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COLLEGE RECEIVES SHLANTA FAMILY DONATION OF ASTRONOMY EQUIPMENT

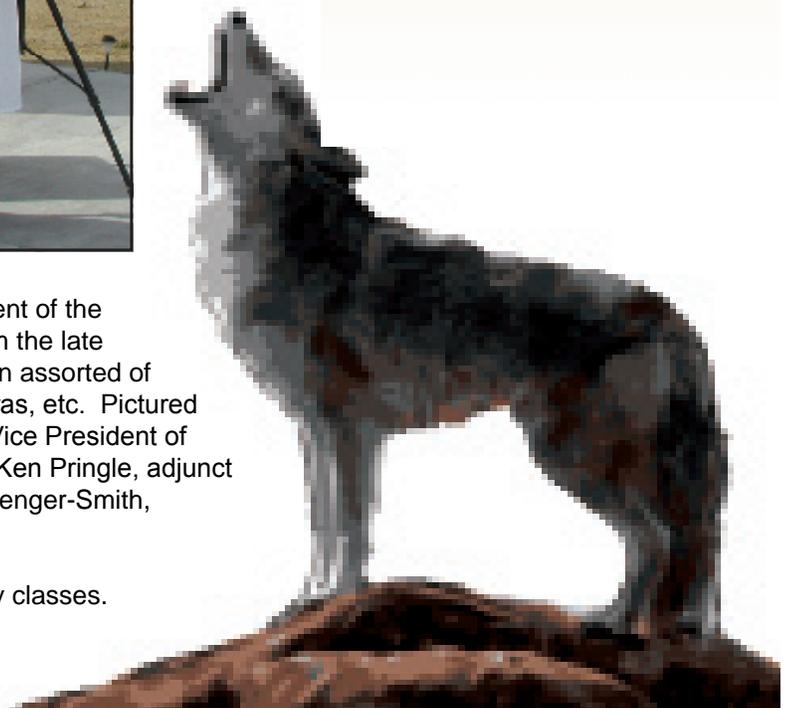


Cerro Coso Community College is the grateful recipient of the personal accumulation of Astronomy Equipment from the late Dr. Alex Shlanta's Estate. The sizeable gift include an assorted of telescopes, tripods, lens, filters, scopes, tools, cameras, etc. Pictured in front of the equipment donated is Dr. James Fay, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Norelle Shlanta (Alex's daughter); Ken Pringle, adjunct faculty member teaching Astronomy; and Dr. John Stenger-Smith, Science Department Faculty Chair.

The equipment is being fully utilized in the Astronomy classes.

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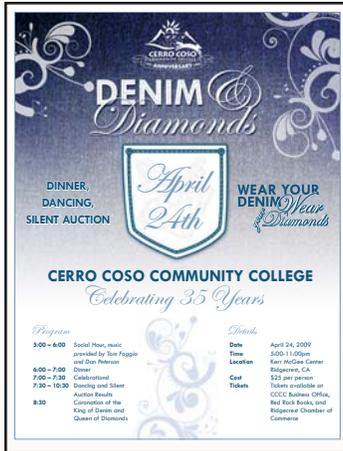


35TH ANNIVERSARY DENIM & DIAMONDS GALA

Cerro Coso Community College is celebrating 35 years of educational excellence with an Anniversary Denim & Diamonds Gala. The dinner/dancing and silent auction evening of fun and entertainment is slated for April 24 at the Kerr McGee Center.

The evening festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with a social hour (music provided by Tom Foggia and Dan Peterson), followed by dinner at 6 p.m.; the program at 7 p.m., and dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The King of Denim and Queen of Diamonds Coronation will take place at 8:30 p.m. The silent auction will run throughout the evening. Proceeds generated from the event will benefit Cerro Coso College programs and services.

Tickets for the Denim & Diamonds Gala are only \$25.00 per person. Tickets are available from the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, Red Rock Books, and the Cerro Coso Business Office. "Just come dressed in your denim outfit, your fancy formal attire or a combination of the two! The evening is all about having fun," stated Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College.



CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FALL 2008 PRESIDENT'S LIST

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce that 219 students made the President's List for the Fall 2008 semester. This includes 165 students from the Indian Wells Valley Campus and CC Online, 26 students from the Kern River Valley Campus, 6 students from the South Kern Campus, and 22 from the Eastern Sierra College Center in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes. This list is comprised of all students who achieved a grade point average of at least 3.75 while earning a minimum of 40 grade points within the Fall 2008 semester. It is the goal of Cerro Coso to recognize students who have significantly excelled in their academic studies. "The presence of students with high academic standards serves as an inspiration to both faculty and students alike," stated Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro

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CERRO COSO PRESENTS "COYOTE IDOL"

On Friday, February 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cerro Coso Community College Lecture Center, the College Theatre Department presented the Third Annual Coyote Idol competition. There were many different genres of performers this year, including dancers, singers, musicians and stand-up comedians. Audience votes determined this year's Coyote Idol stars. First place went to Leanne Pearl and Jose Rodriguez who performed "The Boxer" by Simon and Garfunkel. Second place went to Bianca Anderson for her performance of "Meditation Number One." And third place went to Nick Vierra and Brian Cosner for the performance of "Let It Be" by the Beatles.



This years judges pictured from left to right were James Fern, Christian Sherman, Katherine Fox, and Chad Terry.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP – BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL

Jo Ann Spiller, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships presented a Financial Aid Workshop for the students of Burroughs High School and their parents in January 2009. Approximately forty-five persons were in attendance. The numerous financial aid opportunities available to help families meet the cost of funding an education were provided as well as informational handouts. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other application requirements were explained.

The California priority deadline of March 2nd for applying for Cal Grants was a key focus of the evening. Students and parents were reminded that many forms of financial aid resources are available beyond that March 2nd Cal Grants deadline. Attendees were encouraged to apply early to maximize their eligibility for awards.



AUTHOR & PROFESSOR DR. TRIPPS TO SPEAK AT COLLEGE

Noted author and professor Dr. Dan G. Tripps will be the guest lecturer on Friday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the College Lecture Center. His topic will be “Getting to the Heart of Success, characteristics of successful people.” The public is cordially invited to attend. The event is presented by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso Community College.

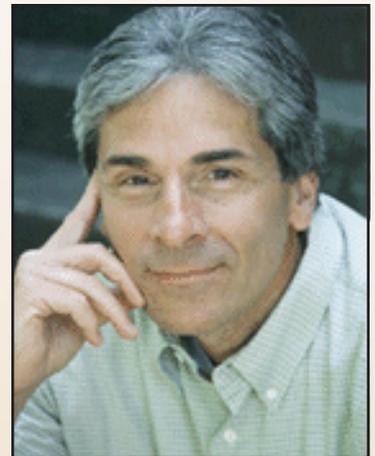
Tripps has devoted his life’s work to understanding the psychology of achievement and to helping individuals find greatness professionally and personally.

In his two recent books, *In Search of Greatness: Attributes of Achievement and Lessons for Life* (Town Books, 2002), and *The Heart of Success: Conversations With Notable Achievers* (Bainbridge Books, 2001), Tripps helps readers place their life journeys in perspective. He believes that people need to embrace the notion that they do not become great simply because their achievements have been broadcast on television or reported in the local paper. Based on his personal interviews with 160 acclaimed performers, athletes, and intellectuals, Tripps identifies qualities that ordinary individuals can develop in order to achieve personal greatness.

Tripps is Executive Director of the American Institute of Sport and affiliated human performance laboratory, and Chair of Seattle University’s Department of Sport Studies where he teaches the Psychology of Leadership and Achievement. He has also been a guest lecturer on university campuses throughout the United States and has served as a consultant to education, business, and government, providing training for senior level managers, nurturing organizational leadership, and enriching employee skills.

Tripps’ speaking engagements have included the Inquiring Mind series of the National Endowment for the Humanities and ceremonies at the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He is a frequent guest commentator on radio, a guest commentator in The History Channel’s Top Speed, and currently working as Co-Executive Producer for a forthcoming television show about sport science and technology called SportsTechWorld.

Tripps obtained his Ph.D. in Sport Psychology from the University of Oregon



and M.A. in Education from Stanford University. His undergraduate training was at the University of Southern California and San Francisco State University where he completed a B.A. in English and Social Studies.

COLLEGE GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT STUDENTS



Cerro Coso Community College and the Cerro Coso College Foundation have teamed up to host the 35th Anniversary Golf Tournament slated for Saturday, March 28, at the China Lake Golf Course. Golfers who participate will have the satisfaction of helping the College and the Foundation because the proceeds from this tournament will be providing students book scholarships. Shotgun, scramble time is 8 a.m. The registration fee of \$75 per player includes the green fees for 18 holes of golf on the beautiful China Lake Golf Course, cart, lunch, ditty bags of goodies, and refreshments. Entry fee covers two mulligan's.

There will be cash prizes for the top three teams. In addition, there will be a cash prize for the team with the highest score. There will also be prizes for the longest drive, putting contest and Par 3 prizes.

The entry form can be downloaded from the College website at www.cerrocoso.edu. Call Dave Cornell for additional information at 384-6291.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE RECEIVES LOCAL FUNDING FOR NEW ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce the establishment of a two-year pre-engineering program for both mechanical and electrical engineering students. This engineering program was developed in consultation with an advisory committee of China Lake Naval personnel, Cerro Coso faculty and administration, Sierra Sands School District faculty and administration, and California State University representatives. This program has been articulated with both the University of California and California State University systems for transfer.

Demonstrating their support for this new program, Jacobs Technology, DCS Corporation, New Directions Technologies, Inc. (NDTI) and Systems Application and Technologies (SA-TECH) have joined together to sponsor the 2009 Engineering courses by "adopting" engineering classes at Cerro Coso. Their collective donation of \$20,000 will cover the cost of adjunct instructors for the next four courses, thus guaranteeing that they will remain in the schedule. "This partnership is a marvelous example of local business stepping up to help provide for their own future and for the futures of our young people," stated Cerro Coso President, Dr. Mary Retterer.

Dale Gates (Jacobs), Chuck Faris (DCS), Cedric Knight (NDTI) and Geoff DeZavala (SA-TECH) have all expressed their commitment to the College and community by continuing to support this Engineering program in the hope that it will increase the applicant pools for engineering positions throughout the Indian Wells Valley.



Photo from L to R: Geoff DeZavala, Chief Operations Officer SA-TECH; Dale Gates, Division Vice President and General Manager Jacobs Technology; Dr. Mary Retterer, President of Cerro Coso Community College; Cedric Knight, President/CEO NDTI; and Chuck Faris, Vice President DCS