

Winter Quarter 2011

"If we all did the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves."

~Thomas Edison

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COLLEGE READING SKILLS PROGRAM

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Director's Message

Near the end of every fall quarter, the College Reading Skills Program is required to submit an annual performance report (APR) for the prior year to the Department of Education. This year the deadline was extended to mid-February. The focus of the report is to provide and update information for the 250 students served during the 2009-2010 academic year. The report also requires us to update some information for students still attending CPP who were previously served by the program over the last ten years. We not only met our objectives but we surpassed them.

- Ninety-five percent (95%) of the students served in 2009-10 were in good academic standing by the end of the year (we were required to meet 70%).
- Ninety-seven percent (97%) of the students served in 2009-10 persisted to fall 2010 (we were required to meet 55%).
- Sixty-four percent (64%) of new CRSP students in 2004-05, graduated within six years (we were required to meet 50%).

A few other highlights for winter quarter: CRSP sponsored two students and two peer tutors/mentors to attend the Unity Luncheon and thirty-six (36) students to attend the Vagina Monologues. We wish to congratulate CRSP advisor, Robert Matranga, on his marriage to Suzanne. Congratulations and best wishes!

Professional Mentor Meeting & FAFSA Renewal Workshops

CRSP and ARCHES co-hosted the winter quarter Professional Mentor Meeting, inviting Crystal Steele for her annual discussion of important changes to financial aid administration that affect a great number of Cal Poly students each year. In addition to reviewing new information and upcoming changes, Crystal provided helpful reminders and tips to the attendees. Ample time was spared for program participants to ask specific questions and receive expert answers. A small crowd of students remained around Crystal as the event concluded, eager to

continue utilizing her knowledge and helpfulness.

On February 15 and 16, Crystal followed with FAFSA Renewal Workshops designed to allow students to ask questions about filling out their applications for student aid. Many technical questions regarding finances, income, dependent and independent status arose. The groups in attendance were large enough to consider the events a success, yet small enough to allow students to have all of their questions answered. The FAFSA Renewal Workshops are part of an ongoing collaboration between CRSP and ARCHES to provide TRIO Student Support Services participants with assistance in completing their financial aid applications.

Book Club Corner

Winter Book Club read *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America*, which is a fascinating commingled history of the World's Fair Columbian Exposition of 1893 and the story of one of America's least remembered serial killers, H.H. Holmes. Book Club members enjoyed discussing points of intersection among these juxtaposed stories, which in many ways were social indicators of the state of the nation during the Gilded Age.

Book Club is offered every quarter by CRSP. Spring Book Club will be reading *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India, and Indonesia*. Meetings will be held Thursdays of weeks 3, 5, and 7 during U-Hour. For more information, please contact Cindy Greco at (909) 869-4347 or csgreco@csupomona.edu.

The 2011 CRSP Graduate Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for May 26th. If you are a graduating student & would like to participate, please contact us immediately at crsp@csupomona.edu

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Tutor Spotlight: Raymond Ng

Winter's featured tutor is Raymond Ng. Raymond is a Geology major who expects to graduate spring 2012. He started with CRSP as a participant back in fall 2006 and was hired as a tutor fall 2008. Raymond has been involved with Book Club over the past 5 years and is also our resident artist; if you happen across a fun drawing while in the office, it was most likely drawn by him.



Raymond Ng, CRSP Tutor/Mentor

What do you like the most about being a tutor at CRSP?

The level of professionalism in the workplace, yet everyone still maintains a casual and warm atmosphere. CRSP has been a part of my college years since I was a freshman. I am really glad to have met my co-workers and students, as well as Rachel, Cindy, Robert, and Laura. They are such wonderful people and have guided me to be the person I am today.

What do you like most about CPP?

I really love how the professors and staff are friendly, helpful, and willing to go out of their way to accommodate a student's needs. I also really enjoy the scenery at Cal Poly and that it feels as if I'm out in the country instead of a city.

What activities keep you busy when you're not studying or working?

I enjoy drawing, cooking, jogging, scenic drives, cycling, hiking, watching movies, singing at karaoke bars, practicing guitar, and photography.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?

I would like to get started on my career so I can be fully independent, but before that, would like to travel. If times are still tough for finding jobs in 2012, I will consider a master's program. I'm not going to limit myself. I am going to keep my options open and take on life one day at a time.

"Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

College Reading Skills Club

by Vanessa Medina

The College Reading Skills Club (CRSC) aims to create a cohesive community that helps students better develop their reading, study, and networking skills, and enhances personal growth. As a newly chartered club, we started off the year with our first official fundraising event, a taco sale, which was a smashing success.

Spring quarter promises community service opportunities including the Special Olympics (held on campus in April and hosted by Lanterman Development Center) and a collaborative event with the Story Telling Initiative Club on campus.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, contact us at crsc.calpolypomona@gmail.com



CRSP student, Ivan Garcia, smiles as club members serve him at the taco fundraiser!