GOOD NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2016

Super Bowl
Six students from Ohlone’s Entertainment Technology & Design program served on the tech crew for Sunday’s Super Bowl.

Career program
The Tri-Cities One Stop Career Corner kick-off hosted by the Fremont Adult & Continuing Education ESL Department was a huge success. Students, including about 200 from the ESL and Adult Basic Education classes, learned about the many services our One Stop Center provides and about the new Career Corner Project. The project focuses on job search, housing, employment resources, and training. Students were given the opportunity to sign up for the project’s Career Corner counseling sessions.

Embedded Tutors
This semester, with the help of Basic Skills and Student Equity funding, the college is embarking on a large-scale tutoring project that we hope will significantly improve the success rates of our students in two of our lowest-achieving basic skills courses. All 15 sections of MATH 151 (Algebra I) and 9 of the 11 sections of ENGL 151A (Fundamentals of Composition) will have embedded tutors. These tutors will be trained and will work closely with the instructors for these classes. They will offer learning assistance to students in these classes during the class sessions themselves as well as in small-group study sessions outside of class. The courses we have identified also have a high percentage of underrepresented students. Improving performance in these courses will therefore help us address some of our strategic and student equity goals.

PTA Licensure Passage
All 17 of the Physical Therapy Assistant Program graduates from the 2015 class have passed their Boards! This means that Ohlone PTA graduates have posted a 100% pass rate on the National Physical Therapist Assistant Exam every year since 2007. This statistic should go a long way towards demonstrating to the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that the program deserves reaccreditation later this year.

High School Counselor Conference
The annual High School Counselor Conference was held yesterday on the Fremont Campus. This event is an opportunity for local high school counselors and college specialists to learn more about the programs and services provided at Ohlone College. Forty-one guests attended from all of the high schools in our district as well as from Hayward, Milpitas, Pleasanton, and Dublin, from both public and private schools. They learned about Freshman Days, the Puente Program, our Transfer Center, academic and career programs, and K-12 enrollment procedures. We also highlighted the Ohlone Promise scholarship opportunity, which was well received.

Ohlone Promise Students
Melissa Ng is an example of a very successful Ohlone Promise scholarship student. A mechanical engineering major, she was an engineering intern at NASA Ames Research Center. She is co-captain of the Ohlone women’s water polo team, carries 25 units, and maintains a 4.0 GPA. She says that the scholarship gives her the ability and prerogative to take all the classes and have all the materials that she needs to be successful. It allows her to focus exclusively on her studies, and not worry so much about the costs of college. The two-year scholarship limit in particular pushes her to not let up on her coursework, which in turn has helped her realize how much she is capable of doing. She’s planning to
transfer to a UC in the fall. She is not sure if any of this would have been possible without the Ohlone Promise.

For Josue Alvarado the Ohlone Promise Scholarship changed his life. Initially struggling at Newark Memorial High School, Josue transferred to Bridgepoint Continuation High School, where he was able to significantly improve his grade point average and graduate on time. However, due to financial concerns, college was not in his plans. “Before I learned about the Ohlone Promise Scholarship I didn’t really have any college plans,” Josue said. “I thought perhaps I would work and save some money and then consider the possibility of attending. This scholarship is the whole reason I’m here and will be continuing on with my studies, hopefully at UCLA.” Josue’s goal is to complete a baccalaureate degree in psychology.

Hires
Lisa Antoine--Dispatcher, Campus Police Services (replacement)