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More Students than Ever at Cosumnes River College This Semester

On Monday, August 25, Cosumnes River College began the semester with the largest number of students in its history. A record 14,600 students enrolled at CRC, about 1,500 more students than last fall semester. In the last six years, the campus has increased by more than 3,000 students, or almost 30 percent, by far one of the fastest growing colleges in the region and state.

“Our high number of students can be attributed to many factors, including our college’s growing reputation for academic excellence and student support, our excellent value when compared to other high education options, and proximity to the transit corridor and public transportation,” said Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez, Cosumnes River College President. “The slumping economy also has a positive impact on our enrollment as more workers seek to get trained or retrained in the new knowledge-based economy.”

About half our CRC’s students have Elk Grove zip codes indicating a strong and growing interest by Elk Grove residents and high school graduates. The college also is proud of our educational partnerships with Elk Grove Unified School District. The college’s new Elk Grove Educational Center is slated to be open in fall 2012 and will give south county residents easy access to college classes in their neighborhood. The location will be adjacent to the new Cosumnes Oaks High School and to the projected public transportation lines.

With the new Center coming on board, CRC expects to have 22,000 students within 10 years. “To accommodate this growth, we are currently expanding and modernizing our educational facilities, thanks to the passage of a local General Obligation Bond six years ago,” said Rodriguez. “The truth is, though, it won’t be enough. We need more classroom space to accommodate the huge increase in student demand and have placed a local bond, Measure M, on the November ballot. We hope the voting public will see how prudently we have used their public resources and will once again give us their vote of confidence.”

The enrollment growth at CRC, although higher than most, is consistent with other community colleges around the state, who are also seeing an enrollment boom. “At CRC the faculty and staff are working hard with budget and facilities constraints to serve as many students as we can all with a big smile,” added Whitney Yamamura, Vice President of Instruction at Cosumnes River College.

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