After 19 years, Tech Prep, the federally funded program designed to promote career pathways in career technical education from high school to college is being discontinued. In its place, the California Community College, Chancellor’s Office will be rolling out CTE Transitions. Funded through Carl D. Perkins, CTE Transitions will encompass a number of new goals, which are: 1) Outreach/Career Exploration; 2) Validation—not origination—of current articulation; 3) Review and discuss “credit by examination” mechanisms; 4) Investigate concurrent enrollment options; and 5) Explore possibilities for collaboration of work-based learning and internships. The new grant will run through June 30, 2012. The current Tech Prep website, www.lamission.edu/techprep will be updated to reflect the change.

Tech Prep Events of 2010-11

Counselor Day
On March 18, 2011, Counselor Day was held at Los Angeles Mission College. Over 60 area high school counselors attended this event where they were welcomed by the President of LAMC and heard presentations from the following departments: Counseling (General, EOP&S, Transfer Center), Student Services (Financial Aid, Disabled Student Services, Teacher Prep Program, and the Associated Students), and CTE departments (Child Development, Administration of Justice, Multimedia, Culinary Arts, and Paralegal/Legal Assisting).

Participants then joined in a working lunch where they were able to network with other counselors and LAMC faculty and staff. Counselor Day concluded with a tour of the campus highlighted by the new Culinary Arts Institute and Eagles Landing Student Store.

Focus on Careers
On November 5, 2010, Focus on Careers took place at LA Mission College. Over 300 area middle and high school students attended this event where they were welcomed by VP of Academic Affairs, Alma Johnson-Hawkins and heard presentations from the following CTE programs: Child Development, Administration of Justice, Multimedia, Computer Applications Office Technology, Culinary Arts, and Business. Presentations focused on career pathways and programs of study available at the college.

Students also attended a presentation by the LAMC Financial Aid office, took a tour of the Campus, browsed the College Fair with tables from the following departments and offices: Art, Administration of Justice, Teacher Prep Program, Disabled Student Services, Culinary Arts, Drama Club, Financial Aid. Of special note, students had their fingerprints taken at the Administration of...
Demonstration Site Grants

Funded by the California Department of Education, these awards were designed to fund development of programs of study by consortia of high schools and community colleges. By virtue of its role as CTE Distribution Points, Region Five lead (Los Angeles and Orange counties) LAMC was to resource the six regional grantees in further developing their program of study. To grantees in fields as diverse as that of Child Development to Business Entrepreneurship, Culinary Arts to Arts, Media and Entertainment, LAMC provided the following support: 1) An initial conference call to all grantees to share information and options for resourcing, 2) Professional Pathways to Success

Techn Prep/CTE Distribution Points Program Activities 2010-11

Regional Professional Development Events

The CTE Distribution Points project co-hosted, with Los Angeles Mission College Tech Prep and Community Collaborative, the following regional professional development events (Los Angeles/Orange counties).

On October 27, 2010, the “Building a Toolkit to Improve a Career Pathway System” road show workshop was held at the LA Chamber of Commerce. Over 60 faculty, counselors, administrators and industry representatives attended this workshop which included presentations on: The State of Career Technical Education in California, Reinvigorating Business/Industry Advisory Committees, Developing Programs of Study and Assessing your Career Technical Education Program. Participants also networked during a working lunch. Evaluations were collected which gave valuable information for scheduling a follow-up event.

On Wednesday, April 6, 2011, the “CTE Spring Workshop” was held at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel. Designed to train Demonstration Site grantees in uploading CTE curriculum for their program of study in order to satisfy the grant deliverables, it also served CTE teachers in general. One of six same-themed workshops held throughout the state, approximately 85 teachers, counselors and administrators attended this full-day workshop. Highlights included a keynote address by Brian Ausland, Program Administrator for the Center for the Advancement of Digital Resources in Education, on the CTE Online website. Breakout sessions included: CTE Online Orientation, Perkins 101 (including the online application), Empowering Students to Make a Difference (infusing student leadership into CTE curriculum, Building Industry Partnerships, and Best Practices.

A working lunch was included where CTE professionals networked and shared ideas. Overall, evaluations were excellent and the comments almost universally positive. Many new ideas for professional development offerings in the future surfaced.

On May 18, 2011, “Contextualizing Mathematics into CTE” was held at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel. The event started at 8:00 a.m. with Registration and Continental Breakfast. Scott Burke and his colleagues from Contextual Learning Concepts then led the workshop with a break for working lunch at noon. CTE teachers collaborated with math teachers to develop cur-
Workshop at Educating for Careers conference

Once again, Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) Tech Prep attended and participated in the Education for Careers (EFC) Conference which was held from March 3-5, 2011. The premier conference for high school career technical educators in the state, the site for EFC shifted to Sacramento, after years of being held in Garden Grove, with the expressed purpose of gaining greater visibility for CTE with state legislators. Tech Prep staff heard keynote speakers including Chef Jeff Henderson, motivational speaker and Food Network Host, attended workshops such as “Closing the Achievement Gap: Connecting At-Risk Students to School and Career”, and presented a workshop as well.

In conjunction with high school CTE advisors Jerry Kazdoy and Nancy Martin, and Program Director of the Careers through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) Mitzie Cutler, Tech Prep staff led a workshop entitled “Building a Quality Program that Creates Pathways Leading from High School to College.” Highlights of the program included valuable information on developing programs of study that guide students in how to find their way from high school to college via one of many career pathways, and remarks by Guadalupe Ramirez Sabella, a graduate of Sylmar High School, C-CAP scholarship recipient, and graduate of the Culinary Institute in New York. Ms. Sabella told of her journey from high school to the Culinary Institute and the important part C-CAP played in that transition.

Approximately 40 participants, including CTE teachers, counselors and administrators attended, and evaluations of the workshop were excel-
riculum in which math was integrated into CTE curriculum. These lessons were then shared at the end of the workshop. The activities concluded at 2:45 with participants completing evaluations of the event with 100% agreement that the workshop should be offered again. Approximately 70 teachers, counselors and staff participated in the event.

Community Collaborative Project

The Externship Project
The Los Angeles Mission College Career Technical Education Community Collaborative Project completed the Fall 2010 Externships. Eight (8) participants completed their externships by turning in all required paperwork, including a 3 page summary and a 5 to 10 minute presentation of their externship experience on Friday, December 17th, 2010. The goal of the externships is to bring insight and understanding from the world of business into the classroom. The Fall 2010 Externships were conducted in a business/company under the Energy & Utilities Industry Sector.

Wayne Durand – Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Clarita
Leslie Garcia – Telvent USA Corporation (global IT), Los Angeles
Dave Hank – Galpin Honda, Mission Hills
Joyce Moses – Waste Management, Simi Valley
Marseda Pearson – Hamer Toyota, Mission Hills
Judy Perkins – National Diversified Sales (water management solutions), Woodland Hills
Rene Shufelt – The Green Expo: Green Renewable Efficient Energy Now (green awareness), Granada Hills
Christina Sunderraj-Wilkening – Whole Foods, Pasadena

Enhancing Career Pathways
The 7th Annual Crossfade Video and Animation Festival, held on December 11, 2010, made possible through the support of the LAMC CTE Community Collaborative Project, showcased projects done by high school and college students. Several companies in the Arts, Media, and Entertainment Industry Sector were present to discuss careers in the film industry. The discussion touched on what possible courses/classes to take in middle school and high school that articulate to college. Some of the companies also brought high-end filming and lighting equipment to the event to give the students hands-on experience.

Site visit of LADWP Valley Generating Station
On Tuesday, March 22, 2011, LAMC Community Collaborative Project hosted a site visit/tour of the VGS. Three teachers from local high schools and one ROP representative along with staff attended. Station representatives customized their presentation to focus on LADWP VGS career pathways especially as it related to high school students. The site visit/tour included an information exchange forum that featured station employees speaking about their personal journey through school and into the career pathway that they have chosen. This was also a good networking opportunity for the school representatives that attended for their respective institutions.

Site Visit of LADWP Truesdale Power Line Training Center
On Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 40 chemistry students from the “green” cohort class from San Fernando High School at-
attended a site visit/tour to the LADWP TPLTC in Sun Valley, CA, hosted by the LAMC Community Collaborative Project. They observed the mechanical and operational processes for both overhead and underground applications. In addition, students observed through various demonstration and active training programs the skills needed to safely perform the duties of an overhead or underground technician. Site representatives spoke about the educational background necessary to qualify for various departmental jobs. This site visit/tour also offered an opportunity for the department to present on equipment and best practice methods in the Energy & Utilities Industry Sector. The two teachers that accompanied the students were also able to understand and learn more about business operations of this field, which they could bring back to the classroom.

Advisory Committee Member Profile

Beverly Holt has served on the Tech Prep Advisory Committee for over 7 years. She recounts that her tenure began when her supervisor asked her to represent the Southern California Auto Club (AAA) in his stead. He had just received a letter from Tech Prep Director Geri Shapiro soliciting AAA’s participation and he felt that she, as a travel agent, would be more qualified to serve.

Since then, Bev has participated in the work of the Advisory Committee in several ways. Her most enjoyable task was participating in workshops put on by Tech Prep at the annual Educating for Careers gathering. She enjoyed informing career and technical education (CTE) teachers about the real world workings of the world of travel. She has also visited classes at local area high schools, and even shared her own curriculum for teaching travel agents, with high school teachers who incorporated it into their classes.

Bev has learned a lot as well from her years of service, becoming acquainted with the “foreign terminology” of career technical education and gaining an appreciation for the work of the Committee. She wishes Tech Prep well as it transitions to CTE Transitions.

Bev has recently retired from her duties at AAA and currently serves as an independent travel agent working in conjunction with Northridge Travel. She can be reached for any travel requests at travelbyjb@aol.com. She has also started an apparel business specializing in “the hottest T-shirts on the planet.” Her inventory can be viewed at www.notorioustreetwear.com.

We’re on the Web at:

www.lamission.edu/techprep/

Staff members of Mission College CTE Transitions and the Community Collaborative Project (CCP)

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