

Spring 2011 Professional Development BSI/HSI Guest Speakers at Palomar College

Please join us for two Professional Development workshops with guest speakers Professors Joan Cordova and Janet Fulks at Palomar College on Friday, March 4, 2011, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:45 P.M. in room O-13!

“Creating an Active Learning Environment in Your Classroom”

Palomar College PD Code #387

Hosted by: Guest speaker Professor Joan Cordova, Mathematics Professor, Orange Coast College

Time: 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Description: The majority of college faculty teach their classes in lecture mode. Research shows this is not the most effective method of learning for many of our students. The constructivist theory of learning posits students learn by building on their current body of knowledge. With this in mind, how then do instructors improve their students learning experience thereby increasing retention and success of their students? Research shows one effective practice is the use of Active Learning Strategies that enhance an instructor’s lecture. Active Learning Strategies include any activity that engages the student in cognitive processing of the course material. Responses requiring thoughtful consideration of the question, writing a short response, group work, and full body response to material are some possible strategies. The Active Learning Strategies session will model many strategies while exploring another dozen strategies. Professor Joan Cordova (faculty at Orange Coast College) has worked in both Phase II of the Basic Skills Initiative and as a BSI Project Coordinator in Phase III on a wide range of training activities. *Please note that registering for the morning session includes a free breakfast.*

“Learning Theory and Neuroscience: Teaching Students to REALLY Learn”

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Hosted by: Guest speaker Dr. Janet Fulks, Biology Professor, Bakersfield College

Time: 12:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (lunch at 12:15, workshop at 12:45)

Description: Integrating the latest brain research with effective teaching and student service practices has the power to direct strategies and build bridges to student success. Recent research elucidates how the brain learns, applies, recalls and scaffolds knowledge. This presentation describes how those findings can help faculty plan instruction and services that help developmental students achieve their academic potential. Since this is an interactive workshop, please bring your curriculum or syllabi so we can actually plan things for your own courses. Dr. Janet Fulks has been part of the Basic Skills Initiative Project since Phase II. She has served as the ASCCC SLO and Accreditation Chair, Curriculum Chair, Basic Skills Chair and Noncredit Chair. *Please note that registering for the afternoon session includes a free lunch, which will start at 12:15.*

Non-Palomar faculty: If you are coming from an outside campus, please RSVP by Monday, February 28 to pdoffice@palomar.edu with your name, email address, and college. Your college parking permits will be valid if you park in the main entrance parking lot for visitors, which is located off of West Mission Road.