



March 3, 2005

Kern Community College District Board of Trustees Visits Cerro Coso Community College

The Kern Community College District (KCCD) Board of Trustees visited Cerro Coso Community College recently for their semi-annual visit & board meeting to our campus. Associated Student's of Cerro Coso (ASCC) officers welcomed the Trustees to our campus with a candy-filled Cerro Coso logo mug.



(L to R front row) Sandra Serrano, Chancellor, KCCD; Brittany Throckmorton, ASCC President; Michelle Perkins, ASCC Financial Manager; Tim Gerarden, ASCC Vice-President; and Cetra Banks, and ASCC representative to California Student Association of Community College (CalSACC). (L to R back row) Sharon K. Dyer, President, Cerro Coso Community College; Dennis Beebe, President, KCCD Board of Trustees; Stu Witt, Trustee; Herb Bonds, Trustee; Kay Meeks, Vice-President, KCCD Board of Trustees; Pauline Larwood, Trustee; and John Rodgers, Trustee.

This little surprise was one of the many activities the Board of Trustees experienced that day. Other events included presentations

by Dr. Mitjl Capet and Ms. Joann Handeland, which give an overview of Cerro Coso honoring National Engineering Week (Feb. 20-Feb. 28) co- sponsored with Boeing, Don Rosenberg's student panel gave an overview of the December 28, 2004 through January 4, 2005, New York field trip, and Shan He and Dr. Dennis VanderWerff, gave presentations on alternative media and electronic resources.

Cerro Coso Drama Club Presents Variety Show Fund Raiser

The Cerro Coso Drama Club presented a Variety Show Saturday, February 26, 2005, at 7:30 PM.

The Drama Club members are planning a year-end trip to Los Angeles to learn more about the entertainment industry.

The Variety Show will serve as a fund-raising event for students who are planning on participating in the trip. The program included a variety of acts performed by talented actors, musicians, singers, and dancers.

Drama Club officers for this academic year include Savannah Liszka, President; Erin Ray, Vice President; Brittany Throckmorton, secretary; Joey Blakemore, Treasurer; Cetra Banks, Club Representative; Joshua Horton, Activities Coordinator; and Dianna Taylor, Publicity.

Together and Alone 4: Art A' Peel



A playground rhyme is given a visual twist in February, when artist, Dick Benson, art faculty at Cerro Coso, exhibits at Santa Ana College art gallery. Mr. Benson uses a common childhood decision-making method and turns it into art. Mr. Benson's work, which is part of the *Together and Along 4*, exhibit, features drawings of potatoes rendered in charcoal.

The first eight are collectively titled *One Potato, Two Potato*. Each spud is drawn differently. Some are intense, with eyes that appear to peer at passerbys. Others are minimal, with sparse shading and details.

One unusual aspect of the work, though, is Benson's portrayal of numbers within it. As a child, Benson had a learning disability that made it difficult for him to relate to letters and numbers. In order to cope, he attributed imaginary natures to letters and numbers. Each picture is a reflection of Benson's concept of the personality of the numbers from one to eight.

Some of the picturesque tubers drawn directly on the white walls gain beauty through the

viewer's interpretation. One may look at the large, untitled, beige potato that nearly covers one wall and see any number of things. The contours may resemble human body parts or facial features and Benson considers the art to be life drawings, but instead of human forms, he draws portraits of potatoes. He also views his work as a sort of artistic alchemy, placing charcoal dust in such a way that it becomes art.

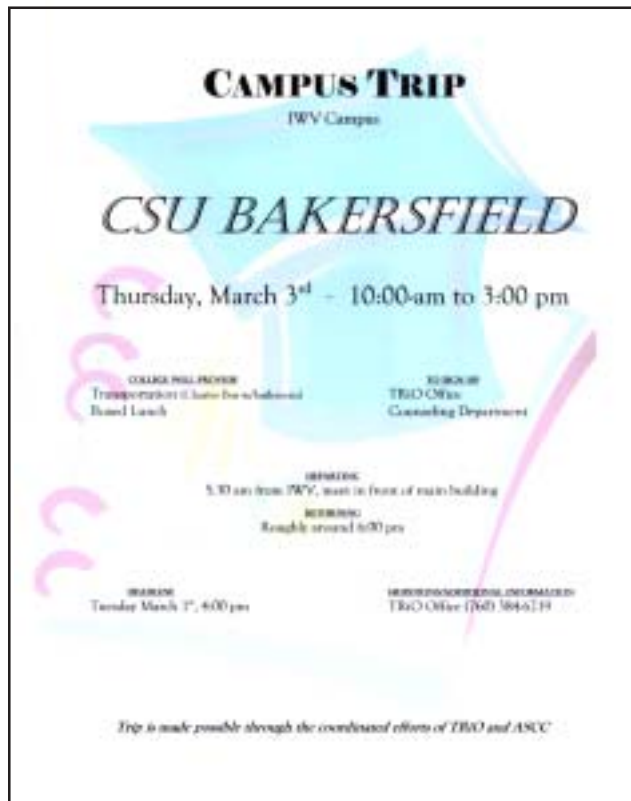
Cerro Coso Faculty Honored by "Who's Who Among America's Teachers"



Ms. Penny Talley, Associate Professor at Cerro Coso, was recently honored by the inclusion of her biography in the eighth edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers". The publication, which honored approximately 156,500 teachers in its latest edition, is a recognition program in the education field where the students have the opportunity to honor the teachers who have most significantly impacted their lives.

A student attending Ms. Talley's Counseling C102 - Becoming a Life Long Learner class, submitted her name. The student is continuing her education at Cerro Coso College and successfully working in the community.

TRIO Program



TRiO and ASCC are hosting a great opportunity for students. On Thursday, March 3, 2005, a campus trip is scheduled to visit the CSU Bakersfield campus from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (actual time at campus). Flyers were distributed for the individual KRV and IWW campuses.

Meet the Elected Officials

On Tuesday, January 25, 2005, the "Meet Your Elected Official's Reception" sponsored by Verizon of California and the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, was held at Cerro Coso

Community College. Once again this event was very well attended by 150 community members. Verizon and the Chamber of Commerce together sponsors this worthwhile event giving individuals the opportunity to meet their elected officials.



The event was sponsored by Verizon, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and Cerro Coso Community College. (L to R) Cerro Coso Community College, President Sharon K. Dyer; Vice Mayor, Dan Clark; and First District Supervisor, Jon McQuiston are all enjoying the reception in the new Learning Resource Center at the College.



Fire Mountain Foundation (FMF), Inc. New Board of Directors Swear In

On Monday, January 24, 2005, the FMF, Inc. Board of Directors welcomed and swore in two new Directors, Ms. Christina Wallum and Mr. David Haugen.



Caption: (L to R) Fire Mountain Foundation, President Jane Brooks swearing in new Board Members David Haugen and Christina Wallum.

Mr. David Haugen, owner of Haugen Insurance Services, representing Farmers Insurance Group for the past 24 years was raised in Ridgecrest. Haugen is married to Suzie and they have three children. "I am a strong supporter of education and the mission of community colleges in California. I look forward to working with the Fire Mountain Foundation Board to assist Cerro Coso." Haugen continued.

Ms. Christina Wallum is employed by Ridgecrest Regional Hospital as its Administrator of Patient Care. Christina and her husband, Arden and three children moved to Ridgecrest in 1995. "I believe in giving back to the community. Cerro Coso is a vital part of the success and growth of Ridgecrest and I will do my best to assist the College in achieving their goals," Wallum stated.

The Fire Mountain Foundation, founded in 1977, is a non-profit corporation organized under California law to receive scholarships, loan funds, and receive gifts on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College. The Fire Mountain Foundation is dedicated to supporting courses, programs and services of Cerro Coso Community College.

Cerro Coso to Present Desert Orchestra

Cerro Coso will present the Desert Orchestra Association in concert March 5, 2005, at 7:30 PM in the Lecture Center.

Featured will be oboe soloist, Electra Reed performing Telemann's Oboe Concerto.

CCCC Special Events Calendar February/March 2005

February 26 7:30 PM	Drama Club Variety Show Fund Raiser Lecture Center
March 3 10:00-3:00 PM	Students' Field Trip to CSU Bakersfield sponsored by TRIO and ASCC
March 5 7:30 PM	Desert Community `Orchestra Lecture Center
March 25	Spring Holiday
Mar. 28-April 1	Spring Break