



Shared perspectives

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As summer seems to run quickly by, the college continues at it's faster than usual pace. It feels like we are constantly all on the go now-a-days. I know this heavy schedule is tough on staff, and want to tell you how appreciated everyone's efforts are. We can always use new staff, and I know we all could surely use a breather. There is good news: we have good numbers of enrollments for summer school. And the bottom line is the campus is alive and exciting because our numbers are up. So I say "thank you" to all of you responsible for getting our students where they need to be to take classes, and thanks to the faculty who are helping our students achieve their goals.

There will be a new face soon on the college's website. All nine of the colleges will have a webpage that is similar in structure but different in colors, pictures and content. The intent in this effort is to both update our WebPages and to make it easier for students to find their way navigating amongst the colleges. Ray Van Dinther and Jonathon Lee have been working with the district office and their consultants to get the new website structured. We will now have a similar look for all WebPages as well. Departments and Faculty can still put whatever information they want up on their webpage but it will be a page that looks similar to the college's main page. There will no longer be separate links for department web pages. All will be hosted on our site. This is a significant marketing tool for the college as we brand our campuses and departments in a way that will reach out to potential students. We will initially be paying for 25 licenses for data entry. We will be working with department chairs and deans/directors to determine who will have the access. The underlying software will make data entry very easy, (so they tell me). ☺

Congratulations go to VP Bobby McNeel. We just got word that we are receiving a significant grant from the State Chancellor's office for \$800,000. We will be doing training for Kaiser throughout Southern California. We'll be contracting with 4 other community colleges and the local workforce investment board to provide all of the services. Congratulations also go to VP Abbie Patterson and her staff. We have just gotten word that we have received a \$500,000 grant to help the high school students who have not been able to pass the CAHSEE exam for graduation. Securing external monies like that is significant to the college, as it enables us to meet many of our community's needs and supplies the resources that enable us to do it during these very lean times.

And Congratulations to faculty member Dr. Ellen Joiner for her newly-published book, Sin and the City, about Chicago at the turn of the century.

I trust many of you have gotten to meet some of our new staff... Tatiana Greenberg, the supervisor in the accounting office, and Dean of Academic Affairs, Kristi Blackburn. We have several new folks in other offices as well... I hope you'll all make everyone welcome to the Harbor family.

As I leave for two weeks on my own vacation, I am reminded to wish all of you a wonderful vacation time. I also want to send out well wishes to those of you having some health issues this summer. My thoughts are with you all

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paula M. Jimenez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a decorative flourish at the end.