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From the President's Office

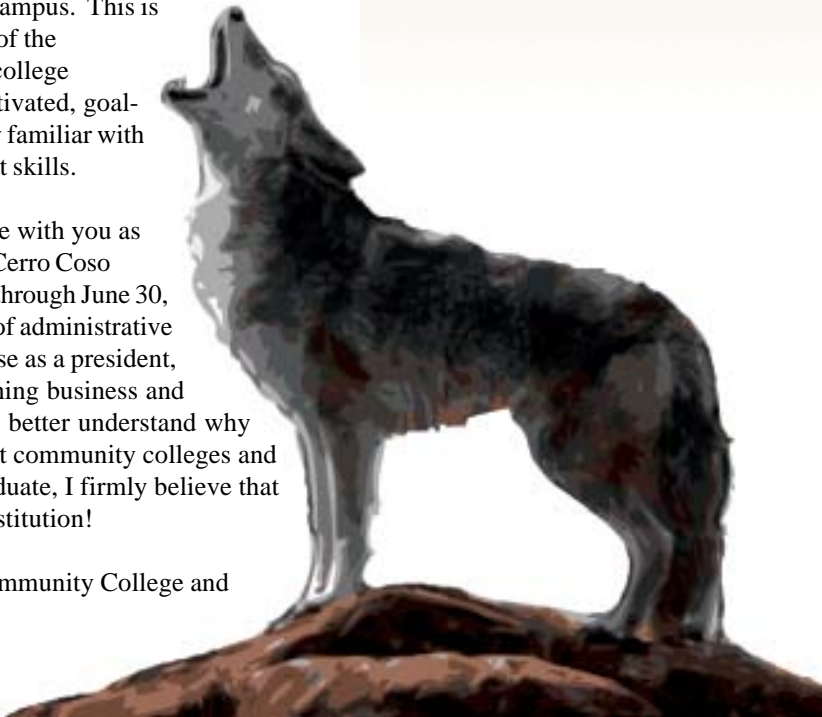
The Fall Semester is off to a fast start with a bumper crop of students at the various sites of Cerro Coso Community College. This year we have nearly as many students enrolled in CC Online as we have attending the Indian Wells Valley campus. This is a powerful indicator of the demands of today's college 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

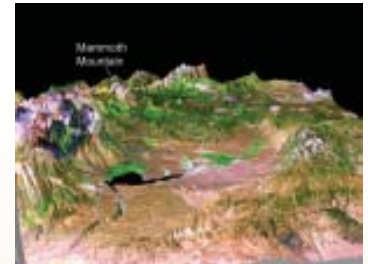
Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice,
From what I’ve tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.
But, if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To know that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.

- 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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