Daily Press to Feature Second Accreditation Story

Dr. Christopher O’Hearn, Superintendent/President was interviewed by the Daily Press for a second story on accreditation. Key messages Dr. O’Hearn provided include:

- Victor Valley College is first and foremost dedicated to the welfare of our students.
- The recommendations of the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) are being embraced by the VVC community as an opportunity for continuously quality improvement.
- A number of people have stepped up to meet the challenge to complete all of the remaining recommendations set forth by the accrediting commission, and volunteer peer group advisors are working diligently to assist in the process.
- The processes are in place to assure compliance for establishing and assessing instructional and non-instructional outcomes, and a task list addressing all recommendations is guiding the process to ensure completion by the October 15, 2012 deadline.

Other information requested by the reporter included total cost of salaries and benefits for the college, and the final purchase agreement for land for the future west side campus. The story is expected to run this weekend. Be sure to regularly check the accreditation website for progress reports.

Accreditation Talk with Dr. Lori Kildal

Dr. Lori Kildal is Dean of Academic Programs and is also serving as the administrator assigned to SLO’s/Assessments for instruction and is assiting with non-instruction SAO’s.

Q: How would you rate our progress?

A: We have exceeded our goal at this point in time for Recommendation 2. This recommendation involves the evaluation of all programs throughout the college.

Q: As work progresses on the assessments and with the help of workshops, is the faculty finding the process easier?

A: Yes. The hands on workshops have been very beneficial. The Peer Assessment Leaders (faculty volunteers) can sit with them and walk them through the process and/or answer their questions.

Q: If there is one message you could send to the entire campus regarding accreditation, what would it be?

A: The SLOAC Committee and Peer Assessment Leaders appreciate the positive responses they’ve received from all faculty in regards to their assistance with assessments. Assessments are rolling in daily. Keep up the good work! Go for GOLD!! It’s an Olympic year!!