Cerritos College Welcomes New President

“From the very first moment, I was excited about becoming a Falcon,” stated Dr. Linda L. Lacy, the ninth president/supersintendent of Cerritos College. She began her new job at the college on September 14, 2009.

When asked why she chose Cerritos College, Dr. Lacy responded, “I was impressed with the dedication of the faculty, staff, students and administration.”

Although the state and the nation are suffering the worst economic situation in decades, there is still a strong feeling of optimism and conviction to serve the students of Cerritos College,” added Dr. Lacy. “I have witnessed staff, faculty and administrators coming together to make very difficult decisions. There is an undeniably strong sense of pride and tradition.”

Dr. Lacy comes to the college after serving most recently as vice chancellor of student services and operations at the Riverside Community College District. Dr. Lacy dedicated 23 years to serving the Riverside Community College District in multiple capacities beginning in 1986 as an instructor and coach. She served as interim president of Riverside City College from 2006 to 2008. Before her career at Riverside, she served for twelve years as an instructor and assistant principal in a K-12 school system in Oklahoma.

During her tenure as vice chancellor of student services and operations, she supervised district functions such as student financial aid services, Disabled Student Programs and Services, health services, food services, the bookstore, college outreach, and college safety and police. Her administrative experience includes budget formulation and regulation, development of board policy, evaluation of managers, and development of the program review process for student services. Dr. Lacy’s past interim presidential duties included overseeing the general daily operation of Riverside City College, the development of the educational and facilities master plan, the accreditation self-study, the renovation of the Quad, and serving as liaison with the Wood Streets Association.

Dr. Lacy believes in the college’s active involvement within the community. In addition to her time as vice chancellor at the Riverside Community College District, Dr. Lacy was very active within the community serving on the boards of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Downtown Partnership, the Mayor’s Cultural Accountability Performance, the City Task Force, and Wells Fargo Inland Bank.

“Cerritos has been and will continue to be the community’s college,” said Dr. Lacy.

Cerritos College Receives $2.5 Million Grant for Its Innovative Developmental Education Initiative

iFALCON Addresses Traits Essential to Student Success

Dr. Stephen Clifford, professor of English, who co-directs the iFALCON campaign along with Lynn Serwin, associate professor of English. "The entire campus - including faculty, staff, managers and students - has contributed to introduce the iFALCON concept and the study skills to students, which was amazing."

For Rosa Castañeda, the campaign has changed her behavior. Castañeda is the vice president of the Associated Students of Cerritos College and the president of the iFALCON club, which was established to raise funds to support the iFALCON scholarship for students. Juggling school, job, student government and club responsibilities, she manages to balance and organize her challenging schedule by practicing the iFALCON habits.

"The iFALCON campaign presents the necessary skills that students need to apply, not only within their academic studies, but to their life," said Castañeda. "These are the life skills one will need in order to succeed in anything one sets one’s mind to. I can definitely say that this campaign has already helped a multitude of students."
Greetings!

This issue of In Sight comes as I move into the presidency at Cerritos College. I am honored to serve you, and I look forward to leading the college through a series of new opportunities and challenges. Inside, you will see a variety of stories about our students, faculty and staff that go above and beyond. These are examples of our commitment to helping students build their futures through learning.

Cerritos College is one of the finest community colleges in the nation. In any complex organization with many missions there are goals to be set and improvements to be made. My first few months will be spent listening to the faculty, staff, students and fellow administrators. Based on their feedback I will then set goals for subsequent years. At first glance the following will be goals for the 2009-10 academic year:

- Create a governance structure based on transparency and open dialogue;
- Improve transfer by strengthening the college’s relationships with the universities;
- Seek methods to continue to offer a strong, comprehensive college with advanced classes, honors classes, and career and technical programs, to name a few, during budget shortages;
- Emphasize developmental education to meet the needs of underprepared students;
- Strengthen connections between the college and the unified school districts it serves;
- Seek funds through private, corporate and grant opportunities;

We are acutely aware that the economic downturn is affecting each one of us. Thanks to your local bond dollars, we are able to continue improving our campus despite the challenging economy. In fact, we broke ground for our new Classroom/Laboratory/Office Building Complex #1 and the highly anticipated Southland Cerritos Center for Transportation Technologies (SCCTT) last semester, and hope to break ground soon for a new Facilities Building. We will be dedicating the newly completed Aquatic Center this fall. We do not take this responsibility lightly and continue to ensure that your local bond dollars are maximized and supplemented with alternative funding sources whenever possible.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving you.

DR. LINDA L. LACY
President/Superintendent

Cerritos College

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Cerritos College held a groundbreaking ceremony for its eagerly anticipated Southland Cerritos Center for Transportation Technologies (SCCTT) on March 27.

Over 200 people including college officials, community members, auto manufacturers, dealers and dignitaries attended the celebration. Two major donors for this construction project, the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association and the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association, were each represented by their executive directors, Charlie Gil and Todd Leutheuser.

Dignitaries in attendance included Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Director of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s Los Angeles office Billie Greer and Assemblyman Hector De La Torre.

“The Center is critical in creating thousands of jobs we need to help America’s recovery,” said Congresswoman Napolitano. “Green technology is changing the industry, and Cerritos College is leading the path.”

The new state-of-the-art Auto Complex will house the Hybrid and Alternative Fuels Training Center, three manufacturer-sponsored technician apprentice programs (General Motors, Ford and Chrysler), and Northwood University’s West Coast program center that offers a bachelor’s degree in automotive management for full-time students and working adults.

The proposed training center will include a $9 million renovation of the existing three-acre auto complex and a new $6 million automotive partners building that will focus on management education for the auto industry. When completed in 2010, the center will have a large role in filling the ever-changing, highly skilled employment needs of the auto industry.

Project Status
As of August, all piles and grade beams, foundation plumbing and electrical rough-in are complete and the contractor is currently pouring the cement for the ground floor. The major structural steel for the building is near completion and the steel stud work for the exterior and interior walls is underway.

Cerritos College was honored at the eighth annual Sustainability Conference held at the University of California, Santa Barbara, June 21-24, 2009. Attended by nearly 800 individuals from UC, CSU, and Community College systems, the conference honors and shares innovative and best practices in campus sustainability for all three public higher education systems statewide. Cerritos College earned recognition for efforts in areas such as building retrofits and operations. The two honorable mentions specifically recognized the college’s infrastructure/Central Plant and lighting upgrades. These retrofits, along with other campus transformation projects, were made possible through community support for the 2004 G.O. bond measure.

The new $17 million Classroom/Laboratory/Office Building Complex 1 broke ground on March 4.

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Cambodian Monirath Siv has only been in the United States for a little over three years, but has already made a bigger impact on his community than most people do in their whole lives.

He left Cambodia in 2006 in search of the American Dream. He wanted to take full advantage of all the educational opportunities that America offers. He believes many things can be accomplished with hard work and that nothing is going to stop him from being successful.

Siv arrived in the U.S. when he was a senior in high school and attended Long Beach Jordan High School. He had quite a difficult time adjusting to life in America and the culture shock that came with the change, but he used the courage and strength his parents armed him with to overcome the challenges he faced.

He worried he might not graduate because of the language barrier he experienced, but just like with everything else, Siv excelled. He graduated from high school on time with a perfect 4.0 GPA and was asked by the school principal to speak as valedictorian for the Jordan High School class of 2007.

Siv took two buses to get to Cerritos College from his house in Long Beach. His commute took an hour and 20 minutes each day, but he felt it was definitely worth every minute. He believes that the college offered him the best quality of education possible and strengthened his academic resume that he used to transfer.

The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship he received last year was just the beginning of his national recognition.

In April, Siv was chosen as California’s 2009 New Century Scholar, namely the top scorer in the state, as well as All-California First Academic Team, and named to the 2009 All USA Community College Academic Team. The good news came one after another. He was also named one of the nation’s top scholars by the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program. He was among 30 students chosen from nearly 500 applicants from two-year colleges nationwide.

Both the All-USA Team appointment and the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship are very rare honors bestowed upon a student and a campus. In fact, Siv is the only Cerritos College student to win either, let alone both, of these national honors in the college’s history.

With these national honors, Siv added to his list of achievement including the College Access Cal-SOAP Scholarship and the Lucy and Joseph Cho Foundation Scholarship.

Amazingly, Siv somehow finds time to volunteer with numerous organizations while working hard and excelling in academic achievement.

“As a lifelong learner I want to learn more things beyond schoolwork,” said Siv. “I extend my academics by bringing my energy and skills to the community in a form of volunteering in order to experience new things.”

Siv plans to expand his education by double majoring in biomedical engineering and chemistry at Washington University in St. Louis to which he transferred this fall.
Cerritos College history professor Susan Oliver wrote Betty Friedan: The Political is Personal for those who have not been exposed to the women’s movement.

Oliver has found that because her students were not alive during the founding of the movement, many are not aware of the full impact that Friedan made on the current state of women in America.

“Betty Friedan’s impact on second wave feminism has not been fully explored in the current literature in women’s history and women’s studies,” said Oliver.

Yet, those who were part of the women’s movement in the late 1960s and 1970s have affirmed that Friedan’s leadership, vision, and tenacity assured the success of the National Organization for Women (NOW). I think that young people today will benefit from knowing about Friedan’s influence because what she did made clear that an individual’s choice is a right, not an option.”

Oliver spoke of how Friedan’s book The Feminine Mystique influenced her own views as a woman. “I read The Feminine Mystique in 1968 and could identify with what she was saying,” Oliver said. “The idea of what she proposed was very attractive.”

The New York Times called Friedan “the feminist crusader and author whose searing first book, The Feminine Mystique, ignited the contemporary women’s movement in 1963 and as a result permanently transformed the social fabric of the United States and countries around the world,” in her obituary when she died in 2006. Friedan also co-founded and served as the first president of the National Organization for Women (NOW) in 1966.

Oliver’s book follows the life of the status quo challenger from childhood to death. It is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

Cerritos College history professor Susan Oliver signing a copy of her new book, Betty Friedan: The Political is Personal.

Cerritos College Counselor Shares His Experiences with Others

Marcelino Saucedo is one of the first-generation children from parents that fled their homeland of Tepehuanes, Durango, Mexico for Catalina Island, California. Mexico was in a state of upheaval during the 1910 Revolution and many Mexicans were fleeing the country for the promise of jobs and safety in America. The rumored safe haven on a California island circulated through the small town where Saucedo's parents grew up.

Gregorio Saucedo left Tepehuanes for Catalina in 1920 and Maria, Marcelino’s mother, made her journey in 1922. Both left their homeland not knowing what America would have to offer, but their destination was the same. They reacquainted with each other in the Pebbly Beach barrio on the island and soon got married and started a family.

Marcelino was born on Catalina Island in 1935. He was just one of many children on the island that were born to Mexican immigrants.

The island, which was a Mexican territory until 1848, started to see an influx of immigrants after William Wrigley Jr., of the chewing gum company, bought it in 1919 and turned it into what people see it as today. The majority of labor was done using the immigrants fleeing the dangers in Mexico.

Saucedo, who has been working at Cerritos College as a counselor for the past 36 years, grew up in the Mexican community on American soil and was influenced by both of the cultures that surrounded him.

“I was able to evaluate the two cultures and select the best of both,” Saucedo said. “I appreciated the strengths of the Spanish language and the Mexican culture and still I was proud to be an American citizen. I absorbed the best of each and made it part of who I am today.”

Saucedo wasn’t quite sure what he wanted to do with his life when he was growing up, but he knew he didn’t want to spend his whole life working in the rock quarry on Catalina. He left the island in search of something more, something better, than what Catalina could offer him.

He earned both a bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and by 1976 he also earned his Marriage Family Therapist’s License. His career has been full of moves and changes, but he has spent the majority of it at Cerritos College helping students chase their own dreams.

“Each level, coaching, teaching, high school and college counseling, all presented new challenges and I learned and loved the challenges,” Saucedo said about his career. “I feel that I was successful at each level.”

Saucedo has taken on each new challenge that has come his way and in 2004 he challenged himself yet again. He decided that the history of Mexican immigrants was an important part of California history that was consistently overlooked by historians. He took it upon himself to write a book detailing the mark that immigrants have left on California and Catalina.

“My purpose was to validate the profile of a group that contributed so much to our nation,” he said. “The religious and family values, the work ethic, the altruistic giving for all in the community is a respectful and unique model for all ethnic groups as they intermingle with the dominant population.”

Dream Makers and Dream Catchers: The Story of the Mexican Heritage on Catalina Island was published in 2008. Saucedo hopes that his book will help document the history and highlight the contributions of a group that has been invisible to the state of California.

“My book represents the word of 100 years that has been absent in our California history,” he said. Although Saucedo retired in 1993, he continues to work as a counselor at Cerritos College one day a week. He enjoys being able to help those who are like the person he once was. He remembers what it felt like to have no direction. He sees himself in the students he counsels.

“I feel good and functional so I continue to work,” Saucedo said. “It makes me feel good to be able to help these students. They need support, direction, guidance and encouragement.”

All of the proceeds from the sale of Dream Makers and Dream Catchers: The Story of the Mexican Heritage on Catalina Island will go to the Catalina Island Museum, where Saucedo currently serves as a board member. For information on purchasing the book go to https://www.catalinamuseum.org/giftshop.html or call the museum at (310) 510-2414.
Omnicell Acquisition Prepares Students for the Future of Healthcare

Pharmacy and Nursing Students Stay One Step Ahead of Technology

Cerritos College Goes Green with Electric Mini Coopers

Cerritos College Is the Only School Selected to Participate in Mini E Pilot Program

Cases of patients being given the wrong drugs, or too much of the right one, seem all too common in America’s hospitals; the introduction of new technology, such as Omnicell, will reduce the likelihood of these mistakes.

The introduction of Omnicell’s mobile cart solution and OmniRx Color Touch medication dispensing cart to Cerritos College will not only benefit the students that will receive training, but also the patients they will help once they begin their careers.

Technology is changing the way hospitals administer medication to their patients and thanks to the acquisition of the Omnicell machines that were purchased using Perkins Vocational Act funds, Cerritos College pharmacy and nursing students will be ready to work in the ever-changing hospital environment.

“Our students will be well-prepared,” said Nick Kremer, Cerritos College executive dean of community, industry and technology education, about the impact the Omnicell machines will have on campus training. “It benefits both pharmacy and nursing students.”

The students will now graduate from their programs with hands-on training using technology that many pharmacists and nurses currently employed in the field have never received.

“Cerritos College is taking a leadership role by training its students in the Pharmacy and Nursing Programs on state-of-the-art automated medications systems from Omnicell,” said Randall Lipps, founder, chairman, president & CEO of Omnicell, Inc.

“Using an Omnicell mobile cart solution at the bedside of a patient improves efficiency, reduces the risk of clinical errors and enhances patient safety. When combined with our automated medication dispensing systems, nurses and pharmacists have the peace of mind of knowing that the right product is being moved throughout the medication-use process.”

The Omnicell mobile cart includes a wireless computer and eight drawers that are labeled for specific patients. Nurses use the cart to administer daily medicine to the patients by scanning the barcode on the drawer, the barcode on the drugs and the barcode on the patient’s wristband. If any of the barcodes do not match up the drawer on the cart will not open; this insures the safety of the patient.

Cerritos College is the first institution, including hospitals, to receive one of these carts. Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, located in Whittier, has already ordered 100 of these carts from Omnicell.

The OmniRx Color Touch system is used to secure drugs and turn what used to be a non-controlled situation into a controlled one. The drug transporter has a computer on top and many secured drawers that can only be opened by those authorized to do so. The security of the drug depends on the type of drug. For instance, drugs such as Tylenol are less secure than drugs like Morphine or Demerol. The cart, which also has a computer attached to it, is filled by the pharmacy technicians and keeps track of drug quantities.

This will reduce the chance of drugs ending up on the streets or hospital staff giving the wrong drug or dose to a patient.

The new technology being introduced to the medical field is causing pharmacists and nurses to work closer together, with their ultimate goal being patient safety. This is creating a more inter-disciplinary environment between the nursing and pharmacy programs at Cerritos College.

The pharmacy students at Cerritos College will use the machines to learn how to fill the dispenser carts with the proper drugs that have been prescribed to the patients. The student nurses will then take that dispenser, along with the mobile cart, to the patients and distribute the correct medicines using the security functions.

Cerritos College is the only college, besides a few schools of pharmacy, that have any of the Omnicell equipment. This gives Cerritos College nursing and pharmacy graduates a huge advantage when they enter their hospital careers.

“These machines have taken our pharmacy and nursing programs up, not a notch, but several notches,” said Hal Malkin, department chair of Pharmacy Technology at Cerritos College.

If you would like more information about the Cerritos College nursing or pharmacy programs please visit the health occupations Web site at http://cms.cerritos.edu/health-occupations/.

Cerritos College received two Mini E electric concept cars this summer from BMW of North America, which owns Mini USA. The cars are part of a pilot program that gives the college a one-year lease of the vehicles for about $10 a month each to test them. In return, the college will provide feedback to Mini USA as to how the vehicles drive in real conditions.

“Cerritos College is the only college in this program,” said Junior Mercado, sales consultant for Long Beach Mini, who delivered the vehicles to the college. According to Mercado, out of 450 Mini E's that exist in the United States, 100 are in California and are being leased to selected corporate, municipal and individual customers.

The two cars were put on display in the college’s administrative quad on August 19. Students, faculty and staff came and viewed the newest additions to the college.

The two-seater Mini E has a range of approximately 100 – 150 miles per charge. It can get a full recharge in 24 hours from an emergency portable 110 volt plug-in charger or in three hours from a 220 volt stationary charger. Electricity costs approximately three cents per mile while a typical fuel cost runs from 10 to 12 cents per mile.

The vehicles will be used primarily for school business such as off-site events and meetings, and all college employees who are approved by Campus Police to drive college-owned vehicles can drive them.

“We have been offered the opportunity to participate in this pilot program because of our great working relationship with BMW,” said Steve Berklite, dean of the Technology Division at Cerritos College. “It’s an example of the college’s many continuing efforts to build industry partnerships.”
Falcon Athletics News

Cerritos College Finishes Second in State Supremacy

For the second year in a row, Cerritos College has finished second place in the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup. The Falcons, who won a school record four state championships during the 2008-09 school year, finished with 168 points, which was a half-point behind first place Mt. San Antonio College with 168.5 points. Both teams are members of the South Coast Conference and it marks the second time in the six-year history of the NATYCAA Cup that the top two teams are from the same conference.

Each college can use its best five women's sports and best five men's sports for the college's point total. Points are based on how each college's teams fared in post-season competition, with 20 points going to the team that wins the state championship. The Falcons tied four state champions this past season (women's water polo, women's soccer, men's soccer and women's track and field), while men's track and field tied for second place, with softball coming in third place and wrestling placing fourth.

The half-point difference is the closest of any race, with last year's four-point difference being the previous record. That year, Cerritos placed second to Fresno City College. The second place finish in the state also means the Falcons placed second in Southern California, after winning their first championship last year.

Sonia Gutierrez Earns Multiple Honors for Academics

Over the last several years, the Cerritos College intercollegiate teams have done exceptionally well by winning seven state championships in the last three years, finishing first in the Southern California Supremacy Award last year and finishing second in the state two years in a row. But while the team members are succeeding in the classrooms, they are also excelling in the classrooms. In the 2008-2009 school year alone, Cerritos College women's tennis player Sonia Gutierrez has received six state and regional academic awards.

As a result of her success in the classroom, Gutierrez has been named the state's Female Pepsi Scholar-Athlete of the Year, awarded the 2008 UC Berkeley/ Jack Kent Cooke Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2009 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team, 2009 Coca-Cola Silver Scholar, 2009 Academic Excellence Award in Anthropology, and received the South Coast Conference's 2008-2009 Annual Don MacKenzie Memorial Scholarship award.

Gutierrez, who spent two years on the women's tennis team (2007-08), transferred to the University of California, Berkeley in the fall of 2009 to finish her undergraduate degree. She will be majoring in anthropology and her goal is to go on to graduate school, obtain a Ph.D. in Forensic Anthropology, and become a university professor and medicolegal consultant. She has already earned an A.A. in Liberal Arts & Sciences with highest honors and received her A.A. in Anthropology in May, 2009.

While on the tennis team, Gutierrez won the South Coast Conference singles championship as a freshman while posting an 18-4 record. She also advanced with her doubles partner to reach the conference finals as a freshman and sophomore. Additionally, Gutierrez was the Vice President of the Beta Alpha Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society and was also a member of the Anthropology Club, as well as the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance.

Cerritos College Foundation Golf Tournament Raises Record-Breaking $67,000

The Cerritos College Foundation raised an unprecedented amount of $67,000 at its 24th Annual Golf Classic on August 3, at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. This year's title sponsor, Bovis Lend Lease, was joined by numerous corporations and local businesses in helping the Foundation achieve its goal.


Other specialty sponsors included the putting competition sponsor Musty Putters; shirt sponsor S & K Engineers; golf ball sponsors Parker & Covert LLP and R2A Architecture; beverage cart sponsor Viele & Sons, Inc.; continental breakfast sponsors Dean Foods/Swiss Dairy and Zebra Coffee; helicopter golf ball drop sponsors California Ink, Printing & Graphics, Mr. B’s Tees and PDQ Rentals; trophy sponsor Follett’s Cerritos College Bookstore; and beverage sponsors The Pepsi Bottling Group and Triangle Distributing Company.

Foundation Executive Director Steve Richardson presented Cerritos College student Desiree Miera with the 2008 Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship, awarded each year to an outstanding female athlete in softball who displays high academic achievement. Miera, of Downey, is a child development major and plans to transfer to California State University, Long Beach, and hopes to become an elementary school teacher.

Applying for the Spring 2010 Semester? Act Early!

Below you will find some tips for new students from three experts in the key student services areas. Act early and reduce the impact on your educational plans. Class space is limited and classes are filling quickly.

Apply Early
“Students who are enrolling for the first time or who are returning after an absence of one or more semesters must complete an admissions application as early as possible prior to the start of enrollment,” said Stephanie Murguia, dean of Admissions, Records & Services.

Meet with A Counselor
All new students need to take an assessment test for placement in English, math and reading. Then they need to attend a New Student Orientation where they will receive helpful information about the campus as well as academic advising from a counselor.

“Students who get information on all the programs and services available to them on campus and meet with a counselor will have a better start on understanding and meeting their educational goals,” said Dr. Renée DeLong Chomiak, dean of Counseling Services.

Register and Pay Early
“You are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible for your classes. Be sure to check MyCerritos for your enrollment appointment, a list of open classes and plan for alternate classes should your first choices for classes be closed,” said Murguia. “Also be aware that starting with the Fall 2009 semester, you must pay your enrollment fees within 7 days (the count starts the day you enroll) to avoid being dropped from your classes. Protect your enrollment and pay fees in a timely manner.”

Seek Financial Assistance
“Students who have not yet considered or applied for financial aid are strongly encouraged to visit the Cerritos College Financial Aid web site at www.cerritos.edu/financialaid or to contact the Financial Aid office,” said Kim Westby, dean of Student Support Services. “Financial aid opportunities may assist you in paying for your educational expenses.”

Recent Fee Increase and Course Reductions
As many are aware, California community colleges are facing some changes due to the state budget deficit.

- Enrollment fees have increased to $26 per unit effective fall 2009 semester.
- Tuition/fees are determined by the California State Legislature and may be changed at any time.
- Funding cuts for Cerritos College are forcing us to reduce offerings for the coming semesters. For the fall 2009 semester the college class sections were reduced by 15% from the previous fall semester.

Despite these changes due to reduced funding from the state, Cerritos College remains committed to helping you build your future through learning.

Cerritos College by the Numbers — Spring 2009

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