Chancellor Search Update
The search and hiring process for the next Chancellor of the Coast Community College District continues. The selection committee will finish final interviews the week of February 16. I want to thank everyone who has helped in this hiring process. I know with their help we will find a great fit for this fine District.

Governor’s 2015-16 Budget Proposal
The Governor’s budget proposes $113.3 billion in General Fund spending, which represents a 1.4% increase over the current year. The Governor’s focus is to continue to pay down debt that the State had accumulated during the most recent recession and then invest in the core services of the State, including education and higher education.

The Governor included the following proposals in his January budget related to community colleges:
- **$200 million** for continued implementation and expansion of student success programs (this includes $100 million to increase orientation, assessment, placement, counseling and education planning services, as well as $100 million to help close achievement gaps)
- **$125 million** increase in base allocation funding
- **$106.9 million** for growth in general purpose apportionments, which represents a 2% increase in full-time enrollment
- **$92.4 million** for a cost-of-living adjustment of 1.58%
- **$49 million** to reflect the increase in the CDCP rate, which was adopted as part of the 2014-15 budget
- **$48 million** in one-time funding for the Career Technical Education Pathways Program in the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office
- **$353.3 million** to pay down outstanding state mandate claims
- **$94.5 million** to eliminate the remaining deferrals from previous budget years

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Board Meeting Reminders
February 18, 2015 – Regular Meeting
March 4, 2015 – Regular Meeting

Chancellor’s Schedule
Week of February 9
Monday – Thursday
In the District
Friday – Lincoln’s Holiday

College Highlights
To view the Coastline President’s Bulletin, please visit the following link:
www.coastline.edu/bulletins

To view the Golden West College News Room, please visit the following link:
http://gwcnews.com/

To view Orange Coast College news, please visit the following link:
Federal Update – President’s Budget
You may have heard of “America’s College Promise,” which is designed to provide two years of community college free for students that meet certain criteria. According to the Obama Administration, students must be willing to work to earn the opportunity, and will be required to attend community college at least half-time, maintain a 2.5 GPA, and make steady progress toward completing their program. We hope that the President and Congress can work together to make this or a similar proposal work so that our students can work toward their educational goals with a reduced financial burden.

Happy Spring!
This week was the start of a new semester. It is wonderful to see the campuses filled with renewed energy with the return of our students. I would like to commend the faculty and staff at each of our colleges for being readily accessible to help with our students’ needs. I wish everyone another successful spring semester.

College Recognition
Coastline’s VITA Tax Program Helps the Community
I wish to commend the Coastline Accounting area and its students for its continuing involvement in the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The program offers free tax help to people who generally make $53,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. This is just another example of how our colleges help the community while giving real-world experience to our students.

Golden West Men’s Water Polo Wins State Crown
Congratulations to the Golden West College Men’s Water Polo team for defeating rival Long Beach City College to win their 23rd state title. GWC has won five of the past seven state titles and coach Scott Taylor was named California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) “Coach of the Year.” Good job Rustlers on another spectacular season.

Coast Dance Team Takes Top Spot at National Competition
I also wish to congratulate the Orange Coast College Dance team, which took first place at the Universal Dance Association Cheerleading, and Dance Team National Championship in Orlando this January. The UDA National Championship is the largest collegiate cheer and dance competition in the country, with more than 100 colleges from across the nation competing in this year’s event. OCC is no stranger to success. This latest win marks the dance team’s 19th national title in the past 21 years. Congratulations to coach Mike Reynolds and the dedicated team of talented dancers on their latest success.

Sincerely,

Tom