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MORGANN HAVIG NAMED CERRO COSO'S FALL 2009 "STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"

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Joann Clark (left), Director of Information, Development and Alumni Relations, and Dr. Mary Retterer (right), President of Cerro Coso Community College, congratulating Morgann Havig, from the Indian Wells Valley Campus, as the recipient of the Alumni Association's Fall 2009 "Student of the Semester" award.

The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988 by soliciting nominations from the faculty at all campus sites. The Alumni Association proudly announces the recipient of the Fall 2009 "Student of the Semester" award is Morgann Havig from the Indian Wells Valley Campus. Havig was honored at an Alumni Association awards luncheon on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at Texas Cattle Company in Ridgecrest. Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considered in the selection process for this award. Havig is currently enrolled in 12.5 units, has completed 26 units, and carries and overall 4.0 GPA. She is majoring in Liberal Arts (Humanities) and plans on continuing her education after she graduates from Cerro Coso in May 2011. Her educational goals are to become certified as an interpreter



for the deaf and to earn her Bachelors in English literature, hopefully to continue on to earn a teaching certificate. Havig stated that she would love to teach at a community college, especially Cerro Coso Community College.

Havig was nominated for this award by Cerro Coso Community College instructor, Cliff Davis. Also supporting this nomination were faculty members Tom Foggia and Jon Tittle. Here are a few of the comments make by the nominating faculty members:

From Professor Cliff Davis: I have known Morgann for over a year now as a student in my English 101, 102, and 235 classes. I have been singularly impressed by her ferocious work ethic, tenacity, creativity, and generosity with her classmates and other students. Morgann is among the four or five hardest working students I have had in over twenty years of teaching at community colleges and universities, and she is a model of the acutely attentive, intellectually curious, and highly motivated student. Morgann is a rare example of a student who combines extraordinary academic achievements with impressive leadership and community involvement. She tutors approximately twenty students at Cerro Coso for some eight to ten hours a week and tutors several others outside of the college. She also volunteers in the ASL 101 classroom as a translator, as well interpreting and translating in the community.

From Professor Tom Foggia: Of the many students whom I have taught over the past 20 years, Ms. Havig stands out as one of the finest students that I have ever had the privilege of knowing and teaching. Her perfect 4.0 GPA is a testament to her commitment to this college and the pursuit of knowledge. Her passion towards her extra-curricular activities and community involvement is just as awe-inspiring. Academically, her work is exceptional. She has proven herself to be a serious, dedicated student who, in spite of her extremely busy schedule, never hesitates to help others. Morgann is a raising star who will make Cerro Coso proud.

From Professor Jon Tittle: Morgann is one of the best students I have had during my 35 years with Cerro Coso. There are many qualities that make her an exceptional student. She is always very well-prepared for class. During class discussions, I could always count on Morgann to make thoughtful observations because she had thoroughly read the assignments and, often, done additional research on topics that were of particular interests to her. She is enthusiastic about her studies and genuinely enjoys being a student. She likes being challenged and possesses the intellectual skills and courage to effectively support her ideas.

“The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on Morgann Havig and acknowledge her many achievements by selecting her as the Fall 2009 Student of the Semester,” stated Joann Clark, Director of Information, Development, and Alumni Relations. Havig was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, a special Cerro Coso remembrance gift, her name added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award, and her photo will be displayed on the “Student of the Semester” bulletin boards at the IWV Campus.

PRESIDENT OF CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT PLANS

Dr. Mary Retterer, the seventh President of Cerro Coso Community College located in Ridgecrest, California with educational centers located in Mammoth Lakes, Bishop, Edwards AFB, and Lake Isabella announced her retirement effective June 30, 2010, concluding four years at the helm of the institution.

Dr. Retterer's professional career includes 34 years of experience in the community college systems in California, Arizona, and Minnesota, 15 of these as a president. She has led urban colleges, community and technical colleges, and colleges with satellite centers in rural areas. She spent 11 years working in industry, motivating her to return to Crafton Hills College, Yucaipa, California to pursue her education. She was the first graduate of that college to be hired back as a full-time faculty member.

As the Superintendent/President of Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District from June 2004 to June 2006, Dr. Retterer instituted the first New Faculty Learning Academy, Safe Halloween, and a streamlined strategic planning process. Prior to that, she was President of Pima Community College's East Campus in Tucson, Arizona from August 1998 to June 2004. She started inter-collegiate athletics at the campus with a bowl-winning football team, oversaw growth of the Public Safety Institute, and brought the Veterinary Technician Program to the campus. Enrollment grew over 30% during her tenure.

Dr. Retterer has many years of teaching experience, including teaching business and accounting in the San Bernardino Community College District, 1981-1993; the University of Texas at Austin in 1992; and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, 1980-1981.

Dr. Retterer will be doing consulting in community college leadership, executive coaching, transformational leadership and executive searches. She is also a certified trainer for Development Dimensions International (DDI), a leadership & workforce development company.

Dr. Retterer and her husband plan to enjoy more golf, RV travel, creating original jewelry pieces, and spoiling their three grandsons.

WAIT LISTING IS COMING! WAIT LISTING IS COMING! WAIT LISTING IS COMING!

What is Wait Listing? Wait Listing is a program that allows the student to add their name to a class roster when the class is full. Wait Listing begins with Spring 2010 registration.

The student adds their name to a class wait list for the particular class from their Ban Web account. The only way to add a class to a wait list is from Ban Web. As soon as the student is admitted to a class from a wait list, however, the student will be dropped from other time-conflicting-wait listed classes. If a student has a pre-requisite or repeatability issue on their record, Ban Web will preclude them from signing up for a wait listed class to prevent this conflict.



Students who are rolled from a wait list to a class roster will be notified through their college email account. If the student does not use his/her college email account, the student must make sure that he/she links their more-often-used email to their college email account. Students can drop their wait listing classes at any time. When classes begin, students must make sure that they show up on the first day of onsite classes or logon to online classes within the first two days of class. Otherwise, the student will be dropped by the instructor and the first person on the wait list will automatically be enrolled. Students will need to assess the likelihood of getting into a class. If they are #20 on a wait list, if the class is online, he/she may still have an opportunity to enroll in the class, but probably not for an onsite class.

METAMORPHOSES MONDAYS

Metamorphoses, Cerro Coso's journal of literature and art, has launched a new "Metamorphoses Mondays" online series. Each Monday until the end of the Fall semester, *Metamorphoses* features creative writing or art by one student, alumna/us, faculty, or staff member. *Metamorphoses* has been publishing creative work since 1989; this new series was begun as a way to energize the college community around its creative voices and to share the work of talented writers and artists with a broader public. To read the latest work, visit *Met Online* at www.metamorphosesonline.blogspot.com. For more information, contact Gary Enns, Faculty Editor: genns@cerrocoso.edu.



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VTEA SUPPORTS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN RIDGECREST

The first Eastern Sierra Child Development Conference was held on October 24, 2009, in Ridgecrest. It was a HUGE success. The event was co-sponsored by the Eastern Sierra Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC), Kern AEYC, Early Childhood Council of Kern, First Five of Kern, and Cerro Coso Community College (VTEA).

The event provided training, networking and inspiration for early childhood professionals, students, and parents at an affordable cost. Participants attended the "Take A Stand" keynote address from nationally acclaimed ECE educator, Betsy Haas; 3 workshops; and a networking lunch along with browsing through 13 vendor booths.

120 people registered for this event representing 21 communities:

Bishop	Ridgecrest	Rosamond	Arvin
Boron	Bakersfield	Tehachapi	Onyx
Inyokern	North Edwards	Lancaster	Big Pine
Taft	California City	Lake Isabella	Lone Pine
Olancho	Trona	Mojave	Mammoth
Lamont			

The East Sierra AEYC Conference had the support of 20 presenters from Inyo, Mono, and Kern counties. The workshops included topics on advocacy, curriculum, and development.

