Coast Colleges Student Accomplishments

I would like to take a moment to congratulate our students on their recent successes. Their accomplishments are a reminder of why we are here—to cultivate our students’ skills and talents so that they may reach their full potential. Please join me in recognizing our students on their wonderful achievements!

- **OCC Culinary Team Wins Gold**
  Orange Coast College culinary students took first place at the 2015 American Culinary Federation’s Western Regional Student Team Competition in Las Vegas on March 21. They competed against five teams from the western United States. The team will be traveling to Orlando in July to compete against three other regional teams at the National Student Team Championships. Good luck, OCC!

- **OCC Speech and Debate Team Wins State Championship**
  The Orange Coast College Speech, Debate and Readers' Theater Team took first place at the California Community College Forensics Association’s State Championship tournament in Woodland Hills on March 12-15. Additionally, OCC student, Dorri Mang, was the only competitor to win a gold medal in all four of her events, landing her the award for Top Speaker of the Championship.

CFCE Awards

I am pleased to share that our Coast Federation of Classified Employees Union won five communications awards at the recent California Federation of Teachers Annual Convention in Manhattan Beach. Below is a list of the awards received:

- 1st place in the Best Four-Page Newsletter category: B.U.M. Bulletin Newsletter
- 2nd place in the Best Bulletin Series category: Table Talk (CFCE’s negotiations update)
- 2nd place in the Best Web Site category: www.cfce.org
- 3rd place in the Best Use of Social Media category: CFCE’s Facebook page
- Honorable Mention in the Best Flyer or Poster category: Holiday Party Invitation

Congratulations on your well-deserved accolades!
Internal Audit Institute
I would like to recognize Rachel Snell, the Coast District Internal Audit Director, for being invited by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Orange County Chapter to present at the IIA’s Spring Symposium on March 24, 2015. She presented an 80 seminar on Human Resources (HR), discussing the importance of recognizing that audit departments also face issues similar to those of other departments when managing Human Resources, and the need for audit departments to assess and analyze HR functions and conduct HR-related audits. With more than 100 auditors in attendance, Rachel was presented an Appreciation Award in recognition for her support of the IIA Spring Symposium and her contribution to the IIA Orange County Chapter.

Chancellor Search Update
As you may already know, the Board unanimously approved a revision to its policy concerning a Chancellor Search (BP 2431). The revision permits modifications to the search process in the case a “Chancellor Search that does not result in the selection of a Chancellor.” The ongoing process will incorporate the previously constituted Search Committee, the job announcement, and desired qualifications for the position set by this committee. Former Coast CCD Interim Chancellor, Dr. Tom Harris, is serving as search consultant and he, along with other consultants from Community College Search Services (CCSS) are actively recruiting candidates for the permanent position of Chancellor. The Search Committee will review applications, interview candidates and provide the Board with ratings and written comments on the candidates’ strengths and weaknesses. The Board will interview the same candidates the following day. The target dates for interviews are April 24 (Search Committee) and April 25 (Board). Again, I would like to express our appreciation for the continued dedication of the Search Committee in this next critical phase of the Chancellor Search process.

Passing of Former Trustee Armando R. Ruiz
It is with great sadness that I inform you that former Trustee Armando R. Ruiz passed away on April 2. Trustee Ruiz served on the Coast District Board of Trustees from 1983-2008. We appreciate all he has done for the district and its students during his time at Coast. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Below are details regarding his memorial services. Please share the arrangements below with those whom you deem appropriate.

Viewing:
Tuesday, April 7, 2015
4:00-5:00pm with reception at
Heritage-Dilday Memorial Services Funeral Home
17911 Beach Blvd.
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Services will be held in El Paso, TX. The family will also hold a memorial in Trustee Ruiz's honor in the Huntington Beach area at a later date to be announced.

Sincerely,

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