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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

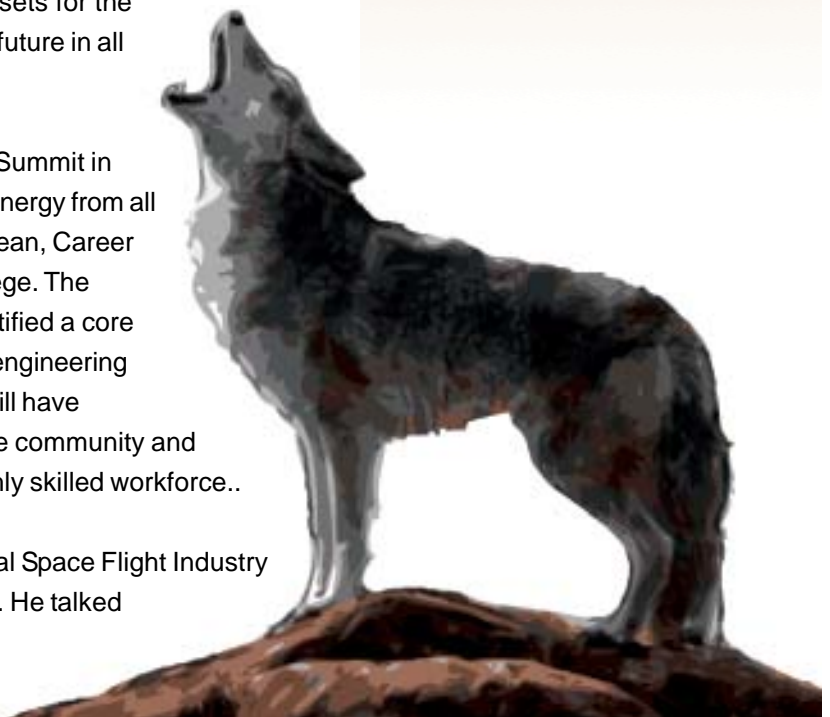
Cerro Coso Community College (in partnership with NAWC and Sierra Sands School District) was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the State of California to develop career technical programs in pre-engineering, engineering technology and renewable energy (<http://cerrocoso.edu/pio/news/2007/20070625-CTEgrant.htm>). 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.

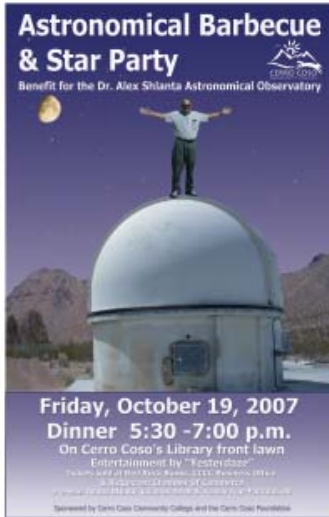
“We brought employers together at the Employer Summit in aerospace, mining/manufacturing and renewable energy from all over our service area” stated Ms Valerie Karnes, Dean, Career Technical Education, Cerro Coso Community College. The purpose of this summit was twofold. First, we identified a core curriculum 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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