Two online instructors at City College of San Francisco won the California Virtual Campus (CVC) Award for the “Best Online Teaching Website” at a California Community College (http://pdc.cvc.edu/cvcaward).

Donna Eyestone’s Digital Media Skills course won first place; Larry Ferrara’s Music Appreciation course won second place.

The awards ceremony took place at MERLOT’s International Conference (http://conference.merlot.org/conference) in Costa Mesa, CA on August 5. In addition to the awards, Donna received $1500; Larry received $750. Both were given free passes to the conference.

At City College of San Francisco, online course development and teaching are supported by the Technology Mediated Instruction staff in the Education Technology Department: Janet Willett, Coordinator; Patricia Delich, Senior Instructional Designer; Jose Gil, Server Administrator; Violet Hanada, Technical Support. Two CCSF student aides assisted the instructors: Natalia Kutygina was instrumental in the interface design of Larry’s course while Paul Zakian assisted Donna in creating some materials for her course.

In 2002, City College received one of five CVC Awards for the Best Online Teaching Website for Joyce Liou’s Elementary Chinese course. In 2003, the same course won a Technology Focus Award from the State Chancellor’s Office. City College online courses have won a total of four awards in the last two years.

If you are interested in learning more about online courses offered at CCSF, go to http://www.ccsf.edu/online. If you would like to apply to teach an online course, go to http://www.ccsf.edu/tmi to download the application to teach online or contact Patricia Delich 452-5271.

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