the larger world that awaits them just around the corner - for some sooner than others. I wonder if they are prepared for their futures in this constantly changing world that bombards them with information on an almost nano-second basis?”

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation hosted a barbeque lunch for the students, faculty and presenters at the South Gateway Student Apartments. Mammoth Unified School District Superintendent, Rich Boccia, and Mammoth High School Principal, Gabe Solorio, flipped burgers for the hungry students and presenters. Food preparation and service was provided by the Mammoth High School Boosters Club, the Mammoth High School Avid Classes, and the Mammoth High School Health Science Academy. The Kern Community College District funded the lunch through SB70 grant funding supporting career exploration and pathways. “Planning is already underway for next year’s event, which will be bigger and better!” exclaimed Jennifer Wilson, Mammoth High School Avid Instructor and lead coordinator for the event.



TINA TUTTLE INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH ANALYST

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce the appointment of Tina Tuttle to the position of Institutional Research Analyst. Tina holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Post Master's Certificate in Institutional Research from Indiana University where she is finishing her PhD dissertation in higher education policy. A native of the Midwest, Tina spent five years in the Navy and enjoys hiking, off-roading, photography, and rock hounding in her free time. Welcome Tina!



Tina Tuttle

COYOTES FOR THE CURE RAISE \$2,676 TO FIGHT CANCER

Once again "Team Coyotes for a Cure" exceeded their goals and raised \$2,676 to fight cancer. Cerro Coso staff and students have been participating in the Relay For Life®, the American Cancer Society's signature event for several years. The money this event raises save lives by funding cutting-edge cancer research, early detection and prevention education, advocacy efforts, and life-affirming patient services. "Team Coyotes for a Cure knows no titles, unions, or senates. This team is just that, a group of individuals who are connected for one cause and who are representing our college," stated College President, Jill Board. "Cancer also knows no titles, unions, or senates. Cerro Coso has had many individuals from presidents, faculty, staff, and students who have been diagnosed and "fight the good fight" to beat this horrible disease. Some are not as fortunate as others. I commend the outstanding efforts of Kim Blackwell, Team Chairperson, and each and every member who supports this cause and give so freely toward finding a cure. It is obviously very close to me and I truly appreciate it," said Board. She went on to challenge all Cerro Coso campuses to participate in the fundraising efforts to beat this deadly disease next year. Board recently celebrated her "first birthday" of having been diagnosed herself with cancer. "I want to say thank you for all you do that celebrates life and supports such causes," concluded Board.



Kim Blackwell



Jill Board



BIG TURN OUT FOR 5TH ANNUAL ASTRONOMICAL BBQ & STAR PARTY

Over 300 astronomy enthusiasts, community members, students, and staff attended the Fifth Annual Astronomical Barbecue and Star Party on Friday, October 8th. This year's event hosted by Cerro Coso and the College Foundation on the front lawn of the Learning Resource Center featured an Open House for the newly remodeled Science Labs. Proceeds raised in excess of \$4,500 from this signature event support the continued development of the Dr. Alex Shlanta Memorial Astronomical Observatory and science programs at the College. Attendees enjoyed the beauty of the night sky, great food, entertainment provided by the Cerro Coso Community Band, immense prizes, and toured the completed renovation that transformed the science area into a state-of-the-art science complex.

CERRO COSO PREPARES FOR EMERGENCIES

Cerro Coso Community College took part in the Great California ShakeOut at 10:21 a.m. on Oct. 21. The College recently completed a test of its emergency notification system CCAAlert. In the event of a major emergency CCAAlert will provide students and staff via voice, e-mail, and text messages pertinent information and instructions. "It is very important that students and staff keep their information up-to-date so they will receive CCAAlert messages," stated John Daly, Director of Safety at the College. "Students and staff are encouraged to update their information regularly via MyBanWeb and select Personal Information," continued Daly.



"We take our role in the safety of our students, staff, and communities very seriously. The Cerro Coso IWV facility is a designated American Red Cross shelter during a major catastrophe, so it is imperative that our team be prepared in such an event," said Daly. For most people a disaster is something that always happens somewhere else, never in their own community. That's not the mindset at Cerro Coso Community College. "We are actively training to ensure the safety of our students and staff at all of our campuses," stated president, Jill Board.



In addition to their participation in the Great ShakeOut, Cerro Coso Administrators recently took part in table top exercises on emergency response and discussed the College Incident Command Structure. On October 15th Emergency Operations Center training on the role, design, and functions of EOC's and its component of a multi-agency coordination system took place. To date 93.2% of Cerro Coso staff members have completed mandatory Incident Command System (ICS) 100 training and 45.3% have completed National Incident Management System (NIMS) 700 training.



Cerro Coso is taking a pro-active approach with education and prevention to minimize hazards and behaviors that can lead to injuries or hamper the effectiveness of response efforts in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. The college has scheduled radio and fire extinguisher training over the next month, and tracks staff with First Aid and Automated External

Defibrillator (AED) training. New AED machines have been strategically placed around the various campuses, along with first aid trauma kits, and evacuation maps have been ordered for all rooms. "Our goal is to be prepared to respond when needed," said Board. "Lives could depend on it".

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH DISABILITIES TOPIC OF ASCC LUNCH TABLE TALK

Disabilities Awareness month was the perfect opportunity to share personal experiences with disabilities from student and staff perspectives and was the topic of a noon time discussion hosted by the ASCC on Thursday, October 7th in the College Student Center. Panel participants: Cheryl Bradley, student; Pam Godfrey, Counselor for DSPS, EOPS, & CARE; and Susan Hurst, Sign Language Interpreter; focused on their experiences with disabilities, and the obstacles and challenges students with special needs face in obtaining their education. The panel talked about the many programs and services offered at Cerro Coso that reinforce a student's personal growth, promotes emotional mastery, and assists with developing self-responsibility to accomplish academic, career, and life goals.



TRAINING IN WIND AND SOLAR TECHNOLOGY OFFERED

Cerro Coso in conjunction with NSF CREATE, the Interstate Renewable Energy Council, and Hands On Solar, Inc. offered a FREE two day training event to middle, high school, and college teachers in both Wind and Solar Technology on October 8 and 9, 2010. Twenty-seven teachers from around the state of California participated in KidWind training and another 29 took part in Solar training designed to build a diverse community of teachers to improve science education through inquiry based learning.

Partnering with professionals in wind and solar education the goal of this training was to introduce teachers to the benefits and wonders of wind and solar power through hands-on science activities which are challenging and engaging. These instructors can now take what they learned in the hands-on workshops into their classrooms thereby exposing hundreds, if not thousands of students to wind and solar energy.

KidWind is specialized training for middle and high school teachers to provide renewable energy to students in the engineering and design of wind turbines. The KidWind team of teachers, engineers, and scientists are committed to innovative energy education. This training provided teachers with affordable "classroom ready" materials to make student experiences interesting and engaging. The team showed teachers how to instruct students in the design of their own wind turbines in teams that can compete in the regional KidWind competitions that will take place in the spring.

Introduction to Solar Training was dedicated to helping high school and college instructors increase their working knowledge of how to develop and enhance curriculum to meet the new and emerging demands in solar technology



training. The focus was on how to develop instructional programs in Solar Electricity (Photovoltaic), for colleges and schools.

Photovoltaic Teacher Development was the topic of the Saturday, October 9th workshop. This program was dedicated to advanced teacher development in photovoltaic's with renowned author, Jim Dunlop (Photovoltaic Systems), and veteran presenter, Brian Hurd, of Hands on Solar, Inc.

"Partnering with other educational institutions and industry leaders allows Cerro Coso to share experiences, vision, knowledge, talent, and resources that add exceptional value in developing programs that produce top performers. We are very excited about the success of this project and the impact it will have on our students, communities, and environment," stated Jill Board, Cerro Coso Community College, President.

STEADY FREADY THE MAN WITH THE HORN FEATURED ASCC CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

Saxophonist Fred Horn and his band returned to Cerro Coso Community College to entertain the public with another enjoyable jazz "Concert in the Garden". This performance was the second in a series of concerts to be held at the college this fall. Sponsored by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso the FREE concert was held on Saturday, October 9th from 4 to 6 p.m. in the College Luis Miro Sculpture Garden.

Playing since the age of four, Horn has lead his own bands and played in many other groups in the Los Angeles area for over 15 years. He has worked with Les Claypool from Primus, jazz pianist Benny Green, blues guitarist Mike Bloomfield, guitarist Ray Obiedo, rock singer Eddie Money, and Chris Chaney-bassist for Alanis Morrisette. Horn has also worked with Jimmy Kimmel and Wayne Brady. Currently he leads his own band which performs throughout the Los Angeles area and plays regularly at Jax Restaurant in Glendale, CA. The ASCC "Concert in the Garden" series is designed to provide enjoyable free concerts and an evening of family fun for all ages to enjoy.



CERRO COSO EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN KCCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Five Cerro Coso College Community employees have been selected to participate in the 2010-11 Kern Community College District (KCCD) Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy is a professional development program that prepares employees for leadership roles throughout the Kern Community College District.

As a result of a competitive application process, five Cerro Coso employees were among the 14 employees district wide to be accepted into the Leadership Academy this year. The five Cerro Coso Community College participants are Deanna Campbell, Director of Cerro Coso's Eastern Sierra College Center; Dawn Fidel, Admissions and Records Technician II; Valerie Karnes, Career Technical Education Dean; Jennifer San Nicolas, Child Development Center Program Manager; and JoAnn Spiller, Director of Financial Aid/Scholarship.

The KCCD Leadership Academy is a year-long program of monthly meetings on topics specific to community colleges. The day-long sessions from September to April include such topics as the demands of leadership, decision making, communication, human resources, students, foundational knowledge, and information about the Kern Community College District as well as the California Community Colleges. All costs for employees selected to participate are paid by KCCD. The goal of the Academy is to promote leadership at every level of the Kern Community College District, according to Michele Bresso, KCCD Leadership Academy Director.

"My vision for Cerro Coso Community College is continued transformation and renewal that will meet the educational needs of our ever-growing diverse student populations. KCCD's focus on building strong leadership will assist us in our mission and inspire our staff to make a difference that allows us to better educate and serve students in innovative ways," Jill Board, Cerro Coso President.

"NOT JUST RAMPS" THEATRICAL DOCUMENTARY

In recognition of Disabilities Awareness month, the Associated Students of Cerro Coso Community College joined with the College's Special Services Program to host a performance of "Not Just Ramps" on October 6, 2010. The goal for this production was to increase campus and community awareness and promote positive attitudes that create a culture of mutual respect, understanding, and equal opportunities for all.

"Not Just Ramps" was a theatrical documentary about physical, emotional, and societal access issues for a diverse group of people with disabilities. The actor/playwrights portray people as they tell vivid stories about themselves and their experiences in the workplace and their communities. The stories were interspersed with comic scenarios on how to deal with people who are "abled".



Back L-R: JoAnn Spiller, Deanna Campbell, and Valerie Karnes
Front L-R: Dawn Fidel and Jennifer San Nicolas



The humorous reversals allow us to laugh at some of our own fears and the stereotyping that has long been associated with people who are different. The audience met people throughout the play who elicited a wide variety of emotional responses and thoughts designed to create an awareness, empathy, and new ways to respond to people with disabilities. The disabilities of those interviewed include blindness, spinal cord injury, deafness, and hearing loss, A.L.S. (Lou Gerhig's Disease), cerebral palsy, breathing and vocal impairment, dyslexia, mental illness, and developmental disabilities.

Participating in the program can be a very effective way for all to explore inclusion and fight bias and bigotry in the workplace and in their lives. An interactive discussion followed the production to explore access in the workplace and community.

October was National Disability Employment Awareness Month and this year's theme "Talent has no boundaries: Workforce diversity includes people with disabilities" spotlights the significant contribution people with disabilities bring to the workplace. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was enacted to end disability-based discrimination, and to promote inclusion, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and equality of opportunity for all people with disabilities.



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VETERANS AWARENESS DAY



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On November 10, 2010, Cerro Coso Community College celebrated Veterans Day by recognizing student veterans and sharing the many services the College and valley have to offer veterans, active duty military, and their families. The college hosted its first "Veterans Awareness Day" to recognize the important contributions of our veterans and active duty military and the tireless work they carry out on our behalf. Over 85 students, staff, and community members attended the activity. Guest speakers included: Gwendolyn Thornton, Cal Vet's Representative; John Locke, Veterans Program Specialist, Kern County Veteran Service Department; Yesenia Thomas with the Disabled American Veterans; Joan Telles, Information and Relocation Specialist with NAWS local Fleet and Family Services; and Penny Talley, Director of Special Services at the college talked about the College's Disabled Student Program and Services (DSPS) that supports students with disabilities. Presenters were available after the event to answer questions.



A panel discussion comprised of student veterans answered questions aimed at making the transition to post secondary education more seamless for veterans. "We are here to assist our veterans and active duty military in securing their Veteran educational benefits as well as provide any additional support they may need to be successful at Cerro Coso Community College," stated Dave Cornell, The event was Co-ordinated by Penny Talley, Director of Special Services and Dave Cornell, Director of Veteran Affairs.



CLASS TOURS SOLARWORLD

Professor Larry Board took fifteen students in his Renewable Energy classes to tour the SolarWorld facility in Camarillo, California on Friday, November 12, 2010. SolarWorld is the largest manufacturer of high performance solar panels for homes, businesses, and government installations in the United States. Cerro Coso students were given the V.I.P. treatment beginning with a one hour introduction to solar and an overview of SolarWorld given by Product Training Specialist, Randy Castellanos, in the SolarWorld Board Room.

Camarillo is where SolarWorld's final product is completed in a new state-of-the-art panel production facility. The plant never shuts down and produces one solar panel every minute. Special recognition goes to SolarWorld, Castellanos, and Miguel A. Silva, Manager of Projects, for the tour which provided students the opportunity to see the manufacturing process behind the production of photovoltaic panels. Tours like this are important to the overall education and understanding of the students in these classes and provide real world experiences that enhance what they learn.

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. The College is working with SolarWorld to partnership in a program that will educate students in solar power, provide hands-on training in the production, installation, and operations of solar systems, and provide a conduit of qualified workers. This is yet another example of how Cerro Coso Community Colleges works with industry quickly to provide needed workforce training that help improve local economies. "Educating the local workforce to meet industry needs while inspiring people to make sustainable energy choices that help lower costs, support energy independence, and reduce carbon emissions is exciting," stated Board. "The one thing we have in the desert is plenty of sun, harnessing that power is good for the future and it's good for the earth."

IT FEELS GREAT TO DONATE

Halloween proved the perfect holiday to give blood and have lots of fun in the process. The Associated Students of Cerro Coso hosted a Blood Drive and Halloween Carnival on Wednesday, October 27th from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the LRC courtyard. Students, staff, and community members donated 41 units of blood, enjoyed a free lunch provided by the ASCC, and participated in Halloween games and activities. Dracula was given the day off so donors were in very good hands. Donors gave the gift of life and enjoyed the many costumes, caramel and candy apples, pumpkin carving contests and more. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Curt Sherwood Fund at the College. This fund is available to special services students in need of some immediate financial assistance.



CERRO COSO PREVIEW DAY

Cerro Coso's 10th Annual Preview Day was held on Thursday, November 4th from 10:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. This was an exciting opportunity for 298 junior and senior high school students in the service area to "preview" the College Ridgecrest campus and experience all we have to offer. Schools participating in the Preview Day included: Trona, Mojave, California City, Big Pine, Immanuel Christian, Mesquite, Opportunities for Learning, Owens Valley, and Burroughs High School. The event is designed to increase college awareness and behavior in students who will be transitioning to college within the next two years. The activity is intended to be a bridge opportunity as student's transition from high school to higher education, and engage them in considering their career and higher educational goals.

This year a new feature was added to the College's Preview Day. Twenty local employers participated in the event offering students the opportunity to talk to those who are employed in fields of interest. Students toured the campus and explored the various college department offerings. Staff members from 23 Cerro Coso programs and departments were on hand to answer questions. Lunch was provided and all attendees participated in a FREE drawing.



ESCC FINDS ITS WAY

For years, the Cerro Coso Eastern Sierra College Center Bishop campus has been missing one very important thing. Finally the wait is over. After several starts and stops, in early October, CalTrans erected the "Cerro Coso Community College – ESCC Bishop Campus" sign on both the east- and west-bound sides of Highway 168. The sign was hoisted up with the ESCC College Center and beautiful Sierra Nevada as the backdrop.

The ESCC is also working with CalTrans to install similar signs on Highway 395 at the State Route 203 exit for the Mammoth campus. In partnership with the Mammoth Lakes Foundation, ESCC is also developing a plan to install directional and monument signs on the Mammoth campus.



MEN OF WORTH CONCERTS

Men of Worth featuring Donnie MacDonald and James Keigher delighted both Indian Wells Valley and Kern River Valley audiences when they appear in concert at Cerro Coso Community College's KRV campus on Thursday, November 18th and IWV campus on Friday, November 19, 2010. The concerts featured the very best in Celtic music—songs that come from past generations as well as stories from present day observations. Donnie MacDonald, a Scotsman, and Jimmy Keigher, an Irishman, combined music with humor in a very special union that left the audiences laughing and cheering for more. Together *Men of Worth* had a simple approach to their presentation, and in keeping with tradition, while remaining true to the music and story. They have been recording and performing since 1986 and have gained popularity from audiences all over America, Canada, Scotland and Ireland.



PAINTING IN THE SIERRAS



Cerro Coso Eastern Sierra College Center Art instructor, Deborah Lurie, knows how to take advantage of the beautiful scenery that the Owens Valley has to offer. On Wednesday, September 29th, 2010 she took her Painting I class on a field trip to the Millpond Recreation area, just north of Bishop. The class worked with water colors to capture some of the natural beauty of the area. "This is a great time to take the class outdoors" Lurie said. She went on to say "The colors are just starting to turn and we can take advantage of that."

For the class, this was their first exposure to natural still life painting, but it was not their first field trip. Lurie has taken them to the Inyo Arts Council Gallery where they "learned what art is". She also took them to the Mountain Light Gallery in Bishop to see landscapes painted by local artists. In October, Deborah plans to take her class to a trip to Plant 4 in the Sierra Nevada. She said, "this is a great place to view rocks, trees and running water from the artist's perspective." Later on she also plans to take her class to the Bishop City Park where they can get yet another perspective on landscapes and natural still life.



When asked what it is that they enjoyed about painting in the outdoors, Sylvia Clark said "I just enjoy the peace and serenity of the area – it just motivates me to paint." Fellow student, Richard Freeman agreed with his classmate and said, "I just feel lucky to be in a class where we can be outdoors."

PULL, AIM, SQUEEZE, SWEEP



That was the message given to Cerro Coso staff members who participated in onsite fire extinguisher training on October 27, 2010. As part of its ongoing effort to protect students and staff, IWV employees received fire extinguisher training by the Kern County Fire Department. The purpose of the training was to familiarize staff with the general principles of fire extinguisher use and inform them of the hazards of fighting small fires. "First, rescue yourself. Next, alert the alarm by calling 911 or pulling a fire alarm. Next evacuate the building. Then, confine the fire – for instance, by closing a door. Lastly, extinguish the fire, but only if it is safe to do so" stated Fire Captain, Adam Greal. The training exposed college employees to the proper use of an extinguisher and actual feel for extinguishing a small fire.

VICIOUS PASSION IN CONCERT



Vicious Passion rocked the college Sculpture Garden on Saturday, November 14, 2010. A host of students and community members turned out for the last concert of the season held on a cool fall afternoon. Sponsored by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso the "Concert in the Garden" series was designed to draw people of all ages who love music. A local rock and roll band, Vicious Passion, entertained concert goers for free with great music, in a beautiful venue, and memorable good times.

CDC OPEN HOUSE

The Cerro Coso Child Development Center Open House on Friday November 12th provided a comfortable and welcoming opportunity for interested individuals to tour the Ridgecrest facility and to see the children and teachers in action. Parents, friends, and staff members were invited to explore the children's space and learn about some of the activities they experience during the day. The Cerro Coso CDC offers one of the most comprehensive child development programs for children in the valley in a nurturing environment, utilizing active learning curriculum that fosters growth and discovery. "We know that learning is a continual, constructive, and reciprocal relationship which involves the child, their peers, the environment, teachers and families," stated Jennifer San Nicholas, CDC Program Manager. "This was a fun time for the children to show their work and for attendees to see how children learn through play at the Center."



3RD GRADERS VISIT CCCC

Third grade students got a taste of college life at the Cerro Coso Community College campus on Thursday, October 21, 2010. During the three hours visit students from St. Ann School were given tours of the campus by Cerro Coso student ambassadors, met with Spanish Professor, Lucila Gonzalez-Cirre, participated in the Great California Shake Out Earthquake drill, and received demonstrations from Physical Education Assistant Professor, Kim Kelly Schwartz, and Chemistry/Physical Science Professor, John Stenger-Smith. The goal of the visit was to promote Cerro Coso as a community resource and develop a passion for higher education early on in the minds of young students. "Getting ready for college means planning for the future and making important decisions early," stated Karee Hamilton, Cerro Coso Counselor.



HEALTH SCIENCE ACADEMY IN MAMMOTH

The Cerro Coso Community College Eastern Sierra College Center in Mammoth Lakes has partnered with Mammoth High School, Mammoth Hospital, and Mammoth health care providers to offer a Health Science Academy for Mammoth High School students. The goals of the Academy are to assist students in going directly to college with a better idea of what to study and to give them a background in the health science field. Students are also prepared to go directly into the workforce at entry level positions after extensive exposure to health care fields. Students in the academy learn the "relevance" of daily high school classes by seeing how the concepts they are presented with in the classroom are applied to the real world.

The high school students earn college credit while in high school through Cerro Coso College's "Virtual High School". Courses offered include Introduction to Health Care, Medical Terminology, Nutrition, Administrative Medical Assistant



Jean Drummond, L.Ac. demonstrates acupuncture therapy to Arely Bramona and Perla Espitia during a recent job-shadowing session.



HSA students on a field trip to learn about the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department's equipment, training and emergency response teams.

and Rehabilitative Career Choices. The program is available to 10th – 12th grade students and operates as a "school within a school". Each cohort of students takes their classes together throughout the program and learns job skills to help them get a head start on their future careers. Courses are supplemented by student field trips, job-shadowing, mentor relationships in their junior year and by a wide variety of guest speakers. "Cerro Coso Community College provides online, career appropriate college classes for the students so they can explore and develop their interests and abilities in the health care field prior to college or a certificate program.



Dr. Dave Bassler and Lori Baitx, RN, Emergency Department Manager, demonstrate ER processes and procedures to Miriam Lemus and Ana Godinez during their tour of Mammoth Hospital



CLIFF-HANGER LADY COYOTES



With the roar of the crowds in the background the Lady Coyotes Basketball Team won in dramatic style with 2 seconds left in the game, defeating Rio Hondo 70-69. It was a cliff-hanger for sure, but the Lady Coyotes managed to hang on, pulling off a win in the last seconds. "The nice crowd and noise reminded me of days past," stated Coach, Tom Heck. The coach extended an invitation for all to attend the team's next home game on December 1st and cheer them on to victory as they compete in one of the toughest conferences in the state.

100 INNINGS OF FUN

The Cerro Coso Coyotes Baseball Team's 100-innings game raised a staggering \$18,000 for the college's baseball program. Coyote baseball players met on the Cerro Coso Dawg Yard on Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6th to participate in their first 100-innings game. The game was a fun and interactive fast-paced event to raise funds for uniforms, equipment, and travel expenses. Hosted like a walk-a-thon, donors pledge money for each inning. The format was simple: the squad was divided into three groups – one defense, one at bat, and one taking a rest. The teams played 12 outs then rotated sides. It was a fun and enjoyable time for all. The Coyotes want to thank everyone for participating and showing support by sponsoring players with donations. "Thanks to everyone who made this fundraising endeavor a hug success," said Billy Montgomery, Head Coach.



TEAM ROSTER

Standing (L-R):

Bart Cinense, Caresse Davis, Cheyenne Begaye, Shaniqua Richey, Latasha Trainor, Kristen Arthur, Lachelle James, Kim Kelly-Schartz.

Seated (L-R):

Reanna Chee, Celia Acevado, Asst. Coach Jeremy Pierce, Head Coach Tom Heck, Zellyssee Bass, Latasha Johnson.

Front (C):

Stephanie Hoskin.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

There is nothing more American than mom, apple pie, and county fairs and participating in the Desert Empire Fair is an exciting Cerro Coso tradition. The Desert Empire Fair is a high-profile marketing opportunity which allows Cerro Coso staff to interact one-on-one with students, potential students, their families and community members. The excitement of the children, carnival rides, crafts, quilts, livestock, and food is an excellent time for Cerro Coso to build on community partnerships and cultivate and nurture the higher educational needs of the communities it serves. "Our presence at the Desert Empire Fair ensures that the general public sees us as an educational institution that is an integral part of the community and is interested in hearing what they have to say. It is also an occasion to highlight the training and educational opportunities that each Cerro Coso program has to offer," stated Jill Board, President. Over two dozen Cerro Coso staff members participated in force manning the college's Information booth. "The support and volunteerism provided by our staff was extraordinary," said event coordinator, Karen O'Connor. There is something for everyone to enjoy at the Desert Empire Fair and Cerro Coso was proud to be a part of the family friendly affair.



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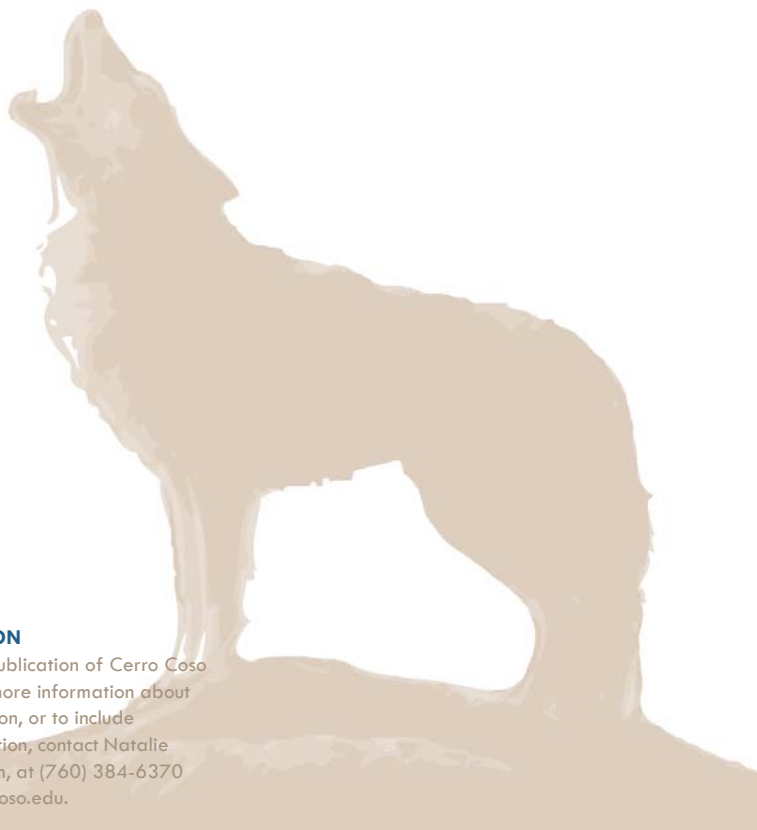
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KRV FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

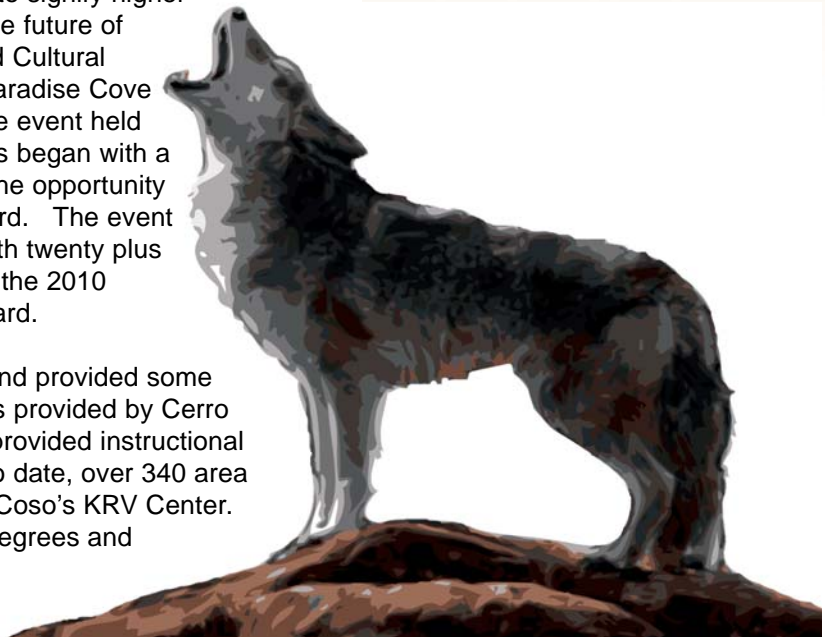


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Hard hats and mortar boards adorned the tables to signify higher educational dreams come true and building on the future of education at the Kern River Valley Education and Cultural Foundation 20th Anniversary celebration. The Paradise Cove Restaurant in Lake Isabella was the venue for the event held on Wednesday, January 11, 2011. The festivities began with a Presidential reception which provided residents the opportunity to meet and greet Cerro Coso President, Jill Board. The event also afforded an opportunity to recognize staff with twenty plus years of service to the KRV campus and present the 2010 Clayton A. Witherow Academic Achievement Award.

Jill Board was keynote speaker for the evening and provided some historical background on the educational services provided by Cerro Coso in the Kern River Valley. The college has provided instructional and student services in the Valley since 1986. To date, over 340 area residents have received degrees from the Cerro Coso's KRV Center. Many of these students go on to receive higher degrees and return to live and work in the Valley. Cerro Coso graduates are working in the local schools, medical facilities, media, and various





businesses. "It's all about relationships," stated Board. "The relationship that we have with the students, residents, and local organizations is what makes Cerro Coso Community College strong and allows us to fulfill our mission to educate, innovate, inspire, and serve."

Erie Johnson, Director of the KRV Campus spoke on the *Past and Future of Cerro Coso in the KRV*. "We look forward to expanding both education and training opportunities within the KRV campus, and taking Cerro Coso and our students in these areas to the next level," stated Johnson.



The following staff members were recognized for their 20+ years of service to the Kern River Valley Campus. Adjunct Instructor, Ron Montague; Department Assistant III, Inge Olsen; Adjunct Instructor, Jean Pack; and Counselor and Faculty member, Gayle Whitlock.

Cerro Coso Community College Kern River Valley student, Kimberly Word, received the 2010 Clayton A. Witherow Academic Achievement Award. Word received a check for \$1,000. This Award is presented to a qualified KRV student with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75 who exemplifies Dean Witherow's commitment to the pursuit of education.

The Kern River Valley Education and Cultural Foundation delights in student success and has developed a Text Book Fund to provide students in Basic Skills courses including Math, English, and Reading with their textbooks for free. Funds raised by community donations will be utilized to begin the implementation of the new program.



HOLIDAY PARTY BIG SUCCESS

There were no meetings, presentations, or teachings at the College's Annual Holiday Party held on Friday, December 3, 2010. Around 100 Cerro Coso staff members and guests attended the function which offered a chance to hang out and meet with fellow peers in a festive and relaxed atmosphere. The Holiday spirit was upon the staff as they participated in Santa hat and scavenger hunt games, danced the night away, and enjoyed great food. Drawings were held throughout the evening for some grand gifts donated by various vendors and area businesses including a mini lap-top computer, iPod Touch, tickets to Disneyland, and much, much more. All was merry and bright and it was a great way to start off the Holiday season. A "special thanks goes out to the committee who went the extra mile in making the Holiday party a great success," stated Angela Sellers, Event Chair.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

Cerro Coso Administrators hosted their Annual Breakfast Buffet to thank the staff for their dedication to the students on Thursday, December 9, 2010 in the Administrative Conference Room. The staff enjoyed a wonderful smorgasbord of breakfast foods including the President's celebrated breakfast potatoes. "The staff is the heart of what we do at Cerro Coso Community College. We take the time to recognize their contributions, dedication, and professionalism during the Holidays every year. It is recognition well deserved," stated College President, Jill Board.

CERRO COSO RECEIVES \$100,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FROM SCE

Cerro Coso Community College is the recipient of another \$100,000 scholarship grant from the Southern California Edison International Green Jobs Education Initiative. The company has provided a total of \$2 million for the program within the last 12 months, of which, Cerro Coso has received a total of \$200,000.

“This initiative provides a vehicle for us to create a vibrant 21st century workforce as we engage our communities and work together to address strategic needs. The grants enhance education programs, support environmental efforts and skilled-employee training,” said Theodore F. Craver Jr., chairman and chief executive officer, Edison International. “The Green Jobs Education Initiative also has the additional advantage of giving an economic boost to community colleges across the state coping with pressing financial needs.”



CCCC NAMES INTERIM VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Cerro Coso Community College has named Dr. Rick Post as Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs. He began his duties on Monday, January 3, 2011. Dr. Post, Dean Emeritus of College of the Desert, retired from COD after 33 years of service. Hired by COD in 1974, Rick taught Business Law, Economics, and other business courses for 27 years before becoming the Dean of Applied Science and Business and Director of Career and Technical Education. In his last year at COD, Post served as Dean of Resource Development and Assistant to the President.

“Post’s 33 years of community college and distance education experience will make this a seamless transition for the college as we undergo an extensive search for a permanent replacement for retiring VP, Dr. James Faye” stated President, Jill Board. “He is a welcomed addition to the college’s leadership team and we are fortunate to be able to draw on his skills to meet immediate challenges.”

Post is a graduate of College of the Desert in Palm Desert, California. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and his MBA from CSU Hayward, and his Juris Doctor (JD) from the University of La Verne, College of Law.

ESIA’S FALL FORUM AT CC

On Thursday, November 4th, the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA) held their day-long Fall Forum at the ESCC- Bishop campus, co-hosted by Cerro Coso Community College. The theme of the forum was “Building Connections to Success”. The program was facilitated by ESIA Partnership Coordinator, Lisa Isaacs.





According to Isaacs, “The Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association is a non-profit organization which concerns itself with Public Lands and the necessary collaboration between public land managers and other organizations involved with Stewardship and Interpretive efforts and programs”. Based on that, the forum brought together representatives from many local, State and Federal agencies. The first panel focused on “Best Practices Working with Volunteers”. The panel consisted of speakers from the National Park Service, the Mono Lake Committee, Friends of the Inyo, Mammoth Lakes Trails & Public Access and the Humboldt and Toiyabe National Forests. The second panel focused on “Connecting with Youth” and had speakers from the Mono Lake Committee, the Inyo County Office of Education, the Bishop Paiute Tribe, the Student Conservation Association and the Owens Valley Career Development Center. The forum was attended by more than 75 people from various local educational, state and federal organizations.



SPECIAL SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

The Cerro Coso Special Services Program held a “Fall Open House” on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees enjoyed snacks and tours of the Special Services Center and expanded High Tech Center. The Special Services Program at Cerro Coso is dedicated to helping and assisting students who are faced with special challenges in obtaining their education. The High Tech Center is a computer training center designed to train students with disabilities to use assistive technologies. It was established to facilitate computer access for disabled students, with the goal of empowering disabled students to achieve academic success and prepare themselves for educational and employment opportunities in the future. All disabled students who are accepted into the DSPS program are eligible to use the High Tech Center.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Cerro Coso IWW campus is busy with building construction activity all around. The Science Labs Modernization project is 99% complete. The crew is finalizing punch list items and new office furniture was installed in December. The Welding Lab Roofing project is 99% complete and waiting on certification. The Fine Arts Remodel and Expansion project is 82% complete. The Student Center Remodel project began December 8th. Installation of ADA Hardware on all exterior doors in the Main Building began December 13th. Rebates have been submitted for the Outdoor Lighting Retrofit Project. Bridge repair project is currently 20% complete. The work is noisy at times but staff and students have been patient and understanding. All have been warned to be cautious when traveling around construction sites and to follow all instructions on construction signage.

TERESA WHITE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT II

Meet Teresa White recently promoted to Department Assistant II in Counseling at the IWWV campus. A native of Long Beach, California, Teresa has been employed at Cerro Coso since 2002. She served as a Trio Tutor/Student Partner for Special Services and Admissions & Records Assistant both at the Kern River Valley campus. Teresa is a married, mother of 4 children and a grandmother of 7 grandkids and is expecting her 8th grandchild soon. She enjoys riding her two Quarter horses and showing her rabbits around the country. The best advice she ever received was “don’t stop your schooling.” Even though there have been plenty of times over the years she has wanted to give up. Someone also told her that she should “never give up hope.” Teresa holds five degrees: an AA in Social Sciences, AS in Business Administration, AS in Business Management (all from Cerro Coso) and a BS in Business Administration, and an MS in Business Administration/Human Resources. She is currently working on her second Master’s degree in General Psychology and all of her upper degrees have been through Walden University. Congratulations Teresa!



8TH GRADERS ATTEND COLLEGE INSPIRATION DAY

The Eastern Sierra College Center, in partnership with the Inyo County Superintendent of Schools, sponsored a “College Inspiration Day” for all eighth-graders in Inyo County on November 19th. The event, attended by approximately 250 students, provided all Inyo County 8th grade students an opportunity to explore higher education opportunities including career, education and training programs in health, computer design, industrial, technical careers and other industries. The event also provided students with an understanding of the value of higher education, how to prepare themselves in high school, the differences between community colleges and four-year universities, and how to fund higher education.

The students toured the Eastern Sierra College Center’s Bishop Campus and attended six presentations throughout the day-long event. The presentations included a career and technical education panel, a graduate panel, a “Why College?” film, a Cerro Coso Experience session, a Value of Education class, and an interactive A-G Requirement presentation. A graduate panel consisting of three local graduates shared their college experiences with the 8th graders in an animated question and answer session.

Eastern Sierra College Center Director, Deanna Campbell remarked, “ESCC is looking forward to continuing to host middle school and high school students in Inyo and Mono counties in the future, as well as developing similar programs for elementary school students.” The event was supported by KCCD SB70 grant funding.



COYOTES PLAY TOUGH BUT COME UP SHORT

The Cerro Coso Women's Basketball team gave it a great effort on Monday night but fell to the Barstow Vikings 59-53 at the McCue Activity Center. Barstow (16-4 4-2) led the entire game and held a 27-23 halftime advantage. The Coyotes had a balanced scoring attack with Stephanie Hoskin leading the way with 11 points and 7 rebounds. Cheyenne Begaye and LaTasha Trainor each added 10 points (Trainor had 10 rebounds) and Reanna Chee chipped in with 8. "Barstow trapped us just about the entire game, we spread the floor and took what they gave us, resulting in many open shots," said Coach Tom Heck. Heck said the difference was the 24 turnovers his team made. "We played hard but simply turned the ball over way too much, and many of these were unforced errors."



COYOTE BASEBALL: NEW FACES, NEW ERA

The 2011 Coyote Baseball squad will set history this season, as Head Coach, Billy Montgomery looks to lead the Coyotes through the tough Foothill Conference in his first season at the helm. Montgomery will be assisted by Bryan King.

Montgomery, a former Coyote who played at Cerro Coso in 1998 and still ranks among the school's single season leaders in stolen bases, is looking forward to his first season as a head coach. After a playing career that included time at San Diego State University and the Texas Rangers organization he began coaching at Division II powerhouse Western Oregon University. One of Montgomery's mottos has already caught on, "Ya gotta produce."

Montgomery's assistant for the 2011 campaign will be Bryan King. "Bryan has a great deal of knowledge in all aspects of the game and his passion and enthusiasm for hitting has already made an impact on our line-up" said Montgomery. "I just try to help the guys find out what they're good at and do my best to show them how to be consistent" added King.

Both Montgomery and King have high expectations for the 2011 Coyotes. And they've made mention that a Foothill Conference Championship is not out of the question. The emphasis of this coaching staff is on process as opposed to the results. "Baseball is a stat-driven game but good baseball players take care of the process and that creates the stats, not the other way around."



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CSULB COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING COMING THIS FALL



Earning a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering will get a whole lot easier for Cerro Coso Community College pre-engineering students beginning this fall. California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) will begin offering degree completion programs in Engineering in the greater Antelope Valley starting in the fall of 2011. This program is a shared commitment between CSULB, industry, government partners, and community colleges to ensure that our region has

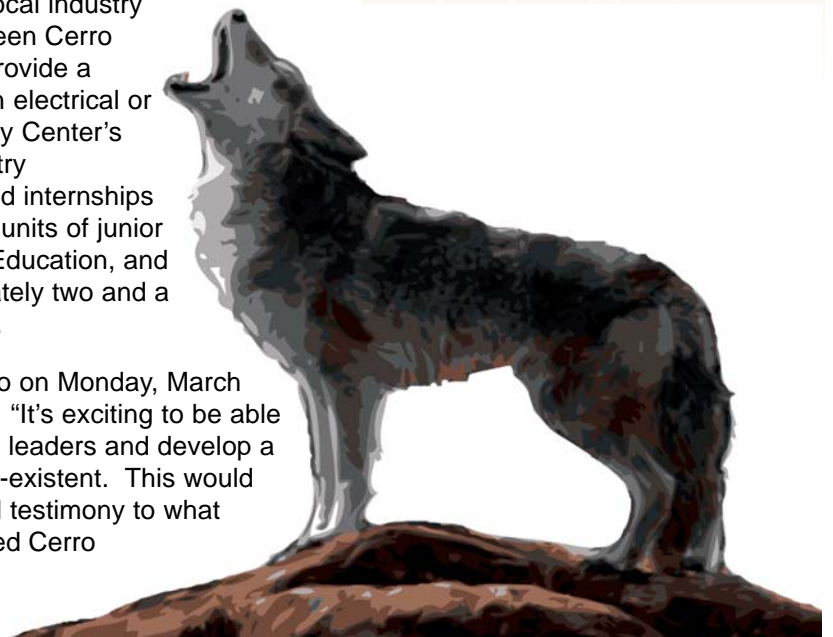
access to high quality and affordable engineering education. Students must first complete their first and second year course work at a community college or university. Classes will be held at the Lancaster University Center (LUC).

Recognizing local potential a collaborative effort has been made to train and retain highly skilled engineers from within Cerro Coso's service area. The college launched the Pre-Engineering Program in January of 2009 and has received a number of generous donations from local industry leaders. The articulation of this agreement between Cerro Coso and Cal State University Long Beach will provide a local pathway to a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical or mechanical engineering. The Lancaster University Center's location will offer unprecedented access to industry professionals, real-world engineering projects, and internships with local companies. Students will complete 75 units of junior and senior level engineering, capstone General Education, and math course work. The program takes approximately two and a half years to complete, including a summer term.

An information meeting will be held at Cerro Coso on Monday, March 7, 2011 in the Main Building Room 334 at 6 p.m. "It's exciting to be able to work with education, industry, and government leaders and develop a program like this at a time when budgets are non-existent. This would not be possible without their support and is a real testimony to what we can accomplish when we work together," stated Cerro Coso President, Jill Board.

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KIMBERLY WORD RECEIVES KRV ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Left to right: President, Jill Board; Director of South Kern/Kern River Valley, Dr. Erie Johnson; Interim Academic Affairs, Dr. Rick Post; Awardee, Ms. Kimberly Word.

Cerro Coso Community College Kern River Valley student, Kimberly Word, is the recipient of the 2010 Clayton A. Witherow Academic Achievement Award. Kimberly began her re-entry into college at Cerro Coso's KRV Campus in the spring of 2008. Her goal is to complete two A.S. degrees, one in Human Services and another in Criminal Justice, and she plans to graduate in May of 2011. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, and was ASCC Secretary during the 2009/2010 term.

The Clayton A. Witherow Academic Achievement Award is given each year since 2006 in honor of the Dean of the Kern River Valley from 1996-2002 who brought about and oversaw significant developments in the KRV Instructional Center. The Award is presented to a qualified student with a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.75 for the term prior to the Award, who exemplifies Dean Witherow's commitment to the pursuit of education. "Kimberly's tenacious, charming, and spirited attitude towards her education make her an excellent recipient for this award," stated Erie Johnson, Director of the Kern River Valley Center.

The Award was presented to Kimberly along with a check for \$1,000 at the Kern River Valley Education and Cultural Foundation's 20th Anniversary celebration held on January 11, 2011.

Recipients of the Award are selected by a community committee appointed by the President of the Foundation. The goal of the Foundation Board of Directors is to make this a perpetual award, given each year, with the help of residents and businesses of the Kern River Valley.

POPULAR ALTERNATIVE POP-ROCK BAND PERFORMS AT CCCC



"Walk Off Hits"

The Cerro Coso Concert in the Garden series is a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon with family and friends and enjoy some of the most entertaining music around. On Saturday, February 12, 2011 the popular alternative pop-rock band "Walk Off Hits" performed in the CCCC Luis Miro Sculpture Garden. The 1 p.m. concert was a free event for all in attendance.

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso were thrilled that they were able to sign "Walk Off Hits" and offer the event as a FREE concert to the community. This group was the Association's first band of the season to start off the Concert in the Garden series this spring.

An all original pop/rock/alternative band, Walk Off Hits is from Las Vegas, Nevada. The band was started by ex-Cerro Coso baseball player, Ross LaMarca and friend Will Bauer in the spring of 2009. Since then, the band has gone through many lineup changes, but as of now, 2011, the boys of Walk Off Hits have finally found some solidity. The artists are influenced by many different bands and musicians. It was a beautiful, sunny day, and concert goers were not disappointed.

“IDEALISM IS STILL ALIVE” LUNCHTIME LECTURE

Students “get involved” urged Ted Little, Special Guest Lecturer and Philosophy Instructor from the Kern River Valley Campus. “What’s happening today in Egypt is a reflection of the power and influence young people have in the world” he stated at his lunchtime lecture in honor of Black History Month on Thursday, February 10, 2011. Little lead a discussion in the Ridgecrest Campus Student Center on Civil Rights, touching on the non-violent approach of Martin Luther King Jr. and his personal experiences marching with Dr. King in Washington, D.C. “Dr. King was not a single issue person. He had many causes in his young lifetime...the Vietnam War, equality in education, a guaranteed wage, ending poverty, and integrated schools,” said Little. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American clergyman, activist, and prominent leader in the African American civil rights movement. Little actually attended UCLA in 1955 when California Hall of Famer, Rafer Johnson, was elected the first black Student Body President. He also discussed meeting with Caesar Chavez in Delano during the farm workers strike in the mid-sixties. “These movements were fostered by young students and idealism is still alive” concluded Little, “war is our enemy and you can make a difference.”



Professor Ted Little

ROGERS AND RUNDELL RECEIVE TENURE

Cerro Coso Community College is proud to announce that the KCCCD Board of Trustees has granted tenure to Steve Rogers, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Debra Rundell, Associate Professor of Psychology and Human Services. Both faculty members have met the criteria for teaching excellence and are well deserving of the award. Rogers earned both his BS and MA in Mathematics from California State University, Fullerton. Rundell earned both her BA and MS in Psychology/Human Services from California State University, Northridge. Please join us in congratulating both Rundell and Rogers for making tenure and wish them continued success in their careers at Cerro Coso Community College.



Steve Rogers



Debra Rundell

KRV CAMPUS PARTICIPATES IN WHISKEY FLAT DAYS

The Cerro Coso KRV campus participated in the 54th annual Whiskey Flat Days celebration by hosting a float in the parade. One of the most popular festivals in all of Southern California, Whiskey Flat Days is always held on President Day weekend in February. Over 50,000 people attend the celebration of all things “Old West” by taking a step back in time and celebrating life in the 1850’s when the area was settled by gold miners, cattle ranchers, and trappers. The four day, old-fashioned, western style festival included a parade, gunfighters, rodeo, food and craft booths, carnival, music, vendors, and a Whiskey Flat Encampment. There is something for everyone to enjoy at Whiskey Flat Days and Cerro Coso was proud to be a part of the historical family friendly affair.



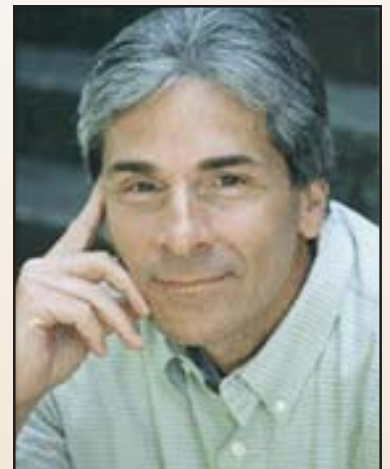
KRV Campus Whiskey Flat Day

CERRO COSO STUDENTS FINDING BALANCE IN LEADERSHIP

The Associated Student of Cerro Coso hosted a leadership event on Friday, February 25, 2011. A collaborative effort with Bakersfield Colleges’ student government, the function was FREE to all students. Noted author and professor, Dr. Dan G. Tripps was the guest lecturer and lead students through a series of exercises and discussions on “Getting to the Heart of Success, characteristics of successful people.” Dr. Tripps has devoted his life’s work to understanding the psychology of achievement and to helping individuals find greatness professionally and personally.

In his two recent books, *In Search of Greatness: Attributes of Achievement and Lessons for Life* (Town Books, 2002), and *The Heart of Success: Conversations With Notable Achievers* (BainBridgeBooks, 2001), Dr. Tripps helps readers place their life journeys in perspective. He believes that people need to embrace the notion that they do not become great simply because their achievements have been broadcast on television or reported in the local paper. Based on his personal interviews with 160 acclaimed performers, athletes, and intellectuals, Dr. Tripps identifies qualities that ordinary individuals can develop in order to achieve personal greatness.

Over forty Cerro Coso and Bakersfield students participated in the all day leadership event. Dr. Tripps is Executive Director of the American Institute of Sport and affiliated human performance laboratory, and Chair of Seattle University’s Department of Sport Studies where he teaches the Psychology of Leadership and Achievement. He has also been a guest lecturer on university campuses throughout the United States and has served as a consultant to education, business, and government, providing training for senior level managers, nurturing organizational leadership, and enriching employee skills.



Dr. Dan Tripps, Author And Guest
Lecture At ASCC Leadership Event



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CCCC STUDENTS RECEIVE TOP HONORS



Cerro Coso students Abigail Homer and Pedro Santiago have been named to the 2011 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team, a state-wide competition co-sponsored by the Community College League of California and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Both students

are members of the college's Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges that encourages academic excellence and promotes community service.

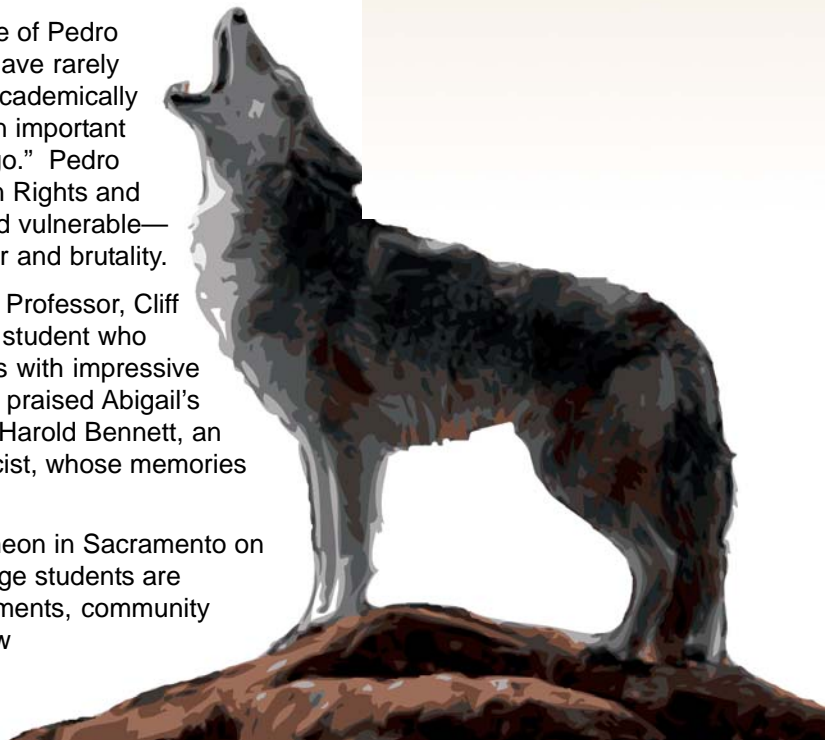
Nominating professor, Dr. Don Rosenberg, wrote of Pedro Santiago, "In my forty-five years of teaching, I have rarely encountered a student whom I think will be so academically and professionally successful and make such an important contribution to our ailing world as Pedro Santiago." Pedro plans to become a lawyer specializing in Human Rights and International Law to assist the most helpless and vulnerable—the world's poverty stricken young victims of war and brutality.

Abigail was nominated for the award by English Professor, Cliff Davis, who stated, "Abby is a rare example of a student who combines extraordinary academic achievements with impressive leadership and community involvement." Davis praised Abigail's work last summer recording the memoirs of Dr. Harold Bennett, an octogenarian and world-renowned optical physicist, whose memories his family eventually intends to publish.

Abigail and Pedro were invited to attend a luncheon in Sacramento on March 21 where the state's top community college students are formally recognized for their academic achievements, community service, and the example they set for their fellow students.

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Series Facilitator Eva Poole-Gilson with Guest Lecturer John Dittli



A viewing of Dittli's photographs

NATURAL BEAUTY ON DISPLAY AT ESCC BISHOP

On February 7 the Bishop Cerro Coso campus initiated their new Lecture Series, SCHOLARS, ARTISTS, AND WRITERS. The first speaker was John Dittli, an Eastern Sierra resident known nationally as a photographer of the wilderness. Dittli and Mark Schlenz, a past instructor for Cerro Coso, created a book together called *WALK THE SKY*, about the John Muir Trail; John of course provided the photos and Mark created the text.

A number of the instructors on the Bishop campus encouraged attendance by their students at this kick-off lecture. About six students from Speech 101 attended. A number of them wrote short essay-critiques in response to Mr. Dittli's presentation, which included a video show with running commentary, followed by a question and answer session. They then held a reception and book signing in the Learning Resource Center. When asked about Dittli's presentation, one student named Shayla Tillotson commented, "The slide show began and in an instant I and everyone else (based on the oohs and ahhs) became fascinated by the beauty of nature." Another student, named Julianne Baker noted that, "He uses his work to encourage protection of threatened places and to promote awareness in general."

The success of the lecture and slide show was such that Series Facilitator, Eva Poole-Gilson said, "This is a good starting point for the series. In the fall, we hope to have a series of lectures, one per month starting in September."



Stephen Gexler, Contract and Continuing Education Manager

WELCOME STEPHEN GEXLER

It is a pleasure to welcome Stephen Gexler to the staff of Cerro Coso Community College. Stephen is the new Contract and Community Education Manager at the College. He has more than 25 years of professional experience in business and academic environments. Stephen has a Master of Arts in Adult Education and a Graduate Certificate in Training Systems Development from San Francisco State University. He has served as Director of Extended Studies at Northern State University; Campus Director at Fisher College; District Manager, at Select Comfort Corporation; and Project Supervisor at the Intel Corporation. Stephen was the owner and lead instructor of Target Learning, Incorporated. We are excited to have Stephen join our team.



LEADERSHIP AND ATHLETICS TOPIC OF MARCH LUNCH TIME LECTURE

Cerro Coso student and four time National Weightlifting Silver Medalist, Katie Moorman, was the featured speaker for the March lunch time lecture hosted by the Associated Students. Katie started her lecture by reciting “The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost. “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference” a quote that she finds reflects her own life experiences. Katie and her twin brother Spencer are both competitive Olympic Style Weightlifters. An individual sport that is physically demanding, time consuming, isolating, and requires a great deal of dedication. She finds being away from other people to be one of the hardest parts of the sport, but she has learned a lot about who she is without the distraction of outside influences.

“I know who I am” she stated. “And because I know who I am, I’m not persuaded by drugs, alcohol, and things that will prevent me from succeeding.” She challenged those in attendance to find who they are and to look for the roads that can lead to success. “The decisions you make today are a part of your future”, said Katie.

“One thing we can expect in life is change. Change is inevitable. Expect it. Learn from it. Embrace it. And most important...grow from it.” Not all change is easy she warned, but it is doable and like Frost’s poem she encouraged participants to lead and not follow. Katie strives to make the USA Weightlifting team for the Pan-American Games and travel internationally.



Katie Moorman

KRV STUDENTS TAKE PART IN GREEN FESTIVAL

During their spring break, Cerro Coso KRV students participated in “The Living Green Festival” with their “Denim Project” to promote the reuse, recycle, and regeneration of denim clothing. Created by Phi Theta Kappa member, Terri Jo Kumar, the “Denim Project” collected denim clothing including jeans, jackets, shorts, overalls, dresses etc. from generous residents from around the Kern River Valley area. Collected items were washed and taken to the event for redistribution for FREE to anybody who needed them. Decorated clothespins were given to all recipients encouraging them to save on energy use and cost by hanging laundry out to dry. The project was well received and the group was praised for “thinking outside the box”.



KRV PTK students Kimberly Word and Terri Jo Kumar share conservation details of the “Denim Project”.



Donated denim items hang in preparation for redistribution promoting recycling and energy conservation.



CCCC Heart Walk Participants:
Robert Ennis, Kimberly Word,
Angie DelGado, and Jacqui Conrad
(Joy Smith not pictured)

CERRO COSO PARTICIPATES KRV HEART WALK

Cerro Coso Kern River Valley students, Robert Ennis, Kimberly Word, Angie DelGado, Jacqui Conrad, and Joy Smith participated in the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation's 12th annual Heart Walk on Saturday, February 27. The five member team walked around the Kern Valley High School track and raised money to help purchase new equipment for the hospital. All donations are split between the Hospital Foundation and the charity of each team's choice in a 40/60 split.



ASCC BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

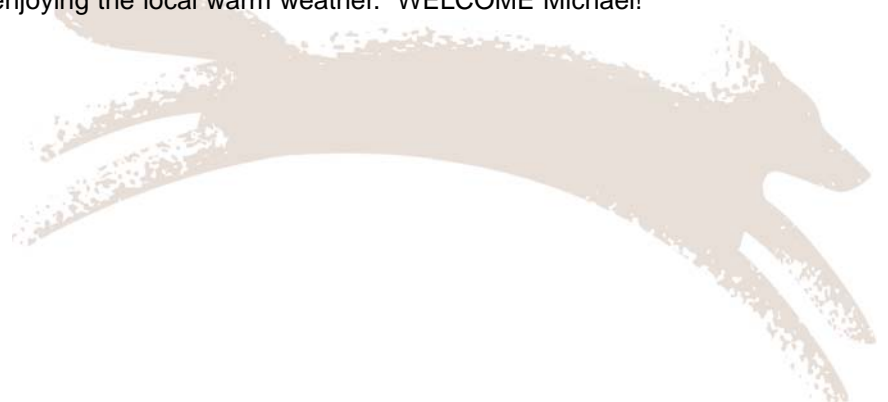
Thanks to the dedication and generosity of Cerro Coso students, faculty, and staff 19 pints of life-saving blood were donated during the spring 2011 Blood Drive held at the IWV campus. The need for blood is constant, and the need for O positive is still deemed a priority! The ASCC coordinated the drive with the Houchin Community Blood Bank. The only blood bank in Kern County, Houchin's supplies the blood for all of the hospitals throughout the county. They also provide blood to private cancer and blood disease treatment facilities, dialysis centers, and home health agencies specializing in home transfusion medicine.



Michael Campbell, Information
Technology Manager

MICHAEL CAMPBELL NEW IT MANAGER

Michael Campbell and his wife, Patti, have relocated from the rolling plains of Havre, Montana (located 45 miles south of the Canadian border) to the beautiful and warm Mojave Desert. Please join us in welcoming Michael to Cerro Coso Community College where he will serve as the College's new Information Technology Manager. For the past ten years, Michael has held a variety of IT positions at Montana State University-Northern, most recently serving as Director of the Information Technology Department. His background and knowledge in Banner and Luminis make him a perfect fit for the position here at Cerro Coso. Michael holds an AS and BS in Computer information Systems from Montana State University-Northern. He looks forward to working with the Cerro Coso staff ensuring all our technological needs are being met and keeping us abreast of changes in technologies. In his spare time Michael loves to golf and says he and Patti are enjoying the local warm weather. WELCOME Michael!



COYOTES IN THE CLASSROOM

This spring the Cerro Coso Coyote Baseball Team joined forces with Gateway Elementary School to provide its first community mentoring program for kids. Committed to sharing their gifts and passion with the community, all 24 players are actively participating in the “Coyotes in the Classroom” program where athletes meet and assist children in the classroom.

The program kicked off on March 4th, as the Coyotes helped Principal Lisa Decker orchestrate the annual Junior Olympics at Gateway Elementary. Players helped record events, instruct the children, and provided motivational support. One week later, the baseball team was given an opportunity to sit in on second grade classes and work with children on subjects such as math, reading, and spelling.

The idea to have baseball player’s volunteer in the classroom came from Assistant Coach, Bryan King. The players are on a mission to connect with the community and serve as role models that can make a big impact on the lives of the children they help. “*Coyotes in the Classroom*” provides our athletes with an opportunity to give back to the community. Although the athletes are making a difference in the lives of the children they help, it is the children themselves who are teaching the players a far greater lesson,” said Coach Montgomery. “I hope this is the start of something special in the Ridgecrest community for years to come.”



NURSING CAREERS IN THE EASTERN SIERRA

On March 10th 2011, Cerro Coso College’s Bishop Campus held an informational reception for those interested in a career in nursing. The program focused on careers as Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA), Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) and Registered Nurses (RN).

Greg Kost, ESCC counselor, described the programs offered at the Eastern Sierra College Center for students interested in nursing programs and the courses required to complete these programs. Dennis Jensen, ESCC’s full-time Biology Faculty discussed the nature and topics of the science prerequisite courses. Yvette Matthiessen, ESCC’s Adjunct Faculty for the CNA program provided an overview of the course as well as job opportunities for CNA’s in the Bishop area. Susan Batchelder, Director of Nursing for Northern Inyo Hospital (NIH) and Barbara Smith, Med/Surg Nursing Director at NIH both provided insight into nursing careers at NIH. Fred Heacock, Clinical Director, Mammoth Hospital discussed employment opportunities in Mammoth. Gina Jones and Joanie Hanson from the Owens Valley Career Development Center discussed funding options for CNA, LVN and LVN-RN Bridge Programs.

Several ESCC students and graduates participated in an information panel to answer questions and share their experiences. Gina Jones and Deanna Campbell, Directors of OVCDC and ESCC respectively discussed scholarship and other financial aid options for students.

The event was attended by 70 individuals from Mammoth to Lone Pine. SB70 funds paid for dinner and drinks for the crowd. There was great interest from prospective students – the Q & A session went well over two hours allotted for the presentations, with many students staying after to ask questions of the presenters.



SNOWY SPRING BREAK FOR ESCC MAMMOTH CAMPUS

Mammoth is not for the faint of heart these days. A total of 10.5 – 17 feet of snow fell during ESCC Mammoth's spring break last week. This was on top of a base of 17 -27 feet for a total of over 600 inches for the season. According to Mammoth's weather predictor, there is still a possibility of 30-40 more inches and that would bring the total snowfall to one of the five snowiest years in Mammoth's history.



Mammoth campus dorms.



Front entrance to the Mammoth Lakes campus.



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DENIM AND DIAMONDS GALA A FUNDRAISING SUCCESS



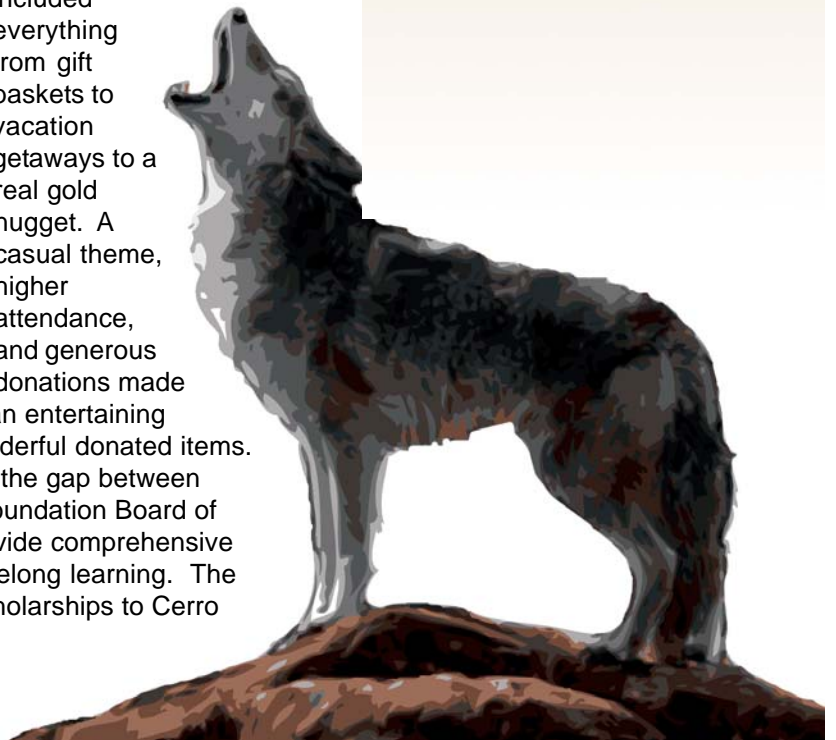
In the presence of Royalty as (l to r) Jan Bennett was crowned Queen of Diamonds by 2010 Queen Mary Alvarado and Matt Crow was named King of Diamonds by 2010 King Bud Gates.

Community 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 to 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 the College's mission to provide comprehensive academic opportunities to the community for lifelong learning. The Foundation will award more than \$25,000 in scholarships to Cerro Coso students this spring.

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Instructor John Stenger-Smith captivates 5th graders with an interesting Chemistry demonstration.



5th graders run off excess energy in the College sculpture garden after lunch.



Classified Staff of the Year – Network Technician – Jeremy Horton.

I'M GOING TO COLLEGE BRINGS 5TH GRADERS TO COLLEGE CAMPUS

On April 5 and 6 Cerro Coso Community College hosted area 5th graders as part of their "I'm Going to College" program. Children from all over the valley toured the Ridgecrest campus and enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities, which included demonstrations by Cerro Coso faculty; Debby Kurti, Larry Board, Tom Heck, Annette Hodgins, Julie Cornett, and John Stenger-Smith. To top off the day, the students received a great lunch provided by Subway and Stater Bros.

Both days began with a personal "Welcome" from the College Vice President of Academic Affairs, Rick Post. Cerro Coso student ambassadors, baseball players, and Associated Student Body members gave the children guided tours of the campus with special presentations by Career Technical Education, the Special Services Department, Career Center, Learning Resource Center, and Counseling Department.

"We began this program a number of years ago to expose children to the college experience and to encourage them to go to college. It's never too early to start planning for the future," stated Cerro Coso President, Jill Board. Counselor, Karee Hamilton, overheard a young boy say, "I can't wait to go to college!" and stated "that's so exciting!"

To help make this event a success donations were received from the Rotary Club and Stater Brothers of Ridgecrest.

JEREMY HORTON NAMED CLASSIFIED STAFF OF THE YEAR

Network Technician, Jeremy Horton, was named "Classified Staff Member of the Year" by a group of his peers for the 2010-2011 school year. Jeremy has been an employee of Cerro Coso's since 2007 and was commended for the smile he always wears even when working long hard hours with limited staffing in the IT Department. Jeremy provides a great example of the college's mission to educate, innovate, inspire, and serve. **Educate** – Jeremy is constantly educating faculty and staff on how to access and use a variety of computer programs. As operating systems are upgraded to new versions, he often provides tips and tricks on some of the newer features. **Innovate** – He is innovative in providing a "work-around" when glitches in the computer system or programs occur. Something as simple as printing a banner report can be very frustrating when the machines refuse to cooperate. Jeremy almost always finds a way to make them work. **Inspire** - Jeremy is an inspiration to the staff. He is always willing to answer questions, provide suggestions for an easier process, and is always friendly. **Serve** – Student needs always come first to Jeremy. He is quick to response to all requests for assistance and works diligently to keep our systems functioning. **Our Congratulations and a big Thank You to Jeremy Horton!** Recognition well deserved.

DR. DON ROSENBERG RECEIVES RECOGNITION FROM UC IRVINE

Dr. Don Rosenberg, Retired Professor of History and Social Sciences and current adjunct faculty member has been 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. A favorite among Cerro Coso students, Dr. Rosenberg served as a full-time professor beginning with the Desert Division of Bakersfield College and then Cerro Coso Community College for 44 years and retired in 2009. Since his retirement he continues to teach as an adjunct faculty member. His passion for teaching and dedication to students is highly commendable. Dr. Rosenberg will be honored for his role in student success at the UCI University Club in May.

CONGRATULATIONS DON!



Dr. Don Rosenberg

FREE CONCERT PERFORMED BY DR. TOM FOGGIA

Those looking for an afternoon of musical enjoyment were treated to a FREE solo performance by Dr. Tom Foggia on Saturday, April 9, 2011. Hosted by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso Dr. Foggia performed a solo guitar recital featuring a variety of works on both classical and electric guitar. The program consisted of traditional classical and Spanish works, jazz selections, and songs by Santana.

Foggia, a native of Chicago, began his studies in classical guitar with Michael Adamczyk. At age 18, he won first prize in the Illinois String Competition. Dr. Foggia holds a Bachelor of Music degree with highest honors from California State University, Sacramento where he was awarded the CSUS Music Scholarship four years in a row. He also won first prize in the Bertha Stevers Scholarship, string division. Dr. Foggia holds a Master of Music degree from Arizona State University where he received two Regents Scholarships as well as a two-year Teaching Assistantship. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook where he received full scholarship and a Teaching Assistantship to teach music theory and guitar. Foggia has had the opportunity to study with some of the world's most gifted artists among which include Manuel Barrueco, Elliot Fisk, Paul O'dette, Timothy Walker, Albert Fuller, and Joe Diorio. Dr. Foggia currently serves on the faculty at Cerro Coso Community College.



Dr. Tom Foggia performed a FREE Guitar Concert in the sculpture Garden on April 9, 2011.



Children from the Cerro Coso Child Development Center plant flowers in front of the LRC

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

Ernest Hemingway wrote “The world is a fine place and worth fighting for.” For over 40 years, *Earth Day* has inspired and mobilized individuals and organizations worldwide to demonstrate their commitment to environmental protection and sustainability. Cerro Coso students celebrated Earth Day 2011 with a number of activities that reminds us to appreciate nature and learn ways to protect the environment on Thursday, April 21, 2011. Nature showed its force and the powerful winds required most activities to be moved into the lobby of the Learning Resource Center. That did not deter the Cerro Coso Child Development Center from planting flowers in front of the LRC and the Sister City organization planted a tree at the Child Development Center. There were food booths, demonstrations, a drum circle, live bees and fresh honey, turtles and tortoises, recycled denim, a water conservation booth, and more. The event was hosted by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth’s natural environment.



Ridgecrest Martial Arts Academy shows students practical self defense moves.

SELF DIRECTION AND SELF PROTECTION

Cerro Coso students from the Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) and CalWORKS programs were invited to participate in a workshop designed to give them tools that lead to student success, self sufficiency, and self protection. The workshop entitled “Self Direction & Self Protection” was held on April 14, 2011.

Paula Suarez and Jennifer Schwerin opened with exercises on self direction and guidance on learning more about one’s self along with a discussion on how to cope and move forward during stressful times. Students reflected on life themes, what’s important in their life, their successes and challenges, short and long term goals, and what needs to be done to achieve their goals.



Paula Suarez (left) and Special Services Director, Penny Talley (right) introduce Byron Walls of California CrimeFight.

Director of Special Services, Penny Talley, introduced Byron Walls of California CrimeFight who has been teaching and entertaining people for 23 years. Byron provided an informative and humorous presentation on the subject of crime safety. Students received an automobile “call police” sign along with security alarm protection stickers for their home.

After lunch guest speaker Vice President Heather Ostash inquired about obstacles that students see as blocks to their educational success and reassured participants that Cerro Coso does care about them and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Ridgecrest Martial Arts Academy followed with practical self defense moves that students can use to protect themselves in crisis situations. The day wrapped up with students receiving certificates of participation.



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD CELEBRATION

The Cerro Coso Child Development Center celebrated “*Week of the Young Child*” April 11 – 15, 2011 with many fun and engaging activities. The week was packed with events including an art display in the LRC showcasing art and classroom projects of current CDC children, alumni children, and art donations from staff and community members. A gallery reception was held on Thursday evening with refreshments and musical entertainment provided by community children on the piano. Items donated by adults were numbered and bought through a silent auction including pottery by Paula Caudill and the college art department, photography by Dawn Fidel, a quilt made by the CDC classroom, recycle art piece (Mother Earth) by Nan Gomez-Heitzberg, art by Librarian Julie Cornett, paintings by Megan Cornell and Joe Lauro, and earrings by Paula Caudill. Proceeds from the auction will go towards art education and materials for the CDC children. A parade around campus was held on Friday, culminating with a picnic lunch on the grass in front of the LRC. On Saturday, the CDC had a booth at the Children’s Fair at LeRoy Jackson Park representing the college and its program.

Week of the Young Child is held each year to recognize the needs of young children and thank the adults involved in their education and care. Parents, teachers, caregivers, and other adults play important roles in the lives of young children, and *Week of the young Child* celebrates their efforts.



CERRO COSO HOSTS KIDWIND COMPETITION

The Cerro Coso Community College Career Technical Education Department hosted a KidWind challenge on Saturday, April 16th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the College’s Renewable Energy Lab. The event was funded by the National Science Foundation Grant the College received last fall. Teams from local elementary and junior high schools as well as a team from Porterville High School competed in the student-oriented wind turbine design contest. During the challenge students designed and constructed their own wind turbines with the goal of creating something that is both efficient and elegant. Teams eventually convened and the performances of their turbines were evaluated. While turbines were judged and prizes awarded at the KidWind Challenge the winning team will go on to compete at a National Championship to be held in Anaheim, California.



CDC FIELD TRIP TO THE COYOTE YARD

The Cerro Coso Child Development Center took a trip to the Coyote field to watch the baseball team practice. The children sporting their handmade Coyote wears were delighted when the players stopped their practice to interact with the children. The children were thrilled when the players let them hang out in the dugout and run the bases with them on the field. It was an educational and memorable experience for the children thanks to the Cerro Coso Baseball Team.



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STUDENT SUCCESS FOCUS OF CERRO COSO COMMENCEMENT



Faculty and staff congratulate students on their accomplishments following Commencement Exercises.

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Cerro Coso Community College hosted its 38th Annual Commencement Exercises on Friday with special emphasis on student success. The ceremony was held in the Gym of the Raymond A. McCue Athletic Complex on May 13. "It's a new day" said Cerro Coso President, Jill Board. "Last year at this time Cerro Coso awarded 262 degrees and certificates, this evening we are conferring 359. This is a 37% increase!"

Friends, relatives, staff and faculty gathered to honor the Class of 2011. Out of the 359 awards, 230 Associate of Arts degrees and 96 Associate of Science degrees were conferred. Thirty three graduates received Certificate's of Achievements, seven students are 4.0 graduates, 47 graduated with honors and 57 were Phi Theta Kappa honor graduates. Jon Tittle retiring long-time faculty member served as the Faculty Marshal for the ceremony.

Dr. Ana G. Petrovic, a 2001 graduate of Cerro Coso Community College was the Distinguished Alumni Speaker. Four exceptional graduates were chosen to address the assemblage: Darryl Moline (AA Liberal Arts, Arts and Humanities emphasis & AA Liberal



Arts, Social and Behavioral Sciences); Pedro Santiago (AA Humanities & AA Social Sciences); Rebekah Cash (AA Liberal Arts, Arts and Humanities) all three from the Ridgecrest campus, and Michael Kinney (AS, Business Management) from the South Kern campus.

“It is the college’s intention that our degree represents you having achieved specific outcomes that represent your abilities in utilizing foundational life-long learning skills, culminating with demonstrating personal, civic, social and environmental responsibility and cooperation in order to become a productive local and global citizen. We believe that outcome will assist you as you move on to your ‘new day’,” concluded President Board. The Ridgecrest Band led by Dan Peterson provided a musical backdrop for the processional of faculty and graduating class.

DR. ANA PETROVIC DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SPEAKER

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 the graduates. Dr. Ana Petrovic was this year’s distinguished alumni speaker. She was born and raised in Belgrade, Serbia and 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 Community College has given her opportunity and incentive to continue her higher education in America. She was a member of the Cerro Coso Honors Program and graduated from the college in 2001 with an Associate of Arts degree in General Education with a 4.0 GPA.

Ana’s education and accomplishments at Cerro Coso opened the doors for her transfer to Whitman College with a full academic scholarship. She 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.

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



Dr. Ana Petrovic 2011
Distinguished Alumni Speaker

HONORS PROGRAM RECOGNIZES GRADUATES

On Saturday, April 30, the Cerro Coso Honors Program celebrated its 2011 graduates: Rebekah Cash, Jordan Covert, Morgann Havig, Abigail Homer, Jennifer Jones, Steven Mayhugh, Daryl Moline Jr., and Michelle Pope. The graduates, their families, Cerro Coso faculty, and fellow Honors Program students attended a luncheon to recognize these outstanding students. Additionally, two \$500 Faculty Honors Scholarships were awarded to Morgann Havig and Michelle Pope, and a \$1,000 President’s Honors Scholarship went to graduating Burroughs High School student Brian Moore for exceptional academic performance.



Luncheon honoring tutors. Those holding certificates are the newest tutors to earn College Reading and Learning Association’s International

COLLEGE HOLDS COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE AT BISHOP CAMPUS

The Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC) held its 7th Annual Commencement Ceremony at the Bishop Campus on Friday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. Commencement speakers included: President of Cerro Coso Community College, Jill Board; Director of the Eastern Sierra Foundation and Inyo County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Terence McAteer, Director of the Eastern Sierra College Center, Deanna Campbell; campus graduating student speakers, Jillian Flavin, Rose Martin and Sandra Warlie; Alumni Speaker, Keith Glidewell; and Kern Community College District Trustee, Stuart Witt.

"This was the largest graduating class ever, up 35% from last year and nearly triple the number only four years ago" stated Deanna Campbell. Over 350 family and friends attended the event. The Felici Trio and Eastern Sierra Community Chorale provided the music for Commencement and the reception that immediately followed the ceremony.

The Eastern Sierra Foundation held a Donor Recognition Ceremony just prior to the Commencement Ceremony to honor the donors to the Foundation who had contributed more than \$5000. The Eastern Sierra Foundation provides 60 scholarships each semester for local Inyo County residents. Scholarships cover full tuition and up to \$300 towards textbooks. Two-thirds of the 2011 Bishop graduates were recipients of an Eastern Sierra Foundation scholarship.

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation provides full scholarships for residents of Mono County. Forty percent of this year's Mammoth graduates were recipients of a Mammoth Lakes Foundation scholarship.

KRV STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY

The Kern River Valley Campus of Cerro Coso Community College held their first Student Awards Ceremony Friday, May 6th at the Kern Valley High School Auditorium. Approximately 40-50 students and family members were in attendance. **Director, Dr. Erie Johnson**, was keynote speaker; Debra Rundell award presenter and emcee and ASCC Faculty Chair. Counselor Pam Godfrey, Professor Gary Enns, Instructors Ted Little, Mark Hosman and Mary Ann Fountain were in attendance to show support and make presentations.

KRV ASCC Officers for 2011-2012 were acknowledged as follows: President: David Barry; Vice President: Darren Smith; Secretary: Chrystal Handley; and Treasurer: Kyle McDade. Awards were given to: Kimberly Word, Award of Excellence-Admin of Justice and Certificate: Human Services A.S. requirements (PTK member); Robert Ennis, AA Graduation Certificate; Karen Patino, KRV Staff Member of the Year; Karen Priest, Award of Excellence-Abnormal Psychology. **Patrick McGaughey**, Award of Excellence – English, Multiple Award Recipient (PTK member); **Marilyn Booth Horn**, (PTK member) Multiple Award Recipient; Amber Pyle, Multiple Award Recipient (PTK member).



Commencement Exercises in Bishop



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Phi Theta Kapp International Honor Society inducts 95 new members.

PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTION CEREMONY

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society held its induction ceremony for its newest members on April 29, 2011 at the Cerro Coso Community College's Learning Resource Center. Heather Ostash, Vice President of Student Services at Cerro Coso Community College, was the keynote speaker. Ninety-five students were inducted into the Beta Kappa Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society at Cerro Coso Community College for the 2011-2012 academic year. Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of the Two Year College, founded in 1918. Its mission is to encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide development opportunities through participation in leadership and service. These students earned the privilege to join Phi Theta Kappa based on their academic excellence, earning at least a 3.5 grade point average in degree- and transfer-level courses, making them the top 10% of Cerro Coso Community College students. By joining Phi Theta Kappa, they become life-long members of the world's largest honors society, have access to over \$36 million in scholarships, and join an outstanding fellowship of scholars.



Students discussing academic programs with Counselor, Greg Kost

HUMAN SERVICES CAREERS IN THE EASTERN SIERRA

On Thursday, April 14th, the Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC) in Bishop held a Human Services informational reception. There were 13 presenters in total from the Human Services industry, Cerro Coso College and current and former students, each speaking about their education, experiences and careers in the Human Services field. Barbara Lieberman, a graduate of the HMSV program, produced and presented a video that described the program and highlighted possible career opportunities. Each presenter's personal story of educational achievement and career advancement as a result of the Human Services program was emotional and very inspirational.



Student registering for class with help from Cerro Coso staff.

On the panel were Debra Rundell, Director and Founder of Cerro Coso's Human Services program discussed the requirements of and skills developed in the program; Daniel Ranson was introduced as the new Case Management class instructor; Lisa Reel, Director of Wild Iris and Beth Himelhoch, Executive Director of Inyo Mono Advocates for the Handicapped (IMAH) provided an overview of careers and opportunities in the Human Services field in the Eastern Sierra; Gina Jones, Director of the Owens Valley Career Development Center (OVCDC) and Deanna Campbell, Director of the Eastern Sierra College Center, introduced funding opportunities, including grants and scholarships, for students interested in the program. Former student presenters included Barbara Lieberman (OVCDC), Kelli Brown (Progress Center), Kelli Braithwaite (OVCDC), Jenny Parks (IMAH) and Adelina Rico (IMAH). Light dinner was provided through SB70 funding.

ESCC ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE AND FAFSA WORKSHOP

The Eastern Sierra College Center of Cerro Coso College (ESCC) held its inaugural Admissions Open House and FAFSA Workshop, Monday, April 25th on the Bishop Campus and Tuesday, April 26th on the Mammoth Campus. This was an opportunity for new and continuing students to complete the admissions and

registration process in one day. According to ESCC's counselor Greg Kost, "The orientation provided new and returning students the opportunity to discuss their educational goals, with the help of several key student services components, including Admissions and Records, Learning Resource Center opportunities, Financial Aid and Counseling staff." Topics presented included Learning Resource Center (LRC) information. Cerro Coso staff member Nancy Willard helped students learn about the LRC and what kinds of resources are available to our students. She also assisted students in taking their placement exams. ESCC Counselor Greg Kost worked with Vice President of Student Services Heather Ostash and Academic Counselor Amy Kennedy in providing students with assessment information and developing educational plans.

Housing information in Mammoth was presented by Laura Goforth of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation. ESCC staff Jenine Cushman, Cindy Duriscoe, Matt Mahoney and Lori Olivera each assisted students with their online applications, updates and registration. Joann Spiller, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships helped students complete their FAFSA applications online and answered general financial aid and scholarship questions. Joanne also gave a one-hour financial aid workshop on each campus in the evenings. Cerro Coso Student Ambassadors Lindsey Moss and Sadie Finney (Bishop) and Jillian Pieter and Ingrid Humes (Mammoth) were on hand to greet students and guide them through the process. Students and their families were given all of the information necessary to pursue higher education at Cerro Coso Community College. Nearly 70 students were assisted through the admissions process during the two-day event. When asked about the Admissions Open House, Student Ambassadors agreed, "This was a great experience for our students – we look forward to doing it again next year."

GRANT BENTLEY SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS

Grant Bentley a local prize-winning songwriter performed some of his original work and offered a FREE songwriting workshop to the public on Tuesday, May 3rd, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bishop's Cerro Coso Campus. Grant is the second presenter in the College's new Lecture Series: Artists, Scholars & Writers. Grant complemented the evening with visuals and a free hand-out of suggested tips for creating original songs.

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON HONORS TUTORS

Cerro Coso students take advantage of free tutoring provided by a select group of highly recommended and talented tutors available online and at most campuses. Each semester peer tutors are recognized for their diligence and dedication with an appreciation luncheon. Many tutors carry heavy academic loads, participate in campus and community activities and work other jobs, while maintaining high grades. Many of the tutors attending the luncheon are upcoming honors graduates and members of the college honor society-Phi Theta Kappa. After hours of training and tutoring, many tutors this year have earned an International Tutor Certificate from College Reading and Learning Association's (CRLA) which is a tutor prerequisite at many colleges and universities.

The benefits of tutoring are many. Often students on campus attribute course success to the assistance received from a tutor. Students comment: "Tutoring



Student award recipients pose for picture following Special Services Program 30th Annual Awards Ceremony.



Grant Bentley



From left to right, graduating students Jordan Covert, Jennifer Jones, Steven Mayhugh, Abigail Homer, Morgann Havig, Michelle Pope, and Rebekah Cash.

helped me a lot with my writing and grammar.” “I used it for accountability for my homework...timed right to have homework questions answered before I turned in the problems.” “It’s good to have another opinion from someone who does not see it in the same light.” “It’s very helpful in practicing homework, for answering questions and expanding your work using different software programs.” Tutors find benefits from tutoring too. Brian Repsholdt considers tutoring great for “refreshing your memory on courses even if they (*courses*) are low. The greatest form of learning is teaching.” “It’s ...the satisfaction of helping other students.” David Santiago finds tutoring “reinforces concepts I learned early on.” “Getting familiar with different types of people is pretty cool...” and adds becoming “better at explaining things to other people.” Surprisingly, peer tutors may be the first to sign up for tutoring; they comprehend the benefits of tutoring-shared learning and higher grades. Employers find tutoring skills as an indicator of the ability to provide clear information to customers, clients or other employees. Peer tutoring experience is a plus on a job application, resume or college application.

CERRO COSO CAPPING AND PINNING CEREMONY STEEPED IN TRADITION

A time-honored tradition, the Cerro Coso Community College Nursing Capping and Pinning ceremony signifies the successful completion of a rigorous and physically demanding program of study. On Saturday, May 14, 2011 Cerro Coso symbolically welcomed 11 Student Vocational Nurses into a profession of service to others. Friends and family were honored for their support during the numerous hours of study, classroom instruction, and work at clinical facilities. “Our students really appreciate the opportunity to celebrate their achievements with those close to them,” stated Cheryl Gates, Director of Vocation Nursing and Health Career Programs at the college. Guest Speaker, Matt Wanta, gave an inspiring address to the nurses.

The ceremony commemorated the successful completion of their nursing coursework and clinical rotations for the following 11 students: Kathleen Barney, Rowena Elizabeth Becker, Linsey Marie Booth, Jill Butler, Chastity Rose Johnson, Faith Ann Lorenz, Teresa Marshall-Sloan, Janelle Lynn Olsen, La Shaun Rutledge, Sandy Thao, and Karen Dianne Witcher.

The highlight of the ceremony was the candle-lighting and recitation of the Nursing Pledge. “The nursing capping and the Nightingale Ceremony remain a treasured part of the total student nursing experience,” said Gates. The history of the ceremony and pledge reach back to Florence Nightingale who distinguished herself during the Crimean War nursing sick and wounded British soldiers. Because of her selfless duty, Florence Nightingale became known as the “lady with a lamp”. As a tribute to her dedication, the lamp icon became symbolic of nursing. The lamp will always shine brightly as a symbol of the care and devotion nurses administer to the sick and injured. A reception was held immediately following the ceremony to honor their well deserved achievement.



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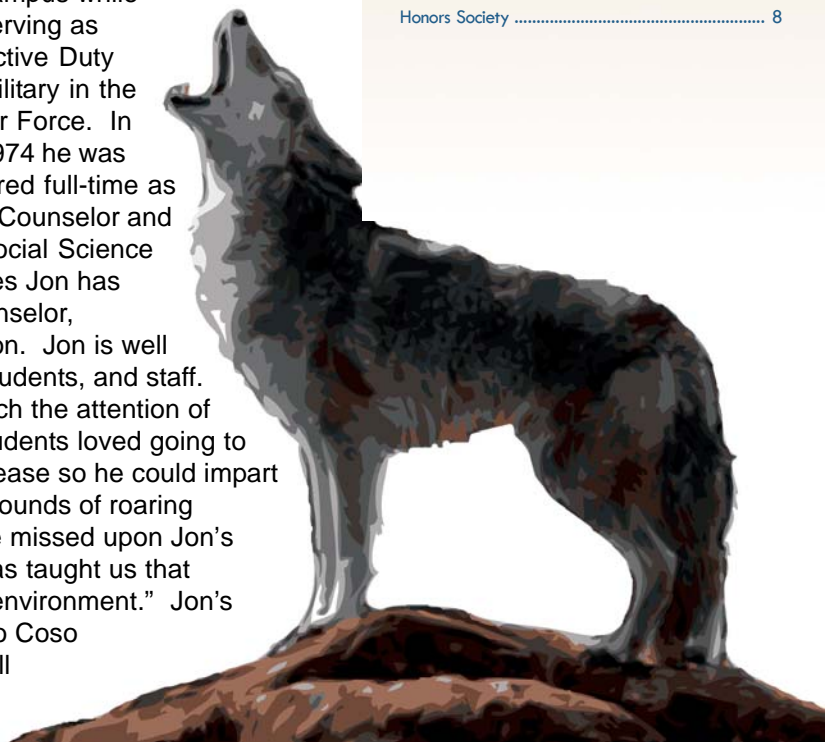


CERRO COSO BIDS FAREWELL TO PROFESSOR TITTLE



Staff and students of Cerro Coso Community College bid a fond farewell to popular Social Science Instructor and Counselor, Jon Tittle. Upon Jon's final act as Grand Marshal for the College's 38th Commencement Ceremony he entered retirement after 37 years of service to the Kern Community College District. Jon began his career at Cerro Coso as an adjunct instructor at the College's South Kern campus while serving as Active Duty Military in the Air Force. In 1974 he was hired full-time as a Counselor and Social Science

Instructor. Over the span of almost four decades Jon has served many roles at the College including counselor, instructor, and Dean of the South Kern Extension. Jon is well respected and trusted among his colleagues, students, and staff. He has been utilizing his sense of humor to catch the attention of his students for years, making learning fun. Students loved going to his classes because of the way he put them at ease so he could impart the knowledge they needed to succeed. "The sounds of roaring laughter from the classrooms and offices will be missed upon Jon's retirement," stated Jill Board, President. "He has taught us that laughter is essential to an effective classroom environment." Jon's enthusiasm for teaching and dedication to Cerro Coso Community College is commendable and he will forever be a valued part of Cerro Coso's history.



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STAFF CELEBRATE ROSENBERG'S RETIREMENT

Even though he retired in 2009, Don Rosenberg remains a familiar face in the halls of Cerro Coso's Ridgecrest campus where he continues to serve as an Adjunct Professor. Don's contribution to education was recognized by his peers and coworkers at a celebration held in his and Jon Tittle's honor on May 14, 2011. He began his career with the Kern Community College District in 1965 when he began teaching classes at the Desert Division of Bakersfield College in Ridgecrest located on the Burroughs High School campus. Don has watched the college grow from three temporary buildings on the High School campus, to the beautiful campus that now overlooks the Indian Wells Valley and serves the educational needs of 18,000 square miles and beyond. He has survived many college crises over the span of his 44 years as a full-time Professor of History and Political Science. Don was voted Faculty Member of the Year in 1998-99 and was named "Innovator of the Year" for 1995-96 by the League of Innovations for his work in developing two experimental college classes. The courses called "Project Hope House" were instrumental in designing and implementing proactive strategies to counteract an increase in hate violence and racial intolerance among community youths. Don's passion for teaching and dedication to student success and the community recently earned him recognition 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's first year transfer students at UCI. "We are proud to be a part of an educational system that shares in Dr. Rosenberg's significant achievements over the past 44 years", said Jill Board, President. "Don's example as a caring, devoted, and innovative instructor will remain a big part of Cerro Coso's history."



STAFF RETIREMENTS RECOGNIZED

The clock's been punched for the last time and the daily grind has been left behind. No more meetings or pages to fax, it was time to kick back and relax as Cerro Coso said their goodbyes to the following retiring staff members:

Larry Board, Professor of Automotive Technology and Renewal Energies, 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



CERRO COSO BISHOP HONORS PIONEER DONORS

On Friday, May 6th, The Eastern Sierra Foundation and the Cerro Coso Bishop campus dedicated its newly constructed Memorial Pathway. The Eastern Sierra Foundation was formed in 1994 upon completion of the Bishop campus and they continue to raise funds for scholarships for local students each semester.

The Eastern Sierra Foundation honored nine donors who have individually contributed \$5,000 or more to the campus and scholarship fund since 2003. Memorial tiles bearing the names of each of the nine donors were made by Cerro Coso Art Teacher, Patty Holton and her students. The tiles will be set in the memorial walkway later this spring. According to organizers, each hand-made tile will be unique, with the name of the donor engraved on them.

The nine donors recognized for their generosity were: Dr. and Mrs. Steven E. Taylor, the John and Beverly Stauffer Foundation, Dave and Roma McCoy, Martha Kramer, the John B. and Nelly Llanos Kilroy Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Larson, Deane and Joan Funk, Phil and Cheryl McDowell and the Donald M. and Ursula Slager-Sunset Foundation.

Bishop City Council Member and Foundation President, Jeff Griffiths, presented the tiles to the honorees. "Our hope is to make this an annual event to honor our donors," said Eastern Sierra Foundation events coordinator Kim Kost. She went on to say, "This was an idea that was started with the original Foundation board five to eight years ago, and now it's all happening."

CCCC CAL CITY CDC PARTICIPATES IN TORTOISE DAY

The Cerro Coso Cal City Child Development Center and Preschool participated in the Tortoise Days parade on April 30, 2011. The annual "Desert Tortoise Days" festivities have been a feature in California City for more than 30 years. The theme for this year's celebration was "Focus on Families". Their first time participating in the parade, children and adults wore tie-dyed shirts they made for the event. The group won 2nd place in the parade and also had a booth at the Tortoise Day Fair advertising the college CDC program and provided activities for children.

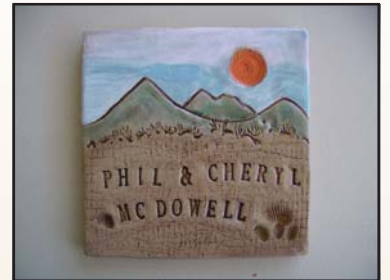
CCCC CHILD DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION

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 (ESAAYC) 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.



Cerro Coso Art Teacher, Patty Holton and students made honorary tiles.



Commemorative tiles made to recognize College Pioneer Donors will be placed in the memorial walkway.





Principal Skaff teaches "College Class" for 8th grade students

8TH GRADERS ATTEND COLLEGE INSPIRATION DAY IN MAMMOTH

The Eastern Sierra College Center, in partnership with the Mono County Superintendent of Schools, sponsored a "College Inspiration Day" for all eighth-graders in Mono County on May 27th. The event, attended by approximately 80 students, provided Mono County 8th grade students an opportunity to explore higher education opportunities including career, education and training programs in public health, nursing and other industries. The event also provided students with an understanding of the value of higher education, how to prepare themselves in high school, the differences between community colleges and four-year universities, and how to fund higher education.



Carol Solario's Nursing Presentation

A graduate panel consisting of three local high school students shared their experiences in the Health Science Academy in an animated question and answer session. Tara Mohoney explained the A-G requirements for CSU/UC and Private Colleges. Lori Olivera – Campus Site Coordinator discussed community college admissions and costs and the benefit of community college experiences. Laura Goforth talked about student housing opportunities in Mammoth. Beth Himelhoch, shared her background in the Human Services field and her experiences in the workforce. Joining them on the Career and Technical Education panel was Registered Nurse, Ms. Carol Solario, who shared the many opportunities in the field of nursing. Participants also viewed a video called, "Why College?" before attending a "college class" taught by Mammoth Middle School Principal Joe Skaff. The event was supported by KCCD SB70 grant funding.



Classified staff members Angela Sellers and Sandy Smith among the many staff members honored during Classified Appreciation Week.

CERRO COSO HONORS CLASSIFIED STAFF

Student assessments are completed and scored, education plans have been put in place, and students are registered for classes, financial aid paperwork has been processed, computers transmit important information across the district, and classrooms are well maintained and ready to provide optimal learning environments. These essential services occur day to day because of the diligence and dedication of the classified staff at Cerro Coso Community College and they are things students definitely would notice if they didn't happen. Classified staff members provide services vital to the everyday operation of the college.



Raul Gonzales from the College Grounds Department receives recognition for his many years of services from Supervisor John Daly.

In honor of their invaluable contributions to Cerro Coso students the Administration recognized their hard work and years of service with a "Staff Appreciation Luncheon" on Thursday, May 19th. "Every year we take this opportunity to thank our classified staff for the positive difference and significant contribution they make to the success of our students at Cerro Coso Community College," said President, Jill Board. "In this era of less resources and declining budgets, we are asking all employees to do more with less and it is important that we show our staff how much we appreciate and care about them and the vital role they provide in student success."

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Building for the future...the Cerro Coso Ridgecrest campus is a buzz with construction activity. The Science Labs Modernization project is 99% complete with only a few punch list items that need to be completed. The project is estimated to be finished this month. Located on the third floor of the main building, the \$6 million dollar project included new state of the art laboratories, new classrooms, offices, and assembly space. The Welding Lab is now sporting a new certified roof. The Fine Arts Labs remodel and expansion project currently sits at 95% completion. The scope of this project included the modernization of the existing 6,300 sq. ft. of Art labs and will provide students with an additional 4,000 sq. ft. of new learning space.

Attention is being given to the replacement and upgrading of the college's 35 plus years infrastructure. Access, safety, and security remain the focus of college administration. New ADA Hardware on all exterior doors of the main building and bridge reconstruction projects both sit at 95% completion. The Student Center Remodel project that began December 8th is currently 45% complete. Several trades are working hard to keep the project on schedule. The hub for student activity on campus, the existing space is being remodeled for greater efficiency and to better meet student needs. The Learning Resource Center (LRC) and Child Development Center (CDC) Parking Lot Paving projects are currently under review at the Department of State Architects. The Kern

Community College District hopes to go out to bid on the projects this fall. Cerro Coso students will soon be able to connect to the Internet in and out of the class at their convenience to download homework assignments and lectures, complete course assignments, access online study materials, and email instructors all without wires from any of the buildings on campus. The installation of wireless capabilities in all facilities at the Ridgecrest, Kern River Valley, Bishop, and Mammoth campuses will allow students the freedom to have access to Internet-based resources at their convenience from their laptops, cell phones, and PDA's. The wireless upgrade is expected to wrap up the last week of June.

The College takes pride in implementing the latest in instructional technologies in its classrooms. Four classrooms in the East Wing facility are currently being upgraded to "smart classrooms". Each of these classrooms is being equipped with an instructor station that includes a computer and audiovisual equipment that allows instructors to teaching using a wide variety of media. The staff, students, and community have been patient and understanding as the College moves to improve its facilities and infrastructure to better serve everyone.



A view of the Student Center Remodel where the staircase was removed.



Science Lab Remodel Project at 99% completion.



Bridge and new doors.



Smart classroom instructor station.





Athletic Director, Kim Kelly-Schwartz shares her vision for Athletics and the importance of a Boosters Organization to realize her vision.

COLLEGE BOOSTER CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The Coyote Booster Club at Cerro Coso Community College is seeking community support for Cerro Coso Athletic programs and players. Eager to garner local support for college sports programs, players and coaches in the community, the Coyote Booster Club held its first organizational meeting on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 6 p.m. at Casey's Barbeque. All interested individuals were invited to catch the Coyote Spirit and attend the inaugural Booster Club meeting.

The objective of the Cerro Coso Coyote Booster Club is to enrich the relationship between those that participate in sports and those that support athletics. "We have made a commitment to advance our student athletes both on and off the playing field and the community's assistance is a vital part of our meeting this goal," stated Cerro Coso Athletic Director, Kim Kelly Schwartz. The community's investment in Cerro Coso athletes is important to enhancing and increasing sports programs at the College.



President Jill Board shares action plan from her teams ICS 300 exercise to establish a demobilization plan.

SAFETY FIRST PRIORITY FOR CCCC

Emergency preparedness and safety remain a priority for Cerro Coso Community College. College Administrators and key personnel spent two and a half days training on the individual components of the Incident Command System (ICS) of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Education recommends all *key personnel* involved in school emergency management and incident response take the NIMS/ICS training courses and support the implementation of the NIMS. ICS 300 training is designed to enable identified personnel to operate efficiently using the ICS in supervisory roles during an incident or event. The course focused on ICS staffing and organization including: reporting and working relationships and information flow, transfer of command, Unified Command functions in a multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency incident, ICS forms, resource management, and interagency mission planning and procurement. ICS 300 builds upon the components taught in the ICS 100, 200, and 700 training previously completed by those in attendance. Sessions included simulation of emergency incidents where participants were able to test what they had learned in the training.



GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT 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.



Vice President of Academic Affairs, Rick Post, scopes out the course for the Putting Contest.



Golfers prepare for a beautiful day of golf during Cerro Coso's 3rd Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for scholarships.

HONORS SOCIETY RECEIVES COMMENDATION

The Beta Kappa Chi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Cerro Coso Community College received special commendation during the Nevada/California Regional Convention for fulfilling all requirements to be named a "1 Star Chapter". The chapter was also recognized at the Society's recent Annual Convention and will be cited on the Society website at www.ptk.org.

The Five Star Chapter Development Plan serves as a blueprint for developing a strong chapter, improves student engagement on campus, and recognizes progress in the attainment of goals set by the chapter. Using the Five Star Plan as a guide, chapters enhance their strategies to recognize eligible students, provide significant personal and professional development opportunities for members through Honors in Action, and build on working relationships with college administration by becoming active on campus and in the community. As chapters reach these milestones they progress through each level of the Five Star Plan, ultimately reaching the pinnacle Five Star Level.

The support of the college president and administration is important to unleashing the potential success of Phi Theta Kappa members at the college. Beta Chi Chapter members and advisors expressed their appreciation to Cerro Coso leaders for their efforts in providing rewarding educational experiences inside and outside the classroom.

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CCCC WELCOMES NEW VP



Cerro Coso Community College (CCCC) recently welcomed a new Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Corey Marvin stepped into his new role as VP in July. The Kern Community College District Board of Trustees approved the selection at their May 2011 meeting.

Hired by CCCC in 1997, Dr. Marvin has served the College with distinction in a variety of leadership roles over the years including: Professor of English, Interim Vice President of Student Learning, Interim Information Technology Director, Basic

Skills Initiative Director, Faculty Chair, Curriculum Committee Chair, Academic Senate President, English Placement Coordinator, Honors Program Coordinator, and Humanities and Social Sciences Program Area Coordinator.

“Dr. Marvin’s wealth of knowledge in education and community college experience will serve us well as he steps into this important chief administrative position,” said President Board.

A proven leader at the College, Dr. Marvin received special recognition for his contributions to education when the students of Cerro Coso named him “Faculty Member of the Year” in 2001 and Special Services Honoree in 2010. He is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC); Participant, Future Leaders Institute 2010 (Newport Beach).

Dr. Marvin is a graduate of the University of California Santa Barbara with a Bachelors, Masters, and Ph.D. in English.
WELCOME DR. MARVIN!!!

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O'CONNOR TO SERVE AS CBEA PRESIDENT

Karen O'Connor, Associate Professor of Business Office Technology and Computer Science at Cerro Coso Community College will serve as President of the California Business Education Association (CBEA) Board of Directors for 2011-2012. Established in 1935, the CBEA is a state-wide professional organization for business and computer instructors, administrators and their business/industry partners. CBEA represents and assists with programs at middle schools, high schools, regional occupational programs/centers, community colleges, universities, and private colleges. They believe that all students must be given an opportunity to be exposed to and participate in creative workforce preparation programs that prepare them to become responsible, self-reliant citizens. Karen is a Faculty Chair for Business, Paralegal and Computer Science at Cerro Coso. "Karen has excellent leadership skills and is an outstanding representative of Cerro Coso Community College," said College President, Jill Board. "She will serve as a strong voice and dedicated advocate for our students."



CLASSIFIED SENATE RECEIVES SPECIAL AWARD

The classified staff of Cerro Coso Community College received special recognition for their perseverance and commitment at the 19th Annual Classified Leadership Institute in June. The California Community Colleges Classified Senate (4CS) promotes the best interests of higher education in the State, and facilitates effective participation of classified colleagues at the state level. Determined to keep their voice in matters of participatory governance, Shelley Crabtree, President of the CCCC Classified Senate, worked tirelessly with 4CS to resolve many of the local senate's issues. Shelley's commitment to the classified staff and senate inspired 4CS to develop a special award for "Perseverance & Commitment". Cerro Coso classified staff now have the distinction of being the first to receive the award. Keeping staff energized and motivated to participate in college and state governance is a challenge when everyone is being asked to assume additional roles. Cerro Coso's Classified Senate's story of survival is an inspiration to all and deserves the recognition it received.



KELLY SCHWARTZ BRINGS ENTHUSIASM AND ENERGY

Kim KellySchwartz is all about programs for students that foster activity, personal growth, fitness, lifelong learning, and community involvement. In addition to teaching physical education classes, and coordinating student activities, Kim also served as the athletic trainer for our sports teams. In her new role as an Educational Administrator, she will direct Student Programs and Athletics for the college. Kim is a 2010 graduate of the Kern Community College District Leadership Academy and holds a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from Humboldt State University and a Master of Science in Sports Health Care from Arizona School of Health Science, AT Still University. She is committed to ensuring meaningful extracurricular activities for all Cerro Coso students and is enthusiastically working to build and maintain a comprehensive intercollegiate athletic program for both men and women. Kim's passion, excitement, enthusiasm, and energy for Cerro Coso students are contagious. Congratulations Kim!

AHLE TO SERVE ON CCCC FOUNDATION BOARD

Nathan Ahle, CEO of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce was selected to serve on the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation Board of Directors. Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Ahle is passionate about the local community and the success of its people. A strong supporter of education, Ahle has taken many classes at Cerro Coso Community College and is a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Formerly the Editor of the Daily Independent, Ahle received the Kern Council of Governments Regional Award of Merit in Journalism in 2008. In addition to his duties with the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce he is also a member of the Navy League. Ahle is married to Aimee (Hill) Ahle and enjoys sports, reading, and traveling in his spare time.



“We are excited that Mr. Ahle has agreed to join our board of directors and welcome his contributions as we head into another challenging era for higher education in California,” stated Cheryl Gates, CCCC Foundation President. “His fresh insights, experience in the community, and strong business connections make him a key addition to our team.”

The CCCC Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized under California law that supports college facilities, programs, and students and builds public awareness of the college. The Foundation assists and supports Cerro Coso in the attainment of cultural and technical goals, and in the fulfillment of its role in serving the community.

SUOREZ APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AND COUNSELING SERVICES

With more than 20 years of experience in higher education, Paula Suarez, has been appointed Director of Student and Counseling Services at Cerro Coso Community College. Paula began her career at the college in 1989 as a part-time, classified employee for the Special Services Program. Since that time she has worked in many different roles within Student Services; including instructional faculty, counseling faculty, and Coordinator of the CalWORKs Program. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a Master of Arts in Psychology with an emphasis in Marriage, Family and Child Counseling. Her previous work history includes providing group and individual counseling within mental health facilities, clinics, prevention programs, and elementary schools.



Paula says her greatest job satisfaction at Cerro Coso comes from her work with students. Students come to Cerro Coso with a variety of skills, goals and personal experiences that require individualized attention and services. During their time at the college, students not only increase their knowledge and skills, but demonstrate personal growth. To contribute to a student's academic success and personal growth is exciting and rewarding. Her favorite time of year is graduation when we all celebrate those successes. In her new role she hopes to continue to provide services and strategies that assist students in developing, planning and achieving their personal, educational and career goals. Congratulations Paula!



BLUE SKY FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCE BIG SUCCESS

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation welcomed a sellout crowd at their hugely successful Blue Sky Food & Wine Experience in July. The premiere event hosted 240 guests at a beautiful outdoor venue adjacent to Cerro Coso Community College. Guests enjoyed exceptional food, tastings from 20 wineries, and a live and silent auction. Grand prize raffle winner, Gary Brown, won a trip for two to Hawaii with airfare donated by Alaska Airlines and accommodations donated by Jerry and Trish Dunlap.

Five teams of culinary experts created the evening's meal in a mouth-watering "Top Chef-style" cooking competition. Bakersfield College students and Chef Pat Coyle took home top honors with Chicken Delmonico, a Creole inspired dish. Special thanks goes out to all of the wineries who poured at the event: Au Bon Climat, Barnard Griffin, Chris Collins Vintage Wines, Clesi, Eberle, Foris Vineyards, Frog's Leap, Jaffurs Wine Cellars, Lang & Reed Wine Co., Long Meadow Ranch, McIntyre Vineyards, Mirassou, Palmina, Peachy Canyon, Pedroncelli, Round Pond Estate, Shadow Ranch, Swanson Vineyards, Talley Vineyards, Tolosa, Well-Oiled Wine Co., and Whitcraft.

Volunteers, Mammoth Lakes Foundation Scholarship students, guests, supporters and staff all helped to make the Food & Wine Experience a great success. All proceeds from the event support education and the arts through a partnership between the Mammoth Lakes Foundation and the Mammoth Schools NOW Education Foundation.



CHAMPION ACCEPTS FULL-TIME POSITION

Annette Champion is now a full-time Associate Teacher at the Cerro Coso Child Development Center (CDC). Known as an avid learner, Champion was born and raised in San Diego and moved to Ridgecrest when her father was stationed at China Lake NAWS. She graduated from Burroughs High School in 1996 and immediately went on to take classes at Cerro Coso focusing on general education and Social Sciences. Annette took a break from college classes in 1999 while having two daughters and serving in retail management. Thanks to the College's online program she easily picked up where she left off and completed her Associates Degree in General Education and Humanities. Annette served as a student intern at the College Child Development Center for three years where she discovered a passion for teaching. Completing all Child Development courses and internship hours needed to earn her Teacher's Permit in Early Childhood Education, Annette was offered a position as a substitute teacher. She credits Cerro Coso for having provided her with opportunities to learn great job skills leading her to an exciting career at the College. Cerro Coso has inspired Annette's next goal which is to be an Elementary School Teacher. Celebrating Success! Celebrating YOU! Congratulations!

BOARD HANGS UP THE TOOL BELT

After 19 years of service to Cerro Coso Community College, Professor Larry Board has hung up his tool belt and headed into retirement. When it came to tools, Larry was a handy man to have around and was known as “Mr. Horse Power” to many of his students. Larry began his teaching career at Cerro Coso in the fall of 1992 instructing student in Automotive Technology classes. Over the course of his career he has produced top quality, highly trained, ASE certified master mechanics. Larry is known for producing the kind of top-notch mechanic talent that comes only from top-notch automotive training programs like the one he ran at Cerro Coso.

Larry used his vast experience in racing and automotive technology to train his students to turn “smog-causing clunkers” into “efficient smooth operating” vehicles. When the need arose to train students for jobs in renewable energies, Larry was quick to respond. After 16 years he traded the smell of gasoline, brake fluid, and grease for a clean green career teaching students how to convert natural resources into energy. Larry received two years of cutting-edge certified training in wind and solar technologies to prepare students for energy related jobs to meet state and national needs. He was very instrumental in the College receiving a \$700,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to expand the College’s solar and wind technology programs. But he didn’t stop there, Larry secured major equipment donations from industry leaders that helped him teach beyond theory and gave students the opportunity to see first-hand what it takes to harness energy.

Larry’s remarkable record of leadership and teaching success will be missed at the College. His dedication in assisting students into the workforce during extraordinarily difficult times is an inspiration to us all. Larry taught us that when it comes to living out a vision, persistence matters as much as inspiration. Our very best wishes for a happy retirement go out to our dear colleague, friend, and teacher!

HAMILTON NOW FULL-TIME COUNSELOR

July marks the beginning of a new fiscal year and with it comes new faces and new positions around campus. Adjunct Counselor, Karee Hamilton, has accepted a full-time Counseling position at Cerro Coso replacing the position vacated by our Vice President of Students, Heather Ostash. Employed part-time at Cerro Coso since 2006, Karee has a proven track record of putting students at ease while getting them on the right track for success. She has worked as a general population, athletics, Honors Program, and CalWork’s Counselor for Cerro Coso students both on site and online. Karee does not just counsel students at the college, she advocates, educates, and mentors, consistently applying best practices in the performance of her job duties. Karee has also coordinated the Career Transfer Center, Outreach and Recruitment, Student Ambassador, Virtual High School, and Career Pathways Programs. She holds a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Anthropology and a M.S. in Education Counseling with emphasis in Student Affairs from California State University, Bakersfield. Congratulations Karee and thank you for your dedication to your career and to Cerro Coso students.



KUTTIG CERRO COSO'S NEW PC TECHNICIAN

Born and raised in the Kern River Valley, Paul Kuttig is now a full-time PC Technician at the College. Those that know him say he has a good sense of humor, which he tries to carry with him at all times. Personally, he finds carrying a smile is easier than carrying a frown. Though often times you may see him hurrying from place to place with a thoughtful look upon his face, he will quickly break into a smile if greeted. Paul enjoys helping people and tries to treat everyone as if they are his only client for the day, even though he is often juggling many calls throughout the day. Since the age of 14, Paul has been self employed as an owner/operator of various small business ventures including a Home Health business. Currently he owns a PC Repair Business, an Internet Gaming Site, and is a Web Designer and Consultant. He also takes classes at the college and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Society. In his spare time, Paul enjoys fly-fishing, canoeing, swimming, hiking, and exploring the outdoors while admiring nature. He is a self-professed "computer geek" and is always curious to try out new technologies and things he learns. He said, "I hold to the philosophy that I will never know...all there is to know...and will always keep learning – especially in the area of technology." He is honored and excited to have been given this opportunity to serve Cerro Coso Community College. WELCOME Paul!



CHARLON TAKES ON NEW ROLE

Department Assistant II, Lynn Charlon, has been greeting and assisting students in the Cerro Coso Financial Aid Department since 2007. This July, Lynn took on a new job in the department now serving students as a Financial Aid Technician. Lynn's experience, warm and friendly demeanor, and commitment to student success make her well equipped to assist students with the various financial aid options and eligibility requirements. A real team player, Lynn has a great deal of patience and exhibits professionalism when dealing with the students and employees of Cerro Coso. She is very involved in the local community working on beautification projects throughout the city. In her spare time, Lynn enjoys spending time in the quaint coastal town of Cambria, delighting in its gourmet cuisines, fine wines, and artistic shops. Congratulations Lynn!



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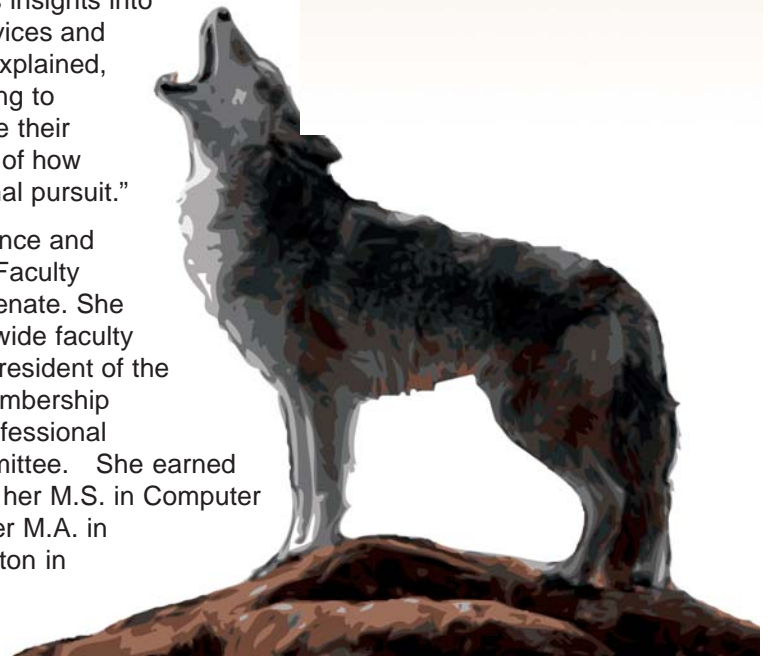
Dr. Rachel A. Winston, a full-time, tenured mathematics professor at Cerro Coso Community College, completed her Ph.D. in the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin. Her dissertation topic, "Managing Academic and Personal Life in Graduate Studies: An Interactive Qualitative Analysis of Persistence and Transformation," offers a systems-based approach to understanding the academic and personal challenges in graduate studies. The major outcome of this study is a Four-Stage Model of Graduate Student Development which offers insights into student services and

programs to support graduate students. Dr. Winston explained, "With the economic shortfall, many people are returning to college, yet only 50% of all doctoral students complete their degree. This study presents a systems representation of how students persist and transform through their educational pursuit."

Dr. Winston developed her interest in student persistence and success at Cerro Coso, where she was the Full Time Faculty Member of the Year and President of the Academic Senate. She was elected to the Executive Committee for the statewide faculty Board of Governors, FACCC. She was elected Vice President of the Political Action Committee and also served on the Membership Committee, Awards and Scholarships Committee, Professional Development Committee, and Communications Committee. She earned her B.S. in Chemistry at Syracuse University in 1980, her M.S. in Computer Education from Pepperdine University in 1990, and her M.A. in Mathematics from California State University at Fullerton in 2001, and a certificate in Interpreting for the Deaf at Gallaudet University in 1977.

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PHI THETA KAPPA DONATES TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



Southern Sierra Boys and Girls Club shows off pillowcase craft project donated by the Cerro Coso Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Cerro Coso Community College's chapter of the 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 for a recent sleepover. Twenty youths participated in the event and enjoyed the fun and games, making "walking tacos", and gazing at the stars with the help of a local astronomical group. Loretta Christiansen, Phi Theta Kappa Service and Fellowship Officer, organized the donation to support the efforts of the Boys and Girls Club and local youths. The Cerro Coso chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recognizes the importance of the Boys and Girls Club which inspires and empowers area youths ages 6-18 to achieve their maximum potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for students in two-year colleges that honors and encourages participation in leadership and service.

ADNAN BUXAMUSA JOINS THE FACULTY



There are two posters on the wall of the Renewable Energy Lab., one reads, '*LEARN... The growth of the human mind is still high adventure, in many ways the highest adventure on earth,*' the other, '*There are no limits for journeys of the mind.*' "These represent my teaching philosophy," stated new Renewable Energies Technology Instructor, Adnan Buxamusa. "I want my classes to be a participatory learning experience, whereby students learn from each other as well as from me. While I encourage participation and teamwork, I will absolutely not tolerate plagiarism and cheating. By encouraging a supportive learning environment, I want them to become passionate about learning and teamwork, which they can then apply to their future careers," said Adnan.

Originally from India, Adnan attended the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay before transferring to Rutgers University where he received his Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering. Now a citizen of the United State, Adnan has a Master's of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Youngstown State University with concentration in Wind and Solar Technology. He holds a Train-the-Trainer certification for Motorola's Six Sigma program, a business management strategy widely used in many sectors of industry to improve the quality of process outputs. This seasoned professional brings significant experience in the areas of engineering, research and development, manufacturing, renewable energies, quality assurance, business, marketing, and customer service. He has worked for major corporations all over the world including: Texas Instruments, General Telephone & Electronics (GTE), and Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC). "I want to see students take the knowledge they gain at Cerro Coso and leverage it in their jobs. Solar and wind are here to stay and these are the jobs I want to prepare Cerro Coso students by using best practices in my classrooms," concluded Adnan. His wife Cheryl is an ESL, English, and Speech teacher and together they have four grown children. Welcome Adnan!

A DREAM FULFILLED

Elsa Granados, a native of El Salvador, realized a life dream on July 18, 2011. After more than twenty years of persistence and hard work she became an American citizen. She is fortunate to live and work in Bishop, Ca. where, in 2004 and 2005 she was able to take English as a Second Language classes from instructor Julie Metz at Cerro Coso Community College's Bishop Campus. In her own words, "I would like to thank Cerro Coso Community College for giving me the opportunity to learn English and for also giving me a way out of the dark into a brighter future. If you do not educate yourself it's like living in the dark, nobody will know that you are there. Schooling is a treasure that no one can take from you. Thanks to Cerro Coso I have completed my goal and now I am a citizen of the United States." Julie Metz currently has 22 students in her fall ESL class at Cerro Coso Bishop – the largest class to date. Congratulations Elsa on a dream fulfilled.



Elsa Granados

WELCOME MATTHEW JONES

New to the online teaching environment, new History and Political Science instructor, Matthew Jones, is looking forward to developing innovative ways to engage students in his classes. With more than 90 students in his online classes this is a challenge Matthew is looking forward too. "I want to see and read faces to insure they understand what I am teaching," he said. "This is the part of the online environment I'm not comfortable with, but I will find ways to connect to them." He will commute to the Ridgecrest campus each week from Simi Valley where his wife, Meredith, and two children, Aidan and Mikayla, still reside. His family does plan to relocate in the future and are looking forward to skiing the Mammoth slopes in the winters. Matthew plans to evaluate the interest in a course in Law and Public Policy at Cerro Coso and will work with the College in developing a new course if there is a demand. Law is a major instrument of public policy and this type of course is common in lower division curriculum at many colleges. Matthew holds a Bachelor's degree from Gordon College in Massachusetts and a Master's and Ph.D. in American Politics and Public Law from the University of Southern California. Welcome Matthew!



MEET NEW FACULTY MEMBER SARAH KING

For new full-time faculty member, Sarah King, it's all about the stories skeletons tell. Fascinated by the study of human remains from the Stone Age to modern day forensics cases, Sarah has experience researching evidence of violence in skeletal remains. She is teaching anthropology and sociology at Cerro Coso this fall and plans to offer archeology in the spring. Sarah holds a Bachelor's of Arts in Anthropology from UC Santa Cruz, and a Master's of Arts in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico. She spent 4.5 years in England earning her Ph.D. in Archaeological Science with emphasis in Violence and Warfare in Iron Age England from the University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England. Originally from Redding, California, Sarah participated in two memorable archaeological digs in Paris and one in Spain. She loves the outdoors and enjoys hiking and kayaking. This summer she volunteered at Lake Whiskey giving kayaking tours around the lake. Welcome to Cerro Coso Community College Sarah!





FORMER PLAYER RETURNS TO COACH AT CCCC

At Cerro Coso Community College, this year's Coyote Baseball team will serve as a homecoming for one coach. Former Coyote Baseball player, Jonathan Holmes, is now back with the team as head coach. An Alumni of Cerro Coso, Holmes played ball at the college from 1994-1996 and received All Conference Honors both years, and the Golden Glove Award his second year. Originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, Holmes met his wife, Carmela, while attending classes at Cerro Coso. They have four children, two boys and two girls, DeJuan, Julian, Kelsey, and Jasmine. He holds a Bachelor's in Kinesiology from California Baptist College and a Teaching Credential from California State University Bakersfield. Holmes spent the last five years running the Baseball Program at Burroughs High School. "My goal is to get this team competing again and move them on to 4-year schools while having fun," said Holmes. "It's a lot of work, but there is no reason they cannot have fun while they are pursuing their dreams." Cerro Coso WELCOMES Adjunct Coach, Jonathan Holmes!

ESCC ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE AND FAFSA WORKSHOP



ESCC staff member Matt Mahoney assists students with their online applications, updates and registration.

The Eastern Sierra College Center of Cerro Coso Community College Bishop campus held an Admissions Open House and FAFSA Workshop on Tuesday, August 9th. This was an opportunity for new and continuing students to complete the admissions and registration process in one day. The orientation provided new and returning students the opportunity to discuss their educational goals, with the help of several key student service components, including Admissions and Records, Learning Resource Center opportunities, Financial Aid and Counseling staff. Students and their families were given all of the information necessary to pursue higher education at Cerro Coso Community College. According to the Director of ESCC, Deanna Campbell, "the event was a great success." Nearly 100 students were assisted through the admissions and registration process during the Admissions Open House.

ROBIN DUFF NEW FACE IN SPECIAL SERVICES



Meet Robin Duff the new Department Assistant II for Special Services. No stranger to meeting the needs of others, this mother of seven knows how to multi-task, a skill that will come in handy in her new position. Robin grew up in a military family and enjoyed moving around, "My favorite, by far, was the seven years we spent in Japan. I loved the culture and people," said Robin. She moved to Ridgecrest when she was a junior in high school. Robin met her husband, Andy, a native of Ridgecrest, and together they have chosen to stay and raise their children: Josh, Neil, Collette, Melissa, Aly, Bryce, and Hannah. Robin is a 2001 graduate of Cerro Coso Community College and is only six classes away from earning her Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies from Brandman University a fully accredited university within the Chapman University System. Reading is one of Robin's passions and in her spare time she is a proofreader for independent authors. WELCOME Robin to the Cerro Coso staff!

VIVIAN BAKER SELECTED FOR NEW FULL-TIME POSITION

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce the selection of Vivian Baker to a new full-time Child Development Faculty position. Vivian has been an active member of the Cerro Coso community for over 20 years. She began her career in the field of Early Childhood Education in 1990 as a student intern at Cerro Coso's IWW Child Development Center. It was while taking Child Development courses that she realized her life calling to serve children and families. She has vast experience as a classroom teacher, site supervisor, adjunct faculty member, and advocate for children. Vivian is a graduate of Cerro Coso Community College with an AA in Early Childhood Education, Pacific Oaks College with a Bachelor's in Human Development/Early Childhood Education, and a Master's in Human Development/College Teaching/Leadership in Education.

She is the Coordinator of the California Early Childhood Mentor Program for Cerro Coso piloting a statewide, virtual model for student mentoring. Through this pilot, Vivian works to pair Cerro Coso child development online students with early childhood professionals throughout the state. The availability of Virtual Mentors will provide Cerro Coso students with the opportunity to participate in one-on-one enhanced learning possibilities. Vivian is a member of California Community College Early Childhood Educators, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and is currently a member of the Eastern Sierra AEYC Conference Committee as well as serving on the Las Flores PTO Executive Board. Congratulations Vivian!



LONGTIME STAFF MEMBER RETIRES

Accounting Assistant, Margaret Hunter, hung up her hat to enter retirement after 15 years of service to Cerro Coso Community College. A luncheon was held in her honor on Friday, August 12, 2011 at Casa Corona. "I still remember marching into my counselor, June Wasserman's, office and telling her to sign me up for some computer classes because I needed computer skills to support my family," she shared with those in attendance. She used a similar line on her first boss at the College, June Frederickson, when she was a student looking for work and asked her to "take a chance on me and let me show you what I can do," she recalled. Both ladies were in attendance and recognized for the role they played in her successful education and career. Margaret is a 1996 graduate of Cerro Coso Community College and was a student speaker at her commencement exercises. She was named "Student of the Semester" by the College Alumni Association in the spring of 1995, and went on to share her positive experiences with students as a distinguished alumni speaker for the College's Special Services Program. Margaret's stylish hats and vivacious spirit will be missed around the College campus but we wish her all the best in her retirement.



CLARK RETURNS TO FINANCIAL AID DEPARTMENT

The Cerro Coso Financial Aid Department has a new Department Assistant II, Kimberly Clark, but she is not new to the Department. Prior to becoming a classified employee, Kimberly was a student worker for both the CalWorks Program and Counseling. In 2002 she took a part-time job as a Receptionist for the Counseling Department. Due to budget cuts the position was eliminated and Kim moved into a part-time position as a Receptionist for Financial Aid. She was then promoted to a part-time Financial Aid Assistant. When that position was eliminated due to budget cuts, Kim moved into the role of a Special Services Assistant in the Special Services Department. As a single mom, working two part-time jobs, Kimberly was thrilled when she was chosen for the full-time Department Assistant II position in Financial Aid. This is not a story about Kimberly getting a lucky break. Hers is a story about how situations change, needs change, and organizations are forced to adapt. This is a story about being in a place ALL the time and being persistent enough to wait for the perfect job. For Kimberly and her three daughters, Brittnee (15), Alexandria (13), and Alyssa (10), this is her perfect job. "My advice to everyone is NEVER give up love, hope and faith, in the end things do work out, just be patient," said Kimberly. Congratulations!



GLEASON CCCC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Military wives are heroes too, and CCCC Foundation Board of Director, Robynn Gleason, is no exception. For years she has followed her husband, Mick's, career in the United States Navy traveling to different duty stations and taking care of their home and three sons. To her it was life, to others it's the common sacrifice of a military wife. Sending a love one off to battle and not knowing whether they will return, is a sacrifice. The two made Ridgecrest their home when Mick retired as Commanding Officer for NAWS China Lake in 2008. Robynn then decided to pursue her education to earn a degree in nursing. She is a graduate of the Cerro Coso Community College Nursing Program and went on to finish the Registered Nursing Program through Bakersfield College via distance education. Her compassionate nature is well suited for her career caring for the health needs of others. Robynn and Mick have three sons: Wesley in Scottsdale, Arizona; Patrick and wife Natasha in Ridgecrest; and Jeffrey a student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. They are very excited about the anticipated birth of their first grandchild, a girl, this December. "The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation is the principal organization through which private gifts are made and administered for the benefit of the College and its students. As a former student and military wife, Robynn's perspective and dedication to serving the needs of the Cerro Coso students is admirable," stated Cherryl Gates, Foundation President.

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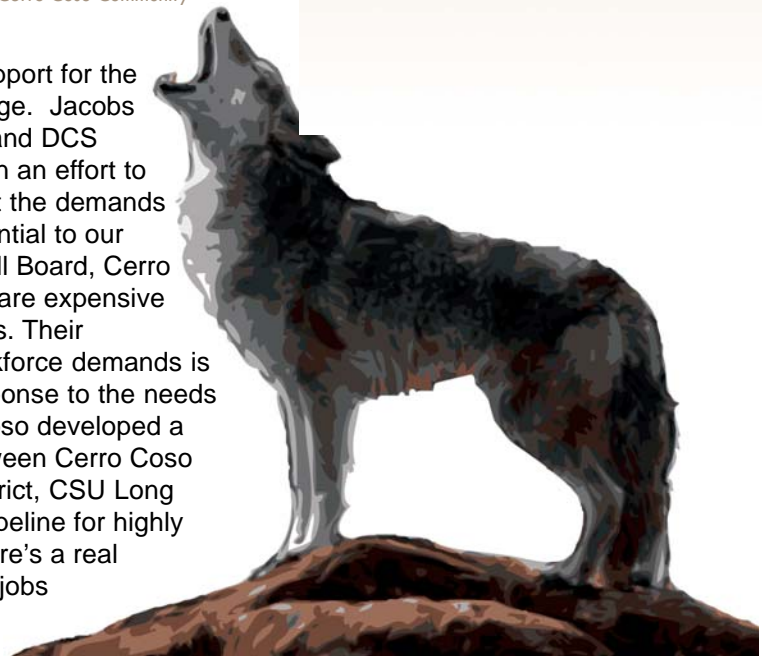


Pictured (L to R) Lorna Hall, Recruiter, Jacobs Technology; Betsy Erwin, Human Resource Manager, Jacobs Technology; Shari Bishop, Vice President, NDTI; Jill Board, President, Cerro Coso Community College; and Chuck Faris, Executive VP & Sector Manager, DCS Corp.

Three defense contractors continue to pledge their support for the Engineering Program at Cerro Coso Community College. Jacobs Technology, New Directions Technology, Inc. (NDTI), and DCS Corp. each donated \$5,000 to the College's program in an effort to train and retain highly skilled engineers locally to meet the demands of regional employers. "Donations like these are essential to our programs ongoing operation and expansion," stated Jill Board, Cerro Coso President. "Engineering and Science programs are expensive and we are grateful for the support of these companies. Their commitment to educating the community to meet workforce demands is an investment in the future of our community." In response to the needs of China Lake and area defense contractors, Cerro Coso developed a program in Engineering in 2009. "A collaboration between Cerro Coso Community College, Sierra Sands Unified School District, CSU Long Beach, and area defense contractors has created a pipeline for highly trained engineers to meet local employer needs. "There's a real need for skilled Engineers," said Board. "Engineering jobs pay good money and that's good for the economy," she concluded.

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CERRO COSO MAKES LIST OF “MILITARY FRIENDLY” SCHOOLS



G.I. Jobs magazine has announced Cerro Coso Community College has made its list of 2012 Military Friendly Schools. The list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's service members and veterans as students.

The 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 8,000 schools nationwide. The 1,518 colleges, universities, and trade schools on this year's list prioritize the recruitment of students with military experience. These schools are making the grade by offering scholarships and discounts, veterans' clubs, full-time staff, military credit, and other services to those who served. Methodology, criteria, and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country.

"Cerro Coso Community College is honored to be recognized as a military friendly school," said Cerro Coso President Jill Board. "We sincerely appreciate the service our veterans provide to our country and we are committed to making their transition from military life to college as smooth as possible. It is nice to be recognized for the programs and services we offer that meet their needs."

STUDENT RUSH WEEK ACTIVITIES



Cerro Coso students boogied for their books during ASCC rush week activities. These students were awesome dancers and strutted their talents during the competition. The top three winners received a \$75, \$50, or \$25 gift certificate to the College bookstore. Other activities included a scavenger hunt around campus and the opportunity to dunk an ASCC Officer. Rush week activities give students the opportunity to learn more about the college and to share what the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) have to offer. FUN TIMES!!!

CONCERT IN THE GARDENS DRAWS GOOD REVIEWS



The Remodelers were the first band of the semester to rock the gardens with classic rock, country, oldies, rhythm and blues, and hits from every era at Cerro Coso Community College on Friday, September 9, 2011. Comprised of some of the most experienced musicians in Ridgecrest, *The Remodelers* did not fail to entertain. The powerful trio's extensive repertoire was a big hit for concert goers of all ages. *The Remodelers* are also accomplished songwriters and performed many of their original pieces. The Associated Students of Cerro Coso hosted the event held in the College Luis Miro Sculpture Garden for FREE. Refreshments and soft drinks topped off the afternoon of warm weather and great music. The concert was a great beginning to the new semester and left attendees looking forward to future concerts sponsored by the ASCC.

CSULB ACCEPTS 5 CERRO COSO STUDENTS INTO NEW ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

California State University, Long Beach launched two new engineering degree completion programs in the Antelope Valley this fall. On August 29th, 15 Electrical Engineering students and 16 Mechanical Engineering students began classes. Ken Santarelli, the Director of the Antelope Valley Engineering Program for CSULB, says 5 Cerro Coso Community College students have been accepted into the programs.

“With the introduction of this new four-year degree program with Cal State University, Long Beach, Cerro Coso students interested in a career in electrical and mechanical engineering now have a local pathway to a Bachelor of Science Degree. A degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering can open the door to many exciting career choices for our students,” stated Cerro Coso President, Jill Board.

The Antelope Valley area offers students unique access to the engineering industry, including highly valued companies and agencies such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Southern California Edison, Edwards Air Force Base, China Lake Naval Weapons Center, NASA, and other area employers that will provide opportunities for internships. The programs’ location allows students to experience engineering projects in a real-world setting.

“Cerro Coso Community College is committed to offering the classes students will need for this new opportunity” Shannon Bliss, Faculty Chair of Science and Engineering. As well as having a newly stream-lined Engineering Associated Degree at the College, upcoming classes at Cerro Coso can prepare students interested in joining future cohorts with CSULB. Calculus I sections for fall are being taught both at the Ridgecrest campus and online. Introduction to Engineering will be offered in the spring. Also offered this fall, Digital Logic and Design is slated to be required for upcoming cohorts.

CDC HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The Cerro Coso Community College Child Development Center (CDC) sponsored its annual Book Fair in support of reading and education August 29-September 2, 2011. There were many books to choose from for purchase accompanied by teacher wish lists for books they would love to have in their classrooms. Celebrating children’s literature and literacy – this very popular event recognizes the important role reading makes in the lives of young children. Inspiring children to read early and well helps them to reach their full potential in school and life. The Cerro Coso Child Development Center knows that children learn best through active exploration and interaction and books can open up a whole new world of discovery and knowledge. The Cerro Coso CDC received a portion of the proceeds.



ESCC MAMMOTH WELCOMES DR. LAUREN BROWN



Cerro Coso Community College welcomes new adjunct Chemistry faculty member, Dr. Lauren Brown. He is teaching CHEM C101 on the Mammoth campus this semester. Lauren received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from De Pauw University in Indiana. He then went on to join the Peace Corps and taught chemistry for three years in India. Upon returning to the states, he earned his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from UC Riverside. From 1973 until 2006, Lauren lived in San Luis Obispo, CA where he was the Owner and President of a Bio Chemical Company called JBL Scientific. The company specialized in biotechnology in the health care industry. Soon after that, he became the President and CEO of Terso Solutions until his retirement in 2008. Today, Lauren shares his time between San Luis Obispo on the coast and Mammoth Lakes. He and his wife Susan still enjoy traveling and have returned to India to visit. He also volunteers his time with the 4-H program in San Luis Obispo. Lauren hopes to, “teach students the experience of science as it applies to life.” He teaches with the same enthusiasm he did when teaching in India – conveying the excitement and passion of learning about chemistry and hopes to, “help students to reach their goals and have a successful experience.”

AWAHU SUBANA'I: THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW



Friday September 9th and, Saturday September 10th, was Native American College and Career Day (Awahu Subana'i) in the Eastern Sierra. The program was a true collaboration between Cerro Coso Community College, Tribal organizations, and school districts. All Native American high school students in Inyo and Mono counties and their parents were invited to attend.

Friday night's program was held on the Bishop Paiute reservation and consisted of a Native American college student panel. Paiute Palace Casino catered dinner and raffle prizes were donated by local area businesses for those in attendance. Nearly 70 attendees participated in this informative and down-to-earth discussion of what it means to go to college as a Native American student. The personal stories of local Native college students and graduates were moving and informative, and reinforced the importance of support systems for students who leave home for school.

Saturday's event on the Bishop campus of the Eastern Sierra College Center, Cerro Coso Community College (ESCC) offered 36 presentations in which students could learn about higher education, career and technical education programs, financial aid, and Native American culture. There were 15 booths with information from local organizations, four-year colleges and Native American organizations on various educational and career opportunities as well. Close to 100 students, parents, educators, and presenters participated in Saturday's event. The inaugural Eastern Sierra Native American College and Career Day was definitely a success and organizers are already working on a new and improved 2nd annual event!

COACH JACKSON CALLS THE SHOTS

Cerro Coso's new Women's Basketball Coach, Derrick Jackson, is poised to bring excitement and competitiveness back to the Lady Coyotes. Originally from Dallas, Texas, Coach Jackson spent the last seven years coaching in Los Angeles. He was the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Harbor College; Assistant Men's Coach at Artesia, High School; Head Women's Coach at Los Angeles City College; and Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at East Los Angeles College. A former basketball player for South Plains Junior College in Levelland, Texas and Mid America University in Kansas, basketball is his passion. Coach Jackson has served as a basketball camp counselor in Idaho and the Tim Floyd BB Camp at USC. The South Coast Conference named Jackson the 2008-2009 *Coach of the Year* for leading his team to victory with a 28 to 5 record. Jackson is looking forward to coaching a good competitive team through the tough Foothill Conference. He considers his competitive edge to be his Assistant Coach this season, Ladell Hill. The two have coached together before at L.A. City College. "We expect some tough battles ahead but we are ready. We have a lot of positive energy going into this season," said Jackson. The Lady Coyotes team this season consists of three returning players and nine freshmen. Coach Jackson holds an Associate Degree from L.A. Harbor College, Bachelor's Degree from Hamilton University, and he is working on his Master's Degree from the US Sports Academy. A single father of three grown sons, Jackson is an LA Lakers fan and enjoys golfing, reading, and watching sports in his spare time. Catch the COYOTE SPIRIT with the Lady Coyotes on the courts this season!



TAMMY KINNAN AWARDED LEADERS OF PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Tammy Kinnan, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Cerro Coso Community College, has been awarded the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International. The scholarship is awarded to as many as 180 students nationally for use at the community college level. To be eligible to apply, a student must be a member of Phi Theta Kappa in good standing and currently enrolled in an associate degree program, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on all college-level coursework. Tammy was inducted into the Beta Chi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Cerro Coso last April. She is working on her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts in Behavior and Social Sciences and plans to graduate in May of 2012. Tammy has actively served Cerro Coso Community College and the Kern Community College District for over 9 years. She is a graduate of the KCCD Leadership Academy and has represented the classified staff on many college and district wide committees. Tammy's contribution and leadership are an inspiration to all students and staff. Congratulations Tammy!



PATIN JOINS FOUNDATION BOARD

“Busy people know how to get things done,” and Jason Patin is an example of one very busy man. Devoted to his faith, wife, family, community, and now Cerro Coso Community College, Jason Patin, was sworn in as a Director of the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation Board on Monday, September 19, 2011. A local real estate professional and notary public, Patin also serves as a City Council Member. Jason spent 13 years working in the film industry in Los Angeles. Eventually he worked his way up to an editor for Sony Pictures (Columbia Pictures) and also produced a feature film. In 2003, he returned to Ridgecrest to raise his children in a safe, friendly environment. Jason quickly immersed himself in the local community where he has been active in youth sports as both a coach and board member; serving on both the Indian Wells Valley (I.W.V.) youth football and baseball Board of Directors. In 2008, Jason was appointed to the office of Planning Commissioner by the City Council which proved to be a valuable experience, and allowed him to better understand the inner workings of city government. He currently serves on the Ridgecrest Redevelopment Agency Board, the Quality of Life/Parks and Recreation committee, he is the chairman of the Community/Economic Development committee, is a board member of the east Kern County teen court, the youth advisory board, the Old Town Action Plan committee, the League of California Cities, and the city of Ridgecrest/I.W.V. water district inner agency committee, and is a board member on the Career Technical Education Advisory Board for Sierra Sands Unified School District. As an elected city official, his focus continues to remain on public safety, infrastructure, economic development, and quality of life for all citizens. Jason and his wife, Deidre, have three children: Christian, Bradley, and Elise, and are anxiously awaiting the birth of their fourth child. They are active parishioners of St. Ann Catholic church, and Jason is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. His passion and drive within the community is deep seeded as he sees our community as an investment in the future of all local children. “Jason takes serving the community in which he lives very seriously,” stated Foundation President, Cheryl Gates. “His enthusiasm and devotion to education and the community will assist the Foundation in its role to support success and excellence for students, faculty, and staff at Cerro Coso Community College.”



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EASTERN SIERRA COLLEGE CENTER WELCOMES NEW ADJUNCT LIBRARIAN

ESCC Bishop and Mammoth welcomed Nancy Williard as a new adjunct faculty member this semester. Nancy teaches IC C075 – Intro to Library Research and Bibliography both online and via ITV from the Bishop and Mammoth campuses. She also works as Librarian and LRC Faculty in the Bishop and Mammoth LRC's. Originally from Tennessee, Nancy earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Rhodes University in Memphis and in 1978 earned her Master of Library Science degree from the University of Tennessee. She has served as an Adjunct Librarian in the Mammoth LRC since August of 2010. Nancy points out, “Throughout my career, the common theme has been helping students with difficulties.” She goes on to say, “I cannot live without contact with students. I get so excited when I see students succeed.” Nancy is also a published author, writing both fiction and non-fiction stories and articles. She lives in June Lake, with her husband Peter, their two dogs, and two cats. In her spare time, she loves to read, go flying with her pilot husband, and ride her Harley 2011 Soft Tail Deluxe motorcycle.

WELCOME Nancy!



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GRANT WILL HELP CERRO COSO STUDENTS COMPLETE HEALTH CAREERS

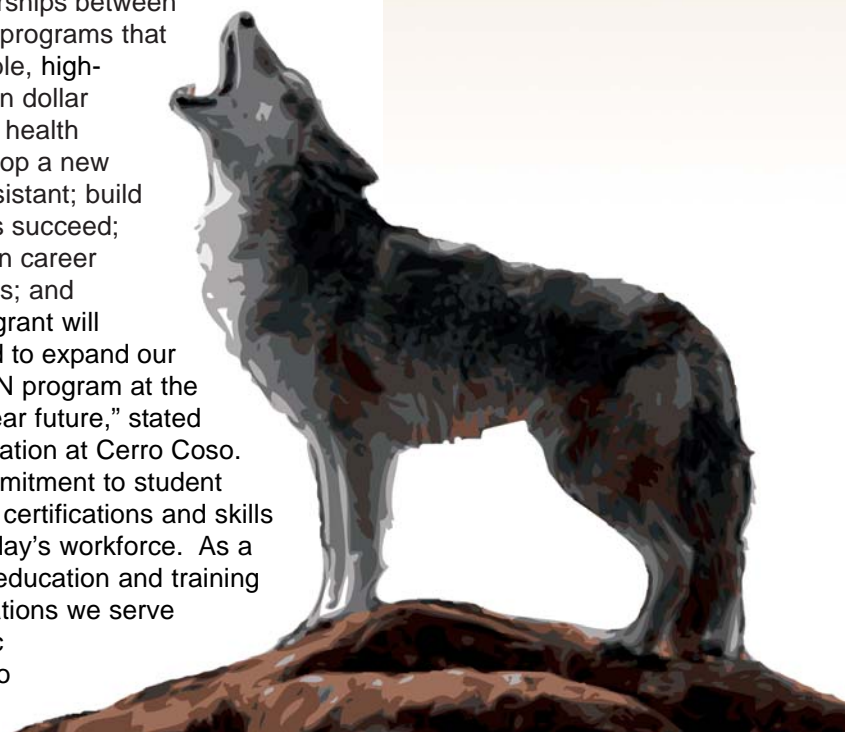
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Kern Community College District (KCCD) will receive \$5 million of a \$20 million grant to train Cerro Coso Community College, Bakersfield College, and Porterville College, students for high-demand health careers jobs, announced KCCD Chancellor Sandra Serrano. KCCD colleges won the grant in collaboration with a consortium of California

community colleges. The grant supports partnerships between community colleges and employers to develop programs that provide educational pathways to readily available, high-paying jobs. Cerro Coso's estimated \$1.5 million dollar share of the award will be allocated to increase health careers course offerings at all campuses; develop a new health careers program in Certified Medical Assistant; build specialized basic skills courses to help students succeed; increase student services geared for retention in career counseling, tutoring, and job placement services; and purchase state-of-the-art lab equipment. "This grant will provide Cerro Coso with the resources we need to expand our health career offerings and could lead to an LVN program at the Cerro Coso Kern River Valley campus in the near future," stated Valerie Karnes, Dean of Career Technical Education at Cerro Coso. "This award is a great example of KCCD's commitment to student success and developing programs that provide certifications and skills that give our students a competitive edge in today's workforce. As a rural community college, Cerro Coso provides education and training to meet the workforce needs of the remote locations we serve which brings opportunities for greater economic prosperity." - Jill Board, President of Cerro Coso Community College



6TH ANNUAL ASTRONOMICAL BBQ IS BIG HIT



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 expose them to the beauty and wonders of space at the Dr. Alexis Shlanta Observatory. While the cloud cover kept barbecue goers 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”. Star Sponsors of the event included: Copernicus Level \$500 – Jacobs Technology; Kepler Level - \$250 – Tel-Tec, Mechanical Design Concepts, Searles Valley Minerals, Toyota of Ridgecrest, Gafcon, and Gold Coast Electric; Galileo Level \$100 - Ordiz Melby Architects. 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.”

CERRO COSO PREPARES TO SHAKEOUT



Cerro Coso Community College takes its role in an emergency seriously. “We strive to ensure that we respond effectively to emergencies that affect our students, employees, and community,” said Jill Board, Cerro Coso President. The College participated in the *Great California ShakeOut*. At 10:20 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2011 Cerro Coso students and employees practiced **Drop, Cover, and Hold On** to protect themselves during an earthquake. All College campuses participated in the drill. “Earthquake is a very real threat for all our campuses and we need to be prepared. Exercises like this one give us the opportunity to practice our response so we know what to expect in the event we have a real earthquake. Anything that affects the normal operations of a campus, calls for an action plan.” The College Safety and Security Committee identified four objectives for the exercise that included: validate the effectiveness of the CC Alert Emergency Notification System; practice the Emergency Operation Center functions of emergency preparedness, management, and disaster management in a controlled environment; and safe evacuation from college buildings. “Even though this drill was centered around an earthquake, practice in a coordinated effort allows us to respond and recover from any major incident that may occur. We learned to ShakeOut not FreakOut,” concluded Board.

CERRO COSO CELEBRATES LIVES SAVED

Every birthday a cancer patient celebrates is a victory; another year that cancer has not prevailed. "Birthdays take on a whole new meaning when facing cancer," shared Jill Board, Cerro Coso President. "Each and every one of us has a role to play in ending this terrible disease. Cancer does not discriminate, it doesn't care if you are rich, poor, or somewhere in between. Many more men suffer from this disease than we know because they choose to suffer in silence. It's a terrible disease and it's important that we do all we can to support those with cancer and those that fight the disease," said Board at a birthday celebration held in honor of Cerro Coso cancer survivors on Friday, September 30, 2011. The celebration kicked off the annual Relay for Life event held on the College track over the weekend. For the last several months saving lives and creating a world with more birthdays was the goal of Cerro Coso staff, faculty, and administrators. Coyotes for a Cure joined the effort to create a world with even more celebrations, more laughter, and more birthdays by raising over \$1,600 in support of the American Cancer Society and the fight against the deadly disease. Twenty-five Cerro Coso athletes showed their support and walked in the Relay for Life event.



EASTERN SIERRA COLLEGE CENTER HAS CHEMISTRY!

CHEM C101 is now being offered on the Mammoth Lakes campus of ESCC. This is only the second time that this essential class has been offered at ESCC and students are thrilled. The class is taught by Dr. Lauren Brown, a recent addition to Cerro Coso faculty, with many years in the field. Chemistry is an important class offering for ESCC students. As ESCC Associate Professor of Biology, Dennis Jensen states, "This chemistry class is required for acceptance into most registered nursing programs in the country. Students in our area were able to take all other prerequisites at ESCC. The unavailability of chemistry, however, meant that students had to leave the area before they could apply to nursing programs. This fact presented a major hardship for many students. With chemistry offered at ESCC, students can finally complete all the classes they need to enter nursing school. This is a huge, and much appreciated service we can provide to local students." Not only do local nursing students benefit from the availability of the chemistry class, students planning to transfer to four-year colleges benefit as well. Greg Kost, Counselor at ESCC notes, "It has been several years since ESCC has been able to offer a chemistry course. While the course is primarily serving students who are planning to apply to nursing programs, the course is also serving a number of our transfer students that need the course to fulfill their general education physical science requirement."





KRV STUDENTS EXPLORING CAREERS IN HEALTH OCCUPATIONS E.C.H.O.

A partnership between Kern River Valley High School, Cerro Coso Community College, and the Kern Valley Healthcare District seeks to prepare high school students for jobs in health careers to meet local workforce demands. Currently 22 high school students are taking classes concurrently at Cerro Coso Community College's Kern River Valley campus in Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Terminology, and Emergency Medical Technician. The mission of the E.C.H.O. Program at the high school is to inspire students to work hard at their education to become productive citizens by exploring careers in health occupations. Dual enrollment and advanced placement programs strengthens the linkage between the high school and the college. Recognizing that a significant portion of the learning occurs in clinical settings and in the classroom, the Kern Valley Healthcare District brings the workplace into the classroom and the classroom into the workplace by providing students with firsthand experience of what to expect in a variety of health career occupations. This collaborative effort provides students with not only the opportunity to learn new skills but also to immerse them into the healthcare field to determine whether that career path is the right choice for them. Partnerships like this give high school student beneficial job skills that can be used before or after college and even as a direct entry opportunity into the workforce. "Cerro Coso Community College is committed to providing students with meaningful learning environments that maximize their potentials. Partnering with other educational institutions and employers allows us to share experiences, vision, knowledge, talent, and resources that add exceptional value in developing programs that produce top performers. We are very excited about the impact this program will have on our students, communities, and environment," - Jill Board, Cerro Coso Community College, President.

LADY COYOTES JUMP START THE SEASON WITH MIDNIGHT MADNESS



The Cerro Coso Lady Coyote's Women's Basketball Team jump started the 2011-2012 Season with their 1st Annual Midnight Madness on Friday, September 30, 2011. Over 100 students participated in the event held in the gym of the Raymond A. McCue Athletic Complex. The evening began with a meet and greet with the players at 10 p.m. Other activities included a Half Court Shoot for a \$100 prize, Point Shootout/Horse Contest, introductions of players and coaches, and a Blue and White Scrimmage. There were drawings for prizes and free pizza and soft drinks. Midnight Madness is a time honored tradition to the unofficial start of the college basketball season. This is a first for the Cerro Coso Community College Lady Coyotes. The public was invited to come out and enjoy the basketball fun and support the Lady Coyotes as they jump started what promises to be an exciting season of college basketball.

WALK OFF HITS CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

What do you get when influenced by the sounds of Tower of Power, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and the catchy pop/punk styles of Blink182, All Time Low, and Sum41? *Walk off Hits* – an American pop, alternative rock band from Las Vegas, Nevada. The popular band rocked the Cerro Coso Luis Miro Sculpture Garden on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Nothing in baseball is more exciting than the Walk Off Hit, and that is where this band got its name. The Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) invited the community to bring their own lawn chair and enjoy the great sounds of *Walk of Hits* for FREE. The concert was the latest installment of “Concerts in the Garden” ASCC concert series. The band has played some large shows in the Vegas area and has also toured the country playing big venues such as: Peabody’s Concert Club (Cleveland); House of Blues (Las Vegas); and Elbo Room (Chicago). They plan on following up their “East Coast Girl Tour Summer 2011” with a 2 week winter tour this December on the west coast, followed by a 50 show national summer tour in 2012. On top of this the boys will be releasing their newly mastered version of their first album, “For the Love of The Game,” just released in October followed by the recording of their second studio album(yet to be named) in January 2012.



KRV PIANO CONCERT TO BENEFIT TEXTBOOK FUND

The accomplished, well-known musician Jody Steel, a member of the Kern River Valley Community Orchestra, on Saturday evening, November 5, 2011, at 7 PM will present a piano concert in the sanctuary of Kernville United Methodist Church to benefit the Kern River Valley Education and Cultural Foundation textbook fund. The fund was established by the Foundation to assist Cerro Coso Kern River Valley students with demonstrated financial need assistance with purchasing college textbooks. “This fundraiser is a great example of people coming together to help our local students with financial needs that do not qualify for financial aid,” stated Dr. Erie Johnson, Director of the Cerro Coso Kern River Valley/South Kern campuses. The average full-time college student will spend more than \$1,000 per year on textbooks. Understanding the heavy burden college students carry in trying to purchase textbooks, the Foundation launched a textbook fundraising campaign to assist local college students. “The Foundation’s investment in student success is an investment in the future of the community,” concluded Dr. Johnson. Tickets for the concert are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for students. The Cerro Coso Associated Students Body of Kern River Valley will host a reception following the concert.



KAYLEE STUART RECEIVES CCCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Cerro Coso student, Kaylee Stuart is in charge of her future and the success it will bring and she is doing everything she can to turn her dreams into reality. A 2011 graduate of Mesquite High School, Kaylee's dedication and self-motivation have caught the attention of several scholarship committees this fall. Kaylee took concurrent college classes while finishing her high school studies and graduated from high school a year and a half early. "I work hard to accomplish anything I set my mind to and I finish everything I start" said Kaylee. In addition to her education, Kaylee enjoys dancing, reading, and babysitting, but her college work takes first priority. Recognizing the tenacity of this young lady, Kaylee received the following scholarships this fall: Cerro Coso Community College Foundation Scholarships, Gilbert Plain Family Scholarship, Desert Area Teachers Association Scholarship, East Kern Youth Projects Scholarship, Rotary Club of China Lake Scholarship, and the Ridgecrest Lions Club Scholarships. All of these scholarships play an important role in helping Kaylee to achieve her educational goals. She knows she wants to major in healthcare but not sure exactly what field, "perhaps a doctor of psychology" she said. "Students like Kaylee are inspiring and the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation is honored to be able to assist them in achieving their goals. These are financially trying times, and it is important that we all do our part to support their educational needs. These students are our future." - Cheryl Gates, CCCC Foundation President.

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Kaylee Stuart

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Assemblywoman Shannon Grove Guest Speaker At Veterans Recognition Day



On November 8, 2011, Cerro Coso Community College celebrated Veterans Day by honoring the sacrifices and contributions of student and staff veterans and sharing the many services the College and valley have to offer veterans, active duty military, and their families. "We are here to assist our veterans and active duty military in securing their veteran education benefits as well as provide any additional support they may need to be successful at Cerro Coso Community College," stated Dave Cornell, Event Coordinator and Director of Veteran Affairs at the College. The event began with refreshments in the mezzanine of the newly remod-

eled Student Center. Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, representative for the 32nd Assembly District, was the special guest speaker. Special recognition was given to college staff and student veterans during the event. "Cerro Coso Community College is proud to claim many of our country's finest service men and women, active and retired, as our own. It was moving to see how many of the College's staff, faculty, and administrators served in our armed forces. Assemblywoman Grove's participation in their recognition made this year's event very special." - Jill Board, President. Representatives from community resources and college departments shared information about their services and programs, and were available to answer questions. A reception followed unveiling the newly remodeled Student Center.

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Overcoming Obstacles Topic Of Lunchtime Lecture



From a confused and frightened little girl to a confident and successful College Instructor and Counselor, Jan Moline was the featured speaker at the ASCC October lunchtime lecture. Jan shared her personal story with Cerro Coso students to encourage and motivate them to utilize the resources around them to help them succeed. As a child uncomfortable in her own skin, she struggled to understand why school was so difficult academically, emotionally, and physically. Her path seemed set and it would be a difficult one. After she sought professional help she enrolled in college classes at Cerro Coso and set out to become an electronics engineer. Jan was diagnosed with a learning disability by the College Special Services Department, "I was actually relieved to discover there was a learning problem." She wasn't "stupid" or "lazy" both terms she'd heard in her past. She just didn't learn in the typical manner. Once diagnosed with a learning disability she was taught strategies to help her learn. Now life was starting to make sense. Married with four children, things were looking up. She was surprised by the number of resources available to her, and in turn learned she, too, was quite resourceful. Borrowing books, making friends, carpooling, showering in locker rooms, were just a few ways Jan used to make it all work. Life has not always been easy but she has discovered that "helping others helped her." So...she changed her major and set out to complete her education. What started out looking hopeless has turned into a journey of self discovery. Grateful for the assistance she received, Jan uses her life experiences to show others how the many resources available can help them achieve their life goals. Her inspiring story proves obstacles can be overcome. Jan holds a Master of Arts Degree in Psychology from California State, Bakersfield.

CDC Celebrates Fire Prevention Week



The Cerro Coso Child Development Center celebrated National Fire Prevention Week with a visit from the Ridgecrest City Fire Department. The heavy-duty equipment and uniforms firefighters use can be intimidating and scary for young children. The last thing any firefighter wants to see is a child run and hide from them during a fire. Fire Prevention Week is a great time to expose children to the men and women behind the uniforms and to teach them not to be afraid of the uniforms that are there to help them during a fire. Teaching children fire safety, what to do in the event of a fire, and how to protect them in a fire was the goal of the CDC and Fire Department. Each child was allowed a chance to spray one of the truck hoses to familiarize them with the fire truck and equipment. Special thanks to the Ridgecrest City Fire Department for teaching our children Fire Safety and Prevention!



Scholarship Recipient Bryan Repsholdt

Everyone has a path in life and sometimes that path is not what we expected. That is the story of Cerro Coso Community College student, Bryan Repsholdt. Bryan's father was in the U.S. Navy and with that came the unique culture of military life. Calling nowhere home and yet the whole world his home, Bryan did spend 12 years living in Hawaii. "Not as glamorous as it sounds," said Bryan who suffered from "Island Fever." Bryan thought his high ASVAB scores meant his path would also be the U.S. Navy. Never did he dream a childhood injury to his eye would keep him from serving in the Armed Forces. This bright and energetic young man did not allow the disqualification to get him down. He moved to Ridgecrest in 2008 to be near the love of his life, Kari, and took a couple online classes through the College. He credits Kari for having inspired him to get his degree in Computer Information Systems. "She sees potential in me I never saw in myself," said Bryan. He will graduate from Cerro Coso next spring and then plans to get a full-time job to support his family. He will continue to work on his transfer units while he works and obtains necessary computer certifications. Bryan received six scholarships this fall and said, "These scholarships lightened my load allowing me to go to school full-time, work a part-time job, and not neglect my family." Bryan was awarded the Dick Malone Family Scholarship, James M. Pearson Memorial Scholarship, H.P. Leet Memorial Scholarship, Bill Whitworth Memorial Scholarship, Gilbert Plain Family Scholarship, and the John "Jack" Richer Memorial Scholarships at the College. In addition to his full-time course load, Bryan serves as a tutor and Lab Aide at the College and volunteers as an intern in the College I.T. Department. He also serves as the Finance Manager for the Associated Students of Cerro Coso. Bryan encourages other students to apply for scholarships at the college. Focus and hard work is how this young man maintains his 3.75 GPA and scholarships helped him to maintain balance in his life. "I work hard to achieve greater success," said Bryan who is thankful for the support of these scholarships.



Counseling Staff Participate In Transfer Awareness Activities

The month of October was Transfer Awareness month. Sporting their Alma Maters' apparel, the Counseling staff invited college students and employees to participate in their Transfer Awareness Kick Off event on Wednesday, October 5th in the Cerro Coso Transfer Center. The focus of the event was to discuss transfer with students, get them excited about transfer, and to clarify the process for transferring to a UC, CSU, Private, or Independent College. The College Counseling Department scheduled many activities and workshops throughout the month of October to help encourage students to continue their education and transfer to a university. Topics included: step-by-step instructions on how to complete the CSU Application, how to write a UC personal statement, and how to calculate transfer GPA. Counselors and other members of the Colleges staff advise and assist students in planning their transfer.



Halloween Blood Drive



Halloween is typically a time for ghosts, goblins, costumes and candy, but it is also the perfect holiday to give blood and have lots of fun in the process. Cerro Coso students, staff, and community members sought to keep the Vampires away this Halloween by donating blood to the American Red Cross during the Associated Students of Cerro Coso's (ASCC) Halloween Blood Drive held on Monday, October 31, 2011. Not your typical Halloween haunt, but the parking lot of the LRC became a place to save lives and have some Halloween fun. Someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds. Hearing the chant "blood donors needed...see the Count," the ASCC set out to do their part. Dracula was given the day off while students, staff, and community members really got into the "spirit" of things. Fang-tastic job ASCC!

Harvest Fest Brings Students Out For Food And Fun



On Thursday, October 27, 2011 the "quad" at the Cerro Coso Ridgecrest Campus was transformed into a Harvest Festival for all to enjoy. The event drew a good crowd of students despite the unusually cool weather. Dancing, baked goods, bobbing for apples, great food, a pumpkin carving contest, and blood drive proved fun for all who participated. Hosted by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso the event was a fun and safe way to celebrate the holiday without ghouls, ghosts, and goblins. A great way to spend an afternoon, the festival was jam-packed with fun things to do.

Big Band X-Press Performs Garden Concert



The music of the Big Band X-Press was foot-tapping, dance-worthy, and fun for the whole family. On Saturday, November 12th the full sounds of the Big Band X-Press resonated from the Cerro Coso Community College Luis Miro Sculpture Garden. Together for over 25 years, the band played a great collection of music from its extensive library. Sponsored by the Associate Students of Cerro Coso the concert played to a group who love listening to good, live music. With a catalog of over 300 hundred songs, including such classics as "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and "In the Mood," this band plays wide ranging pieces spinning from the early Swing style of the 1920's to the Big Band styles of the 1940's and beyond. Band members represent a wide cross-section of the community. Players range from retirees to base employees, music teachers, and students. Listening to music from the Big Band era, while enjoying a beautiful outdoor venue, was a great way to spend a beautiful afternoon at the College.

Students Form Optimist Club

A group of Cerro Coso students promise to: be so strong that nothing can disturb their peace of mind; talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person they meet; make all their friends feel that there is something in them; look at the sunny side of everything and make their optimism come true; think only of the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best; be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as they are about their own; forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future; wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature they meet a smile; give so much time to the improvement of themselves that they have no time to criticize others; and to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble. How's that for optimism? This is the Optimist Creed these Cerro Coso students honor in the recently formed Coyote Optimist Club of Cerro Coso (Coyote Optimists). Their aim is to conduct positive service projects that benefit area youths and the community. The Coyote Optimists Club is affiliated with Optimist International, one of the world's largest and most active service club organizations. Officers elected to lead the Coyote Optimists during its first year are Eric Leon, President and Ruth Serna, Secretary-Treasurer. Club Vice-Presidents include Krista Kenny and Vikramjeet Rathaur. Elected to board of directors were ReAnna Chee, George Eckert, Lachelle James, Adam Neubauer, Trevor Usher and Anthony Williams. The Club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the College East Wing, Room 206. The Coyote Optimists will also meet once a month for a social mixer. Their motto: "Friend of Youth".



Multi-Award-Winning Author, Marty Essen, Speaks At CCCC

On Monday, October 31, award-winning author Marty Essen presented his high-energy multi-media show, *Around the World in 90 Minutes*, to a packed Student Center at Cerro Coso. Sponsored by the ASCC, the FREE show featured interesting facts, humorous stories, and the best of thousands of photos he took while traveling the world for his book, *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet: Exploring the Seven Continents*. The audience had fun laughing at the stories, oohing and aahing at the photos, and then, when it was all done, they realized just how much they had learned. Highlights of Marty's show included: Amazing animal facts, debunking animal myths, cuddly wallaroos and spiny walking sticks, charging elephants and howling wolves, deadly snakes and friendly penguins, bizarre creatures and endangered species, swimming with piranhas, kayaking in the rainforest, hiking with the porcupine caribou migration, rafting with humpback whales, and surviving a hippo attack in Zimbabwe. Marty Essen has won multiple book awards for travel essay writings, including the Benjamin Franklin Award, the Best Books Book Award, and the National Indie Excellence Award. In addition, he won a first place award at the 2009 Green Book Festival in Los Angeles, and the Minneapolis Star-Tribune named *Cool Creatures, Hot Planet* a top-10 book.



Motivational Speaker, Mark Wellman

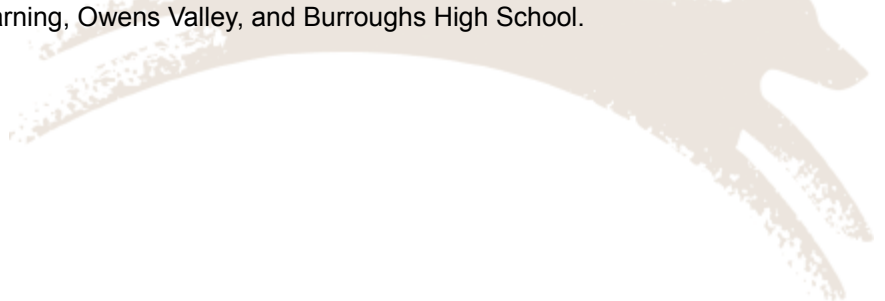


Nationally acclaimed author, filmmaker, and motivational speaker, Mark Wellman, spoke at Cerro Coso Community College on Thursday, October 13, 2011, followed by a climbing demonstration in front of the Learning Resource Center. Despite being paralyzed in a mountain climbing accident, Mark has inspired millions to meet their problems head-on and reach for their full potential. A two-time Paralympian and former Yosemite Park Ranger, Mark's NO LIMITS philosophy encourages individuals to venture into new horizons; to go beyond the seemingly unreachable. Faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles, Mark persevered, using courage and determination to fulfill his passion for the outdoors. He shares his story in his autobiography *Climbing Back*. An accomplished wheelchair athlete, Mark is best known for the first historic paraplegic ascents of the sheer granite faces of El Capitan and Half Dome in Yosemite National Park. The first paraplegic to sit-ski unassisted across the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, Mark has also carried the flaming torch up the 120-foot rope, shocked by thousands of spectators, and lit the cauldron for the opening of the Paralympic Games in Atlanta. Presented by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso the community was invited to attend the event for FREE. From college campuses to corporate boardrooms Mark has become a nationally known influence for the disabled and able-bodied alike. Students were given the opportunity to climb the wall following his presentation.

College Rolls Out The Red Carpet For Preview Day



Over 350 area high school students soaked up the energy and excitement of college life at Cerro Coso Community College's 11th Annual Preview Day on Thursday, November 10, 2011. This was an exciting opportunity for junior and senior high school students in the service area to get a firsthand look at college in action and explore the many programs and services Cerro Coso offers. It was an exciting day for Cerro Coso staff, faculty, and administrators, with more than the normal hustle and bustle of students attending classes. The event is designed to increase college awareness and behavior in students who will be transitioning to college within the next two years. The activity is intended to be a bridge opportunity as students transition from high school to higher education and consider career and higher education goals. Students got a look at what makes Cerro Coso unique, received guided tours of the campus, explored career options, interacted with college students, and enjoyed lunch and entertainment around the campus fountain. Preview Day is a great opportunity for prospective students to learn more about what the college has to offer academically and in the community. Schools participating in the event included: Trona, Mojave, California City, Big Pine, Immanuel Christian, Mesquite, Opportunities for Learning, Owens Valley, and Burroughs High School.



Eastern Sierra Foundation Sets Tiles

Cerro Coso Community College Bishop campus has a new look these days. During the week of September 26th, 2011, nine Eastern Sierra Foundation Pioneers were honored for their generous contributions to the Eastern Sierra Foundation scholarship fund. In recognition of their donation of \$5,000 or more, a tile with their name was permanently placed in the cement walkway - the "Pioneer Pathway" leading to the front doors of the Bishop campus. According to Kim Kost, Eastern Sierra Foundation Executive Board member, the name "pioneer" was selected because many of these donors began donating to the Foundation before there was even a building on the site. She goes on to say, "Through their generosity, the Foundation is able to continue supporting ESCC Bishop students with scholarships. It is the Foundation's goal to fill all 30 tile spaces with Pioneer Donor tiles in the future." The Eastern Sierra Foundation was formed in 1994 and they continue to raise funds for scholarships for local students each semester. Each individual tile was beautifully hand-crafted by Cerro Coso College Adjunct Art Instructor Patty Holton and her students. The nine Pioneer honorees are: Dr. and Mrs. Steven E. Taylor, The John and Beverly Stauffer Foundation, Dave and Roma McCoy, Martha Kramer, Deane and Joan Funk, The John B. and Nelly Llanos Kilroy Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Larson, Phil and Cheryl McDowell and the Donald M. and Ursula Slager-Sunset Foundation



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.



Sister City Visits Cerro Coso

Cerro Coso welcomed delegates from Tepatitlan, Jalisco, Mexico during a recent visit to the college. Ridgecrest has enjoyed Sister City relations with the people of Tepatitlan since 1975. The Sister City organization is a network created to strengthen partnerships between the United States and international community's by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. The relationship between Ridgecrest and Tepatitlan allows each city to learn more about one another, and to develop friendly meaningful exchanges. The mission of the Sister City Program is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time. During their visit to the college the delegates toured the Classroom Wing, Learning Resource Center, Student Center, Welding Lab, and Art Labs. Math Instructor, Bob Phung, showed the group how he uses innovative and interactive SMART technologies to teach. Instructor, Herman Foster, explained the different welds, metals, and equipment utilized in the Welding Lab and Instructor, Dick Benson, gave them a tour of the recently remodeled Art Labs. The tour gave the delegates an opportunity to look at how services and education are provided across Cerro Coso's 18,000 square miles service area that could be useful in their own city. With a population of 136,703, Tepatitlan is the largest producer of eggs, pork, and milk within the country. Founded in 1883, Tepatitlan de Morelos is located in the central Mexican state of Jalisco, east of the state capital Guadalajara. The delegates returned to Mexico the following day.



Cerro Coso Building Relationships With The Community

Four days, 29 employees, and 65.5 hours of volunteer time is what it took to staff the Cerro Coso Community College booth at this year's Desert Empire Fair (DEF) in Ridgecrest. This year's fair, themed "Carnival Lights and Country Nights" offered something for everybody, from the midway's neon magic and carnival rides to a demolition derby. An exciting Cerro Coso tradition, the DEF is a high-profile marketing opportunity which allows college staff and faculty to interact one-on-one with students, potential students, their families, and community members. Amid the excitement of the children, carnival rides, crafts, quilts, livestock, and food is an excellent time for Cerro Coso to build on community partnerships and cultivate and nurture the higher educational needs of the communities it serves. "Our presence at the Desert Empire Fair ensures that the general public sees us as an educational institution that is an integral part of the community and is interested in hearing what they have to say. It is also an occasion to highlight the training and educational opportunities that each Cerro Coso program has to offer," stated Jill Board, President.



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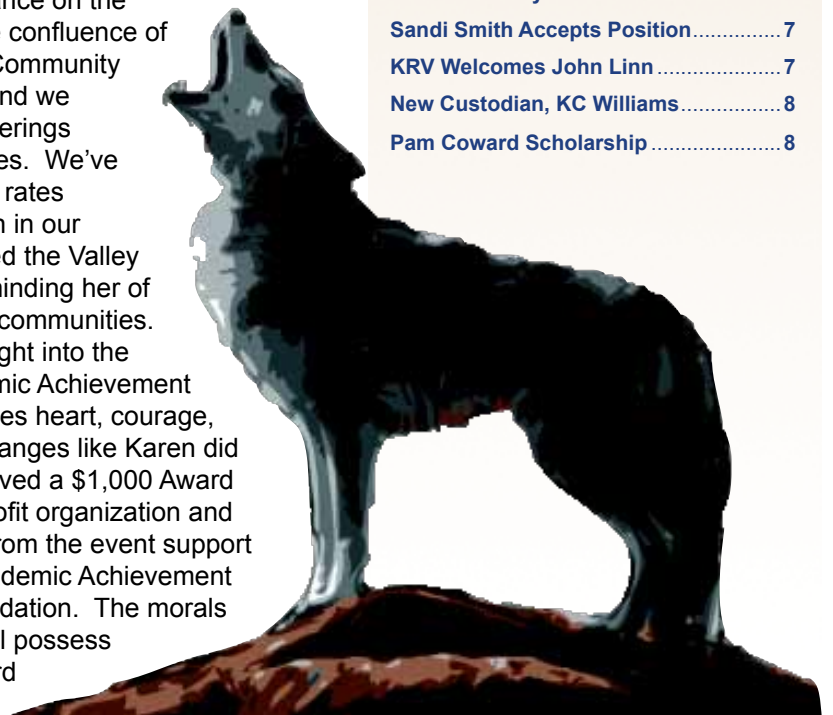


KRV EDUCATION & CULTURAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING CELEBRATION



Over 75 supporters of education enjoyed an evening of good food and friendship at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the Kern River Valley Education and Cultural Foundation's Annual Dinner and Fundraising Celebration. KCCD Chancellor Sandra Serrano, was the keynote

speaker for the event and briefed those in attendance on the Vision, Mission, and Resources of KCCD, and the confluence of national, state, and local conditions of California Community Colleges. "Student success is our primary focus and we continue to strategically evaluate and align our offerings and processes to increase student completion rates. We've been very successful at improving our completion rates even though we have seen a \$50 million reduction in our budget," said Serrano. Chancellor Serrano thanked the Valley communities for inviting her to participate and reminding her of the significance of community colleges in smaller communities. The theme "Lions, Tigers and Bears, Oh My!" fit right into the awarding of the 2011 Clayton A. Witherow Academic Achievement Award to Cerro Coso student Karen Priest. "It takes heart, courage, and brains to step out and make significant life changes like Karen did at this point in her life," said Serrano. Karen received a \$1,000 Award in memory of Witherow, the founder of the non-profit organization and former Dean of the KRV campus. Contributions from the event support the KRV Textbook Fund, Clayton A. Witherow Academic Achievement Award, and the KRV Education and Cultural Foundation. The morals and colorful characters of Oz remind us that we all possess the ability to succeed through persistence and hard work and that's what makes dreams come true.



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BREAKFAST BUFFET A TIME TO MIX AND MINGLE



With the hustle and bustle of the new semester upon them, it was time for the Cerro Coso staff to pause for a moment and enjoy some holiday cheer. To thank the staff for their dedication to students throughout the year, Cerro Coso Administrators hosted their Annual Holiday Breakfast Buffet on Thursday, December 15th. It was a time to get together to mix and mingle while enjoying the culinary talents of the Administrators. There were eggs, potatoes, bacon and more, surrounded by desserts galore, all to celebrate those who have made Cerro Coso's progress possible. "One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say 'Thank You' to our staff as we reflect on our achievements over the past year and look forward with anticipation to the new opportunities that await us in the New Year. It is recognition well deserved." – Jill Board, President

CCCC SPECIAL SERVICES CLUB TRUE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON



L-R: Special Services members Janice Raborg, Janelle Johnson, and Bradley Dalrymple, show the many food items donated to help students in need.

The Cerro Coso Special Services Club demonstrated the true spirit of the season throughout the month of December, bringing students and staff together in the spirit of giving. The Group collected non-perishable food items to help fill 12 holiday food baskets for students in need. Countless students and staff members played a very special role in bringing joy into the lives of many this holiday season. Despite the poor economy, loss of jobs, and families suffering, it was good to see so many reach out to help those with needs. It's wonderful to work with a group that is so alive with the spirit of caring and sharing. Thank you for all your kindness and generosity this holiday season!

HOLIDAY PARTY BOOSTS EMPLOYEE SPIRITS



The holidays are a busy time of year, but for the staff of Cerro Coso Community College it is also a time to "bond" in a more relaxed, casual, and fun environment away from work. Cerro Coso's Annual Holiday Party, held on Friday, December 9, 2011 at the MWR Paradise Community Center on base, was a memorable event. The halls were decked and the lights were strung...and all that was needed were the employees to make the holiday bright. Despite the dwindling budget, still-weak economy, and challenges ahead there was much to be celebrated by the staff of the College. The food was fantastic, the venue grand, and there were games and prizes and dancing at hand. "A wonderful time was had by all," says Angela Sellers, Event Coordinator. "It really reinforced the spirit of the holidays for us all." Sincere and heartfelt thanks are extended to the Holiday Party Committee and all who helped to make this year's event a truly memorable experience for those who attended. Thanks for all the hard work in fundraising, planning, and executing another great holiday party!

STUDENTS RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL TUTOR CERTIFICATES

Many Cerro Coso Community College students take advantage of free tutoring provided by a select group of highly recommended and talented tutors. Seven Cerro Coso students earned International Tutor Certificates from the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) which is a tutor prerequisite at many colleges and universities. CRLA certification indicates that tutors in the program have received specialized training, maintained high GPA's, and completed 25 hours of successful tutoring (concluded through a formative evaluation process). Additionally, the Kern Community College District requires tutors be enrolled in a minimum of six units throughout the semester and approved by the College Human Resources and Financial Aid Departments. Peer tutors are required to exhibit patience, determination, and willingness to try whatever it takes to help students learn, while encouraging growth and praising progress. The greatest demand for tutors is in English and math courses followed by computer and business courses, biology, chemistry, history and languages. Each semester peer tutors are recognized for their diligence and dedication in helping other students with an appreciation luncheon. New CRLA certificates are awarded at each semester's luncheon. A heartfelt appreciation goes out to all Cerro Coso tutors for their hours of work.



Picture: (l to r) Kameron Hudock, Kristen McKnight, Monette Fowler, Rebecca Wingo, and Melanie "Nina" Pearl. Not Pictured: Kalie Weich, and Charles Evans from the Kern River campus.

NURSING STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Pink Ladies Auxiliary of Ridgecrest Regional Hospital awarded three \$750 scholarships to Cerro Coso Community College Vocational Nursing students. The students were evaluated on their potential contribution to the field of medicine, as well as intellectual capacity, skills in the medical field, professional attitudes, leadership qualities, and ability to work with others. The students who received the scholarships are Michelle Korenski, Ashley Heath, and Sher Davis.



Pictured: Cheryl Gates, Director of Nursing at Cerro Coso; scholarship recipients: Michelle Korenski, Ashley Heath, and Sher Davis; Barbara Martin, Pink Ladies Auxiliary Chairperson; and Bobbi Rice, Pink Lady Auxiliary First Vice President.

KRV CAMPUS JOINS EFFORTS TO FEED THE HUNGRY

A drive past a potato field following a commercial harvest reminded Cerro Coso South Kern Director Erie Johnson of an article he read in The Rotarian magazine about gleaning groups harvesting food to help feed the hungry. Johnson, who also serves as president of the Rotary Club of Kern River Valley, saw an opportunity to reach out into the community and glean leftover potatoes to help local food banks. "Our food banks are hard pressed to feed the valley's hungry, yet thousands of potatoes are left behind to rot, because they are deemed too small for market," said Johnson. At a meeting of the Kern River Valley Garden Group, Johnson met Kathleen Creighton Fuschs, who mentioned her brother Dale was about to start harvesting his crop of potatoes. Between Erie, Kathleen, and Dale a plan was put in motion to organize a variety of groups including the Rotary Club of KRV, KRV Garden Club, and Associated Students of Cerro Coso to pick up potatoes that would otherwise be left to waste for shelters and food pantries in the Kern River Valley area. Over 170 volunteers joined in the efforts and harvested more than 3,000 lbs. of potatoes and distributed 1,500 lbs. of carrots donated by Bolthouse Farms in ten gleaning sessions. Potatoes went to food banks, families, friends, relatives, shut-ins, and some to those who gleaned them.



DEEMS MORRIONE HAS LEFT THE BUILDING



After 12 years at Cerro Coso Community College, Graphic Designer, Deems Morrione entered into retirement in December. Since 1999 Deems has provided Cerro Coso with exceptional, dependable, friendly service and fast turnarounds of the highest quality. When the digital revolution changed the industry, he traded light tables and messy plate presses for computers, digital equipment, and high tech software. He adapted well to the digital revolution and was a master craftsman at taking ideas and creating quality marketing materials. Deems developed good concepts and was capable of putting things together at the last minute. He kept the college's equipment, print shop, and graphics department running like a basketful of purring kittens. Always professional, Deems' mechanical abilities saved the college thousands of dollars in repair expenses over the years. He was a vital part of a behind-the-scenes operation that developed and produced most of the college's brochures, catalogs, class schedules, event flyers and posters, and thousands of other publications. About the only thing he didn't print was money. When Deems left for lunch or was out for the day he displayed a sign in his work area that said "Deems has left the building". Deems has now "left" the college for retirement, and his calm demeanor and sense of humor will be missed.

CERRO COSO SAYS GOODBYE TO LORI OLIVERA



Cerro Coso Community College and the ESCC campus bids farewell to staff member Lori Olivera. After 15 years of service to Cerro Coso, Olivera retired to join her husband in Garnerville, Nevada. During her time at the College, Lori transitioned from a full-time student worker to a full-time classified position first in the ESCC's Counseling Center, then the Dean's Office, and finally, as a core member of CC-Online. Lori's position as Program Manager for CC-Online was a brand new position. In the development of the online program things moved very quickly and no two days were alike. It was much like working at a start-up company—exciting, challenging, new, and often very stressful. There aren't many that are capable of handling that type of ever-changing work environment, but Lori thrived in it. Her work in the position was critical to the development and operation of the CC Online Program. The League of Innovation gave the program an Innovation of the Year award largely due to Lori's handling of the many behind-the-scenes tasks. Lori was the first non-IWV recipient of the Academic Senate's "Classified Staff of the Year" award. She also taught online certificate courses to CC-online instructors. Lori holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Cal State University Northridge and a Masters in Business Administration from Chico State University. We will miss you Lori, thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

MEET NEW WEB CONTENT EDITOR, SYLVIA SOTOMAYOR

Always fascinated by language, Cerro Coso's new Web Content Editor, Sylvia Sotomayor, has quite a story to tell. Sylvia's father, originally from Nicaragua, spent 22 years in the U.S. Air Force. While in the service he met Sylvia's mother, a German national. The two were married and Sylvia was born in France. At the time Sylvia's own nationality was questioned because her father was not fully naturalized in the United States, and eventually it was declared "German". In 1986 while in college, Sylvia was sworn in as a United States citizen. Sylvia's father's military career allowed them to explore many countries, and she spent part of her time growing up in Victorville, California and part in Berlin, Germany. Sylvia's love of reading and exposure to foreign languages inspired her to develop her own non-human language. Her strategy was to take a language universal and violate it. So she created a language for fun consisting of only nouns and particles and no verbs. Her alien language, Kēlen, received the Smiley Award at the 2009 Language Creation Conference at Brown University. When Sylvia discovered the Internet in 1996, Web design became another one of her passions. Web design and content management is a fast changing field, so Sylvia has had to teach herself programming languages. Her technical abilities and love of a challenge are a good fit for her new position at Cerro Coso Community College. Sylvia holds a Bachelors Degree in Linguistics from U.C. Berkeley and a Masters Degree in Information Systems from Drexel University. WELCOME Sylvia!



BECKY ROCK NEW ADDITION TO BUSINESS OFFICE

What is the definition of an accountant? Someone who solves a problem you did not know you had in a way you don't understand. New Cerro Coso Community College staff member, Rebecca (Becky) Rock, has the expertise to figure it out. Becky recently joined the staff as an Accounting Technician II in the Business Office. Born and raised in Ridgecrest, Becky is thrilled to be working at the college. Previously she spent 15 years working as an accountant at AltaOne Federal Credit Union. Both Becky and her husband, David, are 1997 graduates of Cerro Coso. They have one son, Jacob, who is a junior at Burroughs High School and they are hoping he will attend Cerro Coso when he graduates. Not the adventurous type, Becky describes herself as "boring". That however, is not true. Her first day on the job, Becky wore a t-shirt covered in fake blood, cereal boxes, and plastic knives. Why you ask? She was getting into the spirit of Halloween dressed as a "cereal killer". This gives new meaning to a new job being scary. Her smile, sense of humor, and caring attitude make her a perfect addition to the Business Office. Becky loves raising her son in Ridgecrest and appreciates the small town, safe environment. In her spare time she enjoys reading, hiking, and scrapbooking. WELCOME to the Cerro Coso staff Becky!



DEBORAH GREGORY HAS AN EYE FOR DESIGN



Deborah (Debbie) Gregory combines creativity and technical skills to develop eye catching designs as Cerro Coso's new Graphic Designer. Born in Long Island, New York, Debbie got her interest in the printing trade in high school. Following her high school graduation, Debbie's father moved the family to California. "At first we thought it was cool, we were going to California. We came in at night and it was beautiful," she said. As the story often goes, they didn't find it quite so appealing when they woke up the next morning in the desert. "We were only going to stay a few years," she continued. Three decades later she finds herself still in the desert and loving it. In 1986, Debbie began her career in graphics and print working at Continental Graphics. When the business closed she put her winning attitude to work and opened her own business "Spectrum Graphics & Printing," proving there is more to commercial printing than ink and paper. In February of 2011 the business merged with another local business. Her eye for design and commitment to personal service are a winning combination for Cerro Coso. Debbie has two sons: Christopher in the U.S. Navy stationed in Norfolk, Virginia; and Erik who graduated from high school this fall and will start classes at Cerro Coso this spring. She is an avid Yankees fan and enjoys photography, hiking, and watching movies in her free time. Debbie replaces Deems Morrione, who retired in December. WELCOME Debbie!

CERRO COSO WELCOMES PC TECHNICIAN, PERRY NEWTON



Cerro Coso Community College would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest PC Technician, Perry Newton. A native of Colorado, Perry's can do attitude is evident in his varied background and extensive travels. Perry served in the U.S. Navy for ten years as an AQ-1 Aviation Fire Control Technician, five of those years he spent on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Ranger (CV-61) as a RADAR Avionics Technician based at NAS Miramar in San Diego, California. Perry has over 40 years of diverse travel and industry experience, including radar, electronics, real estate, trucking, airborne weapons systems, ship construction, nuclear electrical power generating industrial plants, oil and gas exploration, software manufacturers, hardware manufacturers, public adult education, state government agencies, and newspaper publishing—all entailing a vast array of technologies. His travels have taken him all over the world. Perry has worked for major corporations including: The Denver Post, Mobil Oil, Performance Contracting Group, Hughes Christiansen, Dell, and Microsoft Corporation, along with a variety of other companies. Perry is enjoying his new job at Cerro Coso and says "it's quite literally the best job I have ever had. I love the people, the work, and the location." A Civil War and Revolutionary War buff, Perry has personally visited all of the major battle sites around the nation. He enjoys riding motorcycles and once spent three months traveling 14,000 miles through the U.S. and Canada on his Harley. Perry holds an A.S. Degree in Business Administration and an Occupational Certificate in Real Estate from Victor Valley College, and a B.S. Degree in Computer Information Science from Coleman University.

SMITH-KING ACCEPTS POSITION IN SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Services Department at Cerro Coso is pleased to announce the addition of Sandi Smith-King to the Department. Sandi, in her new role as a Special Services Assistant is not new to the college. She originally began working as a student worker at the College Child Development Center and then moved to the Admissions and Records Department. In July of 2007 she was hired as an A&R Assistant. Drastic budget cuts in 2010 resulted in Sandi's position being eliminated. She returned that November to fill a temporary position vacated by Resa Hess in the Human Resource Department. Sandi's vast experience and customer service skills are a great fit for the Special Services Department. She is a 2008 graduate of Cerro Coso Community College and her goal is to be a Counselor at the College. Sandi has earned a Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science from Bellevue University and is currently working on her Master's in Education Counseling at the University of La Verne. The mother of two little girls Oliva (6), and Averi (2), Sandi also has a 2 ½ year old step-son, Mark. In their free time, Sandi and husband, Mike, enjoy power wheeling in the desert with their children. CONGRATULATIONS Sandi.



KRV WELCOMES LINN TO THE STAFF

Working in the oil fields most of his life, new Teaching Assistant John Linn never believed a higher education was possible. John spent most of his life growing up in Taft, California and dropped out of high school at a young age to raise a family. When he returned to the Kern River Valley in 2003 to care for his mother he only intended to take one class to learn how to use computers. What he found at Cerro Coso was a variety of resources available to help him succeed as a college student. Originally wanting to be a counselor at the Camp Owen Juvenile Facility, John set out to earn an associate's degree from Cerro Coso. Internships at both Camp Owen and Wallace Elementary School ignited a fire in John to pursue a master's degree in social work. He served as a computer lab aid for several years prior to accepting the position of Teaching Assistant for ITV. Linn is a 2010 graduate of the college and continues to take classes to complete transfer requirements. His future goal is to be a social worker and he plans to transfer to Cal State Bakersfield to further his education. John has three grown children and enjoys all activities related to the outdoors. WELCOME John.



DUST BUNNIES BEWARE OF WILLIAMS

Not always the most glamorous positions on campus, but vital to the overall educational experience, are the jobs of keeping college facilities clean. Without our custodial staff we would all work amid drifts of dust bunnies, spills, overflowing trash cans, and un-buffed halls. Kiera (KC) Williams is the newest addition to Cerro Coso's custodial staff, those unsung heroes who keep our facilities pristine. KC's primary area of responsibility includes the Learning Resource Center and East Wing. Prior to joining the College staff, KC worked for Alltitiq providing janitorial services on base for five years. No stranger to cleaning this energetic single mother of two children, Connor (7) and Daisy (4), loves spending time with family and friends. Her hardworking and caring dispositions are a welcome addition to the team. Born and raised in Ridgecrest, KC is a diehard Dallas Cowboy's fan. Eagles and Giants fans beware. Cerro Coso WELCOMES KC to the staff.



SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF PAM COWARD

Family and coworkers of former Cerro Coso employee, Pamela Ann Coward, have established a scholarship in her honor. Pam was a Human Resources Assistant at the college for 10 years and lost her courageous fight with brain cancer in October of 2010. Well known for her strong sense of integrity and selflessness, Pam was committed and passionate about her work. She will long be remembered most lovingly for her compassion, strength, and devotion to her husband (Bill), family, friends, animals, and coworkers. The CCCC Foundation is accepting donations to the Pamela Coward Memorial Scholarship fund. The scholarship is open to all full-time students at any Cerro Coso campus who have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have been accepted to a 4-Year Institution of Higher Education. No major need be declared. Award amount will be based on amount donated throughout the year. The CCCC Foundation is committed to helping students succeed in college through its scholarship program. "It was a difficult year when we lost Pam," stated Cheryl Gates, CCCC Foundation President. "This scholarship will be awarded annually to an outgoing Cerro Coso student who exhibits the leadership, initiative, and passion for education for which Pam was known."

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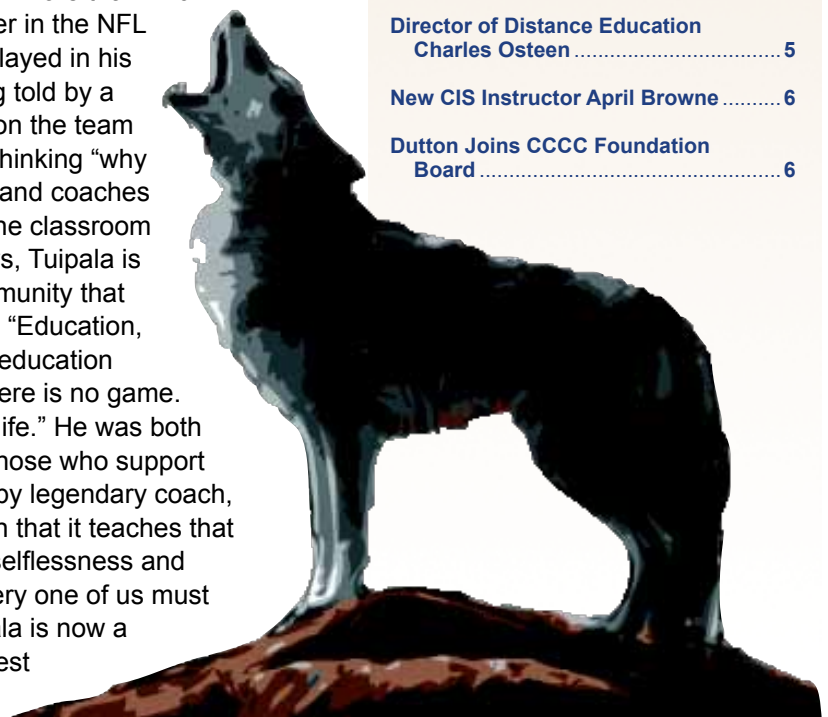


FORMER NFL PLAYER TUIPALA SPEAKS AT CELEBRITY SPORTS DINNER



Former NFL player Joseph Tuipala was the guest of honor at the Celebrity Sports Dinner hosted by the CCCC Athletic Boosters on Saturday, February 4, 2012. A pinnacle event for local sports fans, Tuipala, a 1994 graduate of Burroughs High School, went on to play for the New Orleans Saints in 1999 and the Jacksonville Jaguars

from 2001 to 2003. When addressing the crowd of more than 140 attendees, Tuipala chose not to focus on his career in the NFL but on the important role local athletic programs played in his success on the field and in life. He recalled being told by a little league coach that maybe one of the players on the team would become a professional football player and thinking “why not me.” So with the encouragement of his family and coaches he pursued his dreams and worked hard both in the classroom and on the field. Now the father of two young boys, Tuipala is thankful for the support he received from the community that helped him to be successful in football and in life. “Education, Education, Education,” said Tuipala. “Without an education there isn’t much of a life. Without an education there is no game. Education is the key to competing in the game of life.” He was both humbled and thankful for the sacrifices made by those who support athletic programs locally and closed with a quote by legendary coach, Vince Lombardi, “Football is a great deal like life in that it teaches that work, sacrifice, perseverance, competitive drive, selflessness and respect for authority is the price that each and every one of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile.” Tuipala is now a Fireman in Mesa, Arizona, and returns to Ridgecrest regularly to inspire and encourage local athletes.



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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GROVE TO HOLD MOBILE OFFICE AT CERRO COSO



Assemblywoman Shannon Grove will hold a monthly mobile office in the Student Center at Cerro Coso Community College the second Tuesday of every month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The following dates have been confirmed: February 14, March 13, April 10, and May 8, 2012. A representative of Assemblywoman Grove's will be available for students, staff, and community members to meet, address concerns, and express opinions. No appointment is necessary.

STUDENTS INITIATE STUDENT CENTER WITH MASQUERADE BALL



Once upon a time the students had a dream to have a beautiful place to gather that was supreme. Dancing, feathers, beads, and masks, what more did they need to have a blast? As the guests dined and the music played, Cerro Coso students celebrated with a masquerade. Students were invited to join in a masquerade evening of fun for the new semester had just begun. Their identities were hidden, but their enthusiasm was not. There is nothing like a majestic masquerade ball to bring excitement and intrigue to an evening of fun. Sponsored by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso and the Coyote Optimist Club, the music was moving, the ambiance thrilling, and students enjoyed the fresh new feeling of their recently remodeled Student Center. The masquerade ball was a great opportunity for students to make new friends.

'WELCOME BACK' EVENT DRAWS CROWD



If you feed them they will come! Forget concerts and sporting events—if you want to pack the Cerro Coso Student Center, hold a “Welcome Back” event with free pizza, fun, and games. The event, sponsored by the Cerro Coso Special Services Department, was held on Thursday, February 3, 2012, in the College's newly remodeled Student Center. It was an afternoon of food and fun, and a time to share with students the various services and opportunities the Program offers to help them succeed. The Special Services Program at Cerro Coso prepares students academically and emotionally for college while giving them the tools they need in order to be successful during the school year. It was a great time for students to explore the many services available at the college and to make new friends. By using a holistic approach and by modeling appropriate and effective behavior, the Special Services Program (DSPPS – EOPS – CARE) and staff support students with special needs. The program reinforces personal growth, promotes emotional mastery, and assists students with developing self-responsibility to accomplish academic, career, and life goals. The event was a great way to start the semester off right!

TAKING THE LEAD: CERRO COSO AND KCCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY HIT THE CAPITOL

CCCC President Jill Board, Eastern Sierra College Center Director Deanna Campbell, and Special Services Counselor Penny Talley joined the KCCD Leadership Academy in a January visit to legislators' Sacramento offices to advocate on behalf of students. Talley, one of 13 members of the 2011-12 KCCD Leadership Academy class, said the trip to the Capitol had value. "It was an opportunity for me as a faculty member to understand the bigger picture of what's happening in Sacramento—how budget restrictions are enacted," Talley said. "I realized the importance of advocating for services and to promote with legislators' student success measures that we can implement at Cerro Coso." The opportunity to travel to Sacramento is a regular part of the KCCD Leadership Academy program. The Academy is an internal, grow-your-own leadership development program for administrators, faculty and classified KCCD employees. The program is well respected across California, according to Michele Bresso, Associate Vice Chancellor of Governmental and External Relations and Academy Director. "Organizations like the Community College League of California and the Association of California Community College Administrators have called our Academy a model for the state and one of the top leadership development programs in California," Bresso said. Learning comes from doing, and Leadership Academy participants engage in plenty of hands-on learning along the way.



STUDENTS ATTEND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS ON CAMPUS

Cerro Coso Community College has a history of producing outstanding student leaders, and leadership workshops on campus continue the tradition. The Associated Students of Cerro Coso arranged a series of workshops on leadership on Friday, February 10. The event, entitled "A Treasure Map to Leadership," explored the characteristics of good leaders, the role of a good leader, and effective leadership skills. It may look like these students are playing with Legos, but they are really learning to become good leaders. The students are learning how to motivate others through mission, vision, goals, and direction. Believing that good leaders are made, not born, students were divided into two teams and given the goal of "building a strong wall" out of Legos. The objective was for team members to recognize healthy and unhealthy competition, the importance of good communication skills, and how collaboration can create more wins for everyone. The ASCC continues to demonstrate their commitment to student success by offering programs that encourage change and social responsibility. Leadership is important, whether it's at school, work, or home.



SMARTPENS IN THE CLASSROOM



Student Mentor, Janelle Johnson, is one of the first students to use smartpen technology to assist with student learning at Cerro Coso. Janelle is part of a pilot program introducing smart technologies that revolutionize the classroom. Some students have difficulty listening and recording notes. This new technology allows students to concentrate more on what the teacher is saying and less on what they are putting down on paper. The pen is equipped with a camera and microphone so Janelle can take notes in class. The notes can then be downloaded for web access by any student in the class. "It's really helpful that students can see me taking the notes and hear the teacher talking at the same time," said Janelle. Janelle can quickly capture detailed notes and audio records of the instructor—all via a device that requires no more technical skill than being able to push an 'on' button, and use a pen. Her notes can be immediately shared, annotated, or transformed to meet student needs. Smartpen technology allows Janelle to worry less about writing fast or missing key points, because the pen is capturing everything—it does the heavy lifting for her. Currently, Janelle is using the pen in a statistics class. Dedicated to helping students learn how to learn, Janelle is a tutor, computer lab aid, and note taker at the college. She enjoys being a part of this new technology which is making the classroom more exciting and engaging.

CCCC BASEBALL COACH RETIRES AFTER 18 YEARS



With the new Cerro Coso baseball season about to begin came the news of former head coach Dick Adams' retirement. Adams has been on a leave of absence from coaching since April of 2010 due to health problems. At the helm for more than 18 years, Adams built a reputation as a passionate and dedicated coach. "It's time to move on to another chapter in my life," he said in an email to the staff. "It's been a good run, 18 years Head Baseball Coach, 11 years Athletic Director, 6 years Physical Education and Health Science Department Chair, and 6 years California Community College Executive Committee. WOW! It's been FUN!" In a game where everything is recorded, Adams led the Cerro Coso "Coyotes" with a record 381-343. A hardworking baseball coach who loves the game, Adams successfully coached student athletes with the highest level of sportsmanship. "Coach Adams established an expectation for the team to be serious academically and represent our college well in the community and beyond," stated Jill Board, President. Adams was named the Foothill Conference Coach of the year in both 1999 and 2000. A native of Southern California, he played professionally for the California Angels for three years before elbow surgery brought an end to his career as a player. "I am off to Western New York to join Wendy and Amie. I'm EXCITED!" Adams said in his parting message. Hustle and heart set you apart...we wish you the best Coach Adams!

PARKER SHARES A PASSION FOR BOOKS

Cerro Coso welcomes its newest Library Tech I, Becky Parker, to the Ridgecrest campus. No stranger to the college library, Becky is a 2006 graduate of Cerro Coso Community College. A passion for books runs in her family, as her mother, Sue, worked in the Cerro Coso library for many years before retiring in 2010. Becky holds a Masters in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. While earning her bachelor's degree in English she had an opportunity to study abroad for one semester in London. "It was exciting to visit some of the places in my favorite books like Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*," said Becky. She loves to travel and hopes to return to London and visit Italy in the future. Prior to joining the Cerro Coso Team she worked for two years at the Kern County Public Library as a Department Aide. Becky is enjoying her new job and looks forward to helping students find the information they need to get good grades in their classes. Welcome Becky!



OSTEEN NEW DIRECTOR OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Cerro Coso has named Charles Osteen as Director of Distance Education. Charles received his B.S. in Journalism (major in TV production) and Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Florida. Since then he has had an array of opportunities. As he says, "I've been very fortunate to have some great personal life and professional working experiences." Indeed, Charles has traveled to nineteen countries on four continents. He spent three years working in the Philippines as the Program Officer of the Instructional Media Services Department with the International Catholic Migration Commission. There his department provided media support to instructional departments providing ESL training to Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian refugees in migration to the United States. After the refugee camp closed in 1994, Charles landed a position with The University of South Pacific, in Suva, Fiji, "where the view out my office window was over the top of palm trees to a blue lagoon and an island off the coast." Before arriving in Ridgecrest, Charles was Director of Distance Learning at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte Nebraska. "Mid-Plains is very much like Cerro Coso as far as covering a large geographic area, additional campuses and responsibilities to both online and ITV." "One of the reasons I was interested in coming to Cerro Coso was because we have family in Temecula. In Nebraska we had no family members within a 12 hour drive." Charles has more than twenty years of experience working in education, including a regional medical center, K-12 School District, as well as community college and university levels. Early in his life he was a commercial deep sea diver working in the Gulf of Mexico and the North Sea and dove to depths of 465 ft. We are excited to have Charles join our team.



MEET NEW CIS INSTRUCTOR, APRIL BROWNE

When choosing a career path in life, it is important to consider one's personal values, temperament, experiences, and skills. For new CIS Instructor April Browne, it seemed a natural choice to teach. A self-described extrovert, both of April's parents taught for community colleges. Recruited right out of college as a computer scientist by NAWC, April was thrilled when she was selected to fill the full-time position at Cerro Coso. She loves interacting with students, and finds her new job interesting and exciting. As an instructor, not only will she keep her fascination for computer information systems alive, but it will be renewed each day as she imparts her knowledge to her students. April has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems from CSU Humboldt and a Master's Degree in Computer Science from Chico State University. Her husband, Jason Hayes, is a Computer Scientist on base. Together they are enjoying raising their 9 month old son Logan. In her free time, April enjoys CrossFit and agility training with her two dogs. Cerro Coso extends a big WELCOME to April Browne!



DUTTON JOINS CCCC FOUNDATION BOARD

The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation, Inc., welcomes the addition of Rebecca Dutton to its Board of Directors. Originally from a small town in Wyoming, Rebecca has only been in Ridgecrest a year and a half and she hasn't wasted any time getting involved. Accustomed to the transient life of a military wife, Rebecca has lived in some large metropolitan places like Houston and Jacksonville, but prefers the small town feel of Ridgecrest. "Our kids have a lot more freedom because people look out for one another here," said Rebecca. Her ambition and enterprising personality have caught the attention of the local community. She worked for the China Lake Museum Foundation as the Development Manager for one year prior to taking her current position as a Store Manager for High Desert Medical and Sleep Supplies. She also serves as a Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and is on the Marketing Committee for the Desert Empire Fair. Rebecca sings with the Sweet Adelines and is looking forward to participating in the Chamber Follies this spring. "I believe strongly in being the change you want to see in this world," she said and added "complaining doesn't change anything, action does." Interacting with the local community is fun for this energetic mother of two boys, Evan (9) and Kyle (8). Rebecca has a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Texas A&M University and loves education. Rebecca's husband, Allen, is an aerospace engineer on base. Together they enjoy watching their boys grow and participate in local sporting activities. "Rebecca's enthusiasm for education brings complementary strengths to the table and we're fortunate to have her with us," concluded CCCC Foundation President, Cheryl Gates.

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STUDENTS MAKE CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC TEAM



Cerro Coso students Tammy Kinnan and Anna Moschitto have been named to the 2012 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team, a state-wide competition co-sponsored by the Community College League of California and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Both students are members of the college's Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges that encourages

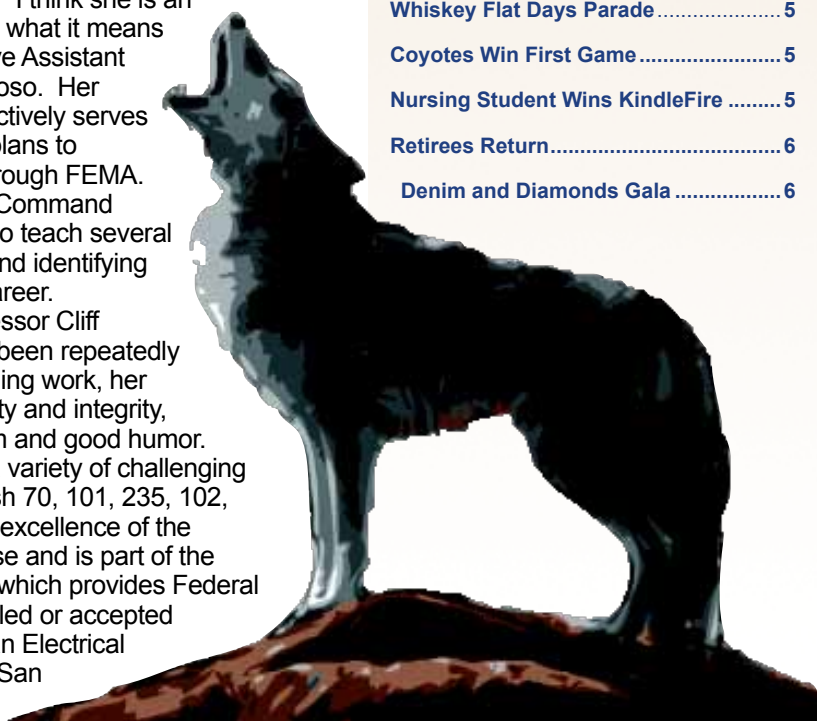
academic excellence and promotes community service.

Nominating professor, Christine Swiridoff, wrote, "Tammy Kinnan is not the traditional student. She started college later and works full time, but she brings to her academic career a wealth of experience, determination, and focus, the same qualities she brings to her professional career. I think she is an excellent role model for our students, demonstrating what it means to be a life-long learner." Tammy is the Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Cerro Coso. Her primary interest is Emergency Management. She actively serves on the college Safety and Security Committee and plans to continue her training by taking additional courses through FEMA. Tammy has completed a number of FEMA Incident Command Systems (ICS) courses and is qualified as a trainer to teach several ICS courses. Her interest in risk communications and identifying hazards will serve the college well throughout her career.

Anna was nominated for the award by English Professor Cliff Davis, who stated, "Over the past two years, I have been repeatedly impressed by Anna Moschitto's aptitude for challenging work, her superior writing and critical thinking skills, her honesty and integrity, her rapport with her classmates, and her enthusiasm and good humor. Anna's ability to write well and think critically about a variety of challenging subjects was strikingly evinced by her work in English 70, 101, 235, 102, 102H, and 221. Anna is a powerful testament to the excellence of the California community colleges." Anna works on base and is part of the Student Educational Employment Program (SEEP) which provides Federal employment opportunities to students who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment as degree seeking students. She is an Electrical Engineering major and plans to transfer to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to complete her education.

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COLERICK MAKES MEALTIME FUN



New Cal City CDC Food Service Assistant Alice Colerick might have one of the best jobs on campus. Creating good healthy meals for preschoolers is her current calling. "I love my job," said Alice. Listening to the playful chatter of the children in the other room as she prepares their lunches is one of the highlights of her job. This mother of three grown children and grandmother to four knows how difficult it can be to feed healthy meals to picky eaters. She calls upon her experiences to be imaginative and make fun creations out of ordinary food. Simple things like creating smiley faces out of peas and carrots, or making fun fruit, vegetable, and sandwich designs using cookie cutters can make all the difference to a finicky eater. Eating well gives preschoolers the energy they need to learn and grow. Helping them to stay healthy, maintain a healthy weight, and establish good lifelong eating habits are a bonus for Alice. Prior to joining the Cerro Coso staff, Alice prepared food boxes for the Salvation Army. Alice and her husband Steve have lived in California City for 23 years and enjoy traveling to various museums. One of her favorites is the Shoshone Museum in Death Valley. In her free time, Alice enjoys crocheting and bringing new life to old furniture. Welcome Alice!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT CCC FOR LOOK AT COLLEGE LIFE



Independence 7th and 8th grade middle school students got to experience college life at the Cerro Coso Ridgecrest campus on Wednesday, February 22nd as part of the college's ongoing program to educate younger students on the opportunities available for them at the college. "The question is not whether or not you are going to college," welcomed President Jill Board, "but what campus of Cerro Coso Community College will you attend?" Accompanied by college counselors, the students toured the Ridgecrest campus and received a fun Mad Scientist demonstration from Chemistry Professor John Stenger-Smith, hands-on CPR instructions from nursing students, and a demonstration from Professor Dick Benson in the newly remodeled Art Lab. "Our goal is to expose as many younger students as possible to college and let them get a sense of what college is all about as early as possible," said Interim Director of Student Services Paula Suarez. "It is never too early to start talking about college to younger students and explain to them why school and the choices they make are important to their future." These reach-out efforts are important and provide middle school students with an opportunity to explore programs they may not have considered previously. The idea is to help them think about career options and what classes they can take in high school that will help them to reach their goals.

THINGS ARE PERKING UP IN THE NEW STUDENT CENTER

There are few things we need in life to survive...food, water, and coffee. Now Cerro Coso students have another reason to celebrate their newly remodeled Student Center. Pony Espresso is open for business offering students and staff a place to dine on campus with a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. "We are so excited to bring food service back to the students and staff," said Gale Lebsock, Director of Administrative Services at the College. Pony Espresso has something for everyone. In addition to their amazing coffee and tea selections, they offer a variety of sandwiches, soups, salads, and more to give students meal options in addition to the normal fare. The Student Center is truly the hub of campus life at the Ridgecrest campus. Students can now enjoy a fine beverage, great food, wireless internet capabilities, and lounge areas for studying and socializing. Take time to smell the coffee!



COFFEE WITH THE PRESIDENT

When most businesses want to improve communication among all stakeholders, they send out a letter, newsletter, or email. Not Cerro Coso President Jill Board. With no agenda in mind, President Board invited staff, faculty, and students to join her in the Student Center for "Coffee with the President" on Wednesday, March 7. Board plans to hold these coffees on a monthly basis to provide an opportunity for those on campus to share what is on their minds. She also plans to visit each of Cerro Coso's campuses for a "Coffee with the President" at least once each semester. "I am always open to hearing what is going well, what could make things better, and answer questions you may have regarding college matters," stated Board in her invitation. Everyone is welcome to take a break and connect over a delicious cup of coffee. Good things happen over coffee!

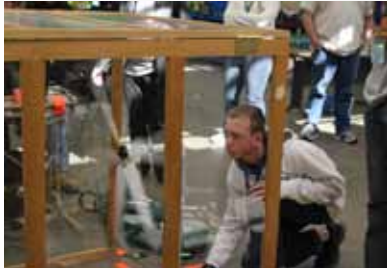


HUNGRY CATERPILLAR READS TO CHILDREN

The Cerro Coso Child Development Center received a very special guest on March 1st in celebration of Read Across America week. The Hungry Caterpillar, sponsored by the Eastern Sierra Association for the Education of Young Children (ESAAYC), read to the children the story of the butterfly and donated two new books to the Center. "Let's go to sleep, the little caterpillar said, as they tucked themselves into their beds. They will awaken by and by, and each one will be a lovely butterfly," exclaimed the Hungry Caterpillar. Dr. Seuss said, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." Read Across America week is celebrated each year during the first week of March and coincides with the birthday (March 2) of Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss). This year marks what would have been Geisel's 108th birthday. Dr. Seuss epitomizes a love of children and learning. His use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful. Celebrating Dr. Seuss and reading sends a clear message to America's children that reading is fun and important. Read Across America week serves as both a celebration and a reminder of the importance of reading.



KIDWIND COMPETITION DRAWS CROWD



The KidWind Challenge at Cerro Coso Community College is an excellent opportunity to get the next generation excited about renewable energy. The College Career Technical Education Department hosted its second KidWind Competition on Saturday, March 3rd, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the College's Renewable Energy Lab. The event, funded by the National Science Foundation Grant, drew 11 teams from local elementary, junior high, and high schools to compete in the student-oriented wind turbine design contest. During the challenge students made presentations about the design and construction of their wind turbines and tested their efficiency and energy outputs using a wind tunnel system. Teams eventually convened and the performance of each turbine was evaluated. While turbines were judged and prizes awarded at the KidWind Challenge, the winning teams will go on to compete at a National Championship this summer in Atlanta, Georgia.



O'CONNOR AND VASQUEZ RECEIVE TENURE

Cerro Coso Community College is proud to announce that the KCCD Board of Trustees has granted tenure to James O'Connor, Assistant Professor of Industrial Arts, and Laura Vasquez, Assistant Professor of English. Both faculty members have met the criteria for teaching excellence and are well deserving of the award. O'Connor earned both his journeyman and technical qualifications from Pacific Vocational College, British Columbia and British Columbia Institute of Technology. Vasquez holds a BA and MA from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Please join us in congratulating both O'Connor and Vasquez for making tenure and wish them continued success in their careers at Cerro Coso Community College.

STACY BISHOP JOINS CDC TEAM



Choosing a career in life can be a tough decision, but not for new Child Development Center Teacher Stacy Bishop. Providing a fun, nurturing and educational environment that helps children to grow and develop is what Stacy enjoys most about her job. "The satisfaction I receive when a child masters a new skill is great," said Stacy. Her days are filled with variety, stimulation, and fun but the real perk in her vocation is making a significant difference in the lives of children. Prior to joining the Cerro Coso CDC team, Stacy was a Site Supervisor and Head Teacher at a state preschool in Lone Pine for 10 years. She holds a degree in Childhood Education from Cuesta College and moved to Ridgecrest in June after marrying her husband Aaron. A flair for the dramatic, one of the most memorable experiences of Stacy's life was her husband's marriage proposal at the Eiffel Tower in Paris. When she is not working, Stacy enjoys reading, camping, dirt bike riding, and home improvements. Welcome Stacy!

CERRO COSO KRV PARTICIPATES IN WHISKEY FLAT DAYS PARADE

Every President's Day Weekend the charming town of Kernville takes a leap back in time to the good ol' Wild West days of Whiskey Flat. The CCCC KRV campus participated in what has become one of the most popular festivals in all of Southern California. Along with its rich history and attractions, Whiskey Flat Days draws visitors from around the country. The theme for this year's celebration was "Don't Let Your Babies Grow up To Be Outlaws." On Saturday, February 18th, 2012, Cerro Coso students and their family members did their best to defend themselves from the ruthless outlaws on the college float during the Grand Parade, which has grown to become one of the highlights of the four day event. Spectators crowded the streets to see the many floats, equestrians, marching re-enactors, and clowns make their way along the parade route. Senator Jean Fuller of the 19th District served as the honorary Grand Marshal for the parade. In addition to the festivities, food, contests, music, and fun, the event served as an excellent opportunity for Cerro Coso to interact with the communities of the Kern River Valley.



COYOTES WIN FIRST CONFERENCE GAME

The Cerro Coso baseball team picked up their first conference win in dramatic fashion on Saturday, March 10, 2012. The San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Wolverines were caught off guard by the Coyotes as they were defeated 7 to 6. The Coyotes Ricardo Perez hit a tie-breaking homerun, estimated at over 430 feet, in the top of the ninth that sealed the game for the Coyotes. The Wolverines had multiple opportunities to put the visitors away, but the Coyotes battled hard and kept coming back. It was an impressive rally between the two teams with the Coyotes winning in the end. The Coyotes move on to play Barstow at home on Tuesday, March 13th at 2:30 p.m. Cerro Coso Baseball...where Teamwork Makes the Dream Work! GO COYOTES!



NURSING STUDENT WINS KINDLEFIRE

First semester nursing student Nickie Rothwell applied for scholarships at Cerro Coso this spring and got more than she expected. The names of eligible scholarship applicants' were entered into a drawing for a brand new KindleFire provided by a generous anonymous donor. Nickie was the lucky winner. Nickie is in Cerro Coso's Nursing Program and drives all the way to the Ridgecrest campus every day from Lake Isabella to attend classes. She is currently working as a Certified Nursing Assistant laying the groundwork for her nursing career. Her goal is to earn a Baccalaureate Degree and Master's Degree in Nursing. Working with cancer patients, their families, and caregivers is what ultimately drove Nickie to return to school and complete her training in Nursing. She intends to be a contributing member of the nursing profession. "I wish to be a reliable source of care for those in need and to be a trusted member of the healthcare team that is a part of caring and improving the health and well-being of patients and their families," stated Nickie. Congratulations Nickie!



RETIREES RETURN TO SEE CERRO COSO PROGRESS

Five former Cerro Coso employees, June Frederickson (Administration), Sue Parker (Library), Ruth Gleason (Former Librarian), Ruth Maddox (English), and Carol Hewer (English) returned to the Ridgecrest campus for an update on the college and to tour the recently remodeled facilities. Former English Professor Ruth Maddox was in the area from Minnesota to visit with friends. Her visit encouraged a group of Cerro Coso retirees to get together and catch up over lunch followed by a trip to the college and an escorted tour of the facilities. Professor John Stenger-Smith showed the retirees around the Science Laboratories and explained how the new design allows the college to offer more chemistry and science classes. Professor Dick Benson welcomed them to the remodeled Art Labs and proudly showed off the newly acquired instructional space. "It's amazing how much things can change in a period of 10 years," said Hewer. "It almost makes you want to come back and work...almost," added Frederickson with a smile. Their tour concluded with a personal greeting by President Jill Board.



DENIM AND DIAMONDS GALA SLATED FOR APRIL 20TH

The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation will hold its 4th Annual "Denim and Diamonds Gala" fundraiser on Friday, April 20, 2012, at the Kern McGee Center. The funds raised will support Cerro Coso Community College in its mission to serve the higher educational needs of the community. Public support is vital to the programs and services offered by Cerro Coso as the college continues to face unexpected budget cuts from the state. Financial support is one of the most pressing issues the college faces today. The evening of fun and entertainment will begin at 5 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner, entertainment, auction, and dancing. The King of Denim and Queen of Diamonds Coronation will take place at 8:30 p.m. "You don't want to miss this event" said Foundation President Cheryl Gates. "We have loads of great items to bid on including baskets, trips, jewelry, and original artwork." Tickets for the signature event are \$30 per person and are available from the Maturango Museum, Red Rock Books, the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and the Cerro Coso Business Office. "Dress in your jeans, formal attire, or a combination of both and be prepared to have fun," encouraged Cerro Coso President Jill Board. More details are available on the web site at www.cerrocoso.edu/foundation/denim.asp.

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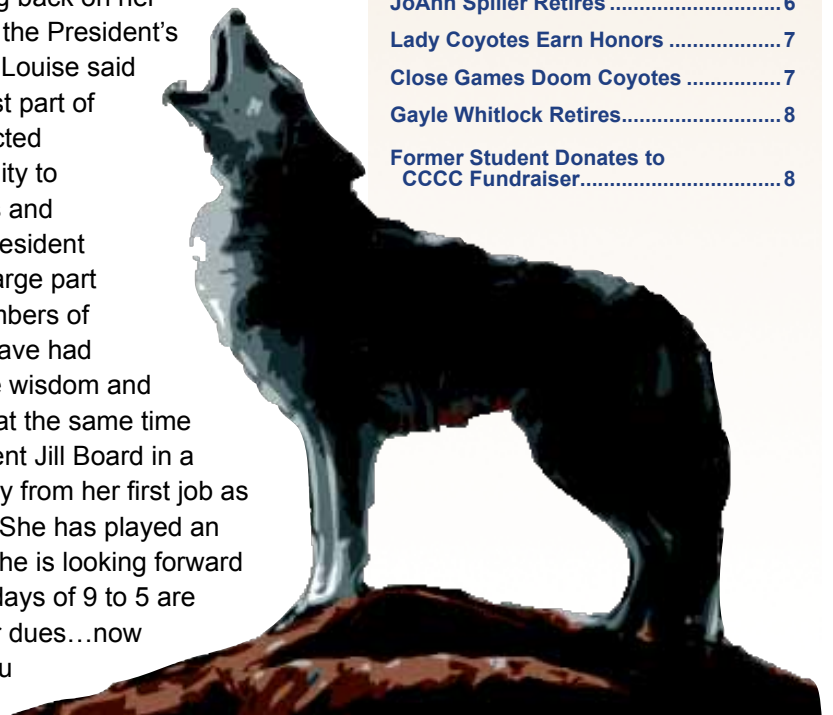


CERRO COSO SAYS GOODBYE TO LOUISE FARMER



What do three KCCD Chancellors, five Cerro Coso Presidents, numerous Board of Trustee representatives, and 25 Commencement ceremonies have in common? Administrative Assistant to the President Louise Farmer! After more than 26 years of service, Louise will officially say “goodbye tension...hello pension” on May 31, 2012. “I’ve worked since I was 14 years old and this job is the best job I have ever had,” said Louise. Looking back on her time in the President’s Office, Louise said the best part of

the position has been the routine and the unexpected changes that have kept it interesting. Louise’s ability to keep the President’s schedule, organize meetings and functions, and serve as the “gatekeeper” to the President have earned her great respect over the years. A large part of her job is providing institutional memory to members of the administration. “Five Cerro Coso Presidents have had the pleasure of being supported by Louise, whose wisdom and history of our college will be walking out the door at the same time our graduates will be transitioning,” stated President Jill Board in a statement to the staff. Louise has come a long way from her first job as an usherette for a movie theatre at the age of 14. She has played an important role on our Cerro Coso team and said she is looking forward “to doing whatever I want whenever I want.” The days of 9 to 5 are almost past. She’s worked all her life and paid her dues...now it’s time to do just what she’d choose. We wish you the very best Louise!



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WELCOME NEW ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT JENNIFER CURTIS



Jennifer Curtis has landed the job of her dreams as the new Administrative Assistant to the College President. "I have always admired the wide spectrum of interaction this position has with students, staff, faculty, administration, and the public," said Jennifer of her new role. "Because that's where I shine," she said with a big smile. Jennifer's charismatic and bubbly personality is a perfect fit for the position of liaison for President Jill Board. Having previously served Cerro Coso as a program manager for the California Virtual Campus for almost four years, Jennifer has a good range of office experience. She left to give birth to her daughter Emily and son Kyle and returned to serve in many temporary positions including: Counseling Receptionist, Executive Assistant to the VP of Academic Affairs, Accounting Technician in the Business Office, and currently as an Assistant in HR. Her broad understanding of KCCCD Board Policies and practices, knowledge of Cerro Coso processes, and organizational skills will keep the Office of the President lively and productive. Jennifer was raised in Ridgecrest, is a graduate of Burroughs High School, and is working on completing her Associate's Degree in Business Administration at the College. This mother of three knows the time and energy it takes to nurture work and personal relationships and does it with humor and passion. Jennifer and her husband Kelly have three children Allison (17), Emily (8), and Kyle (6) and spend a great deal of time attending cheerleading and sporting events centered around their children. Having served in many positions at the college Jennifer concluded "I feel like I have found my place at Cerro Coso." Congratulations Jennifer and WELCOME to the CCCC Team!

FORMER CERRO COSO STUDENT HEADED TO NASA ACADEMY



Margaret (Maggie) Marvin, a former Cerro Coso Community College student who is now majoring in Chemistry at UC Irvine, applied to a few NASA Academies and got an offer from the Lunar and Planetary Science Academy at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. She will work for 10 weeks on an individual project with her mentor, Dr. Melissa Trainer. Maggie is assigned to a particular project studying aromatic compounds in the atmosphere of Saturn's moon Titan. Her project will involve spectrometry and spectroscopy in order to aid in modeling the kinetics within the reaction chamber to better understand the processes that are taking place and help guide the conditions for future experiments. She will also participate in a group project with the other interns, meet some notable NASA people, and will be going to Arizona for a week to do some field research. Congratulations Maggie!

KRV ROTARY DONATES TO COLLEGE TEXTBOOK FUND

A \$1,720 gift from the Rotary Club of the Kern River Valley will assist Cerro Coso students with textbooks. College textbooks are one of the most critical tools students have to ensure academic success. On average, a full-time Cerro Coso student spends \$1,000 per year on textbooks. Now more than ever, paying for textbooks is a financial struggle. Every semester students brace themselves for the high costs of education. Recognizing the growing need for financial assistance with the rising cost of college textbooks, the KRV Education and Cultural Foundation established the Cerro Coso KRV Textbook Fund. Their goal is to ensure that the high cost of textbooks is never a hindrance for students. Due to their participation in this year's Living Green Festival, the Rotary Club of the KRV on Thursday, April 5, 2012, handed out almost \$5,000 in checks and cash to several organizations including the \$1,720 donation to the KRV Education and Cultural Foundation's Cerro Coso KRV Textbook Fund. Cerro Coso Community College thanks both organizations for their continued support of Cerro Coso students and commitment to higher education in the Kern River Valley.



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CCCC STUDENTS MAKE PRESENTATIONS AT RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Three Cerro Coso Community College Honors Program students presented their research at the Annual Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Research Conference at UC on Irvine Saturday, March 31. Megan Hyatt's poster presentation was entitled "Free Speech Rights versus Property Rights" and examines how conflicts between free speech rights and property rights are resolved on college campuses. To complete this project, Megan was mentored by Cerro Coso history professor Dr. Matthew Jones. David Santiago's oral presentation, "The Effects of Urbanization and Irrigation on the Prevalence of Coccidioides Species in Endemic Areas," investigates "the prevalence of Coccidioides species in traditional high-irrigation landscapes versus xeriscape landscapes in endemic areas through use of competitive PCR analysis." His presentation comes out of a project David is doing under Cerro Coso biology professor Dr. Claudia Sellers. Anna Moschitto's oral presentation, "Paradoxical Paradise," explains that "in Paradise Lost, John Milton's language emphasizes otherwise ineffable ideas about Satan and the Son, whose contradictory natures are necessary for their roles in the poem." Her presentation came out of an Honors paper Anna wrote for Cerro Coso English professor Cliff Davis. Honors Program Coordinator Christine Swiridoff attended the conference with the students. "These students were amazing! They prepared more than any other presenters we've had and presented with great ease. I was quite proud of their accomplishments," said Dr. Swiridoff.



KATHY PC RETIRES AFTER 16 YEARS OF SERVICE



Kathy Paradise-Clark has entered into retirement after serving the College's Special Services Department for over 16 years. Executive Secretary to the Department, Kathy's organizational skills were valuable in coordinating program activities for students as well as with the public and outside agencies. Her smile was infectious and always present because she truly enjoyed serving students through recruitment and identification of new students. Kathy kept extensive records of students and their success for data collection and reports to the state. She further participated in budget preparation and year-end reports. She took pride in maintaining manuals and updating resource materials and preparing and distributing minutes of board and committee meetings. Kathy showed positive enthusiasm and could be relied on in exercising functional and technical direction over clerical staff and student workers. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service, Kathy. We wish you a relaxing, fun, and long retirement!

TILE PROJECT "CELEBRATING THE SIERRA"



Dedication Ceremony June 17, 2011- Some of the 125 artists who created individual hand-sculpted tiles(L-R): Cindy Meinke, Susanne Olson, Earl Gann, Carol Conner-Turner, Tara Gardner, Coleen Randolph, Esme Morales, Rachel Molina, Sara Steck, Michael White, Melodie Aust, Terren Maddock, Patty Holton, Suzan Schwartz, Margaret Phelps, Betty Cameron, Gail Swain, Vanessa Keller, Marilyn Philip, Christina Mallory-Hall. Core team members in Bold. Carolyn Lynch not pictured.

A ceramic tile and mosaic mural of regional flora and fauna now graces the Inyo County Free Library in Bishop, California. "Celebrating the Sierra" was inspired by the fascinating diversity of species in the Eastern Sierra where three bioregions converge in the area: the Sierra Nevada mountain range, the Mojave Desert, and the Great Basin. The mural was developed as a community based public art project, during which hundreds of hand-made and painted tiles were created by local children and adults. The visually engaging, permanent work of art continues to invite interaction as viewers explore its intricate wealth of imagery. Adjunct Professor of Art Patricia Holton of Cerro Coso Community College dreamed up the project after researching public art projects created with community participation. A graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art and New York University, her background also includes the Vermont All Species Project, where biodiversity education and love of animals resulted in parades, slide shows and festivals celebrating nature. To develop the mural project, a sculpture class was launched in spring of 2007 at the Bishop campus of Cerro Coso. A presentation on local ecology by Paul McFarland, then director of the non-profit "Friends of the Inyo," inspired the theme of water as the life-giving element required by all creatures. Deanna Campbell, director of the Eastern Sierra College Center of Cerro Coso Community College, enthusiastically supported the project and provided a much needed home base. As the tiles added up, Cerro Coso provided floor space for the layout so they could work on it continuously and share the work in progress for public viewing.

“WHEREVER THERE IS A FIGHT” EXHIBIT AT CERRO COSO

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso Community College hosted the “Wherever There is a Fight” exhibit in the College Library. Spanning the period from the Gold Rush to the post-9/11 era, the exhibition tells the hidden stories of unsung heroes and heroines throughout California who stood up for their rights in the face of social hostility, physical violence, economic hardship, and political stonewalling. The exhibition educates audiences about the evolution of civil liberties and civil rights in California and how they are central to democracy. Stories of personal struggle demonstrate the ongoing fight and provide a framework through which current controversies can be debated. The central themes of the exhibition are: civil liberties are essential for democracy; civil liberties struggles repeat over time while targeted groups change; civil liberties are perpetually in flux—each generation must fight to preserve them; and although our constitution enumerates rights, it is the people who must fight for equality and justice to make them meaningful. This exhibit is based on the book *Wherever There’s a Fight: How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists, Immigrants, Strikers, and Poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California* by Elaine Elinson & Stan Yogi (Heyday Books, 2009). The *Wherever There’s A Fight* exhibition is part of the California Council for the Humanities Searching for Democracy, a thematic program designed to examine the meaning of democracy today and was on exhibit through April 20th.



WINSTON RECEIVES FACCC JOHN MCFARLAND LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) awarded Cerro Coso Math Professor Dr. Rachel Winston the John McFarland Literary Achievement Award during this year’s fourth annual Advocacy & Policy Conference. Annual awards are presented to those who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the preservation of the California Community Colleges—a critical component of higher education and economic recovery. The John McFarland Literary Achievement Award is given annually to an outstanding full- or part-time faculty member who contributes to the education of faculty and promotes faculty issues through FACCC publications. Rachel was honored for her leadership, editing, and writing which offers an insightful voice to California Community Colleges faculty. Dedicated to FACCC, Rachel has served on nearly every FACCC committee including eight years on the Communication Committee. A Mathematics Professor at Cerro Coso since 2001, Rachel earned her PhD at the University of Texas at Austin’s Community College Leadership Program where she also studied at McCombs School of Business and the Journalism School. She served at the AACCC in Washington, D.C., in Communications and Governmental Affairs writing for both the Community College Journal and the Community College Times. Rachel has been a FACCC member since 2002. **Congratulations Rachel!**



CERRO COSO HOSTS DESERT COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT



Cerro Coso Community College's Office of Community Education hosted the Desert Community Band's Spring 2012 Concert on Thursday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the College Lecture Center. Conducted by Debra Veit and Lisa Austin, the band performed a variety of pieces from "The Star Spangled Banner" to "The Wizard of Oz" in a variety of styles including traditional marches, new literature for band, big band, and some classic rock for the audience's musical enjoyment. The band musicians range from advanced middle-school students to senior citizens who meet once a week to rehearse together. Brian Cosner was the featured vocal soloist on a medley of songs by the Eagles. The concert was fun for the whole family and the public was invited to attend for FREE.

JOANN SPILLER RETIRES AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE



JoAnn Spiller, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships at Cerro Coso, retired after more than 26 years of extraordinary service to thousands of Cerro Coso students. JoAnn arrived at Cerro Coso in 1986 as a switchboard operator and moved to the Financial Aid Department in 1988. She has spent years working for a department that is valued as a key to both student access and success. As the Director of Financial Aid for the past 6 years, JoAnn oversaw the administration of increasingly complex federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs and scholarships as well as the day-to-day operations of the department. The program provides a critical service to our students. Last year, the department administered more than \$3.9 million in financial aid funds to Cerro Coso students. Helping students to graduate when you know how much they struggle is what the staff of the financial aid office enjoys the most about their jobs. JoAnn brought a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the department, which is a key resource to help students achieve success at the College. A 2011 graduate of the Kern Community College District Leadership Academy, JoAnn graduated from Cerro Coso Community College in 1999 with an AA in General Education and in 2000 with an AA in Social Science. JoAnn has made a difference in the lives of many students over the years and her encouragement and leadership skills will be missed. We wish you all the best in your retirement JoAnn!

TWO LADY COYOTES EARN ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Two Cerro Coso Lady Coyote basketball players earned Foothill All-Conference honors. Freshman Coyote Taylor Boske made 1st Team and sophomore LaChelle James made honorable mention. Taylor, originally from Ridgecrest, is a shooting guard for the Coyotes. She led the conference in scoring by more than 18 points per game and holds a 3.5 grade point average at the College. Her major is biology and she considers one of her biggest accomplishments making the DSL All-Star Team and winning the 3-point contest. LaChelle, a sophomore at Cerro Coso, plays forward for the Coyotes and is majoring in nursing. Originally from Sanders, Arizona, LaChelle's honors include: National Honor Society, 2010 Valedictorian, 4 years honor roll, All Tourney and All Varsity Basketball Honorable Mention, 2 years varsity Basketball Team Captain, and 2 Years Defensive Player of the Year. Taylor and LaChelle represent the best of the best in Coyote Basketball. Congratulations Lady Coyotes!!!



BASEBALL: CLOSE GAMES DOOM THE COYOTES

Three games. Three losses. All very close games. The Coyote baseball team played in a series of three games against the Antelope Valley Marauders and lost all three games. The Coyotes lost 20-19 against the Marauders on Tuesday, April 10, in Antelope Valley only to suffer another close loss to the team 11-10 on Thursday at the Cerro Coso Dawg Yard. Former Cerro Coso baseball coach Dick Adams returned to the field on Thursday to throw out the first pitch. Adams started the Coyote Baseball Program and was head coach for 18 years before stepping down in 2010. Adams' daughter Amie sang the National Anthem during the opening ceremony. The Coyotes widened the gap a bit on Saturday, April 14, when the Coyotes lost to the Marauders 7-2. The wins were close but the Coyotes just didn't pull them off. It was a rough week for the Coyotes but the Team stayed strong and fought hard. The Coyotes will play a series of games against the Mt. San Jacinto Eagles beginning Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at the Coyote Dawg Yard. Coming together is the beginning. Staying together is progress. Working together is success. LET'S GO COYOTES!



KRV COUNSELOR GAYLE WHITLOCK RETIRES

Cerro Coso Kern River Valley students are feeling a deep sense of loss at the retirement of long-time counselor Gayle Whitlock. For more than 20 years, Gayle has guided innumerable students into the educational paths that will benefit them most in life. A familiar face around the KRV campus, Gayle has served in many roles since 1991 including faculty, administration, and classified. Gayle started out as an Educational Advisor providing educational and placement advising for student success and later became a counselor. She has taught a variety of classes in Personal Development, Counseling, Psychology, and Independent Studies over the years. From 2004-2008, Gayle served as the director responsible for the administration of programs and services at the KRV campus. She has a passion for students and enjoyed helping them to achieve their dreams of attending college. Gayle holds a Master's in Education Psychology from California State University, Bakersfield. Cerro Coso says thank you Gayle for your many years of hard work and dedication. We wish you the best!



Foundation Features

FORMER STUDENT DONATES TO COLLEGE FUNDRAISER

Local ceramic artist and Cerro Coso Community College graduate Betty Spindler has donated one of her pieces for auction at the CCCC Foundation's annual Denim and Diamonds Fundraiser to be held on Friday, April 20, 2012. A 1986 graduate of Cerro Coso, her work appears in galleries throughout the United States and one of her pieces is on permanent display at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington D.C. An advocate for Cerro Coso, Spindler is joining other local artists in support of this year's Denim and Diamond's Fundraiser. CCCC Foundation President Cheryl Gates said she expects the works of these artists to be very popular with the attendees. "We have some incredibly talented artists in this valley, and I'm so excited that they are joining the many local businesses and individuals that donate auction items in support of Cerro Coso students and programs." The CCCC Foundation is dedicated to helping Cerro Coso students reach their educational goals through scholarships and awards and provides critical support to the college that will assist in building a stronger and richer community for the future.



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CERRO COSO HONORS GRADUATES DURING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE



Cerro Coso bid farewell to more than 250 students during their 39th Commencement Exercise held in the Gym of the Raymond A. McCue Athletic Complex on Friday, May 11. Friends, relatives, staff and faculty gathered to honor the Class

of 2012 from the Ridgecrest campus, South Kern Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Kern River Valley Center in Lake Isabella, and Online. Out of the 257 graduates, 151 graduated with an Associate of Arts degree and 58 with Associate of Science degree. Forty-eight received Certificates of Achievements. Five students are 4.0 graduates, 22 graduated with honors and 45 were Phi Theta Kappa honor graduates. Professor Steve Busby, Administration of Justice, served as the Faculty Marshall for ceremony. The Academic Senate selected two graduates to address the assemblage: Patrick McGaughey (A.A. Liberal Arts and Humanities) from the Kern River Valley campus, and David Santiago (A.A. General Science) from the Ridgecrest campus. Local ceramic artist Betty Spindler was selected as the Alumni Association's Distinguished Speaker. A 1986 graduate of Cerro Coso Community College, Spindler earned an Associate Degree in Art. She holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of California Santa Cruz in Liberal Arts majoring in Art. Her works appear in galleries throughout the United States and one of her pieces is on permanent display at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington D.C. An advocate for community colleges she shared her inspiring story of triumph over a learning disability which led her to a successful and rewarding life. The Ridgecrest Community Band, conducted by Ms. Deborah Veit, provided music for the festivities.



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CERRO COSO HOSTS 8TH ANNUAL ESCC COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Cerro Coso's Eastern Sierra College Center played host to its 8th Annual Commencement Ceremony at the Mammoth Lakes campus on Friday, May 4, 2012. Graduates, faculty, administration, and friends filled the Mammoth Lakes campus center to honor 44 graduates from both the Bishop and Mammoth campuses. Student speakers for the event were: Katelyn Shive (Mammoth), Inkosinhle Mazwi (Bishop), and Trenton Jones (Mammoth). Former graduate Christie Osborne gave the alumni address. "Cerro Coso Community College is honored to celebrate the many successes of our graduates, many of whom have defied the odds and overcome obstacles in pursuit of a higher education," stated College President Jill Board. "Each student has worked extremely hard to achieve a degree or certificate which will certainly open new doors to career and educational possibilities." Each graduate was individually recognized as they crossed the stage and were congratulated by Kern Community College District Chancellor Sandra Serrano, Cerro Coso President Jill Board, Vice President of Student Services Heather Ostash, and Vice President of Academic Affairs Corey Marvin. Music was provided by Pete Watercott and Jane Tindall. Professor of Mathematics Joseph Slovacek and Professor of Art Lori Michelin served as Grand Marshals. "Today is a celebration of your success and your education is a contribution to helping you find your life's greatest passion," concluded Board.

CCCC NURSING CAPPING AND PINNING CEREMONY



Success has been achieved by 10 Student Vocational Nurses at the Cerro Coso Community College IWV Campus. A formal Capping and Nursing Pinning Ceremony was held on Saturday, May 12th at 1 p.m. in the College Lecture Center. "The nursing ceremony is a well-known and honored event. Students start planning for this ceremony very early in their three-semester program," stated Cheryl Gates, Director of Vocational Nursing and Health Career Programs at Cerro Coso Community College. Lucy Fulton, RN was the guest speaker for the ceremony. The highlight of the ceremony is always the candle-lighting and recitation of the Nursing Pledge. The nursing capping and the Nightingale Ceremony remain a treasured part of the total student nursing experience. Formal recognition was given to the graduates and to their family and friends, who supported them during their numerous hours of study and clinical work. The ceremony provides validation that the rigorous course of study leading to a career in nursing has been achieved.

FORMER CCCC STUDENT RETURNS TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION

Former Cerro Coso student Ashlee Bailey made a special visit to Sarah King's Anthropology class at the Ridgecrest campus to demonstrate stone tool fabrication. Ashlee shared with the class her hands-on experience in recognizing stone artifacts and how to interpret basic information. She shared a brief overview of stone tools, why stone artifacts are important, how they are produced and used, and how stone tools contribute to the archeological records. Chronological information obtained through lithic analysis is very important to the study of how cultures change over time. "I got a really solid foundation at Cerro Coso. So many of my professors left me with skills that made me successful at UC-Monterey, and at NAU", stated Ashlee. "Professor Girardo sparked my interest in history and really motivated and inspired me. I knew I had to find something I was passionate about at UCM. Dr. Swirdoff in particular really taught me to write well and synthesize ideas." "In fact," Ashlee laughs, "my boss just put me in charge of doing site reports where I work at Tuzigooop National Monument because he likes my writing. I learned how to draw artifacts from Loren Sandvik which I also use every day at work." Ashlee earned her Bachelor's degree from CSU Monterey Bay and is currently completing a graduate program at Northern Arizona University working on her Masters in Anthropology with an emphasis in Archaeology. "Cerro Coso taught me so much and prepared me for Monterey and grad school. It really was the best academic experience I've had," concluded Ashlee.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO CHILDREN

Two Cerro Coso Child Development Center employees were recognized for their dedication and service to children at the annual Child Development Recognition Dinner given by the Eastern Sierra Association for the Education of Young Children (ESAEYC) in April. Parvin Paymanian has been providing services for over 20 years in the Indian Wells Valley. Her career began as a registered nurse in Persia where she loved her time in the Kindergarten rooms. It was hard for Parvin to see children sick so she chose to make a career change to teach when she moved to the United States. "Parvin has a tireless dedication to the families she serves," stated Cerro Coso CDC Manager, Jennifer San Nicolas. She enjoys working with student interns that go through her classroom teaching them as much as they want to know about infants and toddlers. Diana Smith is currently a Site Supervisor at the Cerro Coso CDC in Ridgecrest and enjoys helping people grow to their greatest potential. She is serving as President of the Eastern Sierra Association of Young Children and is a member of the National Association of Young Children and its associations. Diana holds an AA in Early Childhood Education from Cuesta College and a BS in Child Development from the University of La Verne. CDC staff recognized and thanked Diana for the positive changes she has made at the center. Congratulations Parvin and Diana!



CERRO COSO A-BUZZ TO SAVE A LIFE



Spring is in the air and the Associated Students of Cerro Coso encouraged students, staff, and community members to buzz in and save a life at their spring blood drive held on Monday, April 23, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every semester the ASCC holds a blood drive to help meet the community's blood needs. With the help of Cerro Coso students, faculty, staff, and community members who came in to give their gift of life, the Houchin Community Blood Bank collected a total of 20 units of life saving blood. The Houchin Community Blood Bank relies on volunteer donors to supply the growing and daily need for blood at hospitals, private cancer and blood disease treatment facilities, dialysis centers, and home health agencies throughout Kern County. The ASCC knows people live...when people give!

PINK LADIES AUXILIARY GIVES SCHOLARSHIPS TO NURSING STUDENTS



The Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Pink Ladies Auxiliary has awarded five \$750 scholarships to students seeking careers in nursing. The recipients included two Cerro Coso Community College graduates: Heather Sinton ('09) and Jennifer Melchor ('09) now completing the Registered Nursing Program through Bakersfield College, and three Licensed Vocational Nursing students on track to graduate this May: Ashley Heath, Sher Davis, and Michelle Korensky. Founded by Jan Hoagland in 1958, the Pink Ladies Auxiliary raises money through various fundraisers, private donations, no bake-bake sales, garage sales, and proceeds from the Gift Shop to fund these scholarships. Their efforts support Ridgecrest Regional Hospital's mission to provide outstanding healthcare in our community.

CERRO COSO SAYS GOODBYE TO MARY VAN BUSKIRK



After five years serving as evening receptionist for Cerro Coso Community College, Mary Van Buskirk entered into retirement as of May 21, 2012. Mary has worked the shift that many of us would not like – staying here until 9:00 p.m. every week night. She always has a smile on her face and is so welcoming. This is particularly valuable to the many adjunct faculty that cover evening classes. Mary has also been very flexible in her work schedule. She comes in and works day shifts when the day receptionist is out on vacation or ill. Mary says she has enjoyed the variety of people and jobs here at Cerro Coso and will miss them dearly. She will be relocating to Southern California to be the caregiver for her new twin granddaughters, Rachael and Riley. Supervisor Gale Lebsock said Mary was an integral part of the college. "She was always enthusiastic and friendly, and will be missed." We wish Mary all the best in her retirement.

PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTS 60 NEW MEMBERS

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society held its induction ceremony for its newest members on Friday, May 4, 2012 in the Cerro Coso Community College Student Center. Distinguished Phi Theta Kappa Cerro Coso Alumni Morgann Havig was the keynote speaker. Sixty students were inducted into the Beta Kappa Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society at Cerro Coso Community College for the 2012-2013 academic year. Phi Theta Kappa, founded in 1918, is the International Honor Society of the Two Year College. Its mission is to encourage the academic achievement of two year college students and provide development opportunities through participation in leadership and service. These students earned the privilege to join Phi Theta Kappa based on their academic excellence, earning at least a 3.5 grade point average in degree- and transfer-level courses, making them the top 10% of Cerro Coso Community College students. By joining Phi Theta Kappa, they become lifelong members of the world's largest honors society, have access to over \$36 million in scholarships, and join an outstanding fellowship of scholars.



CERRO COSO WELCOMES CRAIG HERNANDEZ

Custodial services at Cerro Coso Community College are vital to the daily maintenance of buildings and offices and provide an optimal learning environment for our students. New custodian Craig Hernandez takes his job seriously when it comes to providing exceptional service. Custodians have to do a multitude of jobs during the day that are often taken for granted. Their job is non-stop, routine, and yet often unpredictable. This is what Craig says he enjoys most about his work. Originally from Madera, California, Craig has been in the Ridgecrest area for four years. Two of those years he has been providing Cerro Coso with custodial assistance on a temporary basis. Prior to coming to the desert, Craig was a roller coaster mechanic for Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia. Riding a roller coaster is one thing. Hanging 50 to 70 feet in the air tethered by one harness to work on a wet track gives a new meaning to a “scream machine”—a palm sweating thrill most of us will never experience. Craig found all the outdoor thrills and recreational activities he could want in the desert. In his spare time he enjoys dirt bike riding, 4-wheeling, rock crawling, and desert racing. Craig says most of his new coworkers would be surprised to know that inside he is very “shy” which is hard to see because of his warm smile and playful chatter. Welcome to Cerro Coso, Craig!



CERRO COSO HOLDS 2012 SPRING AWARDS CEREMONY



The Associated Students of Cerro Coso held their annual Spring Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, May 3, 2012 in the College Student Center. The event is designed to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Cerro Coso students, faculty, and staff. The event is a time honored tradition to celebration and bid adieu to graduating students. The following awards were presented:

President's List

Ashley D. Ayon Loza
Marilyn Booth-Horn
Dylan M. Curry
Gerald A. Frank
Thomas L. Galloway
Thomas J. Higdon
Christina L. Johnsen
William T. Moore
Anna C. Moschitto
Paula Nelson
Angela M. Perkins
Amber M. Pyle
Debra L. Reese



All-California Academic Team

Tammy Kinnan
Anna Moschitto



CCCC Foundation Athletic Academic Achievement Award

Matthew J. Vallet

Department Awards

Business and Info Technology–
Julia M. Early
Child Development–Ellen M. Lieberman
Digital Media Arts–Danielle T. Almaraz
English–Anna C. Moschitto
Health Careers–Ashley D. Heath
Humanities/Language–
Matthew J. Mangum
Industrial Arts–Logan K. Smith
Mathematics–David W. German
Science–David E. Santiago
Social Sciences–Daniel H. Lathrop
Visual & Performing Arts–
Amber J. Ricker

Site Student of the Year

South Kern–Pamela P. Giddens
Kern River Valley–Trenton G. Jewett
ESCC–Lane P. Jacobson

Instructor of the Year

Full-Time Faculty–Yihfen Chen
Adjunct Faculty–Michaela Vargas

Classified Staff of the Year

Paul Kuttig, IT

Academic Senate Staff of the Year

Margaret Mauldin



MIRACLE ENDING FOR COYOTE BASEBALL

On Saturday, April 21, 2012 the Coyote's Miguel Ortiz struck out 13 batters and pitched a complete game. The Coyotes came back in the bottom of the 9th inning, and defeated San Jacinto on a play that will long be remembered as the "immaculate non-reception." Those of you old enough would remember the "immaculate reception"—when the Steelers Franco Harris caught a Terry Bradshaw desperation pass with 12 seconds left in the game—that bounced off two other players and Harris raced 55 yards to beat the Raiders in the 1972 AFC championship game with the nation watching. With Coso down 3-2 in the bottom of the 9th, and down to their last strike, Adam Neubaur hit a little fly ball to short left field—a routine play for a little leaguer. No wind, no sun in the face, nice blue sky, and a talented all league player in left field. Somehow, somehow, he never saw it—he had no idea where the ball had gone and the Coyotes went on to win 4-3. It was a real miracle movie moment. A highlight in a tough season for the Coyotes!



CDC CELEBRATES WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

The Cerro Coso Child Development Center celebrated The Week of the Young Child April 23 -28, 2012 with various activities to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The goal is to ensure that each and every child experiences the type of early environment at home, at child care, at school, and in the community that will promote their early learning and well-being. The weeks activities included an art show on display in the college library entitled "Through the Eyes of a Child", Pizza night at the Pizza Factory, a parade of children through the campus with lunch on the lawn, and culminated with Children's Day at the Park where local organizations provided free activities and entertainment for the whole family. The theme this year was "Early Years are Learning Years," a reminder that the early years are important learning years. Every moment for a child is an opportunity to learn more about the world, social skills, critical thinking skills, and knowledge. The early years set the foundation for later learning and shapes whether children succeed in school and into adulthood. The Cerro Coso CDC help make a child's early years better learning years.



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DENIM AND DIAMONDS FUNDRAISER RAISES MORE THAN \$20,000



With a little bit of glitter and a lot of glitz, the CCC Foundation's annual Denim and Diamonds fundraiser made over \$20,000 in support of Cerro Coso Community College students, programs, and facilities. The entire affair was a roaring success. More than 200 people shined their boots and put on the bling to enjoy an evening of great food provided by Casey's Steaks and BBQ, drinks by Casa Corona, and great conversation and fun as they spent an exciting evening raising their bids for a good cause. Event host and emcee for the evening Eric Jimenez also acted as auctioneer and brought in higher bids during a live auction which included gourmet desserts, vacations, works by local artists and more. D.J. Michael

Jackson kept participants dancing. Event sponsors for the evening were Dr. Bobby Miller, Frey's Gun Shop, H & R Block, Jacobs Technology, Ridgecrest Regional Hospital, and New Directions Technologies Inc. (NDTI). New friends were made and new alliances were forged that night. To our sponsors, donors and guests, a hearty thank you for a very successful fundraising event!

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CERRO COSO HONORS CLASSIFIED STAFF

From the first moment a Cerro Coso student steps on campus and asks the receptionist where an office or classroom is located to the time they leave campus in the clean parking lot, every aspect of their educational experience is impacted by a classified school employee. Classified employees play crucial roles in education. From teaching vital skills and ensuring that schools are operating smoothly, classified staff



Classified staff members serving in the Child Development Center (L to R): Stacy Bishop, Stephanie Beck, Collette Pierce, Heidi Allen, and Kimberly Scott enjoy a continental breakfast provided by College Administrators.

members provide services critical to the everyday operation of the college. In honor of their invaluable contributions to Cerro Coso students the Administration recognized their hard work and years of service with a "Staff Development Day and Appreciation Luncheon" on Thursday, May 31st. "Every year we take this opportunity to thank our classified staff for the positive difference and significant contribution they make to the success of our students at Cerro Coso Community College," said President, Jill Board. "In this era of less resources and

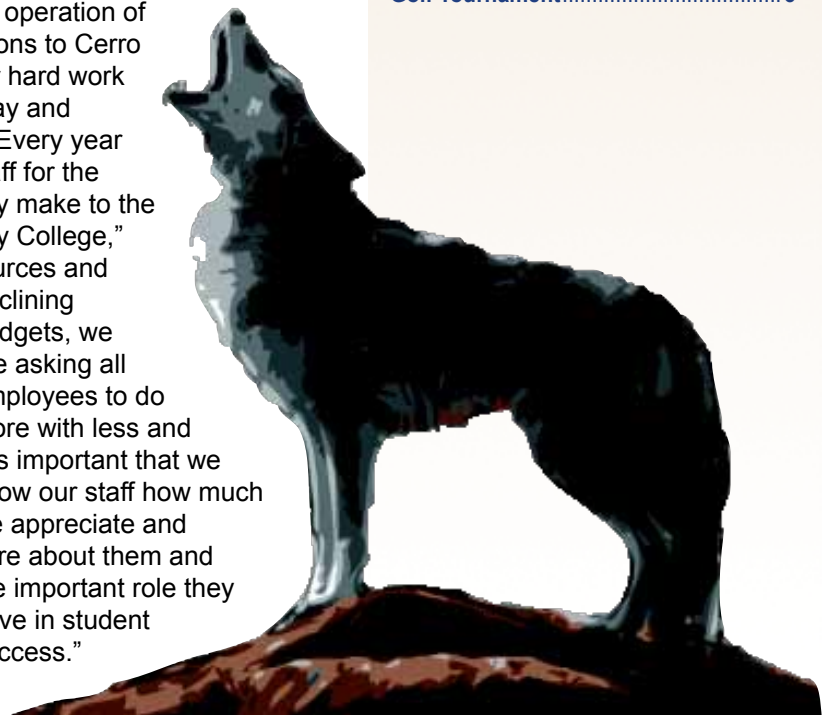
declining budgets, we are asking all employees to do more with less and it is important that we show our staff how much we appreciate and care about them and the important role they have in student success."



Classified staff members honored during Classified Appreciation Luncheon.

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HONORS PROGRAM CELEBRATES STUDENTS SUCCESS WITH LUNCHEON



Honors Program graduates (L to R): David Santiago, Kyle Smith, Tammy Kinnan, Benjamin Cox, and George Eckert.

On Saturday, May 5, the Cerro Coso Honors Program celebrated its 2012 graduates: David Santiago, Kyle Smith, Tammy Kinnan, Benjamin Cox, and George Eckert. The graduates, their families, Cerro Coso faculty, and fellow Honors Program students attended the luncheon to recognize these outstanding students. Additionally, two \$500 Faculty Honors Scholarships were awarded to David Santiago and Tammy Kinnan, and a \$1,000 President's Honors Scholarship went to graduating Burroughs High School student Zachary Bell for exceptional academic performance.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



Heather Ostash, Vice President of Student Services welcomes 5th graders to Cerro Coso.

The "I'm Going to College" Program at Cerro Coso is designed to create an awareness of higher education opportunities in elementary school children and to instill in them the attainable goal of attending college. The College hosted nearly 400 area 5th graders over two days during the "I'm Going to College" event on May 2nd and 3rd. Both days began with a personal "Welcome" from College Vice President of Student Services Heather Ostash. Cerro Coso students, athletes, and Associated Student Body members gave the children guided tours of the campus with special presentations by the Art, Chemistry, Physical Education, Biology, and Special Services Departments, Career and Transfer Center, and a fun-filled scavenger hunt through the College Library. Partnering with service-area schools, the program aims to educate children about the advantages of higher education and have them experience college firsthand at Cerro Coso. "Hopefully we will see them here again in the year 2019 when they are college students," stated event coordinator Karee Hamilton.

SIGNING DAY FOR COYOTES LEDFORD AND NEUBAUR



Javier Ledford, Coach Jon Holmes, and Adam Neubaur

What a great day for parents, family, coaches, and friends of Cerro Coso baseball players Javier Ledford and Adam Neubaur. Both players signed their names to letters of intent to play sports at the Division II level. Ledford signed with New Mexico Highlands University in Rio Rancho, New Mexico and Neubaur signed with McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. Ledford played first base for the Coyotes and also played high school baseball at Burroughs. The team he will be playing for is headed to the regionals in the Division II playoffs. Neubaur, originally from New York, came to California to play tough and competitive baseball that would take him to the next level. He played second base for the Coyotes and finished the season strong. "Both players are very good," said Coach Holmes, "it's a big achievement for them, a dream come true." Cerro Coso is very proud of these two athletes and wishes them great success in their journeys. Above all, it really was a special day for their parents.

CERRO COSO HONORS ATHLETES AT SPORTS BANQUET

The Cerro Coso Athletics Awards Banquet recognized student-athletes who have shown leadership within their teams and accomplishments on and off the field throughout the 2011-12 academic year. The event was held on Friday, May 4, 2012 in the Art Gallery of the College Learning Resource Center.



Front: Women's Basketball Players (Front): LaChelle James, Taylor Boske, Latasha Johnson, and Amandi Silva. Back: (L to R): Kim Kelly-Schwartz, Interim Athletic Director; Jon Holmes, Head Baseball Coach; Roman Easler, Nick Meyers, Miguel Ortiz, Adam Neubaur, Aldo Mora, Sam Fairchild, Raul Jimenze, Matt Vallet; Derrick Jacson, Womens Basketball Coach; Joe Haughaboo, Assistant Baseball Coach; and Mike Schatz, Volunteer Assistant Coach.

2012 AWARD WINNERS

Most Valuable Players:

Adam Neubaur (Baseball)
Taylor Boske (Basketball)

Most Valuable Pitcher:

Miguel Ortiz (Baseball)

Coaches Award:

Aldo Mora (Baseball)
Latasha Johnson (Basketball)

Baseball All League 1st Team:

Nick Meyers
Miguel Ortiz
Roman Easler,
Raul Jimenez

Rookie of the Year:

Roman Easler (Baseball)

Baseball Honorable Mention:

Sam Fairchild

Most Improved:

Amandi Silva (Basketball)

Basketball 1st Team:

Taylor Boske

Offensive Player of the Year:

Roman Easler (Baseball)
Taylor Boske (Basketball)

Honorable Mention:

LaChelle James

Defensive Player of the Year:

Matt Vallet (Baseball)
Sierra Leverette (Basketball)

CCCC Foundation Academic Achievement Award:

Matt Vallet (Baseball)



2011-12 Women's Coyote Basketball Team: (Front) Amandi Silva (Back) Latasha Johnson, ReAnna Chee, LaChelle James, Coach Jackson, Alexandra Godiney, Charmaine Lowe, and Taylor Boske.



(L to R) Mike Schatz, Roman Easler, Joe Haughaboo, and Coach Jon Holmes.



2011-2012 Athletic Awards Banquet held in the Art Gallery of the LRC.

NEW HR ASSISTANT MELISSA BENSON NO STRANGER TO CHAOS



New HR Assistant Melissa Benson

Cerro Coso welcomes new HR Assistant Melissa Benson to the team. Born and raised in Ridgecrest, Melissa is no stranger to disorder in the courtroom. Prior to returning to Ridgecrest, Melissa spent four years as a courtroom clerk in Las Vegas. "A job where no two days are alike," said Melissa. "We were constantly in lockdown due to bomb threats, escaped inmates, or weapons." Melissa chose to leave the high stress job of working with criminals for meager pay to return to Ridgecrest and be closer to family. A 1999 graduate of Burroughs High School, Melissa is a 2003 graduate of Cerro Coso Community College and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Chapman University. She is only one month away from earning a Master's Degree in Psychology from Grand Canyon University in Arizona. Her knowledge and understanding of the human mind and behavior are skills that will be useful to her in the Human Resources Department. Melissa is anxious to be done with school so she can enjoy her hobbies of working out in the gym, reading, and drawing. What she wants to do most of all is travel. "I went to school so I could make good money so I could travel, and now I have all these loans to pay off so it will be a while," she said. The first three destinations on her future itinerary are Ireland, Greece, and Alaska. Melissa is enjoying her new position at the college and has yet to find any down time. "There is always something that needs to be done," she concluded. Welcome to Cerro Coso, Melissa!

POPULAR CHILD CARE PROVIDER LINDA LACHER RETIRES



Linda Lacher, Department Assistant for the Child Development Center, retires after 29 years of service.

After almost 3 decades of service to the Cerro Coso Child Development Center, Linda Lacher retired as of July 1, 2012. She began her career at Cerro Coso in September of 1983 under CDC Director Margaret Jacobs. Since that time she has served under eight different directors and managers in many capacities including assistant teacher, teacher, acting site supervisor, registrar, and Department Assistant III. Linda has watched the program grow from one classroom serving preschool and school-age children morning, noon and night to five classrooms serving infants, toddlers, and preschoolers during the day. When asked what she would miss most about her job she said the children. "I love interacting with the children and asking them questions that help them develop critical thinking and problem solving skills," she said. "What we do is more than just caring for children," she said. "We prepare them for elementary school while providing their parents with needed day care. This makes a big difference in the lives of the children and their families." Linda's husband, Roger, retired this June from teaching music for Sierra Sands Unified School District. "Between the two of us we have positively impacted many young lives over the years," she said. Together they plan to travel, camp, and spend more time with family and their church. Linda is especially looking forward to exploring new cooking recipes and starting a book club. Thank you Linda for reminding us...A rose can say 'I love you', orchids can enthral, but a weed bouquet in a little fist, yes, that says it all! Wishing you all the best in your retirement!

CERRO COSO TUTORS AND SI LEADERS HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED

Cerro Coso Community College offers a FREE peer-based Tutoring Program that provides one-on-one and group tutoring services to help students succeed in college. Every semester Cerro Coso honors its tutors with a Tutor Appreciation Luncheon. Tutors are evaluated on their tutoring practices and when they achieve 25 hours of successful tutoring experience, Cerro Coso, through the College Reading and Learning Association, awards tutors an International Tutor Level I Certificate. During the spring 2012 semester, ten students from the Ridgecrest and Kern River Valley campuses earned certificates. Supplemental instruction (SI) leaders receive additional hours of training and work with instructors to provide supplemental instruction to a class study group. Tutors themselves often carry many units and are leaders on and off campus. Some work outside jobs and participate in college or community activities. They consistently offer many additional hours of time to help other students learn both the skills for course success as well as difficult course concepts. The Tutoring Program at the college assists students with fine tuning their learning skills for courses offered on campus and online. Tutoring is provided for free by grant and general funds to registered Cerro Coso students at various campus locations or via campus computers to online students. Instructor referral is required to become a tutor, lab aide tutor, or SI leader and requires additional hours of training to work with a diverse population of students. Congratulations Cerro Coso tutors and SI leaders!



2012 Tutors (Front L-R): Heather Blanchard, Ching "Bill" Chan, Jackalyn Henry. (Back L-R): Thomas Higdón, Kalie Weich, Emery Clayson, Chadi Miyame, and Clint Schad. Not Pictured Glen Johnson (IWV campus) and Kyle Mcdade (KRV campus)



Supplemental Instruction Leaders – Enrique Carillo-Salub and Stacy Johnson. (Not pictured Patrick McGaughy-KRV campus)

ESCC HOLDS INFORMATIONAL RECEPTION ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CAREERS IN BUSINESS

Cerro Coso, in partnership with the Owens Valley Career Development Center, hosted an informational reception on Business Education and Careers at the OVCDC Computer Lab from 5:30 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 17th. Karen O'Connor, Department Chair for Business Office Technology and Business Administration, presented an overview of the business programs offered during the summer. She talked about a new class, Introduction to Business Office Technology, which covers topics such as Business English, industry standard office software, office procedures, office ethics, and other skills relevant to success as an office clerk, administrative assistant or office manager. The OVCDC's Career Education Program speakers discussed the Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP) grant, and how the program works in conjunction with Cerro Coso to provide six career education certified programs for job entry, career advancement, and advanced education. The goal of the program is to meet local business and Tribal economic development needs in Inyo and Mono counties. Business Office Technology and Business Administration programs provide students in the Eastern Sierra with career flexibility, better earning potential, respected professions, and opportunities for career growth and advancement.



CERRO COSO BRINGS BACK WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Cerro Coso Community College is proud to announce the addition of Women's Volleyball to the fall 2012-13 lineup of sports at the Ridgecrest campus this fall. A casualty of previous budget cuts, the College's athletics program will court a women's volleyball team that will open the season in August. Another women's sports team will assist the college in meeting Title IX Gender Equity laws. With help from donations and volunteer work, both from individuals and businesses, the sport will be funded by the Cerro Coso Community College Athletic Boosters. "I am proud of the hard work put forth by our boosters program to create this opportunity for young women in our valley," stated Kim Kelly-Schwartz, Interim Director of Athletics and Student Activities. With the tough economy, bringing back and running a new program takes a community effort with everyone working towards a common goal. The hard work and dedication of the Coyote Boosters to athletics has paid off. "We are grateful to our community for supporting this endeavor and are excited to continue the 35 year tradition of Coyote Athletics with the revival of this program," said Kelly-Schwartz. Former Burroughs High School Volleyball Coach Kim Young has been hired part-time to coach the team. The College is very excited about the new venture.



GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR BOOKS – FUN FOR ALL

Golfers enjoyed a day of good golf, good food, and a great time while offsetting the high price of textbooks for Cerro Coso students at the China Lake Golf Course on Friday, June 22. Mother Nature cooperated with a beautiful but hot day for the tournament. When the divots had settled, golfers enjoyed a cool drink and great meal at the club house while prizes were awarded. A big thank you goes to the co-sponsor for the event, C. Martin and Company. Other sponsors included: Electrical Engineering Light Design; Breen Automation Systems, Inc.; Gold Coast Electric, Inc.; Central Sanitary Supply; Waste Management, Mechanical Design Concepts, Inc.; TEL TEC; JTS Modular, Inc.; Pony Espresso; and GKK Works. Special thanks to all the donors, players, and volunteers who helped make the tournament a big success. All the funds raised will go towards book relief for Cerro Coso students. Textbook prices have increased at a rate significantly outpacing that of the median household income, and the financial burden imposed on students because of these rising prices, combined with escalating student fees, increase the likelihood that some students will forgo or delay pursuing a college education. President Board explained that the money raised by the Tournament will help Cerro Coso instructors author open source textbooks that are then available to students electronically for FREE. The CCCC Golf Tournament has raised more than \$9,000 over the past four years to assist students with the high price of college textbooks.

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2012 First Place Tournament winners:
Waste Management Team – Barry Brunenkant, Alexander Erdman, Bill Minnis, and Larry Metter

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