



Budget Update

We are currently in the process of building the 2014/2015 Tentative Budget. The Income Allocation Formula will be sent to the sites on May 13, and the Tentative Budget will be presented to the Governing Board on June 10, 2014. Our District is also an active participant in statewide budget discussions. The next step at the State will be the Governor’s May Revise.

Student Services BPA

The latest *Business Process Analysis* (BPA) was held March 31 through April 2 regarding the Student Success Initiative. Many representatives from both colleges participated along with District Services in the BPA. The purpose of this BPA was to assess the current technology and processes used to support student success and develop ideal processes that will be important in planning the direction of our Student Success Initiative.

District Services Satisfaction Survey

As part of the District’s on-going planning and evaluation cycle, the District Services departments conducted a survey in Fall 2013 seeking feedback from faculty and staff to help District Services departments support our commitment to serving our students, community and District colleagues. The survey results were sent to all faculty and staff on March 28, 2014, and are available on the employee intranet.



PEAR Workshops

As part of the transition of the District’s Social Security alternative Pension Eligible Alternative Retirement Plan (**PEAR**) Plan to the San Diego County Office of Education **3121 Plan**, workshops were presented by Vice Chancellors Edwards and Rearic, along with the San Diego County Schools Fringe Benefits Consortium on March 26, 27 and 28. The workshops were presented at each site. The transition is now complete and members have received a final PEAR statement and can now access their 3121 Plan balances on the web.

Cyber Safety / ID Theft Prevention Workshops



The GCCCD Sheriff’s Team presented cyber safety and ID theft prevention workshops for faculty, staff and students on March 26, April 4 and April 9. Three sessions were held at Grossmont College, and two at Cuyamaca College. Another workshop will be scheduled at District Services.

Windows 7 Update



A friendly, familiar face has returned to the District Information Systems Department. Retired Information Systems Supervisor Randy Pogue will serve in a temporary assignment as the Windows XP upgrade project lead. Randy will lead the Windows XP upgrade to Windows 7, including coordinating outside vendors and District Information Systems staff, as well as handling scheduling and logistics. Be sure to say hi and welcome back to Randy when you see him around campus!

Classified Staff Appreciation Day



The annual **Classified Staff Appreciation Day** was held on Monday, April 18, on the Grossmont College campus. Several fun and informative workshops were offered for Classified staff, along with a delicious Mexican buffet lunch. The day concluded with dessert and raffle prizes. A great day was enjoyed by all!



East County Leadership

John Valencia and Sue Rearic are this year's representatives on **Leadership East County**, a program of the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce that prepares current and emerging East County leaders to build community relationships among East County businesses, education and services.



Cuyamaca Water Conservation Garden



San Vicente Reservoir

Welcome to District Services



We recently welcomed **Sara Denhardt** to Information Systems as the department's Clerical Assistant. Sara will be assisting with scheduling of meetings, answering phones, and various other duties and department support.

Stop by Information Systems and say hi to Sara!

Sue Rearic *Vice Chancellor-Business Services*