2014 CONFERENCE

**CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
BANNER GROUP**

ANNOUNCEMENT - SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR 3CBG CONFERENCE

For the past several years, 3CBG has been doing separate 1-day conferences for North and South in the fall around September or October due to the budget constraints. Although these 1-day conferences have been successful in spite of the limited timeframe, the 3CBG members continually express their desire to be able to go back to the previous formats held last in 2007, whereby we had a 3-day conference and attendees had the opportunity to network with their peers from other colleges.

Well, we have great news! For our next conference, we will expand the conference timeframe to a multi-day event with both North and South colleges combined. The 3CBG organization in partnership with our CISOA organization will hold a combined conference in early 2014. The 3CBG conference will be co-located with CISOA, but each organization will still have their own conference program geared to their participants. However, the breakfast, lunch, and dinner events will be held together to maximize our usage of the facilities and share the costs.

Save the Date for February 23 through 25 in Anaheim at the Disneyland Hotel with discounted hotel rates. Registration will begin November 11th and a link with information about registration will be provided at www.3cbg.org and www.cisoa.net . The registration fee will be $350 for the 3-day event and the hotel rate will be $110/night. This year's theme is "Connecting with Technology" and we are very honored that the keynote speaker of the conference will be Chancellor Dr. Brice Harris.

Both 3CBG and CISOA are very excited about this new conference format and are looking forward to the multi-day event. We believe that returning to this previous format will better facilitate the popular networking with your peers at other Banner schools to learn new and better ways to take advantage of the Banner system features and third party products. In addition, the same staff often wants to attend both the 3CBG and CISOA conferences, so this will give more staff opportunity to join in both conference settings. With the current California State budget situation, the sharing of information to help us do more for less with our Banner System remains paramount to our continuing success and both the 3CBG and CISOA conferences have been excellent forums to accomplish this goal. **The 3CBG 2014 Program Committee is seeking proposals from our 3CBG colleges for presentations, demonstrations, and panel discussions focused on the topics of Banner Products and Integrated Interfaces into ERP's for Student Success and Education. Proposals may be submitted via web at 3CBG/CISOA 2014 Programs.**

For this Fall 2013, which is typically the time of our 3CBG conference, we have already started having online Webinars to share information with our 3CBG members even before the February conference. The first of the series of Webinars by our Ellucian vendor was the 5 separate Degree Works Webinars held August 26 through August 29, which were very well done and received a lot of good feedback from the participants. These Webinars were recorded and are posted on our 3CBG website. We will be having a second series of Webinars on the new Banner XE Architecture with both a functional and technical overview as well as the student registration. We will notify the 3CBG members via email on the Webinar dates and we will also post the Webinar offerings on our 3CBG website.