

Chancellor's Memo

Eastern Iowa Community College District

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InFocus: New SCC Entrance a Reality

A few months ago, the topic of the Chancellor's Podcast was the newly constructed Clinton Community College Maquoketa Center . . . and please consider attending the grand opening of the Center on the afternoon of August 3 at 3 p.m. in Maquoketa. In this month's podcast, I talk with **Tom Coley**, President of Scott Community College, about this month's grand opening of the new Route 67 Entrance to SCC. All of us are very excited about finally offering students, staff, and the public not only an entrance, but a separate exit from the Scott campus. Join us for the grand opening of the new road on August 5 at 2 p.m. One of my jobs will be to climb into an automobile in a debut ride up (or down?) the new road. Both the Maquoketa Center and the Scott Route 67 Entrance have long been on the district's wish list. I want to thank everyone, and particularly our voters, for the fact that they have become a reality.

EICCD Shares in Award-winning Program

One of the things that **George Varchola** and **Kathleen Conway** worked very hard on was the establishment of a professional development network wherein all the local colleges and universities collaborated and shared in providing professional development to faculty, staff, and administrators. The Quad City Professional Development Network that resulted from the creativity of leaders at all five colleges has just won an award. I asked Kathy Conway to provide a brief description of the award:

The Quad Cities Professional Development Network was recently awarded the Thelma-Fordyce Mack Achievement Award for its Excellence in College Teaching certificate program. Palmer College of Chiropractic honored the QCPDN for developing, promoting and delivering the program to faculty from its member institutions: Black Hawk College, Eastern Iowa Community College District, The GradCenter, Palmer College of Chiropractic, St. Ambrose University, Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences and Western Illinois University, Quad Cities.

The mission of the QCPDN is to share resources and to create professional development opportunities for faculty and staff that meet the common needs of member institutions. The Network embraces innovation, life-long learning, collaboration and cost effectiveness as guiding principles. The ECT certificate, as well as other professional development opportunities are designed and administered by a board comprised of representatives from each college. The board member from EICCD who assisted in developing the ECT certificate program is Kathleen Conway, faculty mentor at SCC.

The Excellence in College Teaching Certificate Program is designed to help new and experienced faculty pursue teaching excellence through a series of courses focused on sound pedagogy, principles of effective instruction, and techniques to meet the needs of 21st century learners. The complete program includes five core courses, one elective and the evaluation of a portfolio of teaching artifacts. The core courses are: Designing Courses for 21st Century Learners, Learner-centered Teaching Strategies, Student Assessment, The Scholarship of Teaching and Classroom Management.

To read more about the award, visit <http://w3.palmer.edu/CTL/awards.htm>

To learn more about the QCPDN, visit www.qcpdn.org or contact Kathleen Conway at kconway@eicc.edu

I'm sure that some of you have already had a chance to participate in some of the development opportunities offered by the consortium. What a great opportunity not only to learn, but to get to know people from the other colleges engaged in similar work!



MCC Tackles Foreign Policy Questions

I was very excited to learn that Muscatine Community College will be co-hosting the "Great Decisions" foreign policy community discussions this fall on campus, along with the internationally known Stanley Foundation. It is great to see a community college sponsor opportunities for citizens to learn and deliberate policy issues - this is the basis of our democracy. Here is a list of dates and topics:

September 15, The U.S. and Rising Powers
October 20, Universal Human Rights
November 17, Energy and the Arctic

Information about the series can be found at:

All the sessions will be in the evening and in the Student Center, and briefing books will be available free of charge to all participants. If you have any questions or want to register for one or all of these sessions, contact **Gail Spies** at MCC.

ICCOC Conference Draws Mighty Crowd

I think most know that I am very excited about the potential of online learning, and I was very grateful to find the time this summer to attend the Iowa Community College Online Consortium Summer Summit, along with a large and energetic group of EICCD online aficionados.



Attendees: Pat Keir, DO, Jeff Larson, KEC, Heidi Hilbert, KEC, Steve Holland, MCC, Doug Kutzli, SCC, Jamal Tayh, SCC, Barb Foster, SCC, Ken Johnson, MCC, Nancy Fandel, SCC, Kay Steffen, MCC, Kathy Coiner, SCC, Beth Wood, CCC, Pam Bass, SCC, Kathy Metcalf, MCC, Shirley Turnis, CCC, Sharon Hoover-Dice, SCC, Richard Boyer, MCC, Mariana Salaverria, CCC, Kathy Freund, MCC, Jane Campagna, SCC, Marcus Harris, CCC, Tom Rathmann, SCC, Nancy Luikart, MCC.

ICCOC Summer Summit for E-learning:

23 faculty and staff from EICCD attended the annual ICCOC Summer Summit for E-learning held in West Des Moines July 15- July 17. More than two dozen workshops were offered over 3 days to help faculty and staff improve their skills and understanding in all aspects of online learning. Sessions were held for online instructors, student services staff and librarians.

Three individuals from EICCD received awards at the Summer Summit evening banquet. Heidi Hilbert was recognized for her support with student services and Beth Wood (MCC) and Steve Holland (CCC) were recognized for their exemplary online teaching.

Chancellor Launches Second New Chancellor's Initiative

In my last memo, I talked about and solicited volunteers to join a team to explore and implement ways to close achievement gaps between groups of students in our district. I want to thank those who volunteered to serve (and those who were appointed). We will be jump-starting this project with a retreat at my house in the near future. (It's not too late to volunteer for this one; just send me an e-mail.)



Now I am about to form a team to work on the second initiative that will receive focus this coming year: the globalization of our students' experiences (and ours.) I'd like to pull together a group to research and create action plans to 1) increase the number of international students attending our colleges; (2) dramatically increase the number of EICCD students who engage in formal study abroad; and (3) provide more programming within the district on international and global issues. Interested? Please send me a note and we'll include you in the teamwork once we firm up an agenda!

Interested in being a part of something that will really make a difference to students and community? Please let me know -- [I'd like to join the Chancellor's Initiative Team on Globalization!](#)

EICCD Influence Abroad

Here's a note from Mercedes Lunes Riviera on how EICCD is helping to develop educational opportunities and influencing education in the world abroad. Mercedes writes:

When I received DACUM (Develop a Curriculum) training back in July 2008, I never thought that it would take me to foreign lands. But in April 2009, Jeff Armstrong received a request thorough the Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) network for an instructional designer that was fluent in Spanish and was also a trained DACUM facilitator for a project in Dominican Republic through Daytona State College.



Source:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominican_Republic

The Dominican Republic is an island in the Caribbean Sea, with a surface of roughly 18,500 sq miles and a population of approximately nine million people. In order to become competitive as a nation, they decided to develop a community college in Eastern Santo Domingo: The *Instituto Técnico Superior Comunitario* (The Superior Technical Community Institute).

They will offer approximately 22 technical careers, some of which include dental technology, nursing, electronics, medical imaging.

This project was made possible through funds provided by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the technical consulting role of the Florida-based Daytona State College. The groundbreaking ceremonies for the Institute took place during the summer of 2006 and classes are expected to begin in early 2010.

Through my participation during August-September 2009, the role of EICCD will be to support the curriculum development team, complete details of DACUMs that were previously started, and prepare model documents of programs and course outlines for some of the career offerings.



Chancellor Rides Seventy Miles (in one day)

In my last memo, I owned up to wimping out on the Ragbrai, but I do want everyone to know that I have kept up with my long distance biking. This past weekend, two friends and I set off at 7:30 a.m. and biked out and back 70 miles. The fact that the day was sunny and cool, and that there was no wind to speak of, was helpful. So was the promise we made ourselves to have huge ice cream

sundaes when we got back!

While I have always been quite an exerciser (well, starting in my mid-thirties when I finally got off the "couch of doom") I have to admit that I really love to ride my bike. You just get into this rhythm and as long as it's relatively flat and not windy, you feel like you can go forever. I'd love to hear from any other longer-distance bikers in the district, and if you rode the Ragbrai, I'd especially like to hear how it went. My goal now is to ride a Century (that's 100 miles in one go!) before the end of fall.

Short But Sweet

I guess it's because it's August, and I've written such magnus opi in my memos recently, that I find I just don't have that much to say in this memo. Luckily, Robin and Doris, who get stuck proofreading the memo each month, have convinced me that That's *OK!* Have a great rest of the summer. By the time the next memo comes out, our fall semester will have begun and we'll be in the thick of it!

Pat