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## CSULB COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING COMING THIS FALL



Earning a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering will get a whole lot easier for Cerro Coso Community College pre-engineering students beginning this fall. California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) will begin offering degree completion programs in Engineering in the greater Antelope Valley starting in the fall of 2011. This program is a shared commitment between CSULB, industry, government partners, and community colleges to ensure that our region has

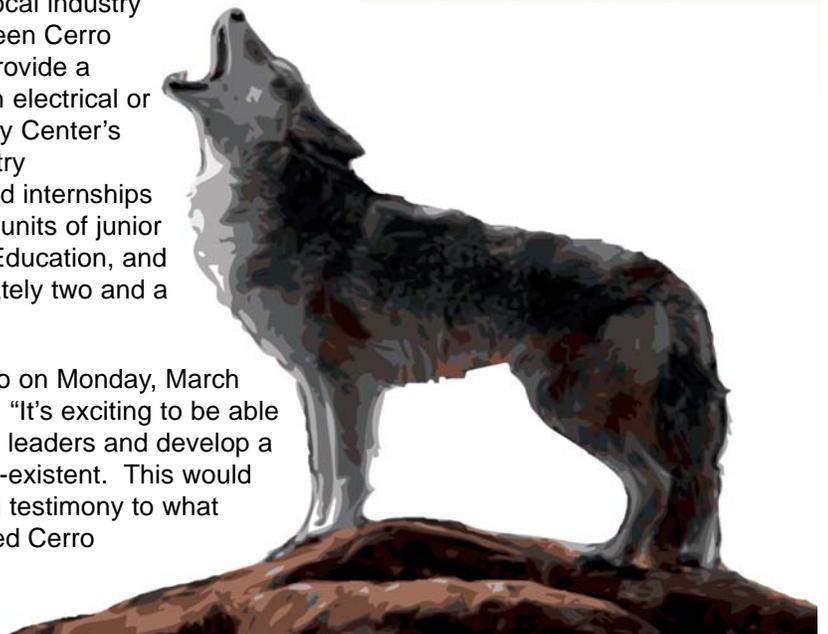
access to high quality and affordable engineering education. Students must first complete their first and second year course work at a community college or university. Classes will be held at the Lancaster University Center (LUC).

Recognizing local potential a collaborative effort has been made to train and retain highly skilled engineers from within Cerro Coso's service area. The college launched the Pre-Engineering Program in January of 2009 and has received a number of generous donations from local industry leaders. The articulation of this agreement between Cerro Coso and Cal State University Long Beach will provide a local pathway to a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical or mechanical engineering. The Lancaster University Center's location will offer unprecedented access to industry professionals, real-world engineering projects, and internships with local companies. Students will complete 75 units of junior and senior level engineering, capstone General Education, and math course work. The program takes approximately two and a half years to complete, including a summer term.

An information meeting will be held at Cerro Coso on Monday, March 7, 2011 in the Main Building Room 334 at 6 p.m. "It's exciting to be able to work with education, industry, and government leaders and develop a program like this at a time when budgets are non-existent. This would not be possible without their support and is a real testimony to what we can accomplish when we work together," stated Cerro Coso President, Jill Board.

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## KIMBERLY WORD RECEIVES KRV ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Left to right: President, Jill Board; Director of South Kern/Kern River Valley, Dr. Erie Johnson; Interim Academic Affairs, Dr. Rick Post; Awardee, Ms. Kimberly Word.

Cerro Coso Community College Kern River Valley student, Kimberly Word, is the recipient of the 2010 Clayton A. Witherow Academic Achievement Award. Kimberly began her re-entry into college at Cerro Coso's KRV Campus in the spring of 2008. Her goal is to complete two A.S. degrees, one in Human Services and another in Criminal Justice, and she plans to graduate in May of 2011. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, and was ASCC Secretary during the 2009/2010 term.

The Clayton A. Witherow Academic Achievement Award is given each year since 2006 in honor of the Dean of the Kern River Valley from 1996-2002 who brought about and oversaw significant developments in the KRV Instructional Center. The Award is presented to a qualified student with a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.75 for the term prior to the Award, who exemplifies Dean Witherow's commitment to the pursuit of education. "Kimberly's tenacious, charming, and spirited attitude towards her education make her an excellent recipient for this award," stated Erie Johnson, Director of the Kern River Valley Center.

The Award was presented to Kimberly along with a check for \$1,000 at the Kern River Valley Education and Cultural Foundation's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration held on January 11, 2011.

Recipients of the Award are selected by a community committee appointed by the President of the Foundation. The goal of the Foundation Board of Directors is to make this a perpetual award, given each year, with the help of residents and businesses of the Kern River Valley.

## POPULAR ALTERNATIVE POP-ROCK BAND PERFORMS AT CCCC



"Walk Off Hits"

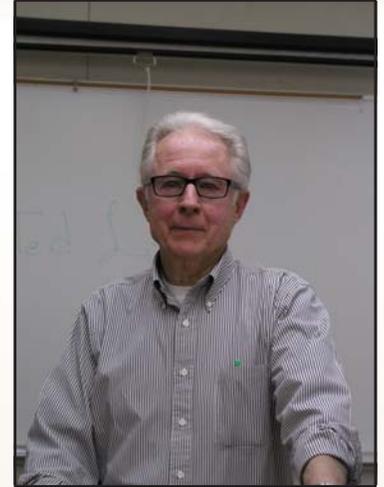
The Cerro Coso Concert in the Garden series is a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon with family and friends and enjoy some of the most entertaining music around. On Saturday, February 12, 2011 the popular alternative pop-rock band "Walk Off Hits" performed in the CCCC Luis Miro Sculpture Garden. The 1 p.m. concert was a free event for all in attendance.

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso were thrilled that they were able to sign "Walk Off Hits" and offer the event as a FREE concert to the community. This group was the Association's first band of the season to start off the Concert in the Garden series this spring.

An all original pop/rock/alternative band, Walk Off Hits is from Las Vegas, Nevada. The band was started by ex-Cerro Coso baseball player, Ross LaMarca and friend Will Bauer in the spring of 2009. Since then, the band has gone through many lineup changes, but as of now, 2011, the boys of Walk Off Hits have finally found some solidity. The artists are influenced by many different bands and musicians. It was a beautiful, sunny day, and concert goers were not disappointed.

## “IDEALISM IS STILL ALIVE” LUNCHTIME LECTURE

Students “get involved” urged Ted Little, Special Guest Lecturer and Philosophy Instructor from the Kern River Valley Campus. “What’s happening today in Egypt is a reflection of the power and influence young people have in the world” he stated at his lunchtime lecture in honor of Black History Month on Thursday, February 10, 2011. Little lead a discussion in the Ridgecrest Campus Student Center on Civil Rights, touching on the non-violent approach of Martin Luther King Jr. and his personal experiences marching with Dr. King in Washington, D.C. “Dr. King was not a single issue person. He had many causes in his young lifetime...the Vietnam War, equality in education, a guaranteed wage, ending poverty, and integrated schools,” said Little. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American clergyman, activist, and prominent leader in the African American civil rights movement. Little actually attended UCLA in 1955 when California Hall of Famer, Rafer Johnson, was elected the first black Student Body President. He also discussed meeting with Caesar Chavez in Delano during the farm workers strike in the mid-sixties. “These movements were fostered by young students and idealism is still alive” concluded Little, “war is our enemy and you can make a difference.”



Professor Ted Little

## ROGERS AND RUNDELL RECEIVE TENURE

Cerro Coso Community College is proud to announce that the KCCCD Board of Trustees has granted tenure to Steve Rogers, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Debra Rundell, Associate Professor of Psychology and Human Services. Both faculty members have met the criteria for teaching excellence and are well deserving of the award. Rogers earned both his BS and MA in Mathematics from California State University, Fullerton. Rundell earned both her BA and MS in Psychology/Human Services from California State University, Northridge. Please join us in congratulating both Rundell and Rogers for making tenure and wish them continued success in their careers at Cerro Coso Community College.



Steve Rogers



Debra Rundell

## KRV CAMPUS PARTICIPATES IN WHISKEY FLAT DAYS

The Cerro Coso KRV campus participated in the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Whiskey Flat Days celebration by hosting a float in the parade. One of the most popular festivals in all of Southern California, Whiskey Flat Days is always held on President Day weekend in February. Over 50,000 people attend the celebration of all things “Old West” by taking a step back in time and celebrating life in the 1850’s when the area was settled by gold miners, cattle ranchers, and trappers. The four day, old-fashioned, western style festival included a parade, gunfighters, rodeo, food and craft booths, carnival, music, vendors, and a Whiskey Flat Encampment. There is something for everyone to enjoy at Whiskey Flat Days and Cerro Coso was proud to be a part of the historical family friendly affair.



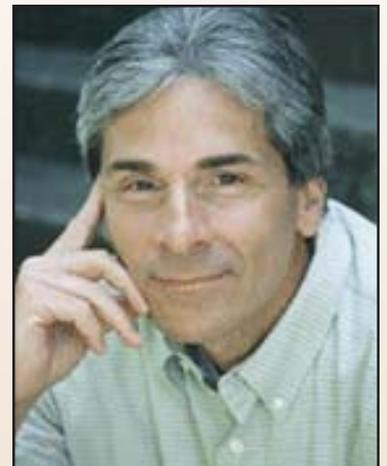
KRV Campus Whiskey Flat Day

## CERRO COSO STUDENTS FINDING BALANCE IN LEADERSHIP

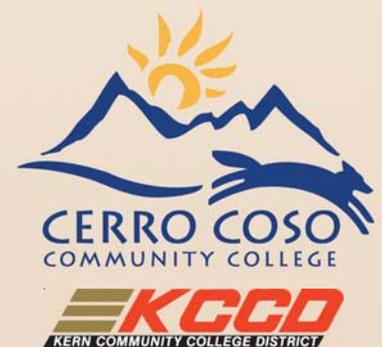
The Associated Student of Cerro Coso hosted a leadership event on Friday, February 25, 2011. A collaborative effort with Bakersfield Colleges’ student government, the function was FREE to all students. Noted author and professor, Dr. Dan G. Tripps was the guest lecturer and lead students through a series of exercises and discussions on “Getting to the Heart of Success, characteristics of successful people.” Dr. 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* (BainBridgeBooks, 2001), Dr. 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, Dr. Tripps identifies qualities that ordinary individuals can develop in order to achieve personal greatness.

Over forty Cerro Coso and Bakersfield students participated in the all day leadership event. Dr. 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.



Dr. Dan Tripps, Author And Guest  
Lecture At ASCC Leadership Event



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