Cerritos College Foundation awards $11,600 in scholarships

Students honored at Annual Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony

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NORWALK, Calif. - March 29, 2011 - Twenty-three scholarship winners and 62 student award winners were honored on Wednesday evening, March 23, at Cerritos College's annual Academic Excellence Awards ceremony in the Bumight Center Theatre.

The Academic Excellence Awards were created in 1981 to recognize the academic accomplishments of students in various departments throughout the college. The college believes that students recognized at the ceremony are some of the finest examples of how Cerritos College is fulfilling its mission by building futures through learning, and is excited to see what the future holds for these students who have made academic excellence a priority in the pursuit of their education.

Students must meet rigorous criteria including the completion of a minimum of 30 units at Cerritos College with a 3.5 grade point average or higher, the completion of nine units in the area of recognition with a 3.5 grade points average or higher, and the recommendation of a faculty member in the area of recognition.

This year's ceremony began with greetings by Stephen Monteros, the Cerritos College Foundation chairperson and Debra Moore, Cerritos College Faculty Senate president.

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The audience enjoyed Franz Liszt’s Concert Etude S.145, performed by Kyounghee Kim, pianist, student of Dr. Sung Ae Lee in Applied Music.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Linda Rose, Instructional Dean of Liberal Arts, spoke about the importance of pursuing dreams and working hard towards goals. She encouraged students to overcome obstacles.

Following Dr. Rose’s inspiring speech the foundation scholarships and the Academic Excellence Awards were presented.

Each student’s story was truly inspiring and it will surely encourage others to aspire to excellence.

Following are the names of 23 scholarship recipients:

Richard McGrath Memorial Scholarship ($600): Victor Nevarez, Paramount

Ed Bloomfield Scholarship ($500): Melina Kanitz, Santa Fe Springs

Dr. Jack Hoekzema Scholarship ($300): Elsa Meza, Lynwood

Dr. Keith Allen Hinrichsen Scholarship ($700): Rafael Guerra, Whittier

Marion Hyde Scholarship ($1,000): Stephanie Vasquez, Downey

English Department Scholarship ($500): Alina Turpin, Bellflower

Delver's Gem & Mineral Society Scholarship ($250): Lee Bures, Lakewood

Joan Licari Scholarship ($250): Daniel Atwater, Santa Fe Springs

John Boyle Scholarship ($350): Walter Guerreno, Downey

Jules Crane Scholarship ($200): Yunle Kui, Buena Park

U.S.S. Pelias Scholarship ($500): Mohan Xing, Bellflower
Glorya Welch Scholarship ($500): Robert Bradley, Bell Gardens

Demian/Carreon Scholarship ($500): Joy Tawadrous, Cerritos

Newton Werner Chemistry Scholarship ($100): Quynh Duong, Cerritos

Paige “Scholar” Scholarship ($1,000): Quynh Duong, Cerritos

Following are the names of 62 award winners and the disciplines in which they were recognized:

Carolyn Abrahan, Child Development/Director
Joseph An, Psychology
Byron Barahona, Political Science
Arthur Beltran, Art & Design
Joey Berumen, Journalism
Pathma Bulathgama, Engineering Design Technology A.A.
Marc Castillo, Physics
Syh-Shiuan (Gino) Chao, Natural Science
Erick Matthew Colobong, Architecture
Deanna Corrin, Physical Therapy Assistant
Robin Davis, Commercial Music
Quynh Duong, Mathematics
Quynh Duong, Chemistry
Jennifer Edington, Dental Hygiene
Juan Enruquez, Microcomputer Specialist
Jorge Escobar, Plastics Manufacturing Technology
Jesus Espinoza, Engineering Design Technology Certificate
Alvin Espiritu, Pharmacy Technician
Jeanine Franco, Administration of Justice A.A.
Amando Gonzalez Gomez, Computer Science Programmer
Melissa Gonzalez, Geography
Walter Guerero, Pre-med
Matthew D Hamilton, Spanish
Tracy Hecht, Court Reporting
Viridiana Hernandez, Plastics Manufacturing Technology A.A.
Ruth Huang, Piano – Teaching
Areal Hughes, Dance
Michael Inman, Fitness Specialist Certificate
Kyounghee Kim, General Music
Yunle Kui, Biology
Hugo Lopez, French
Jennifer Lorenzetti, Nursing
Kimleng Ly, Accounting
Amanda Jean Mahomey, Business Administration Management A.A.
Dannyllyn Manabat, Esthetician
Elizabeth Martinez, Real Estate
Rodolfo Medina, Psychology – Mental Health Worker
Jonathan Mejia, German
Jonathan Mejia, Anthropology
Monica Newkirk, Welding A.A.
Alana Ogio, Theater Arts Transfer
Gina Michelle Ortega, Cosmetology
Haman Pabla, History
Joel Padilla, Machine Tool Technology
Jessica Proffitt, Microbiology
Amanda Ramirez, Computer Science Transfer
Ted Rogers, Plastics Manufacturing Technology - Tool Design Certificate
Frances Roper, Child Development/Preschool Director
Marilyn Scott, Child Development/Special Education
Joseph Silva, Philosophy
Ellen Smith, iSeries 400 Specialist (IBM)
Dean Taylor, Creative Writing/Screenwriting
Tim Touve, Plastics Manufacturing Technology/Composites Manufacturing A.A.
Ha Tran, Pre-Pharmacy
Jeremy Trapani, Woodworking Manufacturing Technology
Brian Trinidad, Architecture A.A.
Alina Turpin, English
Moin Uddin, CIS Systems Analyst A.A.
Armando Uribe, Administration of Justice Transfer
Anne Weaver, Child Development A.A.
Mannchuoy Yam, CIS Software Development in Java
Laura Yukihiro, Speech

Congratulations to all of the award and scholarship winners!

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/.