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**COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBER
AWARDED OUTSTANDING
SERVICE RECOGNITION**



Karen O'Conner, Associated Professor & Faculty Chair of Business & Information Technology, Cerro Coso Community College, was recently recognized and presented with the Outstanding Service Award by The California Business Education Association (CBEA) at its annual conference.

The CBEA Award for Outstanding Service is CBEA's highest professional award. The award is given to a person or organization that has served and contributed to CBEA and business education in California through state leadership, service, research, and writing. O'Conner was also elected to the State Board of Directors for CBEA.

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CERRO COSO HOLDS AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING RECEPTION



The Cerro Coso Community College Bookstore hosted a special appearance by author, educator and lecturer, Norma Goldman on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the College Student Center. Professor Goldman, a guest of Cerro Coso instructor Charles Humphreys, is a world traveler, contributing speaker for the Nova Series "Secrets of Lost Empire," and has been active in the promotion of classical studies for over 60 years. As a Classicist and teacher, she fervently believes in the importance of the study of Latin. For countless years the Latin language was at the core of our educational system. Now, in the age of technology, it has a special importance. Technical vocabulary in the biological sciences, medicine and related fields are derived heavily from Latin-based words, and 70% of current English vocabulary is based on these roots. Furthermore, the study of language structure greatly contributes to an improved use of our own language.

Ms. Goodman is currently revising and updating her co-authored text, "Latin Via Ovid," which has been the standard for the Latin classes at Cerro Coso Community College for the past 19 years. Students of all ages have enjoyed the textbook, which uses Greco-Roman mythology as the basis for learning to read Latin.

19TH ANNUAL MAMMOTH LAKES FOUNDATION AND COLDWELL BANKER MAMMOTH REAL ESTATE FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS!



The Mammoth Lakes Foundation held its 19th Annual Coldwell Banker Mammoth Real Estate Friends of the Foundation Dinner on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at Cerro Coso Community College Mammoth Campus. Friends and supporters delighted in the sold-out event, which featured an elegant dinner, donor recognition and award ceremony, and a stunning performance by the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater.

Master of Ceremonies John Armstrong led the evening, which began with a cocktail hour and moved into a three-course meal catered by Anything Goes. Guests also enjoyed a raffle that included a Mammoth Mountain season pass and lift tickets, Kittredge Sports shopping sprees from \$200 to \$500, framed photography by Dave McCoy, and a Jill Kinmont Booth print.

Founder of the Year

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation honored the Town of Mammoth Lakes as Founder of the Year for supporting higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra. The Foundation would like to thank the Town, who has been an excellent partner in the planning and execution of the Eastern Sierra College Center and the South Gateway Student Apartments.



Volunteer of the Year

Kasey and Kelly Morning were each honored as Volunteer of the Year for their dedication to helping the Foundation, their reliability, and their helpful attitudes.

Both Kelly and Kasey are students at the Eastern Sierra College Center in Mammoth, Mammoth Lakes Foundation scholarship recipients, and excellent ambassadors of the Foundation's mission.

All proceeds from the Friends of the Foundation Dinner went to The Mammoth Lakes Foundation to support higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra. This includes providing local scholarships, supporting the Eastern Sierra College Center of Cerro Coso Community College, and operating the Mammoth Ski Museum. The Mammoth Lakes Foundation would like to extend a special thank you to all who attended, donated, and volunteered. Your support makes a huge difference!



ESCC BISHOP LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER NEW BOOKS: LOCAL INTEREST, LOCAL AUTHORS

The Bishop Campus LRC is pleased to announce the acquisition of a new collection of books on local history/interest, some of which were authored by local authors including Mark Shlenz, Elizabeth Wenk, Stephen Ingram, David Carle, Chris Langley, Mary Austin, and Jane Wehrey.

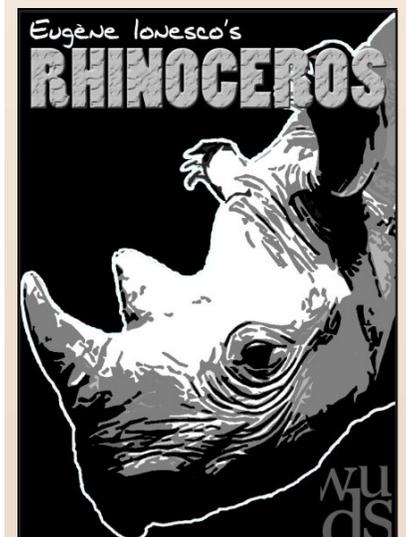
Seventy five books were published with funds raised from book sales and cover aspects of local interest such as Eastern Sierra Field Guides and Natural History, Water issues in the Owens Valley, Native American studies, and Sierra History including books about Manzanar.

The collection is currently on special display inside the library and is designated a "Reserve" collection for now. Students are encouraged to stop by the library and spend time between classes reading up on the fascinating stories surrounding the Eastern Sierra. We'll even provide unique and personalized bookmarks!



CERRO COSO ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR *RHINOCEROS*

Theatre is back on campus at Cerro Coso this spring. The Theatre Department will be producing *Rhinoceros* by Eugene Ionesco this semester. *Rhinoceros* is a masterpiece of the Theatre of the Absurd, a theatrical style developed in the 1950s and 60s that focuses on the meaning of life. *Rhinoceros* is a dark comedy about a strange turn of events in a small, provincial French town. In a mass display of conformity, the residents begin to transform into rhinoceroses. The central character, Berenger, a flustered "everyman," is the only human not to conform. Humorous and thought-provoking, *Rhinoceros* is a celebration of individuality. Scripts are available in the college book store. The acting parts, as well as the technical requirements for this show are quite challenging. Auditions were held the first week of class.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION GREEN JOBS EDUCATION -INITIATIVE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Southern California Edison (SCE) has launched a \$1 million Green Jobs Education Initiative to fund sustainable or “green” education and job training at 10 California community colleges, solidifying a commitment to its core philanthropic priorities – education and the environment.

“The Green Jobs Education Initiative holds the triple crown in our philanthropic portfolio. It will support education programs for college students, encourage environmental sustainability efforts and prepare skilled employees for the growing green jobs workforce,” said SCE President John R. Fielder. “It also has the additional economic benefit of supporting students and colleges facing crippling financial pressures.”

SCE will provide \$100,000 to each of 10 selected colleges. Each college can then invest these funds in the California Community College Scholarship Endowment to receive an additional \$50,000 match from the endowment's lead benefactor, The Bernard Osher Foundation. As a result, this match to SCE's gift will total \$500,000 and be put to work supporting community college students in need across the state.

The 10 community colleges selected for Green Job Education Initiative funding are:

- Cerritos College, Norwalk
- Cerro Coso Community College, Ridgecrest
- El Camino College, Torrance
- Golden West College, Huntington Beach
- Long Beach City College, Long Beach
- Los Angeles Southwest College, Los Angeles
- Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, Los Angeles
- Rio Hondo College, Whittier
- San Bernardino Valley College, San Bernardino
- Ventura College, Ventura

The Green Jobs Education Initiative funding is designed to provide scholarships for dozens of students, each of whom will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship each year for a minimum of two years. The funding will support students with financial need who are enrolled in green job workforce preparation. This includes training programs or study of solar panel installation, water and wastewater management, transportation and alternative fuels, biofuels production and farming, environmental compliance or sustainability planning.

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