



# Connection

*"Promoting student success and community vitality"*

## COLLEAGUES COLLABORATE TO IMPROVE THE FUTURE

### HOW LOW CAN COSTS GO?

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Assistant Vice Chancellor Julie Slark is leading a district-wide task force to address the high costs of textbooks, "which often present a significant challenge to students trying to complete their education," she explains.

The task force, which held its first meeting in April, includes representatives from faculty, administration, the bookstores, the libraries, and student bodies from both colleges.

"We hope to present our initial recommendations to the college district community in October," Slark says.

[Read more at www.rscgd.org/Textbooks](http://www.rscgd.org/Textbooks)

### AS LOW AS ZERO ?

The "open source" concept has come to education. Those familiar with computer software will recognize this term, which is used for programs that are available to the public at no charge. Now, imagine the same concept applied to learning materials—no textbooks to buy!



The Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources (CCCOER) is a joint effort by Foothill-De Anza Community College District in Silicon Valley and other community college districts to develop and use open educational resources in community college courses.

"Teachers in every grade and at every level have always developed learning materials for their classes. It's an essential part of the teaching profession. Through this consortium, educators can collaborate and share the materials they develop," Slark explains. "It's a win-win: students get the benefit of fresher material at no cost, and faculty has greater professional development opportunities."

"This consortium may offer our District an excellent opportunity to explore and expand on a concept which is both timeless and innovative," Slark says.

For more information, go to the CCCOER web site at:  
<http://cccoer.pbwiki.com>

### IT TAKES A TEAM TO GET A GRANT!

"When our team of Resource Development specialists are able to help departments get grants that are going to benefit students attending Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College, we are energized and motivated to do even more. It's a great feeling to collaborate with colleagues on grants that will have a direct, positive impact on students' lives!" says Janie Marcus, director of Grants/Resource Development.

[Read more at www.rscgd.org/Grants](http://www.rscgd.org/Grants)

### "THANK YOU FOR STOPPING BY!"

On Aug. 21, the Educational Services Division welcomed new faculty and staff to the RSCCD family. Director of Research Nga Pham, Director of Resource Development Janie Marcus and Dee Tucker, director of Child Development Services, each escorted groups of 10 visitors around the Division offices.

Each visitor received a package of unique mementos and a warm "Welcome!" from Educational Services Division staff.

[See more photos at www.rscgd.org/Orientation](http://www.rscgd.org/Orientation)



Janie Marcus leads a group of new faculty and staff on a tour of the Educational Services Division.

Check out our previous newsletters at [www.rscgd.org/ednewsletters](http://www.rscgd.org/ednewsletters).

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## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION PROGRAMS



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Dee Tucker, Executive Director 714-480-7546



...conducts research to provide decision-making support to the District, colleges, and departments; regularly evaluates measures of student success, student enrollment and demographics, and population trends; and responds to government-mandated compliance reporting.

[www.rscdd.org/Research](http://www.rscdd.org/Research)

Nga Pham, Director 714-480-7467



**Resource Development**

...helps those seeking grants to develop competitive proposals and manage grants effectively after receiving funding.

[www.rscdd.org/ResourceDevelopment](http://www.rscdd.org/ResourceDevelopment)

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