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FRESHMAN AUTHOR, NATHAN SANDT ROLE MODEL FOR OTHER WRITERS

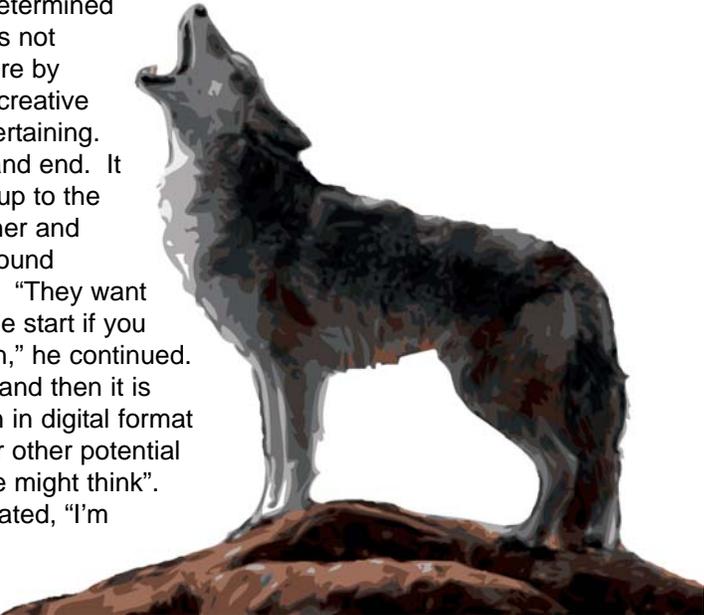


At first glance, Nathan Sandt, seems like your typical college student. However, he is anything but. A freshman at Cerro Coso Community College, Nathan is a published author. He recently self-published his first book, a thought provoking political novel, entitled *Second Revolution*. A series of conversations with his father is what inspired Nathan to put his thoughts on paper. Questions like... what if the government stopped working? Where will the polarization of politics lead us in the future? What would happen if a series of countries were unified under one flag? These questions and more are what lead to

the story line of the book. Set in the future, *Second Revolution* explores the idea of an American President uniting the United States, with Central America, Canada, and Mexico, as one country. The result of which is a revolution by a group called the 'Sons of Liberty' who are determined not to let it happen. Nathan believes that the government is not listening to the people and that they are not getting anywhere by battling each other. He presents his ideas in the book in a creative and humorous manner that challenges the ideals while entertaining. "This is not the kind of book that has a beginning, middle, and end. It presents the ideas in story form and leaves the conclusion up to the reader," stated Nathan. Grateful for the support of his mother and father it took Nathan a year to write and edit his book and found publishing to be the most frustrating part of the experience. "They want you to be published to publish," he stated. "Where does one start if you have never published? Amazon offered the perfect solution," he continued. You simply upload your document, it is review by Amazon, and then it is published. The book is currently available through Amazon in digital format and can be downloaded to a PC or Kindle. A role model for other potential authors, Nathan's advice is to "try it! It's not as hard as one might think". When asked if he ever considered writing as a career he stated, "I'm afraid the pressure of deadlines would make me lose my enthusiasm to write." Nathan is majoring in Engineering at Cerro Coso and plans to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona.

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ESCC MAMMOTH CAMPUS HOSTS MONO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR CAREER DAY

The Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC), Cerro Coso Mammoth Campus, in partnership with Mammoth High School hosted a Mono County High School Career Day on Friday, September 24th. “This was an unprecedented event – we had 100% participation from all Mono County high schools – a true collaboration!” commented Deanna Campbell, Director, ESCC. In total, there were over 450 students from all seven Mono County high schools in attendance.

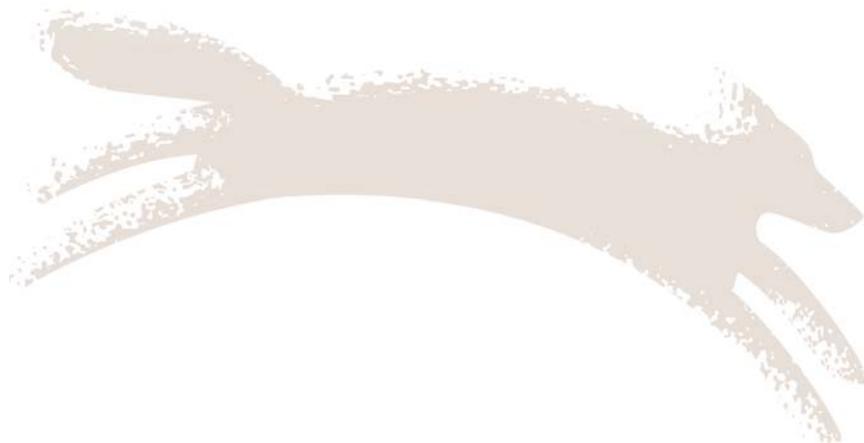
The Mammoth Career Day event grew from a Mammoth Lakes’ seniors-only event in 2007 to a county-wide 9th-12th grade event this year. To accommodate student interests, there were 13 industry tracks and nearly 40 presenters. Career tracks included: Fire Protection, Law Enforcement, Renewable Energy, Beauty & Health, Legal & Law, Paramedics, Health Careers, Construction, Applied Arts, Fine Arts, Biology & Wildlife, Education & Social Services, and Business & Hospitality. Nearly all speakers were full-time Mammoth Lakes residents and industry professionals, introducing students to the vibrant and diverse career options in Mono County.



Mammoth Unified School District Superintendent, Rich Boccia observed, “This was a truly exciting day for all of our students! They had the opportunity to get a taste of the larger world that awaits them just around the corner - for some sooner than others. I wonder if they are prepared for their futures in this constantly changing world that bombards them with information on an almost nano-second basis?”



The Mammoth Lakes Foundation hosted a barbeque lunch for the students, faculty and presenters at the South Gateway Student Apartments. Mammoth Unified School District Superintendent, Rich Boccia, and Mammoth High School Principal, Gabe Solorio, flipped burgers for the hungry students and presenters. Food preparation and service was provided by the Mammoth High School Boosters Club, the Mammoth High School Avid Classes, and the Mammoth High School Health Science Academy. The Kern Community College District funded the lunch through SB70 grant funding supporting career exploration and pathways. “Planning is already underway for next year’s event, which will be bigger and better!” exclaimed Jennifer Wilson, Mammoth High School Avid Instructor and lead coordinator for the event.



TINA TUTTLE INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH ANALYST

Cerro Coso Community College is pleased to announce the appointment of Tina Tuttle to the position of Institutional Research Analyst. Tina holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Post Master's Certificate in Institutional Research from Indiana University where she is finishing her PhD dissertation in higher education policy. A native of the Midwest, Tina spent five years in the Navy and enjoys hiking, off-roading, photography, and rock hounding in her free time. Welcome Tina!



Tina Tuttle

COYOTES FOR THE CURE RAISE \$2,676 TO FIGHT CANCER

Once again "Team Coyotes for a Cure" exceeded their goals and raised \$2,676 to fight cancer. Cerro Coso staff and students have been participating in the Relay For Life®, the American Cancer Society's signature event for several years. The money this event raises save lives by funding cutting-edge cancer research, early detection and prevention education, advocacy efforts, and life-affirming patient services. "Team Coyotes for a Cure knows no titles, unions, or senates. This team is just that, a group of individuals who are connected for one cause and who are representing our college," stated College President, Jill Board. "Cancer also knows no titles, unions, or senates. Cerro Coso has had many individuals from presidents, faculty, staff, and students who have been diagnosed and "fight the good fight" to beat this horrible disease. Some are not as fortunate as others. I commend the outstanding efforts of Kim Blackwell, Team Chairperson, and each and every member who supports this cause and give so freely toward finding a cure. It is obviously very close to me and I truly appreciate it," said Board. She went on to challenge all Cerro Coso campuses to participate in the fundraising efforts to beat this deadly disease next year. Board recently celebrated her "first birthday" of having been diagnosed herself with cancer. "I want to say thank you for all you do that celebrates life and supports such causes," concluded Board.



Kim Blackwell



Jill Board



BIG TURN OUT FOR 5TH ANNUAL ASTRONOMICAL BBQ & STAR PARTY

Over 300 astronomy enthusiasts, community members, students, and staff attended the Fifth Annual Astronomical Barbecue and Star Party on Friday, October 8th. This year's event hosted by Cerro Coso and the College Foundation on the front lawn of the Learning Resource Center featured an Open House for the newly remodeled Science Labs. Proceeds raised in excess of \$4,500 from this signature event support the continued development of the Dr. Alex Shlanta Memorial Astronomical Observatory and science programs at the College. Attendees enjoyed the beauty of the night sky, great food, entertainment provided by the Cerro Coso Community Band, immense prizes, and toured the completed renovation that transformed the science area into a state-of-the-art science complex.

CERRO COSO PREPARES FOR EMERGENCIES

Cerro Coso Community College took part in the Great California ShakeOut at 10:21 a.m. on Oct. 21. The College recently completed a test of its emergency notification system CCAAlert. In the event of a major emergency CCAAlert will provide students and staff via voice, e-mail, and text messages pertinent information and instructions. "It is very important that students and staff keep their information up-to-date so they will receive CCAAlert messages," stated John Daly, Director of Safety at the College. "Students and staff are encouraged to update their information regularly via MyBanWeb and select Personal Information," continued Daly.



"We take our role in the safety of our students, staff, and communities very seriously. The Cerro Coso IWV facility is a designated American Red Cross shelter during a major catastrophe, so it is imperative that our team be prepared in such an event," said Daly. For most people a disaster is something that always happens somewhere else, never in their own community. That's not the mindset at Cerro Coso Community College. "We are actively training to ensure the safety of our students and staff at all of our campuses," stated president, Jill Board.



In addition to their participation in the Great ShakeOut, Cerro Coso Administrators recently took part in table top exercises on emergency response and discussed the College Incident Command Structure. On October 15th Emergency Operations Center training on the role, design, and functions of EOC's and its component of a multi-agency coordination system took place. To date 93.2% of Cerro Coso staff members have completed mandatory Incident Command System (ICS) 100 training and 45.3% have completed National Incident Management System (NIMS) 700 training.



Cerro Coso is taking a pro-active approach with education and prevention to minimize hazards and behaviors that can lead to injuries or hamper the effectiveness of response efforts in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. The college has scheduled radio and fire extinguisher training over the next month, and tracks staff with First Aid and Automated External

Defibrillator (AED) training. New AED machines have been strategically placed around the various campuses, along with first aid trauma kits, and evacuation maps have been ordered for all rooms. "Our goal is to be prepared to respond when needed," said Board. "Lives could depend on it".

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH DISABILITIES TOPIC OF ASCC LUNCH TABLE TALK

Disabilities Awareness month was the perfect opportunity to share personal experiences with disabilities from student and staff perspectives and was the topic of a noon time discussion hosted by the ASCC on Thursday, October 7th in the College Student Center. Panel participants: Cheryl Bradley, student; Pam Godfrey, Counselor for DSPS, EOPS, & CARE; and Susan Hurst, Sign Language Interpreter; focused on their experiences with disabilities, and the obstacles and challenges students with special needs face in obtaining their education. The panel talked about the many programs and services offered at Cerro Coso that reinforce a student's personal growth, promotes emotional mastery, and assists with developing self-responsibility to accomplish academic, career, and life goals.



TRAINING IN WIND AND SOLAR TECHNOLOGY OFFERED

Cerro Coso in conjunction with NSF CREATE, the Interstate Renewable Energy Council, and Hands On Solar, Inc. offered a FREE two day training event to middle, high school, and college teachers in both Wind and Solar Technology on October 8 and 9, 2010. Twenty-seven teachers from around the state of California participated in KidWind training and another 29 took part in Solar training designed to build a diverse community of teachers to improve science education through inquiry based learning.

Partnering with professionals in wind and solar education the goal of this training was to introduce teachers to the benefits and wonders of wind and solar power through hands-on science activities which are challenging and engaging. These instructors can now take what they learned in the hands-on workshops into their classrooms thereby exposing hundreds, if not thousands of students to wind and solar energy.

KidWind is specialized training for middle and high school teachers to provide renewable energy to students in the engineering and design of wind turbines. The KidWind team of teachers, engineers, and scientists are committed to innovative energy education. This training provided teachers with affordable "classroom ready" materials to make student experiences interesting and engaging. The team showed teachers how to instruct students in the design of their own wind turbines in teams that can compete in the regional KidWind competitions that will take place in the spring.

Introduction to Solar Training was dedicated to helping high school and college instructors increase their working knowledge of how to develop and enhance curriculum to meet the new and emerging demands in solar technology



training. The focus was on how to develop instructional programs in Solar Electricity (Photovoltaic), for colleges and schools.

Photovoltaic Teacher Development was the topic of the Saturday, October 9th workshop. This program was dedicated to advanced teacher development in photovoltaic's with renowned author, Jim Dunlop (Photovoltaic Systems), and veteran presenter, Brian Hurd, of Hands on Solar, Inc.

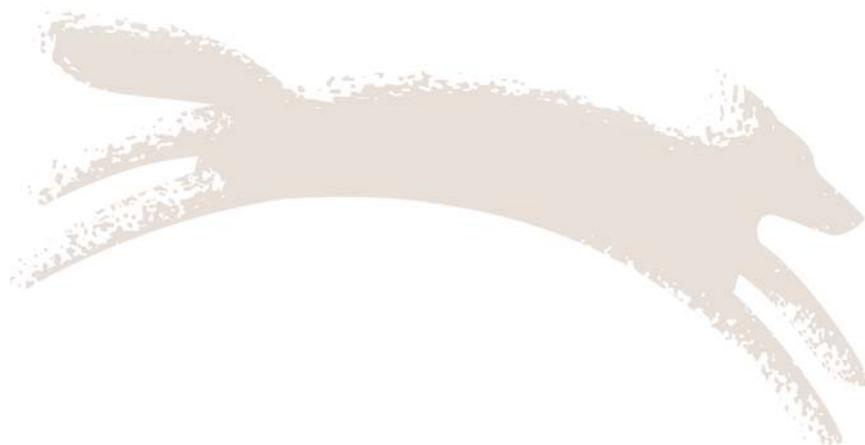
"Partnering with other educational institutions and industry leaders allows Cerro Coso to share experiences, vision, knowledge, talent, and resources that add exceptional value in developing programs that produce top performers. We are very excited about the success of this project and the impact it will have on our students, communities, and environment," stated Jill Board, Cerro Coso Community College, President.

STEADY FREEDY THE MAN WITH THE HORN FEATURED ASCC CONCERT IN THE GARDEN

Saxophonist Fred Horn and his band returned to Cerro Coso Community College to entertain the public with another enjoyable jazz "Concert in the Garden". This performance was the second in a series of concerts to be held at the college this fall. Sponsored by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso the FREE concert was held on Saturday, October 9th from 4 to 6 p.m. in the College Luis Miro Sculpture Garden.



Playing since the age of four, Horn has lead his own bands and played in many other groups in the Los Angeles area for over 15 years. He has worked with Les Claypool from Primus, jazz pianist Benny Green, blues guitarist Mike Bloomfield, guitarist Ray Obiedo, rock singer Eddie Money, and Chris Chaney-bassist for Alanis Morrisette. Horn has also worked with Jimmy Kimmel and Wayne Brady. Currently he leads his own band which performs throughout the Los Angeles area and plays regularly at Jax Restaurant in Glendale, CA. The ASCC "Concert in the Garden" series is designed to provide enjoyable free concerts and an evening of family fun for all ages to enjoy.



CERRO COSO EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN KCCD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Five Cerro Coso College Community employees have been selected to participate in the 2010-11 Kern Community College District (KCCD) Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy is a professional development program that prepares employees for leadership roles throughout the Kern Community College District.

As a result of a competitive application process, five Cerro Coso employees were among the 14 employees district wide to be accepted into the Leadership Academy this year. The five Cerro Coso Community College participants are Deanna Campbell, Director of Cerro Coso's Eastern Sierra College Center; Dawn Fidel, Admissions and Records Technician II; Valerie Karnes, Career Technical Education Dean; Jennifer San Nicolas, Child Development Center Program Manager; and JoAnn Spiller, Director of Financial Aid/Scholarship.

The KCCD Leadership Academy is a year-long program of monthly meetings on topics specific to community colleges. The day-long sessions from September to April include such topics as the demands of leadership, decision making, communication, human resources, students, foundational knowledge, and information about the Kern Community College District as well as the California Community Colleges. All costs for employees selected to participate are paid by KCCD. The goal of the Academy is to promote leadership at every level of the Kern Community College District, according to Michele Bresso, KCCD Leadership Academy Director.

"My vision for Cerro Coso Community College is continued transformation and renewal that will meet the educational needs of our ever-growing diverse student populations. KCCD's focus on building strong leadership will assist us in our mission and inspire our staff to make a difference that allows us to better educate and serve students in innovative ways," Jill Board, Cerro Coso President.

"NOT JUST RAMPS" THEATRICAL DOCUMENTARY

In recognition of Disabilities Awareness month, the Associated Students of Cerro Coso Community College joined with the College's Special Services Program to host a performance of "Not Just Ramps" on October 6, 2010. The goal for this production was to increase campus and community awareness and promote positive attitudes that create a culture of mutual respect, understanding, and equal opportunities for all.

"Not Just Ramps" was a theatrical documentary about physical, emotional, and societal access issues for a diverse group of people with disabilities. The actor/playwrights portray people as they tell vivid stories about themselves and their experiences in the workplace and their communities. The stories were interspersed with comic scenarios on how to deal with people who are "abled".



Back L-R: JoAnn Spiller, Deanna Campbell, and Valerie Karnes
Front L-R: Dawn Fidel and Jennifer San Nicolas



The humorous reversals allow us to laugh at some of our own fears and the stereotyping that has long been associated with people who are different. The audience met people throughout the play who elicited a wide variety of emotional responses and thoughts designed to create an awareness, empathy, and new ways to respond to people with disabilities. The disabilities of those interviewed include blindness, spinal cord injury, deafness, and hearing loss, A.L.S. (Lou Gerhig's Disease), cerebral palsy, breathing and vocal impairment, dyslexia, mental illness, and developmental disabilities.

Participating in the program can be a very effective way for all to explore inclusion and fight bias and bigotry in the workplace and in their lives. An interactive discussion followed the production to explore access in the workplace and community.

October was National Disability Employment Awareness Month and this year's theme "Talent has no boundaries: Workforce diversity includes people with disabilities" spotlights the significant contribution people with disabilities bring to the workplace. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was enacted to end disability-based discrimination, and to promote inclusion, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and equality of opportunity for all people with disabilities.



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