

### Anthony Wren Bio

Anthony (Tony) Wren, has been a Community College Chemistry Teacher at Butte College in Oroville California for over thirty years, seven of which he served as Chair of the Chemistry Department.

Tony states that his greatest reward is the success of the several students that he mentors every year with on-going professional and personal support. He provides counseling to students on the preparation and expectation for degrees in the life and physical sciences as well in the professional programs such as pharmacology and Medicine.

He also mentors younger chemistry instructors as they have joined the faculty. In 2002, his peers at Butte College awarded him “The Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year.”

Tony’s collaborations with local high schools and four year colleges and universities, have assisted in more student transfers and better articulation between two and four year schools. One of his achievements as chair was to support the efforts of the department to stage several “Chemistry Day” events for the local high schools. He participated in the California Intersegmental Major Preparation Articulated Curriculum (IMPAC) project (<http://www.cal-impac.org/>), a project that sought to improve articulation between California Community Colleges and the UC and CSU systems. This, in turn, led to a much stronger relationship between the department and the Chemistry Department at CSU-Chico, and has allowed Tony to better serve the needs of the students in his role as a professional advisor. Three direct offshoots of the Cal/IMPAC experience were his participation in the establishment of a local American Chemical Society chapter subsection, an annual Community College Conference sponsored by the Chemistry faculty at CSU-Chico, and the development of the sophomore-level one-year organic chemistry course (CHEM 21 and 22) for the Butte College students.

Tony’s continuing contribution to teaching includes his many years in active management of the Northern California Community College Computer Consortium (NC<sup>5</sup>), an organization of approximately 56 Community Colleges formed to promote and disseminate the use of computers and related technologies to improve instruction in colleges.

Tony has also enhanced the student and teaching experience at Butte College by being the lead author on writing and publishing of two general chemistry laboratory manuals. Through his efforts and involvement, Tony was instrumental in obtaining funding for a research-quality GC/MS and state of the art FTIR spectrometer for student use.

Tony’s dedication to young adults, training and community is demonstrated by his more than 20 years contribution to the Boy Scouts of America Adult Volunteer programs.