

This Week at the District

Think Tank

I participated in a think tank event for A²MEND and California State University Fullerton's Center for Research on Educational Access and Leadership (C-REAL). Focused on minority males, the discussions concentrated on research that illustrates the necessity of working to improve completion and close racial gaps in California Community Colleges. I was honored to represent Coast at this event and look forward to bringing information back to our colleges to help with the attainment of our own completion goal of 60% completion rate by 2014.

Golden West College

Congratulations to **President Wes Bryan** and his staff on a successful community engagement breakfast. Over 40 local leaders, including the Mayor of Huntington Beach (**Don Hansen**) attended and provided input on their perceptions of Golden West and the needs of our community. The audience was engaged and thoughtful in their commentary and our **Board President Jim Moreno** participated in the event. While I was not able to attend this event, it is important that we continue to engage with our neighbors and civic partners to develop and leverage resources.

Scientia

The Presidents' Council was able to hear a product demonstration from Scientia, a European company that specializes in enterprise scheduling solutions. The presentation provided some information on automated dynamic scheduling for classes and resources. The program provides for preferences of faculty, facilities, students and programs and determines a best fit schedule. The program also provides data regarding scheduling and facility usage optimization. This is just one of many types of tools that may be helpful to us as we look to improve processes. I would like to thank **Dr. Dennis Harkins** for connecting the team with Scientia and the vice presidents, deans and scheduling teams that took the time to join us for the presentation.

Coast Enterprise

I would like to thank the Coast Enterprise Board for their support of our programs and services. This week the Coast Enterprise Board approved a request for \$200,000 for any advocacy related needs should our Board of Trustees determine that our District will move forward with a General Obligation Bond measure in November. The Enterprise also approved \$200,000 for establishment of a program for community education that would help us to provide needed services to our community. I will continue to provide updates on these initiatives.

Board Meeting Reminders

June 20 - Regular Meeting &
Budget Study Session

July 18 - Regular Meeting

August 1 - Regular Meeting &
Study Session

August 15 - Regular Meeting

California Diversity Council

This very busy week also provided an opportunity for me to attend the California Diversity Council Board Meeting. The California Diversity Council (CADC) is committed to fostering a learning environment for organizations to grow and leverage their knowledge of diversity. Following their recent Women in Leadership Symposium series held in May, the council focused its discussion on women's diversity issues such as leadership and career advancement. As we continue to explore and discuss these important issues, the Council's goal is to transform workplace communities into environments where people are valued for their uniqueness and differences, and are confident that their contributions matter to the organization.

Sincerely,

**Chancellor's Calendar****Week of June 18, 2012**

Monday - Friday
In the Office