We had a great opening day of the Fall 2015 semester! It was a hot one, but everyone seemed to be in very good spirits, and were helping students find classrooms, complete registrations and connect with our many great instructors, programs and services. Student Services staffed a Welcome Booth outside Bldg. 700 and outside the 200 Administration Building where Academic Services and Student Life greeted students and welcomed them with class schedules, maps, open class lists, and free coffee/bagels.

**Admissions & Records** – Identified over 1,600 students who had not yet paid for Fall 2015 semester. Staff contacted all 1,600, and the number was reduced to 974 – students applied for and received BOG Fee Waivers, paid their balance, were awarded financial aid, or were given extensions while waiting for external 3rd party payments. We then set up arrangements for the remaining students to pay over the fall term so they could stay enrolled.

**Financial Aid** – Disbursed $4,973,252 to 7,648 students in the form of federal and state grants, student loans, Board of Governor’s Fee Waivers and external scholarships.

**Special Programs** – Daraja and Puente are fully enrolled, and spaces remain for EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs as well as the TRiO ASPIRE, EXCEL and now new TRiO STEM program that was recently awarded to Chabot College to support MESA and more under-represented STEM students. A new Black and Latino Student Success Magazine has been published and included in your Board packets.

**Counseling** – Served over 2,000 new students in the Student Education Planning/Counseling sessions since last spring. Also served over 4,000 continuing, transferred in from other college students over the summer, doubling the amount of students served last year (up from 2,000 in Summer 14). Additionally, Counselor Mike Lai organized and delivered a College Awareness Week in July to provide new students with an opportunity to work with a counselor in a small group on all areas related to transition to college. Areas included orientation, college success strategies, and referral to assessment and student education planning.

**Veterans Services** – Hosted New Veteran Student Orientation and Welcome event on 8/11 for about 30 new veteran students.

**First Year Experience** – Hosted New Student FYE Pathways Program Orientation on 8/12 for over 150 new students in the six pathway programs: Athletics, Business, Change it Now!, HPN, and STEM.
New Staff Orientation, Convocation & College Day

With the advent of the new academic year came exciting changes to the Professional Development Committee at Chabot College. Two members of the Classified Senate---Katrin Field and Rachel Tupper-Eoff---are serving as co-chairs. Administrator Dr. María Ochoa serves as co-chair, as well, and the designation of faculty co-chairs is in process and will be available soon. In addition to coordinating new worker orientation, College Day, and scheduled Flex Days, the committee plans to offer year round support to faculty and staff with ongoing professional development. Online services, as well as group and individual consultations, will likely be integrated into the activities.

The committee's first task was to plan a series of orientation activities welcoming recently hired workers---faculty and classified---to the campus. President Sperling opened the two-day orientation with greetings of introduction to the more than 50 people in attendance. A campus tour included introduction to student services, academic and administrative services, student life, and learning services on the first day. A second day of touring highlighted our innovative courses of study such as BMW and auto technology, the planetarium facility, dental hygiene clinic, and nursing lab. The day concluded with a picnic lunch in the Passion Garden.

Convocation inspired further introduction of persons and ideas for the new year. President Sperling acknowledged the new faculty, staff, and administrators. The Robert and Linda Carlson Classified Professional Award was presented to Administrative Services Executive Assistant Chasity Whiteside by last year's honoree JoAnne Cerefice in a lively ceremony that included Dr. and Mrs. Carlson.

President Sperling opened College Day by introducing a morning session with presentations by two student groups: Revolutionaries Advocating for Greener Ecosystems (RAGE) and Black Academic Alliance of Dynamic Leaders (BAADL). The student researchers brought an exciting dynamic to the welcoming presentations with reports on the environmental justice and student equity projects that the respective groups have conducted. Vice Presidents Willis, Kritscher, and Thompson concluded the morning session with presentations regarding their respective programmatic areas.
The Chabot community spent the afternoon in thoughtful play as they participated in a trivia challenge intended to foster closer acquaintance with the accreditation self study. Participants were organized into teams named for local critters such as turkeys, skunks, possums, and, of course, there was a Team Swallow. As players moved around campus gathering information intended to answer questions specific to each of the standards in the report, they visited rooms staffed by the standards co-chairs. Co-chairs presented their findings and then the teams researched the answers they were seeking through questions directed to the co-chairs and discussions held among the team. Points were awarded to each correct answer provided by the teams. The winning team (Possums) was awarded a fine dining experience at Neumanali Restaurant in Historic Downtown Hayward.

(Accreditation Trivia Game Board created by Craig Shira, Graphic Artist, Chabot Reprographics Center)
The Linda and Robert Carlson Award—Congratulations to Chasity Whiteside!

The Linda and Robert Carlson Classified Professional of the Year Award is given out each Fall semester to honor one classified/confidential employee for outstanding job performance and service to Chabot College and its community. The award is given to an employee who has made an ongoing significant contribution to and has dedicated time and energy to the needs of the college.

This year the Award was given to Ms. Chasity Whiteside, former Administrative Assistant to the Science & Math Division. Ms. Whiteside received nominations from Scott Hildreth and Charlene Wieser of Science & Mathematics, dozens of faculty and students.

“Chasity’s support is exemplary in every possible way – for our students, for both the full- and part-time faculty, for all of her Classified colleagues, and for the institution as a whole. She is the epitome of an outstanding professional colleague, and someone that all of us are proud to work with on a daily basis…. Without her help, programs like MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) and the Bridges to Baccalaureate springboard to UC would not have met with the success they have achieved…She answers each and every student question with patience, with support, and with authority. She truly presents the very best possible face our college could have to our students – that we want them here, that we want them to be successful, and that we want to help.” – Scott Hildreth and Charlene Wieser

A Few of the Comments in support of Chasity’s Nomination

“Chastity always has a smile, remembers everything, and has a keen intuition of what I need even before I do. I feel special and respected. Recently I was describing her to a friend, as how she is remarkable and has helped me so often even before I knew I needed the help. She most certainly deserves the award.” - Adrienne Calomino (part-time Math faculty)

“What impresses me about Chasity is her extensive knowledge base. If there is a question, she’s right there with the answer, and it’s a correct one to boot! She’s willing to assist on her own time to help. She completely understands the logical scientific mindset.” Rob Yest (full-time Math faculty)

“I have been extremely impressed (and thankful) for the work done by Ms. Chasity Whiteside in support of the Science and Math division. Time and time again I have approached Ms. Whiteside with requests for information and assistance regarding details of the operation of the division, college, and district. Without fail the responses I received were Quick, Helpful, Knowledgeable, and Effective. Ms. Whiteside’s assistance has enabled me to be much more productive in the execution of my faculty-related duties. She has earned my highest recommendation. Bruce Mayer (full-time Engineering faculty)