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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



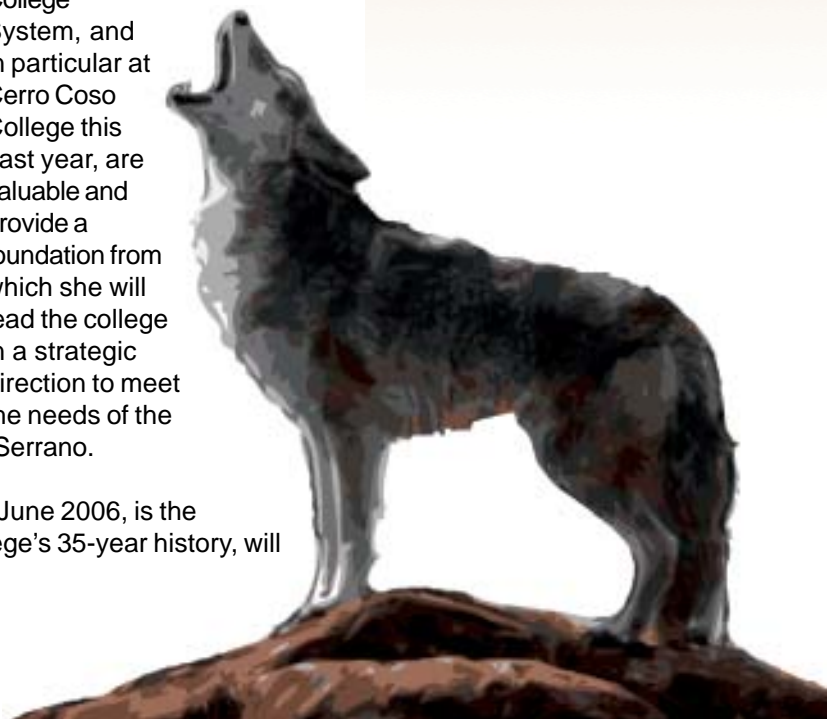
Community College. The Kern Community College District Board of Trustees ratified the hiring at the June 14 Board of Trustees' meeting. "Dr. Retterer is a dynamic leader with a wealth of experience in community colleges, including colleges with centers in rural areas. Mary's prior experiences with the 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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