



The Educator

Opening The Door To Opportunities

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Written By The Students For The Students

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Timely Fashion

Why have I chosen "Timely Fashion" as my title? Well, we brush our hair and teeth (hopefully). We pick out our best outfit or scrubs. We jump into our nice cars and we even make fabulous PowerPoint presentations for our classes. Right?

How many of us are just as fashion savvy with our credit, debts, and financial responsibilities? What does our bottom dollar look like? Well, integrity looks **very stunning**. As a matter of fact, integrity is very handsome, sleek, and brilliant. Our character is golden and so are our words. Our honor is measured by what we say and do.

As we sat in front of CCC's Financial Aid Advisor Yariela Perez, we each made a wonderful decision to invest in our life, and in Good Faith she trusted us to show off our integrity. What!?! We weren't wearing it that day?" Of course we were; however, we may have not been focused on that detail as our hand made that promise by our signature. Nonetheless, that wave of the pen said "I DO." In all in our excitement to get to our goals and dreams of a new career (and a better life for our family), we may not remember it that way – but that's the way it is.

The staff at CCC understands this is a very important process and have paved the ground work for us to get our financial needs met. But let's not forget that our signature is a contractual agreement between the Federal Government, CCC, and each individual student. If we do not live up to this agreement, a "spot" will appear on our "integrity suit" because it will reveal itself to others around us. Why work so hard in school and do our best in class and not take pride in our integrity to pay on time?

So let's not forget: handling our financial aid responsibilities **now** in a **Timely Fashion** is important to our **future** success!

* Written by Sophia L. Isla – COA Program

DID YOU KNOW?



On average, you breathe
23,000 times a day.

On average, you
speak almost
5,000 words a
day – although
almost 80% of it
is talking to
yourself!

On average, you blink
15,000 times in a day
and women blink
twice as much as men.

You'll drink about 20,000
gallons of water in your
lifetime. A person can live
without food for about a
month, but only about a week
without water!

Our Dress Code and Attendance Policy

Do you feel these policies exist for your benefit?

If you could change them, would you?

WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO READ ARE THE THOUGHTS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT. AS I LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT FACES, ONE THING IS FOR SURE: WE HAVE SUCH A DIVERSE GROUP OF STUDENTS. THAT'S A GOOD THING. WE CAN UTILIZE THIS BY LEARNING AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER AND BUILDING A NETWORK.

I HAVE SAT BACK AND OBSERVED AND, YES, I'VE NOTICED THAT SOME STUDENTS ARE VIOLATING SCHOOL POLICIES. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALLOW THE TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO DO THEIR JOBS WHEN IT COMES TO ENFORCING THE RULES.

SOME STUDENTS FEEL OTHERS ARE GETTING AWAY WITH BREAKING THE RULES. BUT ARE THEY? THINK ABOUT THIS: IF YOU WERE WRITTEN UP, WOULD YOU BE TELLING EVERYONE? ALSO, WE KNOW THAT OUR TEACHERS ARE NOT GOING TO BE SHARING THIS INFORMATION.

THESE POLICIES ARE IN PLACE BECAUSE THEY ARE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY VARIOUS

EMPLOYERS. FROM THE SOUND OF IT, THESE REGULATIONS AND POLICIES WILL BE FOLLOWING US INTO THE WORK FORCE. CENTRAL COAST COLLEGE (CCC) ISN'T JUST PROVIDING US WITH AN EDUCATION – THEY ARE HELPING US BUILD A FOUNDATION TOWARDS A CAREER, PROFESSIONALISM AND STRONG WORK ETHICS.

COMPARED TO ON-THE-JOB, I BELIEVE WE HAVE IT EASY HERE AT SCHOOL. HERE, WE GET WRITTEN UP AND/OR SENT HOME IF WE VIOLATE ONE OF THESE POLICIES. ON THE JOB, IF WE VIOLATE THESE POLICIES DURING OUR 90-DAY PROBATIONARY PERIOD, OUR EMPLOYER CAN LET US GO WITHOUT GIVING US A REASON. ALL THEY HAVE TO SAY IS, "IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK OUT AND WE'RE LETTING YOU GO."

FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WILL SOON BE AT YOUR FIRST JOB, I'M JEALOUS BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO BE BETTER PREPARED THEN WE WERE AT YOUR AGE. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY OF THOSE "ROOKIE" MISTAKES SOME OF US MADE AT OUR FIRST JOBS!

CCC IS PROVIDING THE EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TOOLS

FOR US TO SUCCEED ONCE WE GRADUATE. THEY DON'T DO THIS BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO, BUT BECAUSE THEY WANT TO. IT'S A WIN/WIN SITUATION. WHEN WE SUCCEED – THEY SUCCEED. I PLAN ON ACCEPTING EVERYTHING THEY HAVE TO OFFER THAT'S GOING TO BENEFIT ME. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I ASKED VARIOUS STUDENTS FOR THEIR OPINION AND 90% AGREED WITH THESE POLICIES AND GAVE POSITIVE FEEDBACK. THE OTHER 10% RAISED A FEW ISSUES AND I OBTAINED TWO QUOTES FROM CCC STAFF THAT I HOPE ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS, AS FOLLOWS:

ELAINE GIULIANO, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION:
"POLICIES SET A STANDARD THAT MAINTAINS THE IMAGE AND ENVIRONMENT THE EMPLOYER WANTS TO PROJECT. THIS IS WHY WE'RE CLEAR ABOUT OUR MISSION; WE'RE HERE FOR SOMEONE WHO WANTS JOB TRAINING THAT IS HOLISTIC – THAT IS, IT ENCOMPASSES EVERY ASPECT OF

EMPLOYMENT – AND THAT’S THE IMAGE AND ENVIRONMENT WE WANT TO MAINTAIN.”

GAIL GOPAUL, INSTRUCTOR: “PLEASE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT PEOPLE FOR THE MOST PART DON’T OR WON’T KEEP AN OPEN MIND, SO DRESS PROFESSIONALLY TO MAKE A LASTING FIRST IMPRESSION. WHEN I WAS IN MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCTED

INTERVIEWS, HOW A PERSON WAS DRESSED WEIGHED IN MY DECISION ON HIRING THE INDIVIDUAL.”

I BELIEVE CCC PRODUCES LEADERS AND A LEADER BEGINS BY FOLLOWING THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES. DO YOU WANT TO BE A LEADER OR A FOLLOWER?

FOR YOUR REFERENCE, THE DRESS CODE AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 17-23 IN YOUR STUDENT HANDBOOK.

*WRITTEN BY LUIS A. VAZQUEZ
- HIPS PROGRAM*



Have You Met Our Employment Advisors? They Are Here For YOU!

Interviewed and written by Kathy Figueroa – COA Program



Nubia Oliva

She is an Employment Advisor for Central Coast College and she works directly with those students in the **COA**, **CSA**, and **Pharm Tech** programs. Did you know Nubia has over ten years of recruiting and staffing experience? And did you know that she commutes to work for an hour each way every day? If you did not know this about her, then you would never have guessed that once – when she was with co-workers at an event at a bowling alley in Santa Cruz – she was getting ready to bowl when she crossed the line, slipped, and fell backward WITH the ball in the air. Her fingers had gotten stuck in the bowling ball holes. A total ice breaker!!



Naomi Guynn

She is an Employment Advisor for Central Coast College and she works directly with those students in the **HIPS** program. Did you know Naomi has over six years of recruiting and administrative experience? Most recently, she worked in the field of medical weight loss marketing. And did you know that, when growing up, she lived with her parents on the Monte Vista Christian School campus in Watsonville? Not only did she live there, but she started working for the school staff at the age of nine as a babysitter and cafeteria server! It's obvious she is a hard worker who will work just as hard for us!



**Stop by the office
and introduce yourself!**

Upcoming Dates To Remember

11/25-26/10 Thanksgiving Break – No Classes

12/9/10 Graduation – 7:00 p.m.
Salinas Sports Complex

12/20-31/10 Winter Break – No Classes

"If You Don't Stand For Something,
You Will Fall For Anything"

Written by Sophia L. Isla – COA Program



I recently celebrated my 44th birthday and I am I am back in school striving to be "ALL THAT I CAN BE..."

I share this with you because our economy is changing; our world system is changing, too. However, our dreams don't have to change. We are privileged to be in school. Take heart: whether we seriously embrace this privilege or not is the choice of each one of us and our decision will determine our level of success. I know this at 44 years of age and I am sharing my heart and experience with you.

What are we striving to become? Let us ponder together just how special we are to have the fortune to reach and attain our dreams and goal. Yes, we live in a place where we are encouraged to press on and attain the goal(s) we set before ourselves. Have you noticed that everyone in our sphere is influenced by us? A kind word, a helpful suggestion, or a very needed insight by another can make the difference in our life, education, and goals.

Learning is "key" to becoming All That We Can Be. We are never too old or young to continue to educate ourselves, to strive for our goals, and to reach our dreams. Let's "BE" a wonderful example to everyone around us. We are here to make a difference in our community and in our world.

Central Coast College is the beginning of this very terrific lifestyle that is in our reach...

"Believe in YOURSELF and Achieve YOUR Dreams!!"