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#### Ventura County Innovates – Entrée to Employment

Ventura College faculty and employers throughout the county were inspired as they interacted with students at the March 1<sup>st</sup> Entrée to Employment dinner session focused on Healthcare. Entrée to Employment brings together high school, adult education and community college students with real-world employers in Ventura County. These dynamic dinner conversations provide a unique opportunity to share, engage, and connect to the future business world. Every month, VC Innovates holds a dinner event representing a different industry sector. Over one thousand students have participated in these events to date.

#### Partnership Resource Team (PRT) Visit

As a reminder, Ventura College is participating in the California Community College's Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI). The goal of the IEPI is to assist colleges in developing improvement plans and meeting accreditation standards. The following link provides details on the initiative.

[http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/filipbooks/2015-IEPI-Report/IEPI\\_Report\\_2015\\_100115\\_ADA.pdf](http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/filipbooks/2015-IEPI-Report/IEPI_Report_2015_100115_ADA.pdf)

A number of our college employees participated in discussions with our PRT members during their second visit on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The input provided was then used to develop the [Improvement and Effectiveness Plan](#) for Ventura College. We have requested \$150,000 to support implementation of activities in the plan. This has been an excellent mechanism for us to obtain peer support on our two college identified areas: (1) integrated planning and (2) governance and decision making. Thanks again for your help in the process and implementation work ahead!

#### Improving Student Equity and Success - Achieving the Dream (ATD)

I was part of a six-member team from Ventura College who attended the annual ATD Conference in February. The conference was excellent and we had the opportunity to learn about the exciting things that ATD colleges are doing to support student success. This information will be helpful as the Student Success Committee continues discussion to define and set our college wide student success concept. This concept will then form the basis for our improvement plan that will be completed and submitted to ATD by the beginning of May. Please visit <http://achievingthedream.org/> for more information.

#### Budget Information

Please refer to the attached budget summary document from the CCCCO that provides an overview of the impact of the January revisions to the Governor's budget on community colleges. The budget for community colleges is increasing again; however, this is directed into specific categorically funded areas and not into the general operating budgets.

The following link directs you to the CCCCO 2015 State of the System Report: <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/Reports/2015-State-of-the-System-Report-ADA-Web.pdf>

Vice Chancellor Dave Keebler has also provided a [budget analysis](#) based on this updated information. Ventura College does have the resources available to cover current expenses and planned increases for the coming year. However, we may need to use one-time dollars to bridge until recurring dollars are available for some estimated new expenses next year. These new expenses are mainly estimates for salary and benefits increases.

The College Planning Council will host their March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting in the Applied Science Center. The meeting will be a time for me to present to the college a budget update and a summary of the recently completed program review process. More details will be sent to the campus soon.

#### Ventura College Extravaganza

I hope to see many current and new students at the Ventura College Extravaganza on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to Noon. This [link](#) provides detailed information. Thank you to everyone involved who has helped to organize and plan for this great event for our college and the community!

#### Administrative Structure Organization

The Vice Presidents have continued work in their respective areas to obtain input and ideas on the most effective functional administrative structure for Ventura College. I will be receiving an update from the Vice Presidents soon and will then schedule another college-wide forum within the month to review concepts and engage in further discussion and opportunity for everyone to provide input. Thank you for your participation!

#### Applied Science Center Grand Opening

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.** for the Grand Opening Ceremonies of the new Applied Science Center. Further details will be sent soon.



March 1<sup>st</sup> Entrée to Employment Dinner Attendees