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2005 CCC System Office Technology Awards Honor Excellence

Presentation of the 2005 Technology Awards at the CCC Board of Governor's Meeting, September 12, 2005

Standing, L to R: Dr. Larry Toy, Patrick Perry, Dr. Mark Drummond

The 2005 California Community Colleges Technology Awards were presented to recipients at the CCC Board of Governor's Meeting on September 12. Representatives from each honored project and honored leaders attended the awards ceremony.

Dr. Mark Drummond, CCC Chancellor, and Dr. Larry Toy, CEO of the Foundation for CCC, were on hand to congratulate the recipients. CCC Technology, Research & Information Systems Division Vice Chancellor, Patrick Perry, was the master of ceremonies.

The Technology Awards Program honors campus projects and individual leaders that have identified and solved significant problems in a manner worthy of emulation.

Sponsored by the CCC System Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the Technology Awards Programs bestows two types of awards: Technology Focus Awards and Excellence in Technology Leadership Awards.

Technology Focus Award

The Technology Focus Award acknowledges outstanding project teams that have identified and solved significant technology problems worthy of emulation—to serve users, provide for professional development of campus constituencies, or otherwise apply the potential of educational technologies to the business and mission of the institution.

Technology Leadership Award

The Excellence in Technology Leadership Award honors individuals within the educational technology community who have demonstrated extraordinary effectiveness, influence, statesmanship, and lifetime achievement within the field of higher educational technology management, on both individual campuses and the greater California Community College system.

More information about the CCC Technology Awards, including an archive of all past winners, is available from the Telecommunications & Technology Unit Web site at: http://www.ccccco.edu/divisions/tris/telecom.htm

The Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC) co-sponsors the CCC Technology Awards Program. More information about the FCCC is available at: http://www.foundationccc.org/

2005 Excellence in Technology: Leadership Awards

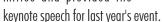## Dr. Robert Bramucci: Dean of Open Campus, Riverside CCD

Dr. Bramucci is currently the Dean of the Open Campus of the Riverside Community College District. The Open Campus serves more than 18,000 distance learners per year via online, hybrid, Web-enhanced, telecourse and teleweb courses.

He is commended for his visionary leadership, initiative and his far-reaching dedication to advance the use of educational technology at the local, national and international levels.

Dr. Bramucci's accomplishments include founding a Web site popular with educators internationally (Teachopolis.org) and founding one of 40 international WebCT institutes. His strong commitment to international education was demonstrated by his role as a founding member of the Education and Training Export Consortium, a grant-funded project of the U.S. Department of Commerce, which formed a consortium of more than 60 California education and training providers. Dr. Bramucci has also served as a keynote speaker for international technology conferences.

Dr. Bramucci is active in Tech Ed, the nation's largest "hands-on" educational technology conference held annually in Southern California. He serves on the conference planning committee and provided the keynote speech for last year's event.

Closer to home, Dr. Bramucci has improved the functioning of Riverside's Open Campus Web site, increased RCC's modes of distance learning, and automated RCC's help desk.

He also created the award-winning "myTA" programs that assist faculty in creating student learning outcomes, syllabi, providing students with feedback on written assignments, and performing formative assessment.

Dr. Brammucci also works to improve accessiblity to technology for disabled students. He conceived an innovative approach to accessible technology and worked with DSPS to implement technical solutions that effectively turned nearly every computer in the RCC student labs into an accessible computer.

For more information about Riverside Community College and the Open Campus program, see www.rcc.edu and www.opencampus.com

William Hamre: Former VP of Information Systems, Santa Barbara CC

William (Bill) Hamre, who recently retired as Vice President of Information Systems at Santa Barbara City College, has dedicated his career in California to post-secondary education since 1972.

In 1981, Hamre began his professional immersion in technology when he became the Director of Database Development for the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

Hamre became affiliated with the California Community Colleges in 1984 and, in January of 1986, became the System Office Associate Vice-President for Management Information Services. His leadership during his four plus years in that position resulted in the design, development and implementation of the state MIS reporting system.

The system Hamre envisioned two decades ago now helps the System Office with myriad critical tasks, from tracking and demonstrating student success to monitoring facilities utilization at all 109 colleges. This achievement alone provides evidence of Hamre's extraordinary effectiveness, statesmanship and leadership in the field of educational technology.

Hamre then left the System Office to work at Santa Barbara City College, where he worked closely with constituents to infuse technology throughout the college. He implemented high-speed networks, reporting data warehouses, portal technology and other transforming technology innovations. He also added student self-service functionality to an outdated software environment, while working with the college to select and install more up-to-date systems.

Hamre's exceptional ability to accurately forecast some of the most effective technology solutions for higher education has put Santa Barbara City College on the map as an innovative institution. While he was very effective in leading large projects with multi-year implementation timelines, Hamre was also keen to provide interim solutions to the benefit of the college and system.

Hamre is being honored for his exemplary leadership, vision and initiative towards integrating technology into the learning environment.

For more information about Santa Barbara City College, see www.sbcc.edu

2005 Excellence in Technology: Focus Awards

Alternate Media Exchange Database: High Tech Center Training Unit, De Anza College

The HTCTU has provided a centralized, Web-based resource that allows alternate media specialists at community colleges statewide to share information about books and videos in various alternate media formats. This newly initiated resource dramatically improves access to alternate media, reduces duplication of effort, increases the ability to share resources and provides a common method for recording the availability and location of alternate media created at the 109 community colleges statewide.

Sean Keegan, Carl Brown, Bradley Creamer, Peggy Tate

For more information about the High Tech Center Training Unit, De Anza College and the Alternate Media Exchange Database Project, see: www.htctu.fhda.edu, www.deanza.edu, and www.amxdb.net.

SmartSchedule Project: South Orange County Community College District

The South Orange County CCD's SmartSchedule project provides students an intuitive way to make intelligent decisions regarding class selection.

Students use SmartSchedule to email instructors, find class locations on campus maps, view class status (updated every half hour), view important dates (and set a personal email reminder), add classes to personalized shopping carts, and access detailed information about each class. SmartSchedule supports the institutional goal of high quality, innovative student service by placing information directly into the hands of students. For more information about the South Orange County CCD and the SmartSchedule project, see: www.socccd.org

Allan MacDougall

Closed and Open Captions in Multi-Format Media Project, De Anza College

De Anza College's Closed and Open Captions in Multi-Format Media project integrates captioning technologies into the daily workflow in such a way that streamlines the responsibility of complying with ADA guidelines.

The project team's solution was to transmit a video and audio signal to the Broadcast Media Center from a distance learning classroom, TV studio or other location on campus. The media signal is then transmitted to a remotely located professional captionist, who transcribes the lesson on a local computer and resends to the Broadcast Media Center. As a result of the project team's efforts, captioning can now be efficiently included real-time in all forms of electronic media that are viewed by students. For more information about De Anza College, see: www.deanza.edu

Linda Elvin, Ed Breault, Sharon Draeger

Web-Based BOG Fee Waiver: San Mateo Community College District

The objective of the Web-Based Board of Governors Fee Waiver project team at San Mateo Community College District was to promote awareness and ease the process for students applying for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW).

Since the 2003 introduction of an online BOGFW, eligible students utilizing the program has increased 45 percent, and award disbursement has increased 207 percent. More than 90 percent of the BOGFW applications are now submitted online.

The substantial increase in students applying for the BOGFW, and the resulting increase in those receiving funds, demonstrates that deserving students are the beneficiaries of this improved service. For more information about the San Mateo County CCD, see: http://www.smccd.net

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