



ACCESS FALL CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

On September 23rd ACCESS held its Fall 2005 Conference in the Campus Center Building. The conference began with registration, a continental breakfast and participation in **Human Bingo**--a "Get to Know You" exercise. Shortly thereafter, Lucia Garcia, **ASB President**, informed attendees on becoming active students through participation in the school's clubs. Kellie Raczkowski, **Student Trustee**, spoke to students about the district's Board of Trustees and her role in the decision-making process as an advisory member of the board. After the welcome remarks, students participated in an "**Icebreaker**" activity requiring them to line-up in chronological birthday order without speaking or writing. Students realized the importance of how communication is processed from one person to another.

Students participated in two exciting workshops--**How to Obtain a 4.0** (facilitated by Char Perlas), which encompassed a variety of topics including class commitment, time management, and working with others; and **Listening for Better Grades** (facilitated by Liz Harris), which helped students identify some of the barriers to effective listening.

Lunch, which was prepared by **Catering by Grace**, was FABULOUS. The menu consisted of a Mexican-inspired cuisine, complete with Carnitas (Mexican Style Roast Pork), Barbacoa (Barbecue Shredded Beef), Chicken Fajitas, Cheese Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Frijoles de la Jolla (Beans), Green Salad, Guacamole, Salsa, Pan Dulce (Mexican Pastries), and Agua Fresca (Beverage). All I have to say is YUM, YUM!!!

Mission's President, Dr. Frank Chong, delivered a speech that encouraged students to Follow their Passion, Ask for Help, and Challenge the Process (in a professional manner).

Our **Keynote Speaker**, Cynthia Wesley, delivered an inspirational message outlining "**The Heart of a Winner.**" In her address, Cynthia provided us with 5 characteristics of a winner (Playing to Win, Staying Focused, Being a Risk Taker, Finishing what you Start, and Making Everyone around you Better). She also shared survey results identifying the top 5 attributes CEOs look for when looking for their "A" team (Attitude, Integrity, Team Player, Communication Skills, and Practical Skills). Finally, Ms. Wesley charged students to participate in classroom projects (especially if the projects align with career goals), conduct informational interviews, and engage in volunteer/internships.

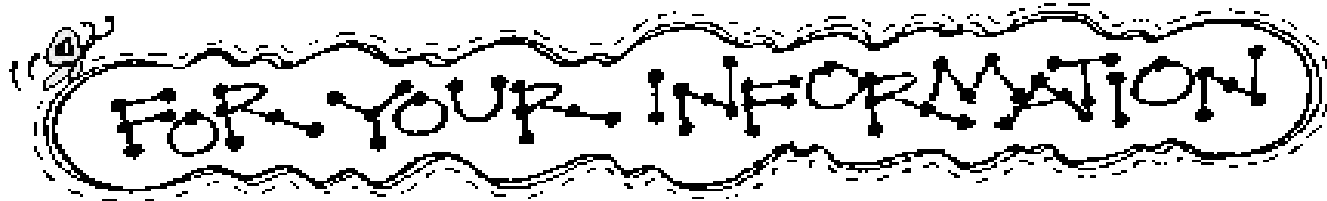
ACCESS's Director, Rosalie Ledesma, ended the lunch program by acknowledging our special guests, recognizing ACCESS staff, especially Monique (who is leaving ACCESS to move to Sacramento), and leading the Backpack Incentive Giveaway. Overall, the conference was met with outstanding reviews.

The staff would like to thank all the students and guests who attended the conference. Those students who did not attend the conference are encouraged to view the videotaped sessions of the workshops (you can view the tapes to receive required ACCESS hours).

Last, but certainly not least, ACCESS sends our heartfelt thanks to **Ben & Jerry's**, **HP**, **Jamba Juice**, **Mexicali Grill**, **Mission College Bookstore**, **Round Table**, **TOGO's**, and **Yahoo** for their generous donations, which were used as Raffle Prizes and Giveaways.

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Tips for Academic Success

Read Actively

- Before you read, preview the material in the chapter. Read any introductions or chapter summaries.
- Have a purpose when you read. You may want to think of a question that you are trying to answer in each section of material. Do not move ahead in the chapter until you can answer your question. Ask yourself, "Am I getting it?" If not, go back and find the place where you last understood the material and reread.
- Focus on the main idea and any supporting information.
- Take notes as you read. Try making an outline of the material by organizing the main ideas and each supporting detail.
- In your own words, write a brief summary of the main ideas. Or, draw a diagram illustrating the relationships between the main ideas.

Source: University of Washington, Counseling Center, <http://depts.washington.edu/counsels/services/workshops/workshoptips.html>.

WRITE A TRANSFER ADMISSION AGREEMENT (TAA) for CSU Monterey Bay, East Bay (formerly Hayward), San Jose State University, and San Francisco State University for FALL 2006

A TAA is a contract between a community college and a university guaranteeing that a student will be admitted to a university.

TAA's are submitted in October with the following requirements:

1. **Must have completed 30 CSU transferable units.**
2. **Must have completed 12 units at Mission or West Valley.**
3. **Must have a minimum of 60 transferable units at time of transfer.**
4. **Must complete English 1A/1B, Comm. 1, and a Transferable Math by Spring 2006.**
5. **2.0 GPA.**

If you qualify, come into or call the ACCESS office to meet with Michele or Rosalie ASAP.

Deadline for CSU TAA's is Oct. 31.

Dr. Chong, Declares October as TRANSFER AWARENESS MONTH

Mission College acknowledges the needs of our transfer students and the value of providing a seamless transfer process. Now is the time for you to prepare to transfer to the university of your choice.

Some of the activities planned by the Career/Transfer Center include--University Representative Visits from **University of the Pacific** and **UC Berkeley**; a **Workshops** covering topics in Completing UC and CSU Applications, Goal Setting, Writing a Personal Statement, and **Transfer Night**.

Check out the calendar on page 4 for information on dates, times, and location.

Student Success & Health Fair to be held on Tues., October 18 from 10 am to 2 pm

This exciting event is a collaborative effort between MESA, Student Health Services, and Student Support Services.

Some of the activities include--an **iPod nano giveaway**, Karaoke Battle, **Free Health Screenings**, Internship/Volunteer opportunities, **Community Resources**, Resume Review, among others.

Don't miss out on this great campus event.

Need Help Passing the WST (the writing test to get into a CSU). Attend the WST workshop on Wed., Nov. 2nd (Room TBA).

Laptop Loan Program is Back

In an effort to help students complete assignments and projects outside of Mission College, ACCESS has acquired 6 more laptops from StRUT. ACCESS students are able to borrow a laptop, for as little as 2 weeks or as long as a full semester (depending on demand), by completing and submitting an application. Come to the ACCESS office to pick up an application and get more information about our Laptop Loan Program.

FREE MONEY???

The following scholarships are just a mere sample of over **4 Billion Dollars** that's free to you as a student. Don't know where to find scholarships? Don't think you qualify for scholarships? Are you afraid of writing that dreaded "essay?" Come by the office, speak to Richie, and let's get you started on applying to these and other scholarships.

Name: Knowledge Is Power Educational Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1000

Deadline: *Varies*

Description: The Knowledge Is Power Educational Scholarship is available to California residents who are enrolled or planning to enroll in a trade school, city college, or two- or four-year college or university. You must complete a 250-word essay to be eligible for this award. This award is not available to students who are receiving a full scholarship from another source. This scholarship may be renewed if you earn a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Additional Information: Five scholarships will be awarded each month in 2005, from January through December. Please visit the sponsor's Web site for additional information.

See ACCESS Scholarship Binder

Name: Akademos/TextbookX.com Fall 2005 Scholarship Contest

Award Amount: Minimum: \$250; Maximum: \$2000

Deadline: **October 31, 2005**

Description: The Akademos/TextbookX.com Fall 2005 Scholarship Contest is available to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in good standing at an accredited college or university in the U.S. You must be a legal resident of the U.S. or an international student with a valid visa to be eligible. To apply for this scholarship, you must write a 250 to 750-word essay on the following topic:

When, if ever, does a person have the right to end his or her own life?

<http://www.textbookx.com/scholarship/>

Name: The Heard the Word Poetry Scholarship

Award Amount: \$25 - \$1000

Deadline: **November 1, 2005**

Description: The Heard the Word Poetry Scholarship is available to all students who are of at least 16 years of age. Poetry will be judged on originality, artistic quality, creativity, imagery and mastery of poetic expression. This scholarship is non-academic, therefore is open to all majors.

<http://www.heardthewordpoetry.com/scholarship>

Name: Patricia M. McNamara Memorial Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: **December 31, 2005**

Description: This scholarship is open to all active students attending or planning to attend an institute of higher education in the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 school year. International students are also welcome to apply. Application includes a short essay about one of the greatest obstacles you have had to overcome.

<http://www.patricias-scholarship.org/faq.html>

Name: All-Ink College Scholarship Program

Award Amount: *Varies*

Deadline: **December 31, 2005**

Description: All-Ink.com is committed to helping students pursue their goal of a higher education. All-Ink.com is offering up to \$10,000 in scholarships to qualified students who are enrolled or planning to participate in an accredited college or university.

<http://www.all-ink.com/scholarship.aspx>

Name: Nancy Goodhue Lynch Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000 - \$2,400 (depending on tuition balance, academic excellence and classification)

Deadline: **January 31, 2006**

Description: This scholarship is open to outstanding undergraduate students currently attending an eligible Datatel institution (of which Mission is one) who are majoring in an Information Technology-related curriculum program. The applicant will need to indicate their major on their application.

See ACCESS Scholarship Binder

ACCESS TO SUCCESS

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 TEAM Workshop UC/CSU Application 3:00 - 4:00 Location: Meet at MESA	13 Workshop CSU Application 11:00 - 12:00 Location: CTC	14	15
16	17 TEAM Workshop Overcoming Procrastination 3:00 - 4:00 Location: Meet at ACCESS	18 Campus Event Student Success Fair 10:00 - 2:00 Location: Campus Center Quad	19 TEAM Workshop Student Success 1:00 - 2:30 Location: Meet at EOPS	20 Workshop UC Application 3:00 - 4:00 Location: CTC TEAM Workshop Student Group 1:00 - 3:00 Location: Meet at EOPS	21	22
23	24	25	26 Workshop UC Application 3:00 - 4:00 Location: CTC	27 Workshop Goal Setting 12:00 - 1:00 Location: CTC Campus Event University of the Pacific (UOP) Representatives 10:00 - 3:00 Location: CTC	28	29
30	31 Campus Event UC Berkeley Representatives 10:00 - 3:00 Location: CTC Workshop UC Personal Statement 12:30 - 1:30 Location: CTC	1 Campus Event Transfer Night 4:00 - 7:00 Location: Center Space	2 Workshop WST 1:00 - 3:30 Location: TBA	3	4 College Tour St. Mary's College 10:00 - 3:00 Location: Meet at ACCESS	5

TEAM = The EOPS, ACCESS and MESA Group (Sign up for **TEAM** workshops in the ACCESS office).

CTC = Career & Transfer Ctr. RSVP for CTC events through the Counseling Dept., Room E1-301 or at (408) 855-5030.

TBA = To Be Announced

Come by the ACCESS office to get the latest updates on Room Changes, Time Changes, Activities, and Additional Workshops.

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