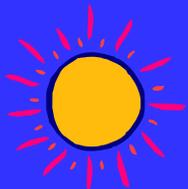


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Parent's Night Out Event

Chris Pancoast, State Council Representative, Diablo Valley College

Over the course of the spring 2010 semester, the Diablo Valley College (DVC) SCTA chapter has hosted many events including literacy events, movie nights, and a conference.

However, our huge event was our Parent's Night Out event, which was held Friday, May 7th at the Pleasant Hill Community Center. Both our advisors, Paul Pitner and Chris Capozzo attended along with DVC members Rosa Dorantes, Brittany McNutt, Cricket Hamilton, John Stevens, Yana Matvienko, Jessica Mooney, Rachel Gonzalez (Chabot chapter), and myself. This was one of those "everyone needs to work together or it won't happen" type of events.

We also had a lot of help from members who were unable to participate at the actual event. The theme was exploring land and sea animals, and all the children had a blast.



Members of the Diablo Valley College SCTA chapter are preparing the room with fun activities for the kids.

Although we did not receive the National Educators Association (NEA) CLASS Grant we applied for, we still worked hard to see our event come to reality. The planning process for this event was no picnic. Since DVC has never had a club or association plan this type of event before, our chapter had to go through several obstacles in order for our event to be approved.

First, we had to have a meeting with the Student Life Office, hold three meetings, organize a training for the

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Mark Your Calendars

JUNE 2010

11-14 STATE COUNCIL/SCTA BOARD MEETING, LOS ANGELES
12 **CBEST & RICA EXAMS**
26-29 **NEA-SP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, NEW ORLEANS, LA**

JULY 2010

1-6 NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, NEW ORLEANS, LA
5 HOLIDAY (4TH OF JULY)
10 **CSET EXAM**
19-23 PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE, ASILOMAR

AUGUST 2010

1-6 SUMMER INSTITUTE, UCLA
7 **CBEST & RICA EXAMS**
28-29 SCTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, BURLINGAME

SEPTEMBER 2010

6 HOLIDAY (LABOR DAY)
11 **CSET EXAM**
18-19 SCTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, BURLINGAME
21 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE IN EDUCATION

OCTOBER 2010

1-3 REGION 2 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, NEVEDA
2 **CBEST & RICA EXAMS**
15-17 REGION 1 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ASILOMAR
22-24 STATE COUNCIL/SCTA BOARD MEETING, LOS ANGELES

NOVEMBER 2010

5-7 **NEA-SP CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE, ORLANDO, FL**
6 **CSET EXAM**
11 HOLIDAY (VETERAN'S DAY)
13-14 **SCTA FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, NORTH**

SAYING GOODBYE: OUTGOING MESSAGE FROM CHANCE CARRICO

Dear Student CTA Members,

This academic year, 2009-2010, has been a year for Student CTA to shine; and we have! We have the best newsletters in the nation, we have the finest scholarship opportunities to all member categories, and we have an energetic and outgoing Executive Board that is results oriented. Most importantly, we have recognized chapters at 23 campuses, and our membership is vibrant and energized!

Our collective voice has an impact. On March 2nd, we celebrated "Read Across America" and on March 4th we stood and made our causes known. We volunteered at the professional CTA Good Teaching Conferences, CTA Equity & Human Rights Conference, and at many community outreach and chapter sponsored events. Then as now, I encourage you to network and build new relationships. The strength of our union comes from relationships.

We come together to realize a different future than the one presented to us. Through our unity we can change the legislative process and create the future we want for all teachers. I would encourage you to share chapter accomplishments and help guide the new Executive Board towards next year's goals.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. Best wishes to all of you, in everything you do. Thank you.

Together in the cause,



S. Chance Carrico
CSU Stanislaus Alumnus
President 2009-2010

"Strength Through Unity"

Areli Dohner-Chavez, SCTA President

I am extremely honored to be your next statewide President. I am so excited about the upcoming year and the wonderful possibilities ahead of us.

You are intelligent, hard working leaders across the state that balance out school, work, and social lives and yet somehow are able to do amazing things for our organization. SCTA is a strong union because of you.

Even if you joined one month ago or have been a member for years, what you do as an SCTA member and leader is significant. You are a part of the SCTA family. Our family. We bring hope to the future of our nation's educational system and our strength is based on our unity, support for each other, and active leadership at the local, state, and national levels.

The foundation of our organization lies on the one-on-one relationship between members who work together for a common purpose. I know that together we are going to make a difference and be the positive changes needed in our educational communities. I look forward to working with all of you soon!



MY FIRST REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

MARGARET-SUZANNE BELL, COMMUNICATIONS EDITOR, CHAFFEY COLLEGE

I was truly honored for the opportunity to have attended the SCTA Representative Assembly at the Hilton SFO hotel this past April. This was my first time going as a delegate from the Chaffey College SCTA chapter and I was very excited for the opportunity. The weekend was divided into three general sessions.

Saturday consisted of two sessions. The first session consisted of introductions and icebreakers, a presentation from guest speaker Patrick Camangian

on “Transformative Teaching”, a speech from CTA President David Sanchez, workshop sessions on teaching, leadership, and legislation, and breakout sessions on parliamentary procedure. The second session was the General Session with the results from the state council representative election, committee, chapter, and staff reports, old business, proposed amendments to the constitution/bylaws, and an open forum for attendees to address anything



All of the RA participants are mingling during the “Evolution” icebreaker.



SCTA members enjoying a free moment at the SCTA RA.



SCTA members pop their collars as they “become human” in the icebreaker.



CTA President, David Sanchez, and CTA Board Liaison, Dián Dolores Hasson, present gifts to the SCTA Executive Board 2009-2010.

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about SCTA. The day ended with an awards banquet and dance.

Sunday was election day. After a brief presentation on election procedures, candidates were nominated. After each candidate had an opportunity to present a speech, they were asked two questions submitted by the assembly. Then voting began. During lunch, SCTA presented a donation to Brother Helping Brother, Inc. – Haiti Mission (www.brotherhelpingbrother.org). After four or five run-off elections for Ethnic Minority Representative, the 2010-11 SCTA Executive Board was

presented and the new board members took the Oath of Office.

It is an experience I shall never forget. I learned a great deal more about SCTA over the weekend and I look forward to being an Executive Board member in 2010-11.



Voting delegates line up to voice their opinion at the SCTA RA.



SCTA President, Chance Carrico, dances the night away at the SCTA Awards banquet.



Areli Dohner-Chavez, SCTA President Elect, the Louissaint family, Rosemary - CTA staff, daughter Rosemary, Rosemond - founder of Brother Helping Brother, and Chance Carrico, SCTA President.

CCTC Liaison Report

Areli Dohner-Chavez, CCTC Liaison and SCTA President Elect, CSU Stanislaus

Other Present CTA Liaisons: Harold Accord

Part 1-Review of Meeting:

Applicable highlights from the April 23, 2010 CTC Meeting, held in Sacramento includes:

Item A. Statement to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, Sacramento, California, CTC-April 23, 2010:

Hi my name is Areli Dohner-Chavez and I am the Student CTA Liaison. As presented in the news release in front of you from Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Teacher Supply statistics we heard about yesterday, it is clear that we are dramatically losing future teacher candidates. This is not surprising in light of the economic recession and drastic budget cuts where thousands of current teachers are receiving pink slips, where college students are struggling with rising tuition costs and dwindling financial aid. We are burying ourselves in debt with the hope of finding jobs once we graduate. Sadly, many of us are not finding jobs.

I personally have taken out loans and spent six and a half years working on my undergraduate degree and meeting all the rigorous requirements for a teaching credential only to graduate one and a half years ago with no hope of employment any time soon. I will be one of many filing for an extension to complete my BTSA requirements in a few years.

We appreciate Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and former Commissioner Margaret Gaston speaking out against these cuts. In the last eight months, I have seen how the Commission works hard to establish the best teacher preparation programs across the State, and the nation. We have all worked very hard and followed your rules. Now, on behalf of Student CTA, and all the unemployed teachers, and those additional who will be laid off, we are asking you to show your support individually or as a whole. We must ask you to speak out, to speak out now, against the proposal to cut an additional \$2.4 billion dollars from public schools this year. Instead of spending time hearing proposals about limiting teacher rights, please concentrate on how there can be a stable, long-term solution that encourages the best and brightest to become teachers, and keep us in the classroom. Thank you.

Item B. Congratulations to the newest single subject matter programs approved by the Commission. California State University, Long Beach: Music; California State University, Fresno: Art; California Polytechnic State University, Pomona: Physical Education; San Jose State University: Art

Part 2-Recommendation for future meetings and action items:

1. None at this time.

Part 3-Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 3, 2010 at the Commission Offices, 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95811-4213.

Parent's Night Out Event

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event, and secure a 3rd party insurance policy due to the liability issues of supervising up to 35 children. The total cost was about \$850.00, which we used from our club's account. The cost included the room rental, food, publicity, and the insurance that we purchased.

I must thank Ryan Alves (DVC SCTA member) and his family for donating \$500.00 to our chapter. Without it, we would have been unable to host our event. Our goal was to get 35 children registered and donate the profit to the Monument Crisis Center. The cost per child was \$15.00 which we felt would be affordable to all parents in the bay area. While we ended up having only 20 children attend, we still brought in \$300.00 and decided as a group to donate \$80.00 to the Monument Crisis Center.

Overall, the event was a success. It was an evening of games, healthy food, and fun art and craft projects. Parents filled out feedback forms that were all positive asking the question, "When are you guys doing this event again?" While there were a lot of obstacles that our chapter had to go through to get this event approved, the process was a learning experience. Since it was such a great success and positive experience for all involved, we plan to hold this event again in the fall.

"This was one of those 'everyone needs to work together or it won't happen' type of events."

My SCTA Experiences

Chris Pancoast, State Council Representative, Diablo Valley College

This year in SCTA I feel as though I have grown tremendously. It was my first year being a State Council Representative which was great, but also very challenging.

of diverse backgrounds whom I are student members, advisors, and state representatives.

In addition, I have strengthened the Diablo Valley College Student CTA chapter as our chapter had 32 members by May 2010. Some of the events we planned and implemented include: our 3rd Literacy event at Creekside Elementary, a movie night, a CPR/First Aid training/fundraiser (we raised about the “thorns” that are affecting the realm of education altogether.

Amongst these were issues on health care, RTTT (Race to the Top) and NCLB (No Child Left Behind). Every year teachers and students are affected by the California educational budget, pink slips, and increased tuition, but despite these challenges we work hard as students, faculty, and teachers to stand up for what we believe in.

I also had the opportunity to network with professionals

and so in May 2010, I was accepted into a Masters Program in Early Childhood Education (ECE). Having my Masters Degree will allow me to teach ECE classes at the Community College level and to meet the requirements and get my certification to be a director of a child care center.



“Through serving in these two different positions, I really had and took the opportunity to dive in head first and gain all I can about the ‘thorns’ that are affecting the realm of education altogether.”

Event that was a huge success.

Being a member of the Student California Teachers Association has kept me determined to become a teacher

