

# Steve Cho to be named Citizen of the Year

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The Ohlone College Foundation will host the Citizen of the Year Champagne Luncheon on May 30. The luncheon is held yearly, but was skipped last year when the opening of the Newark Center was celebrated instead, with the "Green Tie Event."

According to David Smith, president of the Ohlone College Foundation, the Citizen of the Year is chosen by a separate set of Board of Directors. The luncheon, on the other hand, serves more than just one purpose. Aside from being a night to honor the most outstanding citizen of Fremont, it is also a fundraiser for the Ohlone College Foundation Scholarships.

Tickets cost \$75 each and sponsor sheets are available, in which potential donors may choose to be one of four different kinds of sponsors—Platinum Sponsor, Gold Sponsor, Silver Sponsor, or Bronze Sponsor. Depending on which kind of sponsor they choose to be, they will get one or two tables with 10 seats each and ad spaces in the program. The bigger contribution a company or business gives, the more students they can help out. To help convince business owners to contribute, testimonials of recent scholarship winners are also featured in the sponsor sheet package.

This year's Citizen of the Year Champagne

Luncheon will have extra significance since it will also celebrate the LEED Platinum

Certification that was awarded to the Ohlone College Newark Center by the U.S Green Building Council. Accordingly, the event will have two parts to it. First will be the awarding of Councilmember Steve Cho and next will be the honoring of the LEED Platinum Certification where a representative of the U.S. Green Building Council will award Ohlone College President Dr. Gari Browning.

Citizen of the Year, Steve Cho, a native Californian, has been very much involved in community and professional groups

for the past 35 years.

Cho graduated from Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics. He also attended the University of Southern California where he graduated with a Masters of Science degree in computer science. Cho moved to the Bay Area in 1973, worked as a systems analyst for Pacific Telephone in San Francisco and the following year got married and moved to Fremont. He became a member of the Board of Directors for the Organization of Chinese Americans from 1974 to 1992 and was president in 1978. He was also the vice president of Warwick Elementary PTA, Site



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**Steve Cho will receive the Citizen of the Year award May 30.**

Council at Thornton Jr. High, president of Citizens for a Better Community in 1999 and 2007, board member for Advancing Productivity, Innovation, and Competitive Success Mission Peak Chapter from 1980 to 1988 where he was awarded member of the year in 1984. Cho was also a member of the Fremont City Charter Committee in 1997 and member of the Fremont Planning Commission in 1998.

All these accomplishments led him to become a Fremont councilmember, where he served for eight years from 2000 to 2008. Cho has also been a part of the League of California Cities (LCC) board of directors and was president of the LCC Asian Pacific Islander (API) Caucus. He is currently on the board of CBC, Fremont Symphony Orchestra, Friends of Children with Special Needs and the Quail Run HOA and is an active member of the Niles Rotary. Cho will become the East Bay District coordinator for the Boy Scouts of America in June, 2009.

According to Smith, "During his service in the Fremont City council he attended every function. [Cho] is a great person, giving of himself and his time." Cho has been one of the most hardworking and visible councilmember in Fremont which is why he has been nicknamed the "ubiquitous Cho" and which is also why he will be awarded Citizen of the Year.

# Frosh connection to introduce students to Ohlone

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High school seniors will have an opportunity to experience the sights and sounds of Ohlone at the first-ever Freshmen Connection event, Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. According to the Interim Director of Transition and Learning Community Programs Allison Bly, "Freshmen Connection is a college-wide effort with support coming from all over." She said the event is a great way to help support the

new students.

Bly said that the Freshmen Connection is "an event that introduces incoming students to the college." Students who attend will receive priority registration, which allows them to register for classes a full two days before other students. Bly also said, "We want students to connect to the college and meet instructional faculty, staff and other students."

According to Bly, "This is the first time this event has been offered and differs from student welcome

day in that it isn't a class and students are able to take the placement test, register for classes and visit with counselors as long as their applications are done."

Bly also encouraged parents to come take part, saying, "Parents are critical to student success and it's important for parents to know about what Ohlone has to offer." Bly said, "There will be numerous workshops dealing with transferring, money management and financial aid."

Bly said that there would also

be both student and faculty panels available, which will help get the new students acquainted with the college." According to Bly, "The new students will go with peer mentors during the event so that they can see the key locations on campus."

Bly said that "with the enrollment increases it is important for

students to get a good start." She hopes that interacting and meeting with students from other schools will help them persist and continue on with their educations.

There will be a free barbeque lunch from noon to 1 p.m. for all of the students and their parents. According to Bly, there are 342 students and 300 parents signed up so far.

# Opposition party needed

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ASOC officers, if they were not part of the new political group? And if the ASOC were in fact more akin to its own political party, then how many party members would jump ship to join a new, rival group? Would students interested in voting have to register on club days? Or would registration only matter if you wanted to run for an office? Or would this proposed new group take the form of a new club, or maybe even a new class?

Logistically, there are a plethora of questions that would have to be addressed before anything concrete could be done. But the simple truth is that people adore having choices.

People choose their brand of gas, their brand of car, of cigarette, of soda and computers. And of course, people easily pick their preferred political party. The stakes might not be as high as on the state or national level, but the act of taking part in something of importance to you is worth just as much.

# Dean of HR remains vacant

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The position of Human Resources Dean continues to remain vacant after the college declined to hire either of the finalists for the job.

Although representatives from the college committed a lot of time, dedication and effort in the most recent recruitment and selection process, the decision was reached that Ohlone will not to offer the position to either of the final candidates.

According to a recent Ohlone press release, the college recruitment process was able to generate approximately 55 completed application packets. However, there were only eight that had educational

human resources experience and training.

After conducting the interviews, the selection committee recommended two final candidates for consideration. Vice President of Administrative Services Mike Calegari, President Dr. Gari Browning, and Interim Dean of Human Resources Victor Collins participated in the the final interview process.

The press release also mentioned that based on the final interview and a review of background information of the finalists, a consensus was reached that the most appropriate action would be to review the position and administer a new recruitment instead of reviewing the applications that were not previously considered by the selection committee.

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- 5/6 - "Getting Ready to Transfer: The Final Year" Workshop
- 5/7 - Notre Dame De Namur Univ Info Table



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