FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9—16, 2006

In Progress
Kristen Habbestad developed media alerts and Events Calendar items for several upcoming events, including Megaconference VIII and an upcoming Holocaust discussion moderated by Dr. John Haas. Ms. Habbestad is also working to update a theater slide ad that will feature ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio and to secure an advertising contract with the City Insider in La Mirada.

Coverage
Business Journal—September 4, 2006—Article listing area colleges and universities in L.A. County, including Cerritos College.

Herald American—September 7, 2006—Brief announcing the Cerritos College 9/11 memorial event (from issued media alert)


Wave, East Edition—September 14, 2006—Article about the dedication ceremony of Cerritos College board meeting room to Cheryl Eppele (from issued press release).

Press Telegram—September 28, 2006—Article about the $3.5 million renovation to Cerritos College football field and track.

Los Cerritos Community News—October 13, 2006—Brief about the “Patric Pato Hebert: Photo Works” exhibition at the Cerritos College Art Gallery (from issued media alert).

Los Cerritos Community News—October 13, 2006—Article featuring photos of Cerritos College president Dr. Noelia Vela, at the Cerritos Chamber’s monthly luncheon.

Related News
Press Telegram—October 14, 2006—Article about the naming of five finalists vying to succeed E. Jan Kehoe as the next superintendent-president of Long Beach City College.

Los Angeles Times—October 16, 2006—Article about Proposition 1-D exempting community colleges from state seismic inspection standards.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
October 11, 2006

Cerritos College Hosts National Technology Showcase  
National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers’ 18th Annual Conference Includes Demonstration Session at Cerritos College

NORWALK, CA – October 11, 2006 – Cerritos College officials, industry representatives, technical institutions and neighboring community colleges met October 4-7 to participate in the 18th Annual Conference of the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC) in Anaheim. A portion of the conference on Friday, October 6 consisted of a showcase reception at Cerritos College, one of the few local community colleges to feature a Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) on its campus.

“Our success in ensuring that students receive the finest in career preparation is through collaboration and support from industry,” explained Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela as she welcomed conference attendees to the Cerritos College campus.

“It’s with an eye to the future that we seek to improve and strengthen our programs so that we can be a resource. Cerritos College supports collaboration and sharing of best practices because it helps companies in our community stay competitive and it allows our students to achieve their academic and vocational goals.”

Other participants in the four-day conference included overall conference host North Orange County Community College District, and numerous community colleges throughout the country. During Friday’s NCATC showcase, representatives from local institution participated in interactive demonstrations of technologies such as rapid prototyping (which involves building and testing technologies in a virtual environment), lasers and hydrogen energy.

Dr. Edward Chow, of Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), provided the keynote address at Friday’s session, held in the Cerritos College Student Center. Dr. Chow discussed policy-based management technologies used by JPL’s Deep Space Network.

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Cerritos College’s Director of Economic Development Jose Anaya was pleased at the knowledge-sharing opportunities afforded by the conference.

“We are very involved with NCATC and its annual conference because it’s a prime opportunity to network with other colleges and to find out what’s out there,” he said.

“Basically, we all have one goal, and that is to foster innovation and to stay current on emerging technologies and industries. Our successes in accomplishing this are shared both with our partners at other colleges and our industry supporters.”

In addition to offering advanced technology training in the automotive realm, Cerritos College also provides hands-on training to full-time students and current industry employees through its Center for Applied Competitive Technologies and through manufacturing technology courses. For more information, please visit www.cerritos.edu/cact.

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Cerritos College DSPS Staff Attends 31st Annual CAPED Conference

Former DSPS Director and Current Board Trustee Bob Hughlett Named CAPED President

Norwalk, CA — October 16, 2006—Staff members of Cerritos College’s Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) Department attended the 31st annual California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disability (CAPED) Conference October 8-11 in Lake Tahoe and welcomed Cerritos College Board Trustee Dr. Bob Hughlett into the 2006-2008 CAPED presidency.

Hughlett brings a great deal of experience and perspective to the position—he retired in 2005 as director of DSPS after a career in education that spanned more than 30 years.

Outgoing CAPED President Dr. Lucinda Aborn began in July 2006 as the dean of DSPS at Cerritos College. Aborn came to Cerritos College from El Camino College in Torrance, California, where she served as director of DSPS for 12 years. As 2004-2006 CAPED president, Aborn was instrumental in raising more than $10,000 in funds for student scholarships, influencing the increase of funding for community colleges students who are deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind, and increasing CAPED membership.

Aborn worked for 10 years at California State University, Northridge’s National Center on Deafness and Career Center. In addition, she served as principal investigator for more than eight multi-year grant projects, including the Rehabilitation Services Administration’s Region 9 Sign Language Interpreter Training Grant.

“Dr. Hughlett is widely recognized throughout the state as one of the founders of CAPED,” explained Aborn.
“We’re thrilled that through Dr. Hughlett’s leadership, Cerritos College will have a prominent role in our state association.”

Hughlett was installed as a Cerritos College board member on December 7, 2005. A former councilmember for the City of Cerritos and former member of the ABC Unified School District Board of Education, Hughlett is very active in the community and places particular priority upon supporting programs and accommodations for students with disabilities. He directed DSPS at Cerritos College beginning in 1981 until he retired in 2005.

“I’m honored to be able to serve in this leadership role,” said Hughlett.

“I know that my energy and enthusiasm for CAPED and for our students is matched by that of my colleagues.”

Since 1971, the Cerritos College DSPS Department has provided access and accommodation services to thousands of Cerritos College students. Services offered by DSPS include career, academic and personal counseling, provision of and assistance with equipment, specialized intake assessment, adapted instructional materials, note taking assistance, orientation to campus, parking and mobility support, reading services, tutoring and sign-language interpretation, along with many other offerings.

Founded in October 1974, CAPED is the first non-profit, professional organization of post secondary educators of students with disabilities in the nation. CAPED provides equal educational access to students with disabilities through support services, adapted curricula, and academic adjustments. For more information about the CAPED conference, please visit www.caped.net.

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Cerritos College Music Faculty Perform Nationally

Dr. Theresa Dimond will Appear at the Lincoln Center and Dr. SungAe Lee will Perform at Competition in Atlanta

NORWALK, CA – October 16, 2006 – Cerritos College Music Department faculty members Dr. Theresa Dimond and Dr. SungAe Lee both have upcoming opportunities to give performances on a national stage. Dimond, a distinguished percussionist who has served on the Cerritos College music faculty for the past 25 years, will travel to New York October 25-30 to perform at the Lincoln Center. Lee, who teaches piano, was selected as a finalist at the 11th Annual World Piano Pedagogy Conference to perform in the solo and concerto competition held in Atlanta, Georgia October 25-28.

Dr. Christine Lopez, chair of the Cerritos College Music Department will also be attending the conference and will accompany Lee during the piano concerto she will be performing as part of the competition.

“It’s a credit to our program that Cerritos College faculty members are invited to showcase their talents and expertise,” said Lopez.

“Our students benefit tremendously from the experiences that our faculty gain through these performance opportunities, while Cerritos College is provided with even further exposure.”

As one of six percussionists, Dimond will join the full chorus of the Los Angeles Master Chorale and four pianists at the Lincoln Center to give a performance celebrating the work of contemporary composer Steve Reich.

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Dimond studied at the University of Southern California and completed her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in percussion. She has been a member of the Los Angeles Opera Orchestra since its first season, principal timpanist for the Pasadena Pops and California Philharmonic, and as a freelance musician has performed with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. Her recording credits include "Edward Scissorhands," "Far From Heaven," "Rocky V," “The Simpsons,” “Pocahontas," "The 38th Annual Grammy Awards” and recordings with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. In addition to teaching at Cerritos College, Dimond is also currently on the faculties of Pomona College, University of California, Irvine and Whittier College.

Lee’s performance in Atlanta will include Prokofiev’s “Piano Concerto Number One in D-Flat Major” with Lopez playing a second piano as the orchestral reduction of the piece. She also plans to perform Rachmaninoff’s “Prelude” and Liszt’s ‘Spanish Rhapsody.”

Lee received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in piano performance from the University of California, Los Angeles. During her study with Ann Perry at UCLA, she was a top prizewinner of both the Neil and Jane Hanson Scholarship and the Benno Rubihyi Piano Competition. In May of 2004, she received a doctorate in musical arts from the University of Southern California, where she studied under the renowned pianist, Daniel Pollack. Lee joined the faculty at Cerritos College in January 2005 and has also served on the faculty at Shepherd University and Bethesda University.

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Cerritos College to Present at Worldwide Online Megaconference on November 2

8th Annual Internet Conference’s Focus is Global Connections

WHAT: History professor Dr. John Haas will present at Megaconference VIII on Thursday, November 2, 2006. The Megaconference connects many videoconferencing sites around the globe and boasts participation from more than 430 colleges, universities, and institutions from 31 countries and 39 states in the U.S. Dr. Haas’ presentation is entitled, “Building Bridges to the World: The Cerritos College Global Consortium One Year Later.”

Other broadcast elements include presentations discussing and demonstrating how groups use videoconferencing for interactive meetings and lessons, engaging multiple sites and the audience; musical mini-concerts; and a global roll call in which all participants get a moment to say hello, sing their school fight song, or do whatever they like. View a complete conference schedule here: http://digitalunion.osu.edu/megaconference/program.html

The Megaconference seeks to connect people anywhere on Earth, in order to further the use of videoconferencing in education and research. Everyone is invited to watch the Megaconference from the comfort of his or her own office, classroom or conference room.

Like any professional conference, presenters and audience members will discuss current trends and work. Unlike other conferences, hundreds of participants, from universities, K-12 schools, and organizations, will gather simultaneously from all continents of the world using advanced Internet videoconferencing networks.

WHEN: Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 3:15 p.m. PST (Dr. Haas’ presentation)

The entire Megaconference takes place throughout the day, from 4:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. PST on November 2.

WHERE: Live streamed video of Megaconference VIII will be available online at www.megaconference.org. Cerritos College will also be participating in the live video conference in the Wilford Michael Library, room 135 and room 155 (Teleconference Center) for Dr. Haas’ presentation.

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Dr. John Haas of the Humanities and Social Science Division at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2726 or at jhaas@cerritos.edu.

COST: Admission to the event is free; daily parking is $1.

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Cerritos College to Host Holocaust Discussion on Nov. 6

“And the World Looked Away: the Story of the Holocaust” will Feature Dr. Aaron Breitbart of the Simon Wiesenthal Center

WHAT: Cerritos College’s Humanities and Social Sciences Division and the Global Consortium will host Aaron Breitbart, senior researcher at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, for a discussion of the Jewish Holocaust during World War II. “And the World Looked Away: the Story of the Holocaust” will be conducted as a live videoconference that will connect college campuses. The program will also be broadcast live through the California Community College Satellite Television (CCCSAT) and to the local community through cable television.

WHEN: Monday, November 6, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center
Room 155 (Teleconference Center)
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

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

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Dr. John Haas of the Humanities and Social Sciences Division at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2726.

COST: Admission to the event is free; on-campus parking is $1 per day.

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10 Days and Counting

Area events pay tribute to fifth anniversary of 9/11

By Staff Report

At a church, a community college and steeplecites mark the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks with ceremonies this week.

The First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 E. Third St., marks the day with a program Saturday from noon to 1 p.m.

Ceremonies include reflections from church members, special music and prayers.

Information: 562-923-1251, ext. 269.

The Associated Students of Cerritos College conduct a memorial ceremony at 2 p.m. Monday in the Burmigh Amphitheater on campus, 1110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk.

Information: 562-860-2451, ext. 4276.

The city of Bellflower conducts a memorial observance at 8 a.m. Monday at the Library Plaza, Flower Street and Civic Center Drive.

Local veterans stage a flag-lowering ceremony, followed by a song and a memorial poem by a local student.

The ceremonies include a tribute to John Hoffer, a Bellflower resident who was a passenger on the American Airlines plane which crashed into one of the World Trade Center Towers.

Local church bells ring at 8:46 a.m., the exact time when the first plane hit the World Trade Center.

Information: 562-804-1-24, ext. 2278.

The city of Montebay Park also holds a ceremony at 9 a.m. Monday at City Hall, 320 W. Newport Ave.

The ceremony includes a moment of silence and the placing of a memorial wreath by
Professor to go Hollywood in performance

NORWALK — Greg Schreiner, a professional pianist and an adjunct professor in Cerritos College’s music department, will perform in “Hollywood Revisited: A Tribute in Costume and Song,” a musical review of Hollywood’s golden age, at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower.

“Hollywood Revisited” combines glamour, humor, music and dance, said Kristen Habbestad, public affairs coordinator for the college.

During the show, vocalists will perform selections from Hollywood’s movie musicals. The program showcases actual costumes worn by film stars, including those designed by Edith Head.

Schreiner, who teaches piano at Cerritos College, is the pianist, narrator and producer for the show.

He also appeared on numerous television shows including AMC’s “Hollywood Fashion Machine,” A&E’s “The Incubus Collector” and “The Montel Williams Show.”

Schreiner is curator of special collections at the Hollywood Museum in Hollywood, where a portion of his collection is on display.

He also has several recordings in release, including a soundtrack from “Hollywood Revisited.” He also is president of Marilyn Remembered — a club devoted to preserving the memory of Marilyn Monroe.

Admission is $12 per person and $10 for students. For tickets, call (562) 867-5980.
Board unveils Cheryl Epple Room

NORWALK — The Cerritos College District Board of Trustees have renamed the board’s meeting room in memory of a board member who died two years ago.

Dedication ceremonies took place Sept. 6 for the Cheryl A. Epple Board Room, honoring Epple’s years of contributions to the college and community before her death in July 2004, said Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations coordinator.

A memorial plaque bearing Epple’s photo is now permanently part of the board room, Habbestad said.

“Cheryl and I spent several years together leading and shaping this campus,” said Cerritos College board President John Moore. “She was intimately connected to this campus and its students, and it is with deep gratitude that we dedicate this board room to her memory and to the legacy she left us through her tireless support of Cerritos College.”

Epple is survived by her husband Bob, who replaced her on the board; their daughter, Nicole; her mother Joyce Mc Cone; and siblings Terri Mc Cone-Williams, Lisa Van Epp, Nelda Rueter, Don Mc Cone, Rob Mc Cone; and nieces and nephews Ashley, Samantha, Megan, Kelly, Ryan, Jon, Chris and Renee.

Epple served on the Board of Trustees for 11 years, earning re-election in 1997 and 2001.

She was known as an advocate for generating alternative revenue sources to support the educational process. During her time on the board, Epple held the positions of board president (in 1996 and 2001), vice president (1995 and 2000), and secretary (1999 and 2004).

Epple attended Cerritos College prior to receiving her bachelor’s degree in public administration from Cal State Dominguez Hills.

She lived in Bellflower and worked as a tax accountant, specializing in tax preparation for individuals, small businesses and audit representation for the general public.
A $3.5 million renovation to its football field and track brings Cerritos College back to the forefront in regards to facilities across southern California.

Stadium has Falcons on a high

Now that’s one big Falcon.

It begins at the 50-yard line at Cerritos College’s Falcon Stadium, extending 40 feet wide and 70 feet tall, a beautiful blue-and-white painting of the college’s mascot that looks ready to take flight at any time.

It represents big changes at the Norwalk campus, a symbol of $3.5 million in renovations to the football field and track that will once again put Cerritos College’s facilities at the forefront of Southern California athletics.

Cerritos has installed a new synthetic turf on its football field and is in the process of replacing its track with a synthetic surface called Mondeo. Both surfaces are considered to be state of the art.

“It’s been a long time coming and at a result, we once again now have one of the top fields in the state,” Cerritos football coach Frank Mazotta said in the school’s media guide. “Over the years, our field has been held in high regard and now with this new field ... we can hold claim to being right back up there at the top.”

Until this summer, Cerritos was actually behind the curve when it came to facility upgrades. Through last year, the Falcons were still playing on a grass field while other JC’s and even some area high schools had installed synthetic surfaces. But voters in the community that surrounds the campus passed a $210 million general obligation bond for improvements around the college.

“Some credit to the voters that voted it through,” said Cerritos dean of physical education and athletics Dan Smith.

Beginning this summer, IC Improvements of Toronto began installing the football surface, which features more blades per square foot and has a thicker backing than most surfaces. Unlike other surfaces, it doesn’t have sand in its base and the rubber used in the base is “cryogenic,” according to Mazotta, meaning it isn’t made up of shredded tires and doesn’t contain any metal.

“It plays more like real grass,” said Smith.

As with any construction process, finishing on schedule was a great concern. Smith and Mazotta were assured the field would be ready for the Falcons’ first home game, Sept. 2 against Moorpark. But just to be safe, Smith reserved Warren High’s football field for the game.

“Up until that Thursday, I was still holding onto Warren High,” Smith said.

He was told by the contractor and consultant the field would be ready. And, after construction continued through the night late that week, and the owner of IC improvements came out from Toronto to supervise, the field was indeed ready for the first game, with about one hour to spare.

“I never thought they’d make it,” Smith said. “It’s a real credit to the consultant and the construction company.”

Smith said that when the bid process began, he didn’t think the college would have a chance at either surface. But because both companies wanted exposure at a large and well-known West Coast facility, the bids were the lowest.

“IT was really surprised at the (Mondo) bid,” he said. “I never anticipated we would have a Mondo track.”

The main benefit of synthetic surfaces is low maintenance costs.

“You don’t have to paint it, water it, mow it, aerate it, fertilize it,” said Smith. “Strictly from a cost perspective ... it pays for itself in a few years.”

But Smith sees other benefits as well, specifically less injuries. Teams can’t practice on a grass field because of wear and tear, so less well-maintained areas are usually used that can contain holes and dups, and those can get players hurt. The Falcons now practice on the field itself.

The new field also makes Falcon Stadium more efficient for students and the community. Instead of just being used five times a year for football and once in May for graduation, multiple events can now be scheduled without having to worry about running the field.

Smith said PE classes can be taught on the field and soccer tournaments can be held. The college has even installed new goal posts that allow soccer goals to be placed below them to utilize all 120 yards of the field.

Cerritos hosts the CIF Southern Section track and field meets each year and the CIF state meet every other year. But the famous blue track was in desperate need of replacement.

“The track was worn through,” Smith said. “I don’t know how it would have lasted.”

Smith has been told the new track will be ready by early January, in time for the defending state champion women’s track team to begin training on it.

“(Cerritos track coach Doug Welles) is awfully happy,” Smith said. “There are only a few other Mondo tracks in the area.”

In the past, throwing events at track meets have been held in the grassy area behind Falcon Stadium just south of the baseball field. When construction is complete, those events will be moved to the area just south of the football field. Eventually, the field house and parking lot will be removed to make even more room available.

And according to Mazotta, the new field has one benefit, especially when viewed from high in the bleachers, that was not anticipated.

“The stadium looks small,” he said. “but the field looks huge.”

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Cerritos College Art Gallery Presents
Photo Exhibit

“Patrick Pato Hebert: Photo Works” opens Monday, October 2 at the Cerritos College Art Gallery. The exhibition will run through Thursday, November 2. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, October 5 from 6 - 9 p.m., and an artist walkthrough will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Patrick Pato Hebert’s work runs the gamut from photography, installation, public work and design. “Patrick Pato Hebert: Photo Works” features large-scale panoramas of Los Angeles landscapes and lenticular photography (a technology that enables an image to change as a viewer walks by). Through the genres of landscape and portrait, Hebert explores concepts of homeland, memory, family, racial identity and harmony.

Cerritos College Art Gallery hours are: Monday - Thursday 11 - 4 p.m. and Tuesdays and Wednesdays 6-9 p.m. The Gallery (FA 50) is located at Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide. The exhibit is free; campus parking is $1 per day.
ABC School Progress Outlined At Chamber Luncheon

By Jerry Bernstein

Networking at the Cerritos Chamber’s monthly luncheon held at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel are (l-r) Dr. Noela Vela, Cerritos College president; Mary Lou Landes, Tri-City Regional Medical Center; Cerritos Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lee; and Susan Hixon, Haskell Middle School principal.

“We believe all students in ABC, no matter where they live or how much income their family earns, have the capacity to be high achievers,” stated ABC Unified School District Superintendent Gary Smuts before members of the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking at the Chamber’s monthly luncheon meeting Oct. 5 at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel, Smuts outlined the District’s Strategic Plan for 2006 to 2010, and student achievements since the first Strategic Plan was initiated in 1999. “This gave us our direction for the next three years,” he noted. “Our second phase covered the years 2003-06. Again, at the center were our students.”

Smuts said ABC traces its roots to 1875 when the Artesia School District was formed. Many changes have occurred to the area and the District since then, he related, adding that it is important for the District to set its goals, and the Strategic Plans help give that direction.

“What do we want our students to learn? What do we want them to achieve?” he asked. “And how they are doing?” Smuts said the evaluation process incorporates many measures, including surveying every senior to see if their education needs are met and they feel the classroom instruction is what it should be.

Along with student achievement there is parent and community involvement, Smuts explained, as well as effective resource and facilities management, professional

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growth for all employees and healthy students. All of these details come under the umbrella of the Strategic Plan.

Boardmember Louise Dodson is the liaison to the Strategic Plan Committee, which is made up of members of the community and is completely independent. “Its job is to inform us how we are doing, and the direction we need to go,” Smuts stated.

ABC Progress

In relation to the state API test scores, Smuts said the target is 800 or above for each school. “We have 39 languages spoken in our schools,” he said, “and our schools are progressing.”

There are 11 schools that have met or exceeded the threshold, with 11 scoring above 700. No ABC school is below 600. Several have scores above 900. “This is good,” he said, “but we can do better. Our students are engaged. They’re busy.”

The superintendent said the District offers 21 college courses, and that many colleges don’t offer that many.

Last year the District had 40 expulsions, which he described as being very low compared to neighboring districts. This year there were only 13.

“Students want to stay in school and graduate,” he said. “The best schools in California are right here.”

Visiting at monthly Cerritos Chamber of Commerce luncheon are (l-r) are Michiko Oyama-Canada, Hawaiian Gardens City Council; Gary Smuts, Superintendent ABC Unified School District and luncheon guest speaker; Dr. Noela Vela, Cerritos College President; and Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Petra Prida.
5 finalists named to lead LBCC

Education: One East Coast hopeful joins four from California.

By Kevin Butler
Staff writer

LONG BEACH — Long Beach City College officials on Friday named five finalists vying to succeed E. Jan Kehoe as the next superintendent-president of the two-campus institution.

A nationwide search was conducted to find candidates to replace Kehoe, who is retiring after nearly 10 years leading the college.

The LBCC Board of Trustees plans to announce its decision by the end of the year, said LBCC spokesman Chi-Chung Keung.

The finalists are:
- Daniel Castro, president of Riverside City College. Castro previously served for five years as president at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. He earned a bachelor’s in sociology from UC Santa Barbara and a master’s degree in urban studies and public administration from Occidental College.
- He earned a Ph.D. in sociology from Union Graduate School.
- Castro said he sees parallels between the types of student programs at LBCC and those he saw at...
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Los Angeles Trade-Technical College.

The job opening at LBCC is a “real opportunity to blend the best of community colleges, getting (students) jobs and also preparing them to go on to higher education if they so choose,” he said.

- Irving McPhail formerly served as chancellor of The Community College of Baltimore County. He also was president of LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis.

McPhail received a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Cornell, a master’s in reading from Harvard, and an Ed.D. in reading-language arts from the University of Pennsylvania.

- Eloy Oakley is executive vice president for administrative services at LBCC, where he has been chief financial and administrative officer. He is responsible for overseeing the college’s day-to-day operations.

He previously served as vice president of college services at Oxnard College. Oakley received a bachelor’s in environmental analysis and design from UC Irvine and an MBA from the same institution.

“I love the college,” he said. “I love the community. I have a lot of roots in Long Beach.”

- Paulette Perfumo, superintendent-president at Solano Community College in Fairfield. Perfumo previously served as deputy superintendent and vice president for educational services at Ohlone College in Fremont.

She earned a master’s degree in education and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from UCLA.

Perfumo said she’s “thrilled” with the possibility of leading LBCC.

“It’s a wonderful college,” she said. “It has an outstanding reputation and outstanding faculty, staff and programs.”

- Audrey Yamagata-Noji, vice president of student services at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. She also is president of the school board of the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Yamagata-Noji received a Ph.D. in education from Claremont Graduate University and a master’s degree in counseling, as well as a bachelor’s in psychology from Cal State Long Beach.

Two open, on-campus forums have been scheduled for Nov. 8 and Nov. 9 for staff, faculty, students and community members to meet the candidates. The times and locations of those forums have not yet been determined, college officials say.

Final candidate interviews with the Board of Trustees are scheduled for Nov. 11.
School Bond Has a Quake Clause

In addition to raising money for construction, Prop. 1-D would exempt community colleges from state seismic inspection standards.

By Sharon Bernstein
Times Staff Writer

Buried deep in the proposed $10-billion school bond on next month’s ballot is a provision that many seismic safety experts consider a significant rollback of California’s earthquake regulations.

The clause was placed in Proposition 1-D — which authorizes borrowing for the construction and modernization of schools — with the support of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s administration. It would exempt community colleges from complying with the tough building and inspection standards of the Field Act, meant to protect students from earthquake hazards.
Prop. 1-D Contains a Quake Clause

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The Los Angeles Community College District, for example, estimates that it is losing $1 million a month because of delays in getting its plans through the Division of State Architect, said Frederick E. Harris, assistant vice chancellor for facilities for California Community Colleges.

The wording in the bond measure does not specify how or whether new community college buildings would be inspected during construction. Harris said that means community colleges could hire their own inspectors to set their own schedules for examining new buildings.

Harris, who supports the change, said community colleges would be bound by the same rules that govern the University of California and the Cal State systems.

The Field Act, he said, is meant to protect children and therefore restricts certain types of light fixtures and requires specific safety measures to allow youngsters to easily evacuate a building if it is damaged in a quake.

Community colleges students, he said, average 25 years in age and do not need such accommodations.

"Why is it OK for UC and Cal State ... to choose who and where they have their plan reviewed and inspected, and why should community colleges that have a higher median age not be allowed to do it?" Harris said.

But Lucy Jones, a seismic safety commission member and former scientist-in-charge for the U.S. Geological Survey in Southern California, said such a view is shortsighted. Far from saving the major universities money, the exemption from the Field Act has meant that the state's colleges have had to spend billions in recent years to repair earthquake damage and install seismic upgrades in their buildings.

Cal State Northridge, which was not subject to the Field Act, sustained far more damage in the 1994 Northridge quake than nearby public schools and community colleges, which were built according to the law's provisions, she said.

The law's inspection process, although perhaps burdensome to those trying to get their buildings finished, is vital in ensuring that contractors don't skimp while constructing schools, Jones said.

This is not the first time the community college proposal has made the rounds in Sacramento. An earlier bill was killed after Jones and others from the Seismic Safety Commission appeared before the Legislature in opposition. It resurfaced last year in another bill about the same time that it was inserted into the bond measure.

Lawmakers who had opposed the earlier version now find themselves supporting it because they fear damaging the chances of the ballot proposition.

"I am supportive of the proposition but unhappy with the one portion of it that exempts the community colleges from the Field Act," said state Sen. Elaine Alquist (D-Santa Clara), a longtime seismic safety advocate.

"Our K-12 schools need to adhere to the Field Act, and my own thought is that our public universities need to also."

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