Good News for July 8, 2015

Nursing Study Abroad
A group of Ohlone College nursing students and graduates, accompanied by faculty member Carrie Dameron and Dean Gale Carli, spent 11 days in Panama on a service learning study abroad. The students set up, managed, and conducted six clinics. The Panama Ministry of Health and International Service Learning provided medical supplies, medicines, translators, transportation, and a physician. Over the six days, they examined and treated 150 patients, mostly children.

Ph.D. completers
Teresa Massimo and Hans Peeters, both of the Speech/Communication Studies Department, completed the defense of their dissertations and doctoral programs last month. Dr. Massimo was supported in this effort by a sabbatical last year. Congratulations to them both.

Ohlone College Foundation receives major gift for Ohlone College
The Fremont Bank Foundation has made a major gift to the Ohlone College Foundation to commission Mario Chiodo’s “Celebration” sculpture for the college. The sculpture was inspired by an illustration done in 1806 and depicts Ohlone and other Native Americans joining together in celebration. Installation of “Celebration” is planned to coincide with the completion of the Academic Core and Ohlone's 50th Anniversary.

Summer classes
Summer session has started and is a great success! One hundred forty-two sections offered at Newark and online have enrolled 3,000 students. Thanks goes to the departments of Facilities, IT, Campus Police, Student Services, Business Services, and Academic Affairs for supporting this big offering.

Accreditation result
Ohlone’s accreditation follow-up report has been accepted by ACCJC. We have satisfied the three recommendations required of us, and we are in compliance with all Standards and Eligibility Requirements. Our next report is the Midterm Report, due in March 2017.

Ohlone Rating
We have been notified by BestColleges.com that Ohlone has been recognized as Number 7 on a list of California's Best Two-Year Colleges for 2015! According to Best Colleges, their higher education experts reviewed nearly 250 2-year schools in the state, and taking into account key performance indicators such as retention, graduation, and loan default rates, Ohlone College quickly rose to the top.

New hires
Nabeel Atique—Associate Professor, Mathematics (new)
Margaret McKenzie—Assistant Professor, English (new)
Sandra Chacko—Assistant Professor, Anthropology (new)
Andrew Wise—Instructor, Mathematics (new)
Lisa Wesoloski—Assistant Professor, Chemistry (new)