

Student Affairs Division Updates – December 2008

Athletics:

- ✓ Men's Cross Country team won the NJCAA National Championship
- ✓ PVCC Coach Dave Barney was chosen NJCAA National Cross Country Coach of the Year
- ✓ Successfully hosted NJCAA Men's National Soccer Tournament in partnership with City of Phoenix

Student Financial Assistance:

- ✓ The Interim Director gave a financial aid and scholarship workshop at Cactus Shadows High School
- ✓ The Interim Director and the Financial Aid Tech. III attended the Federal Student Aid Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- ✓ The entire office staff, a member of the Admission & Records Office, and the Director of Career Services attended a Customer Service Training. This training was initiated by the Director OSFA.

Disability Services:

- ✓ We had a speaker come and speak to our Distance Learning Faculty regarding accommodations for students with disabilities on December 2
- ✓ We had two information/orientation sessions for DRC students who will be new this Spring.
- ✓ We held a work shop for special education and transition teachers and administrators from Pinnacle High School to demonstrate to them the assistive technology that we have available on our campus.
- ✓ We have continued work serving students, helping with their testing needs, and preparing for next semester.

Student Life:

- ✓ Director Search – ongoing

As part of the search committee for the Director of Student Life and Leadership, Ryan Martin and Helice Agria have each spent over 35 hours of their time and talents meeting with the other search committee members, interviewing internal candidates, and screening over 75 applications. The search process has been prolonged due to a variety of unforeseen circumstances. They will finish screening applications and hopefully the committee will be allowed to proceed with the search process even though a hiring freeze has been instituted. Their commitment and dedication to this process is commendable and much appreciated by our entire staff since hiring a new director is definitely mission critical.

- ✓ Adopt-A-Family – 11/13 – 12/5

The annual Adopt-A-Family campaign is coming to a close. Numerous faculty, staff and students have supported SLC and Student Life by donating items from the 9 families' wish lists. SLC members completed the wish lists on Tuesday, December 9 with one last trip to the Desert Ridge Marketplace. Most of the gifts were wrapped by Student Life staff and SLC members, and the last of them will be wrapped up by December 12. SLC members, the women's soccer and softball teams, Club Ed members, Phi Theta Kappa members, and students from Puma Press will be delivering the donated items during the weeks of December 15 and 22. The annual end of semester thank you breakfast will provide one last opportunity for PVCC faculty and staff to contribute canned goods which will be provided to the families as part of their holiday meals. All in all, this was another successful year for the Adopt-a-Family program at PVCC!

Student Life (continued):

✓ EL Reflection Banquet – 11/21

Emerging Leaders celebrated its 10th year, graduating another 38 EL I participants on November 21 at the semester end Reflection Banquet. Students presented their service learning projects that are a central part of the Social Change Model of Leadership on which EL is based. Certificates of completion were issued and students were encouraged to become involved in additional involvement opportunities on the campus including EL II, SLICE, Peer Mentors, Student Ambassadors, Orientation Leaders, Student Leadership Council and more.... A nice dinner was provided and a reflection video highlighted the experience.

✓ 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. Since the part-time Director's contract expires December 23 and another interim plan has not been determined, it is unclear how the staff will manage during the spring semester.

Children's Center:

Rosemary Hooper was honored to receive the One Maricopa Pin for being part of "a core group of Directors that maintain the collaborative spirit that is important for the ChildCare Director's council to thrive. Christina Nash (MCC), Sherry Johnson (GCC), Rosemary Hooper (PVCC) and Ginger Sandweg (PCC) have worked together to:

- Support each other (and other centers in the District) through National Accreditation
- Work on changes to teacher job descriptions that meet the current job duties and responsibilities as required by National Accreditation
- Put into place regular meetings that include our council representative, Alberto Sanchez (GCC)

Nominated by colleague, Ginger Sandweg, of PC who wrote to the chancellor: "Without the collaboration of these dedicated individuals, we would not be a strong council. These Directors should be recognized for their commitment to collaboration rather than competition. In this way, we are strong advocates for ALL of the early childhood teachers, for high quality in ALL of the centers, and in turn support ALL students with young children in our programs to obtain a higher education."

- ✓ Night of Light Family event 12.5.08 was attended by 85% of enrolled families. PVCC Staff and Faculty with children or grandchildren were also invited and the house was full- over 100 parents and children attended the professional puppet show performed by Great AZ Puppet Theater
- ✓ Children's Center families participated in a clothing exchange with all non exchanged items being given to charity
- ✓ Comp 230 class raised \$120 for literacy materials and events with the sale of note cards for the Children's Center and made a presentation in class about how the Center works with families to foster emergent literacy skills
- ✓ Provided support and technical assistance to administrative staff at two community children's programs in self study for accreditation portfolio design
- ✓ Provided learning opportunity and mentoring for ASU intern for one semester, total of 72 hours field service
- ✓ 10 PVCC classes utilized the Children's Center for learning experiences during Fall term, 2008, as documented by our on line study tour request and follow up sign in @ the center

Student Development:

- ✓ November Fundraiser called No Shave November for Adopt a Family has currently brought in \$1623 and counting!
- ✓ Finished the month of November up 236 advising sessions not including small group advising and information sessions.
- ✓ Up 1732 advising session for academic year compared to 2007/08
- ✓ Presented iStartSmart along with SCC, CGCC, and GWCC to Governing Board on 11/25.
- ✓ Held Hoop of Learning Student/Parent Orientation on 12/3/08. Twenty-two Native American students have been accepted to the program for Spring 2009.
- ✓ ACE Recruitment efforts are underway with frequent high school visits throughout November. Applications are due in January.
- ✓ Hosted High School Counselor Breakfast on 12/5/08. Provided academic and co-curricular updates to over 30 high school representatives in attendance.
- ✓ Provided tours and presentations to 2 groups from Greenway Middle School
- ✓ Presented at 3 English classes at Cactus Shadows HS (230 students)

Admissions / Records:

- ✓ We participated in high school Senior night
- ✓ Provided space in our office for the ASU West Advisor
- ✓ Attended the Governing Board meeting & the Student Services meeting at SCC regarding IStart Smart & NSO

Service Learning:

- ✓ Ending of Service Learning classes: 871 participated in the fall. Doing close to 11000 hours.
- ✓ Two more instructors implemented service-learning in the fall.
- ✓ Started implementing SL Assessment outcomes rubrics to faculty.

Career Services:

- ✓ Met with K-Mart (32nd Street & Cactus Road) which is about to displace 135 employees concerning Maricopa Resources and educational opportunities
- ✓ Planning/calling employers to find out which are open to working with college concerning educational opportunities for displaced workers
- ✓ Continued working with Laurel Smith/HR on Student Worker Orientation/assessment
- ✓ Sponsored Sports University which brought students from ASU, ASU West, SCC, PVCC, GCC, and Grand Canyon to explore internship opportunities in the sports industry.

Assessment / Testing:

- ✓ Administered 8993 tests so far this academic year (through Nov), including 6137 course placement assessments, 2491 instructor tests, and 365 other tests. During the same period last year we gave 8495 tests so we have done nearly 500 more tests so far this year!
- ✓ Working with Media Services for a portion of a video about Student Services
- ✓ Also being featured in an online campus tour for AAA and CPD150 classes
- ✓ Beginning to plan for Dual Enrollment (Cactus Shadows) and Early College (PVHS & North Canyon) off-site testing in Spring 2009 for Fall 2009 enrollment