How does the Student Transfer Achievement Act Affect YOU?

Last week, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law SB 1440, the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, in an effort to simplify and streamline the transfer process for California community college students hoping to transfer to schools within the California State University (CSU) system.

The bill, authored by Senator Alex Padilla and co-sponsored by the California Community Colleges, will require the state’s community college districts to establish associate degree programs in transfer studies, while also guaranteeing that students who complete an associate degree program designated for transfer will be granted admission into the CSU system, with junior status.

SB 1440 also establishes unit limits on most academic majors, thereby reducing the chance that students will spend extra time, money and taxpayer resources, to complete unnecessary, or excessive coursework that might not transfer to some four-year universities because of a school’s particular entrance requirements.

“SB 1440 puts the needs of California’s community college students first,” said California Community College Chancellor, Jack Scott in a statement. “This law is going to make a real difference for students. The current process is too complicated. It’s easy for students to get frustrated, confused and waste time when the requirements change.”

(taken from hometownstation.com)

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CSU/UC Application Workshop Schedule

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Message from the Director

"The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur" - Vince Lombardi

Hello students, the staff of the DRC would like to welcome you to the fall 2010 semester. I'm hoping that you had a relaxing summer and that you are ready to tackle the semester. If you have been keeping up with the news then you know that the state legislature has been late in passing a state budget. Additionally, the projections indicate that the state is operating with a deficit in the billions, that’s billions with a “B”, not millions! While the budget looks rather gloomy, we want you to know that we will endure the funding dilemma and we will continue to be available to you in order to help you meet your needs.

In case you didn’t know, October is typically identified as “Disability Awareness Month” by the Office of Disability Employment Policy a division of the Department of Labor. This year’s theme is “Talent Has No Boundaries”, depicted in the poster here:

Talent has no boundaries:
Workplace diversity includes people with disabilities

Here are a few facts about people with disabilities. In August 2010, the percentage of people with disabilities in the labor force was 22.0%. By comparison, the percentage of persons with no disability in the labor force was 70.2%. The unemployment rate for those with disabilities was 15.6%, compared with 9.3% for persons with no disability, not seasonally adjusted. The DRC attempts to address the needs of our students; we are implementing a Workability project with the California Department of Rehabilitation so that our students can improve their chances of obtaining employment.

We have the spirit and the will to provide you with the types of services that will help you excel and endure these stormy times. That’s our pledge, to do our best to serve students and the campus to the best of our ability.

David Maciel

Student Highlight: Greg Rivas

In the year 2000 I started attending COS. I wanted to get a better education, because it was something I always wanted. I was doing my best to get good grades, but it was hard for me. In May of 2000 I was diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). My kidneys failed completely. I was out of school for some time after that. When I came back to COS I met with the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC staff started helping me get the classes I needed and helped me pass them with good grades. I would like to thank the DRC and the staff for all the help they have given me. By December 2010 I will have my degrees in Liberal Arts and Science. Thank you DRC.

Workshops to Improve Success

To RSVP call the COS Orientation Office: 737-5410.
Space is limited – Sign up NOW.

"Time Management and other Success Tips"
Monday, October 4, 2010  9:00 – 10:00 am

"Student Success Tips"
Tuesday, October 12, 2010  10:00 – 11:00 am

"Self-Esteem and Academic Performance"
Wednesday, October 13, 2010  1:00 – 2:00 pm

"English as a Second Language (ESL) Student Success Tips"
Monday, October 25, 2010  1:00 – 2:00 pm

"Optimum Mental Health"
Wednesday, October 27, 2010  9:00 – 10:00 am

"Be All That You Can Be"
A Workshop for Military Veteran Students
Thursday, November 4, 2010  2:00 – 3:30 pm

For more information or to RSVP call the COS Orientation Office: 737-5410 or email Silvia Thomas at silviat@cos.edu, or visit the Orientation Office upstairs in Giant Forest.
Proteus Offers Relief!

Extreme changes in temperatures can lead to increased energy costs that can put a strain on budgeting. Proteus, Inc., a non-profit organization, has partnered with the utility companies to provide FREE energy saving services and appliances.

Proteus, Inc. is collaborating with the College of the Sequoias Disability Resource Center in order to expand its outreach to potential participants with disabilities. In order to see if you qualify, follow these three easy steps:

1. Call Proteus at (888) 255-2142 to sign-up for the programs.
   - Provide your address and contact information to sign-up for the program.
   - If you’re a renter, Proteus will mail you an owner’s waiver to obtain permission from the property owner.
2. Application and Home Assessment:
   - A Proteus home assessor will contact you to schedule an appointment to visit your home and do your application.
   - During the appointment the assessor will collect documentation and assess your property for eligible measures.
3. Installation of Approved Services & Inspection:
   - The utility provider (Edison, PG&E, or the Gas Company) will determine which services you qualify for and will release a work order to Proteus.
   - Proteus will schedule an appointment with you for the installation of approved services.

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Workability III Program at COS

WorkAbility III (WA III) is a collaboration between the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and College of the Sequoias (COS) in order to provide career preparation services to students with disabilities leading to gainful employment. DRC staff assigned to the project include; María Matta, the WA III Coordinator/Counselor, and Sharmeek Lakhani, the WAIII Job Developer. The WA III Coordinator and Job Developer will be working closely with students in the WA III program to assist them in obtaining and retaining employment.

WA III staff members have been collaborating with existing WA III programs, and other workforce development organizations in the community including; the Employment Connection, Employment Development Department (EDD), Proteus Inc, to name a few.

The services provided by the WA III program are intended to go above and beyond the services provided by the DRC. The new services will meet the local needs of DOR consumers and are available to individuals referred by DOR. We are excited about this new venture and look forward to working with our WA III students. If you have additional questions about WA III, please give us a call 730-3805.

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Undeclared?

Careerpathways.cos.edu is a new edition to the COS website that features information on majors offered at the college and career quizzes to help you decide on your career goals. Be sure to check it out!

NOTICE:
Due to budget constraints, COS will not offer a summer session for the upcoming summer.

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COS Welcomes its Welcome Center!

College of the Sequoias new Welcome Center is making it easier and more convenient for current and prospective students to learn about the many services COS has to offer! The Welcome Center's one-stop-shopping concept bundles several aspects of the enrollment process into one office that helps students decide how to fill out an application, register for classes, and apply for financial aid. Students can also research transfer pathways and career information. Within the Welcome Center students will also have the opportunity to visit with college representatives, sign up for informational workshops and transfer-themed fieldtrips.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Phone: 559.730.3730
Facebook "COS Welcome Center"
In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and ADA requirements, this publication can be made available in an alternative format as a reasonable accommodation. To request a copy in an alternative format, please contact the Disability Resource Center at (559) 730-3805.

Important Dates

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Learning Skills Lab

Hours of Operation:
Monday through Thursday: 8-4
Friday: 8-12

Our instructional aides this semester are:
Charles Adam Brumley Arturo Manzo
Cory Cobarruvias Anthony Pertle
Jesus Ferreyra-Pina Omar Pulido
Manpreet Kaur Anthony Purcaro
Amina Khan Samantha Scott
Fernando Llamas Christina Spandler

DRC Testing Center

Hours of Operation:
Monday through Thursday: 8-4
Friday: 8-12

Please visit the Testing Center 2-3 days before each of your exams to arrange for test accommodations.