FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

In Progress

Aya Abelon is working on developing a series of student feature stories

Aya Abelon is also working with the Business Department on developing a story announcing the new retail management certificate FastTrack program and its partnership with Ralphs.

Abelon is working on developing the fall edition of In Sight.

Coverage

Herald American—August 6, 2009—Article on the college board election

Herald American—August 6, 2009—Article on the college’s two presidential finalists (from press release)

Herald American—August 13, 2009—Article on the college board election


Long Beach Press-Telegram—August 14, 2009—Article on the college’s new president (from press release)

Long Beach Press-Telegram—August 17, 2009—Article on the local community college class cuts including Abelon’s comment

Press Enterprise—August 19, 2009—Article on Dr. Lacy leaving RCCD to Cerritos College


Los Cerritos Community News—August 21, 2009—Article on the college board election

Los Cerritos Community News—August 21, 2009—Article on the college’s new president (from press release)

Los Angeles Times—August 26, 2009—Article on the Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy (ATTE) program in California mentioning Cerritos College

Sentinel — August 27, 2009 — Informational brief on real estate classes offered by the college’s Community Education

Press Enterprise — August 28, 2009 — Article on the college’s new president

Long Beach Press-Telegram — August 30, 2009 — Article on local colleges seeing increased demands for serving more students
Long Road, Well-seasoned

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 3, 2009

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

NORWALK, Calif. - August 3, 2009 - Erin Solis was born and raised in Anaheim as the eldest of three girls. When she finished high school, she wanted to be a doctor. However, when she started her pre-med biology and chemistry classes at UCLA, it didn’t sit well with her.

“Other classmates had bright eyes and were excited about what they were learning – but me, I was lost,” said Solis. “I did not enjoy the classes at all.”

Eventually she realized that a medical career was not for her and switched her major to English. Then her friend suggested that she make music her career. She always had a thing for music but never thought of it as a career.

“I assumed that you had to be a musician to be in the music business,” said Solis. When she learned about the various pathways available in the music business, she decided to go for it. She became active working on campus at UCLA booking music events for campus venues. She also did multiple internships in the music industry and made connections.

When she graduated from UCLA in 2002, she landed a job in music promotion. She eventually became art manager for Rhino Records, a record company specializing in archival box sets. After an intensive five-year journey in music promotion, where schmoozing is the key to get ahead in the business, Solis was worn out.

Seven years ago, Solis’ parents owned a bagel bakery and hired a baker, Jesusita Lopez. Lopez showed Solis how to bake and taught her the basics of cooking. Solis started cooking for family and friends. She enjoyed entertaining them, but, again, she never thought of cooking as a career.

When Solis was planning a career change from the music business, she called Lopez to seek advice. By talking to Lopez, Solis was convinced that she was creative enough to be successful as a chef. She researched culinary schools and determined that Cerritos College, where Lopez taught part-time, was the best choice in terms of tuition and the program quality.
“I think the Cerritos College Culinary Arts program is one of the best,” said Solis. “Unlike other community college culinary programs, we have our own café. We get to experience the real restaurant setting and revenue from the café goes to buying ingredients and materials for our classes.”

Solis enrolled in the program in fall 2007 and finished the cooking program in fall 2008. She also began the baking program in fall and is planning to finish it by the end of the year.

She credits Chef Michael Pierini, chair of the Culinary Arts program, for his dedication and support for motivated students. “If you show that you are focused and driven, he will do whatever it takes to make you a better chef,” said Solis. “If you tell him that you want to try making certain food, he would bring in the ingredients for it to the next class!”

Solis won first place in the state’s student cooking competition this spring with her chicken dish. “When I was practicing for the competition, I worked with Chef Pierini every day and cut more than 100 chickens! He is very passionate about our success.”

She has travelled to various countries - England, France, Italy, and The Philippines - and tasted various cuisines. She hopes to visit Spain to explore the region’s food with the money she won in the competition.

“I think I’m lucky to live in Los Angeles, where all kinds of different international cuisines are available in styles that are relatively close to its original,” said Solis. The geographical advantage gives her opportunities to do her culinary research often. She just tried Ethiopian cuisine in Little Ethiopia a few weeks ago.

When she is introduced to new food, she can recreate it by solely relying on her tongue in most cases – undisputedly one of the traits of a good chef. The more she tries new food, it adds to her culinary knowledge.

After she receives her certificate at the end of this year, she plans on working at a high-end restaurant and gain as much experience as possible. One day she hopes to open a sophisticated restaurant in either North Orange County or Southeast Los Angeles, where there is an untapped market for such restaurants.

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Cerritos College’s Portable Entertainment Technology Program to Host FREE Pete Goslow Concert

Students to Showcase Their Event Staging Skills

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 5, 2009

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

WHAT: Cerritos College’s Portable Entertainment Technology (PET) Program will present a FREE concert on August 7, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The performing artist will be singer songwriter Pete Goslow. This concert celebrates the release of his new album.

The students in PET Program will set up the stage, the truss, and all of the audio equipment for the concert. The production of this concert is largely due to the training and equipment funded by a grant through the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act.

Cerritos College is the first college to offer such a program in California. The Portable Entertainment Technology Program is uniquely geared to train students to attain entry-level stage technician positions in the entertainment industry. The students will learn how to set up, operate, and strike audio, lighting and staging equipment for concerts and other entertainment events. The grant enabled the program to purchase state-of-the-art equipment.

Launched in fall 2008, the new Portable Entertainment Technology Program at Cerritos College marks a departure from the traditional approach to education and moves to a new learning model based on the practicalities of the job market. Featuring more hands-on learning than classroom instruction, this program puts student technical skills to use in a real world context.

Outdoor event staging technicians are in demand within the Southern California area and a training program specifically for this career does not exist at any regional academic institution. Cerritos College is physically located near many entertainment venues which provides its students with many potential employers. Starting pay for entry-level technicians at local theme parks averages over $15.00 per hour.
Over the past several years Theatre faculty and staff at Cerritos College have been meeting regularly with a technical theatre advisory committee comprised of entertainment industry professionals. This Portable Entertainment Technology Program was created to meet the job market shortage of trained stage technicians expressed by these employers. These employers are very interested in hiring students who successfully complete this program.

Entry into the next PET Program class series will begin this fall with the Th223 Portable Entertainment Technology – Lighting class. For more information, visit www.cerritos.edu/entertainment-technology or contact PET Program Director Gary Pritchard (562) 860-2451 ext. 2630 or PET Coordination Manager Susan Watanabe (562) 860-2451 ext. 2643. To register for classes, call 562-860-2451 or visit www.cerritos.edu.

WHEN: August 7, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College Falcon Square
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

COST: FREE and open to the public

CONTACT: For more information, contact PET Program Director Gary Pritchard (562) 860-2451 ext. 2630 or PET Coordination Manager Susan Watanabe (562) 860-2451 ext. 2643.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 6, 2009

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WHAT: Cerritos College’s Liberal Arts Division offers classes in English as a Second Language (ESL) with the start of the Fall semester on Monday, August 17, 2009. Classes are offered at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, and are available for $26 per unit (most classes are three units). Several classes are offered during both the day and evening. Most classes meet twice a week and are available during both the 18-week session and the first and second 9-week sessions. ESL classes at Cerritos College offer:

- Pronunciation
- Oral communication
- Speaking and listening
- Grammar
- Reading
- Vocabulary
- Writing and structure
- American expressions and culture
- Spelling
- Editing

Click following for the translated versions in Spanish, Chinese (traditional and simplified), Korean and Vietnamese

WHEN: 18-Week Session: August 17 – December 18, 2009
First 9-Week Session: August 17 – October 16, 2009
Second 9-Week Session: October 19 – December 18, 2009

WHERE: Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

COST: $26 per unit; parking is $1 per day.

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Lucia Coulter at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2847 or by e-mail at lcoulter@cerritos.edu.
Cerritos College's Portable Entertainment Technology Program to Host Christopher Lloyd and the Flux Capacitors and The Metropolitans

Students to Showcase Their Event Staging Skills

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 10, 2009

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

WHAT: Cerritos College’s Portable Entertainment Technology Program (PET Program) will present a “concert in the park” on August 14, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Falcon Square on the Cerritos College campus. The performing artists will be:

Christopher Lloyd and the Flux Capacitors (6:00 p.m.)
(Cerritos College students)

Arturo Gallardo- tenor sax, flute, clarinet
Sherman Pascoe- guitar
Cindy Hernandez- voice
Rusty Kennedy- bass
Phillip Galatioto- drums

The Metropolitans (7:00 p.m.)

Mark Wein-Guitar/Vocals
Martin Torres-Bass
Tyler Walton- Drums
Gary Pritchard- Keyboards

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Entry into the next PET Program class series will begin this fall with the Th 223 Portable Entertainment Technology – Lighting class. This class will meet on Wednesdays 9 AM – 2 PM starting on August 19, 2009.

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Cerritos College Board of Trustees Names Dr. Linda Lacy as New Superintendent/President

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 13, 2009

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

NORWALK, Calif. – August 13, 2009 – Cerritos College announced today that its board of trustees has named Dr. Linda Lacy as superintendent/president of Cerritos College.

The selection of Dr. Lacy as the college’s permanent leader was approved at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held August 12. Her start date is still to be determined.

Dr. Lacy is currently serving as vice chancellor of student services and operations at the Riverside Community College District. Dr. Lacy has dedicated 23 years to serving the Riverside Community College District in multiple capacities beginning in 1986 as an instructor and coach. She also served twelve years as an instructor and assistant principal in a K-12 system in Oklahoma.

During her tenure as vice chancellor of student services and operations, she supervised district functions such as student financial services, DSPS, health services, food services, bookstore, college outreach, and college safety and police. Her administrative experience involves budget formulation and regulation, development of Board Policy, evaluation of managers, and development of the program review process for student services. Dr. Lacy’s past interim presidential duties included overseeing the general daily operation of Riverside City College; the development of the Educational and Facilities Master Plan; the Accreditation Self-study; the renovation of the Quad; and served as liaison with the Wood Streets Association.

In addition to her time as vice chancellor at the Riverside Community College District, Dr. Lacy served as the past chair of the Riverside City Campus Strategic Planning Committee; past president of the Management Association; a graduate, chair, and past president of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program (class of 1999); and past president (2006-07) of the California Community College Chief Student Services Administrators Association (CCCCSSAA).

Dr. Lacy has been very active within the community serving on the Boards of the Greater Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Downtown Partnership, the Mayor’s Cultural Accountability Performance, the City Task Force, and Wells Fargo Inland Bank. She is currently a member of the District Strategic Planning Committee, International Relations Council and of the Higher Learning Federation Taskforce.

William C. Farmer, who has led the college as acting president since July 2008, will continue to serve the college as vice president of academic affairs. Dr. Marilyn Brock, who has served in this position while Farmer was acting president, will end her interim assignment.
Cerritos College’s Portable Entertainment Technology Program Students Showcases Their Event Staging Skills

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 20, 2009

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

NORLKWALK, Calif. - August 20, 2009 - Cerritos College’s Portable Entertainment Technology Program (PET Program) produced a “concert in the park” in Falcon Square on August 14, 2009.

The students in PET Program set up the stage, the truss, and all of the audio equipment for the concert. Outdoor event staging technicians are in demand within the Southern California area. Cerritos College is the first academic institution to offer a training program specifically for this career.

Entertainment industry professionals attended the set up of this event to assess student learning and the merits of the program. The program received a multitude of positive comments. Two of the companies are interested in recruiting interns directly from the program.

Performing were:

Christopher Lloyd and the Flux Capacitors (Cerritos College students)

Arturo Gallardo - Tenor sax, flute, clarinet
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Cerritos College Goes Green with Electric Mini Coopers

College Is the Only School Selected to Participate in Mini E Pilot Program

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 28, 2009

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

NORWALK, Calif. - August 28, 2009 - Cerritos College received two Mini E electric concept cars on loan from BMW of North America, which owns Mini USA, this summer. It is part of a pilot program that gives the college a one-year lease of the vehicles for about $10 a month each to test them. In return the college will provide feedback to Mini as to how the vehicles drive in real conditions.

“Cerritos College is the only college we are offering the lease in this program,” said Junior Mercado, sales consultant for Long Beach Mini, who delivered the vehicles to the college. According to Mercado, out of 450 Mini Es that exist in the United States, 100 are in California and are being leased to selected corporate, municipal and individual customers.

The two cars were put on display in the college’s administrative quad on August 19 for everyone to view. Students, faculty and staff came and greeted the newest addition to the college.

The two-seater Mini E has a range of approximately 100 - 150 miles per charge and it can get a full recharge in 24 hours from an emergency portable 110 volt plug-in charger and in three hours from a 220 volt stationary charger. Electricity costs approximately three cents per mile while a typical fuel cost runs from 10 to 12 cents per mile.

The vehicles will be used primarily for school business such as off-site events and meetings, and all college employees who are approved by the campus police to drive college-owned vehicles can drive them.

“We have been offered the opportunity to participate in this pilot program because of our great working relationship with BMW,” said Steve Berklite, dean of the Technology Division at Cerritos College. “It’s an example of the college’s many continuing efforts to build industry partnerships.”

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School board incumbents still unchallenged

NORWALK — With the filing deadline approaching, three incumbents on the Downey school board remain unchallenged in the Nov. 3 election, while three incumbents and an appointee have filed for the Bellflower school board race and face just one challenger as of Tuesday.

Three incumbents on the Paramount school board also face just one challenger, but a host of opponents are challenging three incumbents on the Norwalk-La Mirada school board, according to information from the county Registrar of Voters office here.

“Meanwhile, a college professor is the only one to file as of Tuesday for the Cerritos College Board of Trustees,” where there are three incumbents.

The deadline to submit nominating papers is 5 p.m. Friday. The deadline extends to Wednesday for challengers only if an incumbent does not file by Friday.

In Downey, Martha Sodetani, 1st District; Nancy Swenson, 5th District; and Barbara Samperi, 7th District, have filed.

In Bellflower, Bill St. Marie, an appointee seeking to complete the term of the late Mike Herzek, which ends in 2011, has filed along with incumbents Rich Buonocore, Paul Helaer and Laura Sanchez-Ramirez.

The lone challenger as of Tuesday was Angela Parrish, a court reporter, but Corrine Maestro has taken out nominating papers, the registrar’s office said.

Chris Pfanzler, a businessman/parent from La Mirada; Margarita Rios, a police detective/parent who lives in Norwalk; and Jesse Urquidi of La Mirada, an engineering project manager, have filed for the Norwalk-La Mirada school board race.

Incumbents Darryl Adams of Norwalk and Ed Hengler of La Mirada have filed while incumbent Ana Valencia of Norwalk has taken out nominating petitions as have potential challengers Moses Covarrubias and Dale Nowicki, both of La Mirada.

The fourth incumbent is John Johnson of Norwalk.

Kennedy Collins, a vehicle maintenance coordinator from Long Beach, has once again filed, as have incumbents Alicia Linden Anderson, Sonia Cuellar and Tony Peña in Paramount.

A possible second challenger, Dominique Perry, has taken out petitions.

In the Cerritos-based ABC district covering part of southern Norwalk, incumbents David Montgomery and Mark Pulido have filed along with challenger James Kang, a retired business executive who lives in Cerritos.

A third incumbent is Olympia
Cerritos College president could be chosen this month

vice president for student services and operations at El Camino College in Norwalk.

The finalists are Linda Lacy, vice president of administration and chief financial officer at Cerritos College, and Maritza Luzon, vice president of student services at El Camino College.
No challengers for Downey school board

Were Staff Report

NORWALK — Three incumbents on the Downey school board have filed for the Nov. 3 election without opposition as of the deadline Friday, according to the county Registrar of Voters office here.

Incumbents on the Bellflower, Paramount, ABC, Norwalk-La Mirada and Little Lake City school districts face challengers as do incumbents on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

The filing deadline was extended for the Norwalk-La Mirada and Little Lake school boards for challengers only after incumbents failed to file for re-election.

Downey School Superintendent Wendy Dovy said the district will cancel the Nov. 3 election, saving about $120,000, and swear in the unchallenged board members in December during the annual board reorganization.

They are Matthias Sedentani in Area 1, Nancy Swenson in Area 5 and Barbara (Bobbie) Sampieri in Area 7.

In Bellflower, appointed board member Bill St. Marie of Bellflower is unchallenged to fill out the remaining two years in the term of the late Mike Herrick.

Seeking four-year terms are incumbents Rich Buenocore of Lakewood, Paul Heber and Laura Sanchez-Ramirez, both of Bellflower, and challengers Angela Parrish, a court reporter, and Corrine Mestnes, a community volunteer, both of Bellflower.

Cerritos College incumbent trustees Carmen Aviles of South Gate, Bob Apple of Bellflower and Bob Hughlett of Cerritos will vie with Shin Lin, a college professor, from Cerritos, and Tom Chavez, a retired educator from Norwalk.

In Paramount, incumbents Alida Linden Anderson and Tony Pena, both of Paramount, and Sonya Cuellar of Bellflower are challenged by Kenneth Collins, a vehicle maintenance coordinator from Long Beach; and Marizza Romero, a civil servant from South Gate.

In the Cerritos-based ABC District, which covers southern Norwalk, incumbents Olympia Chen, Mark Palido and David Montgomery are being challenged by James Kang, a retired business executive; and David Shafter, a parent and business man, All live in Cerritos.

Little Lake board member Gina Ramirez of Norwalk did not file by Friday, leaving just one incumbent on the ballot, Helen Zunora of Santa Fe Springs. Challengers as of Monday were Henry Jesus Bestwick of Norwalk, a plant equipment operator; and George Sec Buchanan of Norwalk, a recreation coordinator.

Norwalk-La Mirada board member John Johnson of Norwalk also did not file by the Friday deadline. Seeking re-election are Darryl Adams and Ana Valencia, both of Norwalk; and Ed Hengler of La Mirada.

Challengers as of Monday are Chris Pianzano, a parent and businessman from La Mirada; Margarita Rios, a police detective and parent from Norwalk; and Jesus (Jesse) Urquidi, an engineering project manager from La Mirada.
Once-Troubled Kid, Now Family Man with Great Future

By Aya Abelov

Steve Kim’s life has been a roller-coaster ride. It wasn’t the usual ups and downs that people often talk about. It was sky-high ups and sub-zero downs.

When Kim was very young, his parents had a successful restaurant business. His father passed away when he was six years old, and his mother continued to operate the business by herself. Through some unfortunate hardship, Kim’s mother was left with nothing but bankruptcy and debt.

In the midst of hardship, Kim journeyed through five different high schools, public and private, local and out-of-state. “My mom sent me to different schools because I was a bit of a troublemaker,” said Kim. He was hanging around with not-so-reputable friends and got himself into trouble — including a few run-ins with law enforcement.

At school, Kim did not excel or do well. “It took me a while to realize this but looking back I have never been academically challenged,” said Kim. As a troublemaker, he was always put in the slowest class, which was not even challenging to him. He obviously did have the abilities to be in more advanced classes but he didn’t know any better than just sitting in the class he was assigned to and passing the tests with his eyes closed.

He now believes that given different circumstances, if he received the appropriate attention and encouragement, he would have done much better.

“My mom, who was a single mom, was too busy to notice what was going on with me at school,” said Kim. Kim’s mother, who raised Kim by herself after Kim’s father had passed away, is a very successful real estate broker well-known in the Koreatown area of Los Angeles.

Soon after Kim graduated from high school, he started working hand in hand with his mother as a loan officer. At one point, he was making $9,000 a month. However, at a young age with no bills to pay, he did not care about money. He continued to make money and spend it “carelessly” while working with his mother for two years and then decided to pursue something he was passionate about — cars and technology.

A self-admitted performance car fanatic, Kim started working in the automotive aftermarket customizing high-end European sport cars. After three years, the business started slowing down and he finally realized that it was not where he wanted to be.

Coincidentally his housing complex started construction and his unit was the first to go. His uncle who lives right across from Cerritos College recommended that Kim stay with him while he returned to school. It was about time that Kim decided to get serious about his life and education.

When he was deciding his major, what crossed his mind were his high school days without appropriate support. He definitely wanted to know why people make decisions and why things happen the way they do. He also knew that he wanted to be an entrepreneur, so he decided to double major in psychology and business administration.

He began attending Cerritos College in summer 2006. “I did horrible in my first semester coming back to school. I have never learned how to study in junior high or high school,” reckoned Kim. “I learned all of my study skills at Cerritos College.”

At Cerritos College, Kim became a better student and naturally became more involved in the campus life. He is a member of the Science, Engineering and Math Dean’s Advisory Board. He is in the Scholar’s Honors Program and on the Deans’ List. He also started working in the college’s Information Technology Department part-time and has provided computer support to the campus since last year. Last semester, he became involved in the student government as assistant commissioner of information technology.

“I don’t like participating, I love setting up structures and figuring out how the structures would work,” said Kim. To prove his self-analysis, he has two goals as a member of the student government before he transfers to the University of California, Irvine, in spring 2010. One is to complete an on-campus recycling program for bottles, papers and plastics. The other goal is to establish a free WiFi system for students on campus.

The recently married Kim is expecting two “babies” by the end of the year — a baby boy (according to his wife’s “woman’s intuition,” not medically confirmed at press time) and his own restaurant. He plans on making this the first of a restaurant chain with a unique concept. He envisions expanding the business and making it a successful family-owned corporation. Undeniably, the restaurant business runs through his veins.

Sit down with Kim and listen to him for half an hour and you will see that he has an unwavering vision and knows exactly what he wants to do with his life. He aims high and is in full control of everything that he has meticulously planned. He is definitely not a follower; he is a tenacious leader.

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Los Cerritos Community News
August 7, 2009
Students to give free concert Friday at Cerritos College

Friday, Aug. 14
Movies in the park: The city of Pico Rivera shows the movie "Tale of Desperaux" at sundown at Smith Park, 6016 Rosemead Blvd. Admission is free and everyone in attendance receives free popcorn and a soft drink. (562) 804-4430

Saturday, Aug. 15
City Hall concert: Kuhlkyd performs songs from the 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s at the finale of the city of Norwalk's Sounds of Summer concert series at 7 p.m. on the north lawn of City Hall, 12790 Norwalk Blvd. Those attending may bring chairs, blankets and picnics, although food is available for purchase. (562) 929-5702

Wednesday, Aug. 19
Park concert: Ogio on Charming performs old and new style Cuban music at Funman Park, 10419 S. Rives Ave., Downey. The Miss Downey and Miss Teen Downey courts sell food to help the Downey Rose Float Association earn money to build the city float for the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena. (562) 904-7228

Tuesday, Aug. 18
Senior health program: The city of Montebello offers a class on Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits from 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center, 115 S. Taylor Ave., L.A. Care Health Plan and Family Care Specialist Medical Group facilitate the class. (323) 887-4547

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Saturday, Aug. 22
Ice cream social: The Norwalk Senior Citizens Center, 14040 San Antonio Drive, hosts an ice cream social, followed by a quick hop from 1 to 3 p.m. conducts a farmers market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Tuesday at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., Bellflower. Fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, breads, sprouts, honey and more are available. (562) 866-7510

Bingo play: The Norwalk Senior Citizens Center offers bingo each Friday at 1:15 p.m. at the center, 14040 San Antonio Drive. Cards cost 25 cents each and anyone 18 or older may play. Proceeds go to the senior center. (562) 929-5550

Democratic Club: The Bellflower Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Starbucks Coffee House, corner of Rosecrans Avenue and Bellflower Boulevard. (562) 900-4864

Museum open: The D.D. Johnston/Heritage House Museum, 12426 Maplewood St., Norwalk, is open for tours from each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Drive. An all-volunteer band plays two-step dance music. Free beverages and snacks are served. (562) 929-5580

Fresh produce: A farmers market operates from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Monday at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., Bellflower. Fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, breads, sprouts, honey and more are available. (562) 866-7510

Bingo play: The Norwalk Senior Citizens Center offers bingo each Friday at 1:15 p.m. at the center, 14040 San Antonio Drive. Cards cost 25 cents each and anyone 18 or older may play. Proceeds go to the senior center. (562) 929-5550

Bellflower museum: The Carpenter Museum, located in Caruthers Park, 10500 Florida Vista Drive, Bellflower, is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the last Saturday of each month. Admission is free.

Downey market: A farmers market operates from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday at area restaurants and businesses.

For more information: Call the Norwalk Senior Citizens Center at 14040 San Antonio Drive, (562) 929-5550.
Cerritos College picks Riverside exec

By Kevin Butler Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — Linda L. Lacy, an executive at Riverside Community College, has been named the new president-superintendent of Cerritos College, officials announced Thursday.

Lacy, currently vice chancellor of student services and operations at the Riverside college, will succeed interim superintendent-president William C. Farmer Jr., who will resume his previous post of vice president of academic affairs at Cerritos, officials said.

Lacy said she is “very excited” about the job and hopes to start next month.

“Every interaction I have ever had with the college has been wonderful,” she said.

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees on Wednesday selected Lacy over another finalist, Mark Zagovic, interim vice president of administrative services at Pasadena City College.

During her 23 years at RCC, Lacy had a stint as interim president. She joined RCC in 1986 as an instructor and coach and worked for 12 years as an instructor and assistant principal in a K-12 school district in Oklahoma.

As vice chancellor of student services and operations at RCC, Lacy has supervised functions such as student financial services, health services, food services, the bookstore, college outreach and college safety and police, according to a biography released by Cerritos College.

She holds a doctorate in higher education administration from Oklahoma State University, a master’s degree from Central State University, and a bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University, college officials said.

Linda L. Lacy will head Cerritos College after serving as a Riverside Community College executive.
Higher fees and fewer options await students

By Kevin Butler Staff Writer

LONG BEACH - As classes begin today at Long Beach City College and Cerritos College, students are facing fewer course offerings and higher fees.

As part of the state budget deal, community college fees rose from $20 to $26 a unit this fall. Both colleges, facing budget cuts, have had to reduce course offerings at a time when they are seeing more students seeking admission.

A decision by the California State University system to enroll fewer students this year has led to increased demand for community college courses, officials say.

Students at Long Beach City College are finding it harder to get classes, as the college has reduced its course offerings by 12 percent this semester relative to last fall, according to LBCC Superintendent-President Eloy Oakley.

Other community colleges also are cutting down on courses, hurting area students and forcing many of them to take courses at two or three colleges simultaneously because of the limited availability.

"The unfortunate thing is that this is not just a Long Beach City College problem," Oakley said.

Long Beach City College this fiscal year is facing $7 million in cuts and funding deferrals from the state, he added.

The college froze hiring and cut back on expenses, Oakley said. Managers and administrators will be taking unpaid furlough days this year as a money-saving measure.

In addition, the college plans to lay off seven employees and reduce the hours of 16 other workers, LBCC officials have said.

Construction projects are continuing at LBCC, including work on the South Quad Complex, located at the Liberal Arts Campus. Expected to be completed this fall, the complex will contain classrooms, administrative offices and the new meeting room for the LBCC Board of Trustees.

Cerritos College, located in Norwalk, this year plans to open its new Aquatics Center. The college is reducing its course offerings by 20 percent this fall compared with the same time last year, said spokeswoman Aya Abelon.

The college expects to have its classes full this fall, she added.

Cerritos College also will have new leadership this year. College officials last week announced that Riverside Community College executive Linda Lacy will become Cerritos' next superintendent-president. Lacy is vice chancellor of student services and operations at RCC.

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Ex-RCC interim president leaving

AFTER 23 YEARS: Lacy, most recently a vice chancellor, was a finalist to lead the Riverside campus eight months ago.

BY SEAN NEALON
THE PRESS ENTERPRISE

A veteran Riverside Community College District administrator has been named superintendent/president of Cerroitos College in southeastern Los Angeles County.

Linda Lacy has spent 23 years in the Riverside district, most recently as vice chancellor of student services and operations. She also served as interim president of Riverside City College from 2006 to 2009.

Lacy's departure comes eight months after she was passed over for the permanent presidency of Riverside City College, despite strong support from students, college faculty and staff and community members.

Lacy, who said she was disappointed she didn't get the position, also said two years as interim president showed she was ready for a permanent presidential position. She said the Cerroitos job is a wonderful opportunity but that it will be hard to leave Riverside.

'It's not been an easy decision because I love this college,' Lacy said. 'But, there's always new challenges and it's OK to reinvent yourself.'

Lacy was named superintendent/president by the Cerroitos College Board of Trustees on Aug. 12. A contract and start date are still being negotiated.

Lacy is hopeful everything will be worked out by the end of this week. She intends to stay at the Riverside district during a transition period, which she expects to last about a month.

Officials at the Riverside district -- which serves more than 10,000 students at campuses in Riverside, Norco and Moreno Valley -- haven't determined if Lacy's position will be filled, said Jim Parsons, a district spokesman.

Two major things will impact the decision, Parsons said. First is a hiring freeze implemented last month to help trim $16.5 million from the budget. Second is new Chancellor Gregory W. Gray's possible organizational restructuring.

In early June, the Cerroitos College board announced five finalists for the superintendent/president position. The college, in Norwalk, enrolls more than 26,000 students.

Later that month, the board narrowed the list to Lacy and Mark Zaccaro, interim vice president of administrative services at Pasadena City College and former president/superintendent of Mt. San Antonio College.
Cerritos College picks Lacy as new president

Wave Staff Report

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Board of Trustees has named Linda Lacy as superintendent/president of the college.

Lacy’s selection was approved at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees Aug. 12. Her start date is still to be determined, a college representative said.

Lacy is currently serving as vice chancellor of student services and operations at Riverside City College, where she has worked for 23 years, beginning in 1986 as an instructor and coach.

She also served 12 years as an instructor and assistant principal in an Oklahoma school district.

Her administrative experience involves budget formulation and regulation, development of board policy, evaluation of managers, and development of the program review process for student services.

Lacy’s past interim presidential duties included overseeing the general daily operation of Riverside City College; the development of the educational and facilities master plan; the accreditation self-study; the renovation of the campus Quad; and serving as liaison with the Wood Streets Association.

In addition to her time as vice chancellor at Riverside City College, Lacy served as the past chair of the Riverside City Campus Strategic Planning Committee; past president of the Management Association; a graduate chair, and past president of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program; and past president of the California Community College Chief Student Services Administrators Association.

William Farmer, who has led the college as acting president since July 2008, will continue to serve the college as vice president of academic affairs. Marilyn Brock, who has served in that position while Farmer was acting president, will end her interim assignment.
Incumbents Challenged in November Election

By Jerry Bernstein

In what has the making of a hot election year 28 candidates have filed papers for seats on the ABC Board of Education, Cerritos College Board of Trustees, Artesia and Hawaiian Gardens City Council.

Five candidates have filed for a seat on the ABC School District Board of Education. Three seats are open. They are incumbents Olympia Chen, David Montgomery and Mark Pulido who are being challenged by James Kang and David Shaffer. Chen is seeking a fourth term and Montgomery a fifth four-year term while Pulido is seeking a third term.

At Cerritos Community College eight candidates have filed for three open seats. They are incumbents Carmen Avalos, Bob Epple and Bob Hughlett. Challenging them are Tom Chavez, Martin Israel, Shin Liu, Jean McHatton and George Royce.

In the City of Hawaiian Gardens 11 candidates have filed for three seats, one of which is vacant. They include incumbents Michiko A. Oyama-Canada and Betty Schultz. Incumbent John Heckerman chose not to run for a third term.

The nine other candidates are Valeria Mason, Mary Magdalene Canoy, Pastor Barry Bruce, Reynaldo O. Rodriguez, Donald W. Rowe, Crescenda Mary Martinez, and Grant Winford, Teresa Macias and Luz Barriga.

In Artesia three seats are open. Incumbents Sally Flowers and Victor Manalo are seeking re-election. They are joined by newcomer Indravaden (Indu) Patel and former Councilman and Mayor John Lyons. Councilman John Martin declined to seek another term in office.
Cerritos College Board of Trustees Names Dr. Linda Lacy College President

By Aya Abelon

Cerritos College Board of Trustees has named Dr. Linda Lacy Superintendent/President of Cerritos College. The selection of Dr. Lacy as the college’s permanent leader was approved at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held Aug. 12. Her start date is still to be determined.

Dr. Lacy is currently serving as vice chancellor of student services and operations at Riverside City College. Dr. Lacy has dedicated 23 years to serving Riverside City College in multiple capacities beginning in 1986 as an instructor and coach. She also served 12 years as an instructor and assistant principal in a K-12 system in Oklahoma.

During her tenure as vice chancellor of student services and operations, she supervised district functions such as student financial services, DSPS, health services, food services, bookstore, college outreach, and college safety and police. Her administrative experience involves budget formulation and regulation, development of Board Policy, evaluation of managers, and development of the program review process for student services.

Dr. Lacy’s past interim presidential duties included overseeing the general daily operation of Riverside City College; the development of the Educational and Facilities Master Plan; the Accreditation Self-study; the renovation of the Quad; and served as liaison with the Wood Streets Association. In addition to her time as vice chancellor at Riverside City College, Dr. Lacy served as the past chair of the Riverside City Campus Strategic Planning Committee; past president of the Management Association; a graduate, chair, and past president of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program (class of 1999); and past president (2006-07) of the California Community College Chief Student Services Administrators Association (CCCCSSAA).

Dr. Lacy has been very active within the community serving on the Boards of the Greater Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Downtown Partnership, the Mayor’s Cultural Accountability Performance, the City Task Force, and Wells Fargo Inland Bank. She is currently a member of the District Strategic Planning Committee, International Relations Council and of the Higher Learning Federation Taskforce.

William C. Farmer, who has led the college as acting president since July 2008, will continue to serve the college as vice president of academic affairs. Dr. Marilyn Brock, who has served in this position while Farmer was acting president, will end her interim assignment.

Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college’s district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hwayian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently surpasses 26,000 students.
Fuel future

BY KRISTA SIMMONS California is known for being a progressive state, always striving to be on the cusp of technological and environmental breakthroughs. But those advancements don’t happen via miracles; there’s obviously research, development and education at play. That’s where the Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy (ATTE) program comes in.

The program was started in 1994 through grant funding geared toward turning Long Beach into the first clean city, with clean fuels as the focus. The program has been so successful that its grant is renewed yearly. Students include those looking for an advanced certification and consultants and technicians already in the industry who want to heighten their understanding of alternative fuel sources.

Community college campuses throughout the state have adopted the technology and energy program, including Long Beach City College, Cerritos College and Palm Desert’s College of the Desert.

Programs are available in electric, hybrid and hydrogen fuel-cell technology. For those interested in other alternative forms of energy, the technology and energy program also has instruction and certification in photovoltaics (solar energy) and wind energy.

The transportation department at Long Beach City College is focused on heavy-duty vehicles (trains, busses and other fleet transit) and on compressed natural gas and hybrid innovations.

“[W]hat we do here is really important,” says Cal Macy, ATTE director at Long Beach City College. “We need an alternative fuel source if we ever want to eliminate our dependence on foreign oil.”

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Classroom complex goes up at college

NORWALK — Construction is under way on Cerritos College’s $17 million classroom, laboratory and office complex, with completion expected in fall 2010.

The 34,000-square-foot, two-story building will be funded by the general obligation bond and will be home to five classrooms for architecture, astronomy, earth science, engineering, engineering design technology, mathematics and physics, said Aya Abalon, coordinator of community affairs.

There also will be seven large laboratories, faculty offices and division offices for technology and science, engineering and mathematics.

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Alternative Careers in Real Estate

"Alternative Careers in Real Estate"— Workshop on corporate careers in asset and property management with recruiters from Amtel Management Co. and Essex Property Trust. Saturday, August 29 from 10AM to 12:30, Cerritos College, Business Education Bldg., Room T. Register online at www.centrocommunity.com or call 562-447-5050 x2521.

FBI and Los Angeles NAACP Town Hall Meeting

The Los Angeles NAACP is hosting a forum with FBI-Los Angeles to discuss its role in the law enforcement community, their jurisdiction, and how with community input and cooperation they can become a bigger factor in ridding our neighborhood of certain types of crimes/violence. In addition, the FBI will be recruiting qualified individuals for positions within the bureau. The event will be held Saturday, August 29, 10:00 A.M., Los Angeles NAACP Customer Service Learning Center, 280 - Fox Hills Mall, Culver City. For more information please contact Vicky Thomas 310-397-1171.
News

New Presidents or Provosts: Cerritos College, Harrison College, Leech Lake Tribal
College, Metropolitan State College of Denver
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- Ginny Carnes, interim president at Leech Lake Tribal College, in Minnesota, has been appointed to the job on a permanent basis.
- Vicki Golich, professor of political science and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at California State University at San Marcos, has been appointed as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Metropolitan State College of Denver.
- Linda Lacy, vice chancellor of student services and operations at the Riverside Community College District, in California, has been named superintendent/president of Cerritos College, also in California.
- Dennis A. Trimble, executive director of IHETS, a higher education technology consortium in Indiana, has been chosen as provost and chief academic officer at Harrison College (formerly Indiana Business College).

— Doug Lederman

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Laud RCC standout

It was a bittersweet feeling to read about Linda Lacy accepting the position of president of the Cerritos College (“Ex-RCC interim president leaving,” Aug. 19).

The Cerritos College board members made the right choice. Lacy is an outstanding person and professional and I have no doubts that her work at Cerritos College will be successful.

However, it will be a major loss for Riverside Community College and for the city of Riverside. RCC Chancellor Gregory Grey last week talked about the importance of being “Penn State proud” in his previous job (“RCC’s Gregory Gray talks school pride,” OnCampus.PE.com). Well, no one represents the “RCC proud” mind-set better than Lacy. Her impact in RCC and in the life of many students has been tremendous and the unprecedented support from staff, students and faculty she received in last year’s RCC president election confirmed that.

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Riverside
Local college campuses are busier than ever

By Kevin Butler
Staff Writer

The Long Beach area offers multiple higher education options for residents, including two Cal State campuses and two community colleges.

Cal State Long Beach — one of the most popular CSU campuses — enrolled about 37,800 students in the fall of 2009.

Founded in 1949, the four-year university — known as “the Beach” — has more than 2,000 faculty members. The campus offers 87 baccalaureate degrees, 67 master’s degrees and two doctoral programs.

High school graduates who are seeking to enroll as freshmen are advised to find relevant information by visiting the Web site, www.csulb.edu.

Cal State Dominguez Hills in Carson offers 45 undergraduate degrees and 24 master’s degrees, as well as certificate and credential programs.

The university had an enrollment of about 12,800 in the fall of 2008.

CSUDH is known for its ethnic diversity, with a student population that is about 40 percent Hispanic, 30 percent African-American, 18 percent white and 11 percent Asian. Its immigrant and visa students represent 90 countries.

The campus is the site of the Home Depot Center, a sports complex that hosts Major League Soccer teams Chivas USA and the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Long Beach City College’s enrollment stood at about

27,700 students in the spring of 2009. The college has two campuses: the larger Liberal Arts Campus at 4901 E. Carson St., and the Pacific Coast Campus at 1308 E. Pacific Coast Highway.

The college has been the site of many of construction projects funded by a $440 million bond measure approved in 2008. The college’s Web site is www.lbccc.edu.

Cerritos College, a community college at 11100 Alondra Blvd, in the city of Norwalk, currently enrolled nearly 20,000 in the fall of 2008. The college, which serves southeastern Los Angeles County, offers degrees and certificates in more than 200 areas of study. The college’s Web site is www.cerritos.edu.

Other area college campuses include Biola University In La Mirada, El Camino College/Compton Center in Compton and Los Angeles Harbor College In Wilmington.