FOR THE WEEKS OF MAY 30—JUNE 12, 2007

In Progress
Kristen Habbestad provided the city editor at the Downey Patriot with a photo of new ASCC president Jason Macias following the distribution of a news release about the ASCC presidential swearing-in ceremony at the June 6 board meeting. A story about Macias’ new assignment is scheduled to appear in the June 15 issue.

Ms. Habbestad worked with Admissions and Records to compile and provide a list of Cerritos College graduates to the Rafu Shimpo—the L.A. Japanese Daily News—for the publication’s annual graduate listing during the week of June 4.

Coverage
There were numerous media mentions of Cerritos College as host for the CIF Southern Section Track and Field Finals May 25-26 in media outlets throughout the region, including: the Daily Breeze (Torrance), the Long Beach Press-Telegram, the Los Angeles Times and others.

Whittier Daily News—April 27, 2007—Promotional brief on interfaith dialogue held at Cerritos College with Dr. Pearl and Dr. Ahmed (from press release).


Long Beach Press-Telegram—May 9, 2007—Brief on a seminar at Cerritos College on a new method of designing automotive parts (from press release).


Hoy—May 15, 2007—Information on summer classes offered at Cerritos College for adults and children.


Norwalk Community News—June 1, 2007—Short promotional article on the upcoming theater production “Play’s Anatomy” at Cerritos College (from press release).

Norwalk Community News—June 1, 2007—Article on the graduation of Cerritos College students from the Scholars Honors Program (from press release).

Norwalk Community News—June 1, 2007—Article on the graduation of Cerritos College students from the Teacher TRAC program (from press release).

Norwalk Community News—June 1, 2007—Article on the appointment of George Gordon to the board of the Cerritos College Foundation (from press release).

Norwalk Community News—June 1, 2007—Article on the graduates of Cerritos College’s Project HOPE program (from press release).

Norwalk Community News—June 1, 2007—Article on scholarships awarded to Cerritos College students by the Cerritos College Foundation (from press release).

KPCC Web page (Los Angeles NPR affiliate)—June 5, 2007—Prominent feature of a Cerritos College auto technology student on Web site home page to accompany radio piece which aired the same day.

Related News
Long Beach Press-Telegram—May 17, 2007—Editorial on a planned charter high school opening in Long Beach that will emphasize trade skills—especially among girls—and which hopes to see many students enroll in trade programs at Cerritos College and Long Beach City College after their graduation.

Long Beach Press-Telegram—May 11, 2007—Editorial on a new program at Jordan High School in Long Beach that will prepare students to pursue careers in skilled trades.

Long Beach Press-Telegram—May 24, 2007—Article on California’s failure to train and retain enough highly-skilled workers to meet projected demand.

Los Angeles Times—May 31, 2007—Article on the chancellor of the state’s community college system returning to his previous position as head of the L.A. Community College District.

Los Angeles Times—June 1, 2007—Article regarding USC’s chief of financial aid, who quit amid conflict-of-interest questions regarding lenders she recommended to students.
Cerritos College Band and Orchestra to Present "Concert On the Grass"

For Immediate Release: June 4, 2007

Event Contact: Aaron Gonzales or Laura Cendajas, Music Department; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629

WHAT: The Cerritos College Community Band and Orchestra present "Concert On the Grass," a free event offered by the Cerritos College Music Department. Director David Betancourt and Cerritos College musicians will share a selection of music in Cerritos College's Amphitheater in Falcon Square. Snacks, hot dogs and drinks will be sold, with proceeds supporting the Cerritos College Music Club. The concert is sponsored by the Associated Students of Cerritos College and the Cerritos College Foundation.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College Amphitheater in Falcon Square

COST: This event is free. Parking is $1 per day.

CONTACT: For more information, contact the Cerritos College Music Department at ext. 2629. Click here to download a flier about the "Concert On the Grass" performance.

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Cerritos College Students Elect Leaders for 2007-08 Term
ASCC President Jason Macias Inducted at June 6 Board Meeting

For Immediate Release: June 7, 2007

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

NORWALK, CA -- June 7, 2007 -- Jason Macias, the Associated Students of Cerritos College's (ASCC) president-elect, was sworn in Wednesday, June 6, at the regular board meeting of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

Macias, of Downey, is a graduate of Downey High School. A biology major who began attending Cerritos College in 2004, Macias has worked as a student in the college's Project HOPE program and is active in the Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine (CCM) and Applied Science, Engineering and Technology (ASET) clubs. He also served as president of the Computer Club and as ASCC's commissioner of information technology.

Macias' campaign platform included the promotion of healthier food on campus, the institution of a recycling program, tutoring for science courses and flexible hours at the Student Health and Wellness Center. During his term, he also seeks to increase law enforcement and start a book rental program. As ASCC president, Macias will serve on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees as a student trustee.

"I want to establish better communication and unity between students, faculty, staff and administration," explained Macias.

"The campus will benefit from my leadership as a student, consciousness as an individual in society, community involvement, and dedication to serve the students with the utmost respect to opinions and concerns of the entire population."

Michael Barrita campaigned with Macias and will serve as ASCC vice president. Barrita, also of Downey and Downey High School graduate, is double-majoring in philosophy and political science. In the past, he served on the executive board of the ASCC as the commissioner of external affairs. Barrita is the current president of the Political Science Club and in the past was treasurer of the Computer Club. He is an active member of Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine (CCM) and works with the college's Project HOPE program.

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High School ROP Students at Cerritos College Receive Scholarships from Dealers Association
Southland Motor Car Dealers Association Provides Funds for Students' Tools
For Immediate Release: June 11, 2007

NORWALK, CA -- June 11, 2007 -- Eighteen high school students taking classes in Cerritos College's Automotive Technology Program through the Southeast Regional Occupational Program's (SEROP) Auto Careers Institute (ACI) received $250 scholarships toward the purchase of MATCO tools from the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA) on Thursday, June 7.

Students receiving the awards were: Elizabeth Arias, Lizette Arias, John Barrows, Ben Beivides, Jose Cuenca, Guillermo Diaz, Nate Haugh, Jared Hindman, Alex Lopez, Alex Macias, Desiree Martinez, Andrew Rhee, Danny Rojas, Ashley Royster, Bryan Ruiz, Heather Shapiro, Johnny Santiago, and Armando Solis.

Now that the students are finished with their classes as high school students, they have the opportunity to apply and join the Import Technician Training Program (ITTP) or the Ford, Chrysler or General Motors corporate programs offered at Cerritos College.

"We encourage these students to pursue a future at Cerritos College," said Todd Leutheuser, executive director at SMCDA.

"Dealers in our association are always eager to hire Cerritos College Auto Technology students through work-study programs, and program graduates are highly sought as full-time employees. The students in this program receive excellent training. When they finish the program, they are by far more prepared and ready for the challenge of working at a dealership."

The student awards are actually worth $500 because MATCO provides Cerritos College students--who purchase tools to use in their classes--with a 50 percent discount on purchases.

The Southland Motor Car Dealers Association represents franchised new car dealers throughout Southern Los Angeles County.

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.

The program provides students with hands-on, nationally authorized training for GM, Ford, Chrysler 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 and 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
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Interfaith dialogue set for Monday

NORWALK — Cerritos College and the Global Consortium will hold an interfaith dialogue with Judea Pearl, father of slain journalist Daniel Pearl, at 7 p.m. Monday in Room 155 of the Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

American University professor Akbar Ahmed and a representative from the United Nations will also participate in the event.

Judea Pearl founded the Daniel Pearl Foundation, through which he has worked with Ahmed, chair of AU’s Islamic studies program.

The pair have jointly received the 2006 Purpose Award for fighting intolerance, conflict and terrorism through dialogue and exchange.

For more information, call John Haas, (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2726.
Cerritos’ commencement May 12

NORWALK – Cerritos College will hold its 50th annual commencement ceremony to honor its graduating students on May 12 at 5 p.m. in Falcon Stadium.

This year’s commencement speaker will be Cerritos College Mathematics Professor Manuel Lopez. The ceremony is open to the public.
College offering English classes

CERRITOS — Cerritos College is offering six-week English as a Second Language (ESL) classes during the summer with both day and evening schedules available beginning Monday, May 21, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

For more information, contact Joann Sugihara-Cheatham at (562) 860-2451.
Design seminar at Cerritos College

Cerritos College today is hosting a seminar on model-based definitions, a technology that may put paper drawings out of commission in the design and production of automotive parts.

The seminar is at 6 p.m. in Room ME2 of the Metals Building. Jim Edwards, Southern California account manager for Verisurf, leads the presentation.

Admission is free, but an RSVP is required. Parking is $1.

Cerritos College is at 11110 Alondra Blvd. To RSVP, call Linda Isai (562) 860-2451, ext. 2486 or Nick Real at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2925.
Cerritos College to begin registration

CERRITOS — Registration begins May 21 for Cerritos College’s summer session. Class schedules and applications are available online at www.cerritos.edu/admissions.

Returning students can register by using the automated Falcon Phone registration system, (562) 865-3276. For more information, call (562) 860-2452, Ext. 2211.
AGENDA EDUCATIVA

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> CLASES DE COMPUTACIÓN

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Curso:
1) Web Design
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3) Macromedia Flash
4) Photoshop Elements
Diferentes horarios y costos en julio

> PARA ADULTOS CURSO SOBRE ADMINISTRACIÓN DE UN PEQUEÑO NEGOCIO

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entendimiento, habilidades y cono-
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Los talleres:
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Tel: (562) 447-5050 ext. 2527
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Cerritos College Theatre presents
Play's Anatomy
Student Festival of One-Act Plays

Friday June 15 @ 8 pm
Saturday June 16 @ 8 pm
Thursday June 21 @ 8 pm
Friday June 22 @ 8 pm
Saturday June 23 @ 8 pm
Sunday June 24 @ 2 pm

Cerritos College's Second 8-Week Session
Register for classes online at www.cerritos.edu
Monday, June 18, 2007 - Friday, August 10, 2007

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Norwalk, CA 90650-5298
(562) 860-2451
Cerritos College Summer Intrasessions Begin
June 18th and July 2nd

NORWALK — Registration for Cerritos College’s summer session classes is now underway. Students may access a schedule of classes, complete an application and register online for a variety of classes by visiting www.cerritos.edu/admissions.
Cerritos College Theatre Students Breathe Life into "Play's Anatomy"

The Cerritos College Department of Theatre presents "Play's Anatomy," a student festival playing June 15-24. Several one-act student plays will be performed.

Friday, June 15 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 16 at 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 21 at 8 p.m.

Friday, June 22 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 23 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 24 at 2 p.m.

Burnight Studio Theatre
Cerritos College 11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

General admission: $12
Students, staff and seniors with ID: $10

Tickets are available for all performance dates and can be purchased online at www.cerritos.edu/theatre or at the theater box office, open Monday through Thursday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Group rates are available.

For more information, call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2638 or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre.
Cerritos College’s Scholars’ Honors Program (SHP) honored 26 graduates and two participants during its tenth annual farewell ceremony on Thursday, May 1.

Each of the graduates received bronze medallions for completing the full SHP curriculum of six honors courses while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average in transferable courses. A total of 26 graduates (students who completed the honors program) and two participants (students who finished two or more honors courses, but did not finish the program), were honored during the evening’s event.

Recognition was also given to Aditi Khurana and Hanna Lee, who each received a $500 SHP Transfer Scholarship.

Medallions were presented to graduates by Cerritos College Vice President of Academic Affairs William Farmer, and certificates were presented by Faculty Senate President Dr. Bryan Reece. SHP Director Timothy Juntilla served as master of ceremonies.

SHP graduates included: Reeva Castillo, transferring to CSULA; Tu Dao, transferring to UC Berkeley; Meera Desai, transferring to UCSD; Alvaro Espinoza, transferring to UCLA; JJ Espinoza, transferring to UCLA; Leah Evangelista, transferring to UCLA; Michael Garcia, transferring to CSULB; Isaac Gonzalez, UC Berkeley or CSU Sacramento; Joel Gonzalez who has not decided yet where to transfer; Joseph Gutierrez, transferring to UC Berkeley or UCLA; Michelle Hsu, who has not decided yet where to transfer; Susie Joo, who has not decided yet where to transfer; Aditi Khurana, transferring to UC or UCLA; Da Eun (Gloria) Lee, transferring to UC Berkeley or UCLA; Hanna Lee, transferring to UCLA; Ning Liang, transferring to UCLA; Charlene Lobario, transferring to UCLA; Justine Lopez, transferring to UCLA; Rosa Lopez, who has been accepted to UC Berkeley, UCI, UCLA and UCSD, but is still undecided about her transfer choice; Ngai Ng, who has been accepted to UC Berkeley, UCI, UCLA, UCSD, UCSD and is waiting to hear from USC before deciding on his transfer choice; Viviana Ruiz, who is transferring to UCLA or UCI; Carlos Salas, who is transferring to CSULB; Irving Salazar, who is transferring to UCLA; Lucia Sanchez-Contreras, who is transferring to UCLA; David Shin, who is transferring to UCLA; and Steven Sinkewicz, who is transferring to UCLA. Participants Perla Medina, who is transferring to UCSD or San Francisco State University, and Yovany Moreno, who is transferring to UCLA, were also honored.

"The students in the Scholars' Honors Program never cease to amaze me," said Juntilla.

These are some of the brightest students at Cerritos College and, on behalf of the faculty who worked with these students over the years, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes for the future. As director of the Scholars' Honors Program, I encourage students graduating from high school, as well as students currently enrolled at Cerritos College, to join the SHP. Start your bachelor's degree at Cerritos College and ensure your transfer success by completing the honors program.”

The SHP program is the academic and social home that Cerritos College provides for talented and motivated students who plan to transfer to four-year institutions. Through the SHP program, many students have the opportunity to apply and receive prestigious scholarships. Benefits offered to students by SHP include opportunities for independent research with leading faculty members through the Honors Contract program, small-enrollment honors sections of courses needed for transfer, workshops to help in transferring to four-year schools, and scholarships to selected transfer colleges and universities. For more information on the SHP, visit the program’s online at www.cerritos.edu/ shp or contact the SHP office at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2728.
Focus On Cerritos Community College

Teacher TRAC Program Celebrates 33 New Graduates

Cerritos College’s Teacher TRAC (Training Academy) program honored 33 Teacher TRAC program graduates on Thursday, May 10 as the students moved closer to gaining a bachelor’s degree and teaching credential from California State University Long Beach.

Honoring Teacher TRAC students at the recognition ceremony were the Cerritos College Board of Trustees; senior members of Cerritos College administration; Sue Parsons, director of Teacher TRAC; Dr. Jean Houck, dean of the College of Education at California State University, Long Beach; Teacher TRAC leadership team and faculty members; and friends and family of the students. Each graduate received a certificate and a commemorative golden apple in recognition of their completion of the first leg of the Teacher TRAC program.

Graduates from the program included Olivia Arias, Cynthia Barahona, Audra Brewster, Patricia Buchanan, Javier Caldera, Diana Carrera;
Robert Ceja, Tara Champlin,

Scholarship awards were also presented during the event. Patricia Buchanan received a $1,000 Fred Gaskin scholarship that includes a $1,000 match from CSULB; Laura Hernandez received the Esther Nieto each received an Eruditio Scholarship for $500 each; and Mark Shimazu received the D. Franklin Wright Mathematics Scholarship for $2,500.

Irma Jimenez, a Teacher TRAC alumna from the class of 2003, provided closing remarks and encouraged the class of 2007 to continue to be faithful in their studies and to hold high hopes for their careers in education.

Cerritos College’s Teacher TRAC program offers many services, programs, and pathways for students interested in teaching K-12. For students interested in becoming an elementary school teacher, Teacher TRAC’s flagship program is a partnership with California State University Long Beach. As a student in the integrated, standards-based Teacher TRAC/CSULB program, students can earn their bachelor’s degree and multiple subject teaching credentials and complete their student teaching within four years. For more information about the program, visit http://www.teachertrac.com/.
During its bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, May 10, the Cerritos College Foundation Board of Directors voted to approve the appointment of George Gordon as its new board member.

Gordon is co-owner and Managing Partner of Century 21 Home and Investment in Downey and serves as a part-time faculty member at Cerritos College. He joins other community members and business leaders on the board to lend direction and support to the college's fundraising and scholarship efforts.

"We're thrilled to have Gordon join the board," said the Foundation Board's chair, P. Espinoza, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge who also serves as the board's president. "George brings to the board..."
Focus On Cerritos Community College

Cerritos College Honors Project HOPE Class of 2007

22 Graduates of Project HOPE’s Healthcare Career-Prep Program Mark Transition to Universities

Cerritos College’s Project HOPE (Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education), and premiere sponsors Health Net of California, Orange County’s Credit Union, and Verizon saluted 22 graduates of the Project HOPE program on Wednesday, May 9 during the program’s third annual graduation banquet entitled “Ensuring Diversity in the Health Professions.” The ceremony celebrated the upcoming transition of the students to four-year universities now that they have earned their associate’s degrees at Cerritos College.

The Project HOPE Class of 2007 included Angelica Barrera-Ng, transferring to California State University, Fullerton (CSUF); Mario Carrasco, who transferred to California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH); Cynthia Ceretti, who graduated from Cerritos College’s Nursing Program in the fall of 2006 and plans to pursue a BSN; Sonia Díaz, who was admitted into the Cerritos College Nursing Program in the spring of 2007 and plans to become a registered nurse; Margot Cisneros, who was admitted into the Cerritos College Nursing Program in the spring of 2007 and plans to become a registered nurse; Janei Dominguez, who transferred to the University of California, Riverside (UCR); Amaryn Espinoza, who will be transferring to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); Gabriel Gomez, who will be transferring to a four-year university in the fall of 2007; Robert Irmaza, who plans to transfer to Charles R. Drew University in the fall of 2007; Charlene Lobardo, who will be transferring to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); Amalia Moreno, who plans to transfer to Charles R. Drew University in the fall of 2007; John Rennier Narvaez, who will be transferring to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB); Mayanan Natividad, who plans to transfer to California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH); Maria Ramirez, who will be transferring to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Reyna Raya, who will be transferring to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB); Rosario Rivas, who will be transferring to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB); Rosalie Reynoso, who will be transferring to the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC); Maricelis Robles, who will be transferring to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB); Viviana Ruiz, who will be transferring to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); Karina Vega, who was admitted into the Cerritos College Nursing Program in the spring of 2007 and plans to become a registered nurse; Melissa Vega, who will be transferring to California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA); and Brenda Velis, who will be transferring to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB).

“We are tremendously proud of all our graduates,” said Project HOPE Director Graciela Vasquez.

“They are all hard-working individuals whose commitment and perseverance have paid off, and they are to be celebrated. These students are the future of the healthcare and the future of California.”

Ignacio “Nacho” Rojas, Jr., chair for the Project HOPE advisory committee and program coordinator of the Los Angeles County Office of Education’s Parent & Community Services, served as emcee for the evening. Mr. Peter Delgado, CEO of Los Angeles County + University of Southern California (LAC+USC) Healthcare Network, served as keynote speaker.

Event sponsors for the event included the Cerritos College Faculty Federation, Health Net, The California Endowment, WellPoint of California, Dr. Ismail and Judith Nuno, UCLA, Vida Financial, GBS Linens, the Office of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, City of Norwalk Councilman Jess Luera, National Mental Health Association of Greater LA County, Verizon, and the Office of Supervisor Don Knabe, Orange County’s Credit Union, To Your Health/A Su Salud, and Primegen Biotech Corporation.

Cerritos College’s awareness of its diverse student population and changing community needs contributed to the birth of Project HOPE five years ago through Title V federal funding. Project HOPE is designed to increase the number and success of Latinos and other underrepresented students entering the health professions. The program is committed to remedying the Latino health care professional shortage by encouraging Latino youth to pursue education opportunities that lead to professional health care careers and helping them overcome challenges facing Latino students, such as the need for financial assistance for education.

The project aims to create an academic pipeline facilitating the success of minority students in this competitive field. Program activities include student services geared toward health careers; teaching strategies and courses that increase retention and success of Latino students and other minorities; organized workshops; conferences and research opportunities; community service venues; and peer and professional mentoring. For more information about Project Hope, visit www.cerritos.edu/hope.
More than $2,000 Awarded to Cerritos College Students

The Cerritos College Foundation awarded a number of scholarships at its bi-monthly board meeting on Thursday, May 10. In all, more than $2,400 was presented to Cerritos College students.

Daisy Ramirez, of Bellflower, received the $300 Albert Ostroff Scholarship, which was established in memory of Albert Ostroff, father of Francine De France, instructional dean of Cerritos College's Humanities/Social Sciences Division. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding Cerritos College student each semester.

Annmarie Conrad, of Norwalk, received the $500 Robert W. Collins Scholarship for Administration of Justice Students. Charles Rockwell, of Norwalk; Amber Salcedo, of Norwalk; David Santos, of Huntington Park; and Jackeline Delgado, also of Norwalk, each received a $100 Robert W. Collins Recognition Award.

Steve Richardson, Executive Director of Cerritos College Foundation, with Annmarie Conrad of Norwalk.

Cerritos College Foundation Awards Spring Scholarships

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for Administration of Justice Students, which was established in memory of Robert W. Collins, who served in the U.S. military during World War II and the Korean War. The memorial scholarship honors his public service as a police officer who rose through the ranks to become the chief of police for the city of Monterey Park.

Elvira Velasco, of Los Angeles, received the $500 Broderick/Commiford Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established by the late Cerritos College professor Dr. William Broderick, and was named in honor of Dr. Broderick's father-in-law.

Vannarong Run, of Long Beach, received the $500 Cassidy Family Scholarship, which was established by Jack Cassidy, former foundation board member and chairman, to recognize outstanding students in the Cerritos College Visual Communications Department. Georgina Daway, of Bellflower, and Mark Granville, of Paramount, each received a $500 Greater Harbor Area Employer Advisory Council Business Scholarship. This scholarship was established by the Greater Harbor Area Employer Advisory Council and is awarded to outstanding students who are full-time Business Majors who maintain a grade point average of 2.5.

Anna Maria Julianelli, of Downey, received a $300 John Pelloni Scholarship, which was established in memory of cosmetology professor John Pelloni, and is awarded to outstanding students in the Cerritos College Cosmetology Department. Sang Puk, of Downey, and Angela Reyes, of Norwalk, each received a $250 Yamaha Music Scholarship, which was established by Yamaha Corporation of America and is awarded to outstanding students in the Cerritos College Music Department.

Vanessa Vilalobos, of Downey; Marcelino Sifuentes, of Whittier; and Gail Briney, of Downey, each received a $150 Assistive Technology Scholarship for Students with Disabilities. This scholarship was established by Mary Hunt, a specialist in the Disabled Students Programs and Services program at Cerritos College. The scholarship is awarded to disabled students for educational technology needs.

“We’re tremendously proud to award these scholarships funds to our 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.

“We wish them the best in their educational goals and future careers.”

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/cef.
Turning a Passion for Cars into an Associate’s Degree

Adolfo Guzman-Lopez

Governor Schwarzenegger and other lawmakers want public school students to get more vocational education and one program that could stand to benefit is automotive education. KPCC’s Adolfo Guzman-Lopez profiles a recent community college graduate who enrolled in an auto program because his high school didn’t offer one. More...

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Local Dance Legend Remembered

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EVENTS
A Prairie Home Companion
Friday, June 8, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Live at the Greek Theatre
Fair trade

Jordan to give kids the nuts and bolts to build their lives.

High school trade and technical programs are among the unfortunate victims of state budget cuts and education reforms that stress testing over teaching. Though college-prep curriculum is important, only a quarter of Long Beach residents ever go on to earn a four-year degree.

That leaves a dangerous number of students at risk for a life of low-paying service sector jobs. The fine trade programs at Long Beach City College and Cerritos College are better options for those who forgo a formal education.

Bellflower, Lakewood, Long Beach, Norwalk and surrounding cities in southeastern Los Angeles County don’t need more unskilled workers, but there is a need for electricians, nurses, aerospace technicians, auto mechanics and trade journeymen. LBCC, Cerritos and other colleges offer programs that lead to secure blue collar jobs that often pay salaries on par with some professions.

That is why we raise our wrenches in support of a new program at Jordan High School that will prepare students for careers in architecture, construction and engineering.

We hope students wise enough to participate in this program end up advancing themselves in college after they graduate.

Those who don’t go on to college, or delay the decision, will at least get some training for decent-paying jobs in building, drafting and related fields. They will learn how to do something with their hands — and minds — that goes beyond asking, “Can I take your order?” They will learn math, measuring and, most of all, problem-solving.

About 60 students plan to begin the program in fall, but the program is expected to grow to 300 or 400 students by 2010. Funding came from the Long Beach Unified School District and the city, largely because of a strong push by Mayor Bob Foster to restore trade programs.

Foster, of course, began his working life covering floors. And, as his example illustrates, working in the trades doesn’t preclude a white collar career; he became an executive at Southern California Edison.

The self-sufficiency of a steady trade paycheck can allow the time and means to attend college at night and on the weekends.

Here’s another great thing about the skilled trades: demand. Employers hound LBCC to train more skilled workers. Maybe one day they’ll start calling Jordan.
Rosie would be proud

New L.B. charter school will encourage young women to learn high-paying trades.

There’s plenty of evidence that gender plays a role in which subjects children choose, or are directed toward, at an early age. Parents and teachers, particularly in decades past, steered boys toward math and science and girls toward the humanities and social sciences. These decisions, whether conscious or subconscious, were based on gender stereotypes and societal norms of the era.

Things are much better now, but gender still plays a role in academic and career choices, despite the fact that girls long ago proved they can do what boys do. These days, many are excelling beyond boys and men. Girls are now attending and finishing college nationwide in higher numbers than boys. (Pretty soon we’re going to start worrying about whether boys can catch up to girls, a discussion for a different day.)

But what about children who are disinterested in a traditional college education? What about girls who want to find decent-paying blue-collar work in fields dominated by men? Should they pick lower-paying “pink collar” positions at nail salons and retail stores over juicier jobs at the docks and building high raises?

Heck no. That is why we applaud the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education for approving a special charter for a high school that will teach girls building and construction trades. The concept for the school came from Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles, or WINTER, which clearly thinks beyond gender stereotypes and toward what matters: sustainable incomes.

The 100-student Rosie the Riveter Charter High School at 690 Studebaker Road will emphasize apprenticeships with trade unions and community colleges. The campus will allow both boys and girls, but we’re glad to see that there is stated mission to attract girls.

With divorce so prevalent, and more people staying single, young women of every stripe should seek good jobs to prepare themselves for life’s uncertainties. They may well have to take care of themselves, their children or, at times, an out-of-work husband, or provide the dual incomes life in Southern California often require.

Rosie the Riveter High should give these girls the tools to help learn to care for themselves.

We envision this campus working in concert with Long Beach City College, where trade programs are bursting with interest from students and employers. We expect many from Rosie High to enroll at LBCC or Cerritos College upon graduation to fine tune their training.

As long-standing supporters of trade education, we are assured by the mission to make sure young adults — whether they later choose college or not — will be able to walk out of high school knowing how to do something to earn a decent paycheck.
College grad migration may hurt Calif.

State: Lack of highly educated workers could slow economy in years to come.

By Rachel Konrad
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SAN FRANCISCO — California’s economy could sputter over the next two decades because not enough college-educated workers are moving here, and the state can’t graduate current residents fast enough, according to a new report.

The nation’s most populous state needs to nearly triple the number of highly skilled immigrants who come here every year from other states and countries. If it fails, California won’t meet the 20-year economic benchmarks set by the California Department of Transportation in 2005, the Public Policy Institute of California reported Wednesday.

The state will need at least 8.3 million college-educated workers by 2025 if it wants to maintain its current growth rates. That’s a 75-percent increase from 2005 and 3.2 million short of what it will have in 18 years if the state’s immigration and graduation rates remain constant.

“What we’re saying here is not a gloom-and-doom scenario,” said Hans Johnson, a demographer with San Francisco-based PPIC, a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank. “But if the supply of workers is not there to meet that demand, the state’s economy will be less skilled than we expected. ... It’s not as good an outcome as some have projected.”

Other than a costly and daunting revamp of the state’s public education system, it’s tough to say what, if anything, California could do to attract enormous additional numbers of college graduates, researchers said.

The state’s notoriously high cost of housing, particularly along the urban coast, has resulted in a net exodus of college graduates to lower-cost states in recent years.

California also faces growing competition from India and China, which for decades have been major sources of foreign-born students and executives. Those countries are increasingly retaining home-grown talent as their economies surge and American companies hire executives, engineers and scientists at new office parks in Beijing, Dublin and Bangalore, India.

The study comes as the Senate considers an immigration reform bill that would create a guest worker program capped at 200,000 people a year and grant 12 million unlawful immigrants quick legal status. The bill also calls for a point system that places less emphasis on an applicant’s family connections and more on education and skills in demand by U.S. businesses.

Despite the bill’s business-friendly veneer, PPIC researchers and business leaders said they were skeptical that it would help California could reduce its skilled worker deficit and bring more graduates and students to the United States.

“The bill would be unlikely to generate the kinds of changes needed to attract skilled laborers,” Johnson said Wednesday.
Drummond to return to local schools post

Chancellor of the state's community college system will again head the L.A. Community College District.

By Larry Gordon
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Marshall "Mark" Drummond, the chancellor of the state's community college system since 2004, is returning to his previous job as head of the nine-campus Los Angeles Community College District, officials announced Wednesday.

Colleagues and friends described Drummond as frustrated in the Sacramento position, which has much less power than that wielded by the heads of the UC and Cal State systems. They said the statewide post is a bully pulpit for the 109 colleges and 72 districts but not the kind of action-oriented executive job that fits Drummond well.

Drummond, 65, who held the Los Angeles job for 4 1/2 years before becoming state chancellor, said he is eager for another opportunity to directly affect local education.

"I'm not a politician and that Sacramento job is really a political job. I enjoyed it and I had some successes. But I really prefer to be where I can see students and see change," Drummond said in an interview in Los Angeles on Wednesday.

The academic pre-university programs at the nine colleges are in decent shape, but the vocational and workforce programs "need fixing to help people who are marginally or underemployed," said Drummond, who is expected to start the job July 23 and stay for about four years.

Drummond is succeeding Darroch "Rocky" Young, the former Pierce College president who has run the district for two years. Young, 59, who is credited with helping boost enrollment and improving the district's finances, said he is leaving to spend more time with his family and return to part-time teaching.

The district enrolls the equivalent of about 102,000 full-time students — about 200,000 part- and full-time students in all — at Los Angeles City, East Los Angeles, Harbor, Mission, Pierce, Southwest, Trade Tech, Valley and West Los Angeles colleges. The schools are in the midst of a building boom from $2.2 billion in bond issues approved by voters.

Georgia Mercer, president of the district's board of trustees, said the panel had focused on four other finalists, whom she declined to identify, to replace Young. Then, late in the search, Drummond said he might want to return.

"When Mark indicated an interest in the position, we really had to take a look at it. We know Mark's strengths and they are innumerable," Mercer said. And now, with his wider knowledge of the best practices across the state, he is a stronger candidate than he was the last time around, she said.

The trustees unanimously approved Drummond's rehiring at a meeting Wednesday at district headquarters in downtown Los Angeles.

Drummond's base salary will be $285,000, plus some expense allowances under negotiation, officials said. His base state salary is about $192,000 and he also receives about $73,500 from the Foundation for California Community Colleges as a consultant, according to the foundation.

Marty Hittelman, president of the California Federation of Teachers, which represents community college faculty
and K-12 teachers, said he thought Drummond was a better Los Angeles chancellor than a statewide one in part because the state job does not come with much real authority and because Drummond is too impatient for all of the legislative lobbying it requires. "But then I don't think anyone else could have done any better, because of the nature of the job," he said.

Carl Friedlander, president of the Los Angeles College Guild, AFT Local 1521 and a member of the search committee to replace Young, said he is happy to have Drummond back in Los Angeles. The large size of the Los Angeles district sways state issues so much that "in some ways, I think it's kind of a tossup of which job is more influential and more important."

Drummond "provided good leadership to the district when he was here and I think he comes back, as a result of his time in Sacramento, with a lot of additional experiences and skills," Friedlander said. He said the Los Angeles district has improved in recent years but "still has a long way to go. We are not a great district but I think we can be," he said.

In his state job, Drummond helped to kill a proposal that would have folded his office into an arm of the state education secretary and disband the system's Board of Governors. (That board will choose his successor in coming months.)

He led the state takeover of Compton Community College in 2004 after that school lost its accreditation amid mismanagement and corruption. The Compton campus became a satellite of El Camino College in Torrance last fall.

Drummond, who is a horseman and has a ranch north of Sacramento, was president of Eastern Washington University before his first Los Angeles term and worked in the computer and technology field.

Several faculty members said they hoped he will help solve the district's notorious computerized payroll problems that have delayed and shortchanged paychecks.
USC’s chief of financial aid quits

Catherine Thomas steps down amid scrutiny of her ownership of a lender’s stock. Campus officials say students weren’t hurt.

By PAUL PRINGLE  Times staff writer

USC’s longtime financial aid director is leaving the post in the wake of allegations that she violated the school’s conflict of interest policies by acquiring stock in a lender recommended to students.

Catherine Thomas will retire effective today, nearly two months after she was placed on paid leave as a result of her dealings with the former parent company of Student Loan Xpress.

Thomas, who held the job since 1990, had become a subject of a New York-based investigation into whether financial aid officers steered students to lenders in exchange for discounted stock and other inducements.

New York Atty. Gen. Andrew Cuomo’s probe has triggered broader inquiries into the $850-billion student loan industry by Congress and the U.S. Department of Education.

The investigations are ongoing, and Thomas is now a target of USC’s own audit of its financial aid operations. A campus spokesman has said no students were harmed by Thomas’ stake in Student Loan Xpress, which USC has removed from its list of preferred lenders.

Thomas had acquired and sold about $4,000 worth of stock in the parent firm, Educational Lending Group, according to Cuomo’s office. Investigators have said they believe that she and officials at other schools obtained the shares at a discount.

Reached by phone Thursday, Thomas declined to answer questions about her departure. “Give it a few days,” she said.

In other developments Thursday, the Federal Trade Commission said it has launched an investigation into allegedly deceptive marketing tactics by student lenders, including two in San Diego, and Cuomo’s office reached loan-related ethics agreements with New York’s Columbia University and a national financial aid association.

USC financial aid chief quits amid stock scrutiny

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Rep. George Miller (D-Martinez) requested the FTC examination after complaints that lenders had attempted to scare students about looming interest rate increases and used letterheads that resembled official government stationery.

Miller cited two examples of such letters from College Debt Corp. and Education Loan Funding. Representatives of the two firms could not be reached Thursday.

Columbia will adopt a code of conduct for financial aid operations and allow Cuomo’s staff to monitor them, and it will pay more than $1 million into an education fund. The university recently fired its financial aid director because of his receipt of stock in the Student Loan Xpress firm.

The National Assn. of Student Financial Aid Administrators also agreed to adhere to a more specific ethics policy, Cuomo’s office said.

“It’s been a good day,” said Cuomo spokesman Jeffrey Lerner. “There’s kind of a growing movement among universities and student lenders to really clean up the financial aid process.”

Since the investigations began, the University of California and California State University systems have ordered reviews of their financial aid policies. In addition, Cuomo’s office has questioned whether borrowers have been improperly directed to a lender that pays fees to alumni associations, including those for UC Riverside, UC Santa Cruz and San Jose State.

UC officials said Thursday that the Riverside and Santa Cruz associations would disclose to members the details of any relationships with lenders.

A San Jose State spokeswoman said she believed its association was considering a similar policy.

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