

HORIZON

OUR DISTRICT. OUR FUTURE.

A quarterly newsletter from the office of Chancellor Kathleen Burke, Ed.D.

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We'll use whatever name you prefer

During the past several years, the UC system, several CSUs, and a handful of community colleges have implemented preferred first name programs. Our district recognizes that students and employees may wish to use a name other than their given name as recorded on official documents. Under the direction of Vice Chancellor Cindy Vyskocil, our HR department is developing a preferred name guideline. This guideline will empower students and employees to use a preferred first/given name on all official documents except where use of the official name is required for district business or legal need. The Preferred First Name program will benefit students and employees by allowing them to self-identify, which will:

- Foster an environment of inclusion, respect, and dignity.
- Remove the anxiety that comes from having to communicate preferred names repeatedly to instructors or supervisors.
- Promote safe and welcoming spaces at each of our colleges and at the district.
- Comply with Title IX regulations presented in the May 2016 Dear Colleague Letter from the Office for Civil Rights.

More information about the program implementation and additional resources will soon be available on the district website at www.socccd.edu.



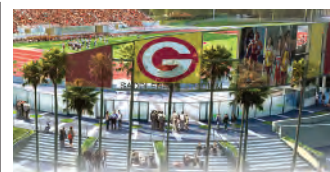
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Chancellor's Note from Kathleen F. Burke, Ed.D.

Welcome to the first edition of Horizon, a newsletter from my office to be shared with faculty and staff on a quarterly basis.

When selecting a name for the newsletter, dozens of names were considered – The District Insider, The Burke Bulletin, and maybe the most creative – The Chancellor's Newsletter. Ultimately, we settled on Horizon for various reasons. From the third floor of the Health Sciences building on the Saddleback College campus, many of us have a picturesque view of the horizon amongst the hills, and on a clear day, the sea. The rising and setting of the sun creates a beautiful skyline, reminding us daily of the beauty of Orange County, but also the opportunity that each new day brings.

In addition to the physicality connection to the newsletter's name, Horizon also represents one's outlook or perspective. Within this newsletter, I plan to showcase initiatives, people, and programs throughout the district. My hope is that sharing this information strengthens our perspective of each other, expands our outlook on how we serve, and enhances the level to which we strive.

In this edition, you'll find information about a new district-led initiative called the Preferred Name campaign. You'll also read about district employees who go beyond the call of duty.

After reading this first edition, broaden your horizon and send us your feedback to communications@socccd.edu. Let us know what

resonated with you or what you would like to see in future editions. Happy holidays and thank you for your hard work and dedication this year.



Staff members who helped organize donated gifts given to families in need. From left to right: Jim Gaston, Sandi Pope, Virginia Romero, Allen Dehnke, Vanessa Cortez, Debbie Garcia.

The Spirit of Giving

District Services teams up with Adopt-a-Family this holiday season

December usually sparks the gift-giving season. Advertisements about all the new gadgets and gizmos that our loved ones need are abundant around us. But the season can also serve as a reminder to give what we have to those truly in need.

Dedicated members of District Services did just that when they volunteered to organize a drive to help families in need through a local Irvine charity, Families Forward.

Jim Gaston, District Services IT Director, led the effort to organize the donations for local families through their Adopt-a-Family program. Each district department collected donations and eventually gave gifts to 29 children in nine families.

"One thing that makes Families Forward stand out is that they look out for the dignity of the family," said Jim. "For instance, they suggest that we don't wrap a gift, but provide gift paper with the present."

Families Forward is also encourag-

ing gift cards, instead of actual gifts. This allows the parents to go to a store with the children and buy the exact gift the child wants. Ultimately, this process empowers the parents and strengthens the family. A holiday wish fulfilled for us all.

**"I want to make
sure kids have
a great Christmas."**

– Allen Dehnke

IT Applications Specialist III

Jim said, "I am impressed by the willingness of people in the office to do this, even in past years when the economy was bad and money was tight. People here were still willing to give."

For those in District Services that collected gifts, they got the reward of knowing they were doing something for others this holiday season.

Ready to give next year?

Families Forward programs are year-round, helping to find affordable housing, supporting renters, and providing a food pantry for families in need. To learn more, visit their website: www.families-forward.org. **Next November, there will be email invitations sent out seeking department coordinators to collect donations, so be ready to volunteer!**

FOCUS ON CYBER-SECURITY

IT improves safeguards against hackers

Email is No. 1 Method of Attack

With our ever increasing reliance on our digital workplace, the district has experienced increased attacks by hackers and cyber-criminals. District IT identified email as our No. 1 vulnerability — followed by infected websites, social media scams, and stealing digital identities and passwords. As part of IT's efforts to protect us, they sent out a list of suggested precautions:

- Be diligent in reviewing emails before responding, opening attachments, or clicking on links.
- College and district IT staff will never request your username and password via email. So any email that

requests personal information should arouse your suspicion.

- Question any email that contains a web link to a site not hosted by a district entity or service provider (ATEP, IVC, Saddleback, SOCCCD, Mimecast, Workday), and do not provide college user information to such a website.

- Question any email that suggests a sense of urgency (e.g., "your account will be disabled if you do not provide your username and password immediately").

- Review the sender email address. If the "Display Name" does not

match the sender email address, it is malicious.

- If you do not know and trust the sender, don't open attached files or click on included links.

- Do not respond to email that appears to originate from generic-sounding account names (e.g., webmail@socccd.edu) regardless of how legitimate the email appears.

If you suspect you have provided user account information or opened a link in a suspicious email, contact your technology support staff immediately so that corrective measures can be taken. Let's be careful out there.



Jeff Dorsz, the 2018 Manager of the Year.

Jeff Dorsz District Manager of the Year

This year's Manager of the Year Jeff Dorsz planned and presided over a multi-year, million-dollar effort to upgrade our aging computer network. Dorsz, the Director of IT Infrastructure/Security, implemented a new security system with added technical capabilities in firewalls, network intrusion detection, and anomaly detection. Dorsz also established district-wide computer security training, segmented networks to safeguard classrooms, redressed problems identified by security audits, and provided responses to regulatory agencies.

"Jeff's performance has been essential in protecting our 70,000 faculty, staff, and students from computer attacks."

– Vice Chancellor Bramucci

"Jeff Dorsz is respected and admired by his colleagues, and we are honored to recognize him with this special award."

– Chancellor Kathleen Burke

Vice Chancellor Ann-Marie Gabel on a recent trip to Sacramento to gain funding support for the district.



Advocating for Construction Funding

The district continues to seek all available state funding for construction projects. Advocacy efforts are underway to help fund the development of the Irvine Valley College Fine Arts Building and the Saddleback College Gateway Building. Fact sheets about both projects were presented to state legislative staff during a visit to Sacramento on December 5. Both projects will serve a critical need for students and the overall mission of each institution.

RECENT BUILDING PROJECTS

New buildings enhance the learning experience for both students and instructors. Here are some of the recently completed projects on both campuses:



Life Sciences Building, 2014
Irvine Valley College



Liberal Arts Building, 2016
Irvine Valley College



Sciences Building, 2016
Saddleback College



IDEA Building, 2018
Irvine Valley College at ATEP

Vice Chancellor Gabel appointed to state funding committee

In an official announcement by the governor's office, Vice Chancellor Gabel has been appointed to the state Community College Success Funding Formula Oversight Committee – where she will serve until 2022. Gabel has worked for various college districts since 1998 and that long history will allow her to be a critical voice as the committee implements the new funding formula for community colleges statewide. **"Vice Chancellor Gabel is a respected leader throughout the California community college system so it is no surprise that Governor Brown has recognized her professionalism and dedication. We are proud to have her represent our district on the state level,"** said Chancellor Burke.



"This has been a long awaited and much needed project. I can't wait until next year when we reconvene to celebrate the grand opening of a vital new addition to the IVC campus."

Glenn Roquemore
IVC President

Health Center Underway

The past few months have seen steady progress on the new health and wellness building which will also house athletic and concession services. The 3,730 square foot, one-story building project will include a new parking lot with 594 stalls, new lighting, and underground utilities. The cost for both projects is projected to be approximately \$17 million. The project, located near the baseball fields on the south end

of the campus, is expected to be finished by fall 2019.

The health and wellness center portion of the building will include three private examination rooms, a waiting room, reception room, nurses station, and staff offices. The athletics portion includes a trainer's room, ticket booth and concessions stand, public restrooms, and new bleacher seating for up to 300 spectators.



O.C. Business Council Award Nomination

Leadership from IVC and the district were present at the Orange County Business Council's **Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet Awards** ceremony. The award acknowledges the good work of local governments who have implemented innovative policies and strategies to cut through red tape, eliminate barriers to economic growth, and open doors to private sector job creation. IVC was nominated in the Business Retention and Expansion category for its innovative work at ATEP. Although IVC did not win, it was an honor to celebrate the great work of IVC amongst influential local leaders and institutions.

COLLEGE EVENTS



Adopt-a-Family Holiday Program

IVC Foundation hosted their Adopt-a-Family program on December 7 for employees in the IVC Cafeteria. This was a wonderful opportunity to support local families through giving. Many thanks to all that helped to organize the program.

Laser Polar Express

On December 6, IVC hosted their End-of-the-Year Celebration in the IVC Performing Arts Center. It was a great way to kick-off the holiday festivities with colleagues, which entailed festive food and lots of fun.



Stadium Project on Schedule

The stadium project continues on pace to be completed in August 2019. The old stadium has been removed, the entire area has been graded and infrastructure installed. The coming 8,000-seat stadium will feature new restrooms, team rooms, concession stand, ticket booth, press box, score-

board, synthetic turf, and nine-lane running track. The project includes updating the southeast campus drainage control outfall on County of Orange property. The existing practice fields and thrower's park will be relocated to the old golf driving range and expanded to include a soccer practice field.

New president Starts in January



"I am excited to join a great college like Saddleback in our mission to enrich the lives of our students and our community."

Dr. Elliot Stern

After a nationwide search, the Board of Trustees has approved Dr. Elliot Stern to serve as the president of Saddleback College. "We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Stern to the district," said Chancellor Kathleen Burke. "His experience in engaging diverse communities and partnering with local businesses will definitely contribute to our success!"

Dr. Stern comes from Lake Washington Institute of Technology where he served as Vice President of Instruction. He has a Bachelor of Science in pre-medicine and D.O. from Michigan State University. He earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan School of Law and practiced as a medical litigator for seven years.

He then switched careers and became a biology instructor at Everett Community College, where he taught for years before entering administrative roles.

COLLEGE EVENTS



Nurses' Pinning Ceremony

On Dec. 3, in an emotional ceremony at the McKinney Theatre, graduates received a time-honored nursing pin. It serves as a symbol of a nurse's service to others and their induction into the nursing profession.

"A Feast of Lights"

The Saddleback College choirs and symphony presented "A Feast of Lights" at the McKinney Theatre. The concert has been a holiday tradition for more than 25 years and this year's program highlighted both old and new holiday favorites for chorus and orchestra.

From the Board of Trustees & Chancellor Kathleen F. Burke
We wish you and your family

*Happy Holidays and a
Happy New Year!*



On Dec. 18, District Services had a “progressive potluck” across six serving locations on the 2nd and 3rd floors. It was a tasty way to say happy holidays and it sent us all into winter break well satisfied!



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