Cerritos College Dental Hygiene rocks national table clinic competition

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NORWALK, Calif. – June 22, 2011 – Team Cerritos did it again. Cerritos College’s dental hygiene students took home top prizes at the American Dental Hygienists’ Association national competition in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 16.

This year, students Jackie Counterman and Joni Fisher won first place in the Original Research Category with the presentation entitled “The Big Cover Up.”

The team utilized the expertise of the college’s Biology Department to conduct a portion of their research.

Every year, students in the Cerritos College Dental Hygiene Program compete in a national table clinic competition. The table clinic competition is a table top presentation addressing a topic in dental hygiene. Students are judged on the quality of the board, the quality of the presentation and the timeliness of the topic. A total of 64 table clinics from across the nation competed this year.

“We are particularly proud, as our students competed against students from four year universities,” said Adelle Krayer, director of the dental hygiene program.

Counterman and Fisher were approached by representatives from dental hygiene journals encouraging them to publish their very informative and timely research.

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Additionally, in the Information Category, Jenn Edington and Katie Carter took home fourth place with their table clinic entitled “Connecting the Dots: TMD & Body Posture”.

“It was an honor to be in Nashville with our students, watching their presentations and interactions with fellow colleagues, and to see all of their hard work pay off. I am very proud of our students and eagerly welcome them to their chosen profession of dental hygiene,” said Dani Carroll, senior clinic director and student advisor.

Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college’s district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at http://www.cerritos.edu/.

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