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From the President

by Erica LeBlanc – ACCE President

ACCE members and colleagues:

Was that a huge sigh of relief I heard the morning after the November 6th election results were in? Bear in mind that I was enjoying the paradise of Costa Rica's west coast during the election, having cast my absentee ballot a couple of weeks prior to election day. I suspect many of you, like colleagues of mine, had gone to bed on election night, thinking that the California Community Colleges would, in fact, be heading toward an unfathomable abyss which would forever change public education in California. What a wonderful surprise to wake the next morning to the momentous news that Californians wholeheartedly endorsed the work that we do with their votes that helped Proposition 30 pass. But obviously, we are not yet out of the woods and many challenges await us.

Speaking of challenges, have you read the Legislative Analyst's Office Report, "Restructuring California's Adult Education System," released last December? (If you haven't yet, you can access the report at <http://lao.ca.gov/reports/2012/edu/adult-education/restructuring-adult-education-120412.pdf>) The LAO presents a fairly scathing description of condition of California's Adult Education system. But I was heartened by the fact that it did not focus so much on the job we are doing as educators, but instead, the criticism was directed toward the fractured nature of the funding we receive and the disconnect between K-12 adult education programs and our noncredit programs. On the positive side, the report calls for adequate funding, but at the same time, recommends a

performance based, regional model. Several other recommendations made by the LAO are of deep concern, including the recommendation to eliminate all but six of the currently funded noncredit categories. This would mean that state supported Older Adult and Parenting programs would be things of the past. With diminishing social resources and a burgeoning older population and children entering school without a solid foundation geared toward learning, this recommendation is one that ACCE will strongly oppose. ACCE board members are at the table where these issues are being discussed and we will need to hear from you, our members, to ensure that we are capturing your concerns regarding these topics.

This is hard work but it is work that the members of ACCE are used to taking on. I'd like to recognize Valentina Purtell, who, in addition to representing our concerns at the quarterly California Department of Education (CDE) adult education meetings also took on the spur of the moment task of addressing the Board of Governors when the LAO's report was presented to them earlier this month. Valentina did both: she addressed our concerns about the report but moreover, made clear the need to have ACCE at the table when issues affecting noncredit programs are discussed.

In a like vein, Donna Burns from Mt. SAC, ACCE's 2nd Vice President, Membership, attends the Chief Information Officers meetings to ensure that we are kept abreast of developing issues that affect our programs.

And as an aside, here's a surprising fact: at the fall CIO conference, there were 61 new CIOs! That means that 61 colleges have CIOs who may not know about your Community or Continuing Education programs! I urge those of you with new CIOs to make contact with them and

ensure that they understand how critical your programs are to your college's success and presence in the community.

Looking to the New Year: 2013 promises to bring even more changes. We have a new Chancellor, Dr. Brice Harris, who has graciously agreed to address our Northern Conference on February 27th. Our Southern Conference is scheduled for March 14th at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside. Both conferences will be jam-packed with informative breakout sessions so save those dates and plan to attend. We'll also be asking for nominations for the Annual ACCE Awards. These awards are based on self-nomination so start thinking about your exemplary programs and the staff who run them. It's a great recognition for our programs. More information will be posted soon on the ACCE website (acceonline.org).

So what are other ways you can stay involved and up to date? How about our ACCE listservs? At one time, the listservs were a great resource for posting questions and getting quick answers, especially for folks new to the system. This resource is largely going unused, perhaps made obsolete by social media. Well! Did you know that ACCE has a Facebook page? Check us out (search for Association of Community and Continuing Education rather than ACCE). We're hoping to have a page chalk full of information about your programs. Feel free to post information or pictures about your programs or contact Betty Sedor, our Community Education Council Leader, if you have questions on how you might use it.

In closing, remember that ACCE is a tremendous resource for each you. Our organization's strength is built on the talents and energy of people who are passionate about the jobs they do and willing to roll up their sleeves to get

accomplish the important work we need to get done. Thank you all for your commitment to your respective communities, your colleges, and especially to your students.

I look forward to seeing many of you this spring at the conferences! Until then, Happy New Year!

ACCE Membership Spotlight

by Donna Burns – ACCE 2nd Vice President



Membership Highlight

We're happy to report that ACCE memberships for 2012-13 exceeded 100 prior to the holiday season, thanks to your timely renewals and outreach to some new members. Membership year runs from July 1 – June 30 of each year, following academic year calendars.

Current members represent the following colleges (*indicates 3 or more from same college):

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 Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education*
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 Santa Monica College*
 Santa Rosa Junior College
 Santiago Canyon College *
 Sierra College
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Again, we also want to thank our current associate member businesses! They are:

ACEWare systems, Inc. - www.aceware.com

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Attention ACCE Members!!

It's time to submit something wonderful about your program for an Annual ACCE Award! This is your chance to share something amazing you've been doing, and let ACCE send a congratulatory letter to your College President. Don't be shy about this: we hear all the great ideas you have to help your various programs succeed, and we've designed this process to help you in your career development path.

Please think about your program(s). Choose a best practice, a model program (something you created or modified/expanded), a productive idea that solved a problem, a practice or procedure you implemented that resulted in student success, a service you provided, an efficiency you developed that saved time and/or money, or an online registration/enrollment management system that enabled your program to improve, and effective marketing tool based on your course catalogs and/or website.

Be creative and "toot your own horn!" We support you and want to celebrate you! If you are chosen, we will write a congratulatory letter to your College President, recommending they make an announcement concerning your award to their Board!

*** ENTRY DEADLINE for the Northern Conference: February 14, 2013**

*** ENTRY DEADLINE for the Southern Conference: February 28, 2013**

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ACCE Responds to the LAO Recommendations on Restructuring Adult Education.

by Valentina Purtell – ACCE President-Elect

On Monday, January 7th, at the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting, ACCE presented a preliminary response to the LAO's report on restructuring adult education. The report was introduced to the BOG members by Paul Steenhausen, an LAO analyst. Here are the highlights of Paul's presentation:

- Adult education is one of the most confusing and challenging systems in the state but having two primary providers, K-12 and community colleges, presents its own merits and challenges.
- K-12 is the primary provider of adult education with respect to the number of sites; however community colleges serve more students statewide. Note that LAO defines all pre-collegiate courses, credit and noncredit, as adult education.
- K-12 focuses on literacy, Adult High School Diploma, GED, and low-level ESL, whereas community colleges offer more courses in CTE and high-level ESL.
- Originally the LAO planned on recommending that community colleges assume the role of providing adult education in California but later found the recommendation not practical for at least two reasons: not all regions, especially rural, have community colleges in the vicinity of the pockets of student population in need of adult education and it did not seem reasonable to remove a service provided by K-12 for more than a century. California is in a unique position to be able to leverage strengths of each provider;

thus, the recommendation is to leave the shared responsibility to both K-12 and community colleges with the condition that additional funding specifically earmarked for adult education will be allocated.

- A statewide workgroup determining the delineation of the noncredit and credit roles in offering pre-collegiate and short-term vocational courses needs to be formed.

The ACCE's response included a strong support of retaining a comprehensive mission of community colleges and opposition to the proposed limitation of the eligible apportionment instructional areas to elementary and secondary education, ESL, citizenship, workforce preparation, vocational education, apprenticeship, and offerings for adults with disabilities. Once again, the ACCE affirmed its role of representing and advocating for the field of noncredit education and requested to be an essential partner in developing policies related to the noncredit students.

We are working on a comprehensive position related to the LAO recommendations and the governor's proposal and will call for the feedback of the ACCE members in the near future.

Go to the **[acceonline.org](http://www.acceonline.org)** to view the full text of the ACCE's response and the LAO report.

Here's a link to the Restructuring California's Adult Education System report published by the Legislative Analyst's Office on December 5, 2012:

<http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/PubDetails.aspx?id=2672>

The 9th Annual Augusoft Lumens User Summit and the 40th Annual LERN Conference

Both the 9th Annual Augusoft User Summit and the 40th Annual Learning Resources Network (LERN) Conference held in Washington D.C. were well-attended.

The Augusoft User Summit of 2012 saw an increase in attendance of 75% from the previous year, and the 70+ attendees necessitated a move to a larger room. Topics covered included Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) integration as more and more colleges require college systems and the Augusoft program, Lumens, to be able to move data for reporting purposes; enhanced reports designed to make users lives easier by enabling more data-driven decision making; certificates and course series as certificates are the current buzz word; and corporate education supported by the EXEC and B2B Lumens products. Most of the group joined in for a wonderful dinner at a D.C. restaurant featuring Turkish delights. Washington D.C. was alive with activity on a cold Wednesday evening!

The Annual LERN Conference, always well attended, this year with 800+, saw a deciding shift to technology and conducting business in the technological age. Peter Day, the Keynoter, spoke about global business in the 21st century, and LERN President, Bill Draves, had the group mesmerized updating all on the changes forecast in "Nine Shift" that have already come to pass – with more on the way. There always are more LERN sessions than time, but picking and choosing wisely provided new, fresh, and innovative ideas.

A tell-tale sign of the success of every LERN Conference or Institute is the practical information that can be quickly implemented after returning home. Another sign of success is vendor participation – this year, spots were completely booked; and with upwards of 30 vendors, there was material and information for every need.

The 10th Annual 2013 Augusoft Lumens User Summit and LERN Conference will be held at the Embarcadero Hyatt in San Francisco on November 19-20th. For more information about the 10th Annual Augusoft Lumens User Summit: Call 763-331-8300



Elaine Chapman, Director of PCC Extension & Contract Education at Pasadena City College, was honored to receive the Augusoft 2012 Lumens User Summit VIP Award. "As an Augusoft product user since 2004, this award was memorable and very much appreciated," said Elaine to the User Summit attendees.

PCC Extension currently runs on the Lumens Suite Executive (EXEC) level supporting open enrollment and corporate education.

College to Career for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

The North Orange County Community College District/School of Continuing Education (NOCCCD/SCE) Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) Program was one of five California Community College programs to receive funding through the Department of Rehabilitation to create a College to Career (C2C) program. Other C2C programs are currently offered at San Diego Community College District, Sacramento City College, College of Alameda and Santa Rosa Junior College. C2C enables the DSPS agency to provide enhanced support to students with intellectual disabilities who want to take classes with their nondisabled peers. Students participate in classes fulfilling the same requirements that are expected of all other students. The supplemental educational support they receive may include the use of adaptive technology, such as an Echo Pen, small group or one to one tutoring from an Educational Coach, testing in a distraction-reduced environment, and notes or PowerPoint slides in advance.

In 2010-2011, NOCCCD SCE/DSPS selected its first cohort of 20 students, which we call Cohort '11, through a rigorous application and interview process. Upon acceptance into the program, each student met with a C2C Specialist to develop his or her educational and vocational plan. Within the first year, students enrolled in noncredit offerings through SCE, such as Early Childhood Education, Personal Care Attendant, and various computer offerings or they enrolled in credit offerings through Cypress College or Fullerton College taking various classes.

In 2011-2012, students of the Cohort '11 continued working or were finishing up their coursework and exploring paid and unpaid vocational experiences to prepare them for ultimate goal of competitive employment. An additional 21 students, Cohort '12, have joined the program to begin developing their educational and vocational plans and enroll in inclusive courses to reach their goals.

The C2Cs continue receiving close support from the Department of Rehabilitation, UCLA Tarjan Center and the California Community College Chancellor's Office. Data is collected and will be combined with other research that is being conducted throughout the nation at the University of Massachusetts Think College program.

For more information about the C2C program at NOCCCD SCE/DSPS, please contact:

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From the field:

Fall Family Festival at El Sol Academy in Santa Ana



On Saturday, October 27th, 2012, ESL Outreach from Santa Ana College, School of Continuing Education took part in the Fall Family Festival at El Sol Academy. Despite the very hot weather, there was a good turnout of people. The fun filled Festival ran from 11am-3pm and in that time parents visited all of the booths; some of the booths participating were community resources while some were classroom parents running games for the children.

Children had the opportunity to get their face painted, visit interactive booths, and play games to collect enough tickets to go in the jumper. The event also hosted UCI medical free flu shots, food, and live music—there was a very animated group at hand having fun and dancing up a storm.

The parents that came to our booth inquired mostly about citizenship courses, computer courses, college credit courses and some about ESL. For college I provided our STP information and for the local citizenship and computer courses (these are no longer offered at El Sol) I referred them to our class schedule. A few inquired about ESL classes around the SAC and SAHS area and a few other inquired about the ESL evening program at El Sol.

Julio Serratos – Santa Ana College,
Centennial Education Center



ACCE Northern California Conference

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

**California Community Colleges
Chancellor's Office**

1102 Q. St., Sacramento, CA 95811

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registration information at the end
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Join ACCE on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

By Betty Sedor

ACCE invites you to join in for some social networking! ACCE uses Facebook for posting info about ACCE events including event photos and videos, as well as article links on topics related to Community and Continuing education. Our Twitter postings provide short alerts regarding new items we've posted on Facebook and LinkedIn. Our LinkedIn group for ACCE members only is a valuable tool for engaging in important discussions and polls related to our field. Begin interacting with us today on one of our social networking sites!

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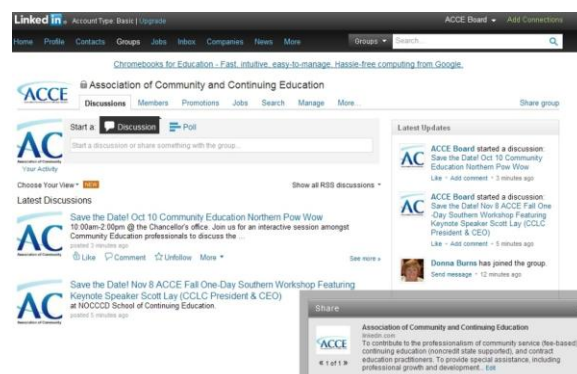
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From the field:

Information Fair at Santa Ana College, School of Continuing Education

A lively spirit flourished at Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education (SCASCE) on Tuesday, October 9th at the innovative Information Fair.

Organized by the faculty, staff and ASB with the support of the administration, this year's Information Fair offered an interactive and innovative experience where faculty not only showcased programs and services, but offered students the chance to employ their language and life skills. Students had a great opportunity to ask important questions on academic, vocational, and transition programs; as well as specialized services available to them. Faculty and volunteers energetically shared their knowledge with students which boosted students self confidence and enticed them to further their education.

The fair was a great success where students felt at ease to request information. In other words, they felt as if they were walking into a space of undiscovered knowledge. More than 1000 students participated in this event, with a success rate of 70% percent of the student evaluations collected. Most students rated the event as "excellent", as one of the students described it "i love this event...a lot of new information".

Indeed, students from all ESL levels and other continuing education programs shared the same experience of wanting to continue their education; now that they have the knowledge on various transition programs as well as

information of other courses offered at Santa Ana College School Continuing Education.

The Information Fair will continue to provide an educational experience and enhance student knowledge on academic pathways. Staff, faculty and administration will collaborate to develop activities and services to achieve the objective of SACSCCE's mission statement "The Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education is a responsive community leader dedicated to adult student success through innovative educational programs and services. The School of Continuing Education prepares students to transition to college, improve language and workforce skills, increase civic involvement, and promote lifelong learning."

Francisco X. Suarez – Santa Ana College,
Centennial Education Center

ACCE Southern Conference:

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Mission Inn Hotel & Spa

3649 Mission Inn Ave.,

Riverside, CA 92501

(951) 784-0300

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2013 ACCE ANNUAL Members AWARD ENTRY

1. Category (circle one)

- A. Best practice, model program (you created or modified/expanded)
- B. Productive idea that solved a problem
- C. Practice or procedure you implemented that resulted in student success
- D. Unique service you provided
- E. Efficiency you developed that saved time and/or money
- F. Online registration/enrollment management practice that enabled your program to improve
- G. Effective marketing tool based on your print catalog or website

2. College Name and Address:

3. Your Name & Title _____

4. Address _____

5. City / State / Zip Code _____

6. Telephone Number _____

7. E-mail _____

8. Conference Attending: North or South (Circle one)

9. Your CEO's name and title _____

Briefly describe your entry: how is your program exemplary, unique, productive, or effective? Have the results been what you expected? **(limit your description to 500 words)**



Learning Should Never Wait

***The Association of Community and Continuing Education (ACCE) presents its
Northern and Southern California Spring Conferences***

Join us on one of the following days:

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
1102 Q. St., Sacramento, CA 95811

OR

Thursday, March 14, 2013
Mission Inn Hotel & Spa
3649 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 784-0300

Register now for these informative, one-day sessions in which you will get the latest information on the issues that affect our programs and share ideas for hot topics in Community and Continuing Education.

Registration Fee: \$59.00 (includes morning snack and lunch**)

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Maps and driving directions will be posted to the ACCE website soon (acceonline.org)

For information or questions call Bob Parker (619) 388-4894

ACCE Southern California Conference Keynote Speaker

We are pleased to have Dr. Cheryl Marshall, new President of Crafton Hills College, as our keynote speaker for the southern ACCE conference! Dr. Marshall has a wealth of leadership gifts and experience, including experience with continuing education, fee, and contract training. She will address the topic of leading change and working collaboratively to meet community needs.

Prior to her recent selection as college president, Dr. Marshall served as the Vice President of Instruction at Crafton Hills College which included oversight of all instruction and college accreditation as well as chairing a variety of committees on campus including the Educational Master Plan Committee, Planning and Program Review, Accreditation, and Educational Technology. Prior to joining Crafton Hills College, Dr. Marshall worked at Mt. San Antonio College in several administrative positions including Associate Dean of Business and Director of the Center of Excellence. Prior to working in the California Community College system, she was a “freeway flyer” teaching business and human resources courses at Cal Poly Pomona, Claremont Graduate University, Azusa Pacific, and others, while maintaining a training and consulting business.

Dr. Marshall has a demonstrated passion for reaching out to communities using creative and collaborative approaches. We look forward to hearing from this long-time “friend” of continuing and community education.



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