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## CERRO COSO COLLEGE HIRES ERIE V. JOHNSON AS NEW DIRECTOR OF SOUTH KERN/ KERN RIVER VALLEY CENTER



Dr. Erie V. Johnson was recently appointed to the administrative staff of Cerro Coso College to serve as Director of the South Kern/ Kern River Valley Center. Dr. Johnson took the reins on January 4, 2010. He comes to this administrative assignment from Astoria, Oregon where he worked at Clatsop Community College in a variety of positions providing leadership for the colleges Career and Technical Education mission.

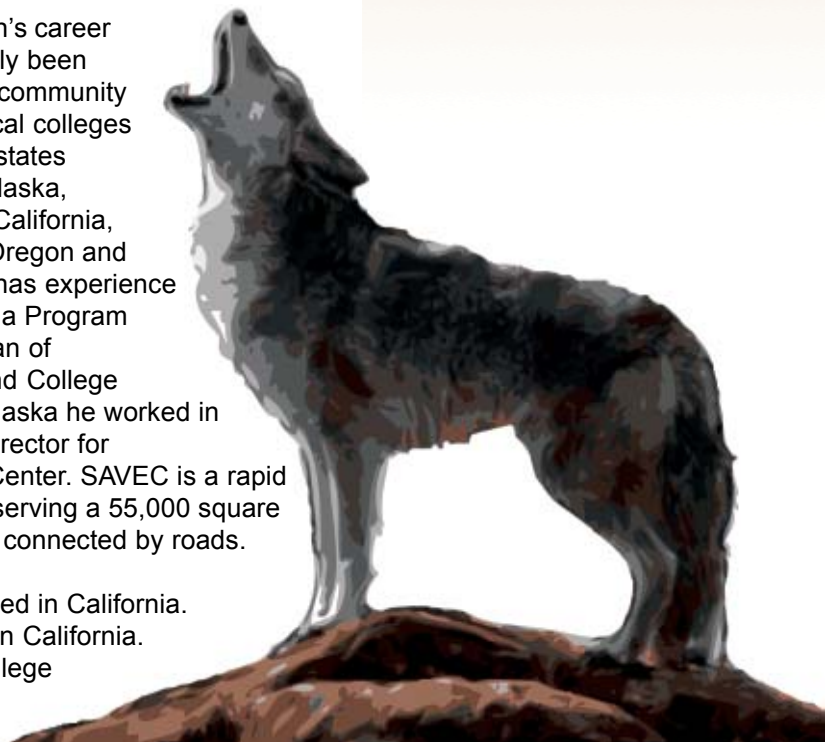
Dr. Johnson's career has primarily been working in community and technical colleges in western states including Alaska, Colorado, California, Montana, Oregon and Texas. He has experience working as a Program

Coordinator, Center Director, Vice President, Dean of Instruction, Division Chair, Executive Director, and College President. During his last four years working in Alaska he worked in rural Alaska where he was founding Executive Director for Southwestern Alaska Vocational and Education Center. SAVEC is a rapid response regional education and training center serving a 55,000 square mile area with 33 villages and only two that were connected by roads.

Dr. Johnson and his wife were both born and raised in California. They have two adult children working and living in California. When the position at Cerro Coso Community College

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opened they decided to apply to be closer to family and to move away from the 8 feet of annual rainfall that they experienced during the last three Oregon winters. Johnson attended Shasta College in Redding California where he received an Associates of Arts Degree in Agriculture. He then transferred to Chico State College and completed the Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Husbandry. Johnson then enrolled at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo completing his teaching credential and his Masters of Arts in Agricultural and Vocational Education. He next taught high school agriculture for three years in California and then returned to graduate school at the University of Wyoming completing an Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Administration. While in Wyoming he applied for and was hired to work in his first administrative leadership position at a community college in Colorado. While working for that college he completed the requirements for the Educational Doctorate Degree in Community, Vocational, and Adult Education from the University of Northern Colorado. Johnson, has chosen the community college for his life's work as he remembers how important a role that Shasta College played by preparing him to continue on with his education and allowing him to have a career that helps students as they prepare for their own journey.

The Johnson's reside in the Kern River Valley. Dr. Johnson works at the center located in Lake Isabella, refining educational services for the KRV region. He also works the South Kern portion of the centers service area at Edwards AFB. The college will seek to expand education and training opportunities for the residents and employers, including feeder high schools located in the southern portion of Kern County.

During his career Dr. Johnson has had the opportunity to help develop new colleges and or expand educational and training opportunities. With these experiences as part of his educational arsenal, Johnson is confident he can assist the college in its mission to the area Cerro Coso College defines as South Kern/Kern River Valley Center.

## CERRO COSO HOSTS GUERREO MUSICAL AS PART OF "CONCERT IN THE GARDEN" SERIES

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso (A.S.C.C.) hosted the *Guerreo Musical*, a local band who plays Norteno, Cumbias, Rancheras and Latin dance music, on Saturday, March 27, 2010. This is the fifth concert in the "Concert in the Garden" series that the Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) has been hosting for the enjoyment of the public. Featured band members include Albino Crescencio on bass; Eligio Chavez – lead vocals; Hermenegildo Chavez on drums; Martin Leal on bajosexto, accordion and vocals; Matthew Zubia – guitar and vocals; and Samuel Leal on accordion.



The next and final concert of this Spring's "Concert in the Garden" series is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. The ASCC will resume the "Concert in the Garden" series starting mid- September.

## CERRO COSO TO HOLD SECOND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Second Annual Cerro Coso Golf Tournament is slated for Saturday, May 1 at the China Lake Golf Course. Sign-in begins at 7 a.m.

Cerro Coso Community College and the Cerro Coso Foundation have teamed up to host this fundraiser with proceeds going for student book scholarships. Shotgun, scramble time is 8:30 a.m. Registration fee of \$75 per player includes green fees for 18 holes of golf, lunch, ditty bags of goodies, and refreshments. New this year, all participants will receive a Cerro Coso logo shirt. Entry fee also covers two mulligan's.

There will be cash prizes for the top three teams. A cash prize for the team with the highest score, lowest score, and longest drive. There will also be Putting Contest prizes and Par 3 prizes. The Putting Contest will begin at 7:15 a.m. on tournament day. "True to our goals, six students will be awarded book scholarships of \$150 each this year to help defray the cost of books. Golfers and non-golfers should be proud of their contribution in time, talents, and money on behalf of these Cerro Coso students," stated Dave Cornell, co-chair of the Cerro Coso Golf Tournament.

Call Dave Cornell at 384-6291 or John Daly at 384-6369 to obtain an entry form or for additional information.

## CERRO COSO STUDENT PRESENTS RESEARCH AT ANNUAL HONORS TRANSFER COUNCIL

Daryl Moline, Jr., a Cerro Coso Community College student and member of the Cerro Coso Phi Theta Kappa Honors Program, presented his research at the annual Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Research Conference at UC Irvine on Saturday, March 6, and his conference presentation was published as part of the research conference.

Mr. Moline's presentation, entitled "From Jekyll We Hyde," explores the definition of *monster*, specifically through the example of Jekyll and Hyde. "It is not the monster under the bed that scares mankind; it is the monster on the bed. It is from Jekyll that we hide," he argues. "A monster is a psychological and literary device that personifies the negative aspects of man, grants man a level of disassociation, and is released into or from the mind to radical ends. Hyde proves this. He is the dark half of the duality of man, disassociated by science, and radical in action."

Dr. Christine Swiridoff, Cerro Coso's Honors Program Coordinator, accompanied Moline to the conference. "Daryl's presentation was engaging and intelligent. I probably would not have been so poised and brilliant in such a large public forum at his age," Dr. Swiridoff said. "He represented Cerro Coso wonderfully at the conference, and we are very proud of his accomplishment."



“The conference publication will also be helpful once he transfers,” Dr. Swiridoff continued. “Daryl plans to earn a dual degree in English and history. Hopefully his research, conference presentation, and abstract publication will open up opportunities for internships or research at his future university. As a graduate of Cerro Coso’s Honors Program and presenter at the HTCC conference, he stands a good chance to compete for these opportunities.”

## CERRO COSO OFFERS IT’S FIRST SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC CLASS

The first Solar Photovoltaic Installation Class is currently being offered at Cerro Coso Community College. This 3-unit course is designed to prepare the learner with basic knowledge of photovoltaic systems, suitable for a supervised, entry level position with a dealer/installer or other PV industry company.



Go Green Solar provided a demonstration to the class in the past week with faculty member Larry Board. The instructional team provided a step-by-step demonstration on a small mock roof with over 30 students engaging in the hands-on exercise. By the end of the evening, the small photovoltaic system was activated and powered a lighting system. “I would like to thank Go Green Solar staffers for all their hard work and dedication for putting on the Solar Installation Workshop. The class participation was exciting to watch and the students went away with a real world hands on experience.” Stated Mr. Board

## LAW ENFORCEMENT GRADUATION

January 23, 2010 at Centennial High School in Bakersfield was a proud day for twenty-one Cerro Coso Community College students who successfully completed the California Peace Officer Training Academy at the Kern County Regional Training Center in Bakersfield. This was the culmination of 840 hours of intensive instruction in the subject areas of: Community Policing, Criminal Law, Search and Seizure, Preliminary Investigation, Report Writing, Patrol Tactics, Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Physical Training and Vehicle Operations to name a few.

This course is certified through the California Commission of Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) which oversees the academy presenters. The instructional staff work in all aspects of the law enforcement community and are recognized subject matter experts in their chosen teaching field. Instructors are required to complete instructor development courses before teaching in the environment.



The academy is very demanding both physically and mentally and not all students make the end of the course, which makes the achievement of these graduates all the more special. These students have proven they have the right skills and abilities to begin a career in law enforcement. Roughly 80% of the graduates have already started the process of testing with law enforcement agencies within Kern County. Present for the Graduation was College President Mary Retterer and her husband Rich. The Public Safety Department at the college is proud to be a part of this vital training.

## CERRO COSO COLLEGE PARTNERS TO OFFER K-12 CAREER TECH EXPO

Nearly two hundred middle and high school students attended the Career Tech Expo held at Burroughs High School on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Cerro Coso Community College in partnership with Sierra Sands Unified School District and the Naval Air Warfare Center at China Lake.

Booths and displays were spread throughout the room for the students to visit. Booths from the Naval Air Warfare Center at China Lake included static displays, videos, missiles and interactive activities for students. Additional booths from Cerro Coso Community College, Project Lead the Way, Expand Your Horizons and student clubs were also available for students to ask questions regarding careers in the technical field. Students were actively engaged in asking questions as they ate pizza provided at the event.

Mr. Robert E. McGahern from the National Defense Education Program (NDEP) K-12 Pre-Engineering Program (PEP) talked about the existing and emerging needs in aerospace and the skill sets students need to be competitive in the job market. He encouraged students to engage in school and pursue scholarship and incentive programs.

The event culminated with a prize give-away. Prizes included 25 Cerro Coso logo t-shirts, a digital camera and an iPod. The digital camera was sponsored by Wal-Mart and the iPod was sponsored by Computer Science Corporation. Bradley Sutton from Murray Middle School won the camera and Brandon Jensen from Burroughs High School won the iPod.

“The Expo objective was to provide primarily 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to listen to a national aerospace keynote speaker, explore careers through interactive booths with hands-on stations for energy, mining and manufacturing. Students, teachers, counselors and parents were busy interacting with all of the displays, and talking with the personnel staffing the booths. The Expo was a wonderful event and we hope to provide this type of event on an annual basis for students,” stated Valerie Karnes, Dean, Career Technical Education, Cerro Coso Community College. The event was funded through the Kern Community College District.



## DENIM & DIAMONDS DINNER, DANCING AND SILENT AUCTION



Denim & Diamonds committee members (L to R) Joann Clark, Mary Retterer, and Cheryl Gates are all smiles holding the posters for the upcoming "Second Annual Denim & Diamonds" gala. The festivities are planned for Friday, April 16, 5 pm. at the Kerr McGee Center. The sub-theme for this year's event is "Women of the Wild West." The evening consists of a wonderful two-meat catered dinner by Farris' Restaurant, dancing, and a silent auction. "We have lots of great items to bid on. We have weekend trips, assorted themed gift baskets, travel trailer camping rental, resort hotel stays, artwork, gift certificates, bbq grill, etc." stated silent auction coordinator Cheryl Gates.

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