

Jasper Pushes Opportunity As Cheyenne Campus Provost



Dr. Franzine Jasper, provost of CCSN's Cheyenne Campus, strives to make the North Las Vegas campus as student-oriented and user-friendly as possible.

"There's a rhythm here at Community College of Southern Nevada. The place hums with energy and excitement. You can feel change in the air," enthused Dr. Franzine Jasper, new interim provost for CCSN's Cheyenne Campus.

For Jasper, part of the excitement is to help increase enrollment access for thousands more students and to support the faculty with the resources needed to educate those students.

"CCSN is throwing open the doors," she said, and reaching out to communities, encouraging people to enroll and offering them a wide range of classes, hours and days. But more than that, it means inviting people to take advantage of all that we offer."

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Internet) — 13 Solid West Coast Graduate Schools - but the best? Reputations and reality are often two different things. Some schools have weak and strong programs.

With that said, how would you rate/rank some of the following 13 schools (and others on the Left Coast) and one brief word/phrase you would associate with the particular school?

For example: San Diego State (public) border school, Seattle U (private) - Rainey and Catholic, Cal Poly (public) - fine engineering program.

1. Stanford (private)
2. Berkeley (public)
3. Cal Tech (private)
4. UCLA (public)

At Cheyenne Campus that includes the Performing Arts Center and Planetarium events, public access to the health and fitness facilities, as well as the planned public use of the interactive computer learning center and restaurant currently under construction.

Jasper encourages anyone seeking a better life to just step through the doors of the college. "The excitement of just registering for a course and attending one class can open up a whole new world if ideas and possibilities that you may never have thought of before."

She speaks from experience. Almost 30 years ago, Jasper knew she wanted to be a nurse, but she wanted to ease into college. "In 1967, I took a

5. Claremont (private)
6. Washington (public)
7. UC-Davis (public)
8. Southern Cal (private)
9. UC-Santa Barbara (public)
10. Oregon (public)
11. UC-Irvine (public)
12. UC-San Diego (public)
13. UNLV (public)

(B. Lukoff of the University of Washington writes) — By the way, is this list already in order? I'm glad to see the UW is so well thought of!

(David, a graduate student at the University of Texas writes) — I just moved to Texas from California to get an MBA at the University of Texas. I would describe the schools as:

1. Stanford (private) - good school, excellent reputation.

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summer sociology course. We talked about the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement. I got so excited, I spent a total of nine years taking college and university courses," she explained.

Jasper got her Associate Degree in nursing from New York City Community College and continued her education until she received her doctorate in law from Hofstra University.

At CCSN since 1988, the former nursing department chair at CCSN's West Charleston Campus has started meeting

with area business and community leaders in her new position. She's also made an impression in Henderson where she received the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award.

She's looking forward to marketing college services to business to meet training needs and forging partnerships that could also result in business scholarships and internships. "We need to be creative and entrepreneurial in crafting and marketing our educational programs," Jasper said.

One of the ideas she'd like CCSN to explore would be a Weekend College Program, with coursework presented over seven weekends. During a regular semester, weekend students could take two seven-week courses sandwiched around a two-week break.

It is the community college's mission to meet the educational needs of the community and its residents that Jasper pushes the most.

"The community college is a good place to get started on bettering your life," she said.

"There is a nurturing environment here. We have a good support system - counseling, financial aid, a cultural diversity department. You can leave here and go out and work - you get the beginnings of a career here."

This advice should be well taken from a woman who began her career working full-time and raising four children. Jasper is proof of how far you can go if you take the next step.

"Just take one class. Come and get started. It can change your life if you do that," Jasper stressed.

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