Women’s Soccer Team Named National Champions

For the second time in the program’s history, the Cerritos College women’s soccer team has been named the Division III (non-scholarship) National Champions by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). The Falcons, who won the CCCAA State Championship with a 2-0 win over Santiago Canyon College, also won the National Championship in 2008 after they captured their second state title in a row.

After leading his team to their second NSCAA National Championship, Head Coach Ruben Gonzalez was named the West Region Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

He was joined by a pair of his players to receive national honors. Sophomore Lauren Nañez was named First Team All-America and First Team All-Region. Freshman Alyssa Cabral was a Second Team All-America and First Team All-Region.

Gymnasium Remodeled and Dedicated

The state-funded gymnasium remodeling includes a seismic upgrade which is comprised of 120 – 70-foot deep concrete piers and reinforced concrete walls. The project, however, is not only a seismic retrofitting but also about restoring a high-design mid-century modern gem. In addition, a new sound system, lighting and elevator have been installed, and the bleachers, floor, lobby, restrooms, and team rooms have been upgraded and refinished. The dedication ceremony was held on March 8, 2013.
President’s Message

Welcome to the Spring 2013 issue of InSight. Within this publication, you will find information about just a few of the many exceptional individuals and programs that make Cerritos College an institution of excellence. The combination of our talented students and faculty never fails to produce impressive results.

The state’s ongoing fiscal crisis continues to negatively impact Cerritos College in significant ways. Our challenge remains to make the tough decisions to achieve financial stability while preserving educational quality and vital support services to foster student success. At the same time, we are looking at every possible way to obtain alternative funding sources to sustain quality educational programs for our students.

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President/Superintendent

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Cerritos College is hosting Senator Ron Calderon’s Young Senators Program. The program kicked off on October 27 at the Student Center where Senator Calderon was joined by forty high school students from throughout the 30th Senate District.

Through the Young Senators Program, participants are learning first-hand about the state’s legislative process, developing leadership skills and have the opportunity to meet working professionals who are actively involved in their respective communities.

The student participants were selected to participate in this 6-month program that is taking place at Cerritos College and at Rio Hondo College in the City of Whittier. The students were selected based on several criteria, such as current community involvement, leadership potential and academic performance. This program is provided to the participant free of cost.

Cerritos College Dental Hygiene Students Provide Free Dental Cleaning

Students in the Cerritos College Dental Hygiene program provided free dental care to those in need at the Care Harbor LA Event held at the L.A. Sports Arena on September 28.

The event provided free medical, dental and vision services to as many as 4,800 uninsured, underinsured and underserved in the Los Angeles community.

The Cerritos College Dental Hygiene students worked from sun up to sun down at the event, offering dental hygiene care to over 160 patients. Oral hygiene instructions and fluoride treatments were given to over 250 additional patients.

Cerritos College’s “Science at Cerritos” a Great Success

Cerritos College hosted a “Science at Cerritos” Open House featuring a student research symposium, science lab demonstrations, scavenger hunt and tours on September 28.

Several students presented their research projects that they completed in summer at CSU Long Beach, UC Irvine, USC, and the City of Hope.

Approximately 250 guests participated in over 20 lab demonstrations in various areas such as astronomy, earth science, computer information science, engineering design technology, forensics, chemistry, physics, math and geology.

Activities included mock forensic investigations, ice cream making using exothermic reaction, hand germ revealing using simulated germs and an ultra-violet lamp, observation of the sun and its black spots, geometric shape and pattern games and a scavenger hunt.

Cerritos College Administrator Receives 2012 Professional Recognition Award

Dr. Lucinda Aborn, dean of Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) at Cerritos College, received the 2012 Professional Recognition Award from the California Association for Higher Education and Disability (CAPED).

The Professional Recognition Award recognizes outstanding achievement and contributions on the part of a CAPED member to education for students with disabilities.

Dr. Aborn has worked in the field of disability services for over twenty years.

Cerritos College Student Participates in NASA’s Scholar Program

Cerritos College student Vannaren Long participated in the National Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program in fall 2012. Long visited the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, to participate in a three-day on-site event.

Long, a member of the Cerritos College Scholars’ Honors Program, was selected as one of 40 community and junior college students from across the nation to be part of the National Community College Aerospace Scholars project. Participants apply what they have learned during the year to work with NASA engineers.

“It was an amazing adventure and a great learning experience,” said Long. His work involved the development of a prototype spacecraft, designing a line drawing of the rover, composing a formal project proposal, and presenting the project proposal to NASA engineers.

Working on the project in teams and collaborating with NASA engineers, he learned not only the technicalities of spacecrafts, but also leadership and communication skills. “I also got to see ‘physics’ and ‘chemistry’ in reality,” he said.
Thank you for supporting your community college!

Construction Update

Business Education Swing Space
Completed December 2012

Gymnasium Seismic Retrofit
Completed in February 2013

Liberal Arts/DSP&S Building
Construction began in December

Fire Alarm Upgrade (Phase 3)
Phase three construction began in
Voters Approve Cerritos College G.O. Bond Measure
$350 Million in Funding Will be Used to Update 60-Year Old Campus

Voters in the November 6 election approved Cerritos College’s $350 million General Obligation Bond measure, providing funding for the continuing renovation of the nearly 60-year-old campus. Measure G received a total of 63,645 “yes” votes, or 70 percent of the total votes. Passage of the measure required at least a 55 percent vote of confidence.

Measure G funds will be utilized for the modernization and new construction of college facilities during the next 12 – 15 years. The initial funds from Measure G are planned to be utilized beginning 2014 for the new construction of two major classroom facilities for the Computer Information Science and Mathematics departments. The college’s recently approved Facility Master Plan identifies other projects that will be funded by Measure G. Since the overwhelming passage of Measure G, the campus is now in the process of prioritizing these projects to determine the order in which they will proceed.

Bond funds will also be used to implement the college’s Facility Master Plan (www.cerritos.edu/master-plan.) Please visit www.cerritos.edu/bond for more information on Measure G.

Upcoming New Building Construction

(Measure CC)

Fine Arts Building:
In schematic design phase. Construction is expected to start in June 2014.

Culinary Arts:
In schematic design phase. Construction is expected to start in June 2014.

LRC modifications:
Construction is expected to start in June 2014.

(Measure G)

Child Development Center:
In schematic design phase. Construction is expected to start in January 2014.

Computer Information Science/Mathematics Building:
In schematic design phase. Construction is expected to start in June 2014.
Cerritos College Opens Falcon Room Restaurant

Formal Dining Restaurant is Open to the Public

Cerritos College is pleased to announce the opening of Falcon Room Restaurant. Falcon Room Restaurant is the fourth addition to the real-world business operations of the Cerritos College Culinary Arts program.

“Community members are welcome to enjoy fine dining and see what students are learning.”

The restaurant is open Tuesday - Thursday at 11:00 a.m. with last seating at 12:45 p.m. It offers two rotating menus for weeks one and two, and runs a prix fixe five-course menu on the third week.

Parties of six or more are asked to make a reservation at least one day in advance. Gratuities will be deposited into scholarship funds for Culinary Arts program students.

For reservations and questions, call 562-860-2451 ext. 2456.
Cerritos College Receives Grants and 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees

The 2013 Cerritos College Hall of Fame a Great Success

The Second Annual Cerritos College Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards was held March 7, 2013 at DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton, Norwalk.

Inductees’ bio and pictures will be posted at www.cerritos.edu/hof The next issue of InSight will feature complete coverage of the event.

The Cerritos College 2013 Hall of Fame
Distinguished Female Athlete – Traci Dahl (Volleyball)
Distinguished Male Athlete – Marcelo Balboa (Soccer)
Distinguished Coach – Gene Martin (Football)
Distinguished Alumnus – Dr. Gary Smuts
Distinguished Classified Employee – Shelley Pesanti
Distinguished Faculty – Bill Lewis (Speech Communications)
Distinguished Corporate Sponsor – Conant Auto Retail (C.A.R.) Group
Distinguished President’s Award of Excellence – Dr. Wilford and Jean Michael

The 2013 Cerritos College Hall of Fame

Nursing Department Receives $335K Grant

The Cerritos College Nursing Department received a $335,000 grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office for assessment, remediation and retention for students in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program.

Funding provides for pre-admission testing and remediation for those who do not pass the pre-admission basic skills test and activities to support retention and success for enrolled students.

The grant finances equipment, resources and activities such as tutoring, peer mentoring and faculty advisors to promote student success.

College Receives $1.2M Follow-on Grant from Next Generation Learning Challenges

Cerritos College received a follow-on grant from Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) to expand its multi-institutional open educational resource (OER) project.

The grant, in the amount of $1,216,430, is the second NGLC grant Cerritos College has received to support the multi-institutional open general education curriculum project, Kaleidoscope. The first, a $750,000 grant awarded in 2011, has allowed the college and its partners to develop and pilot the Kaleidoscope project.

The Kaleidoscope project creates general education courses that use OER. OER allows students to access textbooks, syllabi, study guides and other materials for free from any computer. More than 9,000 students among nine partner colleges participated, and they have seen a 97 percent reduction in textbook expenses.

The latest award enables Kaleidoscope to develop a cadre of faculty fellows to act as mentors and community leads, fund pilot experiences for 20 additional institutions, create 20 new course designs for high enrollment general-education courses, expand student support in developmental mathematics, and improve its capacity to facilitate and measure learning.

Cerritos College Receives $2.3 Million Grant for Retail Management

Cerritos College received $2.3 million in a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to increase the number of people trained in retail management and seek careers in the supermarket industry.

Cerritos College is part of the Alaska California Texas-Oregon National Retail Management Careers Consortium (ACT-ON Consortium) which aims to ensure that retail management careers provide a solid opportunity for workers seeking meaningful careers.

Partners of the Consortium include Cerritos College, Tyler Junior College (TX), Clackamas Community College (OR) and the University of Alaska, Anchorage. The total grant is worth $12 million over four years and Cerritos College’s share is $2.3 million.

The project provides funding for unemployed and underemployed people in retail management. The training applies to most retail sectors in the job market, particularly those seeking employment in the grocery industry.

The certificate curriculum consists of 10 core classes. Course work is transferable leading to an A.A. degree allowing students to apply to various bachelor’s degree programs including the Business Management bachelor’s degree offered by Northwood University on the Cerritos College campus.
Do You Need to Apply or Re-Apply?

Yes, if you never applied or if you applied before but did not attend. Try to log on to MyCERRITOS at my.cerritos.edu to check your status. Click on Student Application - Online, to apply or reapply.

Complete “A.O.C.” (Assessment, Orientation, and Counseling)

Eligible students who have never attended any college are required to complete assessment, orientation and counseling prior to enrollment. Please visit www.cerritos.edu/esp.

Pay College Fees before Deadlines — Check MyCERRITOS to Confirm Your Enrollment

You must pay your enrollment fees within seven days (the count starts the day you enroll) to avoid being dropped from classes. Don’t risk losing your classes, pay your fees promptly.

Financial Aid

The new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available at www.fafsa.gov. Visit www.cerritos.edu/finaid or contact the Financial Aid office.

Class Dates for Summer 2013

Enrollment beginning April 11, 2013

12-week session: May 28 – August 16
Enroll April 11-May 24
First 6-week session: May 28-July 3
Enroll April 11-May 24
Second 6-week session: July 1-August 9
Enroll April 11-June 28
Third 6-week session: July 8-August 16
Enroll April 11-July 5
8-week session: June 24-August 16
Enroll April 11-June 21

Tuition/fees are determined by the California State Legislature and may be changed at any time.

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