To the Shasta College Community:

I trust your semester is off to a great start. It is refreshing to see so many students walking the campus between classes.

I want to remind everyone of the wonderful event taking place this Wednesday at Welcome Day where we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I have a dream” speech. Just go to the Shasta College home page and click on the banner for more information. Thank you, Student Services, for coordinating this event.

Success Stories

If you click on the August edition of Enjoy Magazine and browse to pages 77-78 (go to http://enjoymagazine.net/magazine/), you will find a article featuring Rick Osbrink and our Youth Entrepreneurship Program (Y.E.P.). Great publicity, Rick!

I also was informed of a wonderful partnership for our welding students. The following is an excerpt from a press release about this partnership.

Shasta College announced today that it has expanded its cooperative program with local businesses by working with Sierra Pacific Industries to train students in practical applications of welding technology. Under the program, students in Shasta College’s Welding Technology Program are constructing projects that will be put into use by SPI at its local wood products facilities. “By working on industrial components that will be used by local industries, students at Shasta College are gaining an invaluable experience” said Mark Smith, welding instructor and program facilitator. “At the same time, the business sector is helping to prepare students for their future careers armed with skills that will help them succeed in a competitive work environment” noted Joe Kneer, manager of the fabrication shop for Sierra Pacific Industries where some of the students may be employed after they have completed their training.

Watch your mailboxes for the Shasta College Foundation’s new “Pay it For a Student” brochure. Every year the foundation quietly takes our contributions and supports many student activities. This brochure contains a number of wonderful success stories of our students.

Finally, I was talking with a friend recently who works for the City of Redding, and he mentioned how this was the final year for his furlough days to be in effect. This reminded me to be more appreciative of all the hard work and cooperation we have had over the past few years which prevented us from experiencing the pay cuts, furloughs, and even layoffs that so many schools and government entities had to endure during the fiscal crisis. This is one of our collective successes. I am excited for the future and believe that we will continue to reach our vision, one student at a time. Thanks to all as you continue to work so hard for our students’ success.

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