

This Week at the District

Welcome Back!

Greetings and welcome back as we embark on what certainly will be a challenging year full of anticipation and hope. I continue to be encouraged by the dedication and commitment of our staff, faculty and board. The combined intellectual capital of the Coast District is more than sufficient to meet the vagaries of state budget and the fickle fingers of fate. We jointly are developing tools and solutions to problems not yet developed, learning the processes for manipulating technology that has yet to be invented and creating scenarios that provide us insight for alternative futures that we control. Let me again take this opportunity to thank all of you for what you've done, what you are doing, but most significantly, for what you are going to do in support of our students, community and each other.

Presidents' Strategic Planning Meeting

The college presidents and I held a planning session this week. We discussed strategies for moving forward toward shared goals. It was a productive session with open dialog about how we ensure that the future vision for Coast Colleges remains intact as we face budget challenges and an uncertain economy as well as accountability pressures from outside sources.

Board Presidents' Meeting

I was happy to present information about our District to a meeting of local school board presidents hosted by Trustee **Jim Moreno**. **Trustee Moreno** initially engaged the group in order to discuss common issues pertaining to education. The group now meets regularly and I am hopeful that by working together, we can leverage our collective voice in Sacramento for the benefit of all of education in Orange County. The guest presidents were very receptive to hearing about the programs and services that are available at our colleges and surprised to learn the number of students that start at their schools and end up at one of our campuses. It was a fruitful meeting and will definitely help us to strengthen our relationships with our local schools.

Black Chamber of Orange County Banquet

I would like to thank **Trustee Moreno** for attending the Black Chamber of Orange County event along with GWC's Vice President of Student Success **Faye McPhail-Naples** and District Public Affairs Director **Martha Parham**. The event honored veterans and business and provided funding for veteran services including scholarships. Coast Colleges were acknowledged for our continued support of veterans and active military.

Sincerely,



Board Meeting Reminders

September 5 - Regular Meeting

September 19 - Regular Meeting

October 3 - Regular Meeting

Chancellor's Calendar

Week of August 27, 2012

Monday - Friday
In the Office