

## This Week at the District

### Annual District-site Picnic

We were honored to have **Trustee Hornbuckle**, **Trustee Grant**, and **Trustee Moreno** join us, as their schedules allowed, for this year's event, which included the traditional croquet and H-O-R-S-E basketball games, complete with winning-team trophies, and a delicious lunch. The event is a great opportunity to enhance camaraderie and recognize staff for their contributions to Coast. This year's Employee of the Year nominees are: **Angela Bell**, **Jane Burton**, **Shannan Ellis-McCarthy**, **Nancy Hill**, **Paul Krikorian**, **Robert Maharaj**, **Anna Nibeel**, **Tracey Sanders**, and **Nancy Sprague**. Special congratulations to Employee of the Year: **Kahn Raddavong!**

### International Visitors

I had the opportunity to visit briefly with three "President Fellows" from China this week and provide them with information about our colleges and international student programs and to learn about their institutions and provinces. The presidents-to-be are currently spending the semester at UC Irvine.

### Academic Senate Presidents' Meeting

Academic Senate Presidents **Pedro Gutiérrez** and **Vesna Marcina** kindly gave of their time to meet with me on a variety of subjects. We discussed the importance of engaging in critical conversations about teaching and student learning, and we considered the impact of massive open online courses (MOOCs) to the educational environment. It was an engaging dialogue.

### GWC Chefs for Scholarships

Congratulations to GWC's **Margie Bunten** for coordinating another successful Chefs for Scholarship event. It is rewarding to support a cause that raises money for student scholarships in such a creative and tasty way. **Trustee Moreno** and **Trustee Prinsky** enjoyed the festivities along with me and many others.

### Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy

Coast hosted System Office Vice Chancellor **Van Ton-Quinlivan** and Acting Chancellor **Erik Skinner** in a regional town-hall meeting for community college leaders, faculty and staff to learn about the Vice Chancellor's strategic framework entitled, "Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy." It was good to have this time with our System Office leaders to talk about workforce development issues. Thank you to all Board of Trustees' members for attending and participating. I am proud that Coast was able to be a leader in the discussion of such an important topic. Congratulations to **Dr. Andreea Serban** and **Jennifer Kochanski** for organizing this successful event.

Sincerely,



### Board Meeting Reminders

**October 3** - Regular Meeting

**October 17** - Study Session

**November 7** - Regular Meeting

### Chancellor's Calendar

**Week of October 1, 2012**

Monday - Wednesday  
In the Office

Thursday - Friday  
Conference, Costa Mesa