



MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CEO

DR. KEITH CURRY

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Staff Appreciation Breakfast last week. Whether you helped cook, serve, clean; or joined us as one of our valued employee guests, everyone appeared to enjoy the food and good company.

For this month's message, I want to focus on one of the goals outlined in September for the Compton Community College District's 2011-12 academic year. December is a good month to address the goal, "Support Professional Development for District Employees".

Working through the El Camino College Staff Development Office, several workshops have been offered during the fall semester for faculty, staff and managers on a variety of topics. Two open forums with information for using Plan Builder to ensure planning recommendations come from the department/programs through the divisions to the CEO Cabinet were held in October.

In November, a workshop focusing on effective presentation skills was available for anyone who needs to make presentations on programs and services offered by the ECC Compton Center; as well as for those who wish to hone presentation skills or learn the ins and outs of giving presentations.

Additionally, staff development workshops for facilitating effective staff meetings and the "Dynamics of Emotional Intelligence on the Job" were both held in the fall of 2011.

Plans for three to four staff development workshops in the spring include – "Managing Stress", "Identify Your Strengths to Enhance Your Career" and "Resume Writing & Interviewing Skills".

Thank you to Rachelle Sasser for spearheading the Compton District Professional Development Committee. In addition to Rachelle Sasser, members of the committee include: Fazal Aasi, Wendy Johnson, Dalia Juarez, Shemiram Lazar, Abdullah Malik, Chelvi Subramaniam, and David Vakil. The committee held their first meeting on December 5. At the next meeting, scheduled for January 30, 2012, the committee will review the committee mission and goals, and make appropriate revisions/edits.

An additional component to the Compton District Professional Development goal is to encourage employees to return to school to further their education and enhance current skills and/or learn new ones.

Here is hoping everyone has a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year! See you all in 2012.