

# VVC to host inservice day for faculty, staff

## College moves to resolve accreditation concerns

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VICTORVILLE • Victor Valley College will host an annual inservice day Aug. 30 to focus on actions that can be taken to assure student success and meet accreditation standards, according to a VVC news release.

The convocation was organized in response to an informal suggestion made by the Accrediting Commission for Colleges and Junior Colleges, the release states.

VVC officials said the day is designed to foster talks among faculty and staff and how to improve the quality and effectiveness of education at the school. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the results of program review and learning outcome assessments and then use these results to improve the institution along with student success.

“We have not held one of these sessions for several years due to changes in the college calendar, which prohibited the opportunity to set aside a day for this endeavor,” said Acting Superintendent/ President Peter Allan in the news release. “I am pleased that the college has responded in such a positive manner to this suggestion.”

The convocation, which is open only to faculty and staff, will begin with a “State of the College” address and will be followed by several breakout sessions. The sessions will give an opportunity to discuss progress made toward meeting the recommendations set forth by the ACCJC. Other breakout sessions will focus on review processes and implementation of the findings.

In a letter addressed to the college, Barbara Beno, president of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges for ACCJC, said by holding a convocation at the start of the 2013-14 academic year, the college will have the opportunity to examine and develop processes for an institution-wide discussion of quality and educational effectiveness.

“The convocation will be a means by which the college considers evidence of institutional quality that program review and learning assessment have yielded, and continue the discussion over the year in setting, funding and implementing institutional priorities for improvement,” she wrote.

Allan said when the commission makes a suggestion, “the college listens and acts.”

“I am pleased with the progress the college has made toward meeting the recommendations handed down by ACCJC,” Allan said. “This convocation will give us all a chance to see where we are and what we need to do to improve. I am an optimist and believe we will satisfy the sanctions, but am cautious enough to know that there is still plenty of work to be done.”