



#### ACCREDITATION WORKSHOPS



**Sean Hancock**, Vice Chancellor for Student and Institutional Success, led two workshops on accreditation and the role that District Services plays in the process. The two college accreditation liaison officers, **Brianna Hays**, Senior Dean, Institutional Effectiveness, Success, and Equity at Cuyamaca College and **Catherine Webb**, Senior Dean for College Planning and Institutional

Effectiveness at Grossmont College, also participated.

Hancock explained that accreditation is a peer review process that assures the education community and the general public that institutions meet standards of quality. Colleges are also required to be accredited in order to receive government funding.

Hancock has been leading the District Services efforts to work with the colleges in completing their Institutional Self Evaluation Reports (ISER). The reports have been submitted to the accrediting teams, which will be visiting the campuses September 30-October 3. A determination from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges is expected in January.

#### SELF-SERVICE LAUNCHES

Beginning with the summer semester, the Information Technology Department (IT), with guidance from the colleges and faculty, implemented an innovative new feature within Self-Service called Add Authorizations. Add Authorizations is replacing the previous “add code” feature within WebAdvisor as a method to add students to courses. This will set the stage for more advance student centered features to be added to Self-Service such as Student Planning (Spring 2020)

Self-Service is more secure for students and is more web-friendly and easier for students and faculty to use. IT will work closely with college staff and faculty to migrate all of the relevant features we use from WebAdvisor into Self-Service by 2021. Thanks to the IT Department, college staff and faculty for leading this effort.

## DISTRICT SERVICES FUN FRIDAY



It was carnival time at District Services for the Fun Friday potluck sponsored by Student and Institutional Success. Employees were treated to hot dogs and other snacks and had the opportunity to win prizes by playing traditional carnival games such as darts, ring toss, ball toss, and a Nerf gun shooting gallery.

The big winner was Senior Recruiter **Lorena Carpenter**,



who invested her winning tickets in a raffle with prizes that included games, puzzles, and gift cards.

Fun Friday is an opportunity for District Services employees to step away from their desks for a relaxing lunch and to get to know each other. The lunches are held quarterly.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEE



Welcome to **Gabe Neri**, Web Applications Specialist.

Gabe, a Navy veteran, previously worked for the Department of Defense, iMatrix, Sony Interactive Entertainment, Inc., and a digital therapeutics company called Owaves, Inc.

He graduated from Platt College San Diego with an Associate of Applied Science in Graphic Design and then with a Bachelor of Science Media Arts in Web Design and Development. He plans to earn his Master's degree in Computer Science.