

## This Week at the District

### Congratulations, Golden West College!

Congratulations to Golden West College on being awarded a Title III grant for the Access 2 Success program. The program aims to increase the success, progression, degree completion and transfer rates of first-time and low-income college students. The project will provide highly structured pathways from basic skills to associate degree and/or transfer. The award of over \$2-million over a five-year period beginning October 1, was announced this week and Golden West won out in a very competitive process. Dean of Counseling, **David Baird** will serve as the project director. I hope you will join me in congratulating Golden West College on this major award and on a great program to help students achieve their academic goals.

### Clinton Global Initiative

I was honored to be a part of a panel at the 2013 Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting. This year's theme was "Mobilizing for Impact" and was hosted by former **President Bill Clinton** and his family. I was a part of a panel at the opening topic dinner. The panel was sponsored by the Gates Foundation and included **Jami Grindatto** of Intel and **Chelsea Clinton**, Vice Chair of the Clinton Global Initiative. It was an honor to be a part of the panel and to discuss issues related to "Majoring in Employment: Transforming Higher Education to Deliver a 21st Century Workforce." Several sessions are featured online at <http://www.clintonglobalinitiative.org/>. The panel dinner in which I participated included discussions on:

- Rapidly changing labor market requirements
- Economic adjustments, policy changes, technological advancements, and labor market shifts and their impact upon education and jobs
- College-to-labor market skills gaps
- Needs for higher education business models that can keep pace with changing economic, labor market, and workforce demands

Again, it was an honor to be included in such a prestigious and dynamic group. I was happy to represent Coast Colleges and hope that this was the beginning of great opportunities with the Clinton Global Initiative.

### PathForward

**Linda Denny**, President of the PathForward Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship visited the District today to present Activate. Activate is a proven program for entrepreneur training that was founded at

### Board Meeting Reminders

**October 2** – Regular Meeting

**October 16** – Study Session

**November 6** – Regular Meeting

### Chancellor's Schedule

#### *Week of September 30*

Monday – Wednesday  
HERDI Advisory Board  
Meeting, Seattle

Thursday – Friday  
ACT Foundation Meeting,  
Austin

University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Ms. Denny presented to Team Launchpad and was drawn to Coast because of the Launchpad Initiative. Team Launchpad asked great questions and provided insight as to the needs in our local area for such training. I am working with PathForward to see if there is a partnership opportunity to bring PathForward to the West Coast as a part of Coast Colleges. I will be providing a report to the Board in the near future.

### State of the District

Just a reminder that the State of District will take place on Friday, October 11 in the Board Room. The event is a luncheon and RSVPs are required. Please RSVP by emailing [kle@mail.cccd.edu](mailto:kle@mail.cccd.edu). I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

