Learning College

Warren Munick, Adjunct Faculty at Timberline along with work-study student Lynnette Coffey have taken the first steps in developing a “Student Report Card”. With the awareness that all college-wide committees are dedicated to students and their willingness to listen and learn about curriculum and student life from the students’ point of view is valuable, the objective of this pilot project is to work with students, faculty, staff and administration to identify: What learning college practice is and How many faculty demonstrate such practice. The project will look at five benchmarks as defined by CCSSE and include: active and collaborative learning, student effort, academic challenge, support for learners, and student-faculty interaction.

Business and Industry

Colorado Mountain College offers businesses both large and small a wide variety of services, which focus on improving workplace performance at both individual and business-system levels. Through its Customized Business Services division, CMC offers targeted programs to business and industry audiences, from company leaders to front-line workers. These range from one-on-one executive coaching to new-hire orientation sessions; from computer skills enhancement to top-level customer service classes. We are dedicated to providing high-quality, needs-based, affordable training. Customized Business Services works in concert with organizations to forge a direct path between learning initiatives and improved business outcomes. In order to achieve our goal of keeping training opportunities as close as the company conference room, we deliver professional development services on site.

Would you like to be part of CBS’s training partnership? Contact Suzanne Hyman 970-468-5989 x2811.

And the Survey Says----

During the Fall Semester 2008, only 26% of Blackboard shells created for credit courses was used! In the next issue of Adjunct Faculty News, we will reveal which tools were used.

Professional Development

One of the ways Colorado Mountain College supports faculty development is through a college-wide College Professional Development Fund. Full-Time Faculty and Adjunct Faculty who have taught for two semesters at CMC qualify to submit proposals. The maximum award per person per fiscal year is $1500 (July 1, 2008—June 30, 2009). Please visit the faculty and staff blog at http://faculty.coloradomtn.edu/blog for directions on how to apply for funds!

Effective Teaching

Darcy Trask, Adjunct Faculty at Alpine shared some of her methods of student success. For starters, she utilizes BlackBoard for instructional support! Also, while assignments and homework have deadlines, she allows the possibility of homework to be made-up as well as “redos” and unlimited extra credit. These “escape valves” are part of her efforts to play to the strengths of those students who may not learn in the traditional manner. For those students who do, she offers a Certificate of Excellence based on grades, as well as timeliness of assignment and homework completion. One of Darcy’s major concerns is that she spends too much time lecturing as opposed to interactive engagement with her students. Read more about Darcy and her Professional Development Fund Opportunity at http://faculty.coloradomtn.edu/blog/2008_1_01_archive.html

Community College Myths

Don’t let the open-admissions policies of community colleges fool you. Community college is college! Students are expected to perform at a high level, just as they would at any other college. The fact that anyone can attend doesn’t mean that students won’t find their studies challenging, rewarding, and enriching. CMC…First in education, partnerships, and community!
Campus Happenings

**CMC-Aspen showcases artwork of top-notch faculty.** Aspen faculty exhibition runs through April 30, with artists’ reception April 9

Art enthusiasts and students are invited to meet the talented and accomplished artists of the art faculty at the Aspen Campus of Colorado Mountain College during a gallery reception Thursday evening, April 9. Works from realism to abstract created in media from printmaking to painting to photography will be on display as part of the CMC Aspen Faculty Exhibition 2009.

“We are excited to have the opportunity to showcase the fine artists who are important and influential in our students’ artistic lives,” said Margaret Maxwell, Campus Instructional Chair. “The high quality of the artwork represents the tremendous talent of our faculty.” Art Gallery Coordinator Dasa Bausova said the show is a vital way to highlight the faculty for community members who may be interested in taking an art class. “The caliber of the artists we have teaching in Aspen is so impressive. It’s really exciting to learn from some of the best artists in the valley,” said Bausova, who is herself an artist.

Featured faculty artists include Sarabeth Berk, K. Rhynus Cesark, Matthew Fischer, Jennifer Ghormley, Penelope Greenwell, Linda Loeschen, Carolyn H. Manosevitz, David Notor, Rick Parsons, Michael Raaum, Doug Rhinehart, Natasha Seedorf, Robin B. Smith and Georgeann Waggaman.

The public reception will be hosted from 6 to 8 p.m. April 9 at the campus, adjacent to the Aspen Airport Business Center on frontage road Sage Way. The evening will feature refreshments as well as music from CMC Guitar Instructor Jerry Gasau, from 6 to 7 p.m. The Potters’ Guild Spring Pottery Sale will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. in the CMC ceramics studio.

The faculty art showing will continue through April 30. The Colorado Mountain College gallery is open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. The gallery may be occupied with classes at times, so please call ahead at 925-7740.

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CMC Foundation

**Here are some of the recent projects and accomplishments of CMC’s Foundation Office:**

- Ran a major capital campaign for the West Garfield Campus EnCana Academic Center at Rifle Airpark, which opened in September 2007. To date, it has served more than 1,100 students
- Are conducting a successful campaign to assist the college in building a new Summit County campus in Breckenridge and are on our way to reaching the $2 million dollar goal. Across the college district, in 2008-09, awarded over 300 Foundation Scholarships worth more than $400,000
- In the Vail-Eagle area, 38 Higher Education Resources & Opportunities (HERO) Scholarship students were awarded scholarships worth more than $84,000
- Launched CMC’s new Scholarship Mentor Program in October 2008 and have trained interested donors to mentor CMC scholarship recipients
- Through our Planned Giving Program, negotiated an agreement with a Hotchkiss couple so that their property may be used for CMC classes and retreats, now and in perpetuity
- Encouraged Employee Giving to which CMC employees responded with $25,000 in contributions to CMC, which were doubled in value by an annual match from Alpine Bank
- Negotiated the donation of funds for a new grand piano for the West Garfield campus auditorium—a gift made by Silt resident Marvelle Couey
- Extended the CMC Scholarship deadline to April 15. Contact:
  
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  www.cmcfoundation.org

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