GOOD NEWS FOR MARCH 9, 2011

The Environmental and Bio Sciences Programs and Waste Management Incorporated are in the early stages of a partnership to test and demonstrate Waste Management’s new Earth Care products. These products are 100% recycled, locally sourced, and produce compost and mulch. The students will be testing these products as part of their sustainable gardening project during the spring semester. The partnership will also incorporate the existing Newark Campus’ bay friendly landscape and will provide opportunities to test platforms for green roof gardens and the benefits of our onsite bioswale.

Ohlone is working more efficiently. The District processed 82 purchase requisitions in January and February and nearly 80% were created online using the Datatel’s WebAdvisor. The online process is more efficient, uses less paper and provides requisitioners with real-time information on the status of their requests.

And--We are now issuing W2 and 1098T forms electronically. This saved the district just over $10,000 in avoided printing and postage costs.

Deborah Lemon and her Spanish students held their third annual fashion show in the lobby of the Newark Center on February 23rd. The students record voice threads in Spanish which describe what they are wearing. Vicki Curtis and her ESL students are also active participants in this event. The ESL students listen to the descriptions in English and then judge the student models as they walk down the make shift runway.

The CNET program is offering the third workforce training for their Cisco Academy. The program is in partnership with Alameda County Workforce Investment Board and Ohlone’s Economic and Workforce Development Program.

The Rehabilitation Job Placement Circle Event was held March 4th at the Newark Center Campus. The event included 10 employers and 70 disabled participants. Each participant took part in three interviews for potential employment. The event was coordinated by our Workability III Program and Services staff.

Ohlone College received a $5000 grant from Toyota for “the difference they have made in addressing some of the most pressing needs of the Bay Area, despite the challenging economic times.” The grant is to be used for $500 scholarships, especially to assist former NUMMI employees with education expenses.

Students are applying for over $100,000 in spring scholarships through our electronic application system, STARS. This is a “world record” for Ohlone College.

There’s a lot more good news from Accountability Report for Community Colleges, which you will hear about later during Dean Mike Bowman’s report.