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## Announcements:

- The priority deadline for winter 2008 CaT1 Internship applications is Nov. 19! However, students may turn in completed applications as long as space remains until January 8.
- CaT 3 will be offered for the first time winter 2008. Intent to Participate forms are due Dec. 3. More details just below.
- Cal Teach students can be reimbursed for CBEST and CSET registration costs. Contact Lea at [lea@ucsc.edu](mailto:lea@ucsc.edu) if you've taken one of the tests or are registered for an upcoming test.
- The Education Department will count the Cal Teach sequence in its minor. Come by the Cal Teach office for details.
- Congratulations to **Melissa Leong** (science) and **John Edwards** (math) who won the raffle at the fall orientation sessions and each took home a new printer!



Come check out our improved student lounge in Thimann 361!

**The W designation has been approved for CaT 3!** CaT 3 will satisfy the general education requirement for a writing intensive course and help prepare students for the type of writing that will be expected of them in a credential program.

## Impressions from Current Cal Teach 2 Math Interns:

My experience in Cal Teach has been a memorable one. Working one-on-one with students in the classroom really gives teaching a whole new meaning. These are definitely the types of experiences I will look back on and remember when I'm teaching my own class.

-Alsacia Apodaca  
Sana Cruz High, Algebra 1A and AVID

My experience at Pacific Collegiate School is quite the opposite from working at Santa Cruz High. Students are more responsible. It's a different environment from where I grew up. I am learning how to approach different students and how to tutor them without telling the answer, before they have even worked it out."

-Jessica Abarca, Pacific Collegiate, Math

Being an intern has helped me learn from other teachers' accomplishments and negative aspects to know what to do as a future teacher."

-Edith Ruiz  
Pacific Collegiate, Algebra 1A

One time in class, a group of the "popular" students was sitting and chatting with each other. I came by to try and get them working, but they tried to avoid it by asking me questions. "You're in college, right?" "Do you party?" "Do you drink?" I told them that I only answer the questions of students who do their work. I made a deal: if they did 5 homework problems by the time I came back to their table, I would answer one question. I walked away and when I came back 5 minutes later, they showed me 10 problems each and exclaimed, "That's 2 questions!!" It's amazing what can motivate young students! :)

-Sarah Longaker, Mission Hill Middle School, Math

## The Credential Process



Are you thinking about entering a credential program? It's our goal to help you on your road to getting a credential. During our lunchbox event, "Navigating the California Credential Process," (November 13, 12-1pm Thimann 361) we will help you figure out what still needs to be done to apply to credential programs. There will be information about taking the CBEST and CSET, about funding opportunities, and the requirements for applying to various programs in the area. Application deadlines are approaching fast, so come find out more!

### UCSC Credential and Masters in Education Program

UCSC's Education Department offers a 12-month combined teaching credential and M.A. in Education program. They are hoping to expand their cohort of secondary math and science teachers, and Cal Teach graduates are strong candidates. The program begins in July, and the deadline to apply for the 2008-09 class is January 15, 2008. Come by the Cal Teach office for more information!

### Credential Funding Opportunities for Cal Teach Students:

- The Mark Bruce Fellowship for Math and Science Teachers provides up to \$10,000 to several UCSC Cal Teach or CMST students planning to attend UCSC's M.A./Credential program. The fellowship is made possible by a donation from Stephen ('79 Cowell) and Mona Bruce in honor of Stephen's late brother, Mark. Eligible students will be invited to submit applications to the fellowship committee in mid-February. Stay tuned to the Cal Teach website for application details.
- The KSTF Teaching Fellows Program provides funding, mentoring, and professional development for graduate school and beyond! We urge Cal Teach students who are currently applying to a credential program to apply for this prestigious, competitive, and financially generous fellowship. Applications are due Jan. 14. We will help you with the application process!
- APLE (Assumption Program of Loans for Educators) pays off some student loans, \$15,000-\$19,000 over four years, for K-12 science or math teachers who work in a California school for at least a year upon graduation. Apply for APLE through your university during your junior or senior year or your credential year. At UCSC, APLE applicants in our math or science credential program receive highest priority for these loan forgiveness awards.

### Dates to Remember:

11/19/07	Priority deadline for CaT 1 Winter 2008 applications
12/1/07	Take the CBEST! (late registration by Nov. 20)
12/3/07	Deadline for Intent to Participate form for returning students enrolling in CaT3
1/8/08	New Intern Orientation, Thimann 391, 6-8pm
1/12/08	Take the CSET! (register by Dec. 14)
1/15/08	Deadline for UCSC M.A./Credential applications
2/9/08	Take the CBEST! (register by 1/11)

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