Every wall is a door.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
In many ways 2008 was a true roller-coaster year.

So many good things happened but they were played out against the backdrop of a severe national recession and state budget uncertainty.

First and foremost I want to thank our community for supporting Measure M, our local $465 million bond measure which passed in November with 58% approval. We are going to do everything possible to fast-track some of the Measure M projects and infuse our local economy with construction dollars. Not only will this help to meet the growing enrollment demand at our colleges, but it will also put many people to work building these important facilities.

This leads me to another milestone event of the year; massive enrollment growth. Nearly 8,000 more students crowded our classrooms in 2008 bringing total enrollment to more than 87,000. The weak economy, increased unemployment, and higher tuition costs at four-year campuses all combined to drive more students to our colleges. Our faculty and staff have done an exceptional job accommodating this growth. We know that our work is more critical now than ever as we train and retrain students for new careers and provide transfer education to thousands of other students who otherwise could not afford a college education.

As you read this report, you will see the many awards and honors received this past year by our programs, faculty and staff. You may also notice in our data section a more complete reporting of transfer numbers. For many years the only transfer data available tracked transfers to the UC and CSU systems. We now have data that also tracks students to in-state private and out-of-state public and private colleges. That information increased our transfer numbers by a whopping 35%.
American River College

David Viar, President

The college had much to celebrate in 2008 — not only the accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff, but the generous support of voters for bond monies that will help us meet the demands of upgrading our facilities and the growing demand for classes.

This year saw construction begin on the second phase of modernization of the fine & applied arts facility, which will provide a new black box theatre, recording studio, band room, acting studio, costume shop, and rehearsal space. In January, we opened our expanded physical education facility, which includes a practice gym, dance room, and activity room, and added to that a new aquatic facility this fall. We also began the move of our library services to temporary quarters, in preparation for a year-and-a-half construction effort to expand and modernize the current building.

These construction projects — and those in planning — reflect continued growth in enrollment, which this year exceeded 37,000 students in both on- and off-campus sites. That growth, in turn, reflects the need in our community for the educational opportunities provided by ARC and other Los Rios colleges.

Construction of new facilities is just one way we ensure that students continue to have full access to high quality programs and services. Another is our institutional effectiveness self-study — an extensive and exhaustive process begun in 2008, done every six years. This self-study provides us with a detailed picture of how well we are meeting internal and external standards for serving students, and culminates in an accreditation team visit in October 2009.

We are proud of our many efforts to achieve our vision of ARC as “a premier learning community that transforms and enriches people's lives.” That vision helps us focus on better serving our students — making a difference in their lives, and in the life of the community. We look forward to continuing as your partner and dealing successfully with the challenges of 2009.

SCHOLARSHIPS:
The ARC Foundation awarded $135,000 in scholarships to 138 deserving students in 2008.

VETERANS’ NEEDS:
ARC hosted veterans, community service organizations and community college staff from across Northern California for “The Road Home: From Combat to Community College and Beyond” designed to address the unique needs of returning vets.

LITERATURE & ART:
The 2008 American River Review won the National Pacemaker Award from the Associated Collegiate Press Association for the fourth year in a row. The student literary and art publication won over many prestigious four-year institutions.
Serving Others at American River College
ARC’s hospitality management program received the Exemplary Program Award from the California Community Colleges Academic Senate. In addition, the college’s student-managed Oak Café was again named as a four-star dining destination by the Sacramento Bee.
This past academic year marked the 38th year of service to our students and our community.

Since its inception in 1970, Cosumnes River College has served nearly a quarter million students who are now making significant and lasting contributions to a wide range of professions, including those in business and industry, education, medicine, health, law, public service, arts and entertainment, and technology— to name a few. Our college’s goals of academic excellence, student success and educational leadership afford our students an exemplary educational experience.

Our campus possesses a dynamic and supportive learning environment that draws from our talented, culturally rich, and diverse students, faculty, and staff. A close look at our comprehensive academic programs and curriculum points to a broad range of university transfer courses, career and technical education programs and services designed to meet the needs of our students and our community. Some academic programs, like those in Agriculture, Architecture, Communications Studies, Construction, Dietetics, Health Information Technology, Medical Assisting, Pharmacy Technology, Radio, Television & Film Production and Veterinary Technology are unique to this region. Our college is also gearing up with courses and programs to support the growing fields of clean energy, green technology and global studies.

At 15,000 students, our college has the nice balance of a small college and personal touch with an expanding menu of programs and services. We are completing our Science Building modernization and expansion, major improvements have been made to our Community and Athletic Center, and plans are underway to expand our College Center. In the not too distant future, a light rail station and parking structure will be completed on the east side of campus. And with the generous support of our community and the passage of Measure M, the modernization and construction of facilities on campus will continue well into the next decade. As we continue to grow and extend our reach into the community, you will also see other campus improvements that will enhance the overall student learning experience.

On behalf of my colleagues at Cosumnes River College, we welcome your visit to our campus, and we thank you for your continued confidence in our ability to serve this region.
Faculty-composer Wins National Award at Cosumnes River College

2008 was an important year for CRC music professor and composer Kurt Erickson. Not only was he commissioned to compose an original work for the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra, “Chicago Songs”, which premiered last November but he also received the prestigious 2008 ASCAPPLUS Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) for his exceptional catalog of original compositions.
The current economy is challenging all of the communities Folsom Lake College serves, from... 

Rancho Cordova to Folsom to Western El Dorado County. The residents, businesses, nonprofits, and governmental agencies are all struggling to deal with the effects of the statewide budget crisis.

FLC has become a destination point for students seeking to re-career or boost their job skills. For several semesters, the college has seen strong enrollment growth. In December 2008, the national trade publication, Community College Week, ranked Folsom Lake College as the seventh fastest-growing community college, with the college showing a 15.2% increase in enrollment.

We are establishing partnerships with local businesses and organizations to support our communities’ economies. Examples include a well-attended Business Expo on the Folsom campus in the spring and a Highway 50 Corridor Economic Forecast event in November. These events are only a few of the ways the college is building strong relationships with businesses, chambers of commerce, city/county governmental agencies, and nonprofit agencies.

Construction is now underway on the college’s regional Visual and Performing Arts Center, with opening set for late 2010. This Center will boost the economy – regionally, not just locally – by providing jobs, bringing dollars into the region, and creating new career programs in the arts.

Folsom Lake College is doing all of this as part of its mission to serve its communities. During these difficult economic times, we are honored to be an “economic engine” to help our communities get back on track.

VAPAC BREAKS GROUND: Construction began on the college’s 80,000 square foot Visual and Performing Arts Center. The state-of-the-art facility will house instructional programs and serve as a major entertainment venue for the Folsom community.

EL DORADO CENTER TURNS 40: During its 40 years of service, EDC evolved from portable buildings on the El Dorado County Fairgrounds to the beautiful permanent campus it is today. Hundreds of students, staff and community members came out to celebrate the center’s big 4-0.

MORE GRADS THAN EVER: Nearly 400 students graduated from FLC in 2008 with 72% indicating they planned to transfer to a four-year university and 64% graduating with honors.
New P.E. Facility Opens
Construction continues at FLC as the college becomes ever more complete. Last fall, the campus moved into its first permanent physical education facility. The 28,000 square foot building offers students weight rooms, exercise science space, and a dance studio among other features.
Sacramento City College

Kathryn Jeffery, President

At Sacramento City College, “We contribute to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the community.” This promise, imbedded in SCC’s mission statement, is our promise to actively participate as a member of not only local, but also global communities.

We believe that when we support our community partners, we all grow and prosper. Toward that end, 2008 was a busy year, full of opportunities for success and change from local as well as international perspectives.

On the international front, SCC hosted a group of professionals from the Russian Federation through a visit coordinated by instructors Riad Bahhur and Paul Frank. The students came to us through the Congressionally-established Open World Program and focused on educating our visitors on various social issues.

In a statewide partnership with the California Women’s Conference and First Lady Maria Shriver, we brought global opinion leaders directly to our campus via live satellite broadcasts of panel discussions and speeches.

Locally, we were proud to confirm the largest class in the history of our Associate Nursing Degree program with 74 graduates. We also continue to focus on the success of our students and conducted an extensive survey of student engagement to begin to better understand and better serve our students. The information gained will provide input into our strategic planning and assessment of institutional effectiveness.

Finally, the North Gymnasium renovation was finished this year, including a new Life Fitness Center and adaptive physical education area, complete with elevator accessibility. The facility’s exterior, with its new pedestrian mall, green space and open walkways now also make this a beautiful and inviting area for student and staff interaction.

Sacramento City College is a vibrant and dynamic learning environment. Through your continued support as our partners we reaffirm our resolve to renew our spirit of commitment to promote and achieve excellence in all we do.

**NUMBER 1 IN THE WORLD:** SCC’s jazz dance team took first place in the International Open All-Star Jazz Dance competition beating out more than one hundred teams from around the globe.

**GROUND BREAKS ON WEST SACRAMENTO CENTER:** City and community leaders broke ground on SCC’s West Sacramento Center, located directly across the street from the West Sacramento City Hall/Civic Center. The facility is scheduled to open in 2010.

**COPPER PANELS DONATED TO COLLEGE:** The works of Rudolf Haynal, an internationally acclaimed repousse artist were donated to SCC. The six remarkable copper relief panels, titled “History of the Americas,” each represent a significant development in U.S. history from the discovery of America, through the founding of our country, the industrial revolution, world wars and space exploration.
SCC’s Aeronautics Program Celebrates 75 Years

SCC’s aeronautics program was the first of its kind when it began in 1933 and it remains the nation’s oldest, continuous college aeronautics program today. It is where Amelia Earhart once gained flight time and many of its graduates have gone on to become leaders in the business world and aviation industry. Thousands of aircraft mechanics for the military, major airlines, government and general aviation industry have been trained at the college.
**District Facts**

**Total Degrees & Certificates Awarded, 2007–2008** 5,608

**Population & Enrollment, 2007–2008**

**Enrollment, per 1,000 adults**

**Transfers, 2007–2008**

- **TOTAL TRANSFERS:** 3,949
- **TOTAL TRANSFER-READY:** 4,555
- **University of California & California State University:** 73.4%
- **Other Private & Public:** 26.6%
2008 Student Data

Student Ethnicity
Fall 2008

- Native American: 0.8%
- African American: 8.0%
- Asian: 12.4%
- Hispanic: 21.0%
- White: 57.9%
- Total: 100%

Student Gender
Fall 2008

- Male: 42%
- Female: 58%
- Total: 100%

Student Age
Fall 2008

- Under 18: 2.1%
- 18-20: 28.4%
- 21-24: 22.7%
- 25-29: 14.8%
- 30-39: 14.5%
- 40 & Older: 17.5%
- Total: 100%

Persistence Rates
2007-2008

- Female: 62.1%
- Male: 61.1%
- All Students: 61.7%
2008–2009 Adopted Budget

Uncommitted Fund Balance, July 1

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Revenues

- **General Purpose**
  - 3.4% Other Local Revenue
  - 3.7% Other State Revenue
  - 92.9% Apportionment, Property Taxes, Enrollment Fees

- **Categorical Programs**
  - 16.3% Federal
  - 20.6% Local (incl. Parking Fees)
  - 63.0% State

Appropriations

- 81.7% Salaries & Benefits
- 2.5% Books, Supplies & Materials
- 9.72% Other Operating Expenses
- 1.3% Capital Outlay
- 4.7% Other Expenditures/Outgo
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