GOOD NEWS FOR JANUARY 13, 2010

Ohlone adjunct instructor, Jennifer Jovel, is a former Ohlone student who has gone on to earn her PhD at Stanford. Her dissertation, titled “Community College Transfer: The Role of Social Capital in the Transfer Process of Chicana/o Students” has earned her the First Annual Barbara K. Townsend Dissertation Award, for research on transfer student issues.

Alumnus Randall Kohl, who was a student here for two years in the late 70’s, is now a tenured faculty member at the University of Veracruz in Mexico.

KOHL had 75,000 listeners on a weekly basis in December, 1,600 of whom listened online. KOHL continues to be a major trainer of radio personnel for stations throughout the bay area and beyond.

Dean’s Gale Carli and Lesley Buehler are collaborating on a regional contract to provide computer training for Kaisers Responsive Worker Trainer Program. The training is being conducted at the NCHST during Jan and Feb 2010.

Tina Dodson, Director of the OneStop and her staff are providing services at NUMMI’s onsite career center. The center is providing NUMMI employees with career transition services and workshops such as resume basics, networking and career choices. On Wed Jan. 20th Ohlone will be hosting the NUMMI Career Fair (for NUMMI employees only) in the Gym.

Dean Gale Carli and Environmental Studies Faculty Narinder Bansal are coordinating The MetLife Foundation/Civic Ventures Community College Encore Career Project. This grant-funded project involves seasoned electricians, general contractors, and trades-people receiving training as mentors and team leaders for economically disadvantaged youths entering the green-collar workforce. “Green Encore Fellows” receive intensive solar energy training to design and install green energy systems and be placed with employers who have an urgent need for skilled supervisors and trainers.

Dean Ron Quinta, faculty member Richard Grotegut, and the Tri-Cities One Stops are offering Ohlone’s Cisco Academy for displaced workers. The academy is funded by the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board.

The East Bay Community Foundation has donated the first half of a two hundred thousand dollar contribution to improve our ASL lab. This is a great shot in the arm for our vision of the deaf studies division and moves us forward in meeting the goals of the educational and facilities master plans.