

Message from the President



This past year brought many changes and challenges to Napa Valley College and the California Community College system. On the state level new master plans were completed for higher education and community colleges. At the local level Napa Valley College completed its first long-range strategic plan. These two plans clearly identify the importance of an educated citizenry in an increasingly technological society and globally interdependent world.

In 1987-88 Napa Valley College, working with schools, businesses, government, and other community agencies, took a number of positive steps to meet these challenges. This annual report highlights our progress on many of our major goals: improving the quality of academic programs, assuring student access and success, responding to the job training and educational needs of our community, and building partnerships.

We at Napa Valley College are never totally satisfied with our performance. We continually strive to improve and innovate. And, as president, I like to hear from the public about how you think we are doing and what else we should be accomplishing.

Although we look back on 1987-88 with satisfaction, our focus is not the past but the future, where education holds the key for the individual and society. As the community's college, we want to work with you to assure a brighter future for all residents – from the recent high school graduate to the older adult learner.

Dr. Bill Feddersen
President

Napa Valley College is one of the largest employers in Napa County. We have more than 300 full and part-time faculty members, a support staff of 120, 25 administrators, and a student work force of more than 250.

Classes are held throughout the county at locations convenient to local residents. In addition to its Napa campus, the college schedules classes at the Upper Valley Center in St. Helena, the Main Street Center, and the new Small Business Center in Napa, as well as in over 50 other locations such as libraries, senior centers, schools, and community centers.



Major Grant for Campus Art

Thanks to a \$10,000 challenge grant from Mr. Peter Bedford of Bedford Properties, Napa Valley College's first major work of art on campus will soon be in place. A near-life-sized bronze sculpture of a grizzly bear and her cubs, posed fishing for salmon, will grace the campus fountain in front of the administration building. The sculpture was designed by

Franco Vianello, a world renowned sculptor and modern artist who was born in Italy and has his studio and gallery in Napa. To match the grant, the college is seeking contributions from employees and the community. Contributions may be made payable to Napa Valley College Foundation, and sent in care of the President's Office.