Report To The Community

Opening Doors • Changing Lives • Improving Communities

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President’s Message

I take great pride in the amount of progress we make each year. Thanks to our wonderful supporters and top-notch staff that help turn dreams into reality, 2016 was another exceptional year for Cerro Coso. It is my pleasure to share with you some of our great accomplishments in this year’s Report to the Community.

Our dedicated staff, faculty, and administration are committed to delivering quality services and education to our students that open doors, change lives, and improve the communities we serve. Our hard work to increase student outcomes led to Cerro Coso Community College receiving the designation of a “Leader College” by the Achieving the Dream National Network in 2016. Only 5 colleges received the designation that year.

Our achievements include expanding programs and services at all of our campuses, implementing new technologies, advancing equity initiatives; reinstating and developing our athletic offerings, executing strategies and grants to reduce costs to students, and passage of Measure J to meet our facility and conservation goals. While these endeavors are necessary in achieving our vision to be the college of first choice for education, workforce training, partnerships, and economic development; commitment is also key in providing support for that vision. Cerro Coso Community College is an excellent institution of higher learning because we all work together toward that vision.

Throughout this document, you will read about our “commitment” to the future, through planning and assessment, excellence and opportunity, and the communities that support our important mission. As you read through our 2016 Report to the Community, I hope you get a better understanding of why I am so proud of the great progress we continue to make at Cerro Coso Community College.

Looking ahead, I am excited to continue the work of putting our students first, embracing an innovative spirit, and transforming the communities in our service area. Cerro Coso is fortunate to have a network of dedicated supporters whose contributions are fundamental to the work of the college. We thank the many readers who contributed to the college’s wellbeing, and we hope that you find here evidence that your gifts were well-stewarded and that you are encouraged to continue your valuable support.

We are proud of the accomplishments recorded in the following pages, but our work is never done. We look forward to continued partnerships with all of our friends and supporters that make our achievements possible.

Jill Board, President

Mission

The mission of Cerro Coso Community College is to provide tailored programs and equitable services to the students in the communities and rural areas we serve. We demonstrate a conscious effort to produce and support student success and achievement through traditional and distance delivery.

To accomplish this mission we will provide:

- Degrees and certificates in transfer and career technical education,
- Remedial instruction,
- Comprehensive support services,
- Learning opportunities that develop ethical and effective citizenry, and
- Continuing education that is compatible with the institution’s primary mission.

Values Statement

The Values at Cerro Coso Community College provide the foundation for all student, academic, and community activities.

**Educate** We are committed to student’s learning and achievement.

**Innovate** We encourage individual and collective creativity in a rapidly changing world.

**Inspire** We model a culture of life-long learning.

**Serve** We celebrate the diversity of each individual: student, staff, and faculty.

We strive to deliver equitable services to all students at all sites.

We foster community partnerships and the relationships we build with them.
College Alive with the Sounds of “Pomp and Circumstance”

Commencement represents the culmination of a student’s academic achievement. It is a time of celebration and reflection for students, families, faculty, and staff. It brings together a diverse community to share in the joy of accomplished goals. “You are our inspiration and our motivation and we couldn’t be more proud of what you have achieved here at Cerro Coso Community College,” said President Jill Board to the graduates at two separate commencement ceremonies.

ESCC Student Speakers (l to r) Ryan Foulke, Roxanna Garcia, and Tsiuvvu Dewey.

Class of 2016 Student Speakers (l to r): Hannah Small (Ridgecrest campus), Abigail Hartman (KRV campus), and Nolan Havig (Ridgecrest campus).

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SGCC Hosts Student Leadership Conference

The Student Government of Cerro Coso (SGCC) hosted the first district-wide Student Leadership Conference at the Ridgecrest Campus in January. All three Student Governments, representing the three colleges within the Kern Community College District (KCCD), participated in the two-day event. Workshops provided student government officers with the means to expand their individual and group leadership potentials, as well as with the avenues to apply those skills for broader student advocacy within KCCD, local, and state-wide initiatives.

Heads down, thumbs up. Student leaders from all three colleges within KCCD participate in a team building exercise with a common goal “solving a murder” at the Student Leadership Conference at Cerro Coso.
The SGCC held their annual Student Awards Ceremony on April 28, 2016, in the Gymnasium. Designed to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Cerro Coso students, faculty, and staff, the event is a time honored tradition to celebrate and bid adieu to graduating students. The following awards were presented:

**President’s Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards**
- Jacqueline L. Boyd
- Sherri I. Boydstun
- Megan Budlong
- Juliana M. Burns
- Hanna M. Burr Nyberg
- Chance B. English
- Adeline Ennis
- Ryan A. Foulke
- Mariela Germain
- Raymond A. Hackleman
- Jeffrey L. Hamaker
- Jenna B. Havig
- Nolan S. Havig
- Diana Love
- Kyle A. Maas
- Mitchell M. Metz
- Ashley L. Nielson
- Savannah B. Piepmeier
- Dustin G. Pikington
- Michaela L. Platt
- Ryan L. Richard
- Jared J. Saulique
- Hannah M. Small
- Timothy G. Stephro
- Korinne E. Sullivan
- Theodore B. Valdez
- Kayla J. Voigt
- Michaela L. Platt

**CCCC Foundation Athletic/Academic Award**
- Miranda N. Brater, Women’s Volleyball

**All-California Academic Team**
- Nolan S. Havig
- Hannah M. Small

**Department Awards**
- Business & Info Tech: Debra A. Anderson
- Child Development: Janis Kunz
- English: Alejandro Tellez-Cruz
- Human Services: Loraine L. Goggin
- Industrial Arts: Israel R. Rivera
- Kinesiology: Shantaal Y. Hernandez
- Mathematics: Timothy G. Stephro
- Public Services: Jenna B. Havig
- Science & Engineering: Kristiana Ogilvie
- Social Sciences: Jenna B. Havig
- Visual & Performing Arts: Diana Love

**Site Student of the Year**
- Eastern Sierra College Center: Michael Walecke
- East Kern Center: Jesus Rivera
- Kern River Valley Campus: Michelle A. Lundberg

**SGCC Awards for Teaching Excellence**
- Full-Time Faculty: Matthew Jones
- Adjunct Faculty: Jorge Martin
- Online Faculty: Matthew Hightower

**Staff Awards**
- Classified Senate: Jennifer Marshall

Professor Matt Jones received the Full-Time Faculty award from SGCC President Kurtis Williams.

Students Helping Students

Students in David Villicana’s welding class assisted in making two steel doors that will be placed on wheels for use by students in Jarrod Bowen’s Modular Law Enforcement Academy. The doors will be used on the firing range for cover, simulating an officer’s patrol car doors. True leadership lies in guiding others to success.

**Honor Society Earns 7 Regional Awards**

The Beta Kappa Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa earned seven regional awards presented at the Nevada/California Regional Convention on April 1-3 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Beta Kappa Chi received Regional Awards for: Honors in Action, Theme 2; Reactivated Chapter; Distinguished Honors in Action Project; Regional Certificates of Achievements for: Completion of Regional Project Founders Day, Completion of Regional Project Honors in Action, Completion of Regional Project Make a Difference, and Five Star Level Chapter. Additionally, Chapter President Nolan Havig received individual awards for: 2015 Alpha Sigma Alpha Distinguished Scholar Award, and 2015 Outstanding Chapter Officer Award 3rd Place.

Chapter Officers (l to r) Hannah Small, Trent Francis, Megan Budlong, Gloria Middleton, and Nolan Havig display the certificates and plaques they received on behalf of the chapter’s hard work this past academic year.

Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring!
Phi Theta Kappa Inducts New Members

The Beta Kappa Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Cerro Coso Community College (CCCC) held an induction ceremony to welcome new members on Friday, April 22, at the Ridgecrest Campus. PTK serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership, and service program. To be invited to join Phi Theta Kappa, students must have completed at least 12 hours of course work and have earned a GPA of at least 3.50. Cerro Coso students inducted into the Beta Kappa Chi Chapter include:

Shannon Amerine
Hailee Andrew-Vuono
Matthew Babb
Jasara Bates
Allie Behm
Scott Benedettini
Carlo Blair
David Blair
Jonathan Blair
Marilyn Boadt
Grecia Bonazles
Alexis Boske
Shaun Bott
Britney Brown
Alysha Carrington
Leslie Carter
Christina Cauldwell
Cynthia Cavenagh
Minerva Ceja
Malina Chavez
Loralynn Chrostowski
Brandon Chung
Logan Clark
Loraine Coggin
Collette Coolidge
Griffin Covert
Alexandra Credico
Bailey Crocol
Jenna Daugherty
Bertha De La Garza
Josh Dibble
Krisi Dibble
Christine Dochterman
Stephen Dorrell
Scott Flinn
Diana Forbes
Ryan Fouikle
Fiona Fuller
Angelica Gabaldon
Laura Gannon
Jacqueline Gorelick
Hermann Grove
Diane Hale
Owen Hall
Cristina Hardwick
Clare Hatter
Shantaal Hernandez
Jessica Hiatt
Ruthie Hill
Kelsey Hire
Celena Hunter
Melissa Hurtado
Marti Jaramillo
Cindy Jewett
Mackenzie Jimenez
Melissa Johnson
Sorena Jorgensen
Kevalin Joshi
Anita Keller
Amie Kerlin
Ashley Knobel
Jans Kunz
Vanessa Lasquade
Monique Lopez
Mark Loren
Maryssa Mather
Amy Minzlaff
Marish Molenkamp
Louellen Monte
Brianna Moore
Robert Moore
Helle Murphree
Deidre Neh
Chalice Neipp
Emily Nunn
Jonathan Ogivie
Janefrances Onukogu
Saira Palacios
Rieko Parker
Nydia Payton
Dustin Pilkington
Shawn Prescott
Frances Ramsey
Mary Richardson
Claire Ritchey
Leta Robinson
Vanessa Romero
Annika Ross
Holy Rossi
Sohoaordra Ry
Antonio Salinas
Lindsey Savage
Yasmine Sayegh
Ragen Schallack
Helga Schmidt
Elaine Schuchman
Nancybeth Schultz
Jennifer Senesombath
Joseph Sevilla
Hieu Simms
Carol Smith
Donna Smith
Shane Smith
Kristhomas Snyder
Launa Strickland
Corinne Sullivan
Joshua Sutton
Wade Tanksley
Angela Teslaa
Kevin Thompson
Theodore Valdez
Kenneth Vailance, Jr
Albert Vanluven
Alexa Varela
Eric Warda
Kim Webb
Andrew Whitcomb
Joshua Winslow
Kirstie Wittendorfer
Jared Woolrdige
Jasmine-Marie Young
Katherine Zajicek
Elizabeth Zimmerman

9,285 Certificates and Degrees conferred since 1973

Shining Stars Across California - Cerro Coso students and Phi Theta Kappa officers Hannah Small and Nolan Havig were named to the 2016 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team. Hannah and Nolan are among the 76 California students chosen to represent some of the best of the two million students enrolled in California’s 113 community colleges.
2016 Activities in Review

- Hypertension Awareness
- Valentine’s Bash
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Thirsty Thursdays
- Breakfast/Lunch Welcome Back
- College Night
- Choir Performance “A Touch of Class”
- Band Concert “Across the Ponds”
- Gallery Show – Voice of the Earth
- ESCC Raku Facts and Fun
- Coyote Slams - All Campuses
- Bishop Drawing Classes Explore Local Art
- Star Wars Under the Stars
- Welcome Back Week Activities
- Constitution Day
- College Heights Area Clean-Up
- Popcorn Sharing
- ESCC Midterm Potlucks
- Kathy Buckley Empowering Change
- Veterans Appreciation
- Band Concert “Suite Francaise”
- Great California ShakeOut
- Choir Performs “Peaceful Spirituals”
- Google Calendar: 20 Ways to Stay Organized in College
- Mad Skills: How to be a Successful College Student
- 10 Steps to a Federal Job Workshop
- Job Hunting Workshop
- 10 Ways the Library Can Boost Your Success
- CSU Long Beach Engineering at Cerro Coso
- Coffee with ESCC Director
- Become a Gmail Jedi: Tips and Tricks to Master Your College Email
- Variables & Variations: Hints for Math & Science Courses
- Discover CSU Bakersfield Field Trip
- GED Math Workshop
- Research Papers Made Easy
- CCCC Night
- Science Writing Workshop
- Picture This! Using Online Images Ethically
- Spring Writing Contest
- Using Google Chrome to Maximize Online Efficiency
- Resume Writing Workshop
- GED Writing Workshop
- Information Literacy/Competency at CCCC
- Smooth Operations: Incorporating Quotes in Writing
- Spring Fling
- Google Like a Librarian
- Dress for Success Workshop
- Spring Awards Luncheon
- Pre-finals Coffee & Donuts
- Hall of Fame & Community Dinner
- Midnight Madness Grass Volleyball Tournament

Brown Receives Coca-Cola Leader of Promise Scholarship

Student Britney Brown was awarded the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship through Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two year colleges. Brown (16) is a high school student concurrently enrolled in classes at Cerro Coso’s Ridgecrest/IWV campus. She will graduate from high school in December and is currently undecided on a major. An accomplished musician, Brown enjoys acting in the theater and recently performed a leading role in the Ridgecrest Musical Enrichment Society’s production of Little Women: The Broadway Musical. Sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, the scholarship is designed to provide new members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled at a two-year college. Up to 200 scholarships of $1,000 each are awarded nationally every year based on applications submitted by members. Congratulations Britney!

Rivera Outstanding Student for East Kern Center

A veteran of the Marine Corps, Jesus Rivera was stationed at China Lake as part of the AV-8B Harrier Program and has moved on to Lockheed Martin to work in their F-35 Program. In 2009, Rivera began taking classes to pursue an Electrical Engineering Degree with Cerro Coso. In May he graduated with two Associates degrees, Engineering and General Science (Physics emphasis), and three Liberal Arts degrees: Math & Science, Arts & Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences, for a total of five degrees. Rivera maintained a high level of completion at 102 classes with a GPA of 3.75 and plans to transfer to the Cal State Long Beach University Center in the Antelope Valley. Rivera was named Outstanding Student for the East Kern Center for his work ethic, commitment, and dedication in completing his classes.

Congratulations Britney!
Students Tour NASA Lab

Five students from Bruce Nagy’s ENGR C230 Circuit Analysis class received a special tour of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena that focuses on flight electronics for satellites that are designed to last for decades and survive the hazards of space. “It was great seeing scientists passionate about their work,” said student Jeff Reyes. CCCC engineering students spend most of their free time solving problems so when they eventually get to work at places like JPL or NAWCWD, they are able to solve the “real” problems, taking next steps toward advancing state-of-the-art technology using techniques, ingenuity, and insights gained and honed in classrooms and hands-on labs. “By far, one of the best presentations of any scientific background that I ever had,” said student Jacob Brannon.

Students Present at Research Conference

Cerro Coso was strongly represented at the annual Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Student Research Conference held at the University of California, Irvine, in March. Three Cerro Coso students, all members of Phi Theta Kappa and the Honors Program, presented their research at this year’s conference. Mentored by Chemistry Professor Dr. John Stenger-Smith, Nancybeth Schultz’s project, titled “Using BLUPs to Estimate Quality Traits in Processing Tomatoes,” argues that although genetic marker-assist technology opened the door to crop breeding programs, it unfortunately does not take environmental inputs into consideration. Mentored by Anthropology Professor Dr. Sarah King, Nolan Havig’s project was, “The Validity of Race Classification: Classification through Perception.” Enrique Carrillo-Sulub’s presentation, titled “A Paradigm Shift in Medicine: The Black Death and its Contribution to Modern Medicine,” explains the initial aftermath and reoccurring incidents of the plague. Enrique was mentored by History Professor Ben Beshwate. Presenting their work at the HTCC Student Research Council makes these students eligible not only for monetary awards but also to submit their work for publication in the HTCC anthology Building Bridges, published through the University of California, Irvine. All three students received Cerro Coso Faculty Honors Research Scholarships.

Pizza and Politics

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Bishop Law Enforcement Academy Graduates

Eleven students, nine men and two women, graduated from Cerro Coso’s Modular Law Enforcement Academy in Bishop on June 7, 2016. Students Kyle Oney and Nathan Morgenstein received top honors for their achievements in the Level II and Level III Academy. Morgenstein received the Top Academic Award presented to the student who earns the highest academic average. Oney received the Top Shot-Best on Range Award given in recognition of his outstanding marksmanship and the class’ highest ranking in firearms training through marksmanship, safety, and tactical proficiency in both levels. Retired Bishop Police Chief and Recruit Training Officer Christopher Carter was voted “Top Instructor” by the students. Training the future leaders in law enforcement. Esse quam videri – To be, rather than to seem (to be).
Havig Receives Community Youth Award

Ridgecrest presented Cerro Coso graduate Nolan Havig with the 2016 Community Youth Award at the Chamber of Commerce 70th Community Awards Luncheon. Havig was recognized for his need to see others succeed and service to the community. A natural-born leader, Havig possesses the leadership skills needed by all employers. Public Relations Manager Natalie Dorrell said “He likes a challenge, others succeed and service to the community. A natural-born leader, Havig possesses the leadership skills needed by all employers. Public Relations Manager Natalie Dorrell said “He likes a challenge, others succeed and service to the community. A natural-born leader, Havig possesses the leadership skills needed by all employers. Public Relations Manager Natalie Dorrell said “He likes a challenge, others succeed and service to the community. A natural-born leader, Havig possesses the leadership skills needed by all employers. 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Nolan Havig receives his community award presented by Chamber Director and Cerro Coso Public Relations Manager Natalie Dorrell.
Wake up every day with pride because you are a part of something bigger than you would have ever dreamed—go to college.

“I feel like I belong here,” said student Alexis.

2016 Nursing Students Cap Off Hard Work in Capping and Pinning Ceremonies

Ridgecrest Campus nursing cohort (bottom l to r) Janice Carolyn Ribultan, Jessie Lynne Carson, Minerva Ceja, and Kim Webb. (Second row l to r) Amber Carroll, Katherine Craig, Lori Healey, Angela Vasquez, and Mandy Patin. (Top l to r) Saira Palacios, Jesus Salas, Christine Hannah, Cynthia Cavenough, and Shila Arian.

Lake Isabella Campus nursing cohort (l to r) Amber Brassell, Kristina Torres, Nicole Thompson, Cristina Ramirez, Amanda Ehrhardt, Heather Born, Mark Gordon Chief Nursing Officer of KVHD, Christopher Priesol, Patricia Jones, Julia Haccou, Tayler Jaeger, Jennifer Sarabia, and Trang Le.

Bishop Campus nursing cohort Instructor Heleen Welvaart, Vanessa Moore, Janet Curiel, Maria Ayala-Galvan, Diana Ibarra, Wendi Stell, Heather Morgan, and Holly Rossi, Carla Mendoza, Jennifer Davis, Tamara Raymond, Elizabeth Kliks, and Instructor Tracy David.

Literary Awards Ceremony

Voto Latino Power Summit 2016

Five Cerro Coso students attended the Voto Latino Power Summit 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada, with Blaine Simmons, the Program Director for Student Equity. The conference brought together emerging leaders from across the country for two days of high-impact learning and one-on-one access to business executives, elected officials, and community leaders. “Voto Latino inspired me to get involved with the community and the school to create a diverse environment,” said student Vanessa Romero. The Power Summit is all about fast-tracking student careers and helping them to build their own community, and provides participants with access to those who have been in their shoes. Student Henry Arebalo said of the experience, “the Power Summit opened my eyes to a new world of people, connections, and ideas.”

What you do today can improve all your tomorrows!

Helping to Build a Better, More Inclusive Community.

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Gender

- Male: 37.7%
- Female: 62.2%

Ethnicity

- 5.0% African American
- 1.4% American Indian
- 4.1% Asian
- 40.1% Hispanic
- 44.5% White
- 4.6% Two or More Races
- 0.3% Not Reported

Partnership for Community & Diversity

Bob Peoples and Michael Herrera, representatives from the local International Community Diversity group that explores and promotes diversity within the community met with students in Cerro Coso’s International Club on March 10th to share their mission and invite the students to participate in upcoming diversity events. The group seeks to create a welcoming climate for all community members with a calendar of diversity events designed to educate on the significance of cultural sensitivity and celebrate how the area’s racial, ethnic, and religious diversity makes it a better place.
One Dream Can Change the World

In honor of Black History Month, the Student Government of Cerro Coso held a special showing of Selma at the college Ridgecrest Campus. The unforgettable true story chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminates in President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. “We are not makers of history. We are made by history.” – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Indian Education Summit

The Bishop Paiute Tribe, Owens Valley Career Development Center, and Cerro Coso’s Bishop Campus hosted their First Annual Education Summit in April. The theme of the inaugural event was “Honoring our Traditions: Empowering our First Teachers.” The two-day affair, attended by over 150 parents, students, educators, and tribal leaders, offered twenty workshops on various topics, including: “Tribal Nations: The Unique Status of Indian Tribes and Native American People,” “Positive Communication is a Team Effort,” “Family Genealogy,” “Our Songs: The Way We Were Taught,” “How Dyslexia is Affecting the Native American Community,” “Increasing Student Success through Mentorship,” “School Loop: The Ins and Outs of Parent-School Communication,” and “Bringing Literacy to Life.” The Bishop Campus is honored to have amazing educational partners.

HACU 30th Annual Conference

Four CCCC students attended the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities annual conference in San Antonio, Texas, in October, a three day career development and networking symposium designed to build career skills. Student Cindy Jewett said “It was inspiring to see so many students with goals and determination. I will be transferring soon and this conference gave me more insight into the future.” Student Metzel Herrera said, “I met a great deal of thought provoking individuals and was able to engage in compelling conversations with each of them. It was amazing to see over 600 fellow cultural students preparing for our professional futures. I was amazed at the enormous venue and multitude of classes that were available to the student population.” She encourages other students to take advantage of the experience stating “Anyone who wants more than just two years of college can benefit from this conference. Anyone who doesn’t, will have their mind changed by the end of the conference and will start to make plans for a future they believed was unattainable.” The four students were accompanied by Blaine Simmons, Director of Student Equity, and Counselor René Mora.

2016 Diversity Activities

- Of Ebony Embers: Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance
- International Club Meetings
- Hispanic Heritage Day
- Free Movie Showing: Selma
- Hispanic Assoc. of Colleges and Universities Conference
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities Tour
- Manzanar Field Trip
- Sabor Latino
- Day of the Dead Celebration
- Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Meetings
- He Named Me Malala Movie Screening
- Latinos Unidos Club Meetings
- HBCU Transfer Guarantee Webinar
- Voto Latino Power Summit

Students (l to r) Khalil Shivers, Matt Bush, Abrian Dickson, Michael Nguyen, and Tyrell Coleman enjoy a hot dog on the quad compliments of the SGCC.
**HBCU Homecoming Tour**

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Homecoming Tour was an experience that will last a lifetime. The event gave a unique opportunity for Cerro Coso students to visit multiple college campuses that provided a multi-layered, cross generational experience. Adjunct Counselor Devin Mosley, English Professor Melanie Jeffrey, and Student Equity Director Blaine Simmons escorted six Cerro Coso students on the 2016 HBCU college tours visiting the campuses of Spelman College, Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, Tuskegee University, Florida A&M University, and Bethune Cookman University, in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. "I learned so much about each school and the rich histories, and to walk those campuses and see it for yourself was something I can carry on and tell my friends and family about. I learned that there are other outlets of getting a great and enriching education and that not all the cool schools are in California and to look elsewhere and you will find great opportunity," said student Celsea McGrew. Students traveling on the tours got a taste of college life beyond Cerro Coso, while receiving curriculum information, entrance requirements, and financial aid and scholarship resources. Student Monique Lopez encourages other students to participate, "Going on the HBCU tour, students not only gain knowledge of HBCUs and what they have to offer, but knowledge about themselves, diversity and different cultures as well." HBCU’s mission is to encourage all students to enthusiastically pursue their life’s goal through education by giving them the opportunity to experience the widest possible variety of higher education choices.

**“Strength lies in differences not in similarities.”**
– Stephen Covey

**He Named Me Malala**

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society held a lunch time movie screening of *He Named Me Malala* at the Ridgecrest Campus. A discussion of the film and girls’ education followed the screening. The film is an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan’s Swat Valley. The then 15 year old was singled out, along with her father, for advocating for girls’ education, and the attack on her sparked an outcry from supporters around the world. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls’ education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. Admission was free and open to the public. "One teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world." – Malala Yousafzai

**Simmons New Student Equity Program Director**

Former Educational Advisor at the Ridgecrest Campus Blaine Simmons is now the Program Director for Student Equity at the college. He will work in collaboration with a variety of staff, faculty, administrators, and committees to develop, implement, and evaluate the college-wide student equity plan designed to ensure equal education opportunities for students and to promote success for all students regardless of race, gender, disability, or economic circumstances. Simmons holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology from California State University Northridge, a Master’s in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola Marymount University, and is a member of the Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity Inc.

**Sabor Latino**

The Latinos Unidos Club celebrated the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans with authentic and delicious dishes during Hispanic Heritage Day on October 13th in the quad at the Ridgecrest/IWV campus. Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the cultures and traditions of those who can trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, and the Spanish speaking countries of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. The Latinos Unidos Club aims to engage members in outreach activities to let underrepresented populations in the community see that education is a viable option and to offer an opportunity for Latino students to develop leadership skills through participation in campus and community wide activities. *De gustibus non est disputandum* - Of tastes there is no disputing.

*Latinos Unidos Club members (l to r): Yasmine Ramos, Jorge Castro, Susana Ramirez, Laura Avina, Brenda Sepulveda-Pérez, and Henry Palacios.*
$22,000 Grant to Lower Textbook Costs

Cerro Coso students are getting some help with the pricey cost of textbooks. The college has received a $22,000 grant from the California College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015 (AB 798) to save students money by empowering professors to adopt high quality, free, and open educational resources (OER) for course materials. The high cost of textbooks has become a serious obstacle to the affordability of a college education. The average community college student pays $1,300 annually for textbooks. That represents about 40% of the total cost to attend a California community college. The grant will allow faculty to adopt OERs for 22 courses across disciplines at the college to alleviate some of the economic burden textbooks present students.

“When we make college more affordable, we make the American dream more achievable.” – Bill Clinton

Activities in Review:

- Open Houses at all campuses
- Transfer Awareness Week
- Study Halls
- Student Services United Club Meetings
- GED Math Workshops
- GED Writing Workshop
- EOPS/CARE Cultural Events
- Not So Easy: Understanding Learning Disabilities Workshops
- Library Workshops
- College Night
- Science Writing Workshop
- Prep for Registration Day Workshop
- Coyote Slams/Finals Help/Exam Slams
- Welcome Week – Support Fair
- New Student Orientation
- Welcome Week- BBQ’s
- Welcome Week – Meet and Greet
- Access Programs Welcome Back Event
- CARE Meetings
- High Tech Center
- Transfer Week
- CSU Application Workshop
- UC Application & Personal Insight Questions Workshop
- Disability Awareness Movie Night
- Kathy Buckley
- Disability Awareness Obstacle Course
- Preparing for Transfer Workshops
- EOPS Fall Fest
- Access Programs Fall Fest Hoe Down
- Angel Tree Event
- Peer Mentors

Kathy Buckley Empowering Change

Actress, writer, producer, author, humanitarian, and one of the country’s leading motivational speakers, Kathy Buckley shared her unique life experiences at Cerro Coso on Wednesday, October 5th, in the Gymnasium. Kathy’s stories inspire laughter, break down barriers, and empower change in a way that leaves everyone knowing that they can overcome anything. A five-time American Comedy Awards Nominee as Best Standup Female Comedienne and the winner of countless other awards for her work, Kathy bears her message that anything can be achieved when the heart and the mind work together. Her extraordinary story is truly amazing to all who experience it. Kathy encourages her audiences to remove the labels that society has placed on them, as well as those they have placed on themselves; empowering them to make changes, awakening the unlimited potential inside.

“The key to change is to let go of fear.” – Rosanne Cash

Peer Mentors Start Newsletter

In the spring Peer Mentors for ACCESS Programs started a newsletter to convey important information, dates, resources, and strategies that can help students in ACCESS Programs be successful throughout their college experience. Peer Mentors are students who serve as a resource and helping hands. They provide support, encouragement, and information to students who are beginning their college career. One of the great things about Peer Mentors is that they have had experience being a new student and a student in ACCESS Programs.
ACCESS Programs held their 35th Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 22, 2016, at the Springhill Suites, and the theme was “Picture Your Future” inspired by nostalgic moments and the promises of a bright future. Alumni Speaker Debbie Nelson said “when I was in the Master Worker Program at the college they had us close our eyes and picture our future. That was a pivotal moment for me and my career. I set a plan in motion that very minute. It is okay if your plans and goals change. You have to start somewhere”. Graduate speaker Heather Bopp shared her moving story that ultimately resulted in her working full-time at the college. Twenty-six program students graduated with Associate Degrees, and 17 with certificates of achievement. Special recognition went to: Sophoandara Ry, ACCESS Programs Ridgecrest Student of the Year; and Britney Johnson, ACCESS Programs Lake Isabella Student of the Year. René Mora was named Outstanding Faculty of the Year for the Ridgecrest Campus, and Debra Rundell received the Outstanding Faculty of the Year award for the Lake Isabella Campus. “It’s nice to know others see what you are doing,” said Rundell. “I just love helping students.” Penny Talley was honored for her 20 years of services to the program. Congratulations on your achievements. You have made us all proud!

Students Laura Avina, Kenneth Vallance Jr., and Logan Line, picture their future with photo props during the ACCESS Programs Awards Ceremony.

One of the best ways to see all that Cerro Coso has to offer the community is to attend an Open House. All college campuses host very informative and successful events that allow students, potential students, and community members, to tour the campuses and explore the facilities, talk to students about campus life, meet with counselors and financial aid representatives, and learn more about career possibilities. Information and assistance are provided on: Student Activities, Financial Aid, Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS), Phi Theta Kappa, Human Services, Learning Resource Center, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, registration, Counseling, academic programs, and more. It is a great opportunity to get a taste of what college life is like at Cerro Coso Community College.

Cerro Coso participated in a special online college virtual education fair for military members, veterans, and family members. The college admissions team chatted live to answer questions and share all Cerro Coso has to offer service members and their families. Registration was open throughout the event providing participants anywhere in the world easy access to benefits and information necessary to reach their individual education goals.

Ari Cohn, an attorney with the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), spoke at the Ridgecrest/IWV Campus about First Amendment issues affecting higher education. FIRE’s mission is to defend and sustain individual rights at America’s colleges and universities. These rights include freedom of speech, legal equality, due process, religious liberty, and sanctity of conscience—the essential qualities of individual liberty and dignity. Cohn joined FIRE to defend civil liberties after leaving private practice in Chicago, where he represented large multinational companies in high stakes litigation. He works with FIRE’s Individual Rights Defense Program, engaging in direct advocacy on behalf of students who have suffered violations of their rights, and speaks regularly to diverse audiences about the importance of free speech, with a particular emphasis on bridging ideological divides and finding mutual understanding.

“My lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” – Martin Luther King Jr.
In an effort to start Inyo County’s youth on a path toward post-secondary education, 5th grade students from five elementary schools spent a day at Cerro Coso’s Bishop Campus. Students, teachers, and parent volunteers rotated through sessions facilitated by Cerro Coso faculty, Inyo County Superintendent of Schools (ICSOS) staff, and community members. Organizers introduced over 200 students to a variety of career options including art, fitness, math and engineering, science, health care, and law enforcement. "Our primary goal," said County Superintendent of Schools, Terry McAteer, "was to offer an interactive and motivational experience for our 5th grade students that would give them the opportunity to picture themselves as future college students. It is our hope that participating students will be inspired to embrace a path that leads to college and career.”

Parade of 1000 Flags

Students (l to r) Jenna Daugherty, Christian Pettyjohn, and Emily Wood were among the more than 20 students, staff, and faculty members representing Cerro Coso Community College in the Parade of 1,000 Flags on Saturday, September 8th. During the local symbol of patriotism and remembrance, community members along with men and women in uniform march side-by-side down China Lake Boulevard, bearing the national flag in pride. The parade is a community event honoring the memory of those who died during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, which sent hijacked planes into the Twin Towers in New York City, another into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and a plane brought down in a field in Pennsylvania. This year marked the 15th anniversary of the tragic event that cost 2,996 American’s their lives. True independence and freedom can only exist in doing what’s right.

Outreach Activities

- Career Exploration Day
- Ridgecrest Parade of 1,000 Flags
- Chamber Business After Hours
- Great California ShakeOut Conference
- Relay for Life
- Desert Empire Fair
- JWV Economic Outlook Conference
- Elks Christmas Parade
- Veterans Stand Down
- Indian Education Summit in Bishop
- RidgeProject College Heights Clean-Up
- Tehachapi Area Job Fair for Long-Term or Drought-Related Unemployed
- Lake Isabella Job Fair
- Bishop Paiute Tribe's College & Career Day
- CSU Long Beach Engineering at CCC
- Discover CSU Bakersfield Field Trip
- Mojave Job Fair
- Mono County Office of Education Job Development Series
- Community Action Partnership of Kern: Job Fair
- Cruise-In and Movie
- UC Santa Barbara
- Eastern Sierra Employment Collaborators Group Job Fair

Cerro Coso and Bellevue University have created a partnership to help students earn a bachelor’s degree locally. Now students don’t have to leave the area to continue their education. Bellevue’s online accelerated degree programs can be completed in as little as 18 months. Students who have graduated from Cerro Coso will get credit for what they have completed, starting with more credits, allowing them to finish their bachelor’s degree sooner. Bellevue University offers over 50 career-related bachelor’s degrees in an online format that line up well with Cerro Coso’s offerings, and students can utilize the library and computer labs at the college as part of the partnership. Interested students can meet with outreach and recruitment specialist Veronica Chavez in her office located on the Ridgecrest Campus in Modular 7. Founded in 1966, Bellevue University is a private, non-profit, regionally accredited institution located in Bellevue, Nebraska. Cerro Coso’s partnership with the university starts with recruiting students to complete their two year degrees with the college and then transitioning them to Bellevue for their Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. Bellevue offers many financial perks to Cerro Coso students and employees.

A determined mind and a strong will bear endless possibilities!

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ESC engaging minds and opening doors.
Pink Ladies Auxiliary Gives Scholarships to Nursing Students

The Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Pink Ladies Auxiliary has awarded $500 scholarships to Cerro Coso students seeking careers in nursing. CC nursing students Jessie Carson, Minerva Ceja, Katherine Craig, Julia Haccou, Christin Hannah, and Angela Vasquez were all on track to graduate in December. Founded by Jan Hoagland in 1958, the Pink Ladies Auxiliary raises money through various fundraisers, private donations, no bake-bake sales, garage sales, and proceeds from the Gift Shop to fund these scholarships. Their efforts support Ridgecrest Regional Hospital’s mission to provide outstanding health care in our community.

Keep Calm and Go To College!

5th Grade Field Trip to College

“I’m Going to College Day” provides opportunities for local 5th graders to learn about the educational options available to them at Cerro Coso. They experience college in a playful, collaborative, and creative ways that inspires them to pursue a higher education. Throughout the day 5th graders toured the Ridgecrest campus, interacted with college students, took interesting and fun classes taught by college professors, and were greeted by the library mascot Bookee who encouraged them to read. The experience is one they will never forget and stresses the importance of going to college.

A Little Bit of Kindness Goes A Long Way

When members of the AFSCME RN bargaining unit at Northern Inyo Healthcare District heard that Bishop LVN students were being hit with a financial charge in order to begin their clinical training at the Bishop Care Center and Northern Inyo Hospital, they spontaneously started a collection to help out. In order to begin the clinical portion of their training, the LVN students are required to have a drug screen, the cost of which presented a hardship for some. LVN instructor and NIH Union Bargaining Team member Welvaart explained, “Some of the students are parents, trying to work and go to school at the same time, and money is tight.” The students pay around $600 for textbooks, plus the expense of tuition, uniforms, vaccinations, physicals, and other supplies. Vickie LaBraque, a Registered Operating Room Nurse who graduated from the LVN program, recalls the hardship she endured during her own training. “I moved to Bishop and lived in an old 14 foot trailer behind JC Penney’s. I lived on powdered milk and grilled cheese sandwiches for most of my program. I worked nights as a caregiver for $20 dollars a night, 5 nights a week. An unexpected expense like this would have been devastating.” The Registered Nurses were enthusiastic about helping the students because, as Chris Hanley said, “we need to support the nurses coming along behind us. Many of the students will work as LVNs to help pay for their education to become RNs. This is a commitment and sacrifice on their part to better their future, and in the long run, it will better our community’s future to have good nurses.”

Keep Calm and Go To College!
Cerro Coso Designated Leader College

Cerro Coso Community College has received “Leader College” designation by Achieving the Dream (ATD), a national honor awarded to institutions in the ATD National Network that have shown three years of steady improvement in two outcomes that measure student success. Five colleges received the designation this year. “Leader College status represents a sustained, successful effort to build a student-centered culture,” said Dr. Karen A. Stout, president and CEO of Achieving the Dream. “Colleges that stay focused on the hard work of transformation deserve to be recognized when they make measurable progress.” Leader Colleges are eligible to compete for all grant-funded learning initiatives and are encouraged to provide leadership and support to other colleges in the ATD network, disseminate lessons learned, support state and national efforts to advance the student success agenda, and continue to improve student outcomes.

Ostash and Hamilton Recipients of Excellence Award

Two Cerro Coso employees received national recognition for their leadership and contributions to higher education. Vice President of Student Services Heather Ostash and Counselor Karee Hamilton were presented the 2015 John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award at a conference in Chicago, IL, in March that drew community college representatives from across the nation. The award is from the League for Innovation in the Community College, an international consortium of community colleges and their districts, and 160 corporate partners. Ostash was recognized for her leadership role within the college and district focusing on innovative ways to improve services to students. With her heart and focus on supporting student access and achievement, Counselor Karee Hamilton was recognized for her direct involvement and leadership in a number of efforts in utilizing technology to better serve students including: online orientation, educational planning in DegreeWorks, developing program pathways, developing workshops to be offered online, and the highly effective use of Moodle for online instruction. “Heather and Karee deserve this recognition for their quality leadership practices and outstanding contributions to student learning,” said Cerro Coso President Jill Board.

Kane New CTE Dean

Great explorers deserve great stories, and new CTE Dean Michael Kane has many exciting tales to tell. Whether guiding students down the headwaters of the mighty Amazon, hiking the Appalachian Trail, photographing polar bears in Canada, or swimming with whale sharks in Georgia, one thing is for sure...Kane’s “spirit of adventure” is his continual willingness to meet and be moved by the unexpected, larger forces, and possibilities of life. Kane says he is a “student of life for life” and enjoys educational challenges. A river biologist by profession, Kane has served in many capacities in the education system over the years, starting as a high school biology teacher. He holds an Associate of Science Degree in Life Science from Columbia Greene Community College, dual Bachelor's Degrees in Biology and Secondary Education from State University of New York, a Master's Degree in Applied Ecology from Eastern Kentucky University, and has worked on a Ph.D. (ABD) from the University of Tennessee. He also attended the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California.

E-BILLS: New Paperless Billing

For student convenience, the Kern Community College District (KCCD) has moved to paperless billing. In their ongoing efforts to be good stewards of their resources and to reduce their carbon footprint by eliminating excess paper, e-bills are now being sent by KCCD around the 1st of the month to college-assigned email addresses. Paper statements will no longer be sent out via the U.S. Postal Service. No more paper, no more stamps, and no more extra trash!
Classes Thrive in Tehachapi

Cerro Coso in Tehachapi is booming since expanding its academic offering into the area in 2014 filling a critical and growing need. The college started offering an evening program at the Tehachapi High School in the fall of 2014 with 5 general education classes and an enrollment of 65. At the time, classes were held at the high school as the school district renovated the Tehachapi Education Center. In the fall of 2015 Cerro Coso moved its offerings to the Tehachapi Education Center with 6 classes and 93 enrollments. Also, that semester the college finalized a dual enrollment agreement with the school district and began offering calculus-level math and the first classes of an entire medical assisting program at the high school. Those sets of courses helped 58 high school students get college credit. Offerings for the Administrative Medical Assisting program were completed in spring 2016 with another 4 classes; fourteen students completed the coursework and became eligible for a college certificate. This fall the college is offering 9 courses in the evening with 153 enrollments, and for the first time, Cerro Coso is offering short-term workforce training classes in the Emergency Medical Technician program in the evenings. This program allows students to take the national EMT exam and enhance career opportunities in private ambulance, firefighting, law enforcement, and others. At Tehachapi High School, the college is offering 13 sections of dual enrollment classes with 230 enrollments in such courses as medical assisting, business offices technology, mathematics, career choices, and Spanish this fall. The college submitted a substantive change proposal with ACCJC to establish the Tehachapi Education Center as an official campus location of Cerro Coso Community College in the spring of 2016. In terms of students served, the East Kern campus has become the second largest physical campus at the college (after the main campus in Ridgecrest) due in large part to the outreach, recruitment, and development of relationships in Tehachapi. Knowledge brings the opportunity to make a difference!

The Library Research Class LIBR C100 is now transferable to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems.

Campbell Earns Doctorate

Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC) Director Deanna Campbell successfully completed her Doctorate in Education with emphasis on K12 and Higher Education Leadership from the University of Southern California (USC) Rossier School of Education. Dr. Campbell also holds a BA in Economics from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and an MA in International Studies, with a concentration in Mandarin and China, from the Lauder Institute of the University of Pennsylvania.

Timpone, Wanta, and Jeffrey Receive Tenure

The Kern Community College District Board of Trustees granted tenure to Frank Timpone, Associate Professor of Business; Matt Wanta, Associate Professor and Director of Nursing; and Melanie Jeffrey, Associate Professor of English. All three faculty members have met the criteria for teaching excellence and are well deserving of the award.
New Staff Engagement Committee

Couch – Vice President of Finance and Administration

Members of the new Staff Engagement Committee at Cerro Coso (l to r): Mark Lathrop, Jill Board, Becky Rock, Jamie Wycoff, Jessica Humble, Tammy Kinnan, Deborah Gregory, and Paul Kuttig pose for a quick picture during their first engagement event.

Lisa Couch was promoted to Vice President of Finance and Administration. She joined the college in 1998 starting in Human Resources as a Department Assistant. Since that time she has served in a number of positions including the Assistant Director for Budget Management and Human Resources and Accounting Manager. A 2001 graduate of Cerro Coso Community College, Couch holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Bellevue University, and is currently working on her Master’s in Business Administration. Couch also completed the KCCD Leadership Academy in 2014. “It is the depth and breadth of her knowledge both in fiscal and administrative services and our organization that has landed Lisa this next step in her career,” stated President Jill Board.

General Unrestricted 2015-2016 Expenditures/Revenue

Expenditures ($17,328,542.81)

- Transfers: 0.5%
- Supplies & Materials: 1.7%
- Services/Utilities/Operating: 10.3%
- Employee Benefits: 19.3%
- Academic Salaries: 49.1%
- Classified Salaries: 17.4%
- Capital Outlay: 1.7%

Revenue ($17,331,942.87)

- Local Income: 1.8%
- Allocation: 98.2%
- Allocation: 98.2%

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as IMPROVEMENT, ACHIEVEMENT, and SUCCESS have NO meaning,” – Benjamine Franklin

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“Employee interactions that promote a healthy environment for all are important to the success of any organization. A new Staff Engagement Committee was recently established at Cerro Coso to enhance communication, promote interaction and trust between supervisors and employees, encourage collaborative relationships, seek to understand and appreciate different perspectives, encourage, celebrate, and recognize employees, and to actively solicit employee feedback that results in strategies for improvement. The charge of the group is to develop and implement a yearlong schedule of events that will provide a venue to foster relationships between management and staff, provide a monthly opportunity to show appreciation, and give input where appropriate. It didn’t take long for the amazing team of creative thinkers to hold their first event…a breakfast potluck in the Sculpture Garden on a beautiful Friday morning before the long 4th of July holiday. Special thanks to the new committee for their dedication and willingness to always improve the culture of Cerro Coso Community College.

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.” - Aristotle
New Staff Members Welcomed

Admissions & Records Technician II
TAYLER JONES

Associate Professor, Administration of Justice
PETER FULKS

Associate Professor, Nursing
SHELLY TANNEHILL

Athletic Director
KRIS DICKSON

Athletic Trainer
LO STENDER

Automotive Technician
KYLE ALLEN

Counselor, ACCESS Programs
ANA GONZALEZ

Custodian I
MARIANNA VALDIVIA

Custodian I
SARAH LAND

Department Assistant, Counseling
ALICIA WOOLSEY

Educational Advisor
TERRI HACK

Educational Advisor
DIANE HUCKABA

Educational Advisor, East Kern
ANNA CARLSON

Executive Secretary
SUZETTE MASON

Human Resource Assistant
ELENA PENDERGRAFT

Human Resource Assistant
KATIE TANKERSLEY

Learning Center Technician
KELLY POTTEN

Student Services Assistant
STACY JOHNSON

Student Services Assistant
SARAH MURDOCK

New Positions

Administrative Assistant
KATIE COFFMAN

Admissions & Records Technician
JESSICA HUMBLE

Alternative Media Specialist
JULI MAIKAI

Assessment Assistant
NIKKI GARDEPE

Educational Advisor, Lake Isabella
APRIL NAILL

Library Technician II
REBECCA PARKER

Program Director for Student Equity
BLAINE SIMMONS

Staff Appreciation

They maintain our facilities, assist students and community members, keep our computers up-to-date and in working order, and provide essential services. The whole community benefits from their silent work; without them, our campuses wouldn’t function. Every year we take the opportunity to express our gratitude and recognize the crucial role of our non-academic staff at Cerro Coso during Staff Appreciation Day. On Thursday, May 19, 2016, staff and administrators came together to share a day of leadership activities lead by KCCD Associate Vice Chancellor of Governmental and External Relations Dr. Michele Bresso, filled with team building exercises, service recognition, and good food. Congratulations and a big thank you went to those retirees honored for their service: Kathy Salisbury, Valerie Lane, and Gale Lebsock. Staff appreciation day provides a day of learning, fun, relaxation, and inspiration for personal and professional growth. Special thanks for all you do!

It Makes a Difference!

In the last two years, the State Chancellor’s Office and Cerro Coso have invested significant resources in increasing the number of students completing the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) core services. This has been an important goal for staff and faculty across the college because of the positive correlation with success and retention. Students who complete more of the core services have a better chance of getting off to a fast and effective start to their college careers. And they are more likely to finish courses and complete programs. Here are the differences from last year:

- Assessment: Up 4%
- Orientation: Up 88%
- Counseling: Up 8%
- Student Education Plan: Up 11%
- Fully Matriculated (On ground): Up 10%
- Fully Matriculated (Online): Up 1%

On all milestone measures, students who have completed all four core services perform significantly better on important milestones achievements than those students who have not completed any components. From the 2014-2015 cohort year:

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Wheeler to Head Safety and Security

Retired Captain of the Ridgecrest Police Department and Professional Expert Paul Wheeler accepted an interim position to coordinate Safety and Security at all Cerro Coso campuses. Committed to providing an environment that is comfortable, supportive, and safe, Wheeler coordinated emergency preparedness drills, updated compliance reports and planning documents, and developed and implemented behavioral intervention teams.

Four Complete KCCD Leadership Academy

Four Cerro Coso employees have completed the 2015-2016 Kern Community College District (KCCD) Leadership Academy, a professional development program that prepares employees for leadership roles throughout the district. Rebecca Pang, Director of Distance Education; Lisa Stephens, Director of East Kern; Steven Rogers, Faculty Member; and Paul Kuttig, PC Technician, were selected for the 2015-2016 cohort after a competitive application process. The KCCD Leadership Academy is a year-long program of monthly meetings on topics specific to community colleges. Academy participants from around the district attended day-long sessions covering topics on leadership, decision making, communication, budgeting, student success, accreditation, and more. They also worked outside the sessions on team based projects to effect positive change across the district.
Main Parking Lot Opens

Cerro Coso staff and students can now enjoy parking in the newly paved and expanded main parking lot at the Ridgecrest Campus. This marks the completion of the first phase of the main building remodel project that began in the fall of 2015. The modernized parking lot sports a new entrance, day use kiosk, additional parking spaces, and better lighting, making the lot a safer place at night. Special thanks to the students and staff who endured the beautiful walk across campus even in inclement weather. A little progress every day adds up to BIG results.

Measure J Meets Cerro Coso Facility Needs

Passage of Measure J in November provides the Kern Community College District with funding to modernize aging facilities and upgrade instructional technologies at all three colleges in the district: Cerro Coso Community College, Porterville College, and Bakersfield College. The measure passed by a 65.17% margin, receiving 145,217 yes votes. Jill Board, president of Cerro Coso Community College, expressed gratitude on behalf of the college. “The final results are great news for our students and communities,” said Board. “We are overwhelmed by the confidence shown by voters who supported Measure J. Passage of this bond will allow us to make essential campus improvements and technological upgrades to provide first-class education to our students and better prepare them for university transfer and high demand, high skill jobs.” The Kern Community College District Board of Trustees voted to place the bond on the November 2016 ballot at their July 21st meeting, to repair aging buildings, classrooms, and science labs; provide training equipment, and address urgent and basic repairs to all three colleges. The measure requires strict fiscal accountability including independent annual financial and performance audits and fund monitoring by an independent citizens’ oversight committee. For Cerro Coso the funds will be used for: building renovation, updating, and retrofit; energy conservation projects; Gymnasium parking lot remodel; hazardous, safety, and ADA projects; paving within property lines; and utility and mechanical upgrades. “We cannot thank our voters enough for showing such a tremendous outpouring of support for our students and mission,” said Board, “I also want to thank the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation, Justin O’Neill, Shay Scott, and the many volunteers and students who worked so hard on the Measure J campaign.” “I think everyone should be celebrating that fact that the bond passed,” said Board.

Measure C Bond

In November of 2000 voters approved a Mammoth Lakes Construction bond that would allow KCCD to expand, improve, and renovate college facilities in Mammoth Lakes for students.

Bond Amount Authorized ................................................................. $15,000,000
Bond Amount Issued - 12/2000................................................. $7,474,413
Bond Amount Issued - 12/2002................................................. $3,999,979
Bond Amount To Be Issued......................................................... $3,525,608

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MLF - Sprung Structure Proposal

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Measure G was placed on the ballot for November 5, 2002, and the electors of the Improvement District approved $180 million in bonds on behalf of the District to finance improvement, renovation, construction, equipping and acquisition of the buildings and classrooms for Bakersfield, Cerro Coso, and Porterville Colleges. More than fifty-five percent of the electors voting on the proposition voted in favor of such issuance. The Improvement District, which includes approximately 12,800 square miles, encompasses Kern County, Tulare County, and San Bernardino County portions of the District.

SRID Funds Allocated .......................................................... $40,704,853
Capital Outland Expenditures to Date .................................. $33,848,177
Scheduled Maintenance Expenditures to Date ....................... $4,184,194
Total Expenditures to Date .................................................. $38,283,175
Future Expenditures ......................................................... $16,794,472

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| Main Building Modernization | $16,919,00 | $10,033,909

Cerro Coso Capital Projects Completed

Library .............................................................. $1,065,083
Photovoltaic Field ............................................... $10,191,230
ITV Sites Accord Video Bridge .................................. $513,342
Science Modernization .......................................... $4,761,966
Childcare Facility Expansion .................................... $17,634
Well and Water Distribution ...................................... $9,870
Fine Arts Modernization ......................................... $3,110,211
Main Building Modernization Preliminary Concepts ....... $559,944
Occ Lab Reroof/HVAC/Welding Expansion ................ $1,262,714
Performing Arts/Theater Upgrade .............................. $514,040
Student Center Modernization ................................ $2,464,908
Site Acquisition at California City ............................ $842,032

Cerro Coso Scheduled Maintenance Projects Completed

Maintenance & Operations New Vehicles (New Autos) ....... $50,000
Irrigation System .................................................. $54,009
Kern River Valley Site .............................................. $48,560
Gym Reroof ......................................................... $62,341
Security System .................................................... $198,565
Gym Parking Repairs ............................................. $145,404
IWV Child Care Miscellaneous Repairs ...................... $17,537
Parking (CDC/LRC) ................................................. $82,473
Gym Boilers ......................................................... $126,321
Cal City Storm Drain Lateral ................................... $20,000
Master Planning/ADA Study ....................................... $181,546
3rd Floor Modernization .......................................... $29,836
Concrete Work for LRC & Observatory ....................... $16,194
Machine Tool Swing Space ...................................... $76,869
Main Building HVAC Repairs ................................... $89,916
HVAC Valves & Control Upgrades ............................. $24,091
Repair Damaged Feeder Circuit PV ............................ $25,835
East Wing Chiller Replacement ................................ $24,378
Single Source Metering ........................................... $76,284
Pedestrian Bridge Retrofit ........................................ $483,426
Main Building ADA Door Hardware ......................... $175,975
Welding Lab Re-Roof ............................................. $221,029
Freight Elevator Repair .......................................... $9,898
Survey Campus Topography ..................................... $13,339
Main Building Stairwell Enclosure North ................ $59,153
LRC VCT Flooring and Mat Replacement .................. $71,696
Gym HVAC Replacement ......................................... $9,492,251
Campus Wide Fire Alarm Integration ......................... $188,621
Mather Brothers, Inc. Helps Bring Back College Sports

Cerro Coso announced it would be reinstating Women’s Softball thanks to a very generous donation of $60,000 over the next two years by Mather Brothers Inc. The college will also restore Men’s Basketball thanks to a $60,000 commitment in general athletic support over the next two years by the Cerro Coso Coyote Club. The addition of these two sports in the fall will help attract new students and provide more opportunities for local high school students. Cerro Coso President Jill Board announced the appointment of two full-time faculty members, Kimberlee Kelly for Women’s Softball and Tom Heck for Men’s Basketball, to coach the teams and build comprehensive programs of full-time athletes with a focus on community engagement.

“As we add new students, we focus on choices that strengthen academic programs, create positive campus experiences, and provide leadership to support student learning and engagement,” Board said. “Based on our research, these teams best fit with our current athletic infrastructure, meet our academic and enrollment goals, and will contribute to the quality of campus life at Cerro Coso.” Well known in the local sports community, brothers Thomas Jr., Troy, and Todd Mather believe expanding the college sports program to include Women’s Softball will serve the Ridgecrest community in a positive way. The brothers grew up locally and all went on to play college sports. “The value of the college athletic experience is something you can’t put a price on,” said Troy. The brothers are excited to be a part of Cerro Coso’s commitment to develop well-rounded student-athletes that represent the college and community in the classroom and in competition. “Bringing these two sports back after being cut in 2004 would not have been possible without the support and generosity of Mather Brothers, Inc. and the hard work and backing of our Coyote Club,” said Board. “The addition of these programs not only benefits the college and students, but also increases the spirit of community in the area. It’s a win-win for everyone,” she concluded.

Signing Day for Heck and Smith

Two Cerro Coso Volleyball players, Metzli Heck and Megan Smith, have signed letters of intent to play for universities in the fall. Metzli Heck will play for Morthland College in West Frankfort, Illinois. The daughter of Coach Tom Heck and his wife Erica, Metzli was named MVP for the Coyotes in 2015-2016, and will receive scholarships to play for Morthland. She loves the small hometown feel of West Frankfort, Illinois. Megan Smith has signed on to play for the State University of New York (SUNY) at Potsdam. Born and raised in Ridgecrest, Megan is a Psychology major and made Honorable Mention in 2014-2015 Foothill Athletic Conference All-Conference. One Team. One Dream. Congratulations Metzli and Megan.
### 2016 Basketball Team

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**Head Coach**
TOM HECK

**Assistants**
THOMAS WOODING
ALLAN CELESTINE

**Manager**
JOSEPH SEVILLA

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### 2016 Volleyball Team

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**Head Coach**
KIM YOUNG

**Assistant Coach**
STEPHANIE PHILLIPS

**Manager**
KELLY TEUSCHER

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**Head Coach**
JUSTUS SCOTT

**Assistant Coaches**
KYLE ALLEN
DARRELL PRICE
NICK YOUNG

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**Head Coach**
KIM KELLY

**Assistant Coach**
JESSI SAATY
Former Coyote baseball player Sam Christensen (‘00) was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame during the Coyote Club’s 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Dinner held on Saturday, May 7, 2016, in the Gymnasium. The focus of the evening was recognizing athletic achievement in the college service area while enshrining former Coyotes into the College Athletic Hall of Fame. Former Head Baseball Coach Dick Adams returned to present the honor to Christiansen. One of the most celebrated athletes in school history, Sam Christensen was a major contributor to both of the only two Cerro Coso teams to win a conference Championship. He still holds the career record for hits (170), Batting Average (.475), doubles (40), and RBIs (178), and is listed in the Top 5 for runs scored and home runs. He was named the 1999 Rookie of the Year and went on to earn the 1999 and 2000 Big Stick Award. A natural leader both on and off the field, Christiansen was named to the 1999 and 2000 1st team all-Southern California Baseball team as well as 1st team all-Foothill conference. He was a 2000 1st team California Junior College Athletic Association All America pick. Other honors at Cerro Coso include Foothill Conference Player of the Year, Cerro Coso Player of the Year, and Team Captain. Christiansen is perhaps remembered at Coso for his 0-2 count hit for a walk off grand slam that won the 2000 conference championship outright. Christiansen went on to play at Colorado State University Pueblo where he was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2013. Following suit, he is the only two-time Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Player of the year in conference history. He hit .452 during his junior season in 2001, leading the nation in doubles and earning All-American honors as the team went 45-14. He followed it up with a .471 season in 2002, leading the nation in hits. During his time with the ThunderWolves, his teams won 88 games, the most over any two-year span in school history. Following his collegiate career, he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and was named to the RMAC All-Century Team in 2008. Christiansen currently resides in Meridian, Idaho, with his wife Rachelle, two children, Braden and Gracie, and two dogs, Daisy and Rocky. He is a beloved teacher at Mountain View High School. In his spare time, he coaches his children’s sports teams and continues his athletic passion as a professional softball player with Sonny’s/Easton Softball Club.
Who We Are

The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation, founded in 1977, is a non-profit corporation organized under California law to receive scholarships, loan funds, and gifts on behalf of Cerro Coso Community College. The CCCC Foundation as an auxiliary arm of the College assists and supports in the attainment of Cerro Coso’s cultural and technical goals, and in the fulfillment of its role in serving the communities of which it is a part.

What We Do

The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation helps students take advantage of educational opportunities and achieve their potential. We do this by actively seeking individual, corporate, and foundation gifts that support scholarships, teaching, excellence, and student success.

High educational attainment is closely linked to increased personal income, decreased crime, the community’s ability to attract and retain new businesses, and other measures of community health. Your investment in the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation and in our students not only changes lives but enriches our communities.

Meet O’Neill New Foundation President

Justin O’Neill, owner of O’Neill Dynamics and CEO of the Hungry River Theatre Co., will serve as the Cerro Coso Community College (CCCC) Foundation President for the 2016-2017 academic year. O’Neill grew up in Ridgecrest and went on to UC San Diego where he earned Bachelor’s Degrees in Political Science and Theater. “I loved college,” said O’Neill. “I couldn’t wait to get to my classes. It was a hub of curiosity that sparked my interest and allowed me to practice being curious, which is awesome and powerful when it comes to change.” Of his work on the Foundation board O’Neill explained, “Cerro Coso is a tremendous resource for the communities it serves and I want to do my part to keep it current and relevant for future generations.” He continued, “Ideas and knowledge drive an economy. The power of education transforms students’ lives and with it the community, and I want to be a part of helping to make that heartfelt connection.”

In addition to serving as Marketing Chair and President-Elect for the CCCC Foundation, O’Neill is an active board member for the Desert Valleys Federal Credit Union and serves on the Ridgecrest Youth Advisory Committee. He recently received a Community Service Award from the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce.

Economic Outlook Conference

Recognizing the important roles student play in the future of our economy and the need to change the dialogue, the CCCC Foundation provided an opportunity for students to attend the 2016 Indian Wells Valley Economic Outlook Conference and Business Expo. The theme for the conference was “Ridgecrest Today and Tomorrow, Our Future” featuring Dr. Christopher Thornberg, a founding partner of Beacon Economics, LLC. A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.

Employee Giving Campaign

Dean Bernsten
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Sylvia Sotomayor
Paula Suarez
Christine Swiridoff
Penny Talley

Committed to building a better tomorrow!
A Night Under the Stars Big Success

More than 300 astronomy enthusiasts assembled at Cerro Coso Community College for the annual Astronomical Barbecue and Star Party fundraiser to enjoy great views of the night sky. The Maturango Museum held shows in their portable Planetarium, but the nighttime observing was really the centerpiece of the evening and brought out good numbers of enthusiasts of all ages. Partnering with the College and Foundation was the China Lake Astronomical Society, whose members shared their telescopes and expertise. It was a beautiful evening filled with astronomy, good music, great food, and fun raffles, while celebrating views of the cosmos! Special thanks to our presenting sponsors Zurn’s Electric and Solar and C. Martin & Co.

Denim & Diamonds for Education

The CCCC Foundation’s Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala, held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 in Ridgecrest, was successful in helping the Foundation to raise essential funds that transform lives and make student dreams take flight through education. “The success of the event is dependent on the support of the local community,” said Development Manager Natalie Dorrell. Special thanks go out to this year’s sponsors who are a valued part of the annual event. “Your ongoing support of Cerro Coso Community College makes you a part of something truly special,” said College President Jill Board, “educating our community and ensuring our future.” A heartfelt thanks to all who sponsored, volunteered, and attended.

Thanks 2016 Donors

Your generosity makes a REAL DIFFERENCE to our students.

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IWV Brewery
Jewelry to Go
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Kimberly Altman – Madison Ave.
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Maturango Museum
McBride’s Metal Works
Minerals Unlimited
Mom’s Furniture
Pizza Factory
Rainbow’s End Pastries
Ridgcrest Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
Ridgcrest Floor Covering
Ridgcrest Medical Transportation
Ridgecrest Regional Hospital
RidgeProject
Romancing the West
Rusty Warren’s Automotive
S & M Collectibles
Sage Restaurant
Searles Valley Minerals
Sears
Season’s Restaurant
Show Boat Branson Belle
Skin Essentials Spa & Boutique
Spellbinder Books
Tel-Tec
The Beauty Center
The Swap Sheet
TJ Frisbee Bicycles
VFW Ship #4084
Windows, Walls, and Floors
Xin Bowl
Zurn’s Electrical and Solar

Individuals

Martin and Natalie Dorrell
Louise Farmer
Suzanne Ford
Hester Grove
Geri Haraden
Jim Hoover
Mandy Hunsaker
Kari Lane
Kay and Forrest Lloyd

Todd McKinney
Jon McQuiston
Jason Patin
Sylvia Sotomayor
Mark Storch
Paula Suarez
R. Warren
June Wasserman
Ruth Wasserman

With a simple action you take, a difference you can make. Thank you!
Erskine Fire Employee Relief Fund

Three employees lost their homes in the Erskine fire in the Kern River Valley. Recognizing clean-up and recovery would take time, the Cerro Coso Community College Foundation established an Erskine Fire Employee Relief Fund for employees wishing to contribute monetary donations through PayPal. All money donated was evenly distributed among those employees who applied for relief.

2016 Scholarships

Special thanks to all the wonderful community partners and donors who help Cerro Coso students reach their educational dreams.

Spring 2016

Bertha Wilson-Cronin Nursing Scholarship
CHRISTINE E. HANNAH

Honors
JENNA DAUGHERTY

Osher College
NICOLE ADAMS
SHARI ALLISON
SCOTT BENEDETTINI

Osher SCE
KAYLA FORTYTHE
MARIOLA GERMANN
ANTHONY MCFARLAND

Past Commanders
Club-Bishop LVN
JENNIFER DAVIS

Summer 2016

Teresa Allen Vocational Nursing Scholarship
JESSIE CARSON

Fall 2016

Barnes & Nobles Book Scholarship
KRISTIN APETROAIE
PENNY APPERSON
DEREK BARLOW
JULIA HACCOU
CRISTINA RAMIREZ
FRANCES RAMSEY
TALI STORY

June Wasserman Scholarship
JULIA HACCOU
CRISTINA RAMIREZ

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Scholarship Luncheon

Without question, a quality college education is an investment—one that pays dividends throughout our lifetime. The Cerro Coso Community College Foundation maintains a strong commitment to student success by helping students jump start their college educations with scholarships. The culmination of academic merit and financial need, Foundation scholarships are made possible due to the extraordinary generosity of donors. The Foundation works with dozens of community donors to offer scholarships and awards to students at all campuses.

“Financial stress is something every college student must deal with on a daily basis; it can affect their personal lives as well as their grades. I am very thankful that you understand this and help students better themselves. Your scholarship will help me further my education and ultimately better my life so again. Thank you very much,” – Mark Tull, KRV student.
Passion for Education
Mary Barlow, Ed.D.
2016 Distinguished Alumna

Dr. Mary Barlow served as the CCCC Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Speaker at the 2016 Commencement Ceremony.

A re-entry and first generation college student, Barlow attended both the Kern River Valley and Ridgecrest Campuses before transferring as a junior to Cal State University Bakersfield in 1994.

Great Philosopher Lao-Tzu said, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Barlow told the graduates, “Cerro Coso Community College was my first step in a journey that culminated with my doctorate in Organizational Leadership, helping me to beat the odds and realize my dreams.”

Barlow said her parents loved each other and fought a mental illness to keep their family together which required many moves and hospitalizations that created instability in the home. School became her refuge, a safe place to explore all her possible futures. She married young and found balancing home, family, and work difficult. “I found there were many paths in front of me and I wasn’t yet sure which one to start down,” she continued.

It would be the move her family made to the Kern River Valley in 1989 that put her focus back on obtaining her education. “I remember meeting at the old sheriff’s substation to enroll for my first classes at Cerro Coso’s Kern River campus. I thought...this is a college?”

She attributes her success at Cerro Coso to many of the supportive faculty she encountered. Jean Pack helped build her confidence as a reentry student to study, write, and express her opinions. Her Philosophy instructor Deborah Richmond Johnson who opened her mind to other schools of thought, and allowed her to feel comfortable questioning her long held positions. When she transferred to the Ridgecrest campus, she took her first class with Dr. Rosenberg. “I was fascinated by his ability to weave historical stories from artwork. Dr. Leo who inspired her interest in psychology and understanding the human condition to help others.

Although money was tight, she became laser focused on finishing her degree. Within a few short years, she transferred to Cal State University Bakersfield and obtained a bachelor’s degree, teaching credential, Master degree, and ultimately her Doctorate in Educational Leadership, “all because of my first class in a tiny classroom above a Vons overlooking a very inauthentic Mexican restaurant. It may have not looked like what I thought a college was supposed to look like at the time, but Cerro Coso built a strong foundation for my educational career.”

One of her favorite quotes is from Margaret Mead, “Never doubt a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed: it’s the only thing that ever has.”

The majority of her career has been spent in education, serving as a teacher, Director of Children and Family Services, and Superintendent. She joined the Kern County Superintendent of Schools in 2009 as the Deputy Administrative Officer and was promoted to Superintendent of Schools in 2016.

“Thank you Cerro Coso Community College for providing the first step in a path that I continue to walk,” concluded Barlow. Cerro Coso celebrates your success!
Accreditation
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