

## Decision 2008



**Don't forget: this Tuesday is Election Day. Can't decide who to vote for? Many corners, like this one at Mowry and Paseo Padre, offer ample window shopping opportunities. Among those up for election are Board members Nick Nardolillo and Bob Brunton and hopefuls David Sheen, Greg Bonaccorsi and Teresa Cox.**

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## Free money: fall scholarships are available

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Fall scholarships are out, and the deadline to turn them in is Nov. 7.

The fall scholarships given by the Ohlone College Foundation are there to help students who are having trouble paying for college.

So what's the catch? Well, despite the fact that there is a little work needed to complete the scholarship forms, there is no catch: the scholarship money is free for

the taking.

The Foundation scholarships add up to \$16,500 in total and are available for 32 students.

There are 15 different types of scholarships and each has its own criteria.

For first-generation American students there are two scholarship opportunities: the Audrey M. Hack Scholarship, which prefers first-generation college students, and the Deeksha Inc. Scholarship.

Most - but not all - scholarships

require a GPA of 2.5 or above.

These scholarships are designed so that all those who require money for school have a chance at getting it, according to the financial aid office.

While applying for scholarships, it is important to remember that the more specific scholarships you apply for, the better the chances for receiving the scholarships.

For example, there is currently a scholarship called the John Edward Marks scholarship available

for male Newark Memorial High School graduates who are studying French or information technology or have a love of tennis.

If you fit the criteria, by all means apply - the chances of running into heavy competition for this scholarship are small.

But students who don't feel like they fit any specific criteria should not be disheartened; there is a scholarship for them, too: the Ohlone College Foundation Scholarship.

It does not have any specific

limitations; the only criteria is that the applicant must be enrolled in at least 12 units and have a GPA of 2.5 or better.

The general requirements for application are that students should submit a completed Ohlone College Foundation scholarship application. Students must also submit a personal statement.

For more information, visit [www.ohlone.edu/org/scholarships](http://www.ohlone.edu/org/scholarships). Those who get scholarships will be notified in January.

## Math Club petitions for cash

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Hirsch mentioned that several years ago, Ohlone was ranked number 86 in the nation for the AMATYC, but since offering prize money for winning the contest, the results have improved. Ohlone was ranked number 8 in ranking last year.

The idea to have prize money - \$50 per high-scoring students - has encouraged more students to join the competition. The money originally came from the Ohlone Foundation, but for the past two years the ASOC has stepped in to pick up the tab. This year the club is requesting money to be used for the prizes, registration fee, meals and transportation of those who will compete. The amount they are requesting amounts to \$1,033.62, which should last them for the whole academic year.

The money request for the E-Z Up tents, which was brought up in last week's meeting, was once again discussed. E-Z Up tents are easily set up and collapsed portable canopies, which are useful for outdoor events to keep the sun and rain off. The ASOC's current proposal is for the purchase of four tents. The ASOC executives and senators will vote on this next week.

The Speech Department's money request from the previous week for a student success talk was also brought up, but the matter was referred to the Inter-Club Council (ICC) since this is a club related matter.

In another step toward making the entire campus a "free speech area," the ASOC approved the creation of an Open Forum Committee.

The Psychology Club announced plans to invite CalTech Professor and Research Psychologist Michael Shermer to speak in the Smith Center in February. Psychology Club Advisor Sheldon Helms showed the ASOC a short YouTube video showing some of Shermer's talks.

Helms strongly emphasized Shermer's lively and entertaining presentation style, leading to almost all his events selling out because of his strong fan base. He also mentioned Shermer's appearance on Oprah, CNN and his very own TV show, as well as his publication, the Sceptic Magazine.

Helms said he hoped to fund the event through a partnership between the Psychology Club and the ASOC. He is requesting \$5,000 for the event, which includes a \$4,500 honorarium for Shermer and \$500 for his lodging and travel.

Potentially there will be a return of around \$4,000 that would be given back to the ASOC should the tickets sell out.

They are planning to have tickets (printed with the use of money the Psychology Club gets from their fundraisers such as their donut sales) cost \$10 each.

Feliciano announced that there has been a new prospective club presented to the ICC called Urban Movement. He also announced that

themes for the next Club Days are being thought of already. Ideas like a Vegas theme or Art Deco theme have been brought up. The next Club Days will also be longer, the ICC decided. They have decided to extend it an hour later, making it run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to give the many students who get out of class past 2 p.m. a chance to get involved in the event.

Zhou announced that he was able to attend a lobbying workshop, which taught him a lot about how bills are passed. He told the rest of the ASOC to feel free to come up to him and ask about it if they were interested.

Student Member, Board of Trustees Lauren Baca announced that there will be a visit from the accreditation team over the next week.

The state accreditation team, which determines whether colleges can maintain their state funding, visited the college this spring and evaluated the college on a variety of criteria, placing the under "warning" (the second highest level awarded) as a result of their findings.

The ruling does not place the college directly at risk of losing its state funding, but does require that Ohlone submit several follow-up reports to the team. Out of 110 community colleges here in California, around 20 are in the warning status. Baca observed that, "the accreditation process basically keeps the college on its toes."

## Panelists to discuss speech careers

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The Speech and Communication Studies Department is organizing an "Annual Careers in Communication Panel" today from 1 to 2 p.m. in Room 3102.

The event will feature a panel of six Bay Area professionals with careers in marketing communication, public relations, event planning, recruiting and journalism. Among them are three former Ohlone College students who are currently working with their degrees in communication.

One of the speakers is Nicole Imhoff, an event planner from the Bay Area. Another one is Tony Yang, a former editor of the Ohlone Monitor, who is currently working as a journalist for the *Silicon Valley Business Journal*. The third speaker is Sapna Kanakiya, a recruiter for Washington Mutual/Chase.

The panelists will be talking about their careers briefly, highlighting how a degree in communication has helped forward them. They will also be answering the questions asked by the audience.

Speech Instructor Brenda Ahnholz, coordinator for this event said, "we are doing this panel as a service to current students and are honored to have former students back with us to talk about their careers in communication."

Admission to the panel is free.

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