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Chabot Receives \$3.75 Million in Grant Funds

By Jennifer Aries

Chabot has received \$3.75 million in grant funds that will be used to improve basic skills across the curriculum.

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has awarded \$1.75 million in funding for the Faculty Inquiry Network, a statewide initiative comprised of teams from 15 colleges across California. At each college, a Faculty Inquiry Group will investigate complex problems in basic skills education. Chabot College is the lead institution for the grant.

The Network will be organized around three hubs in California. Chabot Col-

lege has been named the northern California hub. Faculty at participating colleges will receive extensive training and coaching as they seek to learn and understand the many ways students learn, discover the barriers to learning and how to help students navigate those barriers to achieve success in college.

Campuses involved in the Faculty Inquiry Network will share their findings with the public and each other through web and video presentations of what they are learning about students and

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The Zone - Everything You Need in One Place

By Jennifer Aries

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has unveiled its long awaited Web Portal - THE ZONE. Focus groups met in April to define what they would like to see in the portal. A Core Team of college and district representatives consisting of students, faculty, classified staff, and administrators have been working together and reaching out to their constituent groups to develop the Chabot-Las Positas customized portal.

A preview of THE ZONE is available to all students, faculty, and staff to view

and provide feedback. This is a test system with Banner data as of September 4th and no changes to data will be saved. If you go to the College or District websites, a link is provided to access THE ZONE. You can also view the future new and improved College websites. Both THE ZONE and the new College websites will be released live in 2009.

Please take time to visit THE ZONE and provide us with your comments or suggestions for improvement using the

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Chabot Staff Members Recognized for Volunteer Work

By Jennifer Aries

The City of Hayward's Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards were presented at Hayward's Centennial Hall in October. The awards program, which began in 1976, honors outstanding volunteers who contribute their time and energy to benefit local human services, non-profits and other programs in Hayward.

Two of those recognized were Nancy Soto and Dale Wagoner from Chabot College. Congratulations Nancy and Dale... we are all very proud!!!



Dale Wagoner



Nancy Soto

Chancellor's Award Luncheon

By Laura Weaver

On December 5, more than 80 individuals came together to honor this year's recipients of the 2008 Chancellor's Award. The luncheon was held at Casa Orozco in Dublin, where Chancellor Joel Kinnamon along with Chabot President Celia Barberena and Las Positas President DeRionne Pollard, presented the recipients with their certificate.

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Award recipient Cynthia Ross from Las Positas College.



Award recipient Sean McFarland from Chabot College.



Seated from left to right is award recipient Annie Harris, joined by Judy Hutchinson and Karen Estellar all from the District Office.



Staff from Chabot and Las Positas Colleges enjoy the festivities.

DeRionne Pollard Receives Alumni Award From Iowa State University

By Julie Larson

During its annual Homecoming celebration, the Iowa State University Alumni Association conferred upon Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard the Outstanding Young Alumni Award in recognition of remarkable early career achievements.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award was established by the ISU Alumni Association in 1968 to recognize ISU alumni, aged 40 and under, who have excelled in their professions and provided service to their communities.

Pollard, one of the youngest CEOs in U.S. higher education, is president of Las Positas College in Livermore, Calif. She recently assumed the post after 12 years at College of Lake County in Grayslake, Ill., where she developed the college's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Pollard received the 2006 YWCA Woman of



Achievement Award and was a 2007 Lake County Woman of Distinction. In 2006, she was named the Most Influential African American in Lake County.

The other recipients of the 2008 Outstanding Young Alumni Award are Andrew S. Allen of Huxley, Iowa, and Aranthan Steve Jones II of Washington, D.C.

Recipients of the 2008 Homecoming awards were

honored at the 77th Annual Honors & Awards Ceremony at Benton Auditorium in the Scheman Building on ISU's campus in October.

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the teaching/learning process. The goal of the project is to improve outcomes for students who arrive at community colleges under prepared for the demands of a college education.

Faculty involved in the project include Katie Hern, language arts instructor, project co-chair, and hub coach for the Bay Area; Cindy Hicks, language arts instructor and project director; Tom DeWit, language arts instructor and project co-chair; and Sean McFarland, language arts instructor.

The second project is related to the first but focuses internally on basic skills improvement. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the Title III grant provides \$2 million over five years to support a similar type of faculty inquiry.

The Title III grant project includes developing and assessing student learning outcomes, establishes a Center for Teaching and Learning that will support faculty development at Chabot, provides for direct services to students such as tutoring and early intervention, and es-

tablishes an endowment fund.

Faculty and staff involved in the Title III project include Gene Gropetti, vice president of academic services and project director; Patricia Shannon, humanities, philosophy and religious studies instructor and project activity coordinator; Rebecca Otto, biology instructor and learning assessment coordinator; and Jennifer Lange, biology instructor and coordinator of the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Great News!

Not only do LaPTechS students troubleshoot and repair campus computers, but they also work on staff and student computers. If you have a computer that is running slowly, needs new memory or is not functioning properly, give us a call. Assessment and repair are FREE! For more information please call Leslie Gravino at (925) 424-1236 or stop by room 804.

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Survey form or send an email to helpzone@clpccd.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Help Desk at (510) 723-6966. Thank you for your assistance in making THE ZONE experience the best it can be!

If you are ready to enter THE ZONE, click here to access the Web Portal directly: <http://lumportal-test.clpccd.cc.ca.us>. Before you login, go to the Help Zone web page to get all the information you need to get started.

JUST LIKE CLASS-WEB, USE YOUR W# AND PIN TO LOG INTO "THE ZONE".

HELP ZONE web page. The HELP ZONE gives information on how to login and provides Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). You can also view Videos of the Web Portal

other services like CLASS-Web and Blackboard?

THE ZONE gives you direct access to CLASS-Web and Blackboard without having to sign in again with your individual user ID and password or PIN. Once you log into THE ZONE, you never have to login again. This is called Single Sign On - one login gets you to all your information no matter where the information resides.

What are some other benefits of THE ZONE?

THE ZONE provides students with emails and their own personal calendars. Their calendars will be automatically populated with the students current course schedule. NOTE: Student email will not be activated during the preview, but will be available to all students in Spring 2009. Students will be notified by Admissions & Records of their student email addresses.

What is Group Studio?

THE ZONE provides a feature called Group Studio where users can create workgroups for student clubs/organizations or faculty and staff committees/project teams.

What will I see on the Home Tab?

THE ZONE has a Home Tab for all users where personal announcements appear based on the role of the individual and where campus or district announcements are distributed.



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Frequently asked questions:

What is the Web Portal - THE ZONE?

THE ZONE is your individual gateway to access all the information that is unique to your role as a student or faculty or employee. Only information that is pertinent to you will be displayed. The different types of services are organized by tabs to make navigation easier.

Who can use THE ZONE?

THE ZONE is restricted to current students, faculty, or employees that are members of the Chabot-Las Positas community. Like CLASS-Web, THE ZONE is available to these groups from anywhere, either on campus or off campus. Access to the College and District public websites will remain the same and will be available to everyone as it is today.

How do I gain access to THE ZONE?

From the College and District public websites, click on the link for THE ZONE Preview. This will bring you to the login page for THE ZONE where there is also a link to the

for your specific role and location (e.g. Chabot student or Las Positas faculty) before you try to navigate through the system.

Using THE ZONE, how do I get to

NOW YOU SHOULD BE READY TO GO INTO THE ZONE - EVERYTHING YOU NEED IN ONE PLACE! GOOD LUCK AND PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!

Thank You Dr. Alison S. Lewis

By Jennifer Aries

In 1991, Dr. Alison S. Lewis was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District as representative of district constituents in the city of Hayward.



After 17 years of dedicated and passionate service, Dr. Lewis elected not to run for another term. Her service and presence will be missed, but she can now enjoy Tuesday evenings with family and friends.

During Dr. Lewis' tenure, she served as Board president from 1993-94 and 1999-2000. Dr. Lewis was a strong advocate for sustainability as the district embarked on a \$498 million facilities bond. As plans unfolded for new facilities and discussion began about renovations, Dr. Lewis put forth her vision for a sustainable campus that

incorporated energy savings and natural landscapes wherever and whenever possible.

She was a tireless advocate for students. A constant presence at commencement each year, she celebrated the success of the thousands of students who benefited from her decisions as a board member.

In addition to her role as Trustee, she also served of chief of staff to Alameda County Supervisor Gail Steele. She previously served as associate director of the Eden Youth Center in Hayward, and has also been an adjunct instructor in art history at Chabot College.

She has been active as a citizen advocate on public library issues in Hayward, serving on the Hayward Library Commission since 1977. She is a member of Hayward's Literacy Plus Advisory Council and the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners.

Dr. Lewis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Coe College, and a Ph.D. in Art History at Harvard University.

Dr. Marshall Mitzman Elected to the Board

By Jennifer Aries

In 2008 Marshall Mitzman was elected to the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees to represent district residents in the City of Hayward. A long time supporter of Chabot College, Mitzman has worked tirelessly to advance the mission of Chabot College, and the District in general.

When approached about serving as founding chair of the Chabot College Foundation, Mitzman agreed to take the position and began to build an organization that has raised more than \$1 million to benefit the students, programs and services of Chabot College. While working on behalf of the College, his legacy began to take shape. He was rewarded for his commitment to Chabot College and higher education when named the 2008 recipient of the Gladiator Award - the highest award given by the Chabot College Foundation. Mitzman also holds a lifetime California Community College teaching credential.

Mitzman's dedication to Hayward goes beyond Chabot College. He is an active member of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce and several other service organizations. He currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Fingerprint Services of America.



Spotlight on Our Students

The Las Positas College Art Club Exhibits Student Artwork at the District Office

By Laura Weaver

Las Positas College students and members of the Las Positas Art Club accepted an invitation to exhibit a variety of art mediums and subjects, bringing beauty and interest to the halls of the district office. The District Office extended the invitation to display art to both Chabot and Las Positas Colleges. Artwork from Chabot College will be displayed in 2009 and will include illustrations, ceramics, and paintings (acrylic and oil). The District Office is delighted to display these beautiful works of art created by our students. Many of the pieces are for sale and can be purchased directly from the artist. The current display will be on display through February 2009.



Artist: Soussan Farsi
 Title: Qashqai Girl
 Medium: Acrylic and Oil on Canvas



Artist Nicole Wakeman and Linda Hopwood, President of the LPC Art Club, carefully hang the oil painting, "Mendocino Coast" painted by Patricia Benson.



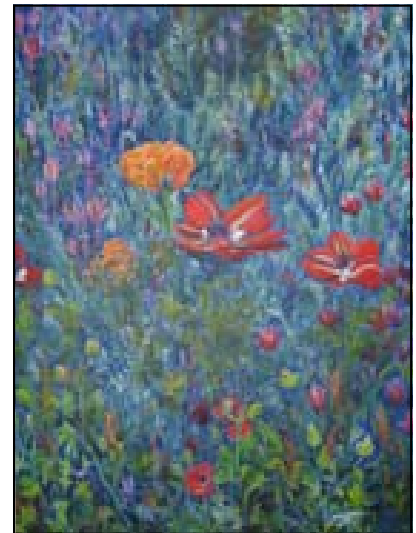
Artist: Jason Zadwick
 Title: Big Abstract
 Medium: Acrylic on Canvas



Artist: Gina Kaiper
 Title: Thinking in Blue
 Medium: Oil on Canvas



Artist: Nicole Wakeman
 Title: Cirque Solar
 Medium: Acrylic on Canvas, 2 pieces diptych



Artist: Patricia Benson
 Title: Floral Explosion
 Medium: Oil on Canvas



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Award recipients
Sean Day and
Cindy Balero from
Las Positas College.



Award recipient Jeff Baker
from Las Positas College.



Carolyn Scott, on the left, sits with Lori Benetti and Alice Noriega from the District Office.



Linda Wilson,
from the front left
is joined by
Priscilla Burruss,
Estella Sanchez,
Shari Friedel,
Naida Conery
and Greg Correa
from the District
Office.



Award recipient
Dee Sanchez
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Award recipient Eric Strickland from
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