**GOOD NEWS - NOVEMBER 2014**

**Ground breaking technology in the field of ground source heat pumps**
Lisa Meline is the engineer from Meline Engineering—a premier firm in this field—who is working with Gilbane on Ohlone’s ground source heat pump project--geo-thermal coils--at the Fremont campus. She made a presentation at the International Ground Source Heat Pump Conference in Baltimore last month using Ohlone as her example of an early adopter, explaining how the college set a precedent in its use of ground source heat pump technology and describing how that project will be the basis for further advancements put to use in our coming project at Fremont.

**Forensics**
On October 30th, Ohlone competed in the Delta College Mustang Invitational and brought home the 4th place sweepstakes award for two-year colleges. Our individual members also performed well with all three breaking the top 7 places in their individual events. October 31 through Nov. 2nd, the team competed in the Paul Winters Invitational at the University of Pacific. Ohlone once again brought home the 4th place junior college sweepstakes. And again, our team members placed in the top 6 in their events, two of the members taking 1st and 2nd in novice extemporaneous.

**SEM**
We have received funding from the United Way for a math acceleration program for students pursuing engineering. This program will allow students to move from Algebra II through the first semester of calculus in just two semesters. These funds are being used to develop the curriculum and teach the first cohort. Future cohorts are being supported by the recently awarded Department of Labor “Ready to Work Grant,” in which Ohlone will receive $1 million of the $5 million dollars awarded to this regional consortium.

**Top awards for Ohlone**
Ohlone’s exceptional Online Program was listed as #7 in the Top 40 Online Community Colleges for 2014-15.
And Ohlone was named #8 on the list of the Top 30 Community Colleges in the United States in the October 2014 edition of the Chinese magazine “College Student.” Ohlone was selected on the basis of high transfer rates and transfer agreements with UCs.

**Foundation Good News**
An anonymous donor is giving $400,000 to the Ohlone College Foundation for scholarships, the largest scholarship donation in the Foundation’s history! The gift, expected by the end of this calendar year, will enable the Ohlone College Foundation to create a permanent scholarship endowment to support the Ohlone Promise.

**New Hires**
Lorelei Small, Learning Resources Technician II
Michael Sewell, Facility Maintenance Aide
Sylvia Bustamante, Executive Assistant, Business Services
Nasser Noei, Director of Application Services