Focus on Funding is a newsletter published by the St. Louis Community College Office of Institutional Development (OID). It features external funding opportunities available from federal, state, local and private funding sources, as well as other news. For more information about the OID and services provided by staff, please contact Castella Henderson, Director, at 314/539-5354, or visit the OID web page at: http://www.stlcc.edu/odweb/.

Grant Opportunities

Higher Education HP Technology for Teaching Grant Initiative

The Higher Education HP (Hewlett Packard) Technology for Teaching grant initiative is designed to help colleges and universities positively impact student learning and increase the pipeline of students graduating with degrees in engineering, computer science and business. This initiative supports the development of mobile technology environments that, at their fullest implementation, will:

- Transform teaching and learning in the higher education environment
- Measurably improve student achievement
- Inspire and engage faculty across and between institutions to adopt technology-enhanced instructional best-practices in their classrooms
- Foster scholarly research and publications that document the positive impact that course redesign combined with mobile technology can have.

Accredited two- or four-year colleges or universities in the US or Puerto Rico are eligible to apply. Only proposals from full-time faculty members will be considered. A maximum of one grant will be awarded to an institution. In two-year colleges, the proposed projects must focus on the redesign of a math, science, computer science course that provides students with required credits that will transfer to a four-year college for the completion of a degree in computer science, computer engineering, or engineering (EE, ME, Materials, or IT engineering).

The award package is valued at $70,000, and includes an HP product package and $15,000 as

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Faculty and Staff Kudos

The following SLCC projects have been funded recently. Project directors, sources, grant amounts, and descriptions for two of the recent awards are as follows:

Jeanne Edwards, Missouri Department of Social Services $139,215. A grant for St. Louis Community College to provide assistance to child care centers that are seeking accreditation, thereby increasing the quality of childcare available in the community.

Michael Holmes, University of St. Louis/U.S. Department of Education, $829,803. The first year of a six year grant for St. Louis Community College to partner with University of Missouri at St. Louis in the St. Louis in Gear for Success (SLINGS) project. The Florissant Valley and Forest Park campuses will participate in this project which will impact approximately 6,000 seventh graders in eight area school districts (Ferguson-Florissant, Hazelwood, Jennings, Normandy, Riverview Gardens, St. Louis Public Schools, University City and Wellston). The award covers tours of college campuses, educational and cultural field trips and career exploration programs and college scholarships. The program aims to boost high school graduation and college-going rates for every seventh-grader in the participating school districts, following the students until they graduate from high school.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Coca-Cola Two Year Colleges Scholarship Program

On December 1, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Inc. will distribute information to two-year colleges about its 2006 scholarship opportunity. The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program, annually awards 400 scholarships ($1000 - $2000) to students attending higher education institutions granting two-year terminal degrees. Nomination materials are sent to colleges across the country asking them to nominate two students from their campus by May 31st deadline. Interested students should contact their school representative, which will be posted on their website, to complete nomination information. Nominees are then directed to complete an online application.

For more information, contact the SLCC Office of Institutional Development at 539-5354.