

GOOD NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2009

Jim Wright, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Ron Travenick, Vice President of Student Development presented at the recent meeting of the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City about "The Community Colleges and High Schools Connection."

Ohlone College Professors Elisa Webb and Rick Arellano were recognized by the City of Newark Senior Center for their volunteer work at the Center. Dean Lesley Buehler and an Ohlone College student volunteer were also recognized for their support and help.

The 8th Annual NASA/Ohlone College Science Night Seminar Program this month attracted an overflow crowd to the Jackson Theater to hear a fascinating presentation on "Astrobiology: Looking for Life Elsewhere in the Universe." The speaker was Dr. Colin Goldblatt, a NASA Postdoctoral Program Fellow and researcher of geochemistry and co-evolution of life and Earth's climate. The crowd of over 400 included many students from local high schools. The program is coordinated by Dean Ron Quinta, Professor Yvette Niccols, and Executive Assistant Irene Benavidez.

Carol Lawton, an adjunct faculty member in our Art department, has had one of her glass sculptures selected to be displayed by the Micaëla Gallery in San Francisco as part of their "Winter Salon 2009" multi-media exhibition. It is quite an honor to be chosen for this national exhibition.

Over 70 faculty and administrators representing 20 community colleges attended the recent two-day CurricUNET Users Group meeting hosted by Ohlone faculty leaders. The meeting was conducted at the Newark Center and featured presentations by Ohlone faculty on how the CurricUNET system is being used in Program and Services Review, and Distance Education and General Education course development and review. Faculty leaders involved included Rachel Sherman, Deb Parziale, Jon Degallier, and Brenda Ahnholz.

IT successfully migrated our Ohlone.edu website to the data center at the Newark Center. This project provides better support for Ohlone's websites through newer equipment and more reliable power and back up capabilities. The new system makes use of "server virtualization" which will consume less power and allow for a seamless failover in the event of a hardware crash.

From the business office: We continue to be successful in reducing the receivables. The most recent press has yielded approximately \$130K in debt payments from students.

The Ohlone College Nursing students and several faculty members participated in an Alameda County, City of Fremont, H1N1 injection clinic. This is the first of four clinics to be offered in the county. Congratulations to the students and faculty for their community service.

Dr. Perri Gallagher's dissertation has been published by Proquest. The title is "More than poetic examination: Metaphors that structure online instructor views."

Jan Eric Nordmo, first year as Head Men's Soccer coach, was honored as Coast Conference Coach of the Year. Ohlone Athletes were recognized for their abilities with 3 All Conference 1st Team Awards, 3 All Conference 2nd Team Awards, and with players named as Conference Forward of the Year and the Conference Goalkeeper of the Year.

Congratulations to Wayne Yuen, Philosophy Faculty, for writing a chapter in the book, The Golden Compass and Philosophy: God Bites the Dust.

Graduates of the Physical Therapy Assistant Program have continued to have a 100% pass rate on the National Boards for the past 3 years!