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Lesley Wheeler is working on the spring 2009 In Sight publication.

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Cerritos College Education Technology Program Gets Helpful Donation from Inspiration Software

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 27, 2008

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Cerritos College Receives $250K Grant from The James Irvine Foundation

Funds will Support Success of Minority Healthcare Students

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 7, 2008

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NORWALK, Calif. – July 7, 2008 – The Cerritos College Foundation received a $250,000 grant from The James Irvine Foundation, benefiting Project HOPE (Health Opportunities & Pipeline to Education) at Cerritos College.

Totaling $250,000 over two years, the Irvine grant will go toward strengthening the program’s partnerships with three area high schools in increasing the number of underrepresented students entering health careers. The three partnering high schools are Artesia High School, Norwalk High School and Soledad Enrichment Action Charter School.

“We are grateful to have a true partner such as The James Irvine Foundation that is committed to support diversity,” said Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation. “This funding will help high school students interested in healthcare get on the path to success.”

The James Irvine Foundation is a private, nonprofit grantmaking foundation dedicated to expanding opportunity for the people of California to participate in a vibrant, successful and inclusive society.

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 Honors Graduates of GM ASEP Program

Students Complete Training to Become GM Certified Technicians

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 21, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. - August 21, 2007 - Cerritos College honored 15 graduates of General Motors’ Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) on August 6 at a ceremony held at the Norwalk Marriott. The students received both associate's degrees in automotive technology and qualified certification to service GM vehicles.

Cerritos College's ASEP Coordinator/Instructor Steve Berklite, Automotive Instructor Frank Vega, the Cerritos College Foundation Executive Director Steve Richardson and Automotive Program Facilitator Amna Jara welcomed and addressed the graduates during the event.

In attendance from GM were Mark Drennan, Tom Stevens and Al Gallagher.

“These dedicated students worked hard toward their career goals,” said Berklite. “We are proud to see them become certified technicians – their skills are very much needed in the industry.”

David Szin, of Northridge, was the recipient of the 2008 GM Good wrench award. The GM Good wrench award recognizes an outstanding student and is awarded to one student who demonstrated excellent technician and leadership skills.

Following are the names of 15 graduating students and the dealers that sponsored them:
Richer Bernard - Saturn of Cerritos
David D. Deering - Saturn of Cerritos
Joshua Forster - Tustin Chevrolet
Anthony Garcia - Leo Hoffman Chevrolet Inc.
Luis Garcia - Rydell Automotive Group
Andrew Hasan - Saturn of Cerritos
Francisco R. Magallanes - Harbor Chevrolet Corp
Juan Nolasco - Rydell Automotive Group
Stephan Ravare - Rancho Valley Chevrolet, Inc.
Kevin Reyes - Vermont Chevrolet Buick
Oscar Rodriguez - Allen Gwynn Chevrolet
Jose Romero - Showcase Chevrolet
Charles Smallwood - Simpson Buick Pontiac GMC
Philis Sogers - Saturn of Huntington Beach
David Szin - Rydell Automotive Group

The GM ASEP program is a two-year automotive program designed to upgrade the technical competency and professionalism of the incoming dealership technician. The curriculum is designed by GM and Cerritos College and leads to an associate degree. Students in ASEP take classes in traditional classroom settings, receive hands-on training on vehicles at Cerritos College and get on-the-job practice at local dealerships. Once they receive GM certification, graduating students begin their full-time employment at the dealer that sponsored them at the beginning of the program. By also graduating with an associate’s degree, the students are well positioned to pursue further education and to move into dealer management jobs.

A new GM ASEP program will be starting on October 20 and is still accepting applications. For more information, call (562) 860-2451 ext. 3084.

###
Cerritos College Foundation Golf Tournament Raises 60K

Title Sponsor Bovis Lend Lease and Other Corporate Sponsors Help Raise Funds for Student Scholarships and Success

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 5, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – September 5, 2008 – The Cerritos College Foundation raised $60,000 in scholarship funds at its 23rd Annual Golf Classic August 4 at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. This year’s title sponsor, Bovis Lend Lease, was joined by numerous corporations and local businesses in helping the Foundation achieve its goal.

“I was extremely impressed with the tournament this year,” said Jerry Jones, program director of Bovis Lend Lease. “This annual event gets better and better as the years go by.”

Underwritten by over 80 sponsors — 15 of which were corporate sponsors — the tournament featured support from more than 60 local businesses and individuals. Corporate sponsors included Converse Consultants, Dean Foods/Swiss Dairy, Follett’s Cerritos College Bookstore, Frantone’s Restaurants, Gerald P. Roodzant, DDS., GST, Inc., Keenan and Associates, L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe, Moore Flooring, North County Vending, Southland Motor Car Dealers Association, tBP Architecture, The Vinewood Company, LLC, Union Bank of California and Zebra Coffee.

Other specialty sponsors included putting competition sponsor Musty Putters; hole-in-one sponsors Moothart Chrysler Jeep and Norwalk Toyota; photo sponsor City of Cerritos; shirt sponsor S & K Engineers; golf ball sponsors Parker & Covert LLP and SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union; beverage cart sponsor Frantone’s; continental breakfast sponsors Zebra Coffee and Dean Foods/Swiss Dairy; helicopter golf ball drop sponsors California Ink, Printing & Graphics, Mr. B’s Tees and PDQ Rentals; and be-
beverage sponsors The Pepsi Bottling Group and Triangle Distributing Company.

There were several competitions as part of the tournament. Most notable, Moore Flooring took home the prize for the “Business Competition.”

Foundation Board members presented Cerritos College students Katie Colln and Jenel Guadagno the 2008 Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship, awarded each year to outstanding athletes who display high academic achievement. Colln, of Lakewood, transferred to UCLA and plans to teach high school English and coach softball. Guadagno, from Downey, an education major who transferred to Point Loma Nazarene University wants to become a teacher as well.

The 24th annual Cerritos College Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for August 3, 2009 at Friendly Hills Country Club.

Bovis Lend Lease is one of the world’s leading project management and construction companies, using industry best practices when working with clients to create high quality, sustainable property assets. The group has a presence in over 40 countries, spearheaded by regional hubs in the UK, Australia and the U.S.

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Cerritos College Announces Dr. Marilyn Brock as New Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 5, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. - September 5, 2008 - The Cerritos College Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Marilyn Brock to serve as the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs for Cerritos College. She will begin her assignment at the college on Wednesday, October 1. Dr. Brock takes over for Bill Farmer who is currently serving as the Acting President/ Superintendent for the College. Dr. Brock will serve until Farmer returns to his original position after an Interim President is selected.

Dr. Brock served as Dean of Health Occupations at the college from 1994 to 1997. Following her tenure at Cerritos, she served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Long Beach City College (LBCC). After that she became President of Mendocino College in Ukiah, California, and served for three years before retiring in 2004. Since retirement she has taken on several interim vice presidencies including assignments with Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, Rio Hondo College and currently at LBCC.

She received a Doctorate in Institutional Management from Pepperdine University, graduating with Honors, and a BA and MA from California State University, Long Beach. Dr. Brock is a native of Vancouver, Canada.

###
Cerritos College Music Department Announces Fall Performances

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 2, 2008

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

WHAT: Students and faculty in the Cerritos College Music Department will showcase their talents in a variety of performances this fall. The season will include performances by the Cerritos College jazz band, orchestra and chorus, among others. All performances are open to the public, and many are free. One-day parking passes may be purchased for $1 in parking lots C-1, C-2 and C-10. For updated information please visit the Music Department Web Site at: http://cms.cerritos.edu/music.

The complete schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Sep 21 - 3 p.m.
Piano concert featuring guest artist Dr. Rob Watson
Piano faculty, Cal State Fullerton
“Viva Espana: Works by Granados, Scarlatti, Debussy and Ravel”
(lecture and concert)
Room: BC-51 - Free Admission
RSVP Required: Dr. Christine Lopez at clopez@cerritos.edu

Saturday, Oct 4 – 7 p.m.
Piano concert featuring guest artist Paul Da Silva
Music faculty, Cerritos College
Solo and chamber recital assisted by Darryl Tanikawa, clarinet
And Melissa Henrickson, French horn
Performing works by Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms
Room: BC-51 - Free Admission
RSVP Required: Dr. Christine Lopez at clopez@cerritos.edu

Sunday, Oct 19 – 3 p.m.
Piano concert featuring guest artist Dr. Rob Watson
Piano faculty, Cal State Fullerton
“Expressively American: Two multi-movement works by Richard Cumming and Lowell Liebermann” (lecture and concert)
Room: BC-51 - Free Admission
RSVP Required: Dr. Christine Lopez at clopez@cerritos.edu
Friday, Oct 24 – 7 p.m.  
Orchestra Fall Concert  
David Betancourt, Director  
Cerritos College Student Center – Free Admission

Tuesday, Oct 28 – 7 p.m.  
Band Fall Concert  
David Betancourt, Director  
Cerritos College Student Center – Free Admission

Sunday, Nov 9 – 2:30 p.m.  
Holiday Choral Concert  
William Bristol Civic Auditorium – 15500 Civic Center Dr., Bellflower, CA  
Ticket Info: 562.804.1424

Sunday, Nov 16 – 2 p.m.  
Faculty Gala  
Cerritos College Burnight Theatre  
General Admission $10

Wednesday, Nov 19 – 7 p.m.  
Jazz Fall Concert  
David Betancourt, Director  
Cerritos College Student Center – Free Admission

Sunday, Dec 14 – 4 p.m.  
Holiday Choral Concert  
Dr. Anna DeMichele, Director  
California Heights United Methodist Church – 3759 Orange Ave., Long Beach, CA  
Ticket info: 562.595.1996

Friday, Dec 19 – 7 p.m.  
Instrumental Holiday Concert  
David Betancourt, Director  
Cerritos College Burnight Theatre – Free Admission

WHERE: Cerritos College  
11110 Alondra Blvd.  
Norwalk, CA 90650

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

###
Cerritos College Teacher TRAC Receives $20K Grant from The Boeing Foundation

Funds Will Support Special Education Teacher Preparation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 12, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – September 12, 2008 – Cerritos College’s award-winning Teacher Training Academy (Teacher TRAC) has been awarded a $20,000 grant from the Boeing Foundation, benefiting its Special Education Intern Program (SETup) which provides pathways and services to future educators to teach students with special needs.

The check was presented during the program’s new student orientation on September 4, which was well-attended by over 40 new students.

The Special Education Intern Program (SETup) is a K-12 special education teacher preparation program of Teacher TRAC that offers selected students the opportunity to explore working in an inclusive classroom, teaching Math and Science to children with special needs.

Funded by the Boeing Foundation, this program is a partnership between Cerritos College and California State University-Long Beach (CSULB) that will prepare future special education teachers allowing them to complete a baccalaureate degree, student teaching, multiple subject teaching credential and educational specialist credential in four calendar years. ABC, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk-La Mirada, and Paramount Unified School Districts are also partners in the grant and each district has a master, mentor teacher who will work with a group of the SETup students.

“The Special Education Intern Program is in its third year with two successful years. Some students transferred to four-year universities and are on their way to becoming special education teachers,” said Sue Parsons, director of Teacher TRAC. “The funding will enable us to continue the program and student success.”
“I would like to congratulate all of you for choosing to make differences in others by teaching, because I can’t think of a better way to serve the community,” said Steven Chesser, community investor at Global Corporate Citizenship Boeing Programs Long Beach, to the future teachers.

Cerritos College’s Teacher TRAC program offers many services, programs, and pathways for students interested in teaching K-12. For students interested in becoming an elementary school teacher, Teacher TRAC’s flagship program is a partnership with California State University Long Beach. As a student in the integrated, standards-based Teacher TRAC / CSULB program, students can earn their bachelor’s degree and multiple subject teaching credentials and complete their student teaching within four years. 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.

###
Cerritos College Theatre to Present *The Rivals*

Comedy of Three Eligible Bachelors Brings British Flair

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 15, 2008

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

WHAT: The Cerritos College Theatre Department is delighted to present *The Rivals* - an English comedy of manners. Directed by Kevin Hoggard, this hilarious story centers around three outlandishly eligible bachelors and the beautiful, but completely clueless, heiress for whose hand they compete. This comedy is notable in theatre as well as literature for introducing a character, Mrs. Malaprop, most notable for her witlessly inappropriate use of words in an utterly hilarious manner. Audiences will delight in this character’s many blunderings through the English language.

For group sales information please contact Renée Bloch, Performing Arts Promotions Specialist at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2638.

WHEN:
Friday, October 10 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 11 at 8 p.m.
Thursday, October 16 at 8 p.m.
Friday, October 17 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 18 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, October 19 at 2 p.m.

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

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COST: General $12, Cerritos College students/faculty/staff, seniors, other college, middle and high
students (all w/ID) $10, children 5 - 12 yrs $8

Tickets may be purchased online (credit card only) or in person at BC-G, Theatre Office in front of the Burnight Center Theatre Mon - Fri from 1pm - 5 pm only. (Cash or Check only)

CONTACT: For more information on The Rivals and the Cerritos College Theatre Department, please call (562) 467-5058 or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre.
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###
Cerritos College to Host Career Expo on October 14

Employer Early Registration Ends September 23

For Immediate Release: September 8, 2008

Media Contact: Aya Abelon, 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 Tuesday, October 14, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 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, Childcare Careers, LLC., Compton Unified School District, Disney College Program, Hickory Farms, Home Depot, Kimco Staffing Services, Los Angeles County Probation Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Orange County Sheriff’s Department, SVH Enterprise, Inc. and Weber Metals, Inc.

A resume building workshop will be offered on Tuesday, September 30, 5 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in AT 26; Wednesday, October 1, 11:00 a.m. – noon in AT 11; and again on Monday, October 13, 1-2 p.m. in WD 15. A workshop in successful job fair tips will be offered on Tuesday, October 7, 5-6 p.m. in AT 26, and again on Wednesday, October 8, 11:00 a.m. – noon in AT 11.

Employers who wish to participate in the event may access job fair information at www.cerritos.edu/career-services/job-placement, and click on Employer Job Fair Registration Form, or 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.

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

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THE LIST

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
Ranked by full-time student equivalents enrolled in fall 2007

THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 25 largest colleges and universities in Los Angeles County enrolled 304,050 full-time equivalent students in the fall of 2007, up 1.5 percent from the previous year. A full-time equivalent student is a fiscal measurement that schools use to determine budgets based upon the number of students taking a full course load.

UCLA remained the largest school in the county, followed by rival University of Southern California, the largest private university in the county.

Five schools from the California State University system appear on the list, led by California State University Long Beach’s 29,799 full-time equivalent students. The five CSU schools have a combined enrollment of 100,530 full-time equivalent students.

No. 2 USC is one of six private universities listed. The others are Loyola Marymount, University of La Verne, Pepperdine, Azusa Pacific and Biola.

The private universities have higher tuition rates than the public institutions, with an average cost of $30,777 per year.

The California Community College system has the highest number of total students, led by Walnut-based Mt. San Antonio College with 11,620 full-time equivalents. The 13 community colleges listed have 101,000 full-time equivalents and 325,000 total students enrolled either full or part time.

David Nusbaum

THE TRENDS

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Fall enrollment at California community colleges, (in thousands)

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Source: California Community Colleges

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Source: UCLA

THE PACESETTER

NEXT WEEK
The 15 Largest M.B.A. Programs in L.A. County

With more than 36,000 full-time equivalent students enrolled last fall, the University of California, Los Angeles, is the largest educational institution in Los Angeles County. It’s also the largest in the University of California system.

UCLA has 38,896 students enrolled in courses. It received 55,597 freshman admission applications for the 2008 fall semester.

The university had a $4 billion budget for the 2007-08 academic year. The state contributed 15 percent of the budget while other revenue sources, including private donations, accounted for the balance.

The campus has undergone significant renovations. It opened Ronald Reagan Hospital last year. Future projects include renovations to Powell Pavilion and construction of a $124 million life sciences building set to open in 2010. The university is also renovating its Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center and Orthopedic Hospital at a cost of $275 million.

In addition to the College of Letters and Science, the campus has 11 professional schools. Undergraduate degrees are offered in 128 majors and the university has 197 graduate degree programs.

As a major research university, UCLA has approximately 5,500 funded projects under way at any given time. Research has produced more than 1,300 inventions and 480 patents.

UCLA sports teams have won 103 national championships, more than any other NCAA Division I school.

The university was originally founded as the southern branch of the University of California in 1919. It moved to its Westwood campus in 1929. The 419-acre campus has 174 buildings plus 218 off-campus residential buildings.

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UCLA: Most students.
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Cerritos College course is Chamber lunch topic

The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce will host a State of the College Luncheon on Thursday at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel.

The event, featuring interim Cerritos College president Bill Farmer, will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit association of business professionals.

It was founded in 1983 and is headed by a board of directors.

Lunch is $30 per person, $35 for non-chamber members; $100 for event sponsor; $350 for half-table sponsor of five; and $400 for a table sponsor of 10.

RSVP at 562-467-0000 or chamber@cerritos.org.

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September 4, 2008

College gets grant for Project HOPE program

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Foundation has received a $250,000 grant from the James Irvine Foundation benefiting Project HOPE (Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education) at Cerritos College.

Totaling $250,000 over two years, the Irvine grant will go toward strengthening the program's partnerships with three area high schools in increasing the number of underrepresented students entering health careers, said Aya Abelon, community relations coordinator.

The schools are Artesia High School in Lakewood, Norwalk High School and Soledad Enrichment Action Charter School.

"We are grateful to have a true partner such as the James Irvine Foundation that is committed to support diversity," said Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation. "This funding will help high school students interested in healthcare get on the path to success."

The James Irvine Foundation is a private, nonprofit grant-making foundation dedicated to expanding opportunity for the people of California to participate in a vibrant, successful and inclusive society.

Project HOPE is dedicated to increasing the number of Latinos and other underrepresented groups contemplating 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.
De La Torre awards college scholarships

BELLE — Assemblyman Hector De La Torre, D-South Gate, conducted his 16th annual Southeast College Conference Scholarship Banquet Aug. 7 at the Bell Community Center to recognize outstanding students in his 50th Assembly District.

The scholarships are given each year to help students and their families lessen the financial burden of college costs, a De La Torre aide said.

A total of $9,000 in scholarships was awarded to 12 students, in the amounts of $500, $1,000 and $1,500.

The Martha Escutia Scholarship recipients received $1,500 for the high school winner and $1,000 for the community college winner. The awards are from the former state senator from Norwalk.

Recipients were seven high school students and five community college students, the aide said.

Community College recipients were:

• Alvaro Licea, the winner of the Martha Escutia Community College Scholarship, who received $1,500. A Downey resident, he has been attending Cerritos College and plans to transfer to Cal State Long Beach, where he will major in physics.

• Melissa Freeland of Bellflower, a graduate of Mayfair High School in Lakewood and currently attending Cerritos College. She plans to attend UCLA this fall. She received $500.

• Carol Jones of Lynwood, currently attending Cerritos College, who plans to attend Loyola Marymount University in the fall and major in accounting. She received $500.

• Marco Rivera, a resident of Bell and graduate of Bell High School, currently attending Cerritos College. He will be transferring to Cal State Fullerton by fall 2009 and plans to major in biological science, then go on to medical school. He received $500.

• Tricia Sarniento, currently attending East Los Angeles College. She has been living in the city of Cudahy for the past 7 years with her husband and two boys, ages 6 and 14. Sarniento plans to transfer to Cal State Dominguez Hills where she will major in Liberal Studies. She wants to be a teacher. She received $500.

High school winners were:

• Julie Morales of South Gate, winner of the Martha Escutia High School Scholarship. She is a graduate of South Gate High School with a 4.12 GPA and plans to attend the University of Chicago to major in law. She received $1,500.

• Jonathan Briceno, a South Gate resident and graduate of South Gate High School. He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin and major in secondary education math. He received $500.

• Rosenda Morales, a Huntington Park resident and graduate of Huntington Park High School who plans to attend UC Berkeley and major in biology and go on to become a pediatrician. She received $500.

• Yvette Sanchez of South Gate, a graduate of South Gate High School who plans to attend USC this fall and major in theater. She received $500.

• Dianne Guevara of South Gate and a graduate of Southeast High School, she plans to attend UCLA and study public health. She received $500.

• Leslie Mendoza of Lynwood, a graduate of Lynwood High School with a 4.4 grade point average. She plans to attend Scripps College and major in psychology and biology, then become a pediatrician. She received $1,000.

• Melissa Mesinas of Lynwood, a graduate of Lynwood High School with a 4.3 GPA. She plans to attend Scripps College and major in Spanish. She received $1,000.

Attending the banquet were students and parents from Bell, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, Lynwood and South Gate, along with officials from the Campaign for College Opportunity and a representative of the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition.

De La Torre’s annual college conference will be Oct. 11 at Firebaugh High School in Lynwood.

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College graduates 15 from automotive course

NORWALK — Cerritos College honored 15 graduates of General Motors’ Automotive Service Educational Program at a ceremony last month.

The students received both associate degrees in automotive technology and qualified certification to service GM vehicles, said Aya Abelon, coordinator of media relations for the college.

Cerritos College’s automotive instructors Steve Berklie and Frank Vega, Cerritos College Foundation Executive Director Steve Richardson and automotive program facilitator Amna Jara welcomed and addressed the graduates during the event.

David Szin, of Northridge, was the recipient of the 2008 GM Goodwrench Award, which recognizes an outstanding student who demonstrates excellent technician and leadership skills, Abelon said.

Other students honored included: Richer Bernard, David D. Deering, Andrew Hasan, Joshua Forster, Anthony Garcia, Luis Garcia, Juan Nolasco, David Szin, Francisco R. Magallanes, Stephan Ravare, Kevin Reyes, Oscar Rodriguez, Jose Romero, Charles Smallwood and Philis Sogers.

The GM ASEP program is a two-year automotive course designed to upgrade the technical competency and professionalism of the incoming dealership technician, Abelon said.

A new GM ASEP program will be starting on Oct. 20 and is still accepting applications, Abelon said.
INVENTORS FORUM

The next Inventors Forum meeting at 7:30 p.m. at OCC’s Science Lecture Hall 101, 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, includes a seminar on “Plastics for Inventors” by Terry Price, the plastics department chair at Cerritos College. For more, visit inventorsforum.org.
Cerritos College Foundation raises $60,000 in scholarship funds at its 23rd Annual Golf Classic August 4 at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. This year’s title sponsor, Bovis Lend Lease, was joined by numerous corporations and local businesses in helping the Foundation achieve its goal.

“I was extremely impressed with the tournament this year,” said Jerry Jones, program director of Bovis Lend Lease. “This annual event gets better and better as the years go by.”

Sponsors—the tournament featured support from more than 60 local businesses and individuals.

Specialty sponsors included putting competition sponsor Musty Putters; hole-in-one sponsors Moothart Chrysler Jeep and Norwalk Toyota; photo sponsor City of Cerritos; shirt sponsor S & K Engineers; golf ball sponsors Parker & Covert LLP and SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union; beverage cart sponsor Frantone’s;

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continental breakfast sponsors Zebra Coffee and Dean Foods/Swiss Dairy; helicopter golf ball drop sponsors California Ink, Printing & Graphics, Mr. B’s Tees and PDQ Rentals; and beverage sponsors The Pepsi Bottling Group and Triangle Distributing Company.

There were several competitions as part of the tournament. Most notable, Moore Flooring took home the prize for the “Business Competition.”

Foundation Board members presented Cerritos College students Katie Colln and Jenel Guadagno the 2008 Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship, awarded each year to outstanding athletes who display high academic achievement. Colln, of Lakewood, transferred to UCLA and plans to teach high school English and coach softball. Guadagno, from Downey, an education major who transferred to Point Loma Nazarene University wants to become a teacher as well.

The 24th annual Cerritos College Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for August 3, 2009 at Friendly Hills Country Club.
Student enrollment increases at Cerritos

LONG BEACH — Cerritos College has seen an 11 percent jump in enrollment this fall, reversing two years of declines.

The community college, located in Norwalk, has seen 2,500 more students enroll this year, resulting in a total student population of about 24,000, said college spokeswoman Aya Abelon.

That total is about the same as in 2004 before enrollment declined by more than 2,000 students over the following two years, she said. The college credits a stronger marketing campaign targeting older students for the jump in enrollment.

— Kevin Butler

Whittier Daily News
September 15, 2008

Brock takes post at Cerritos College

NORWALK — Former Rio Hondo College administrator Marilyn Brock has been tapped to serve as interim vice president of Academic Affairs at Cerritos College.

Brock will begin her new duties Oct. 1, taking over for Bill Farmer, who is serving as the college's acting president/superintendent.

Brock will serve until Farmer returns to his original position after an interim president is selected.

This is the second time Brock has worked for Cerritos College. Her first stint was as dean of health occupations at the college from 1994-97.

She also worked at Long Beach City College and Mendocino College in Ukiah before retiring in 2004.

Since retirement she has taken on several interim posts.

She has bachelor's and master's degrees from Cal State Long Beach, as well as a doctorate in Institutional Management from Pepperdine University.
The nursing shortage

It's not because there aren't enough applicants.

Health-care professionals and educators have known for more than a decade that an already acute nursing shortage will grow much worse, and in many cases they seemed powerless to do anything about it.

The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that in the 10-year period between 2006 and 2016, there will be nearly 600,000 new nursing jobs across the United States. To meet that demand, schools of nursing must ramp up training of registered nurses, but there are reasons why that isn't happening as fast as it should, and it isn't because young men and women aren't willing to be trained. There are far more applicants than there are slots. As recently as 2003, CSULB's R.N. program had 800 applicants for 35 slots. Five years later, thanks to substantial help from Long Beach Memorial Hospital, CSULB has 90 Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) slots per semester. And 350 applicants for each slot. So few nurses are being trained because there are not enough nursing instructors, training facilities and willing hospitals to train the tens of thousands of new nurses that an aging population needs.

Memorial Hospital officials found those reasons unacceptable and, in 2004, partnered with CSULB by providing training facilities and clinical experience for 180 students a year. And that's just for CSULB. Now the hospital provides clinical rotations for 675 nursing students a week from CSULB, Long Beach City College, L.A. Harbor College, Cerritos College and Saddleback College.

The hospital's partnership with CSULB, in addition to providing training facilities, offers stipends for tuition and books to nursing students who agree to join the Memorial staff after graduation, according to Susan Crockett, director of Clinical Workforce Development at Long Beach Memorial and Miller Children's Hospital. Starting salaries can be as high as $60,000 a year, and some hospitals are offering hefty signing bonuses, according to the Department of Labor.

subpar, often robbing those countries of nurses they need. Paradoxically, even potential nursing students in local colleges can't be screened for English proficiency, and, in many cases, don't have to be proficient by the time they graduate, although remedial English is available and encouraged. Far too many hospitals have had to hire foreign nurses who can't speak English well, creating obvious safety issues for patients. A student who does not speak English simply should have to wait until she or he (nearly one out of five students in the Memorial program are males) can understand and speak English as well as a native-born student can.

Aside from an attractive salary, the Labor Department lists nursing as one of the most respected professions in the United States. Anyone who has been hospitalized can appreciate how a competent and efficient nurse made their stay more tolerable. But the path to a nursing certificate or degree is rigorous.

The Long Beach City College R.N. program requires about a year of prerequisites (biology, chemistry, anatomy and other science courses) and two years of actual nursing courses, including clinical work at Memorial or other hospitals. Tuition for four semesters is about $3,500. Community College graduates who pass their state board exams can expect their earnings to match those who attend four-year colleges. At schools such as CSULB, tuition for the six-semester B.S.N. training program is about $17,000.

Long Beach City College admits 60 to 90 students a semester, but about one-third drop out, according to Sigrid Sexton, who is in charge of the R.N. program. Of those who do make it through the program, 94 percent pass their state licensing exams. CSULB students who are trained at Memorial also have a 94 percent pass rate. Obviously, both schools are doing their jobs.

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Nursing comes in three stripes:
LVN.s, who are trained at community colleges and must pass a state exam. LVNs find work in doctors' offices and long-term care facilities. In hospital or other settings LVN.s work under the supervision of a registered nurse, but those positions in acute hospitals are being phased out;

Registered nurses, who must earn a certificate at community colleges and pass a state licensing board exam;
And B.S.N.s, whose academic degree makes them candidates for the M.S.N. — master's in nursing — degree.
Memorial, in conjunction with CSULB, offers bachelor's coursework for R.N.s who don't have a degree, in hopes that eventually students will acquire master's in nursing degrees in order to train other nurses.

Trying to convince R.N.s to go into teaching is a tough sell, since it's more lucrative to practice nursing than to teach it. That has to change for, among other reasons, the United States is importing nurses from other countries whose English skills are

Still, the dropout rate at LBCC, the requirement that students don't have to speak English proficiently when they enter and leave the program, the lack of nursing instructors and the lack of training facilities and clinical space mean that while programs such as Memorial's are making a dent in the shortage, there's much more to be done. Not everyone is cut out for nursing, but certainly everyone who has the aptitude for the profession should have a chance.

Community colleges devote far too much of their resources providing remedial English and math because public schools haven't done their jobs. Billion-dollar bond issues, such as LBCC's, should provide the facilities for training nurses, but all short.

In Editorial Board meetings we've asked college officials why more nurses aren't being trained, and have never received the kind of answers that gives us hope that the critical shortage will finally be addressed. Taxpayers need to ask that question, too, whenever they're asked to vote on bond issues that don't address facilities for training more nurses. And they deserve the only answer that will help solve the shortage.
Carmen Javier chosen Miss September 16

Wave Staff Report

NORWALK — Carmen Javier has been selected as Miss 16th of September 2008, and will be honored at a Norwalk City Council meeting in the near future along with her court.

They are Laura Ruvalcaba, first runner-up; and Andrea Martinez and Brittany Martinez, tied for second runner-up.

Winners were selected based on an essay on “What My Mexican Heritage Means to Me” or “The Meaning of Sept. 16.”

Other contestants were Leighanne Arellano, Amanda Chavez, Monica Guzman, Crystal Lopez, Bianca Mesinas, Alexis Morales and Cristal Yanez.

They were announced and installed during the Mexican Independence Day celebration Saturday on the north lawn of City Hall.

The day consisted of Mexican food and entertainment and a reenactment of “El Grito,” the cry for freedom, by Mayor Mike Mendez, portraying Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, who issued the cry on Sept. 16, 1810. It began a revolution which eventually freed Mexico from Spain’s rule.

An addition to the event this year was the Locks of Love Hair Drive sponsored by the city and headed by last year’s Miss September 16, Candie Aguilar.

Hair stylists were on hand to cut locks of hair from volunteers, to be used for making wigs for those who have lost their hair because of chemotherapy for cancer or other illnesses.

Recreation Supervisor Inez Alvarez said 138 locks of hair were collected by the end of the day.

Ten students from the Cerritos College Cosmetology Program donated their time to cut and style the hair of those participating in the drive.

The total number of hair donations was expected to rise as donations continued through Monday, Alvarez said.

Candie Aguilar, Norwalk’s Miss September 16 from 2007, holds up a lock of her hair Saturday that she donated to the Locks of Love Hair Drive during Saturday’s Mexican Independence Day celebration on the north lawn of City Hall. Aguilar led the Locks of Love effort, which resulted in at least 138 donations Saturday.
Jerry Jones, left, program director of Bovis Lend Lease, the main sponsor of the Cerritos College Foundation Golf Tournament last month, celebrates the raising of $60,000 for the college with foundation director Steve Richardson.

College foundation golf tourney nets $60,000

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Cerritos College lists fall concert schedule

Wave Staff Report

NORWALK — Students and faculty in the Cerritos College Music Department will showcase their talents in a variety of performances this fall. The concerts will include performances by the Cerritos College Jazz Band, Orchestra and Chorus, among others.

All performances are open to the public, and many are free, said Aya Abel, coordinator of media relations for the college, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The schedule includes:

- Sunday, 3 p.m., a piano concert featuring guest artist Rob Watson, a member of the piano faculty at Cal State Fullerton, performing "Viva Espana: Works by Granados, Scarlatti, Debussy and Ravel," a concert and lecture in Room BC-51. It is free but reservations are required.
- Oct. 4, 7 p.m., a piano concert featuring guest artist Paul da Silva, a member of the music faculty at Cerritos College. He will perform a solo and chamber recital, assisted by Darryl Tanikawa, clarinet; and Melissa Henrickson, French horn, playing works of Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms, in Room BC-51. Free with reservations.
- Oct. 24, at 7 p.m., a concert by the Cerritos College Orchestra, directed by David Betancourt, at the Cerritos College Student Center. Admission is free.
- Oct. 28, at 7 p.m., a concert by the Cerritos College Band, directed by Betancourt, at the Cerritos College Student Center. Admission is free.
- Nov. 9, at 2:30 p.m., a Holiday Choral Concert in the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, 15500 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower. For ticket information, call (562) 804-1424.
- Nov. 16 at 2 p.m., Cerritos College Faculty Gala at the Burnight Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd. General admission is $10.
- Nov. 19 at 7 p.m., a Jazz Fall Concert, directed by Betancourt at the Cerritos College Student Center. Admission is free.
- Dec. 14 at 4 p.m., a Holiday Choral Concert directed by Dr. Anna DeMichele, at the California Heights United Methodist Church, 3759 Orange Ave., Long Beach. For ticket information, call (562) 595-1996.
- Dec. 19 at 7 p.m., Instrumental Holiday Concert, directed by Betancourt at the Cerritos College Burnight Theatre, on campus. Admission is free.

Information: (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629.
College announces fall music schedule

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Sept. 21, 3 p.m. – “Viva Espana: Works by Granados, Scarlatti, Debussy and Ravel,” piano concert featuring guest artist Dr. Rob Watson, room BC-51, free admission.

Oct. 4, 7 p.m. – Piano concert featuring guest artist Paul Da Silva, soloist and chamber recital assisted by Darryl Tanikawa (clarinet) and Melissa Henrickson (French horn) performing works by Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms, room BC-51, free admission.

Oct. 19, 3 p.m. – “Expressively American: Two Multi-movement Works by Richard Cumming and Lowell Liebermann,” lecture and concerto, piano concert featuring guest artist Dr. Rob Watson, room BC-51, free admission.

Oct. 24, 7 p.m. – Orchestra Fall Concert, Cerritos College Student Center, free admission.

Oct. 28, 7 p.m. – Band Fall Concert, Cerritos College Student Center, free admission.

Nov. 9, 2:30 p.m. – Holiday Choral Concert, William Bristol Civic Auditorium, ticket info: (562) 804-1424.

Nov. 16, 2 p.m. – Faculty Gala, Cerritos College Burnright Theatre,
Grant earmarked for future teachers

NORWALK – Cerritos College’s award-winning Teacher Training Academy (Teacher TRAC) has been awarded a $20,000 grant from the Boeing Foundation, benefiting its Special Education Intern Program which provides pathways and services to future educators to teach students with special needs.

The check was presented during the program’s new student orientation on Sept. 4, which was attended by more than 40 new students.

The Special Education Intern Program is a partnership between Cerritos College and Cal State Long Beach that will train future special education teachers, allowing them to complete a baccalaureate degree, student teaching, multiple subject teaching credential and educational specialist credential in four calendar years.

The Downey Unified School District is a partner in the grant and has a master, mentor teacher who will work with a group of the Special Education Intern Program students.

“The Special Education Intern Program is in its third years with two successful years. Some students transferred to four-year universities and are on their way to becoming special education teachers,” said Sue Parsons, director of Teacher TRAC. “The funding will enable us to continue the program and student success.”
College foundation raises $60K

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Foundation raised $60,000 in scholarship funds at its 23rd annual Golf Classic held Aug. 4 at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier, the college recently announced.

This year’s title sponsor, Bovis Lend Lease, was joined by numerous corporations and local businesses in helping the foundation achieve its goal.

“I was extremely impressed with the tournament this year,” said Jerry Jones, program director of Bovis Lend Lease. “This annual event gets better and better as the years go by.”

Downey resident Jenel Guadagno, a Cerritos College student who hopes to become a teacher, was awarded the 2008 Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship at the event.

This year’s tournament was underwritten by over 80 sponsors.
Cerritos College Theatre: The Rivals

Comedy of three eligible bachelors brings British flair.

The Cerritos College Theatre Department is delighted to present The Rivals - an English comedy of manners. Directed by Kevin Hoggard, this hilarious story centers around three outlandishly eligible bachelors and the beautiful, but completely clueless, heiress for whose hand they compete. This comedy is notable in theatre as well as literature for introducing a character, Mrs. Malaprop, most notable for her witless inappropriate use of words in an utterly hilarious manner. Audiences will delight in this character's many blunderings through the English language.

For group sales information please contact Renée Bloch, Performing Arts Promotions Specialist at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2638.

WHEN:
Friday, October 10 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 11 at 8 p.m.
Thursday, October 16 at 8 p.m.
Friday, October 17 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 18 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, October 19 at 2 p.m.

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

A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide General $12, Cerritos College students/faculty/staff, seniors, other college, middle and high school students (all w/ID) $10, children 5 - 12 yrs $8

Tickets may be purchased online (credit card only) or in person at BC-G, Theatre Office in front of the Burnight Center Theatre Mon - Fri from 1pm - 5 pm only. (Cash or Check only)

For more information on The Rivals and the Cerritos College Theatre Department, please call (562) 467-5058 or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre.
Group Sales: ext. 2638

Paul Da Silva, piano, works by Schumann and Brahms, 7 p.m. Saturday, Room BC-51, Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. Free. (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629, www.cerritos.edu/music
Career expo and fair to be held at Cerritos College

NORWALK — Cerritos College's annual Career Expo and Job Fair will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Library/Falcon Square sidewalk on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The annual event, which attracts more than 300 participants, is free and open to Cerritos College students and the general public.

Attendees are recommended to dress in business attire and bring copies of resumes.

Employers representing business, finance, technology, healthcare, retail and other industries will participate.

Resume-building workshops will also take place over the next couple of weeks on campus. They will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday in Room AT 26; from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday in AT 11; and from 1 to 2 p.m. Oct. 13 in WD 15.

A workshop in successful job fair tips will also be offered from 5 to 6 p.m. Oct. 7 in AT 26; and from 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 8 in AT 11.

For information, call (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2367.
CSULB moves to aid veterans

EDUCATION: New program helps them find jobs, internships and medical services.

By Kevin Butler
Staff writer.

LONG BEACH — Cal State Long Beach this year has launched a special program to ease returning veterans’ entry into college and the workforce.

The Veterans University, which began in January, also is working with the VA Long Beach Healthcare System to connect veterans with needed medical services.

The program aims to improve veterans’ access to higher education while providing help to those who may be dealing with health difficulties, including disabilities and mental health issues, said Patrick C. O’Rourke, director of Veterans University.

Veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts need help in transitioning back into civilian life, he said.

“There is another opportunity here to create another ‘greatest generation,’ and we don’t want to miss that opportunity,” he said.

In addition to connecting veterans with medical providers at the adjacent hospital, the university also will ensure that veterans have access to CSULB offerings such as disability services and counseling, O’Rourke said.

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—Patrick C. O’Rourke, Veterans University director

The Veterans University is also working with local employment centers to help veterans find jobs, he said.

For veterans interested in entering the workforce quickly, CSULB can provide certificate programs or refer them to similar programs at community colleges or other institutions, he said.

More than 400 CSULB students are veterans, he said. The college has boosted its effort to identify veterans among its student population, he added.

CSULB also is developing a program to help veterans interested in pursuing careers in engineering.

The “Troops to Engineers” program would help veterans find part-time jobs, internships and apprenticeships with partnering engineering companies so that students can gain real-world experience while attending CSULB, said Forouzan Golshani, dean of the CSULB College of Engineering.

The new GI Bill provides money for college tuition and expenses up to 36 months, he said. But many engineering students spend an additional year at CSULB compared with their peers because of the difficult engineering courses required, he added.

Veterans need help beyond that 36-month window, Golshani added.

With state funding, the “Troops to Engineering” program would offer scholarships to those students whom the university is unable to place in internships, part-time jobs or apprenticeships, he said.

The skills that veterans use during their service often are relevant to their engineering studies, he said.

“We are going to use their experiences to introduce them to the fundamentals of engineering and show them that what they will do as an engineer relates very much to what they have done as service members,” he said.

Those interested in the Veterans University can get more information by calling 562-985-4279 or e-mailing vetnet@csulb.edu. The program can be accessed online through the university’s Web site, www.csulb.edu.

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LBCC taps reserve funds to offset cuts

By Kevin Butler
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LONG BEACH — Facing a bleak state budget, Long Beach City College this fiscal year will continue deficit spending to accommodate enrollment growth fueled by an economic downturn.

The college’s 2008-2009 budget, which the LBCC Board of Trustees is set to approve tonight, would draw down the college’s reserves by about $5.5 million in an effort to maintain services as the college gets more students, said LBCC Superintendent-President Eloy Oakley.

The budget, which calls for a $117.5 million general fund, was prepared assuming zero revenue growth from the state, Oakley said.

However, the recent state budget deal would give the college an estimated extra $1 million, allowing LBCC officials to shrink the deficit spending called for in the proposed budget being considered tonight, he added.

The LBCC this fall has seen a 2 percent increase in enrollment, which typically spikes at community colleges during economic downturns as out-of-work people go back to school to increase their skills, Oakley said.

LBCC elected to draw down its reserves this fiscal year to accommodate that enrollment growth during bad economic times, he said.

The LBCC budget that could be approved tonight would still leave the school with an 8 percent reserve fund, higher than the state’s recommended 5 percent level for community colleges, Oakley said.

“So we are still in a very healthy position,” he said.

“Should people be concerned that we are deficit spending? Yeah. They should be concerned.

“It’s not something that we can continue in the long run,” he added.

“But we feel at this point and time, it’s more important to offer more access than not, particularly as more people are trying to get some new skills or retool skills” amid a worsening economy.

If the state continues to offer anemic budgets in future years, the college may eventually be forced to cut class offerings, effectively limiting enrollment growth, he added.

“This academic year, we don’t see that happening,” said Oakley, adding that LBCC has expanded class sections in anticipation of student growth.

The LBCC Board of Trustees is meeting at 5 p.m. tonight in Building I, Room 101 on the Liberal Arts Campus, 4901 E. Carson St. in Long Beach.
CSULB nursing project wins approval

CONSTRUCTION: Classrooms and computer lab will be added to ease crowding in the building.

By Kevin Butler
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — Cal State Long Beach has received approval for a $5.5 million addition to its nursing building, including new classrooms and a computer lab.

CSULB officials expect to begin construction on the 10,800-square-foot addition next year, with the aim of opening it in June 2010.

The project, which the California State University Board of Trustees approved Sept. 17, would include three new classrooms and a lab with 50 computers.

Currently, the nursing building contains only two classrooms, forcing nursing students to attend lectures in other buildings on campus or at off-campus hospitals, said Lucy Huckabay, director of the CSULB nursing program.

“Our students were being sent all over the place,” she said.

The university’s nursing program, one of the most popular on campus, receives about 350 undergraduate applicants for 90 spots per semester.

The three new classrooms will altogether accommodate 150 students.

The new computer lab will be used to give students computer tests on the elements of the state nursing license exam covered by each course, Huckabay said.

Currently, nursing students have to take turns in the building’s small computer lab or go to other computer labs on campus that the program must reserve in advance, she added.

The building addition will be funded partly by $2.3 million in state money, with the remainder of the cost covered by the CSULB Foundation, the university’s fundraising arm.

Sustainable building features will include natural day lighting, materials with high-recycled content, waterless urinals, low-flow plumbing fixtures and higher-rated insulation, according to university officials.

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LBCC buys Boeing site for $11.5M

By Kevin Butler
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LONG BEACH — Long Beach City College has purchased property near Clark Avenue and East Conant Street to be used for general offices and training programs.

The five-member LBCC Board of Trustees on Tuesday unanimously approved the $11.5 million purchase of the property from The Boeing Co.

The property’s two vacant buildings previously had been used by Boeing subsidiary Alteon Training.

The property is adjacent to the city’s Rosie the Riveter Park. LBCC Superintendent-President Eloy Oakley said that the two buildings “are relatively new and in pretty good shape.”

“We feel that (the buildings) would make great training facilities for our work-force development programs, our job-training programs and also would be a good home for our economic development program,” Oakley said.

The addresses of the two buildings are 4900 and 4910 E. Conant St.
CSULB’s free bus rides have no stop in sight

PARTNERSHIP:
School extends its trial program with L.B. Transit.

By Kevin Butler
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — Cal State Long Beach on Thursday announced that it plans to continue indefinitely a partnership between Long Beach Transit and the university that is providing free bus rides to students, faculty and staff.

CSULB and Long Beach Transit in August began a one-month trial program allowing unlimited free use of the agency’s buses for students and university employees.

University officials hoped that the U-PASS Partnership would encourage more ridership with the aim of easing on-campus parking problems and promoting environmentalism.

Before the program started, there were on average 1,400 CSULB-related bus boardings per day. Since the trial began, that figure has jumped to 3,200 average daily CSULB-related boardings, officials said.

Students, faculty and staff can get rides on Long Beach Transit buses or Passport shuttles to any destination for free seven days a week by swiping their CSULB identification card.

CSULB President F. King Alexander said the program also will allow students and university employees to save gas money, as well.

“It’s a win-win for everybody, not only the campus community, but the Long Beach community,” he said.

The trial period was slated to end Tuesday.

University officials had hoped to see increased ridership to show the cost-effectiveness of the program. CSULB covers the cost of the bus rides during the week, with Long Beach Transit picking up the expense on weekends.

To help pay for the U-PASS program, CSULB has redirected money that previously had been used to fund bus discounts for faculty and staff, Alexander said.

Long Beach Transit has more than 30 stops on or around the CSULB campus.
CSULB research institute funds come through

By Kevin Butler

LONG BEACH — U.S. Rep. Linda Sanchez announced Friday that she has secured $6 million in funding for a maritime and transportation research institute at Cal State Long Beach.

Sanchez, D-Lakewood, said that expects the Senate will soon pass and the president will sign a bill providing the funding for the CSULB Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies.

The money will support research on such transportation issues as the efficient movement of military and civilian cargo through local ports and supply chain security, university officials said.

“This funding is important not only for Cal State Long Beach but for continued innovation of clean transportation technologies to protect the environment,” Sanchez said in a statement released by the university.

“I am pleased that I was able to double funding this year to support cutting-edge research at CSULB that will eventually help us to move cargo from our ports without congesting our roads with trucks,” she added.

CSULB President F. King Alexander said he was “thrilled” that the university obtained the funding.

“Working with local transportation officials, the university will utilize the funding to enhance logistics, pollution reduction, congestion relief and goods movement research, which will benefit the military and residents of Southern California," he said in a statement.

The funding was provided as part of the Defense Appropriations bill.