FOR THE WEEKS OF FEBRUARY 4—FEBRUARY 25

In Progress
Ayako Abelon is pitching to KPCC for a possible feature story of a court reporting student Diana Michel.

Abelon is also working with designer Kelly Kwan to create newspaper ads in preparation for the summer session.

Coverage

Los Cerritos Community News/Norwalk Community News—February 8, 2008—Informational brief on the Cerritos College Spring Festival Celebration (from press release).


Herald American—February 14, 2008—Article on Pat Pinder scholarship awarded to Jessica Gutierrez (from press release).


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ulty Gala (from press release).

_Herald American_ — February 21, 2008 — Informational brief on Cerritos College Spring Festival Celebration (from press release).


_Long Beach Press Telegram_ — February 23, 2008 — Article on the Cerritos College Spring Festival Celebration

_Orange County Register_ — February 23, 2008 — Informational brief on a performance by Cerritos College music instructor Lisa Schroeder.

_Herald American_ — February 28, 2008 — Informational brief on Cerritos College Black History Month event (from press release).

_Sentinel_ — February 28, 2008 — Informational brief on Homebuyer Workshop hosted by Community Education Dept. (from press release).

_The Press_ — February 28, 2008 — Informational brief on Victor Villaseñor’s lecture presented by Cerritos College English Department (from press release).

_The Press_ — February 28, 2008 — Informational brief on Cerritos College Black History Month event (from press release).


_Los Angeles Times_ — February 29, 2008 — Article on educating teachers featuring the comments of Cerritos College child development instructor and student.
Related News

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—February 25, 2008—A story reports decrease in crime at Long Beach City College

*Los Angeles Times*—February 27, 2008—A story reports Cal States moving up application deadline to ease the effect of budget cuts

*Los Angeles Times*—February 28, 2008—A story of Biola University celebrating its 100th anniversary
Cerritos College to Host Spring Festival Celebration

Event will Feature Food, Concerts, Dance Performances, Fashion Show and Cultural Workshops

For Immediate Release: February 1, 2008

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

Event Contact: Danita Kurtz, Cerritos College International Student Center; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2133

WHAT: Cerritos College, the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School will host a Spring Festival Celebration to bring the community and the college together.

"The Year of the Mouse" will be celebrated through traditional dishes, various performances and workshops that have touches from many Asian cultures. Performances will include a traditional lion dance, a royal oriental fashion show, traditional songs, cultural dances, martial arts and more. Workshops showcasing various cultural heritages will include mahjong (a board game), knotting demonstrations, calligraphy, brush painting and handcrafts will be offered. Download a flier here.

WHEN: Saturday, February 23, Noon – 3:30 p.m.

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

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

COST: Event is free and open to the public. Parking for the event is free in lot C-1 and C-2 in white stalls ONLY.

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Danita Kurtz in the International Student Center at ext. 2133 or at dkurtz@cerritos.edu

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Cerritos College to Host Career Expo on March 6

Employer Early Registration Ends February 14

For Immediate Release: February 4, 2008

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

Event Contact: Christina The, Career Services; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2367

WHAT: Cerritos College’s annual Career Expo and Job Fair will be held Thursday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Library/Falcon Square sidewalk. The event, which attracts more than 300 attendees each year, is free and open to Cerritos College students and the general public. It is recommended that attendees dress in business attire and bring copies of resumes with them.

During the expo, attendees will have opportunity to talk to recruiters, learn about the companies, explore job opportunities, network with recruiters, and receive suggestions from employers on resumes and interviewing skills. Employers representing business, finance, technology, healthcare, retail and other industries will participate in the expo. Current list of participating employers includes Avon, Bally Total Fitness, BMW of North America, California Highway Patrol, City of Cerritos, Downey Savings, First Century Bancorp, Kragen Auto Parts, Long Beach Community College District, Mercury Insurance, Los Angeles County Fire Department and Vector Marketing.

A resume building workshop will be offered on Tuesday, February 19, 11 a.m. – noon and again on Thursday, February 21, 6-7 p.m. A Spanish-language version of this workshop will be offered on Saturday, February 23 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and again on Thursday, February 28 6-7:30 p.m. A workshop in successful job fair tips will be offered on Wednesday, February 27, 10-11 a.m., and again on Thursday, February 28, 6-7 p.m. The workshop locations will be announced shortly.

Employers who wish to participate in the event may call Cerritos College’s Job Placement Office for further information at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2366 or by e-mail at job-placement-info@cerritos.edu

WHEN: Thursday, March 6, 2008
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College
Library/Falcon Square sidewalk
11110 Alondra Blvd
A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Christina The, Career Services at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2367 or the@cerritos.edu. Career Expo information can be accessed at www.cerritos.edu/career-services/job-placement

COST: Free to attendees. Parking for the event is free in lot C-10 in white stalls ONLY.

For employers, early registration is $75 per company or organization and includes a lunch ticket. Additional lunch tickets are $10 each. Registration after February 14 is $100. No registration is accepted after February 21.

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Cerritos College Hosts High School Auto Tech Competition

Winning teams Agoura HS, California HS to Attend Nationals in NYC

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 8, 2008

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

NORWALK, CA – February 8, 2008 – Cerritos College's Automotive Technology Department hosted a High School Auto Tech Competition on Saturday, January 26. This event was sponsored by the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA) and the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association (GLANCDA).

Teams from Agoura High School and California High School distinguished themselves from among 11 other area high school teams, each winning an opportunity to send two teammates to compete in the 2008 National Automotive Technology Competition. This Final Competition will be held at the New York International Automobile Show on March 25-26. GLANCDA and SMCDA will each sponsor Agoura HS and California HS respectively, as representing each of the associations’ regions.

The winning Agoura HS team was comprised of students John “JD” Theodosiou and Brandon Patterson, along with their advisor John Andersen. From California HS were students Gabriel Ulloa and Jason Scatamacchia with their advisor Bill Buttinelli.

“"We’re excited to have such a talented group of students," said Todd Leutheuser, executive director of SMCDA, “and we’re proud to support their success."

“I hope these students would consider this as a great opportunity to demonstrate their skills to the industry professionals.”

GLANCDA Executive Director Charlie Gill agreed. "Our ultimate goal for supporting this program is to provide potential job opportunities with our member dealerships for the motivated student experts."

During the competition, student teams exhibited their auto technology skills by testing, diagnosing, and reporting
results in categories such as automatic transmission, fuel injection and emission, heating and air conditioning, brakes, basic electrical, tools and measurements.

“I think it’s a great activity,” said Steve Berklite, Chair of Cerritos College’s Automotive Technology program. “We appreciate the opportunity to host such a great competition.”

Schools that participated in the competition were Agoura, Canyon, Highland, Monrovia, North Hollywood, Palmdale, Van Nuys, Artesia, California, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Narbonne, and the Southeast Regional Occupational Program.

Cerritos College has offered automotive training technology since the college began in 1955. The offerings consist of certificates degrees and special programs in the disciplines of automotive repair, advanced transportation technology, auto collision repair, intelligent transportation systems and alternative fuel and EV hybrid vehicles, making it one of the most comprehensive programs in the U.S. Students can also earn a bachelor’s degree in automotive management at Cerritos College through an agreement the college has with Northwood University.

Cerritos College’s Auto Technology Program provides students with hands-on, nationally authorized training for GM, Ford, DaimlerChrysler and import vehicles. The College also hosts an Advanced Transportation Technology Center, one of nine Centers in the state of California, to encourage use and development of clean, renewable energies, and alternative fuel sources.

Perhaps most noteworthy, Cerritos College is located just blocks from the world’s largest auto mall where it partners with dealers to train and employ technicians and dealership 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, available at Cerritos College.

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Cerritos College to Feature the Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship Concert

Concert to Benefit Applied Music Students

For Immediate Release: February 11, 2008

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

WHAT: The Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship concert features the most outstanding students from the applied music program at Cerritos College. The scholarship was established by the Cerritos College Music Department in memory of long-time music faculty member Scott Henderson. Proceeds from the concert benefit Cerritos College applied music students.

WHEN: March 14 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College Burnight Center Theatre
11110 Alondra Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650

CONTACT: For more information or to purchase tickets, call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629 or visit www.cerritos.edu/music

COST: General, $10
Cerritos College students and senior citizens, $5

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Writer Villasenor to Visit Cerritos College

For Immediate Release: February 12, 2008

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

WHAT: Victor Villasenor, noted author, speaker, and peace activist, will speak at Cerritos College on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Room HS 102. For over 35 years, Villasenor has been inspiring students and teachers with his talks on the power of writing your own story. He will sign books after the talk.

Villasenor’s story is a powerful testament. After flunking third-grade twice, suffering through school, and receiving over 260 rejections from publishers, Villasenor leapt to prominence with the publication of his novel Macho! in 1973. Since then, he has written several books and screenplays. His most famous work Rain of Gold—which has been the "Latino Roots"--has motivated thousands of students to write their own histories. His autobiography Burro Genius: A Memoir has inspired thousands of English teachers to bring out the personal genius of every child.

"For most people, a burro is a stubborn beast of burden, and a genius is a naturally-born scholar," said Frank Gaik, Professor of English. "But for Villasenor, a burro genius is a new creation: a person who knows we never stop serving others, and who believes always need creative thinking." Gaik, along with Professor Lydia Alvarez, are co-chairs of the Burro Genius Book Club at Cerritos College. "Students who volunteer get a free copy of the book, a journal to capture their ideas, and a chance to meet with professors across the department," said Alvarez. "We want students to have the experience of talking with a professor about a book without worrying about grades . . . and to meet a new friend."

Seventy-five students have already joined the book club, and over ten classes are reading Burro Genius, which recounts Villasenor’s first, worst, and best days in school. Being a native Spanish speaker when he started first grade in Oceanside, California, Villasenor says he sometimes felt "less than human" because he "just couldn’t get it." However, when he was asked to write about his family, he found his genius: "My God, without the shackles of spelling and punctuation, I was flying!"

Diagnosed with both written and aural dyslexia when he was forty-years old, Villasenor knows how some readers feel when the "words swim away off the page." Villasenor’s visit is sponsored by the Committee for Developmental Education, newly formed by President Noelia Vela and Vice-President Bill
Farmer. It is co-chaired by Dr. Jan Connal and Prof. Francie Quaas-Berryman. The committee promotes unique and successful approaches to the teaching of basic skills. More information about Villasenor is available www.victorvillasenor.com.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 5, 2008
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College
Health Science Building
Room HS 102
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

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

CONTACT: LYDIA ALVAREZ or FRANK GAIK, Department of English

COST: Event is free and open to the public.

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Cerritos College Launches Services for Future Career Technical Education Teachers in Response to the Statewide Need

Open Enrollment until March 14

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 13, 2008

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

NORWALK, CA – February 13, 2008 – Cerritos College is proud to announce that it has launched Career Technical Education Teacher TRaining ACademy (CTE Teacher TRAC). CTE Teacher TRAC is a grant-funded component of the Cerritos College Teacher Training Academy (Teacher TRAC) that provides services to future CTE educators in the areas of Automotive Technology, Welding and Woodworking.

Teacher TRAC is an award winning program that allows future teachers to complete required course work and gain invaluable teaching related experience. While Teacher TRAC continues to focus on preparing future elementary school teachers and secondary teachers in the areas of math and science, CTE Teacher TRAC was created to address the statewide need for CTE teachers at the secondary and community college level.

"Teacher TRAC strives to offer programs and pathways to fill the demands of the local teaching workforce." Says Sue Parsons, Director of Teacher TRAC. "It is a pleasure for Teacher TRAC to join with the outstanding Cerritos College automotive, woodworking and welding departments to help both high school graduates and skilled professionals become teachers and share their much needed craft with others."

Four pathways for teaching in high school and community college are supported through the services offered by CTE Teacher TRAC. David Roper, a Natural Science major who enrolled in CTE Teacher TRAC found the program beneficial in many ways. “Setting up internships and teaching observations at local high schools and colleges; having specified counseling available; assisted and organized conferences specifically for teachers and the teaching profession... They have eased my journey of becoming a teacher through their guidance and counseling.”

Partners in the CTE Teacher TRAC include the Southeast Regional Occupation Program (SEROP), California State University Long Beach (CSULB), California State University Los Angeles (CSULA), and the
Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA).

“Through CTE Teacher TRAC, our high school students connect with the many staff and resources available to them at Cerritos College, and our teachers work collaboratively with Cerritos College instructors. CTE Teacher TRAC is a great example of how our partnership with Cerritos College has maximized both of our resources to promote student success,” stated Gil Montano, Superintendent of SEROP.

“Our program serves as a source of guidance, support, and assistance,” stresses Mirna Cardenas, Project Manager of CTE Teacher TRAC, “and we take honor and pleasure in serving students and assisting them in achieving their goal of becoming CTE Teachers by creating opportunities for them to gain exposure to the field, connect with faculty, develop their own academic pathway, and provide additional services as needed.”

CTE Teacher TRAC is offering various opportunities for students to explore and learn about the teaching profession. More information on how to be a part of CTE Teacher TRAC is available at www.teachertrac.com or at 562.860.2451 ext.2212.

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The Legendary Auto Engineer Dave McLellan Visits Cerritos College

The Retired Corvette Chief Engineer Shares Secrets of Formula One

For Immediate Release: February 21, 2008

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

Norwalk, CA – February 21, 2008 - Cerritos College Office of Economic Development hosted a Southern California section meeting of Society of Automotive Engineers, which featured special guest speaker Dave McLellan, the former Corvette Chief Engineer on Tuesday, February 19. McLellan talked about the Ferrari Formula One (F1) program and addressed Q&A for the Ferrari and the Corvette.

Entitled “Ferrari’s Winning Way in F1,” McLellan’s PowerPoint Presentation and remarks were based on a “narrow aisle tour” of the Ferrari F1 program in Maranello, IT sponsored by the then Chief of F1 Powertrain, Paolo Martinelli and on conversations with several individuals who knew Ferrari well.

Every year for the last 8 years Ferrari has won or placed second in the Manufacturers Championship in the fierce competition of F1. All the major competitors have access to the money, talent and technology it takes to win. So why has Ferrari so consistently taken the championship and why has no other manufacturer mounted a consistent challenge?

By talking to several people who knew Ferrari inside out, McLellan found that Ferrari’s reign was coming from its analytical capability, excellent teamwork, stability in the organization and attention to detail.
McLellan joined General Motors in 1959 after graduating from Wayne State University as a mechanical engineer. In 1975, he was appointed Corvette Chief Engineer. He is responsible for creating the revolutionary C4 Corvette. McLellan retired from General Motors in the fall of 1992. He is the author of a recent book *Corvette from the Inside, the 50 Year Development History* which includes the 17 years during which he and his team made history.

Eight new and old Ferraris were showcased in the Cerritos College parking lot to accompany McLellan’s presentation. The appearance of eight shiny exotic collectors’ machines in the busy school parking lot stunned the unexpected students.

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Cerritos College Project H.O.P.E. Receives $20K Grant from Aetna

Funds Awarded to Be Used for Student Scholarships

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 22, 2008

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

NORWALK, CA – February 22, 2008 – Cerritos College announced today that its Project H.O.P.E. (Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education) program has received a $20,000 grant from Aetna.

A grant check presentation was held during the Cerritos College board meeting on February 6, 2008. Shon Bowles, Senior Account Executive of Aetna Insurance, Graciela Vasquez, Director of Project H.O.P.E., students and parents attended the ceremony.

“Aetna is pleased to be able to support the Project H.O.P.E. students, who will help to ensure continuing access to health care services in their communities,” said Bowles, who presented the check to Cerritos College Board President Bob Arthur. “Working with local organizations such as Cerritos College, Aetna is proud to help improve the health of the people in the communities we live and work in.”

Aetna’s $20,000 donation was matched one-to-one through a unique opportunity provided by the college’s Title V federal grant. This has created a total donation of $40,000 which will be endowed in perpetuity for Project H.O.P.E. pre-health professional students.

Funding is allocated for a named “Aetna Scholarship” that will be awarded to Project H.O.P.E. students who have completed their health certificate program and/or are transferring to a 4-year university.

“We are fortunate to have partners such as Aetna that demonstrate true commitment to diversity,” said Vasquez, “and who support Latino and the underrepresented students interested in pursuing a health career.”
Aetna is one of the nation’s leading diversified health care benefits companies, serving approximately 36.7 million people with information and resources to help them make better informed decisions about their health care. Aetna offers a broad range of traditional and consumer-directed health insurance products and related services, including medical, pharmacy, dental, behavioral health, group life and disability plans, and medical management capabilities and health care management services for Medicaid plans. Our customers include employer groups, individuals, college students, part-time and hourly workers, health plans, governmental units, government-sponsored plans, labor groups and expatriates. www.aetna.com

Project HOPE is dedicated to increasing the number of Latinos and other underrepresented groups entering, matriculating, and completing health careers. 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.

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Cerritos College to Host Spring Festival Celebration

Cerritos College, the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School will host a Spring Festival Celebration to bring the community and the college together. It will take place Saturday, February 23, noon - 3:30 p.m.

“The Year of the Mouse” will be celebrated through traditional dishes, various performances and workshops that have touches from many Asian cultures. Performances will include a traditional lion dance, a royal oriental fashion show, traditional songs, cultural dances, martial arts and more.

Workshops showcasing various cultural heritages will include mahjong (a board game), knotting demonstrations, calligraphy, brush painting and handicrafts will be offered.

The event will be held at the Cerritos College Student Center, Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

The celebration is free and open to the public. Parking for the event is free in lot C-10 in white stalls only. For more information, please contact Danita Kurtz in the International Student Center at ext. 2133 or at dkurtz@cerritos.edu.
Chinese culture event scheduled

NORWALK — Cerritos College, the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California, and the Cerritos Chinese School will hold a Spring Festival Celebration from noon to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at the student center on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

“The Year of the Rat” will be celebrated through traditional dishes, various performances and workshops that have touches from many Asian cultures.

Performances will include a traditional lion dance and a royal oriental fashion show. Workshops on mahjong (a board game), knotting demonstrations, calligraphy, brush painting and handicrafts will be offered.

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For more information, contact Danita Kurtz at (562) 860-2461, Ext. 2133 or by e-mail at dkurtz@cerritos.edu.

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Whittier Daily News
February 11, 2008

Herald American
February 14, 2008

Whittier student receives Pinder scholarship

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Foundation presented the Pat Pinder Memorial Scholarship to Whittier resident Jessica Gutierrez at its board meeting Jan. 10.

Established in 1999 in memory of Pat Pinder, a longtime faculty member in the Health Occupations Division, a $300 scholarship is awarded to a Health Occupations major who demonstrates outstanding academics, said Aya Abelon, the college’s coordinator of media relations.

“It’s great that you are recognized for what you did and it’s also great to see your field getting recognition,” Gutierrez said.

She is a child development major who has been attending Cerritos College since 2000.

While working as a program director for Children’s Village Preschool in Orange, Gutierrez has maintained a 3.6 grade point average, Abelon said.

“Jessica comes to each class prepared and with a positive attitude,” said Susan Grdin, Child Development Department chair.

“We also know that Jessica has the qualities to be a wonderful teacher of young children and the administrator of a center program,” Grdin added.

Gutierrez is planning to transfer to the University of La Verne this year, and move on to a master’s program after completing her bachelor’s degree. She hopes to one day own a preschool and teach child development at a community college.

The Cerritos College Foundation, a nonprofit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College.

Whittier resident Jessica Gutierrez, center, displays the Pat Pinder Award for health occupation students at Cerritos College. At left is Susan Grdin, instructor of child development and at right is Health Occupations Department Dean Jenine Nelan.
Career Expo at Cerritos College

NORWALK—Cerritos College’s annual Career Expo and Job Fair will be held March 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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A resume building workshop will be offered Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. and Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. A Spanish-language version of this workshop will be offered on Feb. 23 at 11 a.m. and Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. A workshop in successful job fair tips will be offered Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. and Feb. 28 at 6 p.m.

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Festival to celebrate ‘Year of the Mouse’

NORWALK—Cerritos College, in conjunction with the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School, will host a Spring Festival Celebration on Feb. 23 from noon to 3:30 p.m. in the Cerritos College Student Center, located at 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk.

“The Year of the Mouse” will be celebrated through traditional dishes, various performances and workshops that have touches from many Asian cultures. Performances will include a traditional lion dance, a royal oriental fashion show, traditional songs, cultural dances, martial arts and more.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Danita Kurtz at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2133.
Cerritos College Event To Honor Black History Month

Cerritos College’s Black Student Union will present “Seasoning for the Soul,” an event honoring Black History Month, on Saturday, March 1 at 6 p.m. in the Cerritos College Student Center, located at 11110 Alondra Boulevard in Norwalk. This year’s event is centered on health issues and the presidential election.

Stephen Johnson, the vice president/assistant superintendent of Student Services, will be opening the event. Two guest speakers, Dr. Eugene Kraus, a retired podiatrist, and Michael Wade, a respiratory therapist at Martin Luther King Jr.-Harbor Hospital, will be exploring health issues including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and sickle cell.

A fashion show and a step team will feature elementary, middle school and high school students, as well as Cerritos College students and staff. A student from Norwalk High and a junior high school student in Norwalk, representing Obama and Clinton, respectively, will perform a political skit. The mothers of students on campus, the staff and people that have contributed to the Black History Month program will be honored during the event.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Connie Hunter at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2255, or at chunter@cerritos.edu.

The Black History program has involved and honored individuals within the Cerritos College community as well as the neighborhoods surrounding the college. The variety of activities planned and executed over the years have included local elementary, middle and high school levels resulting in an effective marketing endeavor. These marketing endeavors have introduced future students to the college campus and educational options. Cerritos College students involved in the planning, organizing and implementation of the programs have experientially acquired hands-on training and practice. The skills learned are not only transferable to other areas of their lives but also reflect the Cerritos Community College’s value-based educational commitment to the success of its learners. The networking opportunities have created a greater awareness within the community of Cerritos College’s commitment to recognize and honor diversity within its student and faculty bodies.

The local business community continues to contribute various products, services as well as support for this annual event in light of their commitment to social responsibility. While the program involves one evening out of 365 (366 for leap year) it continues to engender a sense of pride and critical historical recognition designed to teach invaluable lessons of tenacity, endurance, responsibility and accountability through the lives of great Americans.
Cerritos College Music Faculty to Perform For Student Scholarships

Cerritos College Music Department faculty members will showcase their talents in a Feb. 24 concert to raise scholarship funds for students in the applied music program. The concert will include performances by some of the most accomplished musicians in the Greater Los Angeles area and will encompass a wide variety of musical genres. The faculty is honored to offer their talents in support of their students, many of whom have gone on to pursue degrees from USC, UCLA, CSU Bakersfield, CSU Fullerton, Berkeley School of Music, the San Francisco Conservatory and Chapman University.

The concert will take place at 2 p.m. at the Burnight Center Theatre, Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. General admission is $10. A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide. Free parking is available in parking lot C-3, in front of the Burnight building during performances.

For more information, contact the Music Department office at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629.

Cerritos College to Host Spring Festival Celebration

Cerritos College, the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School will host a Spring Festival Celebration to bring the community and the college together. It will take place Saturday, February 23, noon - 3:30 p.m.

"The Year of the Mouse" will be celebrated through traditional dishes, various performances and workshops that have touches from many Asian cultures. Performances will include a traditional lion dance, a royal oriental fashion show, traditional songs, cultural dances, martial arts and more. Workshops showcasing various cultural heritages will include mahjong (a board game), knotting demonstrations, calligraphy, brush painting and handcrafts will be offered.

The event will be held at the Cerritos College Student Center, Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

The celebration is free and open to the public. Parking for the event is free in lot C-10 in white stalls only. For more information, please contact Danita Kurtz in the International Student Center at ext. 2138 or at dkurtz@cerritos.edu.
College expands teacher training program

Teacher TRAC allows future teachers to complete required course work and gain teaching-related experience, said Aya Abelon, media events coordinator for the college.

While Teacher TRAC continues to focus on preparing future elementary school teachers and secondary teachers in the areas of math and science, CTE Teacher TRAC was created to address the statewide need for vocational teachers at the secondary and community college level.

“Teacher TRAC strives to offer programs and pathways to fill the demands of the local teaching workforce,” said Sue Parsons, director of the program.

David Roper, a natural science major enrolled in CTE Teacher TRAC, said he found the program beneficial in many ways.

“Setting up internships and teaching observatory on local high schools and colleges, having specified counseling available, assisted and organized conferences specially for teachers and the teaching profession have eased my journey of becoming a teacher through their guidance and counseling,” Roper said.

Participants in the CTE Teacher TRAC include the Southeast Regional Occupation Program, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Los Angeles and the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association.

Music faculty offers concert

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Music Department faculty will present a benefit concert at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Burn Night Center Theatre on the college campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

General admission is $10. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for students in the applied music program, said Aya Abelon, of the college’s public affairs department.

Free parking is available in parking lot C-5, in front of the theater during performances.

Information: (562) 860-2451 ext. 2629.
Festival marks Asian new year

Wave Staff Report

NORWALK — Cerritos College, the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School will host a spring festival from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center.

The event will celebrate the year of the rat in the Chinese calendar through food, performances and workshops.

Performances will include a traditional lion dance, a royal Oriental fashion show, traditional songs, cultural dances and martial arts.

Workshops showcasing various cultural heritages will include mahjong (a board game), knotting demonstrations, calligraphy, brush painting and handcrafts.

Information: Danita Kurtz, (562) 860-2451, ext. 2133.

Whittier students finish high in auto repair competition

Wave Staff Report

ORWALK — Two students at California High School in Whittier will compete in New City next month after tying second in the High School Auto Tech Competition by Cerritos College’s automotive technology.

Sixteen students are part of the winning teams from the schools, who will work with advisors, Bill Scott.

Team from Agoura High School was first place in the event, sponsored by the Rand Motor Co. Dealers Association and the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association.

The two teams each display their automotive skills by testing, diagnosing and repairing vehicles in a variety of categories such as automatic transmission, fuel injection and emission, heating and air conditioning, brakes, basic electrical, tools and measurement.

"I think it’s a great activity," said Steve Bledsoe, chair of Cerritos College’s Automotive Technology program. "We appreciate the opportunity to host such a great competition."

Other schools that participated in the competition included Bell Gardens and Bellflower high schools as well as the Southeast Regional Occupational Program, based in Cerritos.

Cerritos College’s Automotive Technology Program offers students hands-on training for GM, Ford, Mercury, Chrysler and import vehicles. The college also hosts an Advanced Transportation Technology Center, one of nine centers in the state, to encourage the use and development of clean, renewable energy and alternative fuel sources.

An automotive mechanic team from California High School in Whittier will compete at the New York International Automobile Show March 23-20 after finishing second in local competition at Cerritos College last month. From left are team advisor Bill Buttiner, students Gabriel Urrao and Jason Scaramazza and Todd Leitner, executive director of Southland Motor Co. Dealers Association, which will sponsor the Whittier team’s trip to New York.
Noted Latino author giving talk

NORWALK-Victor Villasenor, noted author, speaker, and peace activist, will speak at Cerritos College on March 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Room HS 102. He will sign books after the talk.

After flunking third grade twice, suffering through school, and receiving over 260 rejections from publishers, Villasenor leapt to prominence with the publication of his novel, “Macho!” in 1973.

The talk is free and open to the public. Cerritos College is located at 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk.

Lunar New Year celebrations begin

CELEBRATION:
Cerritos College hosts Spring Festival.
By Samantha Gonzaga

NORWALK — It’s one of the most important Chinese holidays, but a Spring Festival this weekend plans to include other cultures that also celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Cerritos College today will host a community Spring Festival in its Student Center from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The campus is at 11110 Alondra Blvd. Admission and parking are free.

Now in its second year, the event is a collaboration between the college and Cerritos-based Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School.

“We figured that a lot of different cultures celebrate the lunar new year,” said Cerritos College spokeswoman Aya Abelon. “As a diverse college, we want to embrace that.”

The lunar new year is celebrated at the second moon following the winter solstice, falling between late January and mid-February. Organized in 60-year cycles, every year within the period corresponds to 12 animals that each represent special attributes.

This is the Year of the Rat, following 2007’s Year of the Pig.

Among the cultures folded into the celebration are Vietnamese, Korean, Thai, Indonesian, Japanese and Filipino, Abelon said.

The celebration will feature food, traditional lion dancers, a royal Asian fashion show, and martial arts demonstrations. There will also be several workshops on cultural games and handicrafts such as mahjong, calligraphy, brush painting and knotting.

Visitors can park in the C-10 lot’s white stalls.

For additional information, log on to www.cerritos.edu.
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BREA
Not too late: Late registration can be done early Sunday morning for that day’s 17th annual Brea 5K Classic. The race on the streets around the Brea Mall raises money for arts and academic programs at Brea Olinda High School. The cost is $25 for adults, $10 for students and $12 for children 10 and younger participating in the shorter fun run, with a $5 late entrance fee. More Information is available online at www.brea5k.com. Race day registration starts at 6:45 a.m. in front of the north entrance of the Macy’s Men’s Store at the Brea Mall.

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BUENA PARK
St. Patrick’s Dinner: The Friends of Ireland of Southern California will hold its annual St. Patrick’s Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Dance at 2 p.m. March 2, at the Moose Lodge, 8851 Knott Ave. Council General of Ireland for Southern California, Finbar Hill will be at the event. Music will be featured. Tickets are $15 for couples, $8 for singles, and $12.50 for children 12 and younger. Information: 714-577-6992.

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CYPRESS
American awards: The Cypress College Foundation will host the 2008 Americans Award beginning with a reception and silent auction at 5:30 p.m., March 1, in the grand ballroom at the Disneyland Hotel. The foundation’s largest fundraiser was able to distribute $275,000 in scholarships, and it raised $225,000 in proceeds last year. At the event, several community members will be recognized for their contributions. Tickets are $125 and there are sponsorship opportunities. Info: www.cypresscollege.edu/foundation.php.

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GARDEN GROVE
Book sale: The Friends of the Garden Grove Libraries will hold its annual book sale Friday through March 6 at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 12200 Stanford Ave. during regular library hours, to within 30 minutes of closing. There will be a pre-sale Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., when 9000 memberships may be purchased as well. Information: 714-530-4671. 

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LA HABRA
Learning through music: Children, 2 to age 7 can learn through music and movement to a Kindermusik class hosted by the La Habra Children’s Museum from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Reservations are required and the class is free with museum admission. Information: 562-940-6784.

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LA PALMA
Citizens of the year: Residents Jay and Sherrill Goldberg are the Citizens of the Year for the Cypress College Foundation’s 2008 Americans Awards. The Goldbergs are involved with the La Palma Police Department’s neighborhood watch and emergency-response certificate training, the La Palma Days Parade and the city’s Traffic Safety Commission. They will be honored, along with several others in neighboring cities, at the foundation’s Americans Awards fundraise: 5:30 p.m. March 1 in the grand ballroom at the Disneyland Hotel. Information: www.cypresscollege.edu/foundation.php.

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WESTMINSTER
E-Waste collection: The Westminster Chamber of Commerce will host an e-waste collection event at the Westminster Mall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the northwest parking lot between Macy’s and 14th Street. Among the items that will be collected are computer monitors, printers, DVD and CD players, ink cartridges, cell phones and laptops. Info: 714-886-6868 or www.westminsterchamber.org.

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YORBA LINDA
Charity for Breast Cancer: The Yorba Linda Chapter of the National Charity League, Inc. will host a fashion show March 2 at the Amelia Manor at 5:30 p.m. The event will also include a silent auction. Funds will be raised for the YAMC National Breast Cancer Organization. Tickets are $80, including lunch. Information and tickets: April Wood at 714-605-0765 or e-mail nyrl@solutionsgp.com.

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Cerritos College program marks Black History Month

Waves Staff Report

Cerritos College’s Black Student Union presents “Celebrating for the Soul,” an event honoring Black History Month, at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center on campus at 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk.

Guest speakers are Dr. Eugene Krank, a retired podiatrist; and Michael Wilde, a respiratory therapist at Martin Luther King Jr.-Harbor Hospital; discussing health issues including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and sickle cell anemia.

Information: (562) 860-2451, ext. 2255.

Other activities, all open to the public, include:

Friday, Feb. 29

Father-daughter dance: The Huntington Park Department of Parks and Recreation presents the “My Little Princess” father-daughter dance from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Westside Park Community Center, 2061 E. Gage Ave. Couples or individual girls may participate, and participants may substitute for dancers with an elementary school-age girl 13 or under. Tickets are $5 per person. (323) 584-6563

Shakespeare play: The Cerritos College Theatre Department presents William Shakespeare’s “The Comedy of Errors” at 8 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre, on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. The play continues through next weekend. General admission is $12. Cerritos College students, faculty and staff, senior citizens and high school students with identification pay $10. (562) 860-2451 ext. 2638

Sisterhood service: The Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., Downey, is featured in a special Sabbath service at 7:30 p.m. (562) 860-9279.

Saturday, March 1

Jazz concert: The city of Lynwood presents a free jazz and blues concert at 6:30 p.m. at the Lynwood High School Performing Arts Center, 4000 Imperial Highway, Bobby Martin and His Afro-Latin Jazz Ensemble, Stephanie Foster, Roosevelt Wade and Damon Remie also perform.

Sunday, March 2

Library showtime: The Friends of the Bruggeymeyer Library, 218 S. Ramona Ave., Monterey Park, host showtime at the Friends Room at 2 p.m., featuring a springtime ballet with children’s classical music and dance. (626) 307-1568

Free concert: The Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra presents a free concert at 3 p.m. in the Vic Lopez Auditorium at Whittier High School, 12417 E. Philadelphia St. It features Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony with special guest the Choose Bel Canto, an area choral group. (562) 347-5007

Tuesday, March 4

Chamber workshop: The Paramount Chamber of Commerce Business Resource Center 15357 Paramount Blvd., hosts another in a series of business workshops by the Small Business Development Center, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is $30. Topics include: How to reach customers, developing a marketing budget and marketing effectiveness. (562) 634-9980, ext. 10

Career expo: Cerritos College conducts its annual Career Expo and Job Fair, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the Library and Falcon Square on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. Employers representing business, finance, technology, health care, retail and other industries are participating. (562) 860-2451, ext. 2367

Women’s conference: The South Gate Multicultural Women’s Club and City Councilwoman Maria Davila host the fifth annual South Gate Women’s Conference from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Gate Park, 4000 Southern Ave. A continental breakfast and lunch are served. (323) 592-9508

Drum and bugle corps: Cerritos College hosts the U.S. Marine Corps’ Drum and Bugle
March 8
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AAIPA Scholarship Dinner
The African American Insurance Professionals Association (AAIPA) will hold their 13th Annual Scholarship Dinner, Saturday, March 8, 6pm at Kyoto Grand Hotel & Gardens 120 So. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles. For more information contact Tracey Polk at 213-689-4249.

Homebuyer Workshop
Cerritos College’s Community Education Dept. is hosting a workshop called “Overcoming Homebuyer Anxiety” for those with good credit and steady employment who are still hesitant about buying their first home. This is an opportunity to get your questions answered by a real estate expert with no sales pressure. Saturday, March 8 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. Call to register 562-467-5050 x2521 The class is $29.

Latino author will speak at Cerritos College

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After flunking third grade twice, suffering through school and receiving more than 260 rejections from publishers, Villasenor leaped to prominence with the publication of his novel “Machete” in 1973.

Since then, he has written several books and screenplays. His most famous work, “Rain of Gold,” which has been called the “Latino Roots” — has motivated thousands of students to write their own histories, said Ava Ahelon, media relations coordinator for the college.

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Guik, along with professor Lydia Alvarez, are co-chairs of the Burro Genius Book Club at Cerritos College.

“Students who volunteer get a free copy of the book, a journal to capture their ideas, and a chance to meet with professors across the department,” Alvarez said. “We want students to have the experience of talking with a professor about a book without worrying about grades ... and to meet a new friend.”

Seventy-five students have already joined the book club, and more than 10 classes are reading “Burro Genius,” which recounts Villasenor’s first, worst and best days in school.

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His visit is sponsored by the Committee for Developmental Education, newly formed by Cerritos College President Nelita Vela and Vice President Bill Farmer.
Cerritos College program marks Black History Month

10 Days and Counting

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Guest speakers are Dr. Eugene Korn, a retired podiatrist, and Michael Wade, a respiratory therapist at Martin Luther King Jr. Harbor Hospital; discussing health issues including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and scoliosis of the spine.

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Library showcase: The Friends of the Bruggeymeyer Library, 318 S. Rainier Ave., Monterey Park, host Showtime at the Friends Room at 2 p.m., featuring a springtime ballet with children’s classical music and dance. (626) 397-1368.

Free concert: The Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra presents a free concert at 3 p.m. in the Vic Lopez Auditorium at Whittier High School, 12417 E. Philadelphia St. It features Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony with special guests the Chorale Bel Canto, an area choral group. (562) 947-9907.

Tuesday, March 4

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Chamber mixer: Eclipse Coffee, Gelato and Juice Bar, 822 Firestone Blvd., marks its grand opening with a mixer for Downey Chamber of Commerce members and guests from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (562) 923-2191

Friday, March 7
State of Downey: Mayor David Caflisch presents a state of the city report to the Downey Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon at 11 a.m. at Sushi at Tokyo, 858 Firestone Blvd. Cost is $25. (562) 923-2191

Ongoing
Story time: The Downey Library, 11121 Broxton Ave., presents a free preschool session for children ages 3 to 5 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays in the library's Children's Room. (562) 904-7450, ext. 27

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An Education in Education

There are numerous paths to a rewarding career as a Southern California teacher. Here’s all you need to know.

As the country was grappling with the grief triggered by the 9/11 tragedies, professional magician Siegfried Romano, like many entertainers, found that bookings started to disappear. Frustrated, he eventually made the decision to turn to another field — a field where magic of a different kind is produced daily.

Romano turned to teaching.

“As a magician, I can definitely say that I have made my living by creating memorable impressions,” said the 58-year-old Huntington Beach, Calif., native who still performs and occasionally incorporates magic into his lessons. “Being a teacher has proven to be a much more valuable experience. In addition to creating a meaningful impact, I am creating a meaningful one.”

If the classroom is also becoming you, local universities, colleges and community colleges offer a plethora of teaching programs — whether your dream is to instruct students with special needs or preschoolers, older adults or any age in between.

**PRE-SCHOOL**

“It may sound passe, but teachers truly touch the future,” said Angela Book, an instructor in the child development department at San Diego City College. “They make a difference in the lives of many students. It’s a gratifying experience to see the difference you make in the lives of others.”

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL**

If you prefer your students to be a bit older, Southland universities offer a wide selection of programs to obtain the required credentials for teaching children, teenagers and teens.

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include Mount St. Mary’s (www.msm.edu) in Los Angeles, Santa Monica College (www.csm.edu) and Los Angeles Valley College (www.valacc.edu).

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...on is so great that often they are hired by schools as interns, teaching workdays and attending classes at night or on weekends, said William of Mount St. Mary’s.

The role of a special education teacher varies depending on the school. A special education teacher might work in a self-contained classroom, run a resource center where different students come throughout the day for additional support, or work in a regular education class supporting another teacher and students.

Special education teachers are needed for moderate disabilities, moderate/severe disabilities, deaf or hard of hearing, visual impairments, physical and health impairments, and early childhood special education.

Specialty programs vary from college to college. Training for the mild/moderate specialty can be found at many schools including, Mount St. Mary’s, Artic College, and Loyola Marymount University. Also, some private schools such as Chapman University in Orange offer programs for moderate/severe disabilities.

But the California state university probably offers the widest selection of programs, including training for deaf and hard-of-hearing children at Cal State Northridge, vision students, early childhood special education, and Cal State Dominguez Hills (speech pathology and audiology) and Cal State Fullerton (vision and hearing) and visual impairments, physical and health impairments, and early childhood special education at Cal State Los Angeles (speech pathology and audiology).

Special education teachers must pass the CMBT, CSTF and RICA tests.

ADULT EDUCATION

These new-to-adult education also offer jump-starting programs at Cal State Dominguez Hills. In the adult education system, one can pursue a preliminary academic or nonacademic teaching credential prior to actually getting the credential.

Those with academic credentials might teach such subjects as English as a second language, citizenship, world cultures, physical science, English or social science through adult education programs administered by elementary and secondary school districts.

ECSE is one of the most popular subjects, but English and math are also in demand due to students struggling with the California high school exit exam, Johnson said.

To qualify for a preliminary credential, the person has to pass the CMBT and have either a bachelor’s degree or a combination of related work experience and education. (For the formulas to determine if you have enough education and work experience, check out www.teachcalifornia.org/certi.)

Once candidates receive a preliminary credential, they can start teaching. They have up to five years to qualify for a clear credential by completing all the necessary teacher-preparation training, including courses on lesson planning, how to use technology in the classroom, and no business of adult education, Johnson said.

Other schools offering programs in adult education include Cal State San Bernadino (speech pathology) and UCLA (social sciences). Antioch University offers its master’s of fine arts program and a certificate in teaching of creative writing.

Whether you’re teaching preschoolers or seniors citizens, there’s one universal reward. As Terri Nichols, special education teacher at Los Angeles High School said, “I think that for all teachers it’s that moment when you see on your student’s faces that they’ve understood a new concept — when you see the concept become theirs and the pride they have in learning... That’s the real job satisfaction.”
Crime at LBCC down 13 percent in 2007

By Kevin Butler

LONG BEACH — Long Beach City College saw a decrease in overall crime at its two campuses last year, according to an annual report prepared by campus police.

The two-campus college experienced a 13 percent reduction in reported incidents last year compared with 2006, according to the Long Beach Police Department, which the LBCC has hired to police the campus.

The 13 percent figure excludes minor incidents such as annoying phone calls, traffic accidents, municipal code violations and medical aid calls.

The LBPD attributed the drop to “pro-active policing efforts and relentless follow up on incidents occurring on the campuses,” according to the report.

Last year, police made three felony arrests, for battery on a school police officer, drugs and assault with a deadly weapon. Two of the involved individuals were students, the annual report said.

The 16 misdemeanor arrests in 2007 included misdemeanors warrants, assault and battery, alcohol and drug possession, fighting, theft, vandalism and trespassing. Non-students committed eight of the offenses, police officials stated.

The number of commercial burglaries at the Liberal Arts Campus increased last year to six incidents. Car thefts and auto burglaries declined.

The Pacific Coast Campus saw a decline in auto thefts and vandalism, while experiencing an increase in grand thefts, from three in 2006 to five last year.

The LBCC Board of Trustees is scheduled to hear the report at its meeting tonight at 6 in Building FF, Dyer Assembly Hall, at LBCC’s Pacific Coast Campus, 1305 E. Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach.

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Cal State closing the door earlier

Schools move up application deadlines in hope students will miss them, easing the effect of budget cuts.

By HOWARD BLUME

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Jaine Ulloa, Jr. is going to make it — his deadline, that is. The 18-year-old Caron High School senior made more than a day that he electronically filed his Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a final step in his college application process. That’s because of other Cal State campuses that traditionally accepted applications months later. An even earlier deadline, Feb. 1, has already passed for 19 other Cal State campuses.

The root cause of the time crunch is a multi-billion-dollar student aid deficit. In his proposed budget for next year, California Governor Schwarzenegger cut Cal State’s share of reductions to $3.5 billion. If that figure holds, schools have much less money to spend on financial aid, Chancellor Charles B. Reed said he limited the number of students by shortening the application cycle.

An effort was made to try to slow down the crowds by giving up on filing an application until March 1, but because the schools received a big number of applications, students who applied late. The seven schools are Cal State LA, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State San Bernardino, and Cal State San Marcos. The Cal State system serves about 450,000 students.

Applications are running at about 15% lower than the same time last year, continuing a trend of recent years. With a record number of high school seniors, officials said it’s impossible to determine the effect of the coming deadline.

“Too few, too late,” said Cal State Long Beach and Cal State Los Angeles officials.

Because most of the schools students would be the first in their families to attend college. It stirred up some more announcements about March 1, March 1, March 1.

They are ‘as good as adults are at hitting their tax deadline of April 15.’

— Anna Maria Lopez, becoming high school counselor, or students ability to pay college on financial aid. “I know it takes many years of study but I think there are potential benefits to using it.”

Pacing out Daisy Crespo, a student, has not submitted an application and preferred no knowledge of deadlines, but the community college program she plans to study at Los Angeles Harbor College will accept students long after the deadline.

Community colleges in a refund for many students, and students who work as peer counselors. Throwing 114 peer counselors, Caron has 115. Both schools credit their stations with disseminating vital information.

“They do their own applications first, and we correct any mistakes,” said Caron, college counselor Bonny Okumura.

Caron senior Jesire Gomez, 18, said she was “pretty informed because we keep on encouraging them to enroll.” Gomez applied to six schools that she was rejected from by her Mexican immigrant parents — a paint factory worker and a housekeeper — neither of whom finished high school, she was waiting to hear from two community colleges where her older sister already attends.

Students may apply online, the preferred method — and an improvement from the traditional paper application fee $50 per school, but for seniors are frequently granted. Midyear applications must be postmarked no later than March 1 for incoming first-year students.

Deadlines for senior students are required by year by school. "We had a few stragglers that were like: ‘Oh, yes, I should put it in my application soon. And we told them the sooner, the better.’"
Biola evolves but stays the same

The 100-year-old Christian university embraces cultural diversity but keeps its focus on a conservative worldview.

By Tiffani Hawn

Last weekend, a multicultural throng of students, spread with doped hair, clapping hands, celebrated the centennial of the private evangelical school—a vision since 1908—by a rock concert that stretched into the early morning.

Biola, now a Biola staff member, joined in the revelry. During the culmination of a year’s worth of festivities at the suburban La Mirada campus, he was seen with his family for the first time in his life. Wearing his ethnic shirt, his grandmother took classes in 1944, as did his grandfather in 1941.

Their six children all attended the school, six of Biola’s two children. His parents and his wife, Jane, married in 1940, are still happy now.

The family has watched Biola evolve and change. It began as a Christian adult education center with eight students in 1908 and an institution with a college campus throughout the years in Los Angeles, California, and in New York City, Paris, and Thailand.

The grand building that now housed the institute in downtown Los Angeles was demolished years ago. Its prominent red-brick “North Hall” signified Biola’s well-known campus tradition, which was founded in 1872 and dominated national Christian campuses for years, well after the 1980s.

Biola, as it is now, is celebrated as an international university with a unique personality—“the world,” as it is often referred to by students and faculty. Biola’s has remained constant as an initial purpose of training students to serve their own and professions with a conservative Christian worldview, but the college has also experienced significant growth and changes over the years.

Students have been admitted to Biola’s various programs, including the college’s undergraduate and graduate programs. Biola has grown from a small liberal arts college to a university with several thousand students and faculty, and its campus is now home to nearly 10,000 students.

The college has continued to expand its academic offerings, adding new programs and majors in recent years. It has also developed new partnerships and collaborations with other institutions, allowing students to earn degrees in various fields.

The college has also continued to focus on its mission of preparing students to serve their own professions with a conservative Christian worldview. This is evident in the college’s curriculum, which is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the liberal arts and sciences while also emphasizing the Christian worldview.

As Biola continues to evolve, it remains committed to its mission of preparing students to serve their own professions with a conservative Christian worldview. This is evident in the college’s curriculum, which is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in the liberal arts and sciences while also emphasizing the Christian worldview.

For more information, please visit the Biola University website at www.biola.edu.