It’s spring at ALTEC! Some upcoming events of note:

ALTEC won a 2008 Diversity and Excellence Grant from the Office of the President. This spring, we will offer ESL training to classified staff from Wardenburg, the Recreation Center, and the UMC. We are partnering with the International English Center on this pilot program. Registration is underway for eligible employees, and we hope the pilot program will develop into an ongoing effort to expand the language skills of our university’s diverse staff.

Our first Spring Culture Fest will be held at the Recreation Center on Thursday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We’ll be offering dance lessons, live music, foreign films, and an information fair as part of activities highlighting the cultures and languages taught within CU’s foreign language departments. The winners of our ALTEC Video Shorts Contest will be announced at the Festival, and the winning films will be shown. More information will be available soon to students, staff, and faculty who would like to be part of this Festival. Save the date!

This spring, the search for a new permanent ALTEC director will bring three candidates to campus for presentations on language pedagogy and technology. These talks will be open to the campus. We hope you can come to hear these experts vie for the chance to become ALTEC’s next director.

- Heather A. Beasley, Ph. D.
In fall 2007, ALTEC offered eight workshops and organized a Language Technology Share-Fair. A total of 103 participants attended these workshops, which represents a 41% increase since the curriculum of the Language Technology Certificate was revamped in fall 2006.

Our spring 2008 schedule includes four new workshops.

Congratulations to Daniel Walker (Ph. D. candidate in the Spanish and Portuguese department) who is the first graduate student to receive the Language Technology Certification. Three students have completed all the required workshops and are currently working on their portfolios.

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For more information, see the website below:
http://altec.colorado.edu/certificate

A Glance Back at the 2007 Share Fair

Thank you to all those who participated in the first language technology Share Fair on November 9, 2007. The feedback was very positive and we hope to turn it into an annual ALTEC event.
New Year’s Resolution? Why not make it something you can actually look forward to? How about travel more… or travel, period! Why not learn a new language or brush up on an old one? ALTEC is standing by to help you reach this goal. The spring language classes kick off the week of January 28th. Choosing from 11 classes might be the hardest part of your new resolution.

Our language instructors make the decision an easy one. There are just some things that can’t be learned from a CD or textbook. All of our instructors are highly proficient, dedicated to their students, and are among the best at CU. Surveys and comments from past students confirm this each semester. You can sign up with confidence knowing that you are in good hands.

What are you saying?

“The teacher was great. She made the class fun - challenging but not intimidating. It was also a nice mix of people, but the teacher really made the class what it was. She was VERY GOOD at explaining things so that what we were learning made sense.” (Spanish 1)

Spring Foreign Language Classes

We had a great response to the 2007 fall faculty/staff ALTEC foreign language program, now in its seventh year. 119 people from numerous departments participated this fall in nine different language classes. Many thanks to all of the students and language instructors who participated.

ALTEC is offering 8 week non-credit language courses available ONLY to all CU retirees, faculty, staff, graduate students and their spouses.

Classes Start: JANUARY 28th

Cost: $60

http://altec.colorado.edu/languageclasses

Contact:
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Language Discovery is a 3-week class that introduces students to new languages established recently at CU. Students are provided with an overview of the language, history and culture. This spring, we are pleased to have Margaretha Sudarsih teaching the Discover Indonesia class.

Sign up in February for this great opportunity.

ALTEC Student Video Shorts Contest

For Complete Details Please Visit Us at:
http://altec.colorado.edu/videoshorts

Any CU undergraduate or graduate student is eligible to participate in the upcoming ALTEC Video Shorts Contest.

is the theme of the contest.
Movie shorts are short. 45 seconds short. Please keep your shorts clean, family-friendly, and culturally sensitive.

All movie shorts should be in Quicktime format and submitted on a CD or DVD, with registration and actor release forms, to David Nicoll by April 4th, no later than 4:00 pm.

Download the required forms:
http://altec.colorado.edu/videoshorts

Submissions can be made at ALTEC’s main office in Hellem’s 158, or sent through campus mail to:

David Nicoll
ALTEC VIDEO CONTEST
239 UCB, Hellem's

DUE APRIL 4TH