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Dear Barbara,

We're well into Spring Semester 2010 and the campus is bustling. Construction projects are moving along and productivity is at an all-time high. We have many great things happening and we don't want to leave you out. Find out all about it!

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New Developments

New Teacher Prep Learning Community Gets Started

Funded by the Career Advancement Academy grant, the TPLC offers a fully contextualized program of study (12 -13 units) centered around an education class that introduces students to teaching as a profession. Simultaneously, the TPLC helps students increase proficiency in reading, writing and math. Additionally, students participate in a series of seminars on student success skills.

Eligible students are enrolled in two - three classes of which Education 40 is mandatory. Other classes in the block include TPLC sections of English 90 and Math 25 or Math 30. The grant funds tuition, books and lunch costs for students.

Partnership with the Center for Urban Education (CUE)



In October of 2009, LMC launched a partnership with the Center for Urban Education (CUE) to implement the CUE Equity Model.

The CUE Equity Model is a learning and decision-making approach that fosters data-based inquiry to inform institutions about their effectiveness in producing equitable outcomes for students of color. The 15-month process engages a team of campus representatives to: 1) analyze data within four perspectives, or Vital Signs: Academic Pathways, Retention, Transfer Readiness, and Excellence; 2) identify areas for further investigation using diverse data collection tools; 3) develop goals and measures for improvement; 4) share findings and recommendations with the campus community.



The LMC Evidence Team members include: Rosa Armendáriz, Tawny Beal, Karl Debro, Peter Garcia, Christina Goff, Blas Guerrero, Joellen Hiltbrand, Erlinda Jones, Richard Livingston, Alkilah Moore, Humberto Sale, Annica Soto, Laura Subia, Michael Valdez, and Delishawn Woolridge.

Over the course of this semester, the LMC team will be reviewing the four Vital Signs to identify gaps in student outcomes, with special attention on the experience of Basic Skills students and the transition to General Education. You can look for updates on the team's progress in future e-news or the Office of Institutional Research INSIGHTS newsletter.

For more information on CUE or the Equity Model, go to: www.usc.edu/CUE. If you have any specific questions about the work at LMC, contact the team leads: Rosa Armendariz, Karl Debro, Peter Garcia, or Joellen Hiltbrand.

Upcoming Events



Designing Take-Home Writing Assignments: From Objectives to Assessment

Please hold the date for a professional development opportunity co-sponsored by the AVID Program, General Education Committee, English Department, The CORE, Office of Instruction, and the IDEA Committee:

Designing Take-Home Writing Assignments: From Objectives to Assessment

A workshop presented by Ann M. Johns, PhD Professor Emerita, San Diego State University

Date: March 4, 2009 Time: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Location: SCI-136

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

While the workshop is targeted toward faculty at both LMC and some of our local feeder schools, the entire campus community is welcome. Several of us have participated in her workshops on college readiness and freshman seminars and highly recommend it! Dr. Johns is engaging, knowledgeable and inspiring.

PTEC To Host Open House and National Conference

The PTEC Program will hold an open house at LMC on Tuesday, April 27th, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

During the same week, from April 28th-30th, PTEC and the LMC Foundation will be co-hosting the 8th Annual Pacific Process Technology Alliance Technical Trainers Conference at the Concord Hilton.

This conference will highlight the unique needs of industry and education and the partnerships these needs create. The event will focus on how to best serve industry, educational partners and PTEC students through the continuing education of their teachers/trainers along with the sharing of best practices will be the focus of this event.

For more information, [click here](#).

LMC and Our Community

LMC's MESA Students Visit Lawrence Livermore National Labs

MESA is thriving at LMC! A recent fieldtrip to LLNL was written up in their newsletter:

Giving promising students a seat at the table

Students from the MESA program, accompanied by LLNL staff, stopped at the National Ignition Facility for a tour during their visit to the Lab last week.

A group of students from Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) visited the Lab last week for tours of the National Ignition Facility, the Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry and the National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center. The visiting undergraduate students are currently majoring in engineering or science, and hail from colleges



throughout California, including University of California, Santa Cruz; California State University, Chico; Los Medanos College; University of the Pacific; and San Jose State University.

"This was the MESA students' first visit to the Laboratory and their chance to see some of the science and engineering disciplines they eventually might want to enter," said Steve Grey, LLNL's American Indian Program manager. The Laboratory is building a strong relationship with the program and recently attended their annual leadership conference.

MESA is a nationally recognized, innovative program that encourages educationally disadvantaged students to prepare for and graduate from a four-year college or university with a math-based degree in areas such as engineering, the sciences, computer science and mathematics. MESA partners with all segments of California higher education as well as K-12 institutions. Through MESA, students develop academic and leadership skills, increase educational performance and gain confidence in their ability to compete professionally. MESA has particular interest in students from those groups with the lowest numbers advancing to four-year and graduate level programs. MESA has been named one of the most innovative public programs in the country by Innovations in American Government, a project of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Ford Foundation.

"MESA organizations in two other states along with California are looking at forging a regional partnership that could include the DOE national laboratories," Grey said.

The Director's Office of Strategic Diversity and the Lab's American Indian programs hosted the visit. Written by Linda Lucchetti

CCC Culinary Program's Pittsburg Restaurant Now Open

If you haven't had an opportunity yet, make sure to take a lunch break or dinner at Restaurant 615, right in our own area: 615 Railroad Ave in downtown Pittsburg.

You may say - wait, CCC's in San Pablo - yes, you're right, but they have expanded to accommodate East County folks who want to explore their culinary potential.

So if you're up for a real treat, mosey on down to [Restaurant 615](#) - you'll be glad you did!

CERT Class Completes Training

In January, a new District CERT class graduated, including two people from LMC: student worker Reiko Kubota and Brentwood Center math lab coordinator Carol Love. There are now 15 of our LMC comrades ready and trained to assist



in an emergency.

Recent Accomplishments

Men's Basketball Season Ends Friday Night

Three recent wins; overtime at Mendocino, blowout of Merritt at LMC, and the sweet, revengeful blasting of Napa Valley at home improved the Mustang's Bay Valley Conference record to 13-1 and a tie for first place. The league championship was then determined Wednesday evening - unfortunately Yuba College beat LMC thus we came close, but won't be going to the Northern California Conference finals. We end our regular season on Friday, Feb 19 at home against Solano.



Ty "Three" Murray (Deer Valley) & Joe Simpson (Pittsburg) have been team leaders all season offensively and defensively. Our big guys, Corey Douglas (Castlemont) & Wes Hanspard (Oakland Tech) have continued to improve and lead us in rebounds and blocked shots. Eric Brown (Las Lomas) improved dramatically in all areas. Our bench players contributed on a regular basis and have always been "in the game" even while not on the court. This is a compliment to Coach Domenichelli and his staff. Bravo for a job well done!

Brentwood News

Brentwood Center Project in the News!

The following was published by the Brentwood Press:

College's Brentwood plans moving ahead

written by Ruth Roberts

The City of Brentwood has given the green light to Los Medanos College to pursue a land swap with a group of local developers for the construction of a permanent education campus on a 15-acre site near Marsh Creek Road.

As part of the deal, the Contra Costa County Community College District will trade its 38-acres in the former Cowell Ranch location with Brentwood Commercial Partners, LLC, for 15 acres of developable land north of the same spot. Since the proposed new site is in the Vineyards Pioneer subdivision, the college will pay \$1.6 million to the city to satisfy the affordable-housing requirements.

"The college's current Brentwood site on Sand Creek Road will be absorbed into the new location. We are very, very excited," said LMC President Peter Garcia. "We are just packed into our current center and have just finished our third expansion. We definitely are looking for a

place to grow."

The new satellite campus will include, among other features, labs, classrooms and counseling offices, but will not provide for athletic fields or a performing arts center such as those at the main Pittsburg campus.

Aside from the obvious benefits to LMC, as well as Brentwood Commercial Partners, the establishment of a permanent college site is also a financial boon to the city. "There is, of course, great potential for economic rewards for Brentwood in terms of the jobs it brings to the community," said Brentwood Economic Development Director Casey McCann. "And the spin-off effect is that you have several hundreds of people coming to town and spending their money on supplies and food."

"Having Los Medanos here in Brentwood has already been a true benefit to the community, and when the district told us last year that they needed a permanent site that their current location was not going to meet their long-term needs everyone at the city made it a top priority to help."

The college's selection of the Brentwood site was the result of a lengthy search for appropriate properties in East County that could accommodate the district's requirements. The college district received 17 proposals for sites in Brentwood, Oakley, Antioch and surrounding unincorporated areas.

"We believed this location was the best for our needs and we think this is a great opportunity for the college and the community," said Garcia. "We look forward to the process going through."

Garcia added that he hopes to put the new property in escrow some time this summer pending the permit and application process and an evaluation of the existing Environmental Impact Report (EIR). EIRs were previously done on both properties, but whether the anticipated environmental impacts are consistent with the proposed switches has yet to be determined. If they are not compatible, further studies might be required.

Regardless, said McCann, the move will be beneficial.

We will see how it (EIR process) goes, but either way it is an exciting development for the city to have LMC commit to their future here with us, and we look forward to working with them.

Employee Update

Welcome and Adieu!

A few new faces have joined us as of late. When you have a moment, stop by and introduce yourselves.

A few familiar faces have decided to move onto a new phase in life. A giant THANK YOU for a job well done, for your years of commitment and dedication, for making this an amazing place

to work and teach, and for creating opportunities for our students to make their career and educational dreams come true. Congratulations and bravo!

New Managers

- Michael Becker, Technology Services Manager (promotion from DVC)
- Jeffrey Benford, Academic/Student Services Manager - EOPS (promotion)

New Full-time Faculty

- William Cruz, Manufacturing/Industrial Technology Assistant Professor

New Classified Employees

- Jamila Brown, Financial Aid Assistant II
- Allison Carlson, Math Lab Coordinator, regular classified from classified hourly
- Hamed Shahram, Science Lab Tech II (supporting Astronomy, Physics, Engineering and Environmental Science)

Recently Retired or Retiring Soon

- Diane Jorgensen (Admin of Justice 12/09)
- Dorrie Fisher (Counseling 12/09)
- Jim Taylor (Building & Grounds 4/10)
- Kathy Willett (Biology 5/10)
- Olga Arenivar (Speech 5/10)
- Madeline Puccioni (Speech 5/10)
- Andy Ochoa (Welding 5/10)

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