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Educational Partnership Agreement with Base acquires Telescope for Cerro Coso Astronomy Classes

Due efforts of Dr. Alex Shlanta, adjunct faculty, and the Educational Partnership Agreement between Cerro Coso Community College and Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC), Cerro has received several small telescopes that will serve the school for academic purposes such as the Astronomy classes.

The Avionics Department of the NAWC has transferred several small scopes that can be mounted to rifles, a Celestron Schmidt-Cassegrain telephoto (750 mm, f/6), a Questar 7-inch diameter Cassegrain telescope with Barlow accessories, and a Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD)-made 6-inch diameter refractor telescope with Tele Vue 55mm Plossl eyepiece.



City of Ridgecrest Honors KCCD District Trustee & College President



Stuart Witt, Kern Community College District Trustee, representing Cerro Coso, and Cerro Coso Community College President Dr. Sharon Dyer were recently recognized by the Ridgecrest City Council for their hard work and dedication to the community. Mr. Witt, who manages the Mojave Airport, has been instrumental in attracting high-level business development to the area, as well as serving on many boards and foundations throughout the community including the Kern Community College District, Director of the Kern Economic Development Corporation and member of the Fire Mountain Foundation. Dr. Dyer was honored for her many community involvements as well.

She developed interactive television with all five instructional sites; initiated the "I'm going to College" program for 5th grade students and led the college through a successful bond drive that resulted in major construction throughout the college service area.

Cerro Coso Holds College and University Night

Cerro Coso Community College hosted its 24th Annual College and University Night on Tuesday, September 28th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the IWV Student Center. This event, held each fall, includes representatives from the CSU and UC systems, several private colleges, many of the branches of the Armed Forces, as well as many of the Cerro Coso departments and programs.

LVN to RN/ADN Program Collaboration between Bakersfield Community College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Ridgecrest Regional Hospital

The Program is an LVN to RN/ADN Distance Education Program via Interactive TV (ITV) through Bakersfield College and Cerro Coso Community College and in collaboration with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. Interested students must currently hold a LVN license and have completed all prerequisites prior to the start of the nursing courses. The start date for the classes is slated for Fall 2005 with course completion approved for the end of the Spring Semester 2006.

Vocational Nurses who wish to complete requirements for eligibility for the National Council

Licensure Examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse in the State of California will be considered for advanced placement. Admission to the educational mobility program in nursing is dependent upon completion of all prerequisite requirements and available space.

General Information

Registered nursing education prepares the graduate to provide services to those who need healthcare. As needs are varied so are educational programs, which proceed from the simpler to the more complex in accordance with the career ladder concept. The progression reads: nurse assistant, licensed vocational nurse, registered nurse, and other nurses with Bachelor of Science, Master of Science or Doctorate in Nursing and special certifications. The role of a new graduate is usually that of a staff nurse. With additional education, a nurse may advance to a position of supervisor, administrator, clinical specialist, educator, or researcher.

LVN to Associate Degree Nursing (LVN-ADN) is a two-semester program after the prerequisite courses have been completed. In addition, students must complete all the Bakersfield College general education requirements for graduation.

Cerro Coso Math Instructor Attends Chattaqua Courses Sponsored by 3 National Science Foundation



Last summer, Rachel Winston attended three National Science Foundation Chattaqua courses:

1. SUNY Stonybrook - Online Instructional Delivery
2. Boston University - Dynamical Systems Approach to teaching Differential Equations
3. Cryptanalysis - Cracking the Code During World War II - Bletchley Park, England

It was an amazing summer and the courses were truly inspirational and exciting, said Ms. Winston. Thirty (30) mathematicians from the United States attended the courses and Ms. Winston won one of the awards and prizes as the top code-breaker.

Special Services Welcome Back Activity



On Thursday, September 23, 2004, the Special Services program hosted their bi-annual Welcome Back Activity, "Red Light-Green Light, the Road to Success" on the west patio of Cerro Coso Community College main campus, attended by 102 students. The Special Services Student Partners presented a skit on the ten steps to remaining eligible for EOPS. The skit was interactive with audience participation. In addition, our Kern River Valley campus held their Welcome Back this week with 64 students in attendance. KRV Partners wowed the crowd with a Scavenger Hunt and a game of Jeopardy. Special guests included the College President, Dr. Sharon Dyer, and Vice President of Student Services, Jill Board. Lunch was served allowing for interaction of staff and students.

“Meet the A.S.C.C. Board”

The associated Students of Cerro Coso began the new school year with the first meeting on Tuesday, September 7th, featuring “Meet the A.S.C.C. Board.” The Executive Board met with the students in a forum in the Student Center, while introducing themselves as their elected or appointed leaders, discussing the tentative plans for the academic year, and presenting club officers. Ultimately, “Meet the A.S.C.C. Board” was an opportunity for the leaders to build personal relationships with the student body and to encourage this potentially dynamic organization to get involved, and...it worked! Following this forum several students met with leaders and the Student Activities staff and were given personal outlets to influence and lead in student government. The meeting was the starting flame for what will be an explosive extracurricular year.



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Staff Development for Classified Professionals

The administration of Cerro Coso planned an exciting and informative day specifically with classified employees in mind. The college and the community campuses were closed to the public on September 24, 2004 so that all classified employees could attend. Before the first presenter, breakfast was provided.



The first presentation was "Planning for YOUR Financial Future" and was presented by Vincent Avalos of Edward Jones. Vincent provided employees with information on supplemental retirement programs and methods for achieving financial security in the future. Some of the topics included Traditional IRA plans, Roth IRA plans, and 403(b) plans. Many classified employees commented that they had never gotten around to starting these plans, but were now motivated to do so.



Vincent Avalos

Jill Board and Mark Lathrop were part of the Cerro Coso representation on the recent CSEA contract negotiations. Jill represented management and Mark was a representative from the CSEA chapter. Jill and Mark made a presentation on the contract including both new items and items that already existed in the contract. There was lively discussion throughout the presentation. This was an excellent opportunity for all classified staff to become familiar with THEIR contract.



Jill Board and Mark Lathrop

A formal lunch was provided with the Cerro Coso administrative team serving and refilling drinks. Dr. Mitjl Capet, Vice President of Student Learning offered his expertise in coordinating the setup and decorations for the lunch. The lunch, which was served on white and gold plates, included salad, lasagna, breadsticks, and cheesecake for dessert.



The afternoon concluded with guest speaker/comedian Cory Edwards. Cory Edwards touched on such topics as "I in TEAM", "Lord of the Shorts", and "Island of Pants". It was great to see classified employees laughing and enjoying themselves.



Corey Edwards

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