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Co-op Grant Staff Happy with Year 1 Accomplishments

The first grant year has been a busy one for us in Title V, on both the Carlsbad and Alamogordo campuses.

We'd like to take a moment to introduce you to our staff.

Carlsbad:



**Rhonda Austin,
Director**



**Lorie Mitchell,
Educational Technologist**



**Paula Wallace,
Teaching Technician**



**Allison Crouch,
Records Technician**

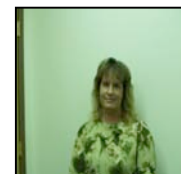
Alamogordo:



**Vern Ela,
Activity Director/
Educational Technologist**



**Michelle Farley,
Coordinator of Instructional Technology**



**Brenda Brunhoeber,
Records Technician**

The objective of the Broadening Access Grant is to develop an online Associate's degree program, complete with online student services and assessment. The grant provides support and training to faculty in developing and managing their online courses.

The Carlsbad Learning Technology Center, located in Room 203, serves as a support center for faculty who wish to develop complete online courses, as well as courses that use both face-to-face and online components, or WebCentric courses. The LTC is open Monday thru Thursday from 8 to 6 and Friday

from 8 to noon. The Alamogordo LTC has recently opened with hours of 8 to 5 Monday through Friday. Michelle will be hosting various workshops and open lab sessions. If you need help with anything technology-related, stop in and see Michelle in Alamogordo or Lorie and Paula in Carlsbad.

Carlsbad, Alamo Personnel Receive Training through Grant

During Year 1, Title V provided training to many faculty and staff.

WebCT Certified Trainer Program



The WebCT Certified Trainer Program

was a month-long process, involving both face-to-face meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada, and online sessions. Lorie Mitchell and Tonya Faulkner of Carlsbad, and Ron McNeel and Vern Ela of Alamogordo, all completed the training, earning Senior Trainer status.

Mac Server Training

In preparation for the new equipment and software to be utilized for grant objectives, four staff members attended Apple Macintosh server training in Austin, Texas, this past March. Corey Eubank and Greta Cervera of Carlsbad, and Greg Mosier and Nathan Rosario of Alamogordo, successfully completed the training.

Strategies and Realities of Teaching Online:

Fifteen faculty members from both campuses participated in a six-week summer course, *Strategies and Realities of Teaching Online*. The course was created to address the challenges that new online teachers may face.

LERN Certified Online Instructors

Twenty faculty from both campuses have begun or completed the three-course process necessary to become Certified Online Instructors. The program is available through the Learning Resources Network (LERN), and also involves a review and critique of an online course taught by each instructor, plus a comprehensive exam.

Apple Help Desk Training

This past July, several staff members from both campuses attended Mac Help Desk Training on the Carlsbad campus. The training provided an overview of basic Mac functions. Those who completed the training were: Don Allen, Domingo Armendarez, Rhonda Austin, Greta Cervera, Corey Eubank, Lorie Mitchell, and Shawn Shreves of Carlsbad, and Nathan Rosario and James Scharmack of Alamogordo.

Faculty Workshops:

The Carlsbad LTC will be offering many faculty workshops this fall. Workshops will be presented on various Microsoft Office applications, using campus e-mail, WebQuests, and many aspects of WebCT. Schedules may be obtained from Lorie or Paula in the LTC, Room 203. *see Page 4*

Goals and Objectives

Year 1

- At least 16 faculty and staff at NMSU-C and NMSUA will be oriented to the use of new teaching and technology to support distance learning.
- Equipment will be installed on both campuses to upgrade servers and networks.
- At least three courses will be created and piloted through distance learning delivery (WebCT).

Year 2

- At least 50 students at each campus will be selected to participate in the pilots of Intro to Online Learning and the new online advising system.
- Increased enrollment in the Online Associate of Arts program
- More courses offered between the two campuses for the Online AA degree.
- Online Student Services created.
- Enrollment in the new Animation/Digital Media program.

Faculty Community Homepage

The Faculty Community Homepage was developed by Lorie Mitchell, as a place where online instructors can meet to exchange news and resources. The site also designed to facilitate peer networking and support between the two campuses. To be included in the community, simply contact Lorie with your WebCT username and you'll be added to the list.



LERN Chats:

Title V has purchased a membership to LERN's Faculty Club, an online support and discussion forum for Web course instructors. Chats are held twice a month and cover relevant topics, such as Student Assessments and Preparing Your Online Course for Successful Launch. Notices of upcoming chats are sent to faculty via e-mail and posted on the Faculty Community Homepage.

Web Course Development, Support Ongoing



Fall 2005 and Spring 2006.

μ Fall 2005:

- σ ANTH 201G
- σ ENGL 244G
- σ THTR 101G

μ Spring 2006:

- σ CJ 210
- σ SOC 101
- σ BIOL 225
- σ COLL101/Health Services
- σ GOVT 160G
- σ HIST 261
- σ Intro/Art of Leadership

In addition to these newly developed courses, Title V is providing support to the instructors of the following courses:



- σ CEP 110 (3 sections)
- σ CEP 210
- σ COLL 101
- σ GOVT 100G
- σ NURS 150/BOT 150/OECS 208
- σ OECS 215
- σ OEHO 175
- σ OEHO 177
- σ PSY 201G (2 sections)
- σ SOC 101G
- σ CCDM 110
- σ CCDM 111
- σ OECS 215
- σ CCDM 112/114

Title V staff have also provided WebCT support for students. Approximately 468 students in 17 classes were given WebCT orientation, as well as assistance with any login problems they may have encountered. In addition, each student was provided with a card on which to write their login information. The card also contains important contact information, including the LTC as the campus WebCT help desk, ensuring more help for our students who use WebCT.

The Broadening Access website will contain links to many helpful resources, including WebCT and MS

Office tutorials and Banner online student services. Check out our site at:

<http://128.123.60.174/titleV/broadening/index.htm>.

Looking Ahead to Year 2

In the coming grant year, we expect to fulfill several ambitious objectives. We plan to increase online course offerings between the Carlsbad and Alamogordo campuses. We intend to create online student services and remediation programs. We also have plans to boost enrollment in the Online Associate of Arts program and the new Animation/Digital Media program.



We at Title V are proud to help our campuses move aggressively into the new millennium. For more information, please feel free to get in touch with any of the Title V staff.

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Here's to a successful first year, and to many more success in the years to come!



Title V Co-op Staff Travels

Paula Wallace Attends StudentTrack Conference

Title V Co-op's Paula Wallace recently attended the StudentTrack 2005 Conference in Santa Fe. The conference was hosted by StudentSpace. StudentSpace is a software program that provides customized software solutions for assessment, tracking, and retention. Paula brought back some valuable information about how the software applications could be most effectively used in the Co-op grant's upcoming online student services program. Conference attendees included representatives of several New Mexico Title V grant programs.

In the LTC...

Carlsbad:

Nov. 15	PowerPoint Intermediate	5 p.m.
Nov. 16	WebCT in a Brown Bag	12 p.m.
Nov. 22	WebCT in a Brown Bag	12 p.m.
Nov. 24-25	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	
Nov. 29	FrontPage/HTML Advanced	5 p.m.
Nov. 30	WebCT in a Brown Bag	12 p.m.

Other Important Dates:

- Dec. 5-9** **FINALS WEEK**
- Dec. 23-Jan 2** **WINTER BREAK**

There are currently no workshops scheduled in the Alamogordo LTC. Michelle will complete her WebCT Certified Trainer course in December, adding that to her list of credentials. The LTC is open, however, and faculty are always welcome.

EDUCAUSE Conference an adventure for Carlsbad, Alamo staff

Carlsbad's Rhonda Austin and Lorie Mitchell, and Vern Ela, Donna Cook, and Michelle Farley from Alamogordo, recently attended the 2005 EDUCAUSE Conference in Orlando, Florida. EDUCAUSE is a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology.

Staff members attended several sessions on how to create effective distance learning programs. Sessions dealt with a variety of topics, including student-to-student help, e-learning policies, and the use of electronic assessment. Each person brought back valuable information that will help our programs move forward and be successful.

Getting to and from Florida was almost as educational as the conference itself. A lost wallet hampered renting the car. Severe illness unfortunately sidelined one member of the party. Topping off the trip was the impending landfall of Hurricane Wilma, which fortunately did not occur until most of the staff were safely away. Michelle had this to say about the trip:

"Our trip to Orlando was definitely a combination of National Lampoon's Family Vacation and Murphy's Law. I also have no doubt that it was proof that the strongest survive, the weak perish. Here is my snippet for Educause: 'Paid a small fortune to go to a great conference. But didn't like it so well, so instead I decided to extend my Florida trip to experience the true Orlando Spa treatment at the County Hospital.' "

The Co-op Grant staff is surely looking forward to next year's conference.



Lorie, Michelle, Rhonda, and Donna at EDUCAUSE