



City College
Mesa College
Miramar College
Continuing
Education

San Diego Community College District

WE *with excellence*

October 2010

It's All About Patience, Perseverance and Pride

With San Diego's employment hovering between 10 and 11 percent, and over 10,000 San Diegans unable to enroll in at least one class for the past four semesters, programs which equip students with skills that are needed for jobs in expanding and emerging careers are much in demand. The colleges and Continuing Education campuses of the SDCCD have stepped up to the administration's call to establish these kinds of short-term career preparation programs.

Continued on page 3.



From top, left: City College Information Technology professor Rose LaMuraglia and Business Communications professor Leroy Brady with student.



Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.
Chancellor, SDCCD

Chancellor's Message



WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES

On Tuesday, October 5, I had the honor of being part of a truly historic event affecting our segment of higher education: the White House Summit on Community Colleges. In order to emphasize the role and importance of community colleges in addressing the challenges and problems of 21st century America, President Barack Obama lent the full attention of the Administration to a future agenda for the nation's two-year institutions in an unprecedented summit that brought together 150 people from across the nation for a daylong discussion.

The group was both diverse and knowledgeable, representing varied interests and geographical regions.

The summit chair was Dr. Jill Biden, a community college educator and the wife of Vice President Joe Biden. President Obama opened the summit calling upon community colleges to assist the Administration in reaching a number of goals that are critical to America's economy, workforce development, and services to a diverse population. The President's intention is to utilize community colleges in "the goal of having the best educated, most competitive workforce in the world by the end of the year 2020"...especially since "nearly eight in ten new jobs will require higher education or workforce training."

Dr. Biden summarized the support that would be provided in impressive terms. "In the coming months, we (the Administration) will announce the first \$500 million of a \$2 billion, four-year investment in community colleges authorized by Congress and signed into law on March 30th. This federal investment will support new state-of-the-art education, training and skills development programs to help Americans re-enter the job market." This investment also includes recent efforts to improve and expand federal financial aid for students.

The opening plenary session was followed by six smaller breakout sessions focusing on the following topics:

- **Pathways to Baccalaureate**
- **Affordability: Financial Aid to Community College Students**



President Barack Obama with Dr. Jill Biden addresses participants at the White House Summit on Community Colleges.

- **The Importance of Community Colleges to Veterans and Military Families**
- **Increasing Community College Completion**
- **Community Colleges in the 21st Century**
- **Industry-Community College Partnerships**

Reports from the breakout sessions were followed by a reception in the Blair House hosted by Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden, during which Dr. Biden reminded us that she was a professor and that we now had homework to do. Personally, I welcome that prospect and realize that our work is just beginning as we follow up on the day's discussions and form working groups at our own institutions, states, and regions.

The White House Summit on Community Colleges was truly a remarkable experience. ♦

Link to the White House Summit on Community Colleges:
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/communitycollege>.

It's All About Patience, Perseverance and Pride... Continued from cover.

The “Excellence through Pride: IT Business Training Project” at San Diego City College is representative of the rapid engagement of district faculty to meet the challenge.

“What you are doing is wonderful!”

U.S. Congresswoman Susan Davis on a recent visit to San Diego City College.

This non-traditional certificate program is the brainchild of Information Technology professor Rose LaMuraglia and Business Communications professor Leroy Brady who have teamed up to extend their reach into the lives of 49 students.

Giving up time with their families and friends during the Thanksgiving holidays, they created a tightly integrated, intensive 28-week program that melds business communication skills with network web technology development.

The discipline demanded of students is closer to a nonsense military boot camp regime. Yet, these City College students are learning challenging intellectual skills and half way through the program, only one student has dropped out.

According to Rose, “The certificate is a foundational tool to get a job with a set of skills students can use tomorrow.”

“We help students confront their demons. They may be drugs, alcohol, homelessness, abuse, or any number of other things that hold students back,” Leroy added.

Helping a young man transition from prison to acquiring the skills to land a full-time IT job at UCSD is one of many in a long list of successes for this duo.

The IT Business Training Project, a rich mix of the four generations of diverse students at City College, also provides for some interesting differences among students. Older students tend to excel in the Business Communication area while younger students more quickly adapt to the demands of web development. Individuals in both groups mentor others across generational and cultural differences providing a high level of group cohesion and support.

Why do Leroy and Rose like what they do?

“That’s easy,” Rose said, “I like helping people.” Rose seems to be a combination of a mother and a drill sergeant. Tough love comes to mind.

Leroy is decidedly more overtly emotional in his expression. His eyes became glassy as he recounted all the many things that students achieve that make him feel good.

A special sensitivity also extends to the homeless. With the supportive and approving nods of Rose in the background, Leroy shared the story of Sebastian (real name withheld), a homeless young man on the streets of San Diego who stayed at the St. Vincent DePaul shelter and who wanted help in going to college. In Leroy, he found someone who cared about him for the first time in many years.

Sebastian figured out that he needed a computer to be a successful student. So, after scouring trash cans in the downtown area, he found a broken laptop and used donated parts to get the computer working. It was all he needed. Sebastian’s story is one of stumbling along the way with Leroy there to help him up each time he fell. Today, Sebastian is standing on his own feet - as a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

These kinds of student successes are what Rose and Leroy live for at City College. This is what animates them, refreshes their commitment, and constantly confirms that the energy they contribute is critical to their program’s success. In a very real way, their students benefit from a situation akin to good parenting. One plus one doesn’t equal two. It equals three.

Indeed. ♦



Information Technology professor Rose LaMuraglia (center) with students.

SKILLS ACQUIRED – IT BUSINESS TRAINING PROJECT

Write a top quality resume using MS Word’s template

Basic use of top Microsoft Office programs

Create VENN diagrams and project flow charts

Compose a written presentation

Integrate VENN diagrams, flow charts, and written content into a PowerPoint presentation

MS Security+ Certification

Partial MCTS Certification

Install and Configure Windows Client leading to MCT Certification

Basics of giving oral presentations

Basics of office politics and survival

Patience with self and re-enforcing perseverance against the odds



Terrence J. Burgess, Ph.D.
President
San Diego City College



Career Tech Center A WINNER



For City College students and faculty, moving into the new Career Technology Center was like winning the lottery and being paid in square footage.

Planned as a new gateway to the downtown college, the recently completed five-story, 88,000 square foot Career Technology Center (CTC) is home to the cosmetology school, awarded nearly four times more space than it recently had; the nursing program, which nearly doubled in size; and the photography and digital arts department that grew almost sevenfold.

Students and faculty also hit the parking jackpot because the CTC came equipped with a 10-story parking structure with 694 spaces, including 33 for high fuel-efficient vehicles.

Plus, the police station is more than double the square footage than its old headquarters.

The \$69.2 million LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold-certified facility, at 16th and B Streets, allows each department to expand its program and increase the number of students served.

Cosmetology Chair Sylvia Leon noted that the CTC “allows us to expand our products and retailing for services and clients, along with the opportunity to accept more students.” Open to the public for hair and skin care services, the 60-year-old cosmetology program introduced a new Esthetician curriculum this fall and will allow a 30 percent enrollment increase, from 125 to 175 students.

For Nursing Director Deborah Berg, the most exciting addition to her department is that six classrooms are designed to simulate a hospital setting. And once funding is provided the building’s advanced technology, new equipment and additional space will allow the nearly 40-year-old nursing program to double its current capacity of 160 students.

Photography Professor David Eichinger said the best thing about moving to the new CTC, “We aren’t crammed into our old sardine can any longer.”

Tucked away for decades inside cramped, dark quarters within the oldest building on campus, the Photography and Digital Arts Department is spread out on two floors with enough rooms to offer multiple classes simultaneously. Also, the department has its own floor-to-ceiling glass enclosed gallery for showcasing the work of current students, graduates, faculty and other artists.

With new Mac computers, digital and film cameras, studio lighting equipment, 66 enlarger stations, dark rooms and studios, a number of new courses are being added. ♦



Elizabeth Armstrong
Interim President
San Diego Mesa College

Mesa

Taking it to the

STREETS

When it comes to teaching, Mesa College faculty know no boundaries...

Like every other fall, students filled the classroom, considered by most to be the heart of academic instruction. Perhaps.

Mesa faculty routinely break out of classroom confines and into the streets, the community and beyond to enrich and enhance the learning experience.

Some don't have to go far. Professor Pamela Chapman takes future landscape architects on tours throughout Mesa's lush campus grounds and local parks, explaining to her garden design class how to group and pair plants to achieve a range of aesthetic, architectural and engineering functions.

Biologists Bill Brothers and Leslie Seiger, geologist Don Barrie and their students simply meander down a trail into adjacent Tecolote Canyon, where a living, natural history laboratory awaits.

Frequently, faculty take their laboratories into the community, sharing their love of knowledge and passion for their professions. Maybe you saw Professor Rob Fremland at the San Diego County Fair this summer? He's there every year, making children laugh and showing that chemistry can be way cool, dude.

Or did you sample the Tasso Ham Cream Pasta at the recent Gator By the Bay Crawfish and Blues Festival? That was dished up by Professor Michael Fitzgerald and his talented culinary student crew.

Perhaps you contemplated art at the Body Narratives exhibition at the NTC Promenade In Point Loma? Professor and Museum Studies Director Alessandra Moctezuma has literally moved student-produced museum art exhibits out of the Mesa College Art Gallery and into various community locales.

"This makes for better learning experiences for the students, not to

mention more (art) shows in San Diego," blogged art critic Richard Gleaves on ArtasAuthority.com.

Saeid Eidgahy agrees. He is Dean of Mesa's School of Mathematics and Sciences, where community outreach and education are ingrained in the curricula. From the county fair to elementary school visits, science fairs, festivals and competitions, Mesa's math and science faculty average more than 100 outreach activities each year.

Since the inception of the San Diego Science Festival two years ago, the college has been a major participant. Last spring, Anthropology Professor Madeleine Hinkes, with assistance from her human skeleton, explained human anatomy to fascinated festival-goers. Nearby was Behavioral Psychology Professor Jaye Van Kirk, who demonstrated puzzling mind tricks to a captive audience. And, of course, there was Physical Science Professor Jerry Schad, using the ever-popular Van de Graaff generator to literally set everyone's hair on end.

"It's not just the students who benefit from educational outreach," says Dean Eidgahy. "Faculty return to the classroom excited and fresh with new ideas and experiences to share...and best of all we connect with and give back to the communities we serve." ♦

Anthropology Professor Madeleine Hinkes greets a young San Diego Science Festival attendee.





Patricia Hsieh, Ed.D.
President
San Diego Miramar College



GLOBALIZING MIRAMAR COLLEGE

Miramar College President Patricia Hsieh's educational travels to Brazil, China and Russia produced relationships with educators and government officials that could result in partnerships, faculty exchanges and other programs benefiting Miramar.

The international relationship building was made possible by the several hats worn by the native of Taiwan: American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) board member, Fulbright Scholar grantee, San Diego North Chamber of Commerce board member and, of course, college president.

Under Dr. Hsieh's leadership, Miramar College was selected two years ago as one of five community colleges to participate in the U.S./Brazil Partnership Initiative, funded by AACC, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the State Department and the American Council on Education.

Through the Initiative, Miramar hosted several Brazilian college professors, while Hsieh and recently retired Miramar Dean Dick Bettendorf toured Brazil's vocational college centers to identify programs for possible faculty exchange.

Last summer, four Brazilian community college educators participated in the 12-day Annual Life Science Summer Institute at Miramar College's Southern California Biotechnology Center.

A year ago, the first cohort of Chinese college presidents visited Miramar College for two weeks of community college investigation as an activity of the U.S./China Vocational Education Leadership Training Program.

Most recently, President Hsieh spent 14 fruitful days in Russia as a Fulbright grantee. Accompanied by five other grantees, the Fulbright-funded journey began with a visit to the Russian Ministry of Education in Moscow for an overview of Russia's three levels of higher education – two-year vocational schools, four-year universities and postgraduate study.

In whirlwind fashion, Hsieh visited 25 educational institutions, including ten institutes that focused on vocational training.

Paired with an interpreter, the duo headed to the Republic of Tatarstan, one of the most highly developed republics of the Russian Federation. In the capital city of Kazan, in west-central Russia on the Volga River, Hsieh met an educator who had established the World College of the Republic of Tatarstan in 1996. Today, it operates much like contract education within the San Diego Community College District.

Donning her AACC hat, Hsieh met with Tatarstan Vice Minister of Education and Science Andrey Pominov, who was interested in faculty exchange and international training modeled after the U.S./China Vocational Education Leadership Training Program.

In conversations with Kazan Chamber of Commerce representatives, Hsieh learned of their interest in building "sister city" relations, industry partnerships and increasing tourism.

Kazan provided more than educational insight. Hsieh was intrigued by the similarities with her homeland, particularly cuisine. "Russians drink tea, like Chinese," she said. "And I was quite surprised to see sachima offered as snack. I recall the Chinese sweet pastry as a child."

Back home, Hsieh is promoting international relations at Miramar College and the San Diego North Chamber. "Through my travels, it has become increasingly evident that we are connected globally by shared visions of the future, a desire to learn from each other and to leverage resources, and an appreciation for our diverse cultures." ♦



Hsieh attended the Kazan Higher Education Fair where she was accompanied by a "Best Teacher" finalist (in gray suit, center) who demonstrates her teaching and learning outcomes by having students wear self-made traditional Russian and Tatar dresses.



Anthony E. Beebe, Ed.D.
President
San Diego Continuing Education

Continuing Education

TRAINING THE NETWORKING TRAINERS

Continuing Education (CE) is now one of only 20 Cisco regional academies in the state. As a regional academy, CE will offer training and support to instructors from any eligible local Cisco academy.

Local academies from K-12 school systems, public adult education, public higher education institutions and private nonprofit organizations such as Coleman and National Universities are eligible to join CE's region.

"The 12-year legacy supports the commitment of CE instruction," said John Bierke, Cisco Area Academy Administrator. "It's important for instructors to feel they are connected to a group, and Continuing Education will be the foundation for that sense of community."

In addition to having more than a decade of commitment to the program, and being able to access some of the most experienced instructors in the industry, the new expansion at the Educational Cultural Complex (ECC) made Continuing Education stand out as a candidate for a regional academy.

Formerly a local academy, Continuing Education has offered Cisco training since 1998 through short-term job training/certificate programs at three of its campuses in San Diego. Approximately 600 students have completed the training and received Cisco Certified Network Associate certification, which is globally recognized for creating career pathways leading to jobs as network installers, specialists and administrators.

Simply put, Cisco technology connects computers to computers to form networks for large and small businesses, as well as for telephone and air conditioning systems.

At the ECC Skills Center, "the technology is cutting edge and so is the environment," said Karen Stanton, a Cisco

representative from the California Regional Consortium for Engineering Advances and Technological Education. "The new facility is equipped with a lab specifically designed with racks, routers, and switches that enable essential classroom instruction and hands-on learning."

At a May open house, CE hosted representatives from the San Diego Unified and Sweetwater Union High School Districts, and Cuyamaca, Imperial Valley, Southwestern, and MiraCosta community colleges. Institutions were invited to the Educational Cultural Complex to see the first-class facility and meet the CE training team and administrators. Representatives from the U.S. Navy, and Coleman and National Universities also attended.

The collaboration with Cisco is a great example of building community partnerships to maximize resources, said CE Vice President of Instruction and Student Services Brian Ellison. "Our goal is to build pathways for students."

When instructors need training, the regional academy serves as the professional, quality place to learn new curriculum, sharpen old skills and learn marketing tactics to recruit students. During training, instructors develop a spirit of collaboration to foster new ideas for a stronger academic program.

"If one academy has strength in one area, but a weakness in another, that can be fixed," Stanton noted. When each academy becomes stronger, the entire region becomes stronger." ♦



Continuing Education Cisco Instructor Don Aragon with students.



Accomplishments & Achievements

KUDOS

5th Annual Book Fair Filled With Mind Candy



Dramatizations, music, book signings, film screenings, panel discussions and, of course, lots of books, awaited attendees of the Fifth Annual City College International Book Fair, September 24 - October 2.

The book fair reaches out to national and international authors and artists, in addition to promoting local writers and booksellers.

This year, featured authors included Rae Armantrout, a 2010 Pulitzer Prize winner for her most recent book of poetry, *Versed*, which also won the Critics Circle Award. Best-selling New England novelist Danzy Senna promoted her memoir, *Where Did You Sleep Last Night*.

City College faculty whose works were featured include **Laurel Corona**, **Justin Akers-Chacon**, **Laura Castañeda** and Book Fair co-founders **Jim Miller** and **Kelly Mayhew**.

Free and open to the public, the book fair opened with a 7 p.m. Friday, September 24, reading, dramatization, concert and book signing at the Saville Theatre. Professor Corona and Chancellor **Constance Carroll** were featured.

Poet Armantrout, followed by authors Forrest Hylton and Senna, offered readings and book signings on the last afternoon of the fair. ♦

I.T. HISTORY IS MADE

As of July 1, after more than 30 years of contracting with SunGard Higher Education for Information Technology (IT) services, the District established its own fully-staffed IT department, a move that is expected to save the District \$1 million annually in operating expenses while providing improved service.

“The District is very proud of this important organizational change, particularly since many organizations have been considering ‘out-sourcing’ as a possible way to save money, the District has chosen to ‘in-source,’” Vice Chancellor **Lynn Neault** stated.

For many of the 64-member IT staff, the change has been relatively seamless because they have been working at the many District sites for more than ten years, under the SunGard contract.

“With California community college budgets diminishing over the past three years,” IT Director **Kent Keyser** said, “the timing was perfect to make this change. It will help us build a stronger working relationship with the campus technology support departments and deliver even better service to our students, faculty and staff.” ♦

DESIGNS ON INSTRUCTION

Mesa College Architecture Professors **Ian Kay** and **Carl Strona** reported that students in their department took top honors in all categories of the 2010 San Diego Lumbermen/American Institute of Architecture Design Competition.

The students completed the project as part of their community service requirements, under the architecture degree program. This year, the design was for a fire station in Kensington. Matthew Man Ho took first place, second place went to Navid Jahromi and Kaitlyn Adriance placed third. Honorable mention went to Michael Haegguist and Gonzalo Botello.

Elsewhere on campus, design students have been involved in the landscaping of college’s new Design Center, scheduled to open this fall. A team of interior design students were challenged to redesign the executive staff offices – without a budget. ♦

KUDOS

Accomplishments & Achievements

SDCCD Officers to the Rescue



SDCCD Police Officers (from left) Victor Bocaya, Mark Green, Jason Stone, Nancy Schumaker were honored recently at a Board of Trustees meeting.

Four SDCCD Police Officers were honored by the Board of Trustees as heroes for coming to the aid of a woman in distress at City College.

Officers **Victor Bocaya**, **Mark Green**, **Nancy Schumaker** and **Jason Stone** received a standing ovation at the August 19 Board of Trustees meeting.

At 10:10 p.m. on August 10, campus police in the vicinity of Park Boulevard and “B” streets heard a woman screaming near the west end of the “M” Building. At the same time, officers saw a male running north from the scene. While one officer went to the aid of the victim, the second officer chased the male suspect north across the front lawn. A third college police officer, on a traffic stop near Park and Russ boulevards, spotted the suspect and detained him until other officers arrived.

The injured victim, a 29-year-old female, was transported to UCSD Medical Center and treated for minor injuries.

College police turned over the suspect, a 25-year-old homeless man, to San Diego Police. He was arrested on suspicion of assault, attempted rape and violating parole, according to news reports.

“Their teamwork resulted in the apprehension of a dangerous individual and prevented further harm to the victim,” SDCCD Police Chief **Charlie Hogquist** stated. “This case is indicative of our officers’ professionalism and dedication to serving the District.” ♦

SUCCESS IS CLASSIFIED

The Mesa College 2010 Classified Staff Professional and Interpersonal Development Conference trained 188 participants during a recent two-day conference – its largest attendance ever.

This annual event has become a cornerstone practice of staff development at Mesa. The conference includes workshops, lectures, team-building exercises and training for classified employees. Unique in the District, the Classified Staff Development Committee is entirely responsible for developing conference content, scheduling, operations and evaluation.

In a nutshell, this program allows classified staff to receive targeted training and development in areas that they themselves have identified as high priority. Body and mind wellness was this year’s theme. Because the program is held on campus, resources and the number of classified staff that actually benefit from the program are maximized.

A conference highlight was the announcement of the 2010 Mesa College Unsung Hero Award, which recognizes civic



From left, Art Gallery Assistant Pat Vine with Caterina Palestini.

engagement and volunteerism. This year the award was given to **Pat Vine**, Mesa College Art Gallery Assistant.

For nearly 20 years, and on her own time, Pat Vine has raised funds and served as curator of exhibits for students – ranging from running a café to sand castle building to cheese carving to the India Street ArtWalk. On the job, she’s graciously hosted art gallery exhibits and receptions every year for 20 years, as well as promoting gallery events to the community and news media. ♦

KUDOS

Accomplishments & Achievements

NATIONAL ONLINE TEACHING CONFERENCE DRAWS 785

SDCCD Instructional Services & Planning recently hosted a national conference for college, high school and middle school faculty and staff engaged in online instruction and student services.

The 2010 Online Teaching Conference (OTC) drew 785 participants, including 519 that attended via the Internet. The 11th annual OTC was held this summer at City College.

Students, instructors and staff from high school through college met with a common purpose – to enhance and

personalize online teaching and learning with new approaches, tools and techniques.

Among the highlights was a panel of online students who stressed the importance of instructor feedback and communication and who envision major growth in online learning.

Chancellor **Constance Carroll** stated, “The conference was indeed impressive. It was good to see City College and our District in the national leadership role on this. Kudos to (District ISP Dean) **Andrea Henne** for her excellent work.”

Henne, Dean of Online and Distributed Learning, coordinated the conference, a collaborative effort among several statewide agencies and funded by the state Chancellor’s Office and CUE (Computer Using Educators) to promote the use of technology.

West City Campus Professor **Claudia Tornsauffer** said the conference “was an incredible opportunity to see many interesting new course concepts successfully implemented. It certainly inspired my vision for my own online music courses!”

City College Professor **Gwyn Enright** reported that sessions by District Online Learning Pathways instructors **Kathryn Palacios** and **Dave Giberson**, as well as Dean Henne, “were especially strong because they addressed current interests, including available free online tools to incorporate into classes; systematic information gathering and decision making about currently available Course Management Systems; and how to offer solid online support with just a few staff members.” ♦



Online instruction panelists from left are a Pacific View Charter School seventh grader, online learning coach Elizabeth Hall and a Connections Academy sixth-grader.

\$851,216 TECH GRANT GOES TO CITY

City College was the only California community college recently awarded an \$851,216 state grant to train students in software management and computer networking.

“City College is honored to have been chosen as one of only five California organizations – and the only college – to receive funding from the Governor,” President **Terrence Burgess** stated. “Our selection is a testament to our widely recognized excellence in providing quality career technical education for our community.”

The California Employment Development Department (EDD) monies will be used to train 75 City College students over a three-year period. The goal is to train San Diegans in high-demand occupations, focusing on the unemployed and under-skilled.

Software management and computer networking are high-paying jobs in demand, Dr. Burgess noted. ♦



KUDOS

Accomplishments & Achievements

Police Station/Parking Structure Construction Underway

On July 14, the San Diego Community College District broke ground at Miramar College for a \$17.8 million parking structure and police station.

With its green roof and vertical living wall, the project will improve public safety and provide more than 816 parking spaces on four levels. Completion is expected in summer 2011.

A green roof surface with vegetation will help insulate the building from intense temperatures and heat gain. Studies show that green roofs can reduce summer energy demands by up to 75 percent. The project also utilizes a solar chimney as a way to improve the natural ventilation of the building.

The complex is designed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council requirements to be certified as LEED Platinum. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

The project is made possible by Proposition N, the 2006 capital construction bond measure approved by voters. ♦



Outstanding!

2010 Outstanding Classified Employees of the Year are (from left): **Brenda Sturkey** (22 years, Continuing Education administrative technician); **Joy G. Alvarez** (five years, SDCCD Police Department senior clerical assistant); **Jose Cabral** (19 years, Mesa College mailroom clerk); **Awana Payne** (11 years, City College EOPS senior clerical assistant); and **Yolanda Castillejos** (five years, Miramar College LRC A/V instructional lab technician). ♦

we

with excellence

Published by the
**San Diego
Community College District**
**Office of Public Information
& Government Relations**
619-388-6500 • www.sdccd.edu

Executive Editor: Richard Dittbenner

Editor: Mary Lee

Text Coordinator: John Nunes

Graphic Design: Cesar Gumapas

Contributions from:
City College Communications Services
Mesa College Communications Services
Miramar College Communications Services
Continuing Education Communications Services

The San Diego Community College District is governed by its Board of Trustees. No oral or written representation is binding on the San Diego Community College District without the express written approval of the Board of Trustees.

PUNCHING HER DREAMS

Miramar College Senior Office Manager Annette DeLozier is dancing her way across the globe. The Miramar graduate and former Mesa student was selected as a 2010 cast member of hip-hop dance troupe Afta Shock.

DeLozier is set to perform in Ottawa, Canada this fall on a national stage in the Choreographer's Showcase.

Afta Shock is affiliated with Culture Shock, a non-profit hip-hop dance troupe, founded in 1993 by Mesa adjunct instructor/ Nike dance trainer Angie Bunch.

DeLozier has completed two associate degrees at Miramar. She plans to continue her education and aspires to teach dance at Miramar. She studied dance at both Mesa and Miramar.

Culture Shock, dedicated to cutting-edge entertainment and outreach to diverse communities, has grown from its home location of San Diego to cities across the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Annette DeLozier (far right) with the hip-hop dance troupe Afta Shock.

CONGRESSWOMAN DAVIS VISITS CITY & MESA WITH JOB TRAINING AGENDA

On the first day of fall semester classes, Congresswoman Susan Davis spent the morning visiting Mesa and City colleges.

The Congresswoman initiated the visit to learn about job training programs offered at the colleges.

At Mesa, Davis toured the Allied Health Educational Training Facility. She met with Interim President **Elizabeth Armstrong** and Vice Presidents **Tim McGrath** and **Barbara Kavalier**, Dean **Margie Fritch** and Allied Health Professor and Department Chair **Chris Kinney**.

At City, she met with President **Terry Burgess**, Vice Presidents **Mary Benard** and **Peter White**, Computer & Information Science Professor **Rose LaMuraglia** and Business Professor **Leroy Brady**, co-writers of a recently received \$851,216 job training grant. ♦

Congresswoman Susan Davis (center) with Mesa College students.