

Education

Education Is Power

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How good are our teachers? Are they doing their best to teach all of our children to work up to their capacity?

First things first. Our teachers are as good as their training allows them to be, and as good as they themselves are motivated to be.

Teaching, in the main, is a thankless job. Our children seldom seem to understand or appreciate what the teachers are trying to do. They go about their tasks with not a word of thanks to the teachers for their hard work.

Many parents, too, seem to look upon teachers as subprofessionals. They have very little information as to what makes up the teachers' work day. They do not seem to understand that teachers must not only perform regular teaching duties, but must, in many cases act as judge, jury, nurse, and referee with children. How soon we forget that our own children may behave one way at home and another at school. Also we must remember that our children are not the only children our teachers have to contend with. A teacher with twenty-five or thirty different children from as many families must be concerned with the background, motivation, values, and physical and mental characteristics of each child. The teacher must be sure that the child understands that he/she is liked and will receive impartial treatment in the classroom, while at the same time working to impart knowledge to each of his/her charges.

The teacher must keep abreast of the latest teaching techniques, usually by attending workshops, classes, seminars, conferences, and

We shall win the victory, that much is inexorable and so we call upon the spirit of our children and their children to witness what we have done and who we are, to learn strength from us and truth from us and be not afraid as we are not afraid to come forth for you have been counted. It is done!"

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CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

From the Office of AFFIRMATIVE ACTION & MINORITY AFFAIRS

MINORITY CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE UPDATE AT CCCC

Clark County Community College is always concerned that it fulfills its role as an equal opportunity employer. The College has put forth an extra effort to provide equal access to employment for minorities and women and we are very proud of that record. An analysis of the classified work force in-

positions. All employees are encouraged to upgrade their skills and several types of training are available. Our Grant-in-Aid program provides for reimbursement for courses that are job-related and that will improve current job performance. State Personnel Division training courses are also

persons have risen to such positions as Secretary to the Director of the Business Division, Secretary to the Dean of Educational Services, Secretary to the Business Manager, and Secretary to the Director of the Learning Resources Center, to mention a few.

CCCC tries hard to



Pictured above are, left to right Cecellia Carroll, Glenda Boulware, Marie Hughes, Carolyn Oates and Norma Bilbo, some of the minority women employed at Clark County Community College.

dicates that out of a total of 84 employees, 23.8% are minorities. This includes 14.8% Black, 8.3% Hispanic, and 1.2% American Indian.

Most employees are hired in entry-level

available and include supervisory training. In addition, the College also sponsors Staff Development seminars.

Promotion from within is the policy at CCCC and several minority

keep its employees happy so that they will want to maintain their employment at the College. Five and ten-year awards are given annually. Many employees have received these awards.

other in-service activities at his/her own expense.

The teacher is not only responsible to his/her charges, but are answerable to parents, school boards, principals, superintendents, supervisors, and to society in general, in addition to being responsible to the state.

Part of the reason for the tremendous pressure that is put upon teachers is that teachers are paid from public funds, and may not charge what their services are actually worth. This puts the teacher or the teaching profession at a tremendous disadvantage since they cannot set fees, send bills, etc., for work done as do members of other professions.

The pay of a teacher ranks alongside that of a garbage collector, although the expenses involved in being trained as a teacher are much much higher than that of being trained for garbage collecting. Nonetheless, the garbage collector is looked upon as a very necessary person (which he/she is), in the community, while the teacher is looked upon as a commodity that has to be put up with.

IOF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Independent Order of Foresters, Court Bonanza, has awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to their members children. IOF's sponsor this program yearly making these scholarships available to students already attending college as well as the current high school graduates, and may be used for education at any recognized college or university or a community college or vocational school.

This year's committee, chaired by Charlene Geltmacher, selected the following to receive each a \$500 scholarship: Rebecca Ellen Ruff, Lisa Ann McCarty and Louis Valeri (graduates of Western High School); Beth Hamlin (Loyala Mary Mount University, LA), Stacey Keys (UNLV) and Terri Dean (UNR).

Court Bonanza has awarded \$11,000 in the past five years locally.

Chairman Geltmacher "appreciated the response and hopes to be able to help with more financial aid in the future."

INSURANCE AGENT HONORED

State Farm Insurance agent Curtis Watson has earned membership in the Millionaire Club, State Farm's highest life insurance honor. Watson has earned membership twice. State Farm, one of the leading multiple-line insurers, provides insurance through exclusive, hometown agents.

The classified employee who has been with the College the longest is a minority employee.

Nowhere else in these United States do we get such a bargain for our money. The price paid for the services of a teacher, if computed on a per child basis for the entire school year would amount to approximately \$750 per child, which is much less than what we would have to pay for babysitting services for our children.

How good are our teachers? They are as good as we will allow them to be with all of our children who each has his/her own nuances. Do they do their best to teach all of our children, and to motivate them to work up to their capacity? Most teachers are sincere and do their best to teach children to try their best.

Yes, teachers are an important part of our society. For too long, they have been the overlooked positive of our society.

Thanks teachers. We know that you have, are, and will continue to do your best to help our children.