

# CVC News

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*"CVC takes the state of California and turns it into a neighborhood of opportunity."* - Homebound mom.

## CVC Reorganizes in Response to Budget Cuts

As it enters the fifth year, the California Virtual Campus responded to budget cuts by reducing staff and consolidating services. CVC funds were cut in half from an annual budget of \$2.9 million to \$1.4 million for 2003 – 2004 despite hosting 80% more online courses last year and training 8,523 faculty over the last four years. To preserve services and maintain collaboration, the four Regional Centers and the Professional Development Center (PDC) reorganized around core functions.

### Communication & Strategic Planning:

\*CVC1 -De Anza College  
Coordinate communication, planning and scenario building for the next 5 year iteration of the CVC.

### Hosting & Licensing:

\*CVC2 – Rio Hondo College  
Maintain WebCT server and administer accounts for Blackboard.

### Evaluation & Assessment:

\*CVC3 – Coastline College  
Construct total cost models and assess learning outcomes based on course design.

### Training for WebCT & Blackboard:

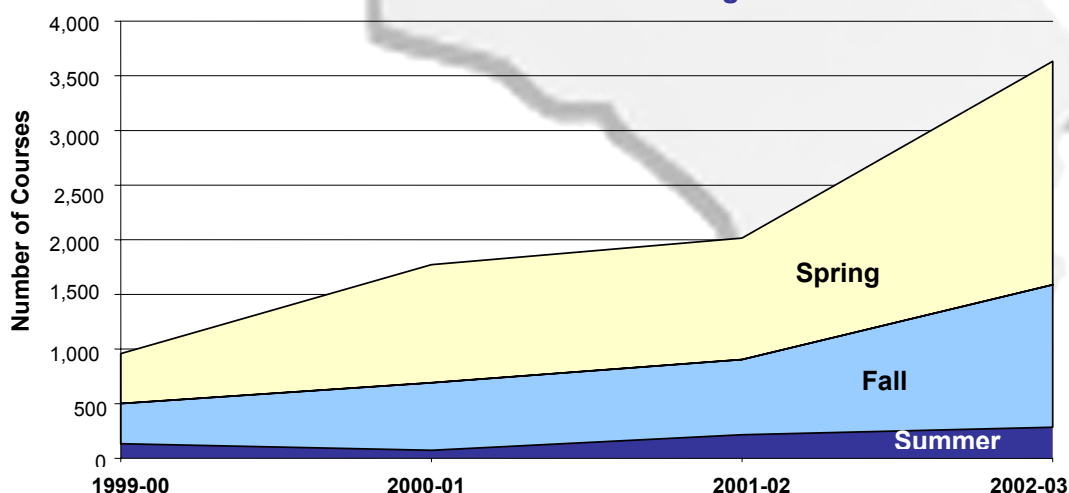
\*CVC4 – Cerro Coso College  
Provide online self-paced tutorials and facilitate courses for WebCT, Blackboard, course design and rich media technology.

### Catalog & Resource Center:

PDC – El Camino College  
Maintain virtual catalog and Resource Center. Provide CVC Certified Trainer Program. Learning Object Repository and training courselets.

\*NOTE: Regional centers provide additional local services and representation.

**CVC Online Course Hosting**



## Course Hosting & Licensing Consolidated

CVC 2 at Rio Hondo College now provides free account administration and technical assistance for both WebCT 4.0 and Blackboard 6.0. Central hosting enables colleges to put courses online without a local technical infrastructure. CVC 2 works with designated contacts from each campus to create faculty and student user accounts. Hosting services include WebCT e-paks.

Contacts for technical assistance  
[webct@riohondo.edu](mailto:webct@riohondo.edu) [blackboard@riohondo.edu](mailto:blackboard@riohondo.edu)

CVC is underwriting ETUDES hosting through May, 2004 at Foothill College.

*"Being able to interact with students through WebCT was an advantage to me as an instructor with a disability." - Beth Gaydos*

Contact Vivian Sinou, Dean of Distance Education at Foothill College:  
 (650) 949-7109 [sinouvivian@fhda.edu](mailto:sinouvivian@fhda.edu).

### CVC Catalog 2002 – 2003 Stats

<http://www.cvc.edu>

- 4,700 course listings from 131 colleges and universities and 222 programs of study
- 300,000 student users
- 4,172,903 hits
- 693,438 searches

The Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC) now negotiates the CVC CMS discount license agreements on behalf of the CVC and colleges. As part of the CVC WebCT agreement, the FCCC collects the license fees

from campuses that choose CVC hosting services. For more information:

FCCC- <http://www.collegebuys.org>.

CVC Hosting/Licensing Agreements - <http://pdc.cvc.edu/hosting>.

## Conference Announcement

Budget cuts forced the cancellation of the Online Learning in Higher Education Conference and the Online Student Services Conference. In their place, PDC partners with MERLOT to bring the annual MERLOT International Conference to California.

**Summer 2004**

### Joint CVC Annual & 2004 MERLOT International Conference

CVC and Multimedia Education Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) co-sponsor this internationally recognized conference. The conference will be held August 3 – 6 at the Hilton Costa Mesa in Southern California. Community college faculty are invited to participate as both presenters and attendees. In addition to the presentations, attendees can engage in hands-on workshops focusing on finding, using, creating, modifying and evaluating digital learning resources. Authors and users can share information about teaching and learning. Details soon at [www.merlot.org](http://www.merlot.org).

## Training Workshops and Tutorials

CVC 4 has expanded training to all community colleges. Training is free and offered online as facilitated workshops, self-paced tutorials and special Web cast events. Blackboard and WebCT online modules are also available for colleges to adapt locally.

Available Workshops	Duration
An Introduction to Teaching with WebCT 4.0	3 weeks
Trainer's Orientation to "Teaching with WebCT"	1 week
An Introduction to Teaching with Blackboard 6.0	3 weeks
Self-paced Blackboard 6.0 Tutorial	open-ended
Calculating Costs for Distance Education Webcast	Nov. 13 & 18

### New Training Workshops Coming SOON

- Providing Student Services
- Comprehensive Self-paced Introduction to WebCT
- Technology Competency Self-Assessment & Self-paced Tutorials
- TEACH Act: Fair Use Copyright Issues Applied to Distance Education
- Course Conversion Guide
- Accessibility: What Online Faculty Need to Know
- Robo Demo Workshop and Multimedia Portal
- Camtasia Studio Workshop
- Orientation to MERLOT

#### PDC CVC Trainer Certificate Program

- 37 trainers certified
- 1,953 faculty and staff trained by CVC Certified Trainers

Register at <http://training.cvc4.org> or contact Ann Moore, Interim Program Manager: (760) 384-6251, [anmoore@cerrocoso.edu](mailto:anmoore@cerrocoso.edu).



#### Web Accessibility in Mind (WebAIM) Training

CVC3 and the High Tech Center Training Unit will be making WebAIM's Web Accessibility Training program available online and free-of-charge to all California community college faculty and staff. Watch the CVC listserv and the CVC3 Institute Web site (<http://www.cvc3.org/Institute>) for details.

#### Power Point Accessibility Wizard

Live, Online Roundtable  
12 noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, November 20  
Presenter: Sean Keegan, Web Accessibility Instructor, High Tech Center Training Unit

Sign up today and see how this wizard can be used to produce accessible Web-based PowerPoint presentations. Register at: [http://www.cvc3.org/institute/course\\_list.cfm](http://www.cvc3.org/institute/course_list.cfm)

*"The training I received from the Certificate program you offer was invaluable! Thanks for the opportunity." - Betty Disney*

## Online Teaching

### Cerro Coso/CVC4 Offers Certificate in Online Teaching

This 16 week, 8 unit, fully online program prepares faculty to teach online in Web enhanced, hybrid, and fully online courses. Each participant will complete a

#### Online Teaching Certificate

Over 300 community college instructors have completed this certificate program.

portfolio of work. Tuition is waived for California community college faculty.

Call 1-888-537-6932 for more information.

### Turnitin Available 2003-2004 Academic Year

CVC, with iParadigms, is pleased to announce the statewide pilot of Turnitin to the California Community Colleges. Turnitin is an online service for detecting plagiarism for use by both faculty and students. Through this agreement, California Community Colleges (that do not already have a campus license and have not yet used it) will be able to pilot Turnitin for \$500 on all campus classes until June 30, 2004. This fee can be applied to the campus site license purchase at the end of the pilot period. CVC will provide an online tutorial to train faculty on using Turnitin.

More information at <http://www.cvc4.org/turnitin/> or email [pmeyers@cerrocoso.edu](mailto:pmeyers@cerrocoso.edu).



#### CVC Best Online Web Site Award

The CVC Best Online Web Site Award will be presented at the CVC/MERLOT International Conference in August, 2004, for courses taught in 2003-04. Award criteria includes an increased emphasis on accessibility. Details at:

<http://pdc.cvc.edu/cvcaward/>

#### Model courses

CVC3 has funded development of more than 80 model courses since 1999. Check them out at:

<http://www.cvc3.org/modelcourses.cfm>

#### CVCNet

CVCNet, a real-time online conferencing technology developed by CVC3, is available for faculty and staff to use for interactive instruction and training. Content can be pre-loaded or added on-the-fly.

For more information, contact Pat Arlington [arlington@ccd.edu](mailto:arlington@ccd.edu) or Sylvia Amito'elau [samitoelau@ccd.edu](mailto:samitoelau@ccd.edu).

This e-conference technology is fully accessible.

*"I'm presently an LVN taking classes needed for an RN. I need as many classes that I can do online."*  
- Virtual Catalog Student Inquiry

## Assessment and Evaluation

### 86 Campuses Respond to Online Learning Needs Assessment Survey

In April, 2003, 80% of 108 community colleges responded to the Online Learning Needs Assessment Survey sponsored by the Distance Education Technology Advisory Committee (DETAC) and CVC. Campus DE administrators were asked to project campus online learning support needs for the next five years.

The results show anticipated growth over the next five years for online education as:

- Full-time faculty **doubling**.
- Adjunct faculty **tripling**.
- Courses **doubling**.
- Certificates Programs **tripling**.
- Degree Programs **doubling**.

The DETAC Executive Summary is at: <http://207.151.118.5/Reports/exSumDETACfinal2.pdf>



### Watch for Learning Outcomes

CVC 3 will offer a series of real-time online workshops on Learning Outcome Assessment for Distance Education.

## Communication & Staying in Touch

### Really Simple Syndication Technology Brings PDC News to Your Campus Web site

Are you one of many avid readers of the Online Learning Exchange or the Professional Development Center News section at [pdc.cvc.edu](http://pdc.cvc.edu)?

You can now bring this content rich news source directly to your campus Web site by using Really Simple Syndication (RSS)

technology. Contact Tony Sotos at [tavs@cvc.edu](mailto:tavs@cvc.edu).

### Stay in Touch

Subscribe to the CVC listserv at <http://www.cvc.edu:81/guest/RemoteListSummary/CVC>.

... or send an e-mail message to [CVC-request@cvc.edu](mailto:CVC-request@cvc.edu). In the body of the message, enter "subscribe".

*"I have an AA in electronics from El Camino. I am currently posted in Kabul, Afghanistan. Can you give me some direction on how I can build on my AA & work experiences ONLINE & BY CORRESPONDENCE in order to upgrade to a BS/BA?" - Virtual Catalog Student Inquiry*

**Next Issue - CVC Strategic Planning Activities**