



May 4, 2006

COLLEGE PRESIDENT RECEIVES CITY'S PROCLAMATION



On Wednesday, April 19, 2006, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest, California, bestowed upon Dr. Sharon Dyer, a Proclamation for her indispensable contributions and services to this community proclaiming their lasting respect and appreciation.

The City Council represents all the people of this community in honoring her accomplishments.

Since Dr. Dyer's arrival in Ridgecrest, she has been a strong and positive force in this community. She has been instrumental in the growth of Cerro Coso. She helped pass a multi-county bond issue that allowed the college to install a seven-acre solar field to offset energy costs; plan a new science

center, a new art building, a new nursing facility, open a new resources center, and remodel the entire main classroom building. Efforts are underway for the development of a new media center and a new performing arts building.

Dr. Dyer is a supporter of online students. She is committed to distance education to reach "time bound and place bound rural citizens".

Dr. Dyer is also committed to community and economic development; providing the technical training necessary for the advancement of workers in the defense and medical industries; in public safety; and in the other professions of the Indian Wells Valley.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

On Saturday, March 11, 2006, the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) hosted their 2nd Annual Battle of the Bands. There was a limit of 10 Bands at a cost of \$25.00 per entry. More than 10 bands completed entry forms; however, the bands were selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. A \$2.00 admission fee was charged and attendance was great! Students had plenty of room to dance and enjoy the music. The ASCC and various clubs sold food and beverages at the event. It turned out to be a great fundraiser for everyone.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE COMMUNITY BAND SPRING 2006 CONCERT



Dr. Alex Shlanta – Clarinet Soloist

The Cerro Coso College Community Band performed their spring concert on Thursday, April 20. The spring concert featured Dr. Alex Shlanta on clarinet, in a performance of Carl Maria Von Weber's "Concertino" for clarinet and band accompaniment.

The concert also featured Peter Forney on trumpet in a performance of "La Virgen de la Macarena."

An original animation, created by the Animation Academy, was shown while the band performed, "Kinesis" by Michael Sweeney.

Other musical selections included: "Go West!" – a medley of famous themes from Western movies, "Benny Goodman: The King of Swing"

– featuring such famous tunes as, "Let's Dance," "Moonglow," and "Sing, Sing, Sing," and "THE INCREDIBLES" – music from Walt Disney's hit animation, "THE INCREDIBLES."

CERRO COSO STUDENT AWARDED "BLUE JACKET OF THE YEAR"



An organization called the Navy League which supports the Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps recognizes and honors "squared-away" service members (sailors/marine) each year with the "Bluejacket of the Year" award. This year 8 candidates were chosen to compete.

Several military units submit the names of their best service members to compete against each other in front of a review board of higher ranked service-

men. Each candidate is evaluated on their uniform appearance, past accomplishments, professionalism, goals, opinions, etc. Only one junior and one senior serviceman was chosen out of the group of submittals.

This year a Cerro Coso Community College student, Lance Corporal, Remin Pineda, was awarded the "Bluejacket of the Year" award.

The Navy League receives several sponsors for prizes/awards for each candidate and especially the winner. Lance Corporal Pineda received a \$1500 cash prize, two free Ridgecrest Cinema tickets, the Key to the City of Ridgecrest, a free class at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on base, along with several other prizes.

Congratulations Lance Corporal Remin Pineda for your achievement!

NURSING INSTRUCTOR WINS ON TV SHOW



Cheryl Gates was a recent contestant on a recently taped TV show, Price is Right. Ms. Gates won lots of prizes and had a lot of fun! The show was aired on Tuesday, April 11, 2006. Ms. Gates went to Los Angeles with about 20 other nurses from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital.

CERRO COSO HELD LECTURE ON "HOW DENTAL AND OVERALL HEALTH ARE RELATED"



Cerro Coso Community College, Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) Club sponsored a lecture by Dr. Wade Hayashi, DDS on Thursday, April 20, 2006. Dr. Hayashi spoke on how dental and oral conditions reflect your total overall health. Cardiovascular diseases, significant illness, and many other concerns have been directly linked to findings in an individual's teeth and gums. The presentation highlighted some of the newest advances in oral research. Dental health might be an indicator of past, present, and future health events.

Dr. Hayashi is a practicing dentist for 40 years and enjoys his practice as an associate of Dr. Daniel Cook at the Dentist House on Drummond in Ridgecrest. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, he moved to the mainland to raise a family. After graduating from Howard University School of Dentistry, Dr. Hayashi practiced for two years as a dentist for the military in Oklahoma and moved to Ridgecrest in 1992.

The public was invited and encouraged to attend.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOLD STUDENT VOCATIONAL NURSES GRADUATION

Success has been achieved by 11 Student Vocational Nurses at the Cerro Coso Community College, IWV Campus. A formal Graduation and Capping Nursing Ceremony will be held at the Desert Christian Center, 100 E. Bataan Ave., Ridgecrest from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2006. "This dedicated nursing group is made up of nine students from Ridgecrest, one from Lone Pine, and one from California City," stated Mary Kowalski, Director of Nursing. The nursing graduates will also participate in the Cerro Coso Community College Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 12th wearing the traditional cap and gown which will be accentuated by a white stole embroidered with blue, bearing the College and nursing insignia.

The highlight of the ceremony is always the candle-lighting and recitation of the Nursing Pledge. Families and friends come from near and far to see the ceremony. The nursing capping and the Nightingale Ceremony remain a treasured part of the total student nursing experience. Formal recognition is provided to the graduates and to their families and friends, who supported them during their numerous hours in the books or at clinical facilities. The ceremony provides validation that the difficult and adventuresome college experiences have been achieved.

Pastor David Schad from Desert Christian Center will be giving the invocation and benediction. The Pink Ladies from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital will provide a reception after the ceremony. The public is invited to attend this joyous event.

CERRO COSO ANNOUNCES "STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"

The Cerro Coso Alumni Association Board of Directors proudly announces the recipient of the SPRING 2006 "Student of the Semester" is:



TED E. HIGLE IWV Campus

Mr. Higle was nominated by instructor, John Garcia. The Alumni Board of Directors, along with invited guests, will be honoring Ted at an awards luncheon on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 in recognition of his dedication and many academic achievements.

The Alumni Board would like to congratulate Ted and also thank the Cerro Coso faculty, at all sites, for their nominations.



CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ASSOCIATED STUDENT OFFICER

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso have voted and selected their officers for next year!



President:

Ted Higle



Vice President:

Scott Toborg



Secretary:

Venita Burton



Financial Manager: **Valerie McLaughlin**



Representative: **Isabel DeLaRosa**

The new officers will begin their administration in August 2006.

22nd ANNUAL SPRING AWARDS LUNCHEON

On Thursday, May 4, 2006, Cerro Coso Community College Associated Students will host their 22nd Annual Spring Awards Luncheon. This annual event is being held in the Student Center where students and faculty alike will be receiving awards. Lunch begins at 11:30 AM with the awards presentation beginning 12:15 PM. The menu consists of tossed green salad, garlic toast, lemon basil chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, iced tea, coffee, water at a cost of \$15.00 each. Students receiving awards and their guests, along with visiting board members and district staff will receive complimentary tickets.

“THE KING STAG” PERFORMANCE



The Cerro Coso Theatre Department will present Carlo Gozzi's fairytale *The King Stag* on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, May 7th at 2:00 p.m. Gozzi's *The King Stag* takes place in the kingdom of Serendip, where the lonely King Deramo searches for a bride. Luckily, the great magician Durandarte has given Deramo two magic secrets to aid him in his search. Deramo is unaware, however, that his First

Minister will stop at nothing to take over the kingdom. The First Minister's desire for power leads the King and his court on a wild adventure from the Kingdom of Serendip to the neighboring forest of Roncislappe.

The performances will be held in the Cerro Coso Lecture Center. Tickets are available at the Cerro Coso Business Office and at Lou's Hallmark. General admission tickets are \$5; student, senior, and military tickets are \$4. The doors will open 30 minutes before each show.

Gozzi's *The King Stag* is written in the style of Commedia Dell'Arte, a professional art form that flourished from the 16th to the 18th centuries. Commedia was a grass-roots form of entertainment performed by small, family-based troupes of six to twelve actors. Unlike today's theatre companies, Commedia troupes did not use printed scripts to guide their performances. Instead they improvised their comedic performances using stereotypical stock characters to generate their plots. Performers tended to play the same character over and over until they "outgrew" the role and it was taken over by a younger member of the troupe. Commedia performances were held outside and were known for their use of masks. The male characters, with the exception of the "young lover" character, wore commedia masks. These masks created a signature look for each of the characters, making them more identifiable to audience members. The Cerro Coso production of *The King Stag* will carry on the Commedia tradition with the use of commedia masks. Cast members had the opportunity to work with Mask and Puppet Artist Matthew Graham Smith this semester to help prepare for the production. The Cerro Coso Theatre Department is proud to offer the community the opportunity to experience Gozzi's play performed in Commedia style.

CERRO COSO HOSTS FIRST "PARENT NIGHT"

On Thursday, March 9th, Cerro Coso Counseling hosted its first "Parent Night." Parents of junior and senior high school student from the local area high schools were invited to a presentation on Cerro Coso's programs, opportunities and services. The presentation took place in the Learning Resource Center in the art gallery, which is currently displaying the Cerro Coso permanent collection. The Art Department graciously offered use of this facility, which provided a beautiful and sophisticated environment for the event.

Parents were welcomed by Jill Board, Vice President of Student Services and presentations were made via PowerPoint by counselors giving an overview of the enrollment process, opportunities for high school students, and services available. Vocational programs, transfer preparation opportunities, the Honors Program and Special Services were emphasized. Honors Program Students, Student Ambassadors, and vocational faculty members also participated in the presentation. The presentation was followed by a questions and answer period. The parent response was positive. One father patted his daughter on the back, as they were leaving, and said, "You will be seeing her here next year!"

Based on the enthusiastic response, counseling will host Parent Night as an annual event.



CERRO COSO ALUMNUS AWARDED



“Activities Director of the Year”

Lauretta A. Eldridge, Activities Director for Shafter High School, has received the Activity Director of the Year Award for Area C. Ms. Eldridge received all her primary education at the Trona School District and began her college career at Cerro Coso and then moved on to graduate from Cal State San Diego. She received her Masters Degree in Public Administration from National University and is currently working towards a Doctorate. Ms. Eldridge has been a facilitator in CADA (California Activities Directors Association) State Activities for years, working with organization, decoration, and registration. She has also actively participated in her local KASC meetings and currently runs all area meetings with superb leadership.

Ms. Eldridge has taken on many leadership roles and is always delightful to be around. She displays leadership and gives assistance to newer Activities Directors, always showing support and assurance, lending help with a

friendly smile on her face. Friends, family, and co-workers alike agree that Lauretta is a vital part of anything she contributes her hard work and time too. That is why Ms. Eldridge has been awarded the Activity Director of the Year Award. She has been chosen to receive this award out of all Activities Directors for middle and high schools from Mariposa/Merced, Tulare/Kings, Fresno/Madera, Kern and Inyo Counties. Along with receiving such a high-esteemed honor, Ms. Eldridge will be starting as the Activities Director in the fall in Northwest Bakersfield at the new Frontier High School, which is in the final stages of construction. Ms. Lauretta Eldridge is an accomplished woman, and this award is proof of that, an award truly deserved.

SCIENCE CLUB FIELD TRIP



In March, Dr. Dave Miller and students from the Science Club led a field trip in the Rademacher Hills for local K-6 home school kids. The kids learned basic rock identification and collected many samples to add to their rock collections. Parents, kids, and students had a great time and made plans for more field trips in the future.



In April, Dr. Dave Miller led a field trip to the Owens Valley and Coso Range for twenty six interested students and community members. Stops included the The Great 1872 Earthquake Fault and the “living” ghost town of Darwin. The trip was partially funded by a generous grant from the Associated Students of Cerro Coso.

CCCC Special Events Calendar April/May 2006

April 7, 2006	Preview Day For High School Juniors and Seniors
April 20, 2006	Dental Lecture By Dr. Wade Hayashi, DDS
	Spring Community Band Concert Lecture Center
April 25, 2006	Student of the Semester – Ted Hagle
April 25, 2006 10 AM - 12 PM	Special Services Awards Luncheon Student Center
May 4, 2006 – 11:30 AM	22 nd Spring Awards Luncheon Student Center
May 5, 2006 – 5:30 PM	ESCC Graduation Ceremony
May 5,6,7, 2006	“The King Stag” Performance Lecture Center
May 11, 2006	Vocational Nursing Capping & Graduation Desert Christian Center
May 12, 2006 Begins 6:00 PM	Commencement Ceremony Raymond A. McCue Physical Activities Complex Gymnasium

