

# Student Affairs Division Updates – November 2008

## **Athletics:**

- ✓ PVCC Men's Cross Country team won the National Championship (5 individual All-Americans)
- ✓ PVCC Women's cross country finished in 7th place (1 individual All-American)
- ✓ Hosted NJCAA Men's Division I National Soccer Tournament in partnership with the City of Phoenix

## **Student Financial Assistance:**

- ✓ The Student Financial Assistance Office began the process of working with IRTS to develop an electronic communication process. This process will allow the office to notify student about their award, missing information and critical announcements. The programmers are in the testing stage of this process. It is the hope of the office to establish this process as the primary means to communicate with students. This process will have significant budget implications. The college will save on printing, paper, postage, envelopes, labor, and time.
- ✓ The Financial Aid Tech. III is the Advisor for the Native American Student Association (NASA). During Native American Recognition Week, the club sponsored three college wide engagement and learning activities:
  1. Native American Traditional Storytelling
  2. Native American Dance Performance
  3. Indian Fry Bread Sale
- ✓ Engagement and learning activities have a direct effect on student retention. The budget implication is that it is more cost effective to retain a student than to recruit a student.
- ✓ The Interim Director had the members of the African American Student Association (AASA) complete a Student Engagement and Student Success pre survey. This survey was followed up by offering the AASA a Student Engagement and Student Success workshop. Before the end of the fall term, student will be asked to complete a Student Engagement and Student Success survey to determine what students learned and if they plan to enroll in the next term.
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## **Disability Services:**

- ✓ Spoke at Business Division meeting regarding Disability Services issues.
- ✓ I was asked to come to the next Distance Learning Committee meeting to discuss accommodations for Distance Learning.
- ✓ Participated in Paradise Valley High School Transition planning group.
- ✓ Presented to Scottsdale Unified District High School Special Education students per request of their Transitions Director.
- ✓ Continued as Chairman of the Disability Services Council

### **Counseling:**

- ✓ In partnership with the African American club, raised \$3000 for Lost Boys Scholarship
- ✓ Facilitated two adjunct faculty active learning sessions
- ✓ Facilitated several career planning workshops during Career Week
- ✓ Helped raised funds for Chrysalis Women's Shelter
- ✓ Helped facilitate PEAK leadership breakfast and student panel

### **Student Life:**

- ✓ Facebook – 11/3  
The Student Life Center became part of the Facebook community, an online social networking tool which houses millions of users worldwide, on 11/3. The site highlights videos, photos, and a newsfeed from the PVCC Student Life Blog. Future feature additions include a Student Leadership Council Twitter feed highlighting the group's projects and events as well as a "Day in the Life" commentary from student workers in the office. Nicole is providing the primary leadership for this endeavor and relies heavily on Poppy, one of our student workers, for her expertise and interests as a current student. Staying up to speed with the current trends in technology and the way students communicate and interact with each other, is critical to the mission of our office.
- ✓ Adopt-A-Family – 11/13 – 12/5  
The annual Adopt-A-Family campaign was kicked off on 11/13 with a pancake breakfast for the PVCC community. Since the campus was unexpectedly without gas that morning, we anticipated a huge crowd for pancakes. Ryan, Helice, Poppy, Ellen and 3 SLC members flipped pancakes, made coffee, served over 30 people, and were successful in getting people to sign up to get donations and/or purchase gifts for our DES families. To date, we have 9 families we are sponsoring and Puma Press, Women's Softball and Soccer, SLC, Club Ed, the Library, and Phi Theta Kappa have signed up to sponsor families. Additionally, many individual faculty and staff members, as well as individual club members, have agreed to contribute to the program. We will accept donations until December 5 and then SLC members will get any additional items not yet received, wrap the gifts, purchase holiday meals, and then deliver everything to the families by December 25.
- ✓ Adopt-A-Street – 11/14  
The Student Life Center staff and SLC participated in the Adopt-A-Street program from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on 11/14. The group of 15 people was able to clean up PVCC's sponsored stretch of city street on Union Hills Boulevard from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to Cave Creek Road. Helping to keep our neighborhood clean and beautiful is a priority for SLC. This event provided participants the opportunity to work towards a common goal and to get to know each other better. Everyone gathered in our office for pizza afterwards. Club members were able to utilize this experience towards their 20 hour community service requirement.
- ✓ Staffing Issues  
This month's events, programs and services were managed by 2 full-time Program Specialists, 1 temporary Office Coordinator, 1 20 hr. work study student, and 1 interim part-time Director. Creative staffing patterns and a lot of hard work enabled these (and many others) to be successful.

### **Children's Center:**

- ✓ Leaders from two community agencies each scheduled a ½ day study session at the Children's Center to review the accreditation artifacts and portfolios. Sessions were followed by a 30 minute Q & A session with the Director.
- ✓ Center Director was interviewed by the Research Analyst for public policy at Children's Action Alliance. The purpose was to provide perspective and data for shaping AZ legislative agenda for 2009 session. The advocacy agency is interested in understanding funding issues at accredited centers and how to bring services to our state's most needy families.
- ✓ Children's Center teachers, Nancy McNeill and Kara Cossel utilized PSA Funding to attend a North American Reggio Alliance Conference in Denver Colorado. The conference included a tour of Boulder Journey School, Lectures by the mayor and educators from Reggio Emilia, Italy. This learning experience was also able to provide Nancy and Kara with the opportunity to view and participate in the One Hundred Languages of Children Exhibit on one of its few stops in North America this year.
- ✓ Rosemary Hooper, Director used adjunct faculty and MAT funding to attend the NAEYC Conference in Dallas Texas. The new text, Developmentally Appropriate Practice was presented and many sessions were devoted to topics addressed in this volume. This work provides the basis for high quality accredited early care and education programs nationally and will be heavily used by ECE Students and Staff at PVCC.
- ✓ In conjunction with their Literacy Priority, The Parent Advisory Council will sponsor a professional puppet show for enrolled children and families on Night of Light, December 5. This year they will also invite PVCC faculty and staff with children under the age of 7 to attend at no cost. An invitation will be sent out to the PVCC Distribution List. Meanwhile, please have interested families RSVP by leaving a message with Ida @ (602) 787-7150.
- ✓ The Children's Center will be a tour site for attendees to the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers National Conference in Phoenix, April 2009. Phoenix College and Mesa CC Child Care Directors are on the conference committee.

### **Student Development:**

- ✓ Advising launched new Nursing Information Sessions. Test pilots in November; will be monthly beginning in January.
- ✓ Advising launched new small group advising session. Test pilot in fall for new NSO format.
- ✓ Recruitment hosted High School Senior Parent Night, 11/19/08 with over 100 people in attendance.
- ✓ New Student Orientation for Spring 2009 kicked off with first session on 11/19/08. This includes a new format with the addition of a student/faculty panel, customized breakout sessions, and a new video for the College Success Class among other updates.
- ✓ New Student Orientation Leader training took place Saturday, 11/8/08 from 9am - 4pm. Twelve Orientation Leaders/Ambassadors have been recruited to assist for Spring 2009.
- ✓ Recruitment for PVCC's Hoop of Learning applicants was completed. Twenty-one Native American students have applied to the program for Spring 2009. The selection process is underway.
- ✓ ACE Recruitment efforts are underway with frequent high school visits throughout November. Applications are due in January.

**Admissions / Records:**

- ✓ Assisted ACE program by assigning students to cohort groups
- ✓ Worked with Cashier's Office to develop new business process to handle group enrollments (FSC, EMT, etc.)
- ✓ Submitted corrections for the Clearinghouse to verify student enrollment
- ✓ Participating in annual Senior Night for high school senior recruitment
- ✓ provided refreshments in honor of Veterans Day

**Service Learning:**

- ✓ Submitted grantee progress report for Project Ayuda 0708 grant year.
- ✓ Selected 44 SLICE applicants for Spring 2009.
- ✓ Completed continuation grant for Project Ayuda 2009 funding cycle.

**Career Services:**

- ✓ Planned and organized PEAK Leadership Breakfast bringing together Business, non-profits, faculty, staff and students to explore opportunities to work together in providing enrichment, shadowing/mentoring, internship opportunities for our students
- ✓ Worked with MCCCCD Career Council to develop learning outcomes for Career Council assessments
- ✓ Outreach to community to seek participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life (RFL) - planned RFL Kick-off event
- ✓ Worked with Laurel in HR to develop learning outcomes/manual for Work Study Orientation

**Assessment / Testing:**

- ✓ All front-line staff have completed iStart Smart training and are actively screening students and referring those who fit the cohort using the handouts provided by Heather
- ✓ In process of updating software in the computer lab with new versions of NET, CLEP, and Perception as well as the usual Windows & Office updates
- ✓ In process of developing a new version of Test Tracking to incorporate changes in MS Access as well as changes caused by new SIS