September 3, 2010

Dear West Team,

You DID it! We are off to a great start with very full classes and student support service offices. All are stretching their abilities to serve.

Thank you for volunteering to help in the informational kiosks, accommodating as many students as you can, stopping to answer questions as students stop us for directions/help, and working to clean, fix and ready the campus.

Yesterday, I went to my first College Council meeting. You have selected representatives that are informed, vocal, problem solvers and VERY concerned about making decisions that are inclusive of your input and student centered. We will be challenged in the next few months to make some hard decisions about how to stretch the remaining bond dollars to maximize the building program plans that you have developed over the last few years. MEANWHILE, we are teaching, providing student support services, managing projects/programs, working on accreditation, developing Student Learning Outcomes and course outlines, upgrading IT, etc. etc. etc... I am so proud to be a part of West. YES, TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Today, we toured the campus with the new City Manager of Culver City. He has been on the job only three weeks. It was our chance to let him know what an asset WEST is to Culver City. Of course, we will continue to let him know how much we care about our surrounding community and what we have already done to mitigate any negative impact our building program has on our neighbors. Attached you will see our official response to several press inquiries regarding traffic and noise associated with the campus. YES, it will make a difference when we open up the Jefferson Blvd entrance. The delay in opening is due to the County’s dissatisfaction with the berm we put in. This berm had been previously approved. Today, Culver City’s City Manager committed to work on his end to influence the county to let us open the road.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

Together Forward,

Dr. Joyce
Interim President