

**This Week at the District**

**GWC Academic Senate Award Luncheon**

Trustee Jerry Patterson and Trustee Lorraine Prinsky joined me at the Academic Senate's Award Luncheon this week. The nominees for Teacher of the Year were acknowledged and I would like to congratulate **Maria Chovan, Sacha Moore, Konrad Stein, Victor Quiros, and Greg Wight** on being recognized and **Tom Hersh** for being selected as the Teacher of the year. As with many events at this time of year, it was a celebration of the excellent work that has been accomplished this year and a time to thank those that support our students.

**Board Meeting Reminders**

**June 20** - Regular Meeting & Budget Study Session

**July 18** - Regular Meeting

**August 1** - Regular Meeting & Study Session

**Commencement**



I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for attending the commencement ceremonies at both OCC and GWC. Each event marks the end of the academic year for us but it also marks the beginning of new journeys for our students. It is always a pleasure to see our students celebrate as they take steps toward their new paths and a reminder for each of us that what we do impacts and transforms lives and builds dreams. Congratulations to the all of the graduates at our Coast Colleges.

**Spotlight**

I am most pleased to let you know that Coastline Community College is the lead institution for the **Workforce Innovation<sup>5</sup> Consortium (Wi<sup>5</sup>)** grant application under the highly competitive Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grants Program. The application, which was submitted on Thursday, is for \$15 million over three years and brings together a host of colleges. In addition, the consortium is supported by numerous key businesses and employers in southern California. The application focuses on the industry-wide education and training needs of low-skilled to moderate-skilled displaced workers in the high demand occupational fields of Green Technology/Alternative Fuel Vehicles, Advanced Manufacturing/ Medical Devices, Aerospace & Defense, Construction Infrastructure, and Allied Health. The

Wi<sup>5</sup> project received one of three State Letters of Endorsement signed by officials from seven State agencies including the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the California Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

I would like to acknowledge and thank **Dr. Andreea Serban** for coordinating the participants in the consortium, **Dan Jones** and **Sallie Salinas** for their creative and hard work in developing concepts, overall framework and core content for the grant, **Dejah Swingle** for her effective support with the many partners involved in the project, and **Cheryl Dettrich**, the grant consultant, who helped put all pieces together and provided valuable advice. In addition, I would like to thank all consortium partners and supporting businesses and employers for their participation and collaboration in this huge effort. We hope our grant application receives funding!

### **District Student Council**

Last Friday the District Student Council held their final meeting of the year. I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to students. This year's student leaders came together to advocate locally and in Sacramento for issues that impact all of our students. I would especially like to acknowledge the leadership and efforts of **Student Trustee Joe Venegas**. **Student Trustee Venegas** has been the voice of the students in matters of policy and procedure and has represented them with dignity and integrity. Congratulations, **Joe** and thank you for your dedication.

### **iPad/Android Brown Bag Users Meeting**

This meeting was the second in a series of opportunities to bring our internal Coast family members together to have informal yet compelling discussions regarding technology tools and software. Leveraging personal interest with professional talents, this group is able to discuss new technologies and trends that we can be prepared to utilize at our colleges. We will continue to host these meetings along with our Launchpad Team meetings as they provide valuable professional development opportunities for all members.

### **Chancellor's Calendar**

#### **Week of May 28, 2012**

Monday  
Memorial Day

Tuesday - Friday  
NAFSA Conference,  
Houston

Sincerely,



The White House  
Office of the Vice President  
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## **Vice President Joe Biden, Dr. Jill Biden, and Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis Announce Availability of \$500 Million to Fund Partnerships Between Community Colleges and Businesses to Train Workers with Skills Employers Need**

*Announcement of new round of grants made at Davidson County Community College in Thomasville, North Carolina as part of Community College to Career tour*

**WASHINGTON** – Vice President Joe Biden, Dr. Jill Biden, and Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis today announced that the Administration is making another \$500 million available to create and expand innovative partnerships between community colleges and businesses to train workers with the skills employers need. This funding is part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Community College and Career Training grant program. The Administration is issuing the next Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) for this program today; community colleges can apply for these grants, and later this year, the Department of Labor, working with the Department of Education, will announce approximately \$500 million in new awards.

Today's announcement was made at Davidson County Community College in Thomasville, North Carolina, which is part of a consortium of nine North Carolina community colleges previously awarded \$18.8 million through the grant program to expand their training partnerships with local employers. The announcement comes on the final stop of Dr. Biden and Secretary Solis' Community College to Career bus tour. The five-state, three-day bus tour has focused on innovative programs at community colleges, in partnership with area employers, helping train students to meet local workforce needs.

"This new round of funding will help community colleges forge new partnerships with local businesses to train workers with the skills they need for jobs available right now," said Vice President Joe Biden. "I am proud to join Secretary Solis and my wife – a community college professor herself – on the final stop of the Community College to Career tour to announce this new round of support for these innovative training partnerships."

"Building a well-educated workforce is critical for the ongoing strengthening of our economy," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "This week's tour has been an extraordinary opportunity to meet students, educators and employers alike, highlighting how these grants bring community colleges and businesses together to give students the skills they need to compete for good jobs in growing industries."

"After hearing so many inspiring stories of successful community college career partnerships over the last few days on our bus tour, I am thrilled to join Joe and Secretary Solis to announce the kickoff of a new round of grants making to our community colleges to train workers with the skills they need for good jobs," said Dr. Jill Biden.

The resources provided by these grants will enable eligible institutions of higher education to partner with businesses to expand and improve education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less and are suited for TAA-eligible workers and other adults.

This program complements President Obama's broader agenda of helping every American have at least one year of post-secondary education and will help reach his goal of America having the highest proportion of college graduates in the world by 2020.

To be eligible to compete for funding under this round of grants, applicants must be institutions of higher education, as defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965, which offer programs that can be completed in not more than 2 years. By statute, the program is designed to ensure that every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, through their eligible institutions of higher education, will each receive at least \$2.5 million in grant awards.

The Department of Labor awarded approximately \$500 million in September 2011 in the first round of the program, announced in partnership with the Department of Education. A list of the original round of grants, organized by state, is available here: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20111409fs.htm>

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 amended the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act to authorize the TAA Community College and Career Training program. The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, signed by President Barack Obama on March 30, 2010, included \$2 billion over four years to fund this program.

More information about the TAA Community College and Career Training program can be found at [www.doleta.gov/taaccct](http://www.doleta.gov/taaccct). Prospective applicants are encouraged to view the online tutorial, "Grant Applications 101: A Plain English Guide to ETA Competitive Grants," available through Workforce3One at: [http://www.workforce3one.org/page/grants\\_toolkit](http://www.workforce3one.org/page/grants_toolkit). Prospective applicants can register on [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) to access the SGA. In addition, DOL posts grant information at [www.doleta.gov/grants](http://www.doleta.gov/grants).



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**NEWS**

**Coast Board Honors South Orange County Community College  
District Trustee Thomas Fuentes**

*Costa Mesa, Cal.* – Board President Jim Moreno sends his condolences to the family and friends of Thomas Fuentes. Moreno stated, “On behalf of Coast Colleges, I am saddened to hear of the loss of our fellow trustee, Tom Fuentes. He was a true statesman and whole-heartedly believed in the community college system.”

Thomas Fuentes was the first Hispanic in the history of the South Orange County Community College District to serve on its Board of Trustees. Moreno shared that “Mr. Fuentes was a great and well-respected leader. He was a strong supporter of the community college system as he was a community college graduate himself.”

At their special meeting today the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees will recognize Fuentes with a ceremonial adjournment in his honor.

Fuentes served on many community and national boards, including the Board of Advisors of the United States Elections Assistance Commission and the Board of Directors of the National Conservative Campaign Fund. Appointed by President George W. Bush, Fuentes served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation. Fuentes was the founding Chairman Emeritus of the Second Harvest Orange County Food Bank of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and he was a Knight of Malta.

Fuentes passed away at the age of 63 on May 18, 2012. He had been battling liver cancer. Fuentes is survived by his wife, Jolene; daughter Michelle; sons Thomas Jr. (T.J.) and Joey; brother Robert; and sister Martha Dempsey.

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*The Coast Community College District is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.*