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Jeffrey Michels Honored with FACCC Award



United Faculty president **Jeffrey Michels** received the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges' (FACCC) "Full-Time Faculty of the Year" Award at their 2010 Advocacy and Policy conference last month. The award is presented to a full-time faculty member who exemplifies FACCC's mission of advocacy at the campus or district level. FACCC has a comparable recognition for a part-time faculty member.

"Our Board of Governors was unanimous in its selection of Jeffrey Michels for this award due to his passion for engaging all segments of the campus community in advocacy activities," says FACCC executive director Jonathan Lightman. "He was particularly cited for organizing campus lunches featuring political candidates and representatives of different ballot propositions. Jeffrey is an outstanding organizer who understands how to ignite civic participation, particularly voter participation. He recognizes that community colleges will never maximize their potential until all segments of the campus environment regularly votes."



UF president **Jeffrey Michels** had plenty of company from the District when he accepted his Full Time Faculty of the Year award. Joining Jeffrey in Sacramento were (l-r) Chancellor **Helen Benjamin**, DVC's **Emily Stone**, Student Trustee Christina Cannon, CCC's **Richard Akers**, CCC's **Rudy Zeller**, Jeffrey Michels, DVC's **Glenn Appell**, DVC's **Bruce Koller**, CCC's **Dionne Perez**, LMC's **Nancy Bachmann**, CCC's **McKinley Williams**, DVC's **Deborah Dahl-Shanks**, and DVC's **Katrina Keating**.

FACCC also recognizes Jeffrey's outstanding leadership of the United Faculty and his dedication to informing all strata of the campus community -- faculty, students, trustees, administrators, and staff -- of the interplay between federal, state and local issues.

Emeritus College Continues to Serve Older Adults



Attentive Emeritus College students at the first day of "Women in American History" class at the Rossmoor site.

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Emeritus College, a DVC fee-based program staffed by two part-timers and a host of volunteers, has been providing educational classes to the adult community interested in non-credit, short-term, affordable classes for over 19 years. Over time, the program expanded to various locations throughout the county and has grown from two classes to 140 classes being offered this spring semester.

Recently, the program overcame a big change when the Walnut Creek site was closed and the Emeritus office was relocated to the DVC campus. So far, the closure has not had a significant negative impact on their enrollment.

“We won’t know for another month or so what impact might be attributable to the Walnut Creek closure, but we hope our students will follow us to the Rossmoor or JFK sites,” explains **Jo Mele**, Emeritus College executive director. “Emeritus provides a wonderful opportunity for older adults, particularly the elderly that cannot commit to an entire semester of classes, to participate in short term classes and fun activities. It is comforting for them to know there’s a group they can relate to - a type of peer learning and social environment.”

For more information on the Emeritus College, visit their website at www.dvc.edu/emmeritus or call (925) 685-1230, extension 2388.

PeopleAdmin Goes Live



The Contra Costa Community College District is now using PeopleAdmin as their new web-based recruitment tracking system. The new system is designed to simplify the employment process for job seekers and address the recruitment needs of the colleges for classified and management positions. Discussions are ongoing to include faculty hiring in the future.

Some of the major system improvements for job applicants follow.

- Create their application file during multiple sessions. This improvement will mean that applicants can complete and save some parts of the application file and return at a later time to complete the full application.
- Provide more space in the fields to respond to supplemental questions and submit a number of document attachments to the online employment application.
- Search and apply for job postings in one centralized place on our website. Regular job opportunities, voluntary transfer requests, out of class assignments, interim assignments and temporary job openings will be posted on the PeopleAdmin job link.

Brown bag sessions at the colleges and District Office are being held to instruct internal applicants on how to use our new system. You can access PeopleAdmin from the District website at www.4cd.edu or go directly to the url: www.4cdcareers.net.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact your assigned human resource representative:

- CCC: **Linda Armistead** x4208
- DVC: (Classified hiring) **Coleen Lento** x2520 or (Management hiring) **Julie Catalano** x2344
- LMC: **Kathy Griffin** x3108
- District Office: **Jan Boulingui** x1202

8th CERT CLASS COMPLETED

The Contra Costa Community College District Police Services Department graduated its 8th Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class on January 14, 2010.

Hosted at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, the course follows Federal Emergency Management Agency standards to provide citizens with training that helps them prepare for and effectively assist during emergencies and disasters.

CERT provides training in:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Fire Safety and Suppression
- Light Search and Rescue
- Disaster Medical Operations (Triage and Treatment of Life-Threatening Emergencies)
- Disaster Medical Operations (Assessment, Treatment, and Hygiene)
- Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism



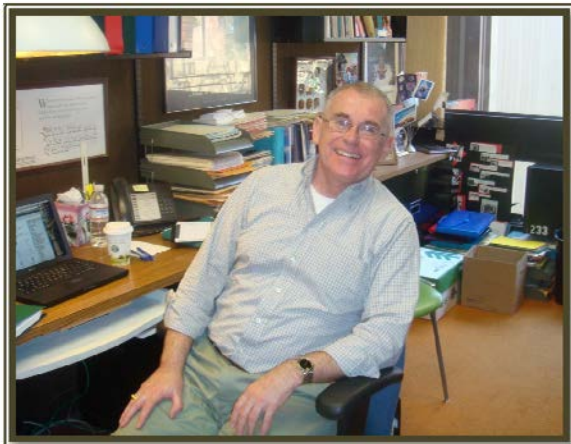
Twenty-five District employees completed the recent training, with managers, faculty, staff, and student employees representing all six of the District's campuses and facilities.

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Akers, Richard	CCC	House, Valerie	DVC
Baclayon, Keola	SRC	Howe, Thomas	DVC
Boulingui, Jan	DO	Ingersol, Cathy	DVC
Christensen, John	CCC	Izquierdo, Isabel	DVC
Castellanos, Jose	DVC	Kubota, Reiko	LMC
DeLoach, Marva	DVC	Love, Carol	Brentwood
Durai, Kappu	DVC	Martinez, Marianne	DVC
Evilsizer, Gregory	DO	May, Melissa	DVC
Flaggs, Jackie	DO	Robbins, Linda	DVC
Gruber, Gena	DVC	Sanchez, Eric	CCC
Hetherington, Jean	DVC	Wapner, Donna	DVC
Hewitt, Barbara	DVC	Williams, Mark	CCC
Holt, Thomas	LMC		

CERT training was first established in 2006 and has provided potentially life-saving training to 150 employees throughout the District.

An Advocate for Teaching at Community Colleges



Not many of us get the opportunity to write for a national online publication on what it takes to teach at a community college, but DVC English instructor **Tom Hurley** got that chance when *Inside Higher Ed* contacted him recently. He agreed to write two articles: first, *The Two Year Option*-an article outlining reasons an educator would choose to teach on the 2-year level and second, *Hiring at 2-Year Colleges*-an article describing the process of faculty hiring at a community college.

Tom serves on the Executive Committee of the Association of Departments of English (ADE), a group affiliated with the Modern Language Association of America (MLA). He gave earlier versions of these two articles during ADE-sponsored sessions for new Ph.D. candidates in English at the December 2009 MLA convention.

“When asked to do this, I was excited for the opportunity to write and have fun. Community colleges do not get the respect we deserve and this was a favorable moment for me to give attention to the community college system,” shared Professor Hurley.

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Tom made a career shift from a 4-year institution to the community college system fifteen years ago. With almost 40 years of teaching experience, Tom was able to lend advice to prospective 2-year instructors including “know what a community college is about, and learn the mission.”

While most comments on the articles were supportive, some readers argued that in the current budgetary crisis and lack of employment opportunities, there was no need for articles of this type. Tom acknowledges that criticism but still points out that some schools around the country are hiring. He also feels he is helping prepare those who are interested for when the job market changes.

To read Tom Hurley’s articles, click the links below:

<http://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2010/01/15/hurley>

<http://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2010/01/13/hurley>

Introducing New District Employees

Please welcome the following new employees who were approved by the Governing Board in February.

Location	Name	Title
LMC	William Cruz	Industrial Technology
CCC	Jason Curtis	Police Services Officer

February 2010 Board Report

To review highlights of the February 24, 2010 Governing Board meeting, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/February%2024,%202010.pdf

February 2010 Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the February 2010 Chancellor’s Cabinet meetings, click on the link below:

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