Honoring the Service of CCCD Employees

This week, the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees recognized 198 employees for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 45 years of service to CCCD! The very impressive group of dedicated staff and faculty were honored during various events throughout the week, including a delightful donut and coffee kickoff at the District Office on Monday and the official Service Awards Reception on Wednesday evening in the District Boardroom. Thank you to Board President Dave Grant, Vice President Mary Hornbuckle, Board Clerk Lorraine Prinsky, Trustee Jim Moreno and Trustee Jerry Patterson (in Spirit) for attending the service awards reception and prioritizing the importance of acknowledging and appreciating our staff and faculty for their commitment to student success. To view a full list of the honorees, please click on the link https://navigator.cccd.edu/district/co/pa/Documents/service%20awards.pdf.

To view all of the pictures from the service awards reception please click the link below. https://goo.gl/photos/hygKVVvafw55NGB7
CCCDD Classifed Appreciation and Development Day

On Tuesday March 29 and March 30, the OCC Professional Development Advisory Committee, Golden West College, Coastline Community College and the District HR Office hosted “Spring Training” Classified Appreciation and Development Day; an all-day professional development session for classified employees throughout the Coast District. With over 300 attendees, classified employees were recognized for their impact on the District and learned from some of the most dynamic speakers and presenters in the country.

“Today classified employees engaged in workshops to foster leadership, inspiration, learning, team spirit and the sharing of ideas”, said Dr. Cindy Vyskocil, Vice Chancellor of HR, during her opening remarks. She went on to say, “We understand the power of people and that some of our greatest sources of power exist within our classified and confidential employees.

Without you, our district could not function. It is vital that we celebrate your contributions to the District’s success, while investing in your ability to continue to succeed.”

Many thanks to CCC President Lori Adrian, GWC President Wes Bryan, and OCC President Dennis Harkins for supporting this event. Thank you to Board Clerk Trustee Lorraine Prinsky for attending both days and for recognizing the classified employees with an official resolution from the entire Board of Trustees. Finally a special thanks to the event planning committee Connie Marten, Claudia Andrews, Denise Leat, and Danielle Heinbuch for their hard work, time and efforts toward making this a successful event.
Congress to Campus

On Sunday April 3, Monday April 4, and Tuesday April 5, the Coast Community College District will bring Congress to Campus to the colleges in an effort to bring together former Members of Congress and CCCD students, faculty and staff, in order to increase civic literacy and participation. The aim of Congress to Campus is to engage students and provide inspiration that will lead to greater democratic participation; whether it is in the arena of public service or something as simple as voting. Former Members of the U.S. Congress give students and faculty an authentic and candid “insiders” look at the workings of American government and politics. Their personal experiences help to illuminate the democratic process and the inner workings of Washington. Over a three day span, former Congressmen Sam Coppersmith, Gilbert W. Gutknecht and Jerry Patterson will conduct classes, forums, interviews and informal meetings with students and faculty to provide a bipartisan perspective of the American political system. An opening reception to welcome the Congressmen will be held on Sunday, April 3, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the OCC Student Lounge. For more information contact Julie Frazier-Matthews x84607.

April is National Community College Month

National Community College Month is celebrated around the country in April to commemorate the contributions community colleges make in educating and training students for the future. The Coast Community College District will celebrate its role in providing higher education to the region with a series of presentations by local city councils, officially proclaiming a specific day within the month of April – Coast Community Colleges Day. The presentations of official proclamations will take place during regularly scheduled council meetings on April 4, 2016 by the Huntington Beach City Council, April 5, 2016 by the Costa Mesa City Council and April 27, 2016 by the Westminster City Council.

Who’s Who at Coast Colleges

The 5.0 April edition of Who’s Who at Coast Colleges is now available to read. Learn about your colleagues at the District-site and how their contributions make a difference. This issue features Antonio Gonzalez Leon, Ngoc-Anh Cao and Nicola Perry. To view, please click the link below. https://navigator.cccd.edu/district/co/pa/Documents/WhosWho%20-%20April%202016.pdf
Coastline Community College Highlight

Inaugural Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Youth Conference

Coastline and the APACT team hosted their first annual Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Youth Leadership Conference, AAPIphany, on March 25. The theme, “AAPIphany”, is a play off the word “epiphany” and geared toward helping AAPI students realize the importance of their identity and community to their goals and to their lives. The conference hosted 55 students from Westminster High School and Garden Grove High School, and had over 11 community-based organizations. AAPIphany was successful in helping the student participants explore their own identity as well as start recognizing and planning out their goals through a series of workshops and discussion groups throughout the day. By introducing these students to resources in the community and in themselves, AAPIphany helped prepare a new generation of students to think critically about their identity and college preparation. Thank you to Board Vice President Mary Hornbuckle, CCC President Lori Adrian, and Vice President of Instruction, Vince Rodriguez for attending and supporting this event.

Golden West College Highlight

Golden West College Managers’ Retreat

The second annual Golden West College Managers’ Retreat was held at the Temecula Creek Inn on Monday and Tuesday during Spring break. The purpose of the retreat is to bring the managers together to focus on problem solving, planning and communications, without distractions. Activities included team building exercises, management training, and time to share ideas. Work groups were formed to identify college processes in need of improvement, and by the end of the retreat, teams were formed, and plans were made to work on five projects.

Orange Coast College Highlight

OCC Hires New VP of Student Services

Today the OC Register published an article reporting that Madjid Niroumand, a former student at Orange Coast College, has been named Vice President of Student Services at the Costa Mesa-based community college. He replaces Kristin Clark who left to become president of West Hills College. Niroumand has worked at the college since 1998, most recently as Dean of Enrollment Services. He earned his doctorate in business administration from Argosy University and his masters of business administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills. Congratulations Madjid.

Sincerely,

Interim Chancellor, Gene Farrell