



Aviation Technology

Title V is proud to help provide resources necessary to Mountain View's Aviation department, which is currently making great strides in recruitment and retention by incorporating technology into the classroom.

Richard Parra, MVC Aviation instructor, along with a team of other MVC staff members, produced a multi-media presentation for the League for Innovation Conference last year, which demonstrates the use of technology in MVC's aviation classrooms. In the end, they had a valuable little tool with many uses.

"What started as a technology presentation evolved for other uses in public relations and the classroom," said Parra.

This presentation, which incorporates audio, video, and power point, will be used as a recruitment/advertising tool. Parra plans to make it available on the Internet, which will allow an inside look at the program and how the flight simulators are used.

"It can also be a 'handout' in terms of a business card for someone who is interested in our program," said Parra.

Another valuable use is in the classroom, both as a part of the ground instructor's course and as an orientation for beginning pilots.

This presentation can be an important tool for beginning pilots because it introduces the flight simulator; it shows them what flying is like and what they can expect. In the end, this can save students both time and money.

Certainly their biggest star, as Parra describes it, the flight simulator offers hands-on practice in take off, flight, and landing an aircraft.

"By the time a student gets two or three hours in the flight simulator," said Parra "they will already have vastly superior

flying skills when they show up at the airfield than if they had not done this."

The production of this presentation took several

days of hard work and learning. There was a learning curve involved, said Dr. Parra, as they were required to learn software in order to integrate all aspects (Power Point, video and audio) of the presentation.

"I have a healthy respect for media people right now," said Dr. Parra, "but the project wasn't unpleasant to do because we were learning new things as we went. It was really an eye-opener."

For more information regarding the Aviation department or the technology presentation, contact Richard Parra at 214-860-8763 or rap6570@dccd.edu.



Staff Spotlight:

Moises Almendariz, Dean of Education Center/Title V

Moises Almendariz, Dean of the Education Center and Title V has been dedicated to education for many years and points to his graduation from Angelo State University as the first time he really understood the importance of higher education. He also credits South Plains College in Levelland, TX, where he began his college education, for the part it played in developing his interest in two year colleges.

“I believe that [attending South Plains] was one of the most important decisions I made, which has led me to where I am now,” said Moises.

After teaching and coaching in Texas’ Klondike and Wylie Independent School Districts for a few years, Moises, as he puts it, was “fortunate” to be offered a position by the Dallas County Community College’s District Office as a School Alliances Associate. The following year he moved into his first administrative position at North Lake College as the Director of School Alliances/Teacher Academy where he concentrated on forming educational partnerships to support college recruitment, enrollment and retention.

Moving into his current position at Mountain View College as Dean of the Title V Program in 2003 was a natural next step in his career, and one that he was eager to take. Here, he has been able to utilize his well-polished skills to focus on increasing the enrollment and success rates of math, science, and technology students, which is the goal of Title V.

Moises’ primary responsibility is the management of the Title V individual grant, which was awarded to MVC in October 2001. This includes management of the overall project, budget, and staff in order to meet the proposed goals of the grant. Also included is the management of the Learning Skills Center and the ESL/ESOL advising office.



“I enjoy this position because it involves many different areas of the college,” said Moises. “It is providing me with a great amount of experience working with instruction, student services and administration; I have learned a tremendous amount....”

However, Moises enjoyed his days of teaching and finds it difficult to stay away from the classroom. Therefore, in addition to his day job, he also teaches human development at North Lake College, which he has done for the past four years.

“I enjoy making a direct impact on students, and I miss that as an administrator. Teaching human development allows me to set the tone for students who are in their first year of college; my goal is to get them on the right track as they begin their college coursework,” said Moises.

Moises recently received the honor of being selected to participate in the National Community

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College Hispanic Council Leadership Fellows Program. This intense leadership course focuses on training aspiring community college administrators on institutional effectiveness, strategic planning, board/CEO relations, and college culture, to name a few. It also provides valuable opportunities to network with other Hispanic administrators in two-year community and technical colleges.

Moises views the opportunity to participate in this program as an important stepping stone in reaching his future career goals.

“The program is designed for community college educators whose career interests focus on assuming high-level administrative positions in community colleges,” he said.

One exciting plan for his near future, which will also help him realize future career goals, is Moises’ desire to pursue a Doctorate degree. He will

begin taking doctorate level classes at Texas A&M-Commerce in the coming spring semester, and hopes to complete a degree in the next four years.

When he’s not in his office or classroom, you are most likely to find Moises practicing his golf swing on a golf course. He enjoys his time on the course tremendously, soaking up the sun and shooting the breeze with other golf connoisseurs.

“I wish I could play at least one round of golf each week,” he said. “I enjoy the tranquility of a golf course and the competitiveness that a course offers a player...and it’s a huge rush to hit a great shot!”

For more information about the Title V department, or to discuss the latest golf trends, contact Moises at 214-860-8711 or MoisesA@dcccd.edu.

Wireless Campus

In keeping up with the Joneses, and out of a desire to better serve the student body, Mountain View is moving toward becoming a wireless campus.

Compliments of Title V, wireless technology will be installed in all of the science classrooms, which includes W02, W10, W15, W16, W18, W20, W21, W22, W23, and W24. The hallway outside of these classrooms will also be outfitted with wireless capabilities.

Using personal laptops, faculty and students should be able to access wireless Internet anywhere in the science area. Students will find this convenient between classes and for study breaks as they will not have to leave the science area. Internet access will also be more conveniently accessible for instruction in the classroom.



Another advantage will be the addition of wireless access cards in all science classroom PCs. This will allow the PCs to be easily moved to different areas without having to drop network lines.

A wireless science area, added to an already wireless new West Wing, will be a welcome addition to the MVC community. Once in place, faculty, staff and students are excited about taking their laptops for a stroll through the science hallway to test the new wireless addition!

Look for the new addition to MVC’s wireless campus to be implemented early- to mid-Spring 2006.

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Title V Calendar of Events

December

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | Workshops will resume in February | | | |
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Final Exams | Final Exams | Final Exams | Final Exams/ Semester Ends | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | | | | | Christmas Eve |
| Grades Due | | | | | Campus Closed (reopens Jan. 3) |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |