A Message from the President

AS PRESIDENT of a comprehensive community college, I am convinced that there are innumerable pathways into higher education for potential students. Athletics is certainly one of these important access points for individuals who may or may not have considered postsecondary education to be an option in their lives. As a consequence, intercollegiate athletics and academics are inextricably linked. However, as the educational researcher Dr. Vincent Tinto exhorts, "access without support is not opportunity" and this holds true for our student athletes. Thus, I cast a broad net when I reflect upon the entire student support team. Synergy is the word which readily comes to mind when describing this support team and their commitment to promoting student success and goal attainment.

While each individual (whether we are talking about our counselors, academic advisors, athletic trainers, student health professionals, athletic director, financial aid professionals, mentors, and the like) is integral to the student athletes' academic and athletic success, the synergistic impact of this team working together is far greater than the impact alone of any one support team member. It takes a village to educate the "whole" student and the student support team provides that interconnected, synergistic structure to promote both academic and athletic excellence amongst our student athletes.
West Valley College

Facts & Information

Student Athletes Volunteering in the Community:
- Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative (BAWSI) since 2005
- San Jose Rock and Roll half marathon since 2005
- Big Kahuna of Santa Cruz
- Jungle Run of Los Gatos
- Second Harvest Food Bank donation
- Stanford Soccer game ushers
- Stanford Children's Hospital team volunteers
- El Camino Children's Hospital volunteers

Notable WVC Alumni
- Erik Thames – Toronto Blue Jays
- Jason Cordroli – San Diego Padres
- David Berner – Houston Astros
- Carlos Hernandez – Oakland A's
- Chris Malcolm-Miller – Boston Red Sox

Notable WVC Coaches
- Bruce Watson – US National Team member 1976-1979, USA Water Polo All American 1983
- Vicky Galindo – World Champion Gold Medalist 2010, USA Softball Olympic Silver Medalist in the 2008 Beijing games
- Jennifer Kerwin – National Soccer Collegiate Athletic Association Western Region Coach of the Year 2004

Student Athlete Transfer Information
- Albertson College-Idaho
- Arkansas Tech University
- Azusa Pacific University
- Campbellsville University-Kentucky
- Chadron State College
- Claremont College
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- Concordia University
- CSU Chico
- CSU East Bay
- CSU Fresno
- CSU Fullerton
- CSU Humboldt
- CSU Long Beach
- CSU Monterey Bay
- CSU Northridge
- CSU Pomona
- CSU San Diego
- CSU San Francisco
- CSU San Jose
- CSU San Luis Obispo
- CSU Sonoma
- Fort Hayes State University
- Lewis and Clark University
- Lincoln Memorial
- University of Tennessee
- Long Island University – NY
- McPherson College
- Menlo College
- Mesa State University
- Northern State University
- Notre Dame da Namur
- Occidental College
- Oklahoma State University
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Pepperdine
- Santa Clara University
- Southern Illinois University
- Southwest Montana State
- St. Francis – New York
- St. Mary's University-Kansas
- Syracuse University
- Texas Tech University
- UC Berkeley
- UC Irvine
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
- UCLA
- University of Alaska-Anchorage
- University of La Verne
- University of Mexico
- University of Nebraska-Kearney
- University of Nevada-Reno
- University of North Carolina-Greensboro
- University of Oregon
- University of San Diego
- University of the Pacific
- University of Western Michigan
- Utah State University
- Washburn University
- West Georgia State University
- West Virginia Wesleyan
- Whitworth University

WVC ATHLETES AT A GLANCE (2010-2011)

Scholarships Awarded:
21

Athletes Who Transfer:
65 of 85 Sophomores

Athletes by Gender
- Women (30%)
- Men (70%)

Athletes by Ethnicity
- Asian (7%)
- Native American (3%)
- White (44%)
- Hispanic (21%)
- African American (12%)
- Other (12%)