FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

In Progress

Aya Abelon is assisting Mrs. Carmen Avalos on her candidacy for the CCCT board.

Aya Abelon is also assisting the Career Expo, Women’s History Month and the Spring Festival committees in timing the release of announcements to generate exposure and optimum attendance at the events.

Coverage


Wave—December 11, 2008—Article on holiday concerts (from press release).


Downey Patriot—December 12, 2008—Informational brief on holiday concert (from press release).

Downey Patriot—December 12, 2008—Informational brief on choir performance (from press release).

Downey Patriot—December 12, 2008—Article on the portable event staging program (from press release).

Long Beach Press Telegram—December 14, 2008—Informational brief on holiday concert (from press release).


Wave—December 25, 2008—Article on the faculty art exhibition (from press release).

Related News

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—December 3, 2008—Article on Long Beach City College’s new Central Plant.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—December 9, 2008—Article on CSULB protest against budget cuts.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—December 10, 2008—Article on CSU union strike delayed.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—December 11, 2008—Article on CSULB’s endowment losing money.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—December 12, 2008—Article on CSULB hosting the State of the City.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—December 12, 2008—Article on CSULB receiving health grants.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—December 20, 2008—Article on CSULB’s construction being halted.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—December 27, 2008—Article on CSULB donator that invested with Madoff.
Cerritos College Makes an Appearance at the NHRA Automobile Club World Finals

Schools Chrysler’s College Automotive Program (CAP) Represented at Career Fair and Races by Top Alcohol Funny Car

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 19, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – November 19, 2008 - The Cerritos College CAP Program, along with the school’s other corporate programs, attended the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Career Opportunities Fair Wednesday, November 12, at the Pomona Fairplex.

The career fair is an annual event that brings high school students to Pomona, the day before the NHRA Automobile Club World Finals, to be informed about the different occupations associated with the sport, including technician, driver, journalist or marketing and management.

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Program decal on the hood of the car Martin races.

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Cerritos College is the top college out of 35 school’s nationwide participating in the CAP Program.

Martin, racing in his Cerritos College decaled car, came in 4th place in his category at the Finals. The car, along with Martin, will be televised on the NHRA Lucas Oil Sportsman Series on ESPN2 at 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 23, along with the others that placed within the top eight.

Chrysler’s College Automotive Program (CAP) is a two-year automotive program which allows students at Cerritos College to gain experience servicing Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep vehicles. During the two-year program, students take part in classroom learning and gain hands-on internship experience at local dealerships – something that has become increasingly necessary as automobiles become more complex each year. Upon completion, students receive an associate degree and become certified technicians for Chrysler vehicles. For more information on Cerritos College’s automotive training programs, visit us online at www.cerritos.edu/advtranstechctr or call 562.860.2451, ext. 2974.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 21, 2008

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

WHAT: The year’s most eagerly anticipated event is coming again! The Cerritos College Art Club presents the Annual Student Art Sale and invites the community to attend. The Art Sale will take place in the Student Center, North Stage on Sunday, December 7, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in room FA 33, two days only! Woodworking will be participating in the sale this year.

Attendees can enjoy high-quality artwork, including ceramics, sculpture, wood, painting, jewelry and more. Pieces will be sold at prices ranging from a few dollars to $100.

The proceeds of the sale will benefit the artists, the different disciplines represented, and the Art Club programs. Previous art sales have enabled the Art Department to purchase much-needed equipment and supplies.

Both cash and check payments will be accepted.

WHEN: Sunday, December 7, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Student Center North Stage
Monday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in room FA 33

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

A map of the campus is available at cerritos.edu/guide.
Free parking is available in Lot C-10.

CONTACT: For more information, please contact the Cerritos College Art Department at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2600 or ext. 2614.

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Cerritos College to Perform in a Holiday Choral Concert

For Immediate Release: December 1, 2008

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

WHAT: The Cerritos College Community Choir, along with the choirs of the California Heights United Methodist Church of Long Beach, present a concert of holiday favorites.

WHEN: Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: California Heights United Methodist Church
3759 Orange Ave.
Long Beach, CA. 90807

COST: For ticket information please call (562) 595-1996.

CONTACT: For more information, please visit the Music performances web page at http://cms.cerritos.edu/music/performances or contact the Music Department office at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2629.

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Cerritos College to Perform in a Free Instrumental Holiday Concert

For Immediate Release: December 1, 2008

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

WHAT: This family event will feature the Cerritos College jazz ensemble, concert band and orchestra in a festive evening of holiday music.

WHEN: Friday, December 19 at 7:00 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.

COST: Free

PARKING: One-day parking passes may be purchased for $1 in parking lots C-1, C-2 and C-10.

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NORWALK, Calif. - October 22, 2008 - The Cerritos College Foundation received two separate donations last week, totaling $2500, for the Cerritos College Center for Transportation Technologies.

Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation was presented with a check for $1000 from James Willingham, CEO of Boulevard Buick/Pontiac/GMC in Long Beach on Friday, October 17.

As well as being the CEO of Boulevard and former president of the National Automotive Dealers Association (NADA), Willingham is an Ambassador for the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation (NADCF).

The NADCF gives a gift of at least $1000 in the name of the ambassadors every three years to an organization of the ambassador’s choice. Willingham chose the Cerritos College Foundation to be the recipient of his gift, which totaled $1500.

"We are fortunate to have an organization such as the National Auto Dealers Charitable Foundation that can support worthwhile endeavors, like the Cerritos College Center for Transportation Technologies," said Willingham. "Helping this project get off the ground will ensure future technicians will have the tools necessary to diagnose and repair the cars of tomorrow."

The college and its partners, with support of the Cerritos College Foundation, has launched a $4.8 million capital campaign for private support to help augment local bond funds provided for the $15 million expansion of the center. The proposed training center will include a $9 million renovation of the existing
three-acre auto complex and a new $6 million automotive partners building that will focus on management education for the auto industry. When completed in 2009, the center will play a large role in filling the ever-changing, highly skilled employment needs of the auto industry.

Cerritos College has offered automotive technology training since the college began in 1955. Nearly 1,000 students annually seek certificate degrees and special programs in the disciplines of automotive repair, advanced transportation technologies, auto collision repair, intelligent transportation systems and alternative fuel and hybrids, making it one of the most comprehensive programs in the United States. As one of ten state Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Initiative Centers, the Cerritos College Automotive Technology Program continues to be recognized as regional and state leaders by being awarded $1.2 million in program grants this year to support and expand technician education and training.

Cerritos College’s Auto Technology Program provides students with hands-on, nationally authorized training for GM, Ford, Chrysler and import vehicles, and operates a California Advanced Transportation Technology Center partially subsidized by the state to encourage development of alternative fuel sources.

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Cerritos College to Offer New Portable Event Staging Program

Program Designed to Prepare for Rewarding Entertainment Careers

For Immediate Release: December 8, 2008

Media Contact: Lesley Wheeler, Public Affairs, (562) 860-2751 ext. 7878

NORWALK, Calif. – December 8, 2008 – Looking for a high-paying career in entertainment industry? The Theatre Arts and Music Departments at Cerritos College are pleased to announce a new Portable Event Staging Program beginning in the spring 2009 semester. Cerritos College is the first college to offer such a program in California.

Funded with a grant through the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act, The Portable Event Staging 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 fund will enable the program to purchase state-of-the-art equipment.

The new Portable Event Staging Program here 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, the program will culminate with the production of multiple outdoor live concerts as a summer 2009 project which will put 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 did 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 have been meeting regularly with a technical theatre advisory committee comprised of entertainment industry professionals. This Portable Event Staging 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.

The program will start in the spring 2009 semester which begins on January 12. For more information on this and other Theatre department programs, visit www.cerritos.edu/entertainment-technology or contact the Theatre Arts Department Professor Susan Watanabe (562) 860-2451 ext. 2643 or visit
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Cerritos College Art Exhibition Will Display Faculty’s Artistic Side

Fine Art Professors Show Off What Makes Them Experts

For Immediate Release: December 1, 2008

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

Event Contact: Joseph Cervantes, (562) 860-2451, ext. 2612

WHAT: The Cerritos College Art Gallery presents the work of Cerritos College art, design and photography faculty.

The annual exhibition will include recent works by the faculty in many different media styles, including painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, graphic design, animation and photography. The faculty of the fine arts department at Cerritos College are working artists that are involved locally and internationally as exhibiting artists and industry professionals.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 2, 2008 – Wednesday, January 21, 2009

An exhibition reception will be held on Wednesday, December 3 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the gallery.

Gallery Hours are: Monday – Thursday from 10:30 – 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

COST: Free

PARKING: One-day parking passes may be purchased for $1 in parking lots C-1, C-2 and C-10.

CONTACT: For more information, please visit the Cerritos College Art Gallery Web site at www.cerritos.edu/gallery or contact Christina Fernandez at 562.860.2451 ext. 2612 or by e-mail at cmfernandez@cerritos.edu.
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Cerritos College Foundation Awards its First-Annual John Moore First Step Scholarship

Scholarship Was Established by Long-Time Trustee

For Immediate Release: November 19, 2008

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NORWALK, Calif. – November 19, 2008 – The Cerritos College Foundation awarded the first-ever John Moore First Step Scholarship to Karen Olvera, of Pico Rivera, at it’s board meeting on Thursday, November 13.

The John Moore First Step Scholarship was established by John Moore, a now-retired 19-year member of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

Moore grew up in south central Los Angeles and never imagined that he would go to college. He was lucky enough to be the recipient of a scholarship right out of high school that gave him the boost he needed.

According to Moore, he established the First Step Scholarship to give others the opportunity he received and to help first semester college students, like him, who show the promise of succeeding.

Olvera demonstrated the promise Moore was looking for in a recipient. She graduated from El Rancho High School in Pico Rivera in June with a GPA of 3.8. She was raised by a single father and wants to major in business and technology so that she can, one day, get a great job and pay her father back for all of his hard work.

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NORWALK

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Call 562-860-2451, Ext. 2600 or Ext. 2614.
**Whittier Daily News**  
December 8, 2008

**Holiday concerts planned at Cerritos College**

NORWALK — Cerritos College singers and musicians will be featured in two upcoming holiday concerts in the area.

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For ticket information, call (562) 595-1996.

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**Los Angeles Press**  
December 11, 2008

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College holiday concert free

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The concert is free and begins at 7 p.m.

One-day parking passes are $1. For more information on the concert, call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629.

Choirs singing holiday tunes

LONG BEACH – A concert of favorite holiday tunes will be presented Sunday at California Heights United Methodist Church in Long Beach.

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Long Beach Press Telegram  
December 14, 2008

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Whittier Daily News  
December 15, 2008

Cerritos College faculty artwork on display

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Wave Staff Report

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Pico Rivera student gets first Moore award

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Pico Rivera student gets first Moore award

Wave Staff Report
NORWALK — A Pico Rivera student, Karen Olvera, has received the John Moore First Step Scholarship from the Cerritos College Foundation.

It is the first time the award has been presented after being established earlier this year by John Moore, a now-retired 19-year member of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, said college representative Lesley Wheeler.

To be eligible for the $500 scholarship, students must have a high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher and have less than a one-year gap between high school graduation and their first semester at Cerritos College.

Olvera graduated from El Rancho High School in Pico Rivera in June with a 3.8 GPA.

She was raised by a single father and wants to major in business and technology so she can one day get a great job and pay her father back for all of his hard work, Wheeler said.

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Visitors, above, tour the new central plant at Long Beach City College’s Liberal Arts Campus on Tuesday. Once fully operational, the greener, more efficient facility is expected to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and lower costs by approximately $60,000 a year. At right, celebrants gather to dedicate the new Public Safety Building. It will house the campus police department, which will move from a trailer headquarters.

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CSULB students, workers protest proposed budget cuts

By Kevin Butler

LONG BEACH — Faculty, students and staff at Cal State Long Beach on Monday rallied against current and impending state budget cuts, urging the university community to lobby lawmakers to increase funding to the state university system.

Speakers, including CSULB President F. King Alexander, told more than 500 people gathered near the University Bookstore that cuts already have resulted in larger class sizes, fewer class offerings and reductions in student services.

Alexander urged those in the audience to contact their state legislators to voice their opposition to budget cuts.

"Do not let your elected officials off the hook," he said. "They need to know you vote."

The 23-campus California State University system plans to reduce its enrollment next academic year by about 10,000 students amid state budget cuts.

Facing a projected $11.2 billion budget deficit, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has asked legislators to cut another $66 million from the CSU system, on top of a one-time $31 million reduction previously approved for this year.

He also has proposed raising the sales tax.

CSULB will enroll 1,500 fewer students next academic year by offering fewer spots to applicants outside of the university's geographic attendance area. All qualified local applicants will continue to be admitted.

Erinn Swetland, the CSULB student government president, told the audience that fewer classes and larger class sizes will delay students' graduation.

"The budget cuts directly impact students in every way," she said.

Students have also seen a string of fee increases in the recent years, said Swetland, urging her students to oppose further fee hikes.

The university has implemented a hiring and travel freeze during this tough fiscal time, said Doug Robinson, CSULB vice president of student services.

"That can only lead to a lower quality of education if that continues," he said.

The budget cuts have affected student services, increasing the amount of time students must wait to see counselors and psychologists, he said.

As part of the rally, students, staff and other members of the audience expressed their opposition to budget cuts by filling out $200 cards that were to be mailed to Assemblyman Jim Silva, R-Huntington Beach, who has opposed tax increases.

Silva could not be reached for comment.

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CSULB students and faculty members listen as university President F. King Alexander addresses them Monday in a campus rally opposing state budget cuts. Opponents say larger class sizes and fewer classes would result.
CSU strike on hold; student workers sought fee waivers

LABOR: Some tutors, assistants wanted to pressure CSU into goal costing up to $11 million yearly.

By Kevin Butler
Sun Winter

LONG BEACH — The union representing Cal State University student teaching assistants, graduate assistants and tutors agreed late Tuesday to postpone a strike planned for today after Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg said he would meet with both sides in an attempt to end their dispute.

The United Auto Workers Local 4123 represents about 6,000 CSU students who work part-time tutoring other students, grading papers and helping professors with teaching and research. The union wanted tuition fee waivers for its members.

The union, which represents about 600 Cal State Long Beach employees, had called the strike to pressure the CSU administration to end what union officials say are unfair labor practices at the bargaining table.

Talks between the two sides broke off Friday, prompting the union to file a complaint of unfair labor practices.

CSU officials had said they were prepared to take legal action if the union went on strike, insisting that they bargained in good faith and a work-stoppage would be illegal.

Other universities, including the University of California system, waive fees for tutors, teaching associates and graduate assistants, and union local president James Banks, a former CSULB graduate student.

Recent tuition fee increases have eaten into the members’ wages, forcing them to take additional jobs, Banks said.

“Our members are really fed up with being the tax revenue source for the CSU to balance its budget,” he said.

Tuition fee waivers would cost the system between $8 million and $11 million per year, CSU officials said.

That would be pretty hard to do in this budget environment," said CSU spokeswoman Clar Potes-Fellow.

A date for the meeting with Steinberg, D-Sacramento, has not been set, union spokesman Scott Bailey Clithorne told City News Service.

There was no immediate response to a message left with CSU officials after business hours for comment.

The UAW represents similar employees at other universities around the country.

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Markets take toll on CSULB

ENDOWMENT: University loses $7.3 million but still has enough to meet 2009 funding obligations.

By Kevin Butler
Staff writer

LONG BEACH — Cal State Long Beach’s endowment has lost nearly 20 percent of its market value since this summer due to recent stock market woes, according to university officials.

The endowment, which primarily funds scholarships, stood at $38.6 million on July 1. On October 30 — the latest reporting period — the endowment’s market value was $30.3 million.

The drop is not expected to affect scholarships or other endowment-funded activities because the university spends only 4.5 percent of the endowment’s total market value annually, said Mary Stephens, CSULB vice president for administration and finance.

As a result, the university has set aside more than enough endowment funds to continue paying for the scholarships, she said.

Like the endowments of other universities across the country, CSULB’s has been affected by general market conditions, Stephens said. “Everybody is in the same boat,” she said.

The university has a conservative investment approach, Stephens added.

“I do not expect the market to improve enough to erase the loss” in the immediate future, she said.

The total university endowment consists of many different funding accounts — also called endowments — that for the most part are dedicated to specific uses or academic departments.

The downturn could affect the newer, smaller endowments that have not yet built up large earnings, she said. But those endowments are typically left alone during their first few years to allow the invested money to build up.

So the funds in those smaller endowments would not have been spent anyway, she added.

The endowment does not fund basic university operations, meaning that state budget cuts are more of a concern to the university than the endowment’s market decline at this point, she said.

Other universities have been affected similarly. Harvard University’s endowment lost more than $8 billion during the same period, a 23 percent drop. That was the steepest decline in school history.

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CSULB to host State of City talk

ADDRESS: The January event will be free and broadcast on television and the Internet. Additional details will be announced next week.

By John Canalis
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — Mayor Bob Foster plans to move his State of the City Address to Cal State Long Beach, an aide confirmed Thursday.

The 2009 event will take place in January, but the exact date could not be verified.

A formal announcement with the day and time is expected early next week.

Foster’s speech, which will be free and open to the public for the first time in several years, could take place in a 1,100-seat auditorium in the Carpenter Performing Arts Center.

The last several addresses were given in the 1,500-capacity main ballroom at the Long Beach Convention Center, but the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the event, charged admission.

A member of the mayor’s staff said reservations would be required at the 2009 event and that the address would be shown on the Internet and on television. Information about how to make a reservation for the speech will also be announced next week.

Though rumors had circulated that Foster would give his address in more than one place, he plans to deliver it only at CSULB.

A CSULB spokesman said city staff had toured the Carpenter Center but could not confirm whether the venue had been booked for the mayor’s speech.

At Foster’s request, the 2008 address benefited not only the nonprofit chamber but local charities.

Saying he would prefer that proceeds from the speech not go toward the chamber’s commercial interests, Foster said last year that he would move the speech to a more neutral venue in 2009.

Long Beach’s city charter requires that the mayor give an annual update to the City Council — verbally, in writing or both — about the overall health of the city.

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CSULB earns health grants

FUNDING: State and federal money are for suicide prevention and medical training.

By Kevin Butler
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — Cal State Long Beach has received two large financial awards related to health services, including one for suicide prevention and another for the preparation of health-care workers, officials announced Thursday.

The campus received a $250,000 federal grant to support its suicide-prevention efforts, university officials said.

And the state of California awarded CSULB $192,791 to enhance training programs for family nurse practitioners and physician assistants, state officials announced.

The three-year suicide prevention grant will be used to train nearly 1,500 students, faculty members and staff members on strategies for identifying at-risk students and connecting them to mental-health services, said David Sanfilippo, director of CSULB Disabled Student Services.

“We were fortunate to get this grant,” he said. “We were one of only 10 campuses in the country to get a new grant this year.”

The grant also will fund outreach efforts to promote an understanding of mental-health issues with the aim of reducing stigmas, he added.

The university wants to “make sure that students feel comfortable seeking help, especially if they are suffering from any kind of depression or (suicidal) ideation of any kind,” Sanfilippo said.

In addition to offering mental health counseling, the university also can refer students to outside providers for services, he added.

Suicide remains a huge issue among America’s youth, representing the second-leading cause of death for 24- to 35-year-olds and the third-leading cause of death for 18- to 24-year-olds, he added.

The university lost two students to suicide a year ago this month, he added.

CSULB was among 13 higher education institutions to share in $1.5 million in state money to improve health-care workforce training programs. The university received the second-highest award this year as part of the program, referred to as the Song-Brown program.
Work halted on CSULB’s new building

**BUDGET:** State university system suspends funding for all its construction and design contracts.

By Kevin Butler

LONG BEACH — Cal State Long Beach plans to halt construction work on its new science building after a state panel overseeing loans for public works this week stopped financing nearly all infrastructure projects in California, university officials said Friday.

The California State University system suspended all state-financed construction and design contracts after the Pooled Money Investment Board made its decision Wednesday.

Board officials said that the state could not afford at this time to provide the money because of the state's budget crisis.

CSU officials say that the campus projects will be resumed once funding is reestablished.

As a result, CSULB officials directed the contractor on the science building project to immediately halt several costly operations that were scheduled to start Monday, such as foundation work and procurement of equipment, said Mary Stephens, CSULB vice president for administration and finance.

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On Jan. 1, the contractor will cease all work except site management duties, such as security, with the aim of restarting construction as quickly as possible once the funding situation is resolved, she said.

The university in October broke ground on the $165 million Hall of Science, which is being constructed at the site of an outdated science building that was demolished.

The new building, which will contain nearly 165,000 square feet of space, is slated to open in the fall of 2010.

The university also is in the middle of designing a $5.5 million addition to its nursing building, including new classrooms and a computer lab.

Stephens said that CSULB has enough money to continue the design phase of the addition, which the university hopes to open in 2010.

“We believe we have some funds to use in the interim to continue this planning so that we can meet future project deadlines,” Stephens said.

The board’s decision impacted an estimated 2,000 projects statewide, including freeway interchanges, car-pool lanes and classrooms.

The board’s ruling affected millions of dollars of local infrastructure projects, including some in the ABC, Downey, Long Beach, Norwalk-La Mirada and Paramount school districts.

The state also is withholding about $4 million dedicated to three projects in Long Beach, the largest of which is a $3 million traffic light synchronization effort to improve traffic flow.
Madoff investor gave CSULB aid

From staff and news services

LONG BEACH — Cal State Long Beach received $590,000 in 2007 from a foundation that invested with Bernard Madoff, the once-respected Wall Street financier accused of operating a major Ponzi scheme, according to a news service report.

CSULB’s donation came from the Wunderkinder Foundation, according to a Friday report from the Bloomberg News agency.

The report stated that U.S. foundations that invested with Madoff donated more than $73 million to nonprofit organizations in 2007.

Bloomberg apparently arrived at the tally after reviewing foundation tax returns.

“The Dec. 11 arrest of the 70-year-old New Yorker has directly affected some 400 U.S. nonprofits, from Amnesty International to the Death Penalty Information Center to the Lymphoma Research Foundation,” Bloomberg reported.

“A precise accounting of Madoff-related losses isn’t possible. Each week brings new disclosures, and several foundations that said they had money with Madoff haven’t indicated how much.”