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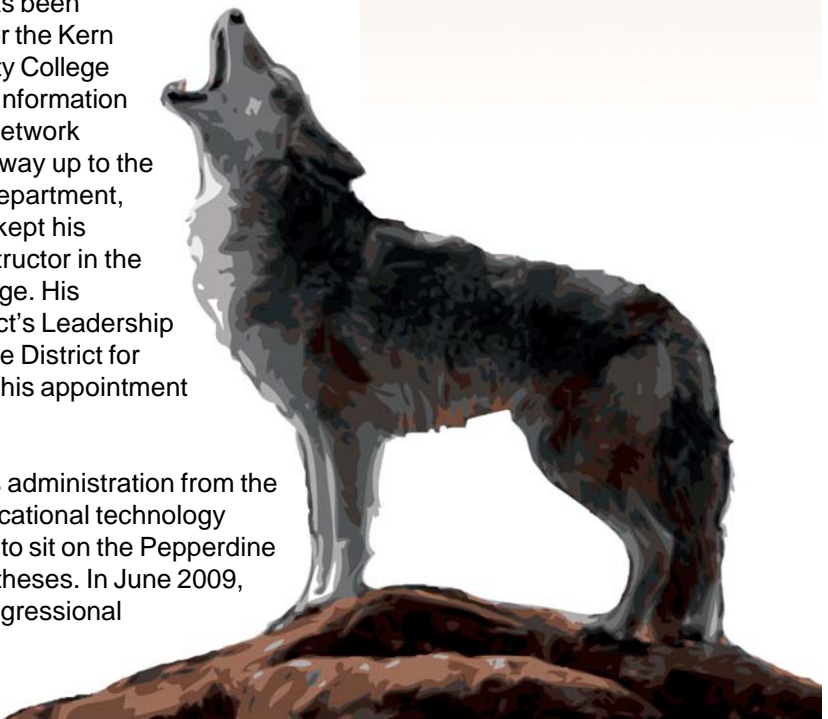
TODD COSTON APPOINTED AS INTERIM DIRECTOR, CERRO COSO COLLEGE, SOUTH KERN CENTER



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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