Diana Markham, Karen Cox, Lisa Harrison, Ardel Thomas earn CVC awards

Four CCSF online instructors have been selected to receive a CVC Online Teaching Award for their online course.

The CVC Online Education Awards Program is designed to stimulate and foster the development of shareable online teaching materials within the California Community College System. CVC received applications from community college instructors throughout California.

In this first round of CVC’s two-phase award competition, each faculty member will receive a $1,000 stipend and have an opportunity to compete in the next round for additional recognition and compensation. The stipend for the first round gives instructors funding for modifying their course. The winners are:

• Diana Markham: Physical Science (PSC 11)
• Karen Cox: Advanced Composition (ENGL 40)
• Lisa Harrison: Lifespan Development (PSYC 21)
• Ardel Thomas: Intro to Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender Studies (GLST5)

Thomas took over the GLST 5 online course developed by Bob Gurney, who passed away last Fall.

The award recipients will be enhancing their course during the spring 2007 semester; their courses will be reviewed again by the CVC judges for additional recognition and compensation. Three winners will be selected during the second round. Over the past five years CCSF online instructors have received two national and five statewide awards for their online courses.

CCSF offers over 100 online courses for busy professionals who want to complete their degree, transfer to a four-year college or university, or to further their education and skills.

Downtown Campus hosts ICT educators

Dean Steven Glick (top left) welcomes participants to the National Conference of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) held at the Downtown Campus January 12–13. Also pictured are Dr. Pierre Thiry, CNIT Instructor (2nd from top left), Tim Ryan, Network Manager (4th from top left) and Carmen Lamha, CNIT Department Chair (5th from top left). Not pictured is Indiana Quadra, Chair, Career Development and Placement Center, who participated in a panel on employability skills.

Sharon Turner, Wendy Fong, Josie Loo present at confab

Sharon Turner from the Health Community Education and Community Health Studies Department, Wendy Fong from the Multimedia Studies Program in Interdisciplinary Studies, and Josie Loo from the Learning Assistance Department, presented their collaborative work at a conference in Sacramento, Calif., in December 2006. Their work, titled CSI: Career Scene Investigation: Cracking the Hidden Barriers to Student Success, presented an overview from last summer’s Mission High School Video Project, a week-long workshop and cross-collaboration between different departments at CCSF and Mission High School. Students developed health-related Public Service Announcements geared towards their peers. Using the latest technology, they scripted, storyboarded, filmed and edited projects that were distributed onto a DVD.

Gerald Amada reads from book in West Portal store

Retired CCSF faculty member Gerald Amada, Ph.D., will read from his novel Anker’s Plight Tuesday, February 20 at 7 P.M. at Book Shop West Portal, 80 West Portal, San Francisco. The book focuses on a mental health program for students at Malform University.

Peg Cruikshank updates her book ‘Fierce with Reality’

Peg Cruikshank, former instructor at CCSF, has published an update of her book Fierce with Reality, which included the work of several of her CCSF ESL students from the 1990s. First published in 1995, it is an anthology of literature about aging, including poetry, political analysis, personal narrative, folktales and humor. Cruikshank still maintains contact with two of them, Kern Peng and Steven Li, who went on to get engineering degrees and now work in Silicon Valley.