

GOOD NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 12 MEETING

We have received approval from the Chancellor's Office to develop a career pathway program in the area of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)/Global Positioning System (GPS). The initial high school partners are Newark Memorial and the ROP. Ours was the highest ranked proposal. Richard Grotegut and Narinder Bansal have been active in developing this project.

The college is currently working with Irvington High School in developing a Science, Health and Physical Education (SHAPE) career pathway program as part of a Partnership Academy Grant awarded to Irvington two years ago. Recently Irvington has been approved for two new Academies in New Media Arts and Information Technology. Kennedy High School has received an Academy Grant for Green Technologies. The college is an active partner in all of these projects.

The Ohlone College Speech and Debate Team had the following wins at the recent Diablo Valley College Invitational Debate Tournament:

- Chen Lin 2nd place in Open Extemporaneous Speaking
- Michaela Devine 2nd place in Novice Persuasive Speaking
- Kim Seloquian 3rd place in Open Programmed Oral Interpretation

The Delta Swing Tournament on Friday:

- Mohammed Siddiqui 1st place in Novice After Dinner Speaking
- Andie Morhous 1st place in Novice Extemp.
- Joshua Quezada 3rd place in Novice Persuasion and Finalist in Novice Extemp.
- Manika Casterline 2nd place in Novice Programmed Oral Interpretation

The Paul Winters Invitational on Saturday and Sunday:

- Chen Lin 1st place in Open Informative
- Kim Secoquian Finalist in Open Poetry and Open Programmed Oral Interpretation and Semi-Finalist in Open Prose Interpretation
- Carissa Hatchel Semi-Finalist in Novice Extemp. and in Novice Impromptu
- Manika Casterline Semi-Finalist in Novice Impromptu

Congratulations to these hard-working students.

We had a successful launch of the College for a Day Career Exploration program at the NCHST – Cesar Chavez Middle School (New Haven Unified) and Newark Jr. High School (Newark Unified) 8th grade students participated in Chemistry, Biotechnology, Solar-Technology, Nursing – Simulation Lab, Respiratory Therapy, Physical Therapy, Environmental Studies, and Digital Media sessions. This activity was funded by the Ohlone Career Exploration Grant under the direction of Dr. Ron Quinta.

The Foundation has summarized its donations for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. They are pleased to report that we have 17 "Founders" of the College of the Future (Newark Campus) who contributed a minimum of \$25,000 to the Capital Campaign. In addition to the "Founders," we have 135 donors (120 cold hard cash + 15 in-kind) who contributed \$500 or more not only to the capital campaign but various other campus "causes."

We have been awarded a generous \$45,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente for Obesity Intervention in the 18-25 year old population.

Chemistry Professor Anu Ganguly has been invited to serve on the National Science Foundation Review Board. Her appointment will help Ohlone better understand and form strong connections with NSF for future funding opportunities.

We have conducted a 3-day training workshop including theory, applications and hands-on activities using our new Atomic Force Microscope.

Cynthia Lee Katona, Ohlone professor of literature, the author of "Book Savvy," a reviewer for the Dow Jones Online Review, and a nationally published travel photographer was featured at the Book Group Expo at the San Jose Convention Center on October 25 and 26, 2008.

We are part of a consortium led by California State University East Bay and including Chabot, Contra Costa, Los Medanos, and Merritt Colleges, to design a collaborative ADN to BSN degree pathway. The consortium has received a seed grant of \$50,000 for initial planning and could receive as much as \$250,000 if the initial planning strategies are approved. The funding is provided by the Kaiser Permanente Health Care Education Fund.

Our new Solar Voltaic Installation and Design course is going very well. Presently 31 students are thoroughly engaged and participating. The students are eligible to sit for their certification exam at the end of the program.