



BOARD REPORT

December 4, 2003

Cerro Coso Partners with Certiport and Prometric

Cerro Coso Community College is proud to be a partner with Certiport offering Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification exams to our faculty, staff, students and community at the Indian Wells Valley campus which began November 7, 2003.

During the months of November and December 2003, Cerro Coso will be offering students a special opportunity to take the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) exams. For the first 50 exam candidates, MOS exams will be available for just \$25.00 each (regular pricing ranges from \$50-\$109)!!

In addition, Certiport's No Fear Campaign offers unsuccessful exam candidates a \$10 voucher to retake the test within 30 days. What a deal!! This offer is good through December 31, 2003.

We are also pleased to announce our new partnership with Prometric. As an Authorized Prometric Testing Center (APTC), we also will be offering a large selection of IT exams including:

- *CompTIAA+ exams
- *Microsoft Professional Exams (MCP, MCSE, MCSA)

- *Oracle
- *Novell
- *Sun
- *over 1500 different exams are available

Exams can be scheduled through Prometric at <http://prometric.com>. A complete listing of exams is listed on their website.

If you are interested in arranging an exam or want additional information, please see the website <http://academic.cerrocoso.edu/cis/Default.htm>.

The Grand Opening of the Cerro Coso Testing Center is expected to be Friday, December 5, 2003.

Cerro Coso Fall 2003 Band Concert

On Thursday, November 20th, the Cerro Coso College Lecture Center Band held their Fall 2003 Concert with free admission. However, donations were accepted at the door for the band.

The **Animation** was created by the Academy of Media Arts with Dr. Tom Foggia conducting the band.

"The Fifth Circle," from Dante's Inferno, an original animation by the Cerro Coso College Animation Academy, was shown on the silver screen as the band performed the original

soundtrack composed and conducted by Dr. Tom Foggia.



Other musical selections will include: excerpts from “Carmen,” Jazz Clarinet Duo - featuring Alex Shlanta and Gary Fry, “La Virgen de la Macarena” - featuring Chuck Eras on trumpet, “Calypso Christmas,” Stars and Stripes for Christmas,” “Spiderman” - the soundtrack from the 2002 movie (performed with video clips from the movie), and “Oye Como Va” - featuring Tom Foggia on guitar.

Becoming a Working Actor Workshop

Auditioning II, the final workshop in the “Becoming a Working Actor Workshop” Series took place on Saturday, November 15th in the Cerro Coso Lecture Center. To participate, students needed to enroll in Drama 049C. The workshop featured San Francisco-based director, Alice Shikina. Enrolled students practiced their audition skills in a showcase for the guest director. The guest director critiqued each student’s

performance and offered suggestions for improvement.

The public was invited to watch the free showcase.

FALL 2003 “STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER”

The Cerro Coso Alumni Association Board of Directors proudly announces the Fall 2003 “Student of the Semester”,



VALERIE VOSBURG from the ESCC Mammoth Lakes Campus.

Ms. Vosburg was nominated by instructors Christine Abbott, Anastasia Danielson, Matt Hightower (Dean of ESCC – Mammoth Lakes), Katherine Muhs, and Joe Slovacek. The Alumni Board of Directors, along with invited guests, will be honoring Valerie at an awards luncheon at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 5, 2003 at El Charro Avitia in recognition of her dedication and many academic achievements. The Alumni Association would like to congratulate Valerie and also thank the Cerro Coso faculty, at all sites, for their nominations.

Web-conference Workforce Development Activity

On Thursday, December 4, 2003, at 4:15 PM, a free webconference on Computer Literacy is being held. This Computer Literacy Initiative webconference is a Workforce Development activity that we are sponsoring for our Desert Regional Consortia.

Corey Kidwell, Executive Director of the BAY ITC, will be presenting the details on their Workforce Development Initiative to Build a Technologically Proficient Workforce and how community colleges across the State can benefit from joining their 28 member college consortia. Please visit this link for the complete BAY ITC program details:

<http://www.bayitc.org/icdl.html>

This webconference will be using CCC Confer.

We look forward to having you join us. If you are unable to attend the live webconference, it will be archived and available for you to watch at your convenience.

If you have any questions about attending this conference, please contact Jim Kiggins, Animation Academy Director.

.Preview Day at Cerro Coso

On Friday, October 31st, Cerro Coso hosted its annual recruitment event, Preview Day. For this event, all service area high schools were invited to bring their junior and senior high school students to the Cerro

Coso IWW campus. Through support provided by California Virtual Campus Region 4, Cerro Coso paid for the event and transportation of students from these schools.



This year, over 200 students from Burroughs, Mesquite, and Trona, attended this event. When they arrived, after checking-in and receiving an event packet and name badges on Cerro Coso lanyards, they listened to a welcome address by Dr. Sharon Dyer, President, Bob Weisenthal, Director of Financial Aid, and Rachelle Lewis, ASCC President. They were then lead on tours of the campus by student volunteers. Following the tours, students had an opportunity to attend "mini-sessions" hosted by faculty and staff. The students were able to select presentations on programs and departments, such as:

- Spanish
- Biology
- Transfer
- Financial Aid
- Art
- Child Development
- Honors
- Drama
- Digital Animation
- Web Design
- Music

The event culminated in a luncheon. The feedback from the high school students and counselors who attended has been overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to hosting the fourth annual Preview Day next year!

Cerro Coso Community College South Kern Registration

Cerro Coso Community College will hold its on-campus registration in the College office on Edwards Air Force Base, 140 Methusa Ave., from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday

through Thursday starting on Tuesday, December 9, 2003. The College office is located in Room 101 in Building 2453 and students do not need a registration appointment. Students may call (661) 258-8644 to schedule an appointment to see a College counselor, to obtain more information about spring registration, or for information on residency status tuition.

California residents, active duty military and their dependents pay \$18.00 per unit in enrollment fees for classes at Cerro Coso. Schedules for the South Kern campus are available in the college office or on our website at www.cerrocoso.edu.

The Cerro Coso Spring 2004 semester begins January 21. Register early for the best class selection.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE TO HOLD FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

Cerro Coso Community College-South Kern Campus announces Financial Aid Workshops on the following days:

December 10, 2003	5:30-7:30 pm Edwards
January 15, 2004	5:30-7:30 pm Boron
February 18, 2004	1:00-3:00 pm Edwards
March 11, 2004	5:30-7:30 pm Cal City

Shauna Young, Financial Aid Assistant, will review the process for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) packet, the various types of financial aid available such as government and private, and the timelines and deadlines involved.

The items needed to complete the FAFSA packet include a #2 pencil, a copy of year

2002 Federal Income Tax Return or year 2002 W-2, year 2002 Untaxed Income information, Social Security benefits, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Passport to Services. Qualifications for financial aid are determined by income and family size. For more information please call Shauna Young, Financial Aid Assistant, at 661-258-8644.

CARE Fall Family Fun Activity

On Friday, October 24, 2003, a Fall Family, Fun activity was held in our beautiful Luis Miro Acevedo Sculpture Park. Fifteen (15) parents and 35 children engaged in child identification, campus tour, games, mask making, snacks and a visit from our own gypsy fortune teller Janis Jamison!



The following departments participated in the tour: Gym, Business Office, Library, LAC, Counseling, Financial Aid, Special Services and Student Activities. The tour guides who lead the children were Jim Kenney, Paula Suarez, Jill King and Valerie Lane. A tour itinerary for was provided for participants of the tour.

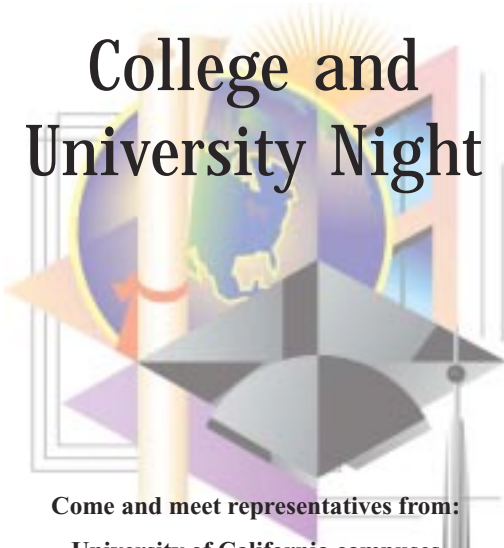


Other activities included child I.D. cards, face painting, a cupcake walk, pumpkin rolling race and other games and prizes.



CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

College and University Night



Come and meet representatives from:

University of California campuses
California State University campuses
Private Colleges

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

6:00 - 8:00 PM
CCCC Student Center

3000 College Heights Blvd. Ridgecrest CA 93555

College and University Night

The Cerro Coso Transfer Center held their 23rd Annual College and University Night on October 21st in the Student Center. Sixteen (16) different tables representing a variety of four-year colleges, armed services, and Cerro Coso programs were present. Approximately 200 students from local high schools and Cerro Coso were in attendance. This was a great opportunity for students to meet with the college representatives and discover what is available to them.



Cerro Coso Drama Production of "The Dining Room"

A poster for the drama production 'The Dining Room'. The title is in a large, serif font. Below the title, it says 'by A.R. Gurney' and 'Directed by Dr. Melinda Fogle'. There are three small photographs showing scenes from the play. At the bottom, the dates and times of the performances are listed, along with ticket prices and where to purchase them.

The Dining Room
by **A.R. Gurney**
Directed by **Dr. Melinda Fogle**

Friday, December 5, 2003 at 7:30 PM
Saturday, December 6, 2003 at 7:30 PM
Sunday, December 7, 2003 at 2:00 PM
in the Cerro Coso Lecture Center

General Admission Tickets \$5.00
Students, Seniors and Military \$4.00
Tickets available at Lou's Hallmark and CCCC Business Office

Cerro Coso Community College

The Cerro Coso Drama Department is presenting A.R. Gurney's *The Dining Room* on Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th at 7:30 pm and on Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 pm. The play is composed of a series of unrelated vignettes all taking place in a dining room. From a young girl's birthday party to a secret romantic rendezvous, the diverse collection of scenes runs the gamut from the poignant to the hilarious. The performances will take place in the CCCC Lecture Center. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students, military, and seniors. Tickets are available at the CCCC Business Office and at Lou's Hallmark.



Party

On Saturday, December 6, 2003, the Fire Mountain Foundation, Inc. will host its first Holiday Party for the faculty, staff, and their partners at Cerro Coso College's Student Center. These funds are being raised for Fire Mountain Foundation, Inc. scholarships. The evening will begin at 6:00 PM. Holiday attire is requested.

Open House and Holiday Concert at Cerro Coso ESCC

On Sunday, December 7, 2003, the Cerro Coso Eastern Sierra College Center – Bishop Campus at 4090 W. Line Street at Ed Powers Road is holding an Open House and Holiday Concert.

The college staff invited all the communities of the Owens Valley to the new campus for the Open House. The classrooms, laboratories, and study areas will be open for public viewing.

Families with children in high school will find Cerro Coso Community College an ideal “first

step” to gain their initial college experience. Cerro Coso Community College will afford students a chance to complete their Associates Degree locally before leaving to attend a four-year institution.

Featured during the Open House will be a Holiday Concert by the Eastern Sierra Community Chorale, under the direction of C. William Gorham, of the college music faculty. The concert will be presented in the College's “Great Hall” beginning at 4:00 p.m. The program will include music of the Christmas season, popular winter holiday songs, and portions of Handel's “*Messiah*.” Singers in the audience will be invited to join with the Chorale for the “*Messiah*” choruses.

Donations in appreciation of the music will be accepted and will go to the Bishop High School Music Scholarship fund. Light refreshments will be on sale and funds received will also go toward the scholarship fund. The Music Society of the Eastern Sierra which, along with the college, sponsors these concerts and will administer the scholarship awards to qualifying students

Acting Showcase

On Monday, December 8th at 4:00 pm, the Cerro Coso Acting Class will present a showcase of monologues in the Lecture Center. The showcase is free and open to the public.

Improvisation Performance

On Tuesday, December 9th at 3:15 pm, the Cerro Coso Improvisation Class (also known as the Who Said What Now? Improv Troupe) will present their final Improv performance in the CCCC Lecture Center. The performance is free and open to the public.

“Star Party”



M42-M43



M20

Our resident astronomer, Dr. Alex Shlanta, will host a “Star Party” at the Cerro Coso College observatory for faculty and staff interested in viewing Mars and other wonders of the heavens. Dr. Shlanta is in the process of setting up an evening to view the stars in the first week of December.

Special Events Calendar Nov/Dec 2003

November 7, 2003

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November 15, 2003

Final Workshop “Becoming a Working Actor”
Series “Auditioning II”

November 20, 2003

Cerro Coso Fall Band Concert

December 4, 2003

Web-conference Workforce Development Activity

December 5, 2003

- (1) Grand Opening of Cerro Coso’s Test Center
- (2) Student of the Semester Reception at
El Charro Avitia 12:00 Noon

December 6, 2003

Staff Holiday Party 6:00 – 12:00 AM
Student Center

December 7, 2003

Open House and Holiday Concert at
Cerro Coso ESCC – Bishop

December 6 & 7, 2003

Cerro Coso Drama Production of “The Dining
Room” 7:30 PM College Lecture Hall

December 8, 2003

Acting Class Showcase 4:00PM Lecture Center

December 9, 2003

- (1) Cerro Coso South Kern Campus
Registration
- (2) Improvisation Class Performs

December 10, 2003

Financial Aid Workshop 5:30-7:30 PM
Edwards AFB

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