

## GOOD NEWS FOR JUNE 2009

The California Applied Biotechnology Center for Silicon, San Joaquin, and Central Valleys, in partnership with Ohlone College, held its 2009 Center Regional Conference at the Newark Center on May 29.

The conference showcased some of the latest applications of biotechnology in the industry. Examples included innovative work done with biofuels, enzymes for the production of sustainable fuels, and chemicals to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions. Presenters discussed their needs for a well-trained workforce.

As we meet, the City of Newark is hosting the Alameda County Mayor's Conference at the Newark campus.

The English Language Institute, which had previously used a separate database for academic records and student account information, is now incorporated seamlessly into Colleague. Thanks to Gillian O'Farrell, Eddie West, Nathan Brown, May Lee, and Mike Bowman for their extensive planning and testing.

Every one of Ohlone's sophomore baseball team members earned a scholarship to move on to a 4 year university.

There are several news items from the Ohlone College Foundation:

- They hosted a very successful Citizen of the Year/LEED Platinum event on May 29.
- This year the Foundation awarded \$31,000 in scholarships to deserving Ohlone students.
- Their online auction is underway with a goal of raising \$10,000. Check it out at [ohlone.cmarket.com](http://ohlone.cmarket.com)
- Save the date of September 21<sup>st</sup> for the Fremont Bank Ohlone College Golf Tournament at Castlewood

Community Education, Environmental Studies and the Newark One-Stop working together are currently offering an 8-day 54-hour Solar Intensive Training Course for unemployed workers. This course prepares the students for the NABCEP national exam for solar installers and provides them with the skills necessary to get a job within the emerging solar industry.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and 10 California community colleges have entered into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of State to implement the Community College Initiative for Egypt. This fall, Ohlone College will welcome 18 full scholarship students from Egypt, including 10 deaf and hard-of-hearing students. This grant to Ohlone totals \$782,454, and includes ample funding for related student support and instructional services. If the project is successful, Ohlone may have the opportunity to welcome future Department of State scholarship recipients

from Brazil, Cuba, Ghana, Indonesia, Pakistan, South Africa, Turkey and/or countries in Central America.