Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Boost

I was pleased to be invited to talk about Coast Colleges at the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Boost meeting this week. It was a chance to connect with about 40 local business owners and civic organization representatives to provide an update about our colleges and Vision 2020. Also in the audience were Costa Mesa City Councilman Steve Mensinger and State Assemblyman Allan Mansoor. Several attendees spoke to me after the event to discuss their affiliations with our colleges, including several alumnae. It was an excellent forum to provide information about our Board and our Colleges, but it was equally useful to hear from the attendees regarding their perceptions of Coast.

Disaster Preparedness

A great portion of this week has been devoted to disaster preparedness. Coast was well represented at the Department of Homeland Security's Active Shooter Training program held this week in Santa Ana. I have attached one of the handouts from the event and we are looking into providing training for our District office.

The Great Shake Out was held this week at all Coast campuses. It was also an opportunity to test the emergency notification system. Immediately following the shakeout drill, you should have received a call and/or text message with instructions. If you did not receive a text on your cell phone, chances are your contact information is not correct. Please utilize the MySites or Banner Self Service to update your contact information. If you are not a Banner user, please update the information with your campus personnel office. You never know when a need for emergency communication will be needed, so I urge all of you to please ensure your contact information is correct.
California Executive Leadership Forum
I was invited to participate in the California Executive Leadership Forum last week. At the event, it was an opportunity to connect with other community college leaders from throughout the state. I was able to hear from national experts regarding developmental education advancements and from statewide leaders from the System Office regarding future plans for our community colleges in California. It was also informative to hear from former Coast employee and current Long Beach City College President, Eloy Ortiz Oakley regarding the Long Beach Promise, which will be a topic of conversation with the other Orange County chancellors at our next regionalism meeting.

Sincerely,
PROFILE OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER
An Active Shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims. Because active shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.

Good practices for coping with an active shooter situation
- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door
- If you are in a hallway, get into a room and secure the door
- As a last resort, attempt to take the active shooter down. When the shooter is at close range and you cannot flee, your chance of survival is much greater if you try to incapacitate him/her.

CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO!

HOW TO RESPOND WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY
Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. Remember that customers and clients are likely to follow the lead of employees and managers during an active shooter situation.

1. Evacuate
If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. Be sure to:
- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape, if possible
- Prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
Follow the instructions of any police officers
Do not attempt to move wounded people
Call 911 when you are safe

2. **Hide out**
If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.

Your hiding place should:
- Be out of the active shooter’s view
- Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (i.e., an office with a closed and locked door)
- Not trap you or restrict your options for movement

To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding place:
- Lock the door
- Blockade the door with heavy furniture

If the active shooter is nearby:
- Lock the door
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager
- Turn off any source of noise (i.e., radios, televisions)
- Hide behind large items (i.e., cabinets, desks)
- Remain quiet

If evacuation and hiding out are not possible:
Maintain calm
- Dial 911, if possible, to alert police to the active shooter’s location
- If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen

3. **Take action against the active shooter**
As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:
- Acting as aggressively as possible against him/her
- Throwing items and improvising weapons
- Yelling
- Committing to your actions

**HOW TO RESPOND WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES**
Law enforcement’s purpose is to stop the active shooter as soon as possible. Officers will proceed directly to the area in which the last shots were heard.

- Officers usually arrive in teams of four (4)
- Officers may wear regular patrol uniforms or external bulletproof vests, Kevlar helmets, and other tactical equipment
- Officers may be armed with rifles, shotguns, handguns
- Officers may use pepper spray or tear gas to control the situation
- Officers may shout commands, and may push individuals to the ground for their safety

How to react when law enforcement arrives:
• Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
• Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
• Keep hands visible at all times
• Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as holding on to them for safety
• Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling
• Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises.

Information to provide to law enforcement or 911 operator:
• Location of the active shooter
• Number of shooters, if more than one
• Physical description of shooter/s
• Number and type of weapons held by the shooter/s
• Number of potential victims at the location

The first officers to arrive to the scene will not stop to help injured persons. Expect rescue teams comprised of additional officers and emergency medical personnel to follow the initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove any injured persons. They may also call upon able-bodied individuals to assist in removing the wounded from the premises.

Once you have reached a safe location or an assembly point, you will likely be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control, and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.

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HOW TO RESPOND
WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

1. EVACUATE

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible

2. HIDE OUT

- Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager

3. TAKE ACTION

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

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- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door
- Attempt to take the active shooter down as a last resort

Contact your building management or human resources department for more information and training on active shooter response in your workplace.

PROFILE OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area, typically through the use of firearms.

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

- Victims are selected at random
- The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation

CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO
Coast Colleges Board of Trustees Honors Jack Shaw, Founder of El Viento

Costa Mesa, Ca.—At last night’s Board meeting, Coast Colleges Board of Trustees honored Founder of El Viento, Jack Shaw.

Jack Shaw has established a reputation for success as an accomplished business leader. However, his personal philanthropy was what led him to start a series of nonprofit programs to help young people overcome their financial challenges and hardships to achieve personal success. Shaw’s first project, El Viento, has grown tremendously and now provides a college scholarship to every young person in the program who graduates high school.

“Golden West College has been an excellent host for El Viento and we are proud to be a partner in this wonderful program,” said Board President Jim Moreno. “The success of this program shows the importance of leadership and community partnerships and we are honored to celebrate El Viento’s 15th anniversary.”

El Viento is a service organization based in Huntington Beach, California. El Viento's mission is to provide children and young adults with opportunities for success in life. These successes are the result of long term relationships developed together within an environment of mutual trust and respect, teamwork, learning, and skills and leadership development. The Coast Community College District has been a proud partner of El Viento since its inception.

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The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa, Ca. along the Orange County coastline. The district is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.
Men’s and women’s water polo teams, women’s volleyball, and men’s soccer remain undefeated in conference play

The men’s and women’s water polo teams sunk the Pirates on Wednesday, October 17. The men’s team cruised by visiting OCC 20-5, and improved to 16-0 with the win! The women’s team took control of the game against OCC with a final score of 12-5, and are now 17-0 with the win!

Women’s volleyball defeated both opponents this week, as they continue their winning streak in conference play. The team is 11-2 overall, and 5-0 in the Orange Empire conference.

Golden West’s men’s soccer team picked up two more wins against Irvine Valley and Cypress this week. The Rustler men’s soccer team is now ranked No. 1 in the Orange Empire Conference, with 6 wins under their belt, the team remains undefeated in conference play.

Schedules and up to date results are online: www.gwcathletics.com

Here’s to Your Health

On Wednesday, October 17, GWC’s Student Health Services hosted a Health Fair in the Central Quad. “This event is intended to increase students’ awareness of our services, and other health services in the community,” explained Rob Bachmann, Associate Dean of Student Health Services. It was also a good time show off their new “Health Hut” gazebo!

The event was open to the public and included information booths, free pizza, and music.

GWC Prepares for the “BIG ONE”

There’s no doubt, a major earthquake will rattle southern California sometime in the coming 30 years – or 30 minutes. In preparation for this “BIG ONE”, 8.7 million Californians participated in the Great ShakeOut exercise on Thursday, October 18 at 10:18 a.m.

As a part of this state-wide exercise GWC conducted a mandatory evacuation. After the “all clear” was sounded, and everyone returned to their offices and classrooms, the EOC team met to evaluate the drill.
Science Showtime

On Friday, September 28, 2012 Golden West College teamed up with the Rotary Club of Huntington Beach to offer an evening of hands-on science for school children in our local area. Hundreds of families enjoyed exhibits and science activities in the physical and life sciences. The event was spread out over a large area on campus, in Math/Science classrooms, the Student Center and patio, and various outdoor areas.

GWC faculty, students and community volunteers provided fun activities, such as, making slime, building and launching rockets, riding a solar powered go-cart, riding a bike to generate electricity, collecting DNA, touching a real human skeleton, and identifying counterfeit money.


You’ve Got Hate Mail

November 9 – 18, 2012
GWC Mainstage Theater
By Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore
Directed by Tom Amen

Sex, Lies, and Laptops! This fast and furious bedroom farce, by the creators of What the Bellhop Saw, is a hilarious broadband comedy of errors! You’ve Got Hate Mail takes an unconventional, theatrically novel approach to exposing the world of on-line hook-ups and break-ups. When an off-line extra-marital affair is discovered through a series of juicy on-line communications, all goes horribly wrong as comedic chaos ensues. Told entirely through a slew of misdirected e-mails, text messages, and cell-phone calls unfit for public consumption, the play explores the way in which modern technology can short-circuit even our best laid plans! Break-neck pacing, verbal-pyrotechnics, and razor-sharp wit converge in this wild and crazy romp! Don’t miss it!

Note: This production contains adult language and situations, and is intended for mature audiences!

Floral Design alumnus takes top honor at major competition

Ivana Royse CFD,CCF, alumnus of the GWC Floral Design and Shop Management Certificate program, received the top honor at the California State Floral Association’s Annual Cali-Flora Top Ten Design Competition – “Legends” on Sunday, October 14th in Los Angeles.

Ivana’s designer’s choice arrangement focused on the California gold rush and incorporated amazing varieties of flowers and foliage to create her interpretation of the “Art of the Gold Rush – Panning for Gold”. Congratulations Ivana! Golden West College was well-represented. Ivana will now go on to represent the state of California in the Society of American Florist’s Sylvia Cup Design Competition in September 2013.
Arismendi-Pardi Wins Honors for Educational Excellence

Friday, October 19, 2012

**Eduardo Jesus Arismendi-Pardi**, OCC mathematics professor, will be honored for “Excellence in Community College Instruction, this Friday at the Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund’s awards dinner at the Hilton Anaheim. The Apple of Gold honors educators for professional and educational excellence and for their commitment to fostering academic achievement for their students.

Arismendi-Pardi has been teaching mathematics at OCC since 1998. He is also the author of publications in mathematics education, ethnomathematics, curriculum, and applied statistics.

Student Journalists Win Honors at Regional Conference

The Coast Report and several of its writers and editors received awards during the Journalism Association of Community Colleges annual regional conference held recently at Cal State Fullerton.

The Coast Report won a General Excellence plaque for its print edition, a contest that considers every aspect of the paper including stories, photos, editorials and design.

It is one of the most coveted awards at the conference.

For the first time, the Coast Report’s online video journalism and photo slideshows were recognized with several awards in both categories.

“It is very competitive and students should be very proud of their performance at the conference,” said journalism Faculty Adviser Cathy Werblin.

Josh Francis, Coast Report editor-in-chief, received several awards. He won a merit award for enterprise story/series, fourth place for front page design and an honorable mention
Francis was given the merit award for his series on salary increases and the budget crisis on campus. Staffer James Delahoussaye also contributed to the series. Other print winners included Patrick Pham who received two honorable mentions for sports game stories and Lindsay Peters who won fourth place for her editorial cartoon.

Also, two graphics students were awarded honorable mentions. The Coast Report worked with one of the college’s digital media arts classes to assign and design graphics for the paper. Graphics by Sonali Bandaranayake and Keoni Ceballos were recognized.

Online winners included Blake Veit, Jake Roberts, Nate Ashton and Alyssa Endicott who won an honorable mention for a news video. Roberts and Veit also took third place awards. Ashley Rogers and Veit also won a third place award for their online photo essay.

Coast Report staffers competed in on-the-spot contests during the two-day conference and were awarded with plaques in two categories. Feature editor Jennifer Lane won fourth place for a feature story. Photo editor Sarah Borean collected a fourth place award for photography.

**OCC Dance Faculty to Perform October 27**

The Orange Coast College Dance Department will present its annual Faculty Dance Concert on Saturday, October 27th at 8 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theatre. This exhilarating evening of dance will feature choreography by OCC faculty.

Six of the works are choreographic premieres, providing the audience with an opportunity to experience the excitement of new dances. The dances will be performed by OCC faculty and advanced student dancers and alumni from OCC, Cal State Long Beach, Chapman University and UC Irvine.

Tickets are $10 in advance at occtickets.com or the OCC Bursar's office at 714-432-5880. Admission will be $15 at the door.

**Bill Barber to Lead Community Cooking Classes**

Chef Bill Barber will lead a series of cooking classes this fall through OCC Community Services. All hands-on classes are limited to 15 participants. Fee for each class is $99 plus an $18 materials fee. Instruction will take place in the Captain’s Table Kitchen.

Sign up for Community Education classes at orangecoastcollege.augusoft.net. or at the Bursar’s Office, 714-432-5880.