

CIO NEWS AND VIEWS

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SPRING CONFERENCE, MARCH 21-23

CIOs Join CSSOs to Build Bridges in San Francisco

Conference Session Topics

- * *Basic Skills, including the Best Practices Research*
- * *Student Retention*
- * *Noncredit Classes*
- * *Student Learning Outcomes*
- * *Understanding the Millennium Student*
- * *Negotiations*
- * *Positive Psychology*
- * *Art of Wine Tasting*
- * *Curriculum Issues*
- * *I Journal*
- * *Leadership, Assessment, and Learning*
- * *Legal Issues*

REGISTER AND GET HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW

Conference Registration: Only \$300 **IF** you register by **February 15**. To register, click on

<http://www.ccccio.org/conference/registration.html>

Hotel Reservation: Check the website above, or contact the hotel: 800-227-5480, or 415-392-7755, or email: Reservations@sirfrancisdrake.com.

The special conference rate is \$169 per night for a single or a double. That rate is good through *February 15*, but it is imperative that you make your reservations as soon as possible because there are a limited number of rooms at that rate.



It's time to register for the 2007 Spring CCCCIO CCCCSSO Joint Conference: ***Bridges to the Heart of Student Success*** at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco! The event will begin at noon on Wednesday March 21, with a lunch, and end on Friday, March 23 just before lunch. The

conference price of \$300 includes all sessions, two breakfasts, two luncheons, one dinner and one reception. Check out the sessions! Check out our special speakers! Then get on the web and get your conference and hotel reservations right away!

Special Speakers

JOHN ROUECHE is a nationally recognized authority in community college education, the author of over thirty-five books and scores of articles, and Director of the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas in Austin.



WATSON SCOTT SWAIL has conducted research and published widely on issues related to educational opportunity in higher education, and currently is the President of the Educational Policy Institute in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



As the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Santa Monica College, **DARROCH (ROCKY) YOUNG** was active in the CIO organization before assuming the Presidency of Los Angeles Pierce College and ultimately becoming the Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District in May of 2005.



Quoting John F. Kennedy—"Change is the law of life"—Rocky will retire at the end of this academic year, after 36 years in community colleges.

INSIDE

Fall Conference Highlights, including sensational photo gallery!

BOFFO FALL CONFERENCE TAKES THE STAGE, GETS RAVE REVIEWS FROM PARTICIPANTS

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS (“Cliff Note” Version. Go to <http://cccio.org/> for more information)

WEDNESDAY

CCLC’s Executive Director **Scott Lay** and Director of Fiscal Policy **Theresa Tena** opened the session with their “Random Thoughts from Fresno to San Diego, via Las Vegas.” Major points:

- The ranks of CEOs are thin—there is a crisis of leadership at the college level. CIOs need to step up.
- Student success has become a strong statewide concern, manifested by the focus on basic skills, four-year transfer, matriculation, and financial aid. SB 361 funding reflects a commitment to career development and college preparation.
- Fiscally, the system is stronger than it has been in decades. However, for the long term we need stable funding at a higher level. The Community College Initiative of 2008 addresses this need but it needs the immediate support of all of us in order to qualify for the ballot and ultimately pass. (NB: for more info on the initiative go to <http://www.californiansforcommunitycolleges.org/>)

The now-famous Basic Skills Troika (**Pam Deegan**, CIOs; **Robin Richards**, CSSOs; **Ian Walton**, State Academic Senate) outlined the history and current status of the BS Initiative and took questions and suggestions about what happens next.... Rio Hondo faculty member **Michelle Pilati** and **Randy Lawson** (Santa Monica) brought a SACC (System Advisory Committee on Curriculum) of updates on math and English levels, stand alone course approval, new Title 5 areas, SB 361 implementation, and recent Senate resolutions.... After a scrumptious dinner at the Loggia, Prado, in Balboa Park, Vice Chancellor **Carole Bogue-Feinour** provided us a dessert of tasty updates from her office.

THURSDAY

The CIO business meeting at breakfast yielded comment and questions on several topics (the basic skills initiative, compressed calendar, Senate resolutions, CIO communications) on which the Executive Board will follow up. (See “Randy’s Reflections” in the next issue of *News & Views*).... **Leslie Smith** (San Francisco), **John Nixon** (Mt. Sac), and **Lynda Lee** (Mira Costa) provided a thorough exegesis of the new SB 361 non-credit regulations, with useful handouts.... **Pam Eddinger** (Moorpark), **Jacqueline Jacobs** (Pasadena) and **John Spevak** (Merced) described new ways to address the math and English degree requirements and sparked a lot of discussion.... Luncheon speaker **John Laird**, Assembly Member and Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, spoke eloquently about his commitment to community colleges and the issues that confront them.... **John Spevak** encored with an interactive session on supplementary instruction.... After the regional group meetings, the President’s Reception, sponsored by ETS, featured **the Dream Girls of Palomar**, featuring perennial favorite **Beyoncé Deegan**.

FRIDAY

Chris Reigle, biologist at Irvine Valley College, provided us a fascinating tour of the brain and reflected on the practical ways that brain research over the past decade or so can improve one’s teaching.... **Nancy Shulock**, Director of the Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy at CSCU Sacramento and self-described cockeyed optimist, presented an analysis of the ways that state fiscal policy’s incentives and disincentives frustrate the mission of community colleges and made a number of recommendations for change.

FALL CONFERENCE PHOTO GALLERY

W E D N E S D A Y



Randy Lawson presides at the Opening Lunch



CCLC's Theresa Tena and Scott Lay



Vice Chancellor Bogue-Feinour listens to her introduction at Wednesday's dinner in Balboa Park



Michelle Pilati (Academic Senate) joins Randy Lawson in discussion of System curriculum issues. Barry Russell hands out the wine.



Basic Skills Troika - Pam Deegan, CSSO Robin Richards, Senate Pres Ian Walton



W E D N E S D A Y D I N N E R

THURSDAY



Michael Kasler gives the wine to Lynda Lee (left), John Nixon, and Leslie Smith, who told us all we need to know (?) about non-credit.



Alice Murillo thanks Pam Eddinger, John Spevak, & Jackie Jacobs for leading us in talk about the new math and English requirements.



Assembly Member John Laird presents the Sacramento perspective.



Best Punch Line of the Conference: "I told you not to marry him!"



Host Dave Bolt joins John Spevak & Carole Bogue Feinour after the session on Supplemental Instruction.

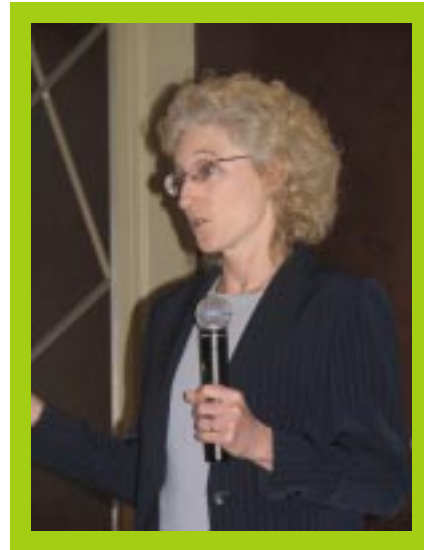


"Dream Girls of Palomar" heats up Thursday night reception.

FRIDAY



Randy Lawson thanks Irvine Valley College professor for his intriguing talk on how brain research can impact teaching.



CSU Sacramento Researcher Nancy Shulock diagnoses community college funding issues.

REGIONAL GROUP PORTRAITS

(apologies to those not included)



South Coast, Back Row, L to R: Cheryl Babler (Coastline), Melinda Nish (Orange Coast), Paul Stansbury (West L.A.), Bill Farmer (Cerritos); Front Row L to R: Barbara Perez (Santa Monica), Rajeu Vurdien (Saddleback), Sandra Mayo (Saddleback), Don Berz (Long Beach)



Desert 2, L to R: Standing, L to R: Rene Martinez (East L.A.), Liege Henderson (L.A. Southwest); Seated L to R: Steve White (Glendale), Jackie Ireland (L.A. City)



San Diego/Imperial, L to R: Don Low (Grossmont), Kit Foster (Miramar), Elizabeth Armstrong (Mesa), Ron Manzoni (San Diego City), Kendra Jeffcoat (Grossmont)



Southwest Bay, L to R: Antoinette Wheeler (Mission), Adrienne Akinette (Gavilan), Robert Johnstone (Foothill), Dona Boatright (Mission), Marilyn McBride (Canada)



S.F./East Bay, L to R: Laurel Jones (Las Positas), Alice Murillo (Diablo Valley), Dan Henry (Los Medanos), Carol Maga (Contra Costa), Ron Taylor (Chabot), Elnora Webb (Laney)



West Central, L to R: Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh (Pierce), Henry Yong (Taft), Sharon Lowry (Antelope Valley), Pam Eddinger (Moorpark), Jack Friedlander (Santa Barbara), Harry Schade (Cuesta), Jeff Shimizu (Santa Monica)



Desert 1, L to R: Irene Malmgren (Citrus), Linda Stevens (San Bernardino), Michael Murillo (Copper Mountain), William Smith (Palo Verde)