Deaf Celebration Month draws back pride

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September has long been marked as Deaf Celebration Month. What started out as a Deaf Awareness week over time has increased to a month-long celebration.

“We also chose to call it Deaf Celebration Month as this is an opportunity to celebrate Deaf people, American Sign Language, Deaf culture and more,” said Genie Gertz, Ohlone’s dean of Deaf studies. “On top of everything happening this month, the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) has marked the International Day of Signed Language to take place during the end of September as well,” said Gertz.

Gertz talked about Ohlone students gathering in Sacramento Capitol on Sept. 20 to honor the Deaf community. The ASL celebration will be held at the northern side of the Capitol Building in Sacramento from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. According to the California Association of the Deaf, “This will be an exciting event to promote ASL with many guest speakers and entertainment. The ASL Celebration is held every two years and is attended by thousands of Deaf people and Deaf allies.”

“This (ASL celebration) will be considered a significant event for this month,” said Gertz.

Also this month, the International Day of Signed Languages will take place. The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) said that objectives of International Week of the Deaf was created with the vision of the public gaining greater understanding of the American Deaf and hard of hearing its culture and heritage, and to educate others about sign language and its importance as an essential human right.

Gertz also said that Ohlone College board of trustees had given proclamation of Deaf Studies division to acknowledge this month as Deaf Celebration Month at the Ohlone campus.

For more information about this event visit: http://www.cad1906.org.

State task force changes course repeatability

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As the deadline to implement the recommendations of the Statewide Student Success Task Force approaches, one of the biggest changes will be to Ohlone’s repetition and repeatability policy.

This change will directly affect music art theater and dance classes, according to Ohlone Vice President of Academic Affairs, Jim Wright.

The new changes will also place many music ensemble classes under the community education program. Under this program, the band ensembles will no longer be for credit classes.

According to Jeff O’Connell, community education classes cannot be run at a loss to the college.

The California Education Code requires that any community education classes cannot be operated at a loss to the college at all.

The new amendments have already begun to be implemented. Repetition is defined by Title V of the California Education Code that when a student enrolls into a course and receives a grade of C or better and then re-enrolls in the same course.

Substandard grades as defined in the education code as any grade below a C- in a letter-graded course and a no credit or no pass in credit no credit or pass fail type courses.

The new regulations come into effect Oct. 12, the limit for all classes will be three attempts to fix a substandard grade. When the new regulations come into effect Oct. 12, the limit for all classes will be three attempts to fix a substandard grade. Once a student receives an above-standard grade he or she will no longer be allowed to enroll in that course.

The new rules some exceptions will be made. Once a student has had three unsuccessful attempts at

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