GOOD NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 12th, 2014

EBEDA Award
Tomorrow evening Professor Laurie Issel-Tarver and I will attend the East Bay Innovation Awards Ceremony in Oakland. The awards recognize groups and companies that are instrumental in advancing the region’s culture of innovation and for contributing to regional prosperity. The Ohlone College Northern California Biotechnology Training Center was one of two nominated by the City of Fremont’s Economic Development Agency for the Education Innovation award. Supported by grant funding from the Chancellor’s office since 2008, the center has worked hand-in-hand with Ohlone College’s academic program and collaborated with other colleges in the region to prepare a well-trained workforce for the life science industries in the Bay Area, maintain a steady pipeline of science students transferring to universities, and offer professional development to secondary education and community college faculty.

Cisco Academy Award
The Community Education Department was awarded the “Program Recognition Award” for our Cisco Western Academy Support and Training Center Program from the Association of Community and Continuing Education (ACCE). Only two schools in the state received awards this year. We received it for providing an innovative program that supports and trains Cisco academies across California, Nevada and Arizona, using a self-supporting fee-based model with strong retention from year to year.
This is the second ACCE award we have won in two years, the first being for “Model Program” for our Ohlone for Kids and Teens program.

Puente
Twenty-eight of thirty-one students in our 2013-2014 Puente cohort successfully finished the two preparatory courses for Freshman Composition, and all of them have continued on to enroll in Freshman Composition. We have added targeted tutoring services for these students this semester.

Deaf Students in CTE
Basic Skills funding is helping to support 19 Deaf students with professional mathematics and English tutoring as they pursue CTE pathways in CNET and biotechnology.

ADTs
Last week Ohlone had two more Associate Degrees for Transfer approved—in History and in Theatre Arts. Since the last Board meeting we have also had three other ADTs approved in Business Administration, Geology, and Studio Arts. This brings to 14 the number of approved ADTs, with nine of those approvals coming this school year. The college continues to work to get additional degrees approved by the end of spring semester.

Academic Honor
Ohlone’s Senior Safety Officer James Keogh has been selected by the Community College League of California as one of 68 top community college students for the 2014 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team. Team members are selected on the basis of grades, leadership, and community service. He will be honored at a luncheon in Sacramento in April.