



Shared Perspectives

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I hope many of you got to visit with Chancellor Drummond when he was on campus this past Thursday. I know there was at least one class of students visiting as well. And the student newspaper was there...I think they broke a record. The Harbor Tides had an article about the chancellor up on their website within 30minutes of his finishing his talk. The Chancellor described his major concerns centering on student success and what the campuses can be doing to enhance student skills at all levels. I look forward to recommendations coming from the Basic Skills Task Force that is just being formed. I hope we have wide input from folks as we put together a plan of action.

Kudos to the College Foundation, Bonnie Easley, and Lauren McKenzie for the successful kick off of their Stars for Kids program. Local area schools are sending their fifth grade classes over on Fridays to spend some time in the astronomy classroom and to tour some of our science areas on campus...the nursing lab and the biology labs. This has been a wonderful program and I really want to acknowledge and thank folks for their involvement.

Two faculty and six students from Stockport College, England were here visiting last week. Three of the students major in theater and three are majoring in multi media production. The students put on a play on AIDS, written by Professor Larry Heimgartner, for several classes on campus and filmed a TV show interview of their faculty for our HCTV show, "The President's Roundtable". This airs on channel 27, Time Warner in our local community. Our LAHC students worked side by side with the students from England. It was a great few days watching the interactions of students from across the oceans. Hopefully we can do more of this type of activity for our students...globalizing the curriculum. Today's students will need to have the ability to work with folks from many cultures and countries so whatever we can do as an educational institution to help them get there is an important aspect of their education.

You may have noticed the email from 'Chef Joe' concerning our culinary arts students beginning to serve dinners on Thursday evenings. I hope folks will consider supporting

our students and taking dinner home...think of how much easier that day will be for you...not having to cook!

Congratulations to Rod Oakes and Igor Grigoriev. They are both award winners from ASCAPPLUS...from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. The talent from our music department is evident. Neither Rod nor Igor is new to this experience; they have been regularly acknowledged by ASCAP for their talents. Thanks for sharing those with us.

You may have noted that more emails were going around regarding this years AQMD survey. For some reason it was more of a struggle getting everyone to complete their survey this year. Just a note to thank everyone...we did finally get a 90% return so we have met our minimum goal so as not to be fined by AQMD. Thanks for your participation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sheila M. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S" and a decorative flourish at the end.