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REBECCA BACHINSKI NAMED FALL 2004 "STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"



The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988. The Alumni Association proudly announced that Rebecca (Becky) Bachinski was the Fall 2004 recipient of the "Student of the Semester" award and was recognized at a December luncheon held in her honor. Bachinski attends the College's Indian Wells Valley Campus majoring in nursing and graduated from the Student Vocational Nursing Program on Friday, December 17, 2004.

Ms. Bachinski was nominated by Mary Kowalski, Director of Vocational Nursing and Health Careers. Kowalski stated, "Becky is very active in the duties and responsibilities of the Student Vocational Nursing Club and holds a very high standing in the difficult theory courses of Student Vocational Nursing. In the clinical setting, her peers and her instructors have noted Becky's empathetic compassion at the bedside and technical skills when caring for her patients. In the future, Becky wants to become a Registered Nurse with an emphasis on the care of medical or surgical patients . "

The Alumni association is very proud to bestow this award on Ms. Bachinski acknowledging her dedication and many achievements by selecting her as the Fall 2004 Student of the Semester," stated Director of Alumni Relations, Joann Handeland. Ms. Bachinski was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, and a special Cerro Coso logo remembrance gift. Her name was also added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award.

Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities and community involvement were all considered in the selection process for this

award. The Alumni association would like to congratulate Rebecca (Becky) Bachinski on her many accomplishments and for being an inspiration to all Cerro Coso Community College students and staff.

What's happening in Drama at Cerro Coso



Auditions are coming up for the spring play at Cerro Coso College. The Shakespeare Theatre Production Class will produce *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)*. The play wraps all of Shakespeare's works into one fast-paced, madcap production. Many parts are available. No experience is necessary! Auditions will be held the second week of class. For those who want to stay behind the scenes, the Technical Theatre Class (Drama 131) offers hands-on experience in areas of technical

production. The technical students will support the spring production in areas such as set design, lighting, sound, costuming, makeup, publicity, and management.

The Drama Department is also offering Performance Studies, Improvisation and Acting classes. Performance Studies (Drama 105) is a new class being offered this spring. This exciting new class introduces students to types of performance beyond the traditional stage play. The class will work together to produce public performances including a Poetry Slam. The Improvisation Class will be offered again for the spring. Students will develop improvisation skills through class activities and public performances. Enrolling in Drama 118 class automatically makes one a member of the "Who Said What Now?" Improv Troupe! The Drama Department will also offer four levels of acting classes including Fundamentals of Acting, Beginning Acting, Intermediate Acting and Advanced Acting.

TRIO Program



TRiO is proud to announce that a total of 36 very deserving students; 18 from IWV and 18 from KRV were awarded the Fall 2004 Honor Grant. In order to qualify students needed to

complete three activities, meet with the TRiO counselor, have a GPA of 2.0 or higher and have a current file with all applicable documents.

As in the past year, support from the college has been without reservation, both Cerro Coso staff and faculty gave of their time and expertise without hesitation. Therefore we extend our appreciation to the following people: Paul Meyers, Dennis VanderWerff, Ken Pringle, Lois Bozarth, Jan Moline, Heather Ostash, Bob Weisenthal, the CC Community Band, Monique Malamma, Julie Gray, Rocky Maraccini, Don Trautman and Josh Burns. And of course, I also would like to express my gratitude to the TRiO staff: Cheryl Fitzsimmons, Candace Cornett and Paula Suarez, with your assistance, TRiO shines in complete success.

Vocational Nursing Capping/Graduation Ceremony



On Friday, December 17, 2004, the vocational nursing students of Cerro Coso held their graduation ceremony in the Lecture Center of the College. The graduates included Sharon Aleo, Becky Bachinski, Christina Baring, Randi Campbell, Glenda Foote, Colleen Hill, Jennifer Homan, Carol Irvine, Christy Johnson, Kathleen Labrie, Donald Mott and Dawn Placencia.

SCE Awards Record \$4.3 Million for Photovoltaic, Self-Generation Sys- tem at Cerro Coso Community College



On Friday, January, 17, 2005—Southern California Edison (SCE) presented a \$4.3-million check to the Kern Community College District for its participation in SCE's Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP).

SCE's SGIP is a state-sponsored initiative developed to encourage the installation of new low- or zero-emissions, self-generation units throughout SCE's service territory. The program is intended to help customers and the state manage peak electric demand and address on-going air quality concerns.

The rebate—believed to be the largest ever made by SCE for such a program—is the result of the district's successful installation of a large photovoltaic (PV) array (solar) at Cerro Coso Community College (CCCC) in January 2005. At a cost of \$9.2 million, Cerro Coso's installation is believed to be the largest PV array of

any community college in the nation, with more than 6,100 PV panels spread over seven acres capable of producing 959 kilowatts (.9 megawatts).

“On behalf of the Kern Community College District and Cerro Coso, we proudly accept this incentive award from Edison,” said Sharon K. Dyer, President, CCCC. “Having most of our power needs supplied by a ‘green source’ benefits the college, the district, our community and our state—we’re all winners.”

On a sun-filled day, Cerro Coso’s PV array can supply enough electricity power to meet most of needs of the campus, which serves 2,700 students. SCE will augment or provide backup power for those times when the array does not fully meet the school’s electricity needs. In addition to the SGIP \$4.3 million the district receives, school administrators have estimated an annual energy cost savings of approximately \$250,000.

“We are delighted to present this rebate to the Kern Community College District,” said Kevin Ellison, SCE’s director of major customer accounts. “The district’s decision to invest in this renewable energy source will not only save the district money, it will also help protect the environment while helping the state meet growing energy demands.”

More information on SCE’s SGIP at www.sce.com; select “Rebates and Offers”, then click. Customers also can call 1-800-736-4777 weekdays during business hours.

CERRO COSO OFFERS NEW ART CLASS IN BASIC CARTOONING METHODS



On January 14, 2005 - The Cerro Coso Community College Art Department is introducing a brand new “**Basic Cartooning Methods**” class for the spring semester. Basic Cartooning Methods is a fast-paced course that will develop both the beginner and the advanced artist. The class will cover a variety of topics such as the exaggerated human form and facial expressions, along with the clothed figure. Students will learn how to hold the readers attention through creative typesetting and strong page layout and composition. The students will explore various pen and ink techniques to help refine their work. Students will produce their own

comic book pages. There will be group discussions on current professional trends and industry standards of the trade. The students will write and work from existing scripts just like the pros! All Basic Cartooning Methods student artwork will be printed for a final project that could be used as a portfolio piece.

One can register now for the “**Basic Cartooning Methods**” class (ART-C199, CRN #32900). This is a 1.5 unit class that will be held on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Cerro Coso Art Department, Room WW170. The Spring 2005 semester began on January 19, 2005.

The class will be instructed by Chuck Oliver a graduate of the Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Animation Art.

Register on-campus, on-line at www.cerrocoso.edu/coyoteconnection, or by calling the toll free Coyote Connection Telephone Registration System at (816) 215-1960.

For further information, call Cerro Coso Community College at 384-6100.



CERRO COSO TO OFFER COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS ON THE ABC'S OF CHILDREN'S WRITING



Cerro Coso Community College is offering the “**ABC's of Children's Writing**” as a Community Education class. Have you ever wanted to write literature for children? This class will provide students with an overview of the various children's literature genres, with an emphasis on writing for young children. Discover the elements of a good picture book, its structure and the role of illustration. Learn how to format a manuscript and submit your story to a publisher. This class will de-mystify children's writing via lecture, student participation, simple writing drills and hand-outs. The instructor, Terry Pierce is a published children's author. The class will be held on Tuesday evening, April 5, 2005 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 329.

Please register at Cerro Coso Community College, Office of Student Learning (Room 214). The last day for registration for this class is March 28, 2005. The class fills quickly, please register early.

CERRO COSO OFFERS NEW CLASS IN EDUCATIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCE



Cerro Coso Community College IWV Campus is pleased to announce a new beginning education class entitled "Educational Field Experience" beginning in February 2005. The class is designed for students who want to obtain a multi-subject credential in elementary education. The three-unit class (EDUC C201, CRN #32106) will meet on four weekends- February 4th & 5th, March 11th & 12th, April 15th & 16th, and May 6th & 7th in the Child Development Center's Cozy Room on the Ridgecrest Campus. Meeting times will be Fridays from 1-4 p.m. and Saturdays 9-12 noon and 1-4 p.m. Register on-campus, on-line at www.cerrocoso.edu/coyoteconnection, or by calling the toll free Coyote Connection Telephone Registration System at (816) 215-1960.

Students from all areas served by Cerro Coso are welcome to attend. In addition to the on-campus seminars students will be required to do 54 hours observation and participation in a local school. The class is designed so students may do the observation and participation hours

in their local community therefore students may contact a school in their area to determine mutually agreeable times and place. All observation/participation will be done in a single classroom with a mentor teacher. Students are required to have a Tuberculosis free certificate prior to working with in elementary classrooms. Educational Field Experience was developed with input from transfer institutions (California State Universities) and offers students the unique opportunity to begin classes toward the four year teaching-credential program at Cerro Coso. Local school districts also provided valuable input and some have mentor teachers ready to work with future educators.

For further information students may contact Bonita Robison at Cerro Coso, (760) 384-6380 or brobison@cerrocoso.edu.

CCCC Special Events Calendar December/January 2005

December 17, 2004

6:00 PM Vocational Nursing Capping Ceremony –
Lecture Center

January 17, 2005

Southern California Edison presents Kern
Community College District with Incentive
Award Energy Rebate

January 19, 2005

Spring Semester Begins

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