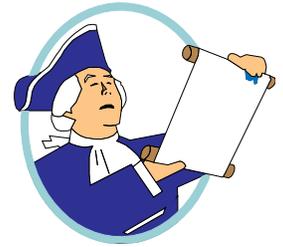




# Classified Crier

Central Services Classified Senate Newsletter



September 10, 2008

## A Message from the President:

*Martin Varela*

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year! The Classified Senate will begin this new year by co-hosting the Annual Central Services barbeque with Chancellor Martha Kanter and her executive team on September 11th. The purpose of this event is to recognize all Central Services classified employees for the exceptional contributions they provide to the colleges – and ultimately to the students – with their service and hard work. Congratulations!

During 2008-09, the Classified Senate expects to have a very busy year, and while we welcome the challenges with excitement and dedication, our goal is to serve our classified community in the best possible way. We will continue to improve on the dissemination of information to all classified members, providing the facts of what is happening in Central Services.

At the same time, the Classified Senate will be entering into a period of re-organization. In April 2009, all officer and senator positions currently serving will be up for election. Therefore, I would like to urge all classified employees to help us maintain the momentum and get involved with the senate. **Only your involvement can guarantee the continued success of our organization**, which strives to represent you with integrity.

In addition, on behalf of the senate, I would like to extend our gratitude to those who have served as officers and senators in the past, and those concluding their current term, for their commitment, energy and enthusiasm.

If you are interested in learning about the Central Services Classified Senate, please take a moment to visit our website at <http://hr.fhda.edu/personnel/classified/senate> or contact me directly at 650-949-6366.

## Annual Central Services BBQ

REMINDER to all... This year's annual Central Services Summer Barbecue will be held on Thursday, September 11th, hosted by the CSCS and your executive management team (Chancellor Martha Kanter, and Vice Chancellors Andy Dunn, Dorene Novatny, and Fred Sherman). The event begins at 11:30 a.m. down at the BBQ pit located just outside of the District Office building. The food's always good and the camaraderie speaks for itself. Hope to see you there!



## Editor's Note

*Elvia R. Navarro*

On behalf of the Central Services Classified Senate, I would like to extend a warm thank you to Gina Bailey for her dedication and hard work as the editor for the Classified Crier since the newsletter's inception. Beginning this month, I will be taking over the role of the CSCS Newsletter Editor. We are always looking for articles for the next issue and would welcome your contributions to the newsletter. For submission, contact me by phone at (650) 949-6259 or by email at [navarroelvia@fhda.edu](mailto:navarroelvia@fhda.edu).

Your 2008-2009 officers are:

President – Martin Varela	x6266
President Elect – Janice Lee	x6254
Past President – Scottie McDaniel	x6265
Secretary – Tom Roza	x5730
Treasurer – Debbie Haynes	x7204



## A Warm Welcome from Chancellor Kanter

As our Foothill and De Anza students get ready for a new school year and the start of classes on Sept. 22, let me give a warm welcome to you, our Central Services classified staff. The expertise, dedication and professionalism you bring to your job enables us to provide the very best education to our students that we possibly can. You have a tremendously important responsibility to our students and our colleges. And we – together – have an enormous responsibility both to our community and the future of our society.

I often refer to Central Services as “base camp.” Why? Because so much of the planning, preparation, organizing and support of adventurers, mountain climbers and trekkers across the globe happens at base camp. The purpose of those at base camp is to do everything they can to make the expeditions a success – reaching the top of a mountain, everyone returning safely to base camp, and celebrating the triumphs and reminiscing about what went wrong and what we could have done better while sitting around the campfire months after the expedition ends. Those are just a few of the reasons why “base camp” is essential to the entire operation. With this in mind, think about all of the parts of our organization that make it possible for students to learn, grow and better their lives, for our faculty to teach them well, and for student services to make it possible for them to take advantage of our institutions. For the best education to happen, it takes all of us doing our part while working together, sharing ideas, and respecting each person’s contribution to the whole of what we do.

Our Central Services departments are known throughout the district for quality and responsiveness. But reputations don’t just happen. They develop over a long history that demonstrates a commitment to excellence. Thank you for being part of our team and for the special role you play in our district.

We are especially fortunate to have a great Central Services Classified Senate and commend all of you who got it started nearly five years ago to bring it to where it is today. Even though we’ve been tightening our belt as a district in response to the state’s budget crisis, it’s a great year for planning and thinking about the future and ways to educate the thousands of students who are coming to us, for whom we are essential to their success in life. Help us figure out how we can do our best and make this year a rewarding one, and remember that California will get its act together in due time. Please accept the appreciation from our Board of Trustees and the entire Foothill-De Anza family for all that you make possible for the rest of us. We look forward to seeing you at Flint Center for Opening Day on Sept. 18 and at the many meetings and events in the year ahead.

## Elections For CSCS Senators & Officers

Central Services Classified Senate is required to hold its annual election in April of each year. The upcoming election for next fiscal year is important now more than ever. Most officer and senator positions will be up for re-election, as the incumbents have each served the maximum allowed terms.

The purpose of the CSCS is to provide:

- Participation in the governance of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District;
- Active collection, evaluation, and dissemination of information for the classified staff;
- Representation of the collective interest of the classified staff before or on any governance or Central Services committee.

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in representing the Central Services classified staff in the capacity of a CSCS officer or senator? The CSCS will be accepting nominations beginning in early spring of 2009. CSCS bylaws and an electronic copy of the nomination form may be found at <http://hr.fhda.edu/personnel/classified/senate>.

## Retreat Committee Report

*Janice Lee*

On behalf of the retreat committee I would like to thank everyone who participated in the retreat at Roaring Camp on May 16th. We had a great experience planning your day of fun and entertainment. Chancellor Martha Kanter’s welcome is always appreciated. She is such an inspiration and so much fun.

We had the opportunity to learn a little more about Andy Dunn, Vice Chancellor of Business Services and Dorene Novotny, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and their vision for the future. There were senate updates by Classified Senate Presidents Dave Garrido and Scottie McDaniel. We hope you enjoyed the speakers and the GREAT train ride into the redwoods, the breakout sessions that I am so glad everyone participated in and our final speaker Dick Henning from the Celebrity Forum.

I want to also thank the retreat committee for the outstanding job they did to make this retreat a GREAT one. The committee members were Debbie Haynes, Agnes Hamilton, Dawn Allshouse, Darya Gilani, Maureen Chenoweth, Dave Garrido and Annette Perez. It is our sincere hope that the outcome will inspire some of you to join the committee next year.