## Calendar of Events

### July
- 3: Second 6-Week Summer Session Begins
- 4: COLLEGE CLOSED – Independence Day
- 8: 50th Annual Comic-Con Summer Session Begins
- 11: Fall Registration Begins

### August
- 7: Foundation’s 1st Annual Golf Classic
- 11: Summer Session Ends
- 14: 15-Week Fall Session Begins
- 15: Student Welcome Night
- 17: Student Welcome Day
- 30: Student Club Information Day
- 31: Student Welcome Day

### September
- 4: COLLEGE CLOSED – Labor Day
- 5: 15-Week Fall Session Begins

### October
- 3: College Night 2006:
  - Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
- 14: Homecoming Football Game:
  - Cerritos College vs. Saddleback
  - Falcon Stadium, 7 p.m.
- 16: Second 9-Week Session begins
- 29: Daylight Saving Time Ends

### November
- 10: COLLEGE CLOSED – Veterans’ Day
- 21: Spring Registration Begins
- 23 – 26: COLLEGE CLOSED – Thanksgiving Break

### December
- 8: Student Fall Awards Banquet
  - Student Center, 7 p.m.
- 9 – 15: Final Exams Week
- 15: Fall Session Ends
- 22 – 31: COLLEGE CLOSED – Holiday Break

## Technology Paves the Way for Global Learning Communities at Cerritos College

At least twice each semester, Cerritos College history professor Dr. John Haas moderates live forums generating classroom discussions among students on topics such as the war in Iraq, the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and the process of peace negotiation between Northern and Southern Ireland. “Great stuff!” was the reaction from one student when asked what was the big deal.

The big deal is that the students participating in this forum aren’t all even in the same time zone. They’re engaged in the forum from college campuses around the world, such as the University of Wisconsin-Stout, LaGuardia Community College in New York, International Pacific College (IPC) in New Zealand, and universities in Northern Ireland, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. All this is made possible through videoconferencing and through a “Global Consortium” partnership that sponsors the live feed.

Beginning with a project in 1999 to connect Cerritos College with University of Wisconsin-Stout students, live videoconferencing in Haas’ history classes has allowed a variety of discussions to take place. Haas has spearheaded the idea of a global cooperative learning and launched a virtual class called the “Wisconsin Idea.”

“The two colleges are very different—Cerritos College is very ethnically diverse, while the population at UW-Stout is 96 percent Caucasian,” Haas explained.

“Let the students and instructors be at a loss for words when discussing current events and trends. It’s especially interesting to witness differing viewpoints unfold during discussions on topics such as the civil rights movement.”

Through these teleconferencing discussions, students at Cerritos College have received perspectives from international students on elements of U.S. history, religious views such as Islam, America’s war on terrorism, the events of 9/11, and most recently, the conflict in Iraq. A few war-related sessions have even involved veterans of World War II. The veterans attending the videoconference session at Cerritos College have had the opportunity to share their memories of war and their thoughts on current military conflict.
Student’s Design to be Featured in 2008 Beijing Olympics

Fei Yang laughs at the sheer unbelievability of it. His design for a portion of the 2008 Beijing Olympic village was chosen, along with five other designs, to be included in the city’s building projects for the summer Olympic games.

Yang, of Anaheim, was the only student whose submission won—all of the other submissions came from architectural houses based in bastions of design—London, Paris and Tokyo. Unlike the other contest winners, Yang produced his mock-up design on a student’s modest budget and relied upon the connection of Kinko’s to meet the contest’s deadline.

“I didn’t know if I had a chance or not, but I thought I’d try,” says Yang.

Yang’s design is simple, yet fascinating. It entails an open, stage-like area in the middle of the pavilion. The area is paved with see-through, acrylic-type material under which are 2,088 light bulbs arranged only a few inches apart in neat rows. The area will act like a giant, flat, ground-level marquee underneath visitors’ feet. The lights can be synchronized to blink messages, advertise slogans, repeat color patterns that can be used to help strengthen the program’s infrastructure to support additional students, evaluate student retention and explore options for expanding program services.

Cerritos College received $450,000 from the California Community College Chancellor’s Office for a “Southland Cerritos Transportation Career Pathways” project. The college’s proposal for funding in the “Quick Start Partnerships in Advanced Transportation” category won in a competitive bid among state community colleges for only seven available grants. The proposed Southland Cerritos Transportation Career Pathways program will expand and replicate a successful Automotive Career Institute (ACI) training model for high school students piloted in September 2005. The (ACI) was formed in partnership with the Southeast ROP and ABC and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School Districts and enabled through the financial assistance of the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA).

Boeing Funds to Benefit Teacher TRAC Gift expired in 2008. EXPERTS In Education Project

The Boeing Company is providing funding for the Cerritos College Teacher TRAC program to build the infrastructure for and pilot a K-12 special education pathway, in addition to a multiple subject credential. The grant will afford Teacher TRAC students the opportunity to increase their math and science background and teaching skills as well as to demonstrate that using special education is an effective means of doing so. This grant will provide the unique opportunity to integrate special education with mathematics and science. Teacher TRAC students will work with children with special needs in the areas of math and science in the ABC, Bellflower, Norwalk-La Mirada and Downey Unified School Districts.

Nursing Department Receives $346K Capacity Grant to Help Meet Industry Shortage

Cerritos College received a $346,157 Nursing Capacity Building grant from the California Community College Chancellor’s Office. The grant provided by the chancellor’s office addresses the increasing crisis related to the shortage of health care personnel by expanding the enrollment capacity of the Cerritos College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. Funding, which will be provided over a three-year period, will be used to help strengthen the program’s infrastructure to support additional students, evaluate student retention and explore options for expanding program services.

Cerritos College Selected as Part of National Workforce Development Project

Cerritos College will be one of 16 community colleges selected to participate in a multi-year national initiative designed to increase the number of low-skilled adults who enter and complete occupational and technical degree programs in community and technical colleges. The project, known as “Breaking Through: Helping Low-Skilled Adults Enter and Succeed in College and Careers,” will be managed by the National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE) and Jobs for the Future (JFF). The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation made a $751,000 grant to JFF this year in support of the initiative, which is designed to use community colleges as a vehicle to help low-income people advance in the labor market and to enhance their income.

25-Year-Old Time Capsule Re-Sealed

In celebration of Cerritos College’s 50th anniversary, a time capsule sealed in November 1981 was opened and re-sealed for the next 25 years on Tuesday, April 18. The time capsule from 1981 that has been on display in the Wilford Michael Library included items such as a 1980 spring schedule of classes, a 1980 homeownership program and a commemorative video tape of the 25th anniversary year. After the items from 1981 were revealed, several current items relating to seven categories (Challenges, Accomplishments, Future Goals, Community Relations, Showcase Programs and Personel, Everyday Life and 50th Anniversary) were placed inside the capsule, which was then re-sealed for the next 25 years.

Cerritos College’s flagship Teacher Training Academy (TRAC) program received the 2005 Exemplary Program Award from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. The college was one of two community colleges in the state to be recognized in Sacramento and awarded $4,000 for its excellence in K-12 teacher preparation. Teacher TRAC’s program is a partnership between Cerritos College and California State University Long Beach for students interested in becoming elementary school teachers. The standards-based model allows students to earn their bachelor’s degree, complete their multiple subject teaching credentials and finish their student teaching within four years. Since 2001, there have been more than 90 Teacher TRAC-credentialed graduates of California State University, Long Beach.
A dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Science Building was held on May 17. Pictured from left to right are Cerritos College Board Trustees Dr. Ted Edmiston and Bob Epple, Board President John Moore, Student Trustee Pauco Amaral, Science, Engineering and Math Division Dean Norm Fuginitia, President Dr. Nichola Vela, Board Vice President Tom Jackson, Board Secretary Bob Arthur and Board Trustee Dr. Bob Hughlett.

Science Building’s Dedication Marks First Completed Project

Modernization and campus-wide transformation of Cerritos College—made possible through a voter-approved $210 million bond—marked the first major master-planned milestone in the completion of the new Science Building on the west side of campus in the spring. The new facility boasts a total of nine new chemistry and biology labs, six lecture halls and state-of-the-art equipment.

The college strategically eliminated aspects of the building, after the initial bid process which was considerably over budget, to preserve $20 million provided by the state to replace the existing science facility. Subsequent bond funding allowed inclusion of those key features to ensure that students have the best learning opportunity in the highly specialized learning facility. Approximately one-third of the college’s budget was supported by the bond. Since the fall of 2006, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees unanimously approved adaptations to building plans because of their impact report; and we’ve prepared an extensive timeline for the college’s track and football field. Other transformation projects in various stages of development, expenditure of bond funds, as well as plans and financial projections. The committee has been impressed with the college’s highly organized planning, attention to detail, and diligence of staff to assure the most efficient expenditure of bond funds.

As a requirement of the Bond Measure, the independent auditing firm of Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman was retained by the district to perform Annual Financial and Semi-Annual Performance Audits. To date, audits have been performed covering the period from July 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005 and the auditors made presentations to the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee. The district received a clean audit and the most positive report possible was issued by the auditing firm. This is just the beginning of many positive changes that will enable Cerritos College to continue to provide an opportunity for a first class education for the citizens in our community. Information on past and future meetings and the on-going bond projects can be found at Cerritos College’s website, www.cerritos.edu/measurecc. We welcome all members of the public to our meetings.

Sincerely,
Donna Jones, Chair
Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee

Message from the Chair
Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee

The Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee members verify that expenditures of Measure CC Bond proceeds have been properly made, and only for projects identified in the Bond Measure. At our meetings, we review and discuss progress reports related to bond projects in various stages of development, expenditure of bond funds, as well as plans and financial projections. The committee has been impressed with the college’s highly organized planning, attention to detail, and diligence of staff to assure the most efficient expenditure of bond funds.

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Cerritos College Transformation Celebrates First Milestone

Cerritos’ Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lee has joined the Cerritos College’s Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee.

“We are privileged to have Laura join us with her knowledge and experience,” said Donna Jones, chairperson of the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee.

“We care deeply for this community and will bring an important perspective to our meetings.”

In March 2003, Lee was elected to the Cerritos City Council. She currently serves on the City Council’s Budget/Finance, Library and Performing Arts Committees, and is the city’s liaison to Cerritos College.

A Cerritos resident and real estate broker since 1979, Mayor Pro-Tem Lee has served as chairwoman of the Equal Opportunity/Cultural Diversity Committee of the California Association of Realtors, director of the American Red Cross Long Beach Chapter, and advisor of the ABC School District Legislative/Policy Advisory Committee, advisor of the Su Casa Domestic Abuse Network, advisor of the Cerritos College Real Estate Department, director general of the Southern California Chinese Women’s League, and president of the Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors.

She and her husband Charles have two daughters, Tracie Ming Lee and Kelley Ming Lee, who both graduated from Wittmann Elementary School and Whitney High School. The Lees have one granddaughter, Rea Karahashi.

“It’s been an honor for all of us on the committee to serve our community and a part of the college’s campus development,” said Jones.

“We have worked with the college’s Campus Transformation Committee to proactively manage all aspects of bond funding to ensure the college community gets the most from available resources.”

In late 2004, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees appointed a Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee responsible for overseeing the college’s use of bond funds and for serving as a ‘check-and-balance’ to ensure that the bond proceeds are only used for those projects included in the bond measure project list.
Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela and members of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees attended the Community Colleges League of California’s (CCLC) annual legislative conference in Sacramento January 17-30, 2006 and the American Association of Community College’s national legislative summit in Washington D.C. February 5-8, 2006.

During the Sacramento conference, Dr. Vela, Board Vice President Tom Jackson, and trustees Dr. Ted Edmiston, Bob Epple and Dr. Bob Hughlett received updates on the governor’s proposed budget, as well as new legislation affecting community colleges.

While at the state capital, Dr. Vela and the Trustees met with local representatives, including Assemblyman Rudy Bermudez, Assemblyman Ron Calderon, Senator Martha Escutia and Senator Alan Lowenthal. During the meetings, the officials discussed current success and transfer rates at the college, equalization funding and options for support to realize the new Southland Cerritos Center for Transportation Technology (SCCTT).

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The Cerritos College group also met with U.S. Congresswomen Grace Napolitano and Linda Sanchez to discuss the district’s needs. During the legislative meetings, Dr. Vela, the trustees and the congresswomen also discussed needed funding for the SCCTT. Upon their arrival home, the college received word from Congresswoman Sanchez outlining the appropriations process and explaining which college projects might potentially qualify for funding.

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James Coleman Returned from Alcoholism to Earn Well-Paid Machinist Job in L.A.

James Coleman came to Southern California in 2002 in search of himself. What he found was sobriety, skills and a new lease on life.

Just before he came to California, Coleman had hit rock bottom as an alcoholic. He lived on the streets. He was hospitalized more times than he can count after sleeping outside in the sub-freezing New Mexico desert and suffering hypothermia. Today, Coleman proudly celebrates three years of sobriety.

“I’ve been really fortunate,” he says. “My family, my relatives find it hard to believe—I, a drunk from the streets getting on the dean’s list is a real shock to them. It’s just a list, I know, I got a certificate that says “dean’s list” — and where I was headed, nobody back home would have guessed it.”

Coleman credits Cerritos College’s machine tool program and instructors for providing him with the concepts and tools he needed for his job. “Cerritos College opened the door for me and taught me the basics,” he says.

“Now, I’m applying those skills.”

For more about James Coleman’s turn-around from alcoholism to successful employment, please visit www.cerritos.edu/studentsuccess.

Osaka, Japan College Welcomes Cerritos College Visitors

Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela and Health Education Instructor Dr. Ni Bueno were guests of Osaka College in Japan March 15-20, 2006. Dr. Vela was invited to be a commencement speaker at each of Osaka College’s two commencement ceremonies.

During the past several years, Osaka College has developed a relationship with Cerritos College’s Athletic Training program faculty and has sent a group of students each year to the Norwalk campus for intensive athletic training workshops.

Because of the relative length of history of sports medicine and physical therapy instruction in the U.S., instructors at Cerritos College hold valuable experience that their counterparts in Japan are still acquiring. Athletic training students from Osaka College visit Cerritos College each year as part of their program to benefit from the faculty’s instruction and to be introduced to new techniques and equipment.

“During meetings with Osaka administrators, we discussed a future faculty exchange program and continued elements of partnership between the two colleges,” Dr. Vela explained.

“They are very eager to provide an American college experience to their students through partnership in a number of programs.”

Osaka College is also one of the few institutions in Japan that offers a specialty program focusing upon skills students need to be athletic trainers for pro- and amateur sports teams. The athletic training students receive the training they need in only two years before they are required to take a national exam for athletic training certification. In the United States, the athletic training programs can take a bit longer.

While in Osaka, Vela and Bueno met Osaka alumnus Keisuke Nakamura who had participated in the Cerritos College workshops in 2001. Nakamura is now the athletic trainer for Japan’s national rugby team, and he treated his American guests to a tour of the rugby team facilities.

“What’s beneficial about this relationship we have with Osaka College is that it introduces me, as an instructor, to a completely different culture,” explained Bueno.

“We want them to continue their yearly visits—it’s good for our students to interact with students of other cultures through sport activities. That’s when a person realizes you don’t have to speak the same language to play a sport together—a ‘homerun’ in baseball is a ‘homerun’ whether it’s in English or Japanese.”