

Chancellor's Memo Eastern Iowa Community College District September 15, 2005



Katrina

It has been a few weeks since Hurricane Katrina caused the devastation of cities and towns and people's lives in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. I'm sure all of you were as touched as I have been with the terrible plight of those who have been displaced and who have lost many they loved. I encourage everyone to reach deep

to send aid and caring to our neighbors down south.

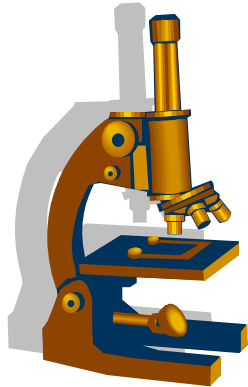
My sister Jeannie and her husband Tom, who have been long-time residents of New Orleans, did manage to evacuate before the hurricane hit. They are now living with me, trying to put their lives back together having lost everything (but not each other, and not their beloved if rather eccentric cat, Dudley, who is now living on my screened-in porch since I am highly allergic to cats.) I know several people at the district office who have relatives in New Orleans who have also come to the Quad Cities, and I have come to understand the warm heartedness and generosity of this area and to know that they will be well cared for.



Each of our colleges immediately geared up with fund-raising events for Katrina victims, and EICCD stands ready to assist anyone displaced person who has or will relocate to our area in starting up a new life through education. Here is a picture of **Marcus Harris** and **Marcia Larson** of Clinton Community College helping out at a Red Cross collection point in Clinton.

If you hear of anyone who might benefit from our help, please ask them to contact the Admissions Office at any of our three colleges. We stand ready.

Equipment Levy Passed!



I am very happy to announce that our recent 6-cent levy measure passed. This is very good news for our students since the money funds needed instructional equipment so critical to teaching and learning in these fast-changing times. I want to thank everyone in the district who worked so tirelessly, on their own time, to plan the campaign, create and print various brochures, write notes on, stamp, and mail our postcards. This was an example of all of our colleges, and our Faculty Association, donating funds and time to assure the future quality of education that our students receive.

In particular, I want to thank [Gary Mohr](#), [Honey Bedell](#), and the staff of the External Affairs Office for coordinating our efforts. As you can see from the outcome, the effort paid off.

Leadership To Be Developed

Several district employees have recently been accepted to leadership development programs, and I thought I'd share some information about them with you. First, [Jerry Wilkerson](#) will be one of six Iowa representatives to attend National NEA Minority Leadership Conference in Chicago. The conference runs from October 28th - 30th and will take place at the Hotel Allegro. Jerry tells me that the training is "designed to prepare team members to assume leadership positions within the NEA and to help them become more productive members. Candidates were selected by the NEA Human and Civil Rights Department in a competitive process; Jerry assures me that he will share the new knowledge he receives with his colleagues throughout EICCD when he returns.



Two other EICCD employees were nominated and then selected to participate in CLIC and LINC, two year long leadership development programs run through Iowa State

University, and supported by the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees.

Cindy Bottrell, Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences at SCC, will attend CLIC. CLIC provides upper-level and mid-management administrators with training in management and supervision, community college issues and certification for administrator evaluator approval. It meets five times over the course of a year, at different Iowa community colleges. Participants get two hours of credit from Iowa State University.

Wayne Cole, Academic Advisor at Scott Community College, will attend LINC. LINC is designed to develop the leadership skills for community college up and comers who are not yet upper level managers. Originally for women only, LINC now enrolls male participants and also offers graduate credit from Iowa State University also. The participants meet eight times, usually in Des Moines.



Staff Development Day Promises Great Excitement



Just a reminder that the district's Staff Development Day will take place at the Kahl Center on Friday, September 23rd. I've reviewed the program, and I am sure that everyone will find something exciting to learn about in the varied offerings of the day. I'm particularly looking forward to serving as the keynote speaker this year. Among other things, I'd like to review some of the new projects and initiatives that are being launched this fall.

Another exciting feature of the morning will be the debut of the new EICCD Website. A hard-working team has overseen a dramatic "reconstruction" of our old site, and I think you will be very, very impressed with the new one.



See you then!

EICCD Panel Scores Success at ACCT Conference

On Friday, September 9, 2005, a group of EICCD representatives, and **Kim Kudrna**, Executive Director of the New Ventures Center, presented a panel



about our district's entrepreneurial regional economic development involvements at the Association of Community College Trustees Congress in Seattle, Washington. **Mary Lou Engler**, Trustee, and **Mark Kapfer**, Executive Director of Economic Development for EICCD, did an excellent job of describing the blows that our region took to the economy in the mid-nineties and the

many excellent programmatic responses our district and region took to revitalize our area. Kim did a great job of describing the New Ventures Center with which our district maintains strong ties. This conference is always a great place to learn about what other community colleges are doing across the nation. It was wonderful to be able to showcase EICCD's outstanding economic development programs.



Here is a picture of all of us who attended the wonderful and informative conference in Seattle! Trustee **Joe D'Souza** and spouse **Tracy**, Trustee **Bill Vetter** and spouse **Cris**, **Mark Kapfer**, **Honey Bedell**, Trustee **Mary Lou Engler**, **Kim Kudrna** and guest, and I really benefited from attending this content-filled conference.

National Issues Forums Orientation To Be Held



For many years, I have been involved with the National Issues Forums Program, which provides a system and materials for groups to deliberate controversial issues - and provides a wonderful educational experience for both students and community members. I was delighted to hear that Iowa has been actively involved in NIF for years, also, and I've met a few times with the national coordinator, [Dave Wilkinson](#), to explore whether or not we could introduce the concept to our district.

In response to a memo I sent out last spring, [Martha Bonte](#), [Stephanie Whitmer](#), [Monica Kurth](#), and [Teresa Brockhage](#) volunteered to help introduce NIF to our district, in particular to faculty since the issue books generated by the program can be wonderful teaching-learning vehicles, and we have been meeting since. [Robin Blount](#), my new special assistant, has worked with the group to schedule an introduction to NIF - and we are asking you to "hold the date" of **November 3rd, 2005**, where EICCD will host an afternoon session of training, including an actual forum for those interested in experiencing the process first hand. On January 20th, those interested in more concrete training in convening and moderating forums will be offered in all day advanced workshop.

I don't know anyone who has become involved with the National Issues Forums Program who has not found it a fascinating exercise in democracy involving students and community in learning how to talk about and move to some consensus on issues that often divide people and lead to gridlock.

If you are interested at all, please set aside the afternoon of November 3 for the orientation workshop. If you want to know more about the project, please contact any of the people mentioned in this article or visit the NIF Website:

[National Issues Forums Website](#)

Diversity Think Tank Draws Large Crowd



I want to thank everyone from all over the district who attended the Diversity Think Tank held at my home on Tuesday, September 13th! I was really gratified to see how many people wanted to think through issues of diversity and inclusion together - and with the amazing focus and creativity of the discussion that followed.

I have promised to provide a summary of the group's thinking back to the group for comment and refinement prior to sending it out to everyone in the district. The overall outcome of the think tank was a concrete "to-do" list that we will immediately get to work on! I will share a record of our thinking and a tentative to-do list with you soon!

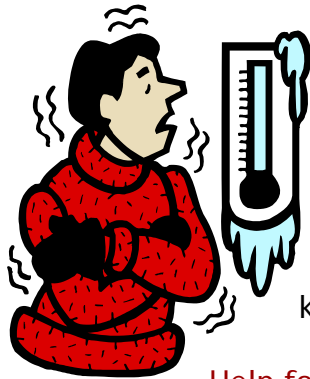
Here is a list of the participants in the Think Tank. Please take a minute to chat with some of them to learn about this wonderful event.

Julie Aye
Martha Bonte
Robin Blount
Jane Campagna
Wayne Cole
Thomas Coley
John DaBeet
Rassoul Dastmozd
Lana Dettbarn
Alison Entler
Peg Garrison
Susan Hess
Elizabeth Huntley
Ellen Kabat Lensch
Mark Kapfer
Nancy Kothenbeutel
Kevin Lucas
Shirleen Martin
Vic McAvoy
Lanell Mogab
Gary Mohr
Mardell Mommsen
Jennifer Robb
Jim Schneider
Tricia Sexton

Erin Snyder
Gail Spies
Kay Steffen
Scott Swanson
Jeanette Thomas
Janelle Torres y Torres
Karen Vickers
Deb Walker

It was also great to have two students there, one from SCC **Phillip Peters** and one from our TRIO Program, **Tammie Clark**. And thanks to **Robin Blount** and **Doris Swanson** for all the work they did to make this event flow so smoothly - and for ordering us up a fantastic lunch.

Where is that Killing Frost?



Isn't it exciting, after a very long, hot summer, to feel a nip in the air and to know that autumn is coming? I am particularly interested in the arrival of frigid weather, at least for one night, so that all of the ragweed that is making so many of our lives miserable will be made impotent. Do you have any suggestions for dealing with our areas rather prolific allergens? If so, please let me know!

[Help for the Allergic!](#)

I hope that everything is going well for each of you as we move into autumn and one of the most beautiful times of the year.

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