

# TechEDge

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## CCC Chancellor's Office Technology Awards Program

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and The Foundation for California Community Colleges sponsor the Technology Awards Program to honor campus projects and individual leaders that have identified and solved significant problems in a manner worthy of emulation. The program bestows two main types of awards: Technology Focus Awards and Excellence in Technology Leadership Awards. In addition, a Contribution of the Year Award is given to an outstanding article appearing in the Chancellor's Office technology newsletter, CCC TechEDge, formerly known as TIPS News.

### Technology Focus Award

The Technology Focus Awards recognize excellence that evolves out of a comprehensive planning process closely linked to the institution's mission and vision for the future. The award commends strategic, integrated uses of technology to empower faculty through sources within reach of all campus constituents - and often the wider community.

### Previous Winners

#### 2000 Excellence in Technology Leadership 2000

Frederick W. Sherman      Paul Meyers  
Butte College              Cerro Coso College

#### Technology Focus Award 2000

The Virtual College Student Retention  
and Success Project      Rio Hondo College

Team Approach to Technology Integration  
Long Beach City College

Faculty Core Groups: Creating Instructional  
Web Sites      Las Positas College

@ONE Project      DeAnza College

#### TIPS Newsletter Award 2000

Electronic Communication: What Do Online  
Students Think? A Summary of the Field  
Report compiled by the California  
Community College Flashlight Project

December 1999

Susan Obler

The Flashlight Consortium

Rio Hondo College



### Technology Leadership Award

The Excellence in Technology Leadership Awards recognize individuals within the educational technology community that are resolving common institutional and instructional management challenges with ingenuity and resourcefulness. The Chancellor's Office wishes to acknowledge the contributions of individual leaders and to acknowledge their contributions to the California Community Colleges.

#### 2002 Excellence in Technology Leadership 2002

Cheri Gray              Vivian Sinou  
Hartnell College      Foothill College

#### Technology Focus Award 2002

SDCCD Online  
San Diego CCD - Miramar College

Online AA Degree Pilot Program  
Las Positas College

CurricUNET  
San Diego Community College District

Teacher Toolkit Project  
Mendocino College

#### TIPS Newsletter Award 2002

A System Approach to Learning  
with Technology ( S.A.L.T. Project)

June/ July 2001

Amit Schitai, Author

Long Beach City College

#### 2001 Excellence in Technology Leadership 2001

Michael Loceff      Foothill College  
Kristina Kauffman      Riverside Community College District

#### Technology Focus Award 2001

Deltaonline Project      San Joaquin Delta College

Mysite Project  
South Orange County Community College District

The F.A.S.T. Online Faculty Academy      Diablo Valley College

Professional Development Center Online Web Site  
Las Positas College

#### TIPS Newsletter Award 2001

Online Advising - Two Models      July/August 2000

Nicholar Chang, Co-author

City College of San Francisco

Belen Torres-Gil, Co-author

Rio Hondo College

**...and the Chancellor's Office  
2003 Technology Awards winners are...**

## Technology Leadership Award: Karen Owen, Director of the New Media Center and Technology Training Coordinator, San Diego Community College District

Karen Owen provides leadership, coordination, and assistance in the development of online courses for the Centers for Education and Technology (CET) continuing education program in the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD). Her role as a leader has been instrumental in positioning the CET to reach out to the technology industry and provide professional development and resources to area professionals.

Under Karen's direction, the Centers for Education and Technology developed programs offering free online courses leading to a Web Manager Certificate and a PERL Certificate. The programs provide working professionals, students, military and stay-at-home parents the opportunity to enhance their technology skills online while maintaining their careers and busy

lifestyles. The free online courses have been popular, filling to capacity within the first day of registration.

Jessica Ruvalcaba, Instructional Design Coordinator for SDCCD commended Karen for her "hands-on" approach to leadership. "As a team leader, Karen contributed to our program by working out the logistics of offering free continuing education courses, hiring qualified online instructors, providing training and mentoring in the online course development, delivering student orientations, serving on the SDCCD Online steering committee and leading the CET program in the emerging direction of education."

For her exemplary leadership, initiative, and vision for the future of online education, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recognizes Karen Owen with a 2003 Excellence in Technology Leadership Award.

### San Diego Centers for Education and Technology

<http://www.sandiegocet.net/>

### San Diego Community College District

<http://www.sdccd.net/>



## Technology Focus Award: Learn About Learning Objects, San Diego Community College District

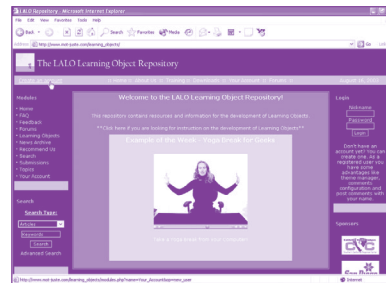
Existing multimedia teaching materials often fail to address the needs of community college faculty and students. The Learning About Learning Objects Project at San Diego Community College provides a model training program for community college faculty who use technology for instruction. In addition, the project promotes sharing of digital teaching materials, termed "learning objects," as resources for distance education instruction.

The project fostered a "learning community of practice" among participants that extends the training process beyond skill development and content knowledge to collegial support. Faculty learned technical skills for creating digital teaching materials termed "learning objects," and

then learned ways of

teaching these skills to their fellow faculty members.

The "learning objects" created by this project are housed on a Web site for access and use by other distance educators and the public.



### LALO Repository

[http://www.mot-juste.com/learning\\_objects/](http://www.mot-juste.com/learning_objects/)



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## Technology Focus Award: CCCApply, CCCApply Project Team

The CCCApply Project developed a system-wide technology application that makes a uniform online admission form available to all California Community Colleges. The online admission form becomes a convenient option for students while

helping the colleges fulfill reporting requirements of the Chancellor's Office. Uniformity of the admission form allows an accurate database of information concerning California community college students.

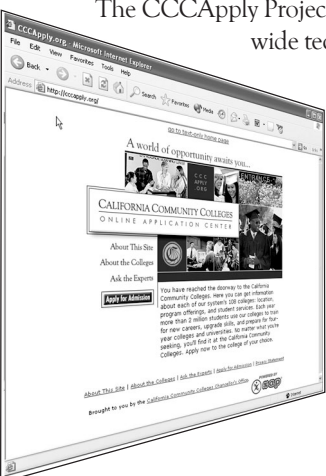
The CCCApply Project involved team collaboration at the college, district, and Chancellor levels, and included the development of vendor relationships. A steering committee was formed from ten pilot colleges that committed representatives from Admissions and Records and Computer Services. Led by a project

coordinator, the committee focuses on issues surrounding the admission application, interpretation of legislation, and differences of colleges involved.

The Chancellor's Office has implemented a mini-grant program that financially supports the use of CCCApply. The colleges are encouraged to take advantage of the mini-grant funds.

### CCCApply Home Page

<http://www.cccapply.org/>



## Technology Leadership Award: Roe Darnell, Superintendent/President of Taft College

During Dr. Roe Darnell's tenure as President, Cerro Coso Community College launched its virtual campus in 1997 with four classes. By the time Roe left to become Superintendent/President of Taft College, Cerro Coso Online had grown to include 80 courses and 12 degree programs, as well as a comprehensive student services component. Cerro Coso Online serves 18,000 square miles and provides postsecondary education to a population base of 86,000.

Patricia A. Knapik, Vice President of Student Learning at Cerro Coso College, worked with Roe during the development of the online curriculum. She lauds Roe for entrepreneurial leadership. "What I appreciate most about Roe was that he created an environment that fostered creativity," she said.

Roe was also instrumental in building the partnerships necessary for the successful acquisition of the California Virtual College grant in 1999. He retains a leadership role in the California Virtual College where he instructs faculty and staff on developing and managing online programs, and as Superintendent/President of Taft College, he continues to foster distance education through the TC Online Distance Learning Institute.

Roe has worked in distance education throughout his entire career. Thirty years

ago while at Pepperdine University, he taught in sites remote to the college, traveling as far as 5,000 miles to deliver concentrated weekend-long courses.

Roe said interaction is absolutely essential to effective delivery of online courses. "The instructor must be able to add value through paying attention to the unique needs of the student and by providing individual insights according to those needs."

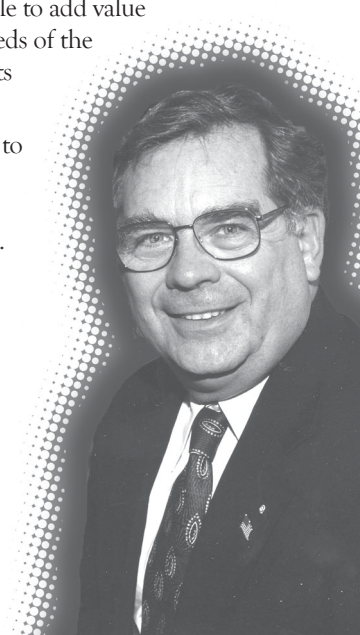
For visionary leadership and dedication to integrating technology into the learning environment, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recognizes Dr. Roe Darnell with a 2003 Excellence in Technology Leadership Award.

### Cerro Coso Online

<http://cconline.cerrocoso.edu/>

### Taft College Online: Distance Learning Institute

<http://www.taft.cc.ca.us/newTC/DLI/>



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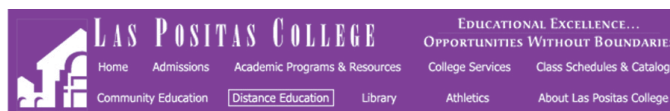
## Technology Focus Award: Teaching and Learning Initiatives, Web Accessibility, Las Positas College

The Teaching and Learning Initiatives, Web Accessibility Project at Las Positas

College addresses a pressing issue in distance education: ensuring that instructional Web sites are accessible

to all, including students with disabilities. The ongoing project is an interdisciplinary effort among the college's Disabled Students Programs & Services, Technology

Department, and Visual Communications Department, as well as faculty and students.



After thorough planning and analysis, the college's alternative media technology specialist trained a cadre of Visual Communications students on the technical aspects of making Web sites

accessible. After also receiving training on how to work with faculty, the participating students collaborated with instructors to make the Web sites compliant to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and increase access for all learners.

### Las Positas College

<http://www.clpccd.cc.ca.us/lpc/>

### Las Positas College Distance Education

<http://www.clpccd.cc.ca.us/lpc/disted/>

## Technology Focus Award: Online Elementary Chinese 1A

The Online Elementary Chinese 1A Project at City College of San Francisco applied a collaborative team effort to develop and implement innovative technical solutions to teaching the Chinese language online. The project involved students, faculty, and administration working as a team, and utilized student interns in developing unique software.

An overriding goal of course development was the desire to create a course that would engage students and help them to focus on the content, not the technology.

The team has reached its goal. The engaging course it developed fills to capacity each semester.



Project Lead / Instructional Designer

Instructor / Course Developer

Foreign Language Technology Mentor

Student Intern / Javascript Expert

WebCT Administrator

Technical Support

### To access the Elementary Chinese 1A Course:

<http://online.ccsf.edu>

LOGIN: cvc

PASSWORD: password

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In accord with its mission to enable the transformations occurring in higher education through the pervasive effects of technology-based resources, the California Community College Chancellor's Office, in partnership with the Foundation for California Community Colleges, is pleased to support an awards program to recognize exemplary technology initiatives and leadership.



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