



March 2, 2006

**CERRO COSO COMMUNITY
COLLEGE FOUNDATION
WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER**



Tina Wallum, President of the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation, administered the oath of office and welcomes new board member Tony Damiano, Linguistic Management Specialist, on staff with the Ordnance Test & Evaluation Division of the Naval Air Weapons Division China Lake. Damiano is already very active in the community as a member of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, Life member of the China Lake Museum Foundation, Member of the Maturango Museum Foundation, Member of the Military Officers Association, Member of the Indian Wells Valley Masonic Lodge and Member of the Indian Wells Valley Humane Society.

Dr. Sharon K. Dyer, President of Cerro Coso Community College stated, "I am excited to have Tony become a part of the foundation board. His energy and knowledge will be very helpful in the months to come."

The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation, an auxiliary arm of College, is a registered nonprofit corporation organized under California State law to receive scholarships, funds, and gifts on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College.

**SUSAN GOOD NAMED
CERRO COSO'S FALL 2005
"STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"**



The Alumni Association Board of Directors proudly announced their selection of Susan Good as the recipient of the Fall 2005 "Student of the Semester" award and honored her at a

presentation luncheon on December 6, 2005. The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988. Susan Good attends the Cerro Coso Indian Wells Valley Campus and in addition to completing 46.5 units and holding down a 4.0 GPA, she is currently enrolled in 17 units and works 30 hours per week. Ms. Good is majoring in Social Science.

Ms. Good was nominated by instructor, Maria Perrone. Ms. Perrone stated, "Susan is a very diligent, attentive, punctual and precise student. She has an unpretentious intelligence that makes her observe, analyze and learn in silence. Susan Good is an excellent student and also an involved and motivated person at Cerro Coso College and in the community. She is currently participating in the Student Ambassador Program in order to be a good representative of Cerro Coso College. She is a superb student and a model of a sound, involved, compassionate youth here at Cerro Coso."

Ms. Good was also endorsed by instructor Janis Jamison who stated, "Susan is an extremely talented lady and an excellent student. She is very friendly and makes all who meet her feel as if they are very special."

"The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on Ms. Good acknowledging her dedication and many achievements by selecting her as the Alumni Association's Fall 2005 "Student of the Semester," stated Director of Information, Development and Alumni Relations, Joann Handeland. Good was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, a special Cerro Coso logo remembrance gift, and her name and picture will be displayed at the College on the "Student of the Semester" bulletin board. Her name was also added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award.

The student's overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considerations in the selection process for this award. "The Alumni Association would like to congratulate Susan Good on her many accomplishments and for being an inspiration to all Cerro Coso students and staff," stated Handeland.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS



The Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) are hosting a "Battle of the Bands" Saturday March 11, 2006. This event that starts at 11:00 am and ends at 6:00 pm will take place inside the Cerro Coso gymnasium.

- Participation will be limited to 10 bands and it is on a first come first serve basis.
- The bands will play 30-minute sets and placement will be luck of the draw.
- A \$25.00 entry fee will be charged and must be paid at the time of submitting your entry blank.
- The band must furnish their own instruments and equipment.
- Prizes will be awarded.

Food and soft drinks will be available for purchase at this event.

PARENT’S ORIENTATION NIGHT

The Cerro Coso College Counseling Department will be hosting a Parent’s Orientation Night on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00pm in the Learning Resource Center.

Cerro Coso Counselors are encouraging the parents of Burroughs High School, Mesquite High School, Trona High School, Immanuel High School, and Opportunities for Learning juniors and seniors to come to Cerro Coso for an informative overview of the enrollment process, Student Service programs, and financial aid. Other College opportunities and advantages available for students attending Cerro Coso will be presented and discussed.

Honors students and Student Ambassadors will participate in the presentation. For additional information contact Cerro Coso Counselor Heather Ostash.

PREVIEW DAY

On April 7th, Counseling will host its fifth annual Preview Day. For this event, junior and senior high school students from our service area are invited to Cerro Coso for a tour of the campus, an opportunity to learn about our programs, departments, majors, and a luncheon. We appreciate all faculty and staff who have volunteered to present in previous Preview Days.

This year, based on the positive feedback of faculty, we will again provide an opportunity for all interested faculty to set up a “booth” in the gym to promote the department, program, etc. The following is the tentative schedule for this event:

Itinerary

10:30-11:00	Check-in and Drama Performance
11:00-11:20	Welcome
11:20-11:55	Cerro Coso Fair
11:55-12:40	Tours of the Campus
12:40-2:00	Luncheon (faculty welcomed) Music Provided

Last year over 200 junior and senior high school students attend this event. Faculty will also have an opportunity to interact with students as they are toured through the campus and your facilities.

LEARN HOW TO REVISE YOUR PICTURE BOOK MANUSCRIPT AT CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Is your picture book manuscript a diamond in the rough, just waiting for you to polish it into a sparkling jewel? Have you written a story for young children and you aren't quite sure if it's on the right track? Then enroll in this Community Education class today. This class will give you the chance to analyze your picture book story from the general (What is the theme?) to the specific (Does my main character have enough voice?). This class covers the key elements of writing a successful picture book and how to apply those elements to your story; openings, middles, endings, characters, point of view, dialogue, language, creating a dummy book, and how to submit to a publisher. This Cerro Coso class will meet twice in Room 214D (Main Building, 1st Floor) from 5:30 p.m.

to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8th and March 15th. Students may register and pay the \$75 fee at the College in the Office of Student Learning, Room 214 or download, print, and complete the registration form from <http://www.cerrocoso.edu/communityed/> and mail it along with the \$75 fee to: Cerro Coso Community College, Community Education, Attention: Lia Bement, 3000 College Heights Blvd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

Instructor Terry L. Pierce is a published children's author in books and magazines. Her published books include: Two tales of Hawaii, Greatest Goofiest Jokes, Goofiest Knock-Knocks, and Hawaii A-Z Coloring Book Series. Upcoming books that are currently under contract include: Pet Jokes that will Make You How!, TAE KWON DO!, and The Bone Hunter. Ms. Pierce is also the Assistant Kern County Coordinator for the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE FOR CSULA

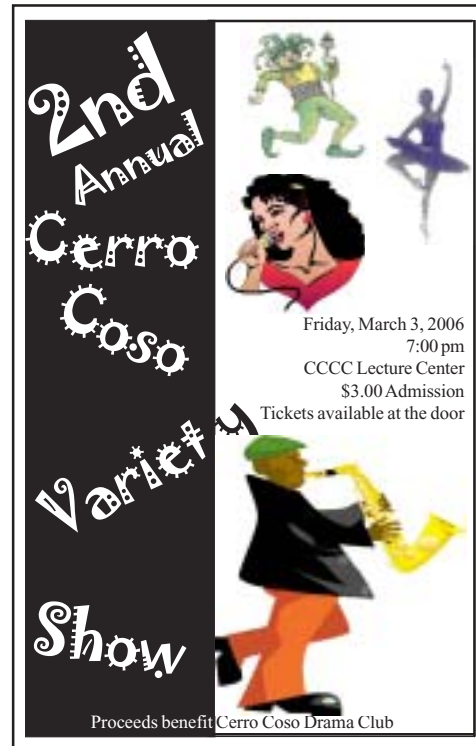
On Saturday, February 18th the Annual CSULA Engineering, Computer Science & Technology Open House was held.

Schedule:

- 8:30am-9:00am - Registration and Check-in
- 9:15am-10:15am - The CSULA experience - presentations for freshman, transfer and graduate students.
- 10:30-12:00 - Guided tours of our labs and research areas
- 12:00-2:00pm - Free Carne Asada BBQ to all visitors!

David Linnevers, Outreach, Advising, and Retention Director & Title V Faculty Transfer Advisement Specialist, was on board providing information to student regarding that program.

TALENT SOUGHT FOR UPCOMING VARIETY SHOW



On Saturday, February 11, 2006, auditions were held for the upcoming Cerro Coso Drama Club's Variety Show. Auditions were held in the Cerro Coso Lecture Center from 1:00-4:00 PM. All types of acts were welcomed – singers, dancers, bands, actors, comedians... Audition pieces were asked to be appropriate for a general audience and limited to ten minutes or less. Auditions were open to all Cerro Coso students; performers did not need to be members of the Drama Club. The Variety Show itself is slated for Saturday, March 4, 2006, at 7:00 PM in the College Lecture Center. The show will serve as a fundraiser for the Drama Club and help fund the club's year-end trip to Los Angeles. The L.A. trip is open to all Cerro Coso students interested in traveling to L.A. to learn more about the entertainment industry. For more information, please contact Melinda Fogle Oliver in the Cerro Coso Theatre Department at 384-6114.

PUBLIC WORKS ART EXHIBIT MARCH THROUGH APRIL 2006



March 16, 2006 through April 28, 2006, the artist, Stephen Callis, will exhibit will "Public Works", in the Learning Resource Center (LRC) Gallery.

The artwork is large scale photographs, with recent views of Los Angeles River Bridges.

Opening Reception is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 5:00 PM. An artist slide show and lecture will be held at 3:00 PM.

CERRO COSO COUNSELORS ATTEND SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On Monday, January 30th, Cerro Coso Counseling and Financial Aid participated in a presentation for the Sierra Sands Unified School District English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC). The meeting was attended by over 70 Spanish speaking parents and high school students. The presentation included a PowerPoint given in both English and Spanish covering the enrollment process, matriculation components, opportunities available at Cerro Coso and Financial Aid. The oral presentation was also interpreted by the program coordinator for ELAC. The Cerro Coso Counselor, Financial Aid Assistant Director, and

a bilingual Student Ambassador all circulated to respond to questions at the conclusion of the presentation. Cerro Coso Student Services will continue to work with ELAC to communicate with and meet the needs of the non-native English speakers in the community.

TRIO STUDENTS ARE TRANSFER READY



TRiO is a student services program and our goal is to assist students, through our many services, to graduate from Cerro Coso Community College and/or to transfer to a 4-year university. This year, one of the main services we offered students was a CSU Transfer Binder, which contained 5 sections: Unofficial Transcripts, ASSIST.ORG, Ed Plan, CSU Application and EOP Application. Each section contained step-by-step instructions on how to complete each assignment and students had until November 30th to submit the binder to TRiO for approval. A total of 63 students completed the binder and, as a result, a total of 63 students gained enormous confidence in themselves regarding the transferring process. This process is no longer a mystery nor intimidating, in fact, it's a situation that has taken on a positive spin because TRiO students understand

that this is the path they must travel in order to accomplish their next goal – transferring to a 4-year institution and obtaining their Bachelors degree.

CERRO COSO RECEIVES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR STAFFORD LOANS



Cerro Coso Community College (Financial Aid Office) received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Interim President, Sam Kipp (EdFund) regarding Cerro Coso Community College's default rate for Stafford Loans. The following is the percentages for the previous cohort years:

2001 – 24.2%

2002 – 21.5%

2003 – 15.1%

The final report for 2004 cohort year will be September 2006. The goal for the Stafford Loan program is to have a default rate lower than 20%. If a college has three consecutive years of over 20% then they are in jeopardy of losing all of their financial aid programs. At one point Cerro Coso was at risk so we de-

ecided to take ourselves off the program in spring 1999. After considering all our options and with the help of EdFund we revised our approach to doing the Stafford Loans. In the fall we teamed up with Grant Cuellar from EdFund to do Stafford Loan workshops in a group

setting hoping to make students aware of how loan defaults affect the college as a whole. It takes some time to turn default rates around and now it looks like we are hopefully on the right track. This is a very big accomplishment for the financial aid office not to mention the College and future Cerro Coso students.

CERRO COSO FACULTY SELECTED AS DELEGATE TO UNITED NATIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMISSION MEETING



Dr. Anne Benvenuti, Professor of Philosophy and Psychology, has been selected as a Delegate to the United Nations (UN) 50th anniversary

sary meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women to be held at the UN buildings in New York, from March 10th to April 25th. The purpose of the meeting is to caucus and develop the UN platform for women's concerns. Dr. Benvenuti will talk about her experience and lead a discussion for students on Wednesday, March 29th on the Cerro Coso IWW campus.

CERRO COSO STUDENTS ATTEND TAPING OF DR PHIL SHOW



Thirty-eight Cerro Coso Community College TRiO students boarded the bus this morning to attend a taping of the Dr. Phil show! Cerro Coso staff contacted the Dr. Phil show inquiring

of the possibility of taking a group of students to one of the tapings. Within a few days the Dr. Phil show contacted Cerro Coso and informed staff that they had reserved seats and would be sending the Dr. Phil bus to pick up the students. In order to participate in this event, TRiO students were required to fill out the necessary paperwork, meet with an educational advisor, and attend a mandatory informational meeting. The TRiO Program eligibility requirements state the student must be at least one of the following: low income, first generation college student, or a verified disabled individual. The TRiO Program assists students with their academic goals, and provides academic advising and planning. TRiO Program participation provides students with a college skills workshop, cultural enrichment events, financial aid & scholarship research, and transfer assistance and tutoring.

CERRO COSO CHILD CARE CENTER GETS VISITORS

Searles Valley Minerals Fire Department recently visited Cerro Coso Community College Child Care Center.



Caption: Pictured here, Teagan Self and Ethen Thompson, take their turns using the fire hoses. Helping the youngsters are fire fighters Chuck Gammatt and Chad Bays.



Lining up in front of the Searles Valley Minerals Fire Department fire truck with Fire Chief Ed Townsend, are children enrolled in the Cerro Coso Community College Child Development Center program Joshua Carter, Paul Rodriguez, Tasi Quinata, Ethen Thompson, Elise Thorton, Chayton Livingston, and Associate Teacher Suzanne Bachman.

CCCC Special Events Calendar February/March 2006

Feb 16 & 20, 2006	President's Holiday
Feb. 25, 2006 12:00 – 4:00 PM	Art of Mask Making and Performance Workshop Hosted by CCCC Theatre Department
March 3&4, 2006	23rd Annual Visual and Performing Arts High School Workshop
March 9, 2006	Parent Orientation Night Hosted by CCCC Counselors
March 16, 2006, 3 PM	Artist Slide Show and Lecture
March 16, 2006, 5PM	Open House for Artist Stephen Callis
March 16-April 28	Public Works Exhibit Artist: Stephen Callis
April 7, 2006	Preview Day For High School Juniors and Seniors

