In Progress
Kristen Habbestad is working with the editor of the Norwalk Community News to provide articles and photos for one dedicated newspaper spread per month. January’s Cerritos College-focused spread appeared on Friday, January 5. February’s spread will appear on Friday, February 2.

Ms. Habbestad is assisting the Career Expo and Women’s History Month committees in timing the release of announcements to generate exposure and optimum attendance at the events.

Coverage


Orange County Register—December 21, 2006 — Brief about lowered tuition at Cerritos College (from press release).

Wave Community News—December 28, 2006—Article about Cerritos College football players signing letters of intent.


Norwalk Community News—January 5, 2007—Article about former Falcon playing in NFL Pro Bowl (from press release).

Norwalk Community News—January 5, 2007—Article about Cerritos College Foundation receiving $14K donation from DaimlerChrysler (from press release).

Norwalk Community News—January 5, 2007—Article about Habib American Bank scholarship presentation from Cerritos College Foundation (from press release).

Norwalk Community News—January 5, 2007—Article about Falcon wrestler winning championship (from press release).
Norwalk Community News—January 5, 2007—Article about student woodworker designing and building furniture for the Cerritos College International Student Center (from press release).

Southeast Perspective—January 18, 2007—Article about new Cerritos on Wheels (COW) stop on campus (from press release).

Whittier Daily News—January 24, 2007—Brief about former Cerritos College Board Trustee’s appointment to superior court.

Related Articles
Los Angeles Times—January 25, 2007—Article about UCLA existing as the top choice for freshman.

Cerritos College and Boeing Partner to Support Local Industry

Three-Year Program Fosters Mentor Program between Boeing, Smaller Outfits

For Immediate Release: January 12, 2007

Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451 ext. 2287

NORWALK, Calif. - January 12, 2007 – Cerritos College recently received a three-year contract from Boeing for the U.S. Air Force Mentor Protégé program, which encourages relationships and development between Boeing and smaller, disadvantaged manufacturers. Cerritos College will facilitate the program by providing training, technical assistance, interns and graduates for newly created jobs. Manufacturers benefiting from the program are Aero Dynamics, KAP Manufacturing and Omega Precision.

“We’re thrilled to have this opportunity to develop and grow local businesses with Boeing,” said Jose Anaya, director of Cerritos College’s Office of Economic Development.

Cerritos College’s contribution to the program will consist of specialized employee training in quality assurance systems, efficient manufacturing processes, lean enterprise transformation, sub-tier management and accounting processes. The college’s contract with Boeing, valued at $950,000 will allow the college to provide these specialized services and on-site training, tailored to the manufacturers’ individual needs.

“It’s a win-win for everyone involved,” Anaya explained.

“The smaller manufacturers are strengthened, which benefits Boeing, who contracts with them on a regular basis, while Cerritos College continues to underscore its value in the community through providing education, training and opportunity.”

“The expertise from all three suppliers will help support our programs with a diverse supply base,” said Steve Sargeant, director of Supplier Management & Procurement—General Procurement for Boeing Integrated Defense Systems.

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New Cerritos on Wheels (COW) Transit Station on Cerritos College Campus

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NORWALK, Calif. - January 12, 2007 - There's a new Cerritos on Wheels (COW) transit station at Cerritos College on the northeast corner of New Falcon Way and Studebaker Road. The transit station is located in the C-11 parking lot near the Health Science (HS) and Community Education (CE) buildings. Two (2) informational kiosks provide times, routes, and other transit information.

COW is a public transportation service that connects riders to many Cerritos public facilities and shopping centers. Riders can connect to places like the Los Cerritos Center, the Cerritos Towne Center, the state-of-the-art Cerritos Library, public parks, and local shops and restaurants. COW offers convenient transportation with two fixed routes that serve more than 110 bus stops throughout the community. The service also offers convenient connections with Long Beach Transit, OCTA, Norwalk Transit and MTA bus routes.

Operating hours are:
- Monday through Friday - 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The COW fare is fifty cents ($.50) per trip. Monthly bus passes are available for as low as ten dollars ($10) per month for unlimited trips on the COW service. Free bus pass holders are available for all bus pass purchases.

COW buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts, tie-downs and folding seats to accommodate most wheelchair configurations. The buses are also equipped with bicycle racks.

For more information and for COW schedules and route information, visit the Cerritos Transit website at www.cerritostransit.com or call Cerritos Transit at (562) 916-1202.

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Cerritos College Foundation Presents Memorial Scholarships

The Robert W. Collins Scholarship and the Pat Pinder Scholarship Reward Dedication in School

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 22, 2007

Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2287

The Cerritos College Foundation awarded three scholarships at its bi-monthly board meeting on Thursday, January 11. Two $500 Robert W. Collins Scholarships and one $300 Pat Pinder Memorial Scholarship were awarded to students demonstrating outstanding academics.

“We’re very proud to award these scholarship funds to these well-deserving students,” said the Honorable Peter P. Espinoza, chair of the foundation board and a judge for the Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

“These women are excelling in the pursuit of their educational goals, and we wish them well in their future careers.”

Diana Gregory of Lakewood, and Jacqueline Garcia of Lynwood each received a $500 Robert W. Collins Scholarship. Established by Administration of Justice Professor John Collins, the Robert W. Collins Scholarship for Administration of Justice Students honors the memory of his father, Robert W. Collins, who served in World War II and the Korean War. The scholarship honors the Collins’ public service as a police officer who rose through the ranks to become the chief of police for the City of Monterey Park. Chief Collins passed away in 2001.

Gregory plans to receive her associate’s degree in administration of justice with the goal of transferring earning a bachelor’s degree in the same field. Her career objective is to become an investigator in the private or fraud sector.

Garcia is a criminal justice major who is determined to accomplish her goal of becoming a homicide detective. She plans to transfer to a university to continue studying administration of justice and is currently researching the John Jay Criminal Justice College in New York.
Monica Sor, of Long Beach, received the $300 Pat Pinder Memorial Scholarship. The Pat Pinder Memorial Scholarship was established by the Health Occupations Division and the Cerritos College Foundation in memory of Pat Pinder, a long-time faculty member in the Health Occupations Division. Pinder also served as president of the Faculty Senate and director of the Student Health and Wellness Center. This scholarship is awarded to outstanding students majoring in a Health Occupations Division major.

Sor is enrolled in the Cerritos College Pharmacy Technician Program. When she graduates, Sor plans to seek employment in a pharmaceutical company or hospital and continue her studies in the pharmaceutical field. Sor takes care of her son and elderly mother, and yet finds time for her studies and volunteering at different organizations.

The Cerritos College Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state funding supports. Visit the Foundation online at www.cerritos.edu/ccf.

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For Immediate Release: January 22, 2007

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NORWALK, Calif. - January 22, 2007 - Cerritos College announced today that it has received a $500,000 pledge from the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA) toward the college’s launch of the Southland/Cerritos Center for Transportation Technologies (SCCTT). SMCDA President John Dinsmore of Penske Toyota presented Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela with a check on Thursday, January 18 during SMCDA’s annual dinner, held at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center. The $500,000 pledge includes two past donations of $100,000 in 2005 and in 2006; a donation of $100,000 for 2007; and a promise of two $100,000 donations in 2008 and 2009, combining for a total participation on the part of SMCDA of a half million dollars.

“Southland dealers and our employees have benefited for years from Cerritos College’s training programs,” said Dinsmore.

“Cerritos College is the finest and most comprehensive automotive technology program in the state, and we want to support the growth of the SCCTT. This new, advanced facility will add even further value to the industry, which is looking for trained technicians to hire into high-growth, high-wage positions.”

The college and SCCTT affiliates, with support of the Cerritos College Foundation, are entering into a $4.8 million capital campaign for private support to help augment local bond funds provided for the $15 million expansion of the center. The proposed SCCTT 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 2009, the center will play a large role in filling the ever-changing, highly skilled employment needs of the auto industry.

Key features of the SCCTT will include a state-of-the-art Hybrid and Alternative Fuels Training Center, three manufacturer-sponsored technician apprentice programs, and Northwood University’s west coast program center that offers a bachelor’s degree in automotive management for full-time students and working adults.
Cerritos College Receives $500K Pledge from Local Auto Dealers, con’t

“We truly value the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association’s commitment, confidence and support of our expanding programs,” said Cerritos College’s President Vela.

“This financial assistance from our corporate partners will allow Cerritos College to develop and provide the necessary training for a career ladder of opportunities for individuals and will provide a solution to an ever-growing industry need for employees. We’re excited about the future we’re building for employees and employers alike.”

Since 1932, the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA) has represented the new franchised automotive dealers in the southern Los Angeles County. SMCDA’s focus is education, political representation, and promotion of the automotive retail industry to the public. The goals of the SMCDA are to provide services and to address and be responsive to the needs of its members. SMCDA seeks to speak and act on behalf of those members in communication with organizations and individuals who share its interest.

Cerritos College has offered automotive technology training since the college began in 1955. Nearly 1,000 students annually seek certificate degrees and special programs in the disciplines of automotive repair, advanced transportation technologies, auto collision repair, intelligent transportation systems and alternative fuel and hybrids, making it one of the most comprehensive programs in the United States. As one of ten state Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Initiative Centers, the Cerritos College Automotive Technology Program continues to be recognized as regional and state leaders by being awarded $1.2 million in program grants this year to support and expand technician education and training.

Cerritos College’s Auto Technology Program provides students with hands-on, nationally authorized training for GM, Ford, DaimlerChrysler and import vehicles, and operates a California Advanced Transportation Technology Center partially subsidized by the state to encourage development of alternative fuel sources. Funding through the California Community College’s Economic & Workforce Development program and the state’s AB 70 “Quick Start” Grants have assisted greatly in the continued expansion of program offerings at Cerritos College including opportunities for high school students to receive such training in their junior and senior years. SB 70 funding for career training was approved by the state legislature and supported by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Perhaps most impressively, Cerritos College is physically located just blocks from the world’s largest auto mall where it partners with dealers to train and employ technicians and dealer managers. The greater Los Angeles area is home to more than 17 corporate support centers for the robust Southern California auto industry. It is also home to a number of design centers producing vehicle prototypes for future sales. Automotive-industry management opportunities routinely require a minimum of a bachelor’s degree, which can now be pursued through Northwood University at Cerritos College.

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Cerritos College to Host Los Angeles County High Schools for Hands-On Auto Tech Competition

For Immediate Release: January 29, 2007

Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451 ext. 2287

Event Contact: Amna Jara, Cerritos College Automotive Technology; (562) 860-2451 ext. 3084

NORWALK, CA – January 29, 2007 – Cerritos College will host seniors from 17 Los Angeles County high schools and local Regional Occupational Programs for the hands-on portion of the Automotive Technology Competition on Saturday, February 10, 2007. The contest, which is sponsored by Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association (GLANCDA) and Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA), consists of written and hands-on tests, with the winning teams earning a trip to the national competition at the New York International Auto Show in April. Cerritos College hosted the pre-qualifying written exam in November.

The pre-qualifying exam drilled participants by having them troubleshoot problems in the areas of engine performance, electrical systems, brake performance, steering abilities and suspension. During the semifinal “hands-on” competition, teams consisting of two students compete by exhibiting their auto technology skills and reporting diagnostic conclusions in categories such as automatic transmission, fuel injection and emission, heating and air conditioning, brakes, basic electrical, tools and measurements.

The semifinal hands-on competition will test the students’ knowledge and ability in engine management, vehicle safety and chassis/body electrical systems. It is designed to challenge the students by measuring manual dexterity; diagnostic disciplines; problem-solving and deductive reasoning abilities; performance with measuring tools; meters and other electronic devices; ability to follow wiring diagrams; reading comprehension in using charts and specifications; use of resources such as repair manuals; and professional work habits, attention to detail and team work.

During the competition, teams consisting of two students compete by diagnosing and repairing a number of pre-assigned problems or “bugs” under a car’s hood within an allotted amount of time. Each “bug” correctly repaired is worth a number of points, depending on the level of difficulty. To prepare for the competition, students train with their high school instructors and with certified technicians at local franchised automobile dealerships.

“This competition not only gives an opportunity for competing students to participate in the local and national levels, but will give them first hand experience working in a new car dealership during their internship or job shadowing as they prepare for the competitions,” said John Symes, chairman of GLANCDA and president of Symes Toyota of Pasadena.
The official tool and prize sponsors for the local competition are MATCO Tools™ which will provide prizes for teams placing first, second, and third. FORD ASSET (a manufacturer-sponsored auto tech program at Cerritos College) will donate a late-model Mustang to the auto tech class with the highest score.

Seventeen semifinalists out of the 23 Los Angeles County high schools will be split into two groups: the “Los Angeles Area,” which will compete for the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association-sponsored spot at the National Auto Tech Competition, and the “Long Beach Area,” which will compete for the Southland Motor Car Dealer Association-sponsored at the national competition on April 10 and 11 at the 2007 New York International Auto Show. For a complete list of high schools participating in the semifinal hands-on competition, visit the GLANCDA web site at www.glancda.org.

Los Angeles County has been one of the largest retail automotive markets in the world for quite some time. Automotive dealers in Los Angeles County have set the standards in innovation and selling. The consumer market in Los Angeles County is one of the most sophisticated and enthusiastic markets in the country. However, one problem facing the dealers in Los Angeles County is the ever-growing shortage of high-quality technicians to repair and maintain the high-volume of vehicles sold each year.

The Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association and Southland Motor Car Dealers Association have joined forces to promote this local competition. As a group both associations represent more than 300 new car dealers in Los Angeles County. The association members realize the importance of investing in new talent for the industry.

GLANCDA and SMCDCA have joined other state and metro associations throughout the United States in a program to encourage young people with an aptitude and passion for automotive technology to consider a career in the retail automotive industry. This program is the Automotive Technology Competition for High School Seniors.

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Cerritos College Plans Event Honoring Black History Month

For Immediate Release: January 26, 2007

Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451 ext. 2287

Event Contact: Connie Hunter, Cerritos College; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2271

WHAT: Cerritos College’s Black Student Union will present “A Summons From the Past: A Command for the Future,” an event honoring Black History Month, on Friday, February 23 at 7 p.m. in the Cerritos College Student Center, located at 11110 Alondra Boulevard in Norwalk. The evening’s events will feature guest speakers and a keynote by Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela.

WHEN: Friday, February 23 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College Student Center
11110 Alondra Boulevard
Norwalk, CA 90650

COST: The event is free and open to the public.

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Connie Hunter at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2271 or at chunter@cerritos.edu.

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Cerritos College to Host Women’s History Month Events

Celebration Includes Breast Cancer Walk, Film Festival and Essay Contest

For Immediate Release: January 29, 2007

Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451 ext. 2287

Event Contact: Esther Choi, Cerritos College Re-Entry Center; (562) 860-2451 ext. 2362

WHAT: Cerritos College will host a month-long series of special events, guest speakers and lectures during March 2007 in celebration of Women’s History Month. Panel discussions and lectures will include topics such as gender representation in hip hop music, an examination of whether women can have balance in career and family, and second-wave feminism from a historical perspective.

A film festival held March 5-8 will feature “Water,” a film directed by Deepha Mehta about a Hindu girl who is suddenly widowed; “Yesterday,” a motion picture about a woman living in a remote village in South Africa; and “Leila,” set in contemporary Iran. The film festival will also show “Maria Full of Grace,” which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2004. Written and directed by Joshua Marston, “Maria Full of Grace” depicts a young woman who accepts a business and travel proposition in exchange for smuggling heroin in to the United States. A panel discussion will follow the showing of this film.

March 20 will feature the Clothesline Project, a display allowing victims of sexual abuse a forum for expression. The Clothesline Project will be featured in Falcon Square. Winners of the Women’s History Month essay contest will also be announced on March 20 in the Cheryl A. Epple Board Room at 6 p.m.

A Breast Cancer Awareness Walk will be held on March 22 in Falcon Square, raising funds and support for the fight against breast cancer.

WHEN: Throughout the month of March, 2007. For a complete calendar of dates, times and room locations, please visit www.cerritos.edu/whm

WHERE: Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

CONTACT: For more information about Cerritos College’s Women’s History Month events, please contact Re-Entry Resource Specialist Esther Choi at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2362 or at echoi@cerritos.edu.

COST: All events during Women’s History Month are free and open to the public.

Cerritos College’s recognition of National Women’s History Month began in 1977 as a local celebration of Women’s History Week in the schools of Sonoma County, California. In years following, Congress passed a resolution designating March of every year as National Women’s History Month. This resolution continues to be reaffirmed by the Congress on a biennial basis. At Cerritos College, Maureen May, Re-Entry Resource specialist and Gender Equity coordinator, initiated the Women’s History Month program in 1987. Maureen spent 10 years coordinating this celebration until her retirement in 1996. Each year, Cerritos College recognizes Maureen May as an outstanding and inspiring woman. Because of her vision and dedication, Cerritos College continues to preserve the legacy that began in 1987.

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Cerritos College Invites Review of Master Plan Document

Report Contains Descriptions of Project and Environmental Impact

NORWALK, CA – January 29, 2007 – Cerritos College recently completed its 2006 Facilities Master Plan, which includes projects made possible through a $210 million general obligation bond approved by voters and state funds. A “Mitigated Negative Declaration” document describing the project and its potential environmental effects may be reviewed by the public at the reference desk of public libraries in the city of Cerritos (18025 Bloomfield Avenue), the city of Norwalk (11949 Alondra Boulevard and 12350 Imperial Highway) and at the Wilford Michael Library on the Cerritos College campus through February 21, 2007.

Any comments in response to the report must be received in writing by 5 p.m. on February 21, 2007 at the following address:

Robert Riffle, Director of Physical Plant
Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Boulevard
Norwalk, California 90650
Facsimile Phone (562) 467-5001
Phone (562) 860-2451, Extension 2301

The Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered by the Cerritos College Board of Trustees at its regular meeting, which is open to the public, on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 6 p.m.

Cerritos College’s Facilities Master Plan includes construction of ten buildings totaling approximately 287,156 square feet and demolition of ten buildings totaling 195,335 square feet. The Facilities Master Plan also includes renovation of twenty-five buildings totaling 565,687 square feet, for a net increase of 63,613 square feet.

Six new surface parking lots will expand parking to approximately 5,200 total parking spaces. The project is anticipated to accommodate an enrollment of approximately 28,000 students, or 19,272 full-time equivalent students in 2013. Modernization of other buildings, and campus health, safety, security and infrastructure improvements are also proposed.

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Barajas a Phillie

Catcher Rod Barajas, a product of Santa Fe High School and Cerritos College, has agreed to a one-year deal with the Philadelphia Phillies.

The 31-year-old veteran hit 11 home runs and drove in 41 runs in 97 games for the Texas Rangers last year. In 2005, he set career highs with 21 homers and 60 RBIs in 120 games with Texas. He previously played with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Last month, Barajas signed a terms sheet with Toronto on a two-year, $5.25-million deal, but the deal fell apart at the last minute after he switched agents. Toronto signed Gregg Zaun and Barajas went back on the market.

Barajas was an All-CIF selection at Santa Fe and an All-South Coast Conference pick at Cerritos.
State champs reap individual rewards

BY RON GUILD
STAFF WRITER

The rewards, individual and team-wise, are rolling in for the state-champion Cerritos College men’s soccer team.

The Falcons capped a 20-3-5 season with a 1-0 win over Taft Dec. 10 for the first state title in school history.

Cerritos wound up ranked No. 2 nationally in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll, as well as No. 1 in the state.

“Being ranked No. 2 in the nation is something to be extremely proud of and I hope our guys put it in perspective as to what an accomplishment that was,” Falcon coach Benny Artiaga said. “Not too many programs get the opportunity to compete for the state championship and it was an experience we should cherish forever. In a small way you’re a bit disappointed because we thought we had a legitimate shot at No. 1, but in no way will that take away from what our kids accomplished.”

Sophomore defender Marco Pulido, a football and soccer star at South Gate High School, was named to the National and Far West All-American teams. Robert Ramirez (2004) was the only other Falcon to achieve those honors.

Sophomore forward Joshua Meyer became the fourth Cerritos player to be named Far West All-American, joining Pulido, Ramirez and Michael Padilla, who was selected in 2004.

Artiaga was tabbed the Far West Coach of the Year. At the state tournament, defender Eusebio Alvarez was named MVP.

Pulido shared South Coast Conference Player of the Year honors and Artiaga was Coach of the Year.

The Cerritos College women’s basketball won its second game in a row with a 59-52 decision over Cuesta Monday in the first round of the Orange Coast Tournament.

Sophomore forward Shontay Delpirit led the Falcons (6-7) with 12 points, five rebounds and two assists. Sophomore guard LaTrina Payne had 11 points, four rebounds and three assists. Freshman forward Genesis Lewis added 10 points and nine rebounds.
College foundation awards 2 automotive scholarships

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Foundation has presented the Jeannie M.T. Yang Automotive Scholarship to two of its automotive students.

Luis Espindola of Lynwood and Jimmy Nguyen of Irvine, students in Cerritos College’s Automotive Technology program, each were honored with $500 scholarships for their progress in vocational auto tech courses.

The awards were presented during the foundation’s meeting last month, said Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations coordinator.

Espindola began his educational career at Cal Poly Pomona majoring in mathematics. After a year and a half, he decided to shift his focus from mathematics to the automotive industry.

He enrolled at Cerritos College, with the career goal of owning a car dealership, and currently is a technician at South Bay Ford, Habbestad said.

After Espindola finishes his associate’s degree at Cerritos College, he plans to transfer to either Cal Poly Pomona or Cal State Fullerton and pursue a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

Nguyen is currently enrolled in the corporate CAP 19 program for DaimlerChrysler and works for Huntington Beach Chrysler-Jeep.

After completing the program, Nguyen plans to pursue his bachelor’s degree in automotive management from Northwood University, Habbestad said.

The Jeannie M. T. Yang Scholarship awards a total of $2,000 each year to four promising students in the automotive department at Cerritos College.

Yang was a community college professor, originally from China, who had a great love for education. The award was established in 2004 by Peter Leutheuser, Yang’s longtime friend and executor of her estate.
Reduced tuition: Students at Cerritos College, which serves Norwalk, Cerritos and other communities, can pay less for tuition in the spring semester because fees have been reduced to $20 per unit. The spring term at the Norwalk campus will begin Jan. 8. Information: www.cerritos.edu.

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Cerritos JC gridders sign letters of intent

BY RON GUILD
STAFF WRITER

Four Cerritos College football players have made decisions on their college futures.

Tight end Brennan Houston has signed with Southern Mississippi. He caught 15 passes for 204 yards and a TD and earned All-Mission Conference honors for the Falcons.

Falcon offensive lineman Mark Jean-Louis is headed to Mississippi where he will play for Ed Orgeron, the former USC defensive line coach.

Quarterback Chad Manis has signed with Utah where he will have three years of eligibility remaining. In his only season at Cerritos, Manis passed for 1,389 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 272 yards.

Falcon cornerback Arlando Bryant is headed to Texas A&M-Commerce. He had 29 tackles and three interceptions this year.

Compton College offensive lineman Eldridge Sims has signed a national letter of intent with Kansas State as a mid-year transfer.

As a December graduate of Compton, the 6-foot-6, 288-pounder will enroll in January and participate in spring drills.

Known as a steady pass blocker, Sims is rated the No. 96 junior college prospect in the nation by Rivals.com. He is expected to challenge for starting time.

Sims chose the Wildcats over Florida State, Iowa State and San Diego State.

Compton went 6-4 both seasons Sims played there.

Santa Fe High School and Fullerton College product Ja-Boy Leomiti, a defensive lineman, has signed with Texas, El Paso as a mid-year transfer and will be taking part in spring drills.

An end at Fullerton the past two years, Leomiti (6-4, 290) led Hornet defensive linemen with 28 tackles, including 3.5 for losses.

“I think he has the potential to be an impact player at UTEP,” Fullerton College coach Gene Murphy said. “He’s big, strong and fast. He’ll get better every game. As big as his body is, his heart is equally as big.”
Cerritos board selects officers

NORWALK — A new slate of officers has been chosen for the Cerritos College board of trustees. Tom Jackson was elected board president, Bob Arthur was voted vice president, and Bob Eppe will serve as secretary.

Outgoing board President John Moore, a trustee since 1988, was honored with a plaque for his year of dedication and service to the board.
Former Falcon Earns Pro Bowl Recognition

Former Cerritos College All-American wide receiver/kick returner T.J. Houshmandzadeh, now in his sixth year with the Cincinnati Bengals, as been named an alternate to the Pro Bowl for the first time in his career. Although the Bengals are fighting for a playoff spot, Houshmandzadeh is having his best season of his career. This past week, he caught nine passes for 94 yards and a touchdown that got Cincinnati to within a point in the final minute against the Denver Broncos. However, a missed extra point resulted in a 24-23 loss.

In 13 games this season (he missed the first two with an injury), Houshmandzadeh has turned in career-highs with 86 receptions for 1,037 yards and nine touchdowns. He has caught 10 passes twice this season and has gone over 100 yards in three games.

While with the Falcons from 1997-98, Houshmandzadeh was a two-time 1st Team Mission Conference selection as a wide receiver and kickoff returner, while he earned 1st Team honors as a punt returner his freshman year. He was also a 1st Team All J.C. Grid Wire All-American as a kick returner and wide receiver as a sophomore. He holds the school record for two 100-yard kickoff returns for touchdowns, while he also brought back an 87-yard punt for a touchdown as a freshman. Houshmandzadeh still holds the school record for most career receiving yards (1,152), while his 65 career receptions are fourth in school history.

After playing for the Falcons, he played two seasons at Oregon State University and as a senior, helped spark the Beavers to No. 4 national ranking and a Fiesta Bowl victory over Notre Dame. Including the Fiesta Bowl, Houshmandzadeh caught 48 passes for 730 yards with seven TD’s on the season.
Cerritos College Receives $14K Grant from Daimler Chrysler

Funds Will Support College Automotive Program

Daimler Chrysler presented the Cerritos College Foundation with a $14,000 grant this fall, benefiting the campus’ College Automotive Program (CAP), which provides students with technical learning and a pathway into lucrative automotive technician careers at more than 4,000 Chrysler, Dodge, and Jeep dealers. The funding will go toward the program’s marketing and outreach efforts to area high school students.

“We’re thrilled that these funds will go toward training and preparing our students for employment,” said Richard Aragon, instructor in Cerritos College’s Automotive Technology Program.

“It’s through the generous support of manufacturers like DaimlerChrysler that our programs are thriving. The students are the ones who truly benefit from these gifts.”

Cerritos College is the only college in California that offers CAP training. By hosting CAP courses for its students, Cerritos College and DaimlerChrysler provide students with training on current DaimlerChrysler vehicles using DaimlerChrysler-authorized tools and procedures and prepare them for entry-level technician jobs at dealerships.

Upon completion of the program, students earn an associate’s degree in automotive technology (or similar study). Along with classroom instruction, CAP offers on-site training at sponsoring dealerships under the direction of technician mentors. Students rotate class time and internships until fulfilling the requirements to receive their degree.

The Cerritos College Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state funding supports. Visit the Foundation online at www.cerritos.edu/ccf.

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Habib American Bank Presents Scholarships to Cerritos College Students

Habib American Bank presented four Cerritos College students each with $1,000 scholarships during the November 9 Cerritos College Foundation Board meeting.

Cerritos College students Angelica Keating, Norma Legarreta, Ciara Romero and Rinritsotheary Ek were each presented with a $1,000 Habib American Bank Business Scholarship by Nadim Junejo, branch manager at Habib American Bank in Artesia.

The Habib American Bank Business Scholarship was established in 2004, and Saleem Iqbal, the bank’s chief operating officer, serves as a Cerritos College Foundation board member. The scholarship is awarded to qualified students who are declared business majors, have a 3.0 or above grade point average and who have completed a minimum of 12 units at Cerritos College. Habib American Bank is chartered out of New York City and has a local presence through its branch in Artesia. The institution’s two other branches are located in New York and New Jersey.

Keating, of Canoga Park, has always had a goal of graduating from a four-year university. While working for Ralphs Grocery Company, Keating took an online class at Cerritos College and became inspired to complete an associate’s degree. Keating will finish a certificate from the Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC) in spring 2007, and she plans to continue her education by pursuing a bachelor’s in business from Northwood University. Keating’s career goal is to continue working for Ralphs Grocery Company in a managerial position.

Legarreta, of Santa Fe Springs, started a family at a young age and was unable to take advantage of pursuing a higher education because of her commitment to her family. She is learning the art of balancing family, full-time employment and education and will be receiving an associate’s degree with honors in spring 2007. Legarreta then plans to transfer to a four-year university to obtain a bachelor’s degree in business management and would like to eventually become an accounting manager for a city government office.

Romero, of Stanton, is the first in her family to attend college. She plans to obtain her bachelor’s degree in business with the desire to work as a project manager in the corporate sector.

“Education is the most important thing for me because I realize that it will help me fulfill my goals in life,” Romero said. “I’m constantly looking for ways to better myself, and I’m dedicated to succeeding in my educational and career goals.”

Ek of Stanton, is an international student. She plans to transfer to Cal State Fullerton in fall 2007 to pursue a bachelor’s degree. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to be in America for my education as well as to learn the culture,” she said. “My parents sent me to America for college because they believe that the school systems here have the most advanced technology and business practices, which will help advance me in my educational and career pursuits.”
Cerritos College sophomore heavyweight wrestler Brandon Doran (left) has his hand raised after winning another match on his way to winning the Southern California championship. Doran also reached state championship match and placed second, which earned him All-America status.

Sophomore Carlos Alaniz (left) became the 46th Cerritos College wrestling state champion in school history after he won the 133-pound weight division at the state championships recently. Alaniz, who was an All-America selection, also won the Southern California championship, while the team also won the Southern California title. They placed fourth as a team in the state championships.
Student Designs, Creates Furniture for Cerritos College International Student Center

Manuel Zavala, a Cerritos College international student from Mexico, comes out when he’s teaching.” So when the International Student Center requested a cabinet to house and exhibit the many gifts it receives from international students each year, along with a frame for a giant wall map, Zavala stepped up to the challenge. He first designed and developed a full-sized prototype of the curio cabinet. This allowed him to perfect the angles of the piece, which turned out to be a hexagon-shaped corner-curo cabinet. “That’s just how they do it in industry,” explained Fortner. “You need to do a mock-up first, and learn from any mistakes before you create with the premium wood.”

Both the map frame and the cabinet are made of a very light maple and are finished with a clear, durable lacquer. Zavala learned to use a special router table and miter saws in the woodworking shop to create the pieces unique shapes and textures.

Danita Kurtz, coordinator of the Cerritos College International Student Center, said she was thrilled with what Zavala created for the center. The map, which is approximately six feet by eight feet and takes up nearly an entire wall, allows international students to easily point out their home country.

“It’s like a welcoming window to the world,” Kurtz said. Zavala is currently working at Miller Woodworking in Harbor City to gain experience in the operations and details of running a company. He says he will stay in the U.S. for another year before he relocates back to Mexico. He’s eager to return home and to start his own business.

“I want to let people find work and to find opportunity in my company,” he said.

For more information about Cerritos College’s Woodworking Manufacturing Technology program, please visit www.cerritos.edu/wood.

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New Cerritos on Wheels (COW) Transit
Station on Cerritos College Campus

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There’s a new Cerritos on Wheels (COW) transit station at Cerritos College on the northeast corner of New Falcon Way and Statehaver Road. The transit station is located in the C-11 parking lot near the Health Science (HS) and Community Education (CE) buildings. Two COW informational kiosks provide times, routes, and other transit information.

COW is a public transportation service that connects riders to many Cerritos public facilities and shopping centers. Riders can connect to places like the Los Cerritos Center, the Cerritos Towne Center, the state-of-the-art Cerritos Library, public parks, and local shops and restaurants.

COW offers convenient transportation with two fixed routes that serve more than 110 bus stops throughout the community. The service also offers convenient connections with Long Beach Transit, OCFTA, Norwalk Transit and MTA bus routes.

Operating hours are:
- Monday through Friday: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The COW fare is fifty cents (50¢) per trip. Monthly bus passes are available for as low as ten dollars ($10) per month for unlimited trips on the COW service. Pass bus pass holders are available for all bus pass purchases.

COW buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts, no-downs and folding seats to accommodate most wheel chair configurations. The buses are also equipped with bicycle racks.

For more information and for COW schedules and route information, visit the Cerritos Transit website at www.cerritostransit.com or call Cerritos Transit at (562) 916-1262.

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L.B. prosecutor joins Superior Court

Courts: Governor names Richard M. Goul to fill vacancy.

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles County prosecutor involved in several high-profile Long Beach criminal trials was named to the Superior Court bench Wednesday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Richard M. Goul, 48, of Newport Beach, has been a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles County since 1989. In recent years, Goul’s been in charge of the sexual assault unit in the Long Beach branch, securing convictions against Belmont Shore rapist Mark Wayne Rathbun and other sexual predators.

Goul was a law clerk for the Los Angeles city attorney’s office from 1986 to 1989 and served on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees from 1979 to 1985.

Goul received his law degree from Loyola Law School and his bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern California.

He fills the vacancy created by the death of Judge Robert Sandoval.

Superior Court judges are paid $149,160 annually.

— City News Service
UCLA is a top U.S. choice for freshmen

The university’s 50,694 applications for fall entry may be the most in the nation. Increased interest from blacks and Latinos pleases officials.

By REBECCA TROSHINSKY
Times Staff Writer

UCLA said Wednesday that 50,694 students have applied for the fall (freshman) class, up 11% from last year. UCLA officials said the figures appeared to show that the campus, as it has for nearly a decade, had attracted more applications than any other university nationwide.

UCLA leaders also said they were happy about an increase in applications from African American and Latino students, two groups considered underrepresented at most University of California campuses and in the UC system as a whole.

UCLA in particular has been under pressure to boost the number of African American students on campus after that figure fell to about 800 for the current freshman class, its lowest level since at least 1992.

The figures, part of UC’s annual release of application numbers, showed that 3,444 African American students applied to UCLA for freshman admission in the fall, making up 6% of the school’s total of 48,409 U.S. applications. That was up from 3,173 last year, or 8.6% of the total.

Applications from Latino students also rose this year. The UCLA report showed that 6,230 Latino students applied for freshman admission — 12% of the total applications — compared with 5,786, or 16.6%, last year.

UCLA officials were relieved at these figures, especially after reports in the fall that some Los Angeles-area high school counselors had urged black students not to apply, apparently telling the students that the university was not interested in them. In appearances at high schools and letters to counselors, UCLA leaders, including acting Chancellor Norman Abravanel, emphasized that was not the case.

On Wednesday, administrators attributed the increases to campus and community efforts to encourage all qualified students — but underrepresented (see Application, Page B1) — to apply.

We were concerned that the numbers of applications would decrease from African American students,” said Janina Moneta, UCLA vice chancellor for student affairs. “The movement of the community, alumni, students and faculty has been very important to make sure that those numbers were maintained and have grown proportionately.”

The numbers of Asian American (16,563, up from 19,944 last year) and white students (15,654, up from 14,638) applying to UCLA also rose. But the percentage of Asian American applicants fell somewhat as a proportion of the U.S. applicant pool — from 38.4% for 2006 to 36.3% this year.

The percentage of white applicants was nearly unchanged at 31.7% of the total last year and this year.

UCLA this year is using a new “holistic” approach in admissions, one in which all facets of each applicant can be considered at one time by admissions reviewers. The new model, which will make UCLA’s admission process more like UC Irvine’s, was spurred partly by concerns about the dwindling numbers of black students, but UCLA’s acting chancellor and faculty leaders say they think the change will also lead to fairer admissions for all applicants.

The campus has set an enrollment target for the fall freshman class of 4,850, admissions officials said. Applicants will learn April 1 if they made the cut.

Across the UC system, meanwhile, the number of high school seniors applying for admission in the fall rose 5.3% this year, with 97,283 students hoping to win spots. Those from California students were up 4.7% this year, while international freshman applications jumped more than 29%, according to figures released Wednesday by the UC president’s office.

(See figures, which are compiled earlier in January than those released by the campuses, often vary slightly from those reports.)

According to that UC report, the number of freshman applications for 2007 increased for every campus except UC Santa Cruz, where 76 fewer students applied than last year. At UC Irvine, 39,390 students applied, up 4% from last year. At UC Riverside, 40 more prospective freshmen — for a total of 397 — applied for 2007 than did last year.

Applications from college students hoping to transfer to one of the university’s 23 campuses were down slightly, from 77,042 last year to 77,014 this year.

African American students hoping to transfer rose 5% to 4,560, while those from other groups fell slightly.

And UC officials said nearly all students hoping to transfer this year — 99% — filed their applications online.
CSU exec pay hike draws campus fire

**Education: 4 percent raises for top rank faculty, students.**

By Michelle Locke

Associated Press

LONG BEACH — Some California State University executives can look forward to fatter paychecks soon, much to the chagrin of faculty and students.

The 4 percent raises for 28 top-ranked employees were approved by the system’s Board of Trustees, who wrapped up a two-day meeting in Long Beach Wednesday.

Leaders of the CSU, which with 400,000-plus students is the nation’s largest four-year system, say they need to be able to pay competitive salaries to draw top talent. Even with the raise, administrators say their executives will still be well below the market.

But faculty, who are staffed in bargaining talks with administrators, and students, who are looking at a possible 10 percent fee hike, aren’t convinced.

“Stop ripping us off,” Rocio Navarro, a student at Cal Poly Pomona, told trustees Wednesday, “Students should be a priority but lately you seem to be more concerned about taking care of your executive friends.”

“We are tired and have had enough of your misplaced priorities,” said Maggie Gomez, a student at Cal State Dominguez Hills. She brought her 5-month-old nephew along, telling trustees they were looking at “a future CSU student” — but only if administrators can keep the system running and affordable.

Faculty also spoke, telling trustees many of their peers aren’t making enough money to support their families. They said they are prepared to strike if they can’t agree on a contract.

“Trustees and Chancellor Reed, you have not grasped the depth of concern and outrage among faculty,” said David Bradfield, professor of music and digital media arts at CSUDH.

The executive raises are for the 23 campus presidents, as well as Reed and four of his top deputies. Reed’s pay will go from $362,500 to $377,000.

Some lawmakers had questioned the timing of the pay raises, including Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, who is also a trustee. On Tuesday, Garamendi told fellow board members he agrees salaries need to be competitive but recommended delaying the vote until the state budget picture clears, saying there are “bad times to make a move such as this.”

But Reed said there “is no good time” to propose raising executive pay and the system needs to live up to a five-year plan to close market salary gaps for executives, faculty and staff.

CSU trustees won’t take up the issue of student fees until March, but a hike is possible.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed budget, released earlier this month, fulfills a long-term funding agreement he struck with higher education leaders but could mean a 10 percent fee hike for students.

Last year, the governor put in place a plan to freeze fees. That didn’t happen this year, but lawmakers could make changes before passing a final budget this summer.

Fees also could go up at the University of California under the governor’s proposed budget; undergraduates there are looking at a 7 percent hike.

Undergraduate fees at CSU could rise to $2,772, plus miscellaneous campus fees that now total about $680.

Also Wednesday, trustees endorsed Reed’s guidelines for the safety of students in a study abroad program in Cyprus.

Some Greek-Americans, including a trustee, had asked that the program be shut down on the grounds that it amounts to support of the Turkish Cypriot government in northern Cyprus.

Cyprus has been divided between a Greek Cypriot south and a breakaway Turkish Cypriot north since 1974, when Turkey invaded after an abortive Athens-backed coup by supporters of union with Greece.

CSU teachers Elizabeth Hoffman, left, and Robin Meiggs join a protest of a pay raise for top system executives at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach on Wednesday.

CSU officials say they have the support of the United States State Department for the program, in which students study conflict resolution.

The program was inaugurated last summer with an exchange between San Diego State University and Eastern Mediterranean University in northern Cyprus.

In December, members of a board subcommittee endorsed CSU’s study abroad programs, with the exception of trustee Kyriakos Tsakopoulos. Reed subsequently drew up an executive order for the programs that includes following state department guidelines in terms of which countries are not safe and having students go through an orientation prior to the trip discussing such things as the political situation of the country and legal responsibilities.

Programs also must have the health, safety and security of students, staff and faculty as a central feature of planning and operation.

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