

GOOD NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

In addition to the official opening of our new Student Services Center, I have several items of good news.

Dr. Yong, Ohlone Professor of Computer Science, has written a textbook entitled Programming Art in Java. The book was published this past summer by Tsinghua University Press, which is ranked as #1 in IT publications in China.

Financial Aid reports that Pell awards to Ohlone students have doubled this fall from \$500 thousand dollars in past years to over a million dollars.

Even with significant course reductions for fall, current enrollment is up about 1% from last year at this time. Students are finding it difficult to find classes, but they are succeeding.

Twenty unemployed Alameda County residents completed training for Microsoft Office 2007. This was the first of 5 workshops contracted through the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board (or WIB). The workshops are being held at the Newark Center.

Ohlone is participating in a grant submittal with CSU East Bay, regional community colleges, and the Alameda County WIB to create the East Bay Green Career Pathway Initiative. Proposed funding for this proposal is part of the California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program, a \$75 million investment establishing the nation's largest state-sponsored green job-training program.

Lucky Lofton, Director of Facilities, and Dr. Ron Quinta, Dean of Science and Technology, and their faculty and staff, are to be congratulated for the completion of the new Physics and Engineering Labs in Building 8, Rooms 8104 and 8105. This is part of the Educational Master Plan to cluster science labs in Building 8 and has been funded by the secondary effects budget within Measure A Bond dollars. The Physics and Engineering Labs are already sharing equipment between the two programs and others in Building 8 and now served by our lab technician Georgina Gonzalez-Wilson—a big improvement since there was no lab tech support for the past 10 years in Building 6.

Graduated Sophomores Ian Hoff (baseball) and Jamie Miller (softball), will be honored as the Male and Female Athletes of the Year during the banquet following upcoming golf tournament.

And finally, I'd like to remind you of the 25th Annual Fremont Bank Golf Tournament on September 21st, which benefits Ohlone athletic teams. If you can join us for dinner it's \$55, and there will also be an online auction.