Grand Opening for the Veterans’ Resource Center

In November, members of the public, military veterans, and friends of Gavilan College gathered for the Grand Opening of the Gavilan College Veterans’ Resource Center. The Keynote Speaker was Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, Major General Peter J. Gravett [ret.]

Attendees enjoyed tours, light refreshments, a ribbon-cutting by the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce, and recognition for founders of the center. The Gilroy VFW Color Guard and the Patriot Guard Riders both participated. The celebration was also sponsored by the Gavilan College Associated Student Body and Gavilan College Faculty Association, and included the display of a plaque to honor supporters of the Gavilan College Veterans’ Resource Center: Gilroy Rotary, Gilroy VFW Post 6309, Carmel Doll and Toy Group, and American Legion Post No. 217.

Student veterans are an integral and growing part of the Gavilan College student body. The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) provides one-stop access to the resources and services they need. The VRC is staffed by student veterans whose goal is to help other veterans manage the transition from military service to the academic setting. The VRC is a place for veterans to connect with one another, learn about available campus services, and to provide a welcome and familiar environment for incoming student veterans.
Letter from the President

A shift in the mission of Community Colleges

Over the past three years, the state has made some significant changes to the mission of community colleges. These major public policy shifts will affect the California Community Colleges as a system and Gavilan College directly, as we do our part to promote and fulfill the system’s mission. Prior to these policy changes the focus was on ACCESS; Now we are asked to do more, by focusing on SUCCESS.

The priority for community colleges now is transferring students to UC and CSU. Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) were born to create a seamless pipeline from community colleges to the CSUs. As a result of the efforts of Gavilan’s faculty and staff, our students will have easier paths to follow as they strive to achieve their educational objectives. Gavilan now offers 19 options for an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT).

Last year the Governor increased responsibility for Adult Education for community colleges. Gavilan College received a planning grant through AB86 to set up a regional consortium for all of the providers of adult education in our area. Over the past semester we have continued the planning work with our K-12 partners. We are working with our local high schools to meet the communities’ needs.

Bachelor Degrees will soon be piloted at a small number of California Community Colleges, and we know many in the community are excited about this possibility. Gavilan submitted a letter of interest to pursue a bachelor’s degree in the aviation field. After the submission requirements were published by the state, however, it became apparent that there is more ground work that we will need to address before we can offer bachelor degrees at Gavilan.

Facilities
Some multi-year facility projects are continuing and moving into new phases. These are the relocation of the Aviation Maintenance Technology program to the San Martin Airport, approval of the Coyote Valley Educational Center, and approval of the San Benito County Educational Center. For both Educational Centers, habitat mitigation -- a lengthy process! -- must be completed before any construction can begin. These activities will represent the last of the Measure E funding available to us.

Looking Ahead
With the state budget on an upswing, it is possible that community colleges will have the ability to serve more students and implement new programs in the coming year. Construction funds, however, were not included in the state budget. New strategies will have to be developed to continue to make facilities improvements, and build out the new locations.

Dr. Steven M. Kinsella
President / Superintendent
In the last several years, California's weak economic climate has resulted in a significant reduction of funding to all community colleges. The district’s conservative fiscal planning and its Board's commitment to keeping unrestricted reserves at a minimum of 10%, has made it possible to successfully weather the state budget crisis. The passage of Proposition 30 in 2012 has now stabilized college funding. Gavilan College has also sought alternative funding, specifically through federal grants. For the FY14/15 academic year, student demand is more closely aligned with funding provided by the state than in prior years.

Detailed budget information and audited financial statements are available at: http://www.gavilan.edu/budget

### Projected Total Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

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**Beginning Fund Balance**: $36,035,915
**Projected Expenditures**: $61,156,857
**Projected Revenues**: 57,960,766
**Projected Change to Fund Balance**: (3,196,091)
**Projected Ending Fund Balance**: $32,839,824
Letter from the Chair of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee

Since the passage of measure E in 2004 of $108 million, Gavilan Community College has successfully improved its facilities in many areas. As a member of the citizen’s oversight committee for the last three years and the chair for the last year, it has been my pleasure to have watched many of these projects come to completion.

Your college administration has used wisdom and care in the use of these trusted funds. They have taken advantage of falling interest rates to reposition the bonds to save taxpayer funds and have shopped diligently to maximize the benefit to the community. Even though, by mandate, the members of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee must step down after four years of service, all who have accepted this important opportunity to serve have done so with enthusiasm and commitment. It has been a pleasure to serve with them and learn from them.

The original Measure E prohibition against any use of funds for faculty or administration salaries has been scrupulously observed.

All interested citizens are invited to attend COC meetings. The next scheduled meeting is March 16, 2015, at 6:00 pm in the North Lounge on the Gilroy campus.

R. Tim Day

Volunteers needed for Citizens’ Oversight Committee

Volunteers are needed to represent the community on the Gavilan College Measure E Citizens’ Oversight Committee. The Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee ensures that revenues from Measure E are spent as promised. The committee’s role is to review and report on district spending of taxpayers’ money for construction and to provide a public accounting of the district’s compliance with legal requirements. The committee includes at-large representatives, representation from business, seniors, students, taxpayers, and the Gavilan College Educational Foundation. All meetings of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee are open to the public. The Citizen’s Oversight Committee is scheduled to meet quarterly. For more information about Measure E projects and an application for the Citizen’s Oversight Committee, call (408) 848-4711 or go to www.gavilan.edu/pio/bond.html.

Measure E Projects

Completed
• Tennis court repairs
• Boiler replacement
• Infrastructure replacement
• ADA improvements
• Computer replacement
• Enterprise Resource System
• Interim housing
• Cafeteria renovation
• Parking lot expansion / resurfacing
• Renovations of Life Sciences, Physical Science, Mathematics, Art, Music, Humanities, Security and Facilities, Multipurpose, Social Science, Cosmetology, and Business buildings
• Land purchases in Coyote Valley and San Benito County
• Roof repair for Gym, Mathematics, and Physical Sciences buildings.
• Campus and building signage
• Technology upgrades

In Progress:
• Gilroy Campus Modernization
• Coyote Valley - Phase I
• San Benito County - habitat mitigation
• Kinesiology instructional facilities
• Aviation Technology instructional facility
On March 2, 2004, district voters approved Measure E, a facilities improvement bond in the amount of $108 million to upgrade and expand the facilities for higher education in the Gavilan Joint Community College District. Upgrades have been made to campus infrastructure, classrooms, instructional technology, and campus safety. Land has been acquired for future campuses in Coyote Valley and San Benito County.

**Bond Issuance**

In June 2004, the District issued Measure E General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 A and B in the amounts of $29,170,000 and $830,000, respectively. The Bonds were issued to construct and modernize college facilities and to refund certain lease obligations of the District. The 2004 Series B Bonds matured on August 1, 2006. The Series 2004 A Bonds mature through 2028 and accrue interest ranging from 2.00% to 5.38% per annum from the date of issuance.

In December 2007, the District issued Measure E General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 C in the amount of $50,000,000 to construct and modernize certain District facilities to finance the acquisition of equipment and to pay the cost of issuance associated with the bonds. The Series 2004 C Bonds accrue interest up to a maximum of 5.0% per annum from the date of issuance and mature through August 2032.

In May 2011, the District issued Measure E General Obligation Bonds Series 2004 D in the amount of $28,000,000 to construct and modernize certain District facilities to finance the acquisition of equipment and to pay certain costs of issuance associated with the bonds. The Series 2004 D Bonds mature through August 2035 and bear interest at rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.75%.

In April 2012, the District issued $12,120,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds 2012 Series A and $11,800,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds 2012 Series B. The Bonds were issued to partially refund the General Obligations Bonds 2004 Series A and to pay the costs of issuance associated with the Bonds. The 2012 Series A and Series B Refunding Bonds matured through August 2024 and August 2028, respectively, and bear interest at rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.00%.

**Independent Audit**

An independent audit was performed in December 2014 by Crowe Horwath LLP. The letter states in part: "The results of our tests indicate that, in all significant respects, Gavilan Joint Community College District expended Measure E General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2014 only for the specific projects developed by the District’s Governing Board and approved by voters, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution.

Measure E financial statements and audit reports are available for public review at [www.gavilan.edu/budget/index.html](http://www.gavilan.edu/budget/index.html)
Sowing Seeds, Nurturing Dreams
First annual event raises $17,000 for students!

Planning is underway for the second annual Sowing Seeds, Nurturing Dreams gala event to raise funds for student success. In April 2014, 200 people gathered at the wonderfully transformed Gavilan College Student Center to sample gourmet food and fine wines, bid on auction items, and socialize. The event raised over $15,000 for student scholarships and emergency needs. Eleven Sowing Seeds scholarships of $500 each were presented at a scholarship ceremony on May 9. The event also created a Student Emergency Fund, which this year has provided emergency food and transportation assistance for students with financial hardship.

Many thanks to the event sponsors: Heritage Bank of Commerce, Smart Products, Recology, Pinnacle Bank, Gavilan College Faculty Association, Gilroy Rotary, Anritsu, Edward “Boss” Prado Foundation, Wagman Family, Chinchen Family, Anonymous, Safeway, Gilroy Premium Outlets, and Johnson Garden Center, as well as the participating restaurants and wineries: Fortino Winery, Guglielmo Winery, Sunlit Oaks, Sycamore Creek, Aimee June, Coastview Winery, Martin Ranch Winery, Mama Mia’s, House of Siam, Patty's Perfect Pantry, Dona Esther, Best of Times Cafe, My Pizza, George Chiala Farms, Ladera Grill, Rosy’s At The Beach, Cellar Door Catering, Pacific Dining, Gianna’s, and Ding-A-Ling Cafe, and to Party Outlet for decor.

Tickets are only $50 each, and include food, wine, entertainment, and a silent auction!

Tickets on sale now!

Spring Events

February 7  Science Alive
March 1  Marion Filice Youth Piano Competition
March 14  Bach to Blues
April 24  Sowing Seeds, Nurturing Dreams
May TBA  Evita! in the Gavilan College Theater
May TBA  Scholarship Ceremony
May 15  Staff Recognition/Retirement Dinner
May 22  Graduation
Grand Opening for Ray Williams Arboretum at Gavilan College

2014 saw the official ribbon-cutting for a space and experience many years in the making: the Gavilan College Arboretum. Following the opening, the Board of Trustees dedicated the Arboretum to Ray Williams, the nurseryman who originally planted the rare and exotic trees now growing on the Gavilan College Gilroy campus.

The landscaping at the Gilroy campus has long been recognized as unique and the legacy of the campus landscape designer—Watsonville nurseryman Ray Williams. Williams was ahead of his time in designing a landscape that is consistent with its surroundings. He incorporated sustainable, drought tolerant native and non-native plants. He was especially interested in Australian plants, many of which were grown in the nursery of Ray and his wife, Rose.

The event also celebrated the inclusion of one of the arboretum’s trees in the Urban Forest Ecosystems Institute California Big Trees Listing, the Official Registry of California Big Trees. The mission of the Gavilan College Arboretum is to promote public awareness of the unique and sustainable landscape at Gavilan College through fostering of educational, research and conservation activities.

The National Champion tree is a specimen of Eucalyptus, Omeo Gum (Eucaluptus neglecta) growing near the administration building on the Gavilan College Gilroy Campus. It is 56 feet tall with a 69.25 foot canopy, and is 64 inches around. It was planted in or around 1967, and is the biggest of its species in both the state and the nation. This species is not native to California, and often only grows to shrub-size in its home soil in Australia. The Gavilan College tree has attained its size due to the lack of natural predators and ideal growing conditions. The tree was officially measured by Prunedale arborist Michael L. Bench in 2013, and the results submitted to the Urban Forest Ecosystems Institute, housed at CalPoly in San Luis Obispo, at the recommendation of Matt Ritter, a Botany Professor at the university.

The arboretum at Gavilan College was begun in 2013 through the work of the Natural Sciences students and faculty to catalog and place explanatory signage for the campus’ plants. Many plants date to 1966, when the Gilroy campus first opened.

For a map and more information about the Gavilan College Arboretum, go to http://www.gavilan.edu/arboretum.

Community Spirit Awards

Gavilan College is pleased to present the winners of the 2014 Community Spirit Awards:

**MORGAN HILL**
- Dan Sullivan
- American Taekwon Do Center
- Edward “Boss” Prado Foundation

**GILROY**
- Bill Faus
- First Street Coffee
- STAR Arts Education

**SAN BENITO COUNTY**
- Ruth Erickson
- San Benito Bene
- Comstock Community Farm

The Gavilan College Community Spirit Awards were created in 1999 to recognize contributions to the communities that form the Gavilan Joint Community College District.

Each year, three sets of awards are presented in the communities of Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and San Benito County. In each community an individual, a business, and a non-profit organization are selected. The nomination process and final selection are guided by a representative committee from Gavilan College.

Anyone may submit a nomination for an award. For nomination forms and more information, go to www.gavilan.edu/pio or call (408) 848-4724.

Student Success Indicators (2012-2013, most current year)

From the State Chancellor’s Office Student Success Scorecard:
http://scorecard.cccco.edu/scorecard.aspx

- Persistence: 72.6 %
- 30-unit completion: 63.9 %
- Transfer Completion: 43.0 %
- Career-Tech Completion: 53.2 %
STUDENT INFORMATION
Headcount 10,713
Fulltime equivalent 5,559

GENDER
Female 46%
Male 53%
Unknown 1%

ETHNICITY/RACE
African American 2%
American Indian/Alaska Native 1%
Asian 4%
Filipino 2%
Hispanic 49%
Pacific Islander <1%
White, non-Hispanic 35%
Multi-ethnic 1%
Unknown 6%

AGE
Less than 20 years old 20%
20 to 24 years old 25%
25 to 29 years old 13%
30-39 years old 19%
40-49 years old 13%
50 or more years old 10%

EDUCATIONAL GOALS:
AA+ Transfer 48%
Transfer only 8%
Job skills 6%
Undecided 6%
Personal enrichment 6%
Vocational certificate 4%
Basic skills or GED 4%
AA only 15%
Formulate interests 2%
Maintain certification 1%

PROGRAMS OF STUDY
Administration of Justice (AS-T, AS, AA, Certificate)
Allied Health (Nursing, LVN and RN) (AS, Certificate)
Art (AA)
Art History (AA-T, Certificate)
Aviation Maintenance Technology (AS, Certificate)
Biological Science (AS, Certificate)
Business (AS-T, AA, AS, Certificate)
Carpentry Apprenticeship (AA, Certificate)
Child Development (AS-T, AA, Certificate)
Communication Studies (AA-T, AA, Certificate)
Community Studies (AA, Certificate)
Computer Graphics and Design (AS, Certificate)
Computer Science & Information Systems (AS, Certificate)
Cosmetology (AS, Certificate)
Digital Media (AA, Certificate)
Drywall / Lathing Apprenticeship (AA, Certificate)
Economics (AA-T)
English (AA-T)
English as a Second Language (Certificate)
Engineering
General Education (Certificate)
Global Studies (AA)
Health Science
Humanities
Journalism (AA-T)
Kinesiology (AA-T, AA)
Liberal Arts (AA)
Mathematics (AS-T, AS)
Media Arts (AA, Certificate)
Music (AA-T, AA, Certificate)
Philosophy (AA-T, Certificate)
Physics (AS-T)
Physical Science and Engineering (AS)
Political Science (AA-T)
Psychology (AA-T)
Social Sciences (AA, Certificate)
Spanish (AA-T, AA, Certificate)
Studio Art (AA-T, AA)
Theater and Television (AA, AA-T, Certificate)
Water Resources Management (AA, Certificate)

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Part-time Faculty 243
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