



May 5, 2005

**Kern Community College District
Chancellor Receives Award**



On Tuesday, April 19, 2005, in the Bakersfield Californian's Local section, featured a wonderful article about our very own Chancellor Serrano who will receive national recognition Wednesday. Sandra Serrano and two other women will be given the Woman of the Year award at the National Hispanic Women's Conference, organized by the Montebello-based Mexican American Opportunity Foundation. Congratulation Chancellor Serrano!

**Region IX Annual
Spring CARE Conference**



For the 8th consecutive year, Cerro Coso Community College participated in the Region IX Spring CARE conference on April 20-23, 2005. Seven students and three staff attended this year's conference at Kellogg West Conference Center, adjacent to Cal Poly Pomona University. The following names were selected to participate: *Lance Rogers, Reginald Overton, Belinda Lamb, Dawn Weihe, Janeen Beechler, Juanita Cleverly, Stephanie Reyes, Cathy Perfect, Liz Allen and Penny Tally.*

This years theme is "Achieving Your Best" and students will attend relevant workshops such as budgeting to accomplish one's goals, team building, conflict resolution, plus a tour of the Cal Poly Pomona University campus.

Battle of the Bands Winners

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) sponsored Battle of the Bands held on Saturday 4/16/05, it was a great success. The ASCC and its clubs were out in force. We had great rock n' roll music from 11AM to about 5:30PM. The 10 bands that played were excellent and so was the crowd that came out to see them. Approximately 300 people attended through the day. Cash awards were given to the top 3 bands and they are:

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| 1st Place | Saint Redfield (\$200.00) from Victorville |
| 2nd Place | Moments Like These (\$150.00) from Ridgecrest |
| 3rd Place | A Bitter Victory (\$100.00) from Ridgecrest |

The bands that came close to winning included Coup de Etat and Edicius both from Ridgecrest. The event brought a band up from Orange County, Kazamoto. This band was also very good.

The event would not have been possible without support from the following:

- Sharon Dyer, President
- Jill Board, VP of Student Services
- John Daly, Director of Maintenance & Operations
- Rudy Solidarios, Custodian
- Joie Weisenthal, Department Assistant II
- Anna Sue Eldridge, Dept. Asst, Student Activities
- ASCC
- CARE Club
- Special Services Club
- Drama Club

- LVN Club
- Athletic Club
- Brittany Throckmorton - Judge
- Mike McGrath-Judge
- Debra Bacci-Judge
- Joann Handeland, Director of Facilities Development & Services
- Becky Stanley, Facilities Development & Services Administrative Secretary
- Mellissa Pearson, Financial Aid Assistant
- Deems Morrione, Printshop Graphics Designer

The next big ASCC event is the 21st Annual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 3rd. Hope to see you all there!

Technical Theatre Workshop Held at Cerro Coso Community College



The Cerro Coso Drama Department hosted a Technical Theatre Workshop on Saturday, April 9th from 11 am - 3 pm. The workshop was led by Bart Grady. Mr. Grady, a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara, is a professional Lighting Designer and Master Electrician. He has worked for numerous

theatre companies, primarily in the San Francisco area. The workshop was attended by many students and community members and was very well received. Mr. Grady discussed the various types of theatrical lighting fixtures and methods for hanging and focusing lights. He also covered the process of developing a lighting design for a theatrical production.

Fire Mountain Foundation Awards Athlete with Highest GPA



The Fire Mountain Academic/Athlete Award for 2005 was presented to Freshman Baseball Player Paul Seville at the Annual Cerro Coso Awards Ceremony held on May 3, 2005. Mr. Seville was presented this award in honor of his achieving a 4.00 Grade Point Average for the Fall 2004 Semester. Paul, a 19 years old

student, hails from Burlington, Ontario, Canada. He plays outfield and catcher for the Coyotes. Mr. Seville's previous awards include four year Member of Honor Society and recipient of the Sergio Perossa Academic/Athlete Award.

Congratulations to Paul for his achievements both on and off the field.



Cerro Coso CNA Students Pass Certification Tests

The American Red Cross (ARC) announced the testing statistics of the 34 students who took our Certified Nurse Aide Class from January 1 to December 31, 2004. The ARC does the state mandated testing of nursing aide students. All 34 students had to take and pass two separate components (skills and clinical) in order to get their "certificate". **ALL 34 students passed both components so the College (IWV Campus) has a 100% pass rate for the CNA class for 2004.** (We've also

achieved 100% pass rates in several previous years.)

The credit for this excellent record and significant achievement goes to the 2004, instructors Cheryl Pullen, RN; Lynne Delvich, RN; and Kimber Landeck, RN. Thank you for all of your hard work. Many of those students are now in the current Student Vocational Nursing (SVN) classes.

Unofficially, it is known by personal anecdotes, 11 of the 12 Vocational Nursing students, who graduated in the December 2004 class, took their licensure exam. The 12th person has not taken the exam. Thus, to this date, the SVN pass rate on their NCLEX-PN (licensing exam) is 100%.

The SVN graduating classes of May 2003 (12 of 12 grads) and December 2001 (12 of 12 grads) also had a 100% NCLEX-PN pass rate.

Celebration of Nurses Day, May 6, 2005 and Nurses Week May 6-12, 2005

The Student Vocational Nurses of Cerro Coso Community College will be celebrating National Nurses Day, Friday, May 6. This day is the birthday of the well-known nurse of the 19th Century, Florence Nightingale, and commences the annual National Nurses Week, May 6-12.

To honor the respected position and responsibilities of nursing, the Student Vocational Nurses participate in several events. On April 9, the SVNs participated in the annual Creating

Healthy Lives Ridgecrest Community Health Fair. Over 100 individuals, both children and adults, had their blood pressure checked during the day. New to the event this year, the SVNs did pulse oximetry for the Fair participants. The “pulse ox” measures the amount of oxygen saturation in an individual’s blood.



The SVNs had numerous pamphlets of educational materials that were available to the public. Children enjoyed receiving a “credit card” toward future health credits which was supplied by an antismoking coalition.





The students stated that they loved the interaction with the public, *"It makes nursing so real,"* stated Lucy Fulton", SVN. The SVN Club promoted National Nurse Week with the members of their Advisory Board on April 13. Members received gifts of nursing pins and had drawings for Nurse Week prizes.

Currently, the SVNs are completing the first of their three semester SVN Program. They unanimously state that the semester has gone by faster than they had imagined and that they have learned so much. *"It's like drinking from a fire hydrant"*, stated SVN Club president Leslie O'Neill, *"There is so much to learn."*

The Director of the Program, Mary Kowalski, stated, *"I am so proud of these students. They have such a strong commitment to their patients and their community. They are GREAT!"*



This SVN class started in January 2005 and will complete their studies in May 2006. They are following in the strong tradition of local nurses who have attended Cerro Coso Community College Vocational Nursing Program which began in 1975. The Program has always had a very high pass rate, which is considered a prestige marker and status symbol and used as a comparison to the 119 LVN programs in the State of California.

Many former SVNs, now LVNs, are actively planning on continuing their education to become RNs. A new career track is in active development for LVNs to become RNs with an Associate's Degree. This is a collaboration between Bakersfield Community College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. The RN theory training will be provided by Bakersfield College's RN Program and will be broadcast via live TV (called Interactive TV or ITV) to the

new “smart classrooms” in the Learning Resource Center at CCCC. For information about the Health Career Programs, see the college’s website at <http://academic.cerrocoso.edu/health-careers/> or contact Mary Kowalski at 760 384-6333.



CCCC Special Events Calendar April/May 2005

April 19, 2005 11:15–12:45 PM	Best Practice ITV Training – Greg Chamberlain LRC 604
April 28, 2005	Cerro Coso 2005 Spring Band Concert in the Lecture Center
April 29, 2005 11:30 AM	Special Services Awards Luncheon
April 29, 2005 6:00 PM	Retirement Party for Martha Rodgers and Nancy Webster @ the Carriage Inn
April 30, 2005	Junior Olympics Track/IWV
May 2, 2005	Alumni Student of the Semester Spring 2005 Luncheon @ Texas Cattle Company
May 2, 2005 5:30 PM	Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal Lecture Center
May 3, 2005	Spring Awards Luncheon in the Student Center
May 13, 2005 6:00 PM	Commencement Ceremony Gym



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