

GOOD NEWS FOR MAY 2009

Professor Shelley Lawrence, coordinator of our Interpreter Preparation Program, has co-authored a monograph entitled "Toward Effective Practices: A National Dialogue on AA-BA Partnership" published by the National Consortium of Interpreter Preparation Centers. The monograph focuses on the movement to make the baccalaureate degree the entry level qualification for professional interpreters and how community colleges and universities will need to collaborate to support this process.

Earth week was very successful. Lead by Robin Kurotori, students and staff pulled 500 pounds of weeds on our Newark Campus. Jeff Watanabe also lead a Mowry Creek cleanup where they found lots of interesting paraphernalia, such as the lower quarter of an animal jaw, kids toys, a tomato cage, all types of clothing and lots of paper.

Our Datatel Team successfully patched, upgraded, and installed new functionality into Datatel Colleague and WebAdvisor. The benefits of this work range from continued support for Financial Aid regulatory changes to providing payment plans for students. The truly exciting thing from this project, however, was the outstanding teamwork and execution shown by the staff in researching, testing, and implementing the changes. An exceptional effort!

Last Sunday, CNN did a photo shoot for our environmental studies program.

Saturday, May 2 was Ohlone's first annual Freshmen Connection Day. The rain did not dampen the event, as 300+ high school seniors and about 280 parents attended this "one stop" orientation to college. Counselors offered workshops on the transfer process, money management, financial aid, and tips for succeeding in college. Instructional faculty staffed information tables during lunch to talk with students about their departments. Music faculty performed during lunch and KOHL broadcast live outside Hyman Hall.

Our 4th annual Raza Day took place at the Newark Center for Health and Sciences on April 24, 2009. Raza Day is a district wide recruitment event to encourage Latino high school students to attend Ohlone. Over 200 juniors and seniors attended from local high schools. Students Services faculty and staff set up tables in the lobby to educate students about the various services available at Ohlone.

Ohlone has notable athletic accomplishments this year.

- The Women's Soccer team qualified for playoffs; 4 team members made First Team All-Conference and we had Conference Goal Keeper of the year;
- The Men's Water Polo team had a member voted All Nor Cal (one vote away from All American)
- The Men's Basketball were Coast Conference Champions (the 4th time since 2000); They made it to 2nd round of playoffs; individual players earned all-state and all-conference honors including co-MVP

- The Women's Basketball team were also Coast Conference Champions; They had a perfect season of 12-0 and made it to 2nd round of playoffs; Many players were honored including conference MVP
 - The Baseball won the Coast conference Championship with 35 wins—the highest ever for Ohlone Men's baseball. The first round of playoffs start at Ohlone on Friday, May 8th; 13 team members were selected to the All-Conference Team and 4 more were recognized as All-Conference Honorable Mention--the most that Ohlone Baseball has ever received. Head Coach Jordon Twohig was voted Pacific Division Coach of the Year.
 - The Softball team won its 7th consecutive title as Coast Conference Champions; They earned the #1 seed in NorCal and 1st place in Regional playoffs. They compete in round 2 of the playoffs this weekend. Players have earned honors including Pitcher of the Year; First Team All-North; First Team All-Conference; and Second Team All-Conference
 - The Men's Swim team was the Coast Conference Champions for the first time in the history of Ohlone.
 - The Men's Tennis team produced the Coast Conference Champion player.
- Over all Ohlone earned 6 Conference Championships this year, an unprecedented number for a community college district.

The Ohlone team took first place at the 41st annual Monterey County Mathletics competition, and an Ohlone student took first place in the Calculus competition. For several years in a row, Ohlone has done extremely well at this competition—in fact, Ohlone has become the team to beat!

100% of the fall 2008 nursing graduates passed their national licensing exam!

John Weed was honored for his 32 years of service as our trustee at the recent ACCT conference. John was among just 4 honored for 30 or more years.