

## **District Press Releases - 2008**

12/3/08

### **Chabot-Las Positas Community College District to Swear in New Board Member**

(Pleasanton, CA) - The community is invited to the annual organizational meeting of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees on Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Pleasanton.

Dr. Marshall Mitzman, elected to the Board to represent the city of Hayward, will be sworn in along with veteran board members who ran unopposed, Mr. Carlo Vecchiarelli of Pleasanton, Dr. Barbara Mertes of Livermore and Dr. Arnulfo Cedillo of Union City.

Mitzman ran for the seat recently vacated by Dr. Alison Lewis of Hayward, who retired from the Board after 17 years of service.

“Dr. Lewis was an exceptional trustee,” said Dr. Joel Kinnamon, district Chancellor. “The District will miss her greatly, but we know that Dr. Mitzman has the vision and experience to step into Dr. Lewis' seat and help guide us into the future.”

The meeting will be held at the District Office at 5020 Franklin Drive in Pleasanton. For more information, please contact Laura Weaver at (925) 485-5215.

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9/9/08

### **Chabot and Las Positas Colleges Reduce Waste By 75% and Will Generate Substantial Portion of Own Power**

(Pleasanton, CA) – Students at Chabot and Las Positas Colleges may not see or feel the environmentally friendly changes around them – but they’re there. With the passage of Measure B in 2004, college and district officials have taken major steps toward creating “green” campuses to sustain the environment for future generations. In 2005 the District Board of Trustees adopted a Sustainable Design Policy requiring all new buildings constructed under the Measure B Bond, be minimum LEED Silver Certified. District and college faculty and staff took this even further and included sustainability measurements in almost every project on campus, including waste reduction.

“We have established an extensive waste reduction program,” said Tim Nelson, director of maintenance and operations. “Everything removed from campus is logged and categorized, including food waste and recyclables. We also mulch green waste

on-site, instead of paying to have it mulched at an off-campus location. We have reduced waste by 75% while generating cost savings for the district.”

Waste reduction is just the beginning of the district’s efforts to reduce cost and enhance sustainability. When it comes to utility savings, the colleges are making great strides in cost savings, while helping to reduce the load on the state’s power grid.

Both colleges are building shaded parking structures with photovoltaic panels capable of producing one megawatt of electricity that will satisfy approximately 20% of current campus need. They are also building their own central utility plants which will help reduce overall energy consumption. The plants will allow the college to load shift with significant utility consumption occurring at off peak times.

From building roofs to heated pools, creative, cost-effective measures have been put in place to work with the environment, instead of against it. “At Chabot College we burn natural gas to make our own electricity, almost 300 kilowatts. The waste heat is used to heat our Olympic-sized pool for free,” said Doug Horner, construction project manager at Chabot College. In addition, both colleges’ existing red roofs are being replaced with reflective white roofs with two inch insulation, designed to reduce heat gain and help insulate the buildings.

All of the district and college sustainability measures are in place to support efforts to obtain LEED certification on all new buildings and LEED equivalent on renovations. “We are on course to achieve LEED Silver on new buildings at Las Positas College and Chabot College,” said Jeffrey Kingston, vice chancellor of facilities and executive director of the Measure B facilities modernization program. “We are also implementing specific college-wide sustainable practices as a condition of having LEED certified buildings at each college. One of our new goals is to reach LEED Gold on our new student services building at Las Positas College and on a future library project at Chabot College.”

Last year, Chancellor Joel Kinnamon joined more than 500 other university and college presidents across the country as a signatory to the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. The Commitment was created by the organization as a pledge to make colleges and universities carbon neutral. “As an educational institution it’s important for us to be leaders in the area of global warming, both in educating the public about its effects, as well as taking the lead in helping to alleviate damage to our environment,” he said. “Our Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students recognize this importance and are doing all they can to set the standard in our communities.”

For more information about sustainability efforts in the district, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Kingston at (925) 485-5244.

## **Chabot and Las Positas Colleges to Cover Cal Grants for Students**

(Pleasanton, CA) – Students at Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore, will not have to worry about not receiving Cal Grant funds due to the delayed state budget. District officials have identified funds that they will use to cover the grants so students will not have to interrupt their education.

“This is a difficult situation for our students. We are prepared to provide funds to them so they can continue their progress toward achieving their goals without the stress of worrying about whether or not their grant funds will be available,” said Dr. Joel Kinnamon, district chancellor.

“Without a budget, the State is prohibited from paying its obligations, including payments to students receiving Cal Grants. This will impact Chabot and Las Positas students relying on their Cal Grants to pay for books and enrollment fees,” said Lorenzo Legaspi, vice chancellor of business services. “Our district is prepared to issue \$200,000 for approximately 500 students.”

“Through conservative budgeting we are in a situation where we are able to assist our students during our state’s fiscal crisis,” said Carlo Vecchiarelli, president of the district Board of Trustees. “The Board, and our college and district administration, have worked diligently to forecast state and federal revenue streams and make adjustments at the district level in order to support our students and provide them with the funds and tools they need to be successful.”

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6/4/08

## **OSHA Training Classes to Begin**

(Pleasanton, CA) - Registration for Chabot-Las Positas Community College District’s new OSHA Training Center courses is now available online at [www.OSHA4you.com](http://www.OSHA4you.com). Classes begin June 17. Initial offerings include the OSHA Trainer Course for General Industry and the OSHA Trainer Course for Construction.

To meet the critical need for OSHA training in the Northern California Region, these first classes are immediately followed in July by Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Construction and Occupational Safety and Health for General Industry. Complete details about the OSHA Training Center’s course offerings, class registration, and training locations can be found at [www.OSHA4you.com](http://www.OSHA4you.com), or contact the Training Center by telephone at (866) 936-OSHA.

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District is the only OSHA Training Institute Education Center in northern California. The District’s OSHA Training Center serves Region IX, which includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa.

For further information, please contact Julia Dozier at (866) 936-OSHA.

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3/4/08

### **College District Offers Customer Service Academy**

(Pleasanton, CA) - The Chabot-Las Positas District Training and Development Solutions department is offering a Customer Service Academy that will begin on March 13, 2008, in the District multipurpose room. These classes will provide training in customer service areas that are critical to your businesses success.

Classes will take place on seven consecutive Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Participants can take the entire series of classes or choose the one that is most relevant to the existing needs.

#### **The sessions are:**

- Communicating Effectively with People - Thursday, March 13
- Building Customer Relations - Thursday, March 20
- Team Building - Thursday, March 27
- Creating Positive Attitudes in the Workplace - Thursday, April 3
- Stress and Time Management - Thursday, April 10
- Responding to Conflict - Thursday, April 17
- Decision-Making and Problem-Solving - Thursday, April 24

The trainers for this series are highly qualified, certified Customer Service Academy trainers. The cost for all seven classes is \$395, and single sessions are \$75 each. Chamber of Commerce members receive special pricing of \$350 for the series or \$55/single session.

The location of these classes is 5020 Franklin Drive, Pleasanton. To register for these classes, please contact Chris Paczocha, at (925) 485-5202. Your space will be reserved upon receipt of the class fee.

For further information about these classes, or to discuss customized training delivered to your place of business, please contact MariAnn Fisher, Marketing and Sales Manager, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, (925) 485-5239 or (925) 640-9968, or by e-mail at [mfisher@clpccd.org](mailto:mfisher@clpccd.org)

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1/22/08

### **Chabot-Las Positas District Named OSHA Training Institute**

(Pleasanton, CA) - The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently named the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District one of eight new OSHA Training Institute Education Centers.

"We are very excited and look forward to partnering with OSHA to provide training for construction and industry in northern California," said Dr. Joel Kinnamon, district chancellor. "The Department of Labor was looking for an organization to fill critical training needs in the Bay Area and Sacramento Regions. We were their ideal choice based on our extensive contract education department and our current relationship with business and industry clients."

The District becomes the only OSHA Training Institute Education Center in northern California. They will also serve OSHA's Region 9 which includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa.

"Our first classes will run from May 6-9 of this year at the district office in Pleasanton," said Julia Dozier, the district's director of contract education and economic development. "We will offer OSHA Standards for General Industry and OSHA Standards for Construction. We will offer both the 10 and 30 hour classes. The classes will be taught by OSHA trainers with extensive, relevant field experience." OSHA has 28 courses and the District expects to offer them all. "We are moving quickly to get these two classes up and running since there is a critical need for them. However, we are also working towards making the other classes available throughout the year," said Dozier.

A catalog of classes and registration information will be available online by March 15th on the District's website at [www.clpccd.org](http://www.clpccd.org). For further information, please contact Ms. Dozier at (925) 485-5234.