Daniel Abbott Presents at National Datatel Convention

When you attend the annual Datatel Users’ Group National Conference and Expo, it is easy to get lost among the 1,700 attendees. The recent three-day conference in Washington D.C. welcomed participants from 359 higher education institutions representing more than 2.6 million students. That did not stop District Office Director of Administrative Information Systems’ Daniel Abbott from standing out among the crowd with his presentation.

Abbott was selected to present how the District portal is being used by the Admissions Office to provide targeted information to students. He later learned his presentation was recorded by Datatel and is being promoted in their new “Directions” online newsletter.

“I did receive a lot of recognition from my peers for getting my presentation selected for the online newsletter,” says Abbott. “What I’m most proud of is getting kudos for using the tool as it was designed. Not only does the portal communicate effectively with our students, it also provides another platform for our departments to collaborate with each other.”

Here is the link to the Datatel online newsletter that features Daniel’s presentation: http://gw1.vtrenz.net/?O94O38HYC6:C7T5S9ER21=ssID:100755857,email:lks@datatel.com.

Click on the video screen featuring Daniel, and launch the video that is being watched nationally as one way Datatel software is helping higher education institutions improve their business processes.
Districtwide Service Recognition Awards

On Wednesday, May 4, 2011, the District held the annual Districtwide Service Recognition event at DVC’s Trophy Room. Led by Governing Board President John T. Nejedly, awardees were congratulated by other Governing Board members for their contribution to the District, and reaching the milestones of 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service.

20-years of service:
Front row: Stephanie Alves, Bill Jason, Ed Trujillo, Kathleen Costa, Helen Benjamin, Michele Krup
Back Row: Pamela Hawkins, Linda Boyd, Teri Fournier, Jessica Barksdale, Nanette Guinez, Ellen Kruse, Helen Kalkstein, Bill Fracisco
Not pictured: Garen Avanessian, Tselane Caldwell, Bruce Cutler, Lupe Dannels, Paul Guess, Jacqueline Halm, Deya Brashears Hill, Durwynne Hsieh, Catherine Jester, Judith Klein-Flynn, Viviane LaMothe, Catherine Machalinski, Randy Martin, Rodney Raumer, Leticia Rodrigues, Ronald Rusay, Nader Sharkes, Juanita Shimada, Mark Steidel, Christopher Tarp, McKinley Williams, Hedy Wong

25-years of service:
(left to right) Mary Rock-Brosius, Helen Kow, Tom Mowry, Gary Budd
Not pictured: Paul Bernhardt, Susan Browne, Don Kaiper, Patricia Leitner, Sharen McLean, Joseph Morgado, Lois Yamakoshi

30-years of service:
Nancy Ybarra, Paul DeBolt, NancyRyanen-Grant
Not pictured: Kay Armendaraz, Cheri Etheredge, John Morocco, Maryanne Werner-McCullough

35-years of service:
Elaine Rehr (left), Lorraine Biles (right)

40-years of service:
Richard Risbrough (center)

Helping out Thais Kishi (3rd from left) at the Brentwood 10th Anniversary celebration were members of the local Rotaract Club: (left to right) Faith McCauley, Joaquin Ramos, Yolanda Garcia, Errick Earl, Natasha Sternberger, and Ezra Dinwanbor.

Brentwood’s 10th Anniversary Celebration

The purple balloons draping the entrance to the Brentwood Center helped to create a welcoming atmosphere as Los Medanos College held a celebration on May 10, 2011, highlighting ten years of serving students in this community.

Brentwood Mayor Robert Taylor attended the event and spoke of the importance of having a college in their community. He also vowed to continue supporting Los Medanos College in building a permanent facility at the Vineyards at Marsh Creek location. Plans are being finalized to build an 84,000 square foot campus in two phases at this new location.

“This was a wonderful opportunity to thank all the people in Brentwood who have really supported us over the years,” says interim LMC president Richard Livingston. “As we move towards having a permanent facility in Brentwood, it is comforting to know that they understand and appreciate having quality and affordable higher education in their own community.”
At their May 10, 2011, meeting, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors recognized six classified employees statewide who exemplified the highest level of commitment to professionalism and community colleges. LMC’s Lead Admissions and Records Assistant Stephanie Alves was honored as a 2011 Classified Employees of the Year Award winner.

She was chosen for her knowledge of policies, procedures and regulations, and for exhibiting a high level of professionalism in her approach to the college and the students during her 20 years with the District. Stephanie was also praised for promoting teamwork and communication, insisting that every employee’s opinion is voiced and acknowledged.

“Stephanie is an outstanding employee and I’m so fortunate to work with her,” says Robin Armour, her supervisor and Director of Admissions & Records. “When we recently made the announcement of this statewide award at a college-wide meeting, she received a standing ovation. That tells you how much she is appreciated at LMC.”

“It was an overwhelming experience to receive the award in Sacramento in front of the Board of Governors,” says Alves. “I really believe in what we are doing here, and I am truly blessed to be working with so many wonderful people here at LMC.”

LMC’s Stephanie Alves (second from the left) accepts the statewide award from Foundation for California Community Colleges’ Christopher Joyce (left), Board of Governor Tanna Thoma, Chancellor Jack Scott, and Board of Governor Scott Himelstein.
This is the time of year when we experience one of the great joys of working at a community college. It is graduation time, and students who came to us just a few years ago with hopes and dreams, are now moving on with their lives with certificates and degrees that exemplify student success.

Faculty, classified and managers all can take some credit for this accomplishment, but for many of our students their journey has just begun. The Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund (Fund) annually awards scholarships to some of our graduates, students who overcome amazing challenges in the hopes of using education as a building block for success. Over the past 42 years of offering scholarships to deserving students, the Fund has awarded over $3 million to almost 600 students.

This year, the following 23 District students each received a two-year, $8,000 scholarship, to help them successfully transfer to a four-year college or university.

For more information on the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund, visit their website at: http://www.kennedyking.org.

Kennedy-King Scholarship Awards

**Board Report**

To review highlights of the special May 10, 2011, Governing Board meeting, click on the link below:
http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/May2010,%202011.pdf

To review highlights of the regular May 25, 2011, Governing Board meeting, click on the link below:
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CCC Gabriela Alva
CCC Angel Asante
CCC Rickena (Kena) Bates
CCC Adrian Cortes
CCC Carlos Gonzalez
CCC Ruth Lopez
CCC Walter Orellana
CCC Dexter Pitre
CCC Maritza Salinas
CCC Ronda Sharp
CCC Adrienne Warmsley
DVC Anthoy DeLuna
DVC David Ramirez Rios
DVC Jessica Watts
DVC Yani Webster
LMC Daisy Curiel
LMC Ashleigh Findley
LMC Morma Guido
LMC Donald Lang
LMC Michael Lashore
LMC Christine Merin
LMC Toi Nichelle Mickle
LMC Linda Riley