

CCCUEnewsletter

January '24



“I love beginnings. If I were in charge of calendars, every day would be January 1.”
~Jerry Spinelli

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Did you know?

*January was named after the Roman god Janus. Janus had two faces which allowed him to look forward into the coming year and backward into the past year.

*The first New Year's ball drop in New York City started in 1908.

*Please send comments or suggestions for the newsletter to Jacqui Contreras, x9149

A Message from the E-Board

There's an old proverb that says "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." The E-board strives to incorporate that spirit in all of our efforts to represent classified staff, which is why we include your input in negotiations, have CCCUE representation in hiring committees and hiring practices, provide reclassification workshops and train stewards to act as liaisons between member departments and the E-Board. Remember that CCCUE is here to represent your right to a safe, just workplace but we cannot do it without you. While we may want to see progress happen fast, we believe that with you all, we can go far.

A message from CFT



The annual Council of Classified Employees Conference was held this past October in San Francisco with the theme "Flexing Our Power – Protecting Our Progress."

Jeff Freitas, President of the CFT, spoke to attendees with a special message: "We cannot open our schools without the classified, we cannot have our classes, the students could not get there without bus drivers, they would not be fed without cafeteria workers, they would not be welcomed in the morning without classified employees. We cannot have that without you. So, thank you for what you do."



We want to hear from you!

If you have anything that you would like to share with union membership – an accomplishment or event that deserves a shout-out, send any and all kudos and well-wishes to be featured in an upcoming newsletter to jacquelyn_contreras@cuesta.edu.

Upcoming Events

- General Meeting**
 January 11th, 3pm
 Join us in-person or virtually on Zoom. (recording provided on cccue.org)
- Reclassification Workshop**
 January 12th, Noon
- Stewards Meeting**
 January 18th, 3pm



Shout Out! To...

Kim Kekaha, Dee Limon, Brita Blue, Margarita Ramirez Morales

They went above and beyond to plan and execute our holiday party in December for SLO and NCC. Thanks to them, members enjoyed great food, raffle prizes and give-aways, and great company with classified staff. Thank you for all that you do for the union!

Cuesta Classified Updates



Classified Professional Mentor Program Launches

Be on the lookout for an application to become a mentor to new classified staff. The committee is looking for seasoned employees with at least two years of Cuesta experience to guide newcomers in policies, procedures, event information and campus culture. You could be the one to help the ‘new guy’ feel included.

If you have a new role and are looking to connect a mentor, please contact the committee at CIPProfDevelopment@cuesta.edu

Caring Campus

You may have heard this term in recent months. Because classified staff are often the first people that students contact on campus, help in times of crisis, and are the most knowledgeable about the college and local community, several classified staff have been selected to participate in a review of Cuesta’s efforts to make students feel welcome and a sense of connectedness to the college. Together with management, they have been working to identify several behavioral commitments that Cuesta can work on that will foster a positive college environment. These include: the Ten-Foot Rule, Nametags, Cross-Department Awareness, Warm Referrals and First Week Greetings. Stay tuned to hear updates on how classified will be working together with management to implement the behavioral commitments this year.

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Now that the holidays have passed, you may have found some things that could use a new home. Maybe your New Year's resolution is to deep clean and de-clutter your space. Whether it's home décor, sports equipment, entertainment or others, advertise here on the CCCUE trader.

Here is a sample of what this page could look like. Help us fill these ad spaces (and even a few more if needed) for the February issue!

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