Successful Classified Open Forums

During the first two weeks of December, Dr. Cindy Vyskocil and I held a series of open forums for classified employees at the District-site and the campuses of OCC, GWC and Coastline. We received valuable input, thoughtful questions, and helpful feedback about current matters within the District and ideas for the future. Dr. Vyskocil and I heard each comment and will make every effort to address the areas of concern and expound on the areas of positivity. This series provided an opportunity for open dialogue with the classified employees who are the core of our district staff. We hope to build on these forums and intend to build stronger lines of communication in 2016.

Chancellor’s Search Update

During the forum, we learned that employees throughout the District were curious about the status of the Chancellor’s search. Students, Faculty, Staff and Administration should know that the Chancellor’s search has begun. A national search for talented candidates opened on October 9, 2015 and will close on January 4, 2016. We intend to keep employees informed about the progress of the search because we understand that the selection of a new Chancellor is of importance to every stakeholder within the District. Stay tuned and learn more about the search committee and other details on the CCCD website: [http://www.cccd.edu/employment/chancellor-search/pages/default.aspx](http://www.cccd.edu/employment/chancellor-search/pages/default.aspx)
Special Recognition

This month, our District PIO, Letitia Clark, received two 40 under 40 awards for her leadership as a young professional excelling in her career and involvement in the community. Both awards recognized her role as the District Director of Public Affairs, Marketing and Government Relations at the Coast District. We are proud to have her as a part of our team. You can read about each award through the links below.
Xavier University of Louisiana Young Alumni Award: 40 under 40
Forty under 40: Leading Non-profit and Association Executives

Coast Colleges Who’s Who

Have you read the new District publication, Who’s Who at Coast Colleges? The November and December 2015 edition are just the start of initiating stronger communication between the District and the campuses. Who’s Who is a monthly publication highlighting the people of the Coast District who dedicate themselves every day to making a difference for our students and colleagues through their outstanding work. Please take a moment to get to know the people of Coast Colleges. Enjoy! This publication is also available on the Navigator intranet.
https://navigator.cccd.edu/district/co/pa/Documents/WhosWho%20-%20December%202015.pdf

Affordable Care Act Update – Deadline Approaching for Form 1095-C

As of, January 1, 2015, the Coast Community College District is required to offer health insurance coverage to full-time employees as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. The regulations further require the District to report to the IRS, information regarding the health insurance offered and to furnish employees with the equivalent information regarding their coverage. When filing taxes, full-time employees will be requested to show proof of coverage and present a 1095-C Form along with the W-2 Form, no later than February 2, 2016. 1095-C Forms will be provided to every eligible employee. Eligible employees who declined to participate in the District’s health plan will still receive a 1095-C 2015 Form. The Payroll Department has instructed all employees to NOT FILE 2015 TAXES PRIOR TO RECEIVING FORM 1095-C. For more information contact the Benefits Department.

Coast Colleges Wellness Committee

You may have noticed that the Wellness Committee has a new look. But the committee didn’t stop with their logo in terms of rebranding. They have reorganized with strong and dedicated leadership that will bring exciting programs to the District. Their successful Walktober campaign was just a start. Keep an eye out for tools, incentives and tips from the Wellness Committee on how to stay healthy in 2016.
New Year. New You. New Card
Over the winter break, the Coast District office will be installing a new building control system, which will link door access, HVAC, and lighting controls. To better align ourselves with the updated entry system, new District employee ID cards will be issued with new pictures. A District-site “Picture Day” will be held sometime after the New Year. More information will be available after we return in January. So get those smiles ready!

Winter District-wide Commercial
Coast Colleges will have a new commercial running through the winter season to promote winter and spring classes at all three campuses. This commercial was produced through a District-site marketing effort and partnership with Power 106 FM. Please click the link to view the commercial.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16g8ujdVPug&feature=youtu.be

A Time to Celebrate
The District-site and campuses took time last week to celebrate the accomplishments of the year and the magic of the holidays. This season reminds us to give thanks for the little things and allows us to show reverence to diverse religions, cultures and traditions that make our District so unique. As we prepare to break for two weeks, please take the time to reflect on the accomplishments you’ve made, recognize the talents that you possess and realize the potential of an amazing 2016. Happy holidays everyone, enjoy your time, and see you next year!

Interim Chancellor, Gene Farrell