Automotive Partners Building  May 21, 2010

Featuring a state-of-the-art vehicle exhibit space with an open meeting area, the 10,000 square foot building is a unique facility serving the college's industry and educational partners. The center boasts interactive technology-enhanced classrooms and a service advisor lab which can simulate real-world dealership services.

Designed to meet business and industry training and conference needs, multimedia-ready conference rooms are used frequently by the college's industry partners such as National Automobile Dealers Association, BMW, Buick, Cadillac, and General Motors.

Veterans Resource Center  November 16, 2010

With enrollment of veterans expected to increase dramatically in the near future due to soldiers returning from war zones, there is an urge to meet the needs of these returning veterans who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills at community colleges.

The center provides information about services available to student veterans on campus. Student veterans can also access outside referrals and direct services from the VA Hospital along with having the opportunity to network with their peers.

Alondra Blvd. Drop-off/Pick-up  November 3, 2010

The much awaited Alondra Blvd. drop-off/pick-up area opened its path to students on November 3. Located directly north of the Administration building, the dedicated drop-off zone helps alleviate traffic caused by family and friends dropping off and picking up students in staff parking lots C-3 and C-4. Students and others have been informed of the new area for drop-off and pick-up.
Greetings!

Welcome to the Spring 2011 issue of InSight. In this issue, you will get a glimpse of some of the people and programs that make Cerritos College a college of excellence.

In light of our commitment to bringing you, our community members, the best learning environment possible, we are moving forward on several construction projects as part of our Facilities Master Plan. We will continue to ensure that bond funds from the passage of local Measure CC are maximized and supplemented with alternative funding sources whenever possible. We do not take this responsibility lightly and the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee meets twice a year to review and discuss how the college has spent the bond money to modernize the campus. This committee is comprised of several community members, who, because they are current or former students or former employees, have a vested interest in the college.

We are also proud to highlight several of our students’ many achievements over the past year. It is clear that the combination of our talented students and faculty members who strive for excellence never fails to produce impressive results.

As you read the following stories and updates in this issue, please remember that as your community college we are here to serve you in a myriad of capacities to support all of your educational and professional pursuits.

We are honored to serve our community and thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Linda L. Lacy
President/Superintendent
Valerie Gomez Concludes Internship in Congresswoman's District Office

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) thanked Cerritos College student Valerie Gomez for her assistance in the congresswoman's Los Angeles District Office during her nine-week summer internship that ended on August 25.

Gomez, of Downey, transferred in fall 2010 from Cerritos College to UCLA, where she currently majors in anthropology.

While working in the congresswoman's office, Gomez performed a wide variety of tasks including researching learning opportunities available to young people in the area. She also accompanied the congresswoman and field staff to meetings and briefings throughout the 34th Congressional District.

Film Student Wins Best Student Film Award

Film student Peter Catania has been named the winner in the student film category of the annual SoCal Film Festival on October 3. Catania’s film Writer's Block was selected by a professional panel of judges.

Writer's Block was nominated in three different categories: Best Short Film, Best Achievement in Student Filmmaking – Short Film, and Best Actor in a Short Film - Tony Perez.

Catania, who earned an honorable mention at 3C Media Solutions Fifth Annual Student Film & Video Festival and went to the Action On Film International Film Festival in May 2010, appears to keep adding to his list of achievements.

Catania's short film Writer’s Block is a fantasy about an author who sets up his desk in the middle of a park as a last ditch effort to find inspiration for his story.

Catania received his A.A. from Cerritos College in 2009. After graduating, he began taking the film production classes. One day he hopes to become a feature film director. He is currently working on preproduction of his next short film for which the primary cast and crew of Writer's Block is getting together again.

Political Science Student Gains Experience as Congressional Intern for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

Cerritos College student Carlos Saborio interned for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in summer 2010. The internship in Pelosi’s Washington, D.C. office provided him with an opportunity to work closely with her counsel, policy advisers and administrative staff.

Saborio witnessed many historical events during his time in D.C., including the confirmation of Elena Kagan, the trial of Charles Rangel, the passage of the Banking Reform Act, debate on BP oil spill legislation, and one of the few times in U.S. history where Congress – after being dismissed for summer recess – was asked by the Speaker to return to vote on legislation.

He transferred to UC Berkeley in fall 2010 and hopes to become the first gay Latino U.S. Congressman for the Second Congressional District of Louisiana, which encompasses his hometown of New Orleans.

College’s IT Director Receives State Award of Distinction

Director of Information Technology Lee Krichmar was awarded the 2010 CISOA Board Award for Campus Technology Innovator of Distinction.

CISOA, the California Community Colleges Chief Information Systems Officers Association, is a professional development and service organization for information technology professionals within the California community college system.

Krichmar has 20 years of experience managing information technology. Since 1999, Krichmar has led the college’s Information Technology Department which provides services and support for all areas of technology across the campus.

Her other responsibilities include planning information systems and related technologies, implementation of the IT master plan and administering the college’s technology and information resources.

Krichmar was selected for her achievement in strategically positioning the college within critical industry trends such as voice over IP, phone systems, virtualization technologies, green computing and migration to more Web-based applications and services over the past several years.

Biological Science Professor Receives Environmental Hero Award from SCE

Constance Boardman, chair of the Cerritos College Biology Department, received a 2010 Environmental Hero Award at Southern California Edison’s Earth Day Celebration on April 30.

Boardman was selected for her work as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, which aims to protect and restore Bolsa Chica Mesa, one of the last standing wetlands ecosystems in Southern California.

Boardman is a past president of the trust and has been on the board since 1993, except for four years when she was on the Huntington Beach City Council. Currently, in addition to being on the board, she coordinates the Bolsa Chica Stewards which is the restoration team of the trust.

College’s Counselor/Articulation Officer Receives Prestigious CIAC Service Award

Dr. Ken Matsuura, counselor and articulation officer at Cerritos College, received the Southern CIAC (The California Interssegmental Articulation Council) Service Award for his 15 years of outstanding service above and beyond the “call of duty” to the CIAC community and to the students.

The CIAC Service Award recognizes exemplary contribution made by a member of CIAC to the articulation endeavor.

In the articulation community, Matsuura has served in multiple capacities including CIAC representative, CCC representative for the LDTP (Lower Division Transfer Patterns) Advisory Committee, Regional Chair and Chair of the Southern California Higher Education Council. He is currently on the Transfer and Articulation subcommittee for the CCC Academic Senate and is the Chair of Region 8.
Gymnasium Seismic Retrofit
Demolition and hazardous materials abatement are ongoing and structural support pile drilling is currently underway. It is expected to be complete in summer 2011.

* State capital outlay project.

Baseball and Softball Fields Renovation
The baseball field renovation is anticipated to be complete by January 2011 and the softball field is expected to be complete in summer 2011.

Swimming Pool Demolition/Site Improvement/Soccer Field Renovation
Backfill and compaction of pools are complete. Irrigation and site work are underway with sidewalks and the soccer field. Planned completion date is January 2011.
North-South Fire Lane
Sprinklers are installed. Palm trees are being planted. It is scheduled to be complete in January 2011.

Automotive Technology Complex
Wiring, automatic doors, and wall panels are installed. It is slated to be complete in summer 2011.

Physical Science and Technology Building
Construction and final punch list is near completion.

Facilities/Purchasing/Warehouse
Interior walls, site work and roof installations are underway. It is expected to be complete in early spring 2011.
Cerritos College launched the Cerritos College Urban Teacher Fellowship (CCUTF) in summer 2010. CCUTF is a component of the Cerritos College Teacher TRAC (Training Academy) program that provides streamlined services and pathways for at-risk youth interested in teaching elementary through high school.

As part of the Governor’s California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) initiative, the program provides job training, supportive services, education, and placement to youth ages 17 to 24 that are either at risk of gang involvement or a current gang member.

Through a competitive application process, Cerritos College was selected to be a recipient of a $490,230 grant from the Governor’s Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy.

The Cerritos College Urban Teacher Fellowship offers basic skills remediation and community college instruction leading toward an associate degree aligned with the requirements of California State University Long Beach’s bachelor’s degree and teacher credential program to 60 at-risk youth.

Upon completion of the skills remediation bridge program, participants receive 60 hours of afterschool youth worker training and are placed in employment in area afterschool programs, using this employment as a source of financial support and career-relevant work experience as they pursue the longer-term teaching credential program.

College Board Member Promotes Community College Education

Cerritos College Board of Trustees member Dr. Shin Liu may be new to the Board, but not to TV. Dr. Liu has already made two appearances on the LA 18 Chinese TV station this year promoting community college education. According to Dr. Liu, Asian-American communities tend to pay more respect to four-year universities than to community colleges and make much of entering four-year universities as freshmen.

During her last appearance on November 23, she spoke about the core missions of community colleges: transfer preparation, career technical education and continuing education. She promoted various support services to ensure student success and ongoing efforts to improve basic skills education at community colleges.

“My job is to become a community college ambassador in Asian communities and increase college awareness and access among them,” said Dr. Liu.

Cerritos College’s Local Chamber Leadership Breakfast a Great Success

Directors and presidents of local chambers of commerce were on campus for the fourth Cerritos College Chamber Leadership Breakfast on October 22, 2010.

The first meeting was held in fall 2009 to get the chambers’ input as to how the college can better serve the businesses in the community.

There has been a great need for local chamber leaders to get together on a regular basis to exchange ideas to promote their member businesses, and the first meeting was an overwhelming success.

Cerritos College, an active member of ten chambers*, happened to be the central location for all of the chambers to meet and was interested in listening to them to find out how the college can help increase success of their chamber membership.

At the request of those in attendance of the first breakfast, the meeting, which had originally been planned as an annual event, became a quarterly gathering.

“The meeting gives us a wonderful opportunity to know what’s happening with each chamber,” said Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Linda Lacy. “We need the group’s input to determine what we can do to strengthen our relationship with all of our local chambers, their members and the community.”

*Cerritos College is a member of ten chambers of commerce: Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada, Long Beach, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate.
College Dance Troupe Performs at the Kennedy Center – by John Van Gaston

Wally Kincaid Inducted into College Baseball Hall of Fame – by John Van Gaston

Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee Gains New Member

The Cerritos College Dance Department made their debut as they performed in the National American College Dance Festival at the prestigious John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. on May 29, 2010.

After being selected as one of the three colleges to perform out of the New England Regional, where they performed on February 14 in Boston, the eight-person dance group displayed their talents in front of a full house.

In all, there were 431 dance pieces presented by over 300 colleges and universities with over 5,000 student-dancers from all over the United States. Only 30 schools were selected to perform at the Kennedy Center, with Cerritos being the only community college chosen for the national event.

The trip was made possible thanks to generous funding provided by the Cerritos College Foundation and the Associated Students of Cerritos College. The dance troupe is comprised of eight Cerritos College dance students and the piece was choreographed by Cerritos College Dance Department Chairperson Janet Sanderson.

The only community college selected to perform, the Cerritos group spent the first two days watching other schools perform before they took the stage for their comedic piece. Although most performances were intense and performed mainly by graduate students, Sanderson said that her group was excited to be able to display their talents.

As one of the 10 new inductees to the fifth class of the College Baseball Hall of Fame, former Cerritos College baseball coach Wally Kincaid had everyone at the United Spirit Arena on the campus of Texas Tech University anxious to hear what the legendary coach had to say during his induction ceremony on July 1, 2010.

“I’m probably the only person here who hit a double off the New York Yankees’ Red Ruffing and who was thrown out at the plate trying to score on a 400-foot fly ball by Joe DiMaggio when our local team played an Army Air Force base squad in Southern California during World War II,” said Kincaid.

From 1958-77 and 1979-80, Kincaid served as an innovator to how baseball is played, and his coaching style is mirrored by countless coaches to this day. In addition to leading the Falcons to six California Community College baseball state championships, Kincaid also won six Southern California Championships, one Northern California Championship, 15 conference championships and 51 tournament titles. He was also honored as the National Community College Coach of the Century by Baseball America. In his 22nd season, Kincaid went 678-163 for an .806 winning percentage.

As recently as the 2009 season, Kincaid served as an assistant coach with the Falcon baseball program.

Ofﬁcials from Cerritos College and Brandman University signed an Early Advantage Educational Partnership (EAP) agreement in May 2010.

Brandman University Chancellor Gary Brahm, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment and Student Affairs Sadaia Knight, Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Linda Lacy and Vice President of Student Services Dr. Stephen Johnson signed the agreement during a special signing ceremony.

By enrolling in Brandman’s EAP program, Cerritos College students will be admitted to Brandman University’s Irvine campus while attending Cerritos College and taking transferable coursework. Cerritos College students can apply for the program after they have fulﬁlled 12 transferable credits at Cerritos with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Students can transfer to Brandman University any time up to one year after their last term of attendance at Cerritos College.

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Dr. Stephen Johnson, Dr. Linda Lacy, Gary Brahm and Sadaia Knight (l-r)

Cerritos College and Brandman University Partner to Give Students an Early Advantage

He is a member of Norwalk and Cerritos Chambers of Commerce and is currently the Ambassador Chairman for the Norwalk Chamber as well as its president-elect. He also serves on the Board of Directors for SELACO-WIB.

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From left to right: Faculty lighting designer Rogelio Lopez, dancers Diana Lopez, Brian Sholes, Steve Rosa, Shaun Fujimono, Popy Saradeth, Victor Garcia, Maleno Van Zitter and Edgar Rodriguez.
Cerritos College is fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

InSight Spring 2011

Application, Enrollment and Class Dates for Summer 2011
Limited Session May 23 - July 1

SUMMER
Application Begins March 1
12-WEEK SESSION
Begins May 23
Enroll April 14 – May 22
FIRST 6-WEEK SESSION
Begins May 23
Enroll April 14 – May 22
FIRST 8-WEEK SESSION
Begins May 23
Enroll April 14 – May 22
SECOND 6-WEEK SESSION
Begins July 5
Enroll April 14 – July 4
SECOND 8-WEEK SESSION
Begins June 20
Enroll April 14 – June 19

Applying for the Fall 2011 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 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 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/finaid 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.”

Find class schedule on the web:
http://www.cerritos.edu/schedule

Find catalog on the web:
http://www.cerritos.edu/catalog

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