Cerritos College to host Women’s History Month events

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WHAT: Cerritos College will be hosting a number of events in the month of March in celebration of Women’s History Month 2011 national theme “Our Strength is Our History.”

This year’s celebration will include events such as lectures, panel discussions, and film showings to name a few.

To kick off the celebration, a panel presentation discussing “Growing Up Female and Male” will be presented in the Student Center Stage from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

On March 3, a lecture featuring women in criminal justice careers will be presented by Alice Scott, captain of Regional Detention Facility.

The Women’s History Month Film Series span the month of March and will be hosting a number of films portraying women throughout history, including The Mistress of Spices and The Secret in Their Eyes.

For the complete schedule, please see the WHM event calendar.

WHEN: Throughout the month of March, 2010. A complete calendar of dates, times and room locations is available at www.cerritos.edu/WHM.

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

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

CONTACT: For more information about Cerritos College Women’s History Month events, please contact Diane Keenan at (562) 860-2451 ext.2765.

COST: Many events during Women’s History Month are free unless otherwise indicated.

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

Cerritos College’s recognition of National Women’s History Month began in 1977 as a local celebration of Women’s History Week in the schools of Sonoma County, California. In years following, Congress passed a resolution designating March of every year as National Women’s History Month. This resolution continues to be reaffirmed by the Congress on a biennial basis. At Cerritos College, Maureen May, Re-Entry Resource specialist and Gender Equity coordinator, initiated the Women’s History Month program in 1987. Maureen spent 10 years coordinating this celebration until her retirement in 1996. Each year, Cerritos College recognizes Maureen May as an outstanding and inspiring woman. Because of her vision and dedication, Cerritos College continues to preserve the legacy that began in 1987.

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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