Important Dates

- April 25, 2008—Last Day to drop semester length classes
- May 23, 2008—Last Day of Classes
- May 26, 2008—Memorial Day Holiday
- June 16, 2008—Summer Session Begins
- July 24, 2008—Summer Session Ends

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New Consumers

We would like to welcome our three new consumers. James Bush comes to us from Antioch High School. He enjoys basketball, art, dancing and “hanging out.” George Perez comes to the CCTP from Solano County. He enjoys creating Power Point Presentations and downloading “hip-hop” and “R&B” on his laptop computer. George also enjoys “hanging out” with his peers. Shortly after joining CCTP, George was elected to the Academic Senate. Last but not least, is Dylan Barrera. He comes to CCTP from Deer Valley High School. Dylan enjoys competing in online gaming, surfing the net, and giving his kid brother a hard time.

New Staff

We would like to welcome new staff member Jeff Pollock. Jeff joined us in the spring of 2007. Jeff’s primary focus with our students is job development. He assists consumers in researching positions, filling out applications, creating resumes, interview skills, and motivation.
CCTP Trips

Over the past year, CCTP has traveled throughout the greater Bay Area on many interesting and significant trips. The most popular location for our group to visit is Fisherman’s Wharf in San Francisco. Favorite points of interest are Pier 39, The Wax Museum and The Rainforest Café. Other trips included Marine World, The Oakland Coliseum, PacBell Park, W.W.E. Wrestling, Prewitt Water Park, Port of Oakland, Fishing at Discovery Bay and the Mission St. Murals. One of the favorite night trips was attending a local concert for staff member Larry Santiago and his band Pyschomatic.

Employment Program

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Work Club was recently established as a weekly meeting for students interested in entering the work force and for students already employed. This round table gathering is designed to enable our students a comfortable setting in which to discuss employment related issues on and off the job. The meetings also serve as a place to train consumers in any aspect of obtaining or maintaining gainful employment on campus or in the community.

Campus and Community Jobs

Jessica Leonard and Erin Stephens are employed by the LMC Copy Center as Print Services Clerks. At the Print Center, Jessica and Erin print general copies, collate and bind documents, and print out lesson plans and exams for various College staff and classes.

George Perez worked with the ALIVE – Brentwood Parks Crew during Winter Break. At the parks, George assisted staff with maintaining over 20 recreational facilities throughout Brentwood. Will Anderson-Heine volunteers with the LMC Adaptive P.E. class as a teacher’s assistant. Will supports the staff by setting up adaptive weight training equipment for students with various physical disabilities during class time.

James Bush works at the Garden Site in Antioch as a mobility assistant. Heather Whitehurst works as a volunteer with Franny The Nanny Day Care Facilities in Pittsburg. Kelvin Robinson and Claudia Rivera are currently in the process of employment training with the Nifty As-Is Store in Antioch.
School Activities

Our students enjoy several activities on campus. The CCTP organizes a monthly Bake Sale to help pay for trip expenses. On a daily basis, students can be found studying at the new state of the art Library and art museum. For exercise and to clear our heads, we take walks around the lake and around the track at the center of the Athletic Fields. Consumers attend and participate in Music Recitals, Karaoke Contests, and Dance Contests. Various events on campus throughout the year include University Day, The Kaiser Health Fair, Career Day, Activity Day and Club/Organization Day.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Sam Coston for receiving an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts from Los Medanos College. Sam is currently enrolled in the Broadcasting Program at San Francisco State University. He commutes via public transportation from Pittsburg to San Francisco weekly. According to Coston, CCTP proved to be an integral component in shaping his successful transition from High School to University.

Olympic Bound

Sam Craven recently embarked on week-long Olympic training sessions for shot put and discuss at the Olympic Training Facilities in Denver, Colorado. He was assisted by CCTP staffer Jeff Pollock. If Sam qualifies next month, he will be Olympic bound to Beijing! According to Paralympic.org, Paralympics are elite sport events for athletes from six different disability groups. Paralympics emphasize the participants' athletic achievements rather than their disability. The number of athletes participating in Summer Paralympic Games has increased from 400 athletes from 23 countries in Rome in 1960 to 3806 athletes from 136 countries in Athens in 2004 (para.2).
Students who are completing high school and/or transition programs are ideal candidates for CCTP. Self-determination is the guiding principle for this program. Flexibility in a coordinated package of services for each student will make the transition from school to adult community easier and in the natural environment of a college campus.

A consortium of organizations in Contra Costa County helped develop this program including: Contra Costa County Developmental Disabilities Council, Department of Rehabilitation, Regional Center of the East Bay and Los Medanos Community College. Futures Explored through its ALIVE (Actively Living and Involved in a Variety of Endeavors) Program provides assistance with application and registration for classes, financial aide applications, seeking tutoring support, mobility training, social skills training, recreational skills training, vocational skills and employment opportunities, and a support group for emotional support during this critical time. The student peer group meets weekly and family support groups meet as needed. The program offers a variety of social/recreational and educational opportunities during normal school breaks.

A program supervisor and staff are on campus to help make this package of support services both intensive and cohesive during this two to three year post high school time. Some of the outcomes for each individual include greater independence, better integration into the community, less need for on-going support, and greater vocational achievement than among other young adults with disabilities. This program continues to develop and change as we gain experience.

Sea Biscuit Exhibit

One interesting Bay Area landmark was recently visited by the CCTP consumers and staff. This landmark is the Tanforan Racetrack in San Bruno, California which is currently the newly remodeled Tanforan Mall. According to wikipedia, The Tanforan Racetrack was a popular thoroughbred facility that operated from 1899 to 1964. It served the nearby San Francisco community and was named after Torribo Tanforan. Tanforan was the relative of El Rancho Buri Buri owner Jose Antonino Sanchez. Some of Thoroughbred racing's most notable owners and trainers competed at Tanforan Racetrack including owner/breeder James Ben Ali Hagggin, and owner/trainer Sam Hildreth. Trainer Noble Threewitt set a record when he won with nine consecutive starters at Tanforan in April of 1954. Over the years, Tanforan Racecourse saw a number of famous horses compete on its track. Among them, future U.S. Racing Hall of Fame inductee Sea Biscuit was stabled at Tanforan for a time. Tanforan was temporarily converted into a military training center during World War I. Closed again during World War II, one hundred and seventy barracks were built in the infield to serve as an internment center for approximately eight thousand Japanese Americans.