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New Cerritos president chosen

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It was announced during last Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting that Dr. Jose Fierro is now the new Cerritos College president.

Fierro said, "I'm extremely excited, extremely pleased. I've been receiving emails from the board congratulating me and it's great to start off at a high note."

He is from Cheyenne, Wyoming and is currently the vice president of academic affairs and chief academic officer at Laramie County Community College.

He added, "It's bittersweet. I'm excited for this opportunity to become a Falcon and

build good relations and friendships with my current team and faculty," Fierro said.

After more than 40 years of working in education, President Dr. Linda Lacy announced her retirement in June 2014.

According to Dr. Linda Lacy, there was a preliminary committee that did a screening of all the original applicants and the committee had narrowed it down and interviewed about 12 candidates.

From there it was down to five and those candidates were invited to the campus to do open forums.

The Board of Trustees unanimously voted, 7-0, for him on Wednesday, May 6.

A formal announcement and proposed contract will be discussed during the next

Board of Trustees meeting.

At this point Fierro does not have a starting date as it will be arranged with the board.

According to Lacy, "Right now the process of negotiating his contract and any time after July 1, the contract is ratified and it could be ratified in June, obviously, with a start date of July 1."

She added, "From what I can tell, he's probably ready. He needs to find a place to live and different things of that nature so he's got some things to do, but I would say no later than July 1. He's ready to go."

He was very interested in the fact that a majority of students at Cerritos College are hispanic since at his current school, only about 10 to 15 percent of the students are

hispanic or a minority. Fierro wishes to understand the culture of the institution and become involved with the students and faculty.

Fierro looks forward to the campus and wants his first act as president to meet the students and faculty so they can get to know him as a person.

"I think it would be pretentious of me to say I have a plan without getting to know the institution and the people. Any changes potentially made in the future will be around the students as we move forward on what we do to enhance student experience and passing rates," Fierro said.



COURTESY OF DR. JOSE FIERRO
Taking the reins: Dr. Fierro applied for Cerritos College on January 30, alongside other candidates. He was one of the five finalists for the presidential/CEO position.



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Ongoing meetings: ASCC senators review the budget packet given to them by the budgeting committee. According to Dr. Contreras, dean of student services, the budgeting committee expanded on the categories for further transparency.

ASCC budget discussion continues

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The ASCC Senate has called a special meeting today at 2 p.m. in BK111 to finish discussing the budget proposal set forth by the budget committee.

The meeting is special because its last meeting was supposed to be last week.

Among one of the many subjects of discussion was the administrative secretary position which is funded 50 percent by the ASCC budget, the funding for the athletics department, the possible distribution of the additional \$106,000 reallocated from fiscal services and whether to fund summer club events.

Ultimately, the senate declined the requested allocation of \$36,000 to the administrative secretary position with senators raising questions regarding why there was money being allocated from ASCC funds.

Party Whip Athena Sanchez said, "It seems like that was done over our heads, there was no discussion about it in senate and what he had found out from [Senator] Aldemar Sanchez from

the board, the minutes...that funding for that position was coming from the general fund." Dean of Student Services Gilbert Contreras addressed these concerns. According to him, the money being used is money that already existed with the ASCC budget. The money is allocated for hourly workers in Student Services, but he made the decision to use the money to hire a permanent classified employee.

He said, "Last year's senate approved the budget, but this year I pushed the budget committee to create subcategories that are a very clear and specific instead of giving one big pot of recreational events, so we had better tracking."

During the discussion, some senators questioned the legality of the position. He added that the decision did not have to be presented to senate because the budget had already been approved and that it would be like micromanaging the dean.

Dr. Mary Anne Gualarte, vice president of human services reiterated that its perfectly legal for there to be a classified in that area.

As of yet, the budget has been adjusted with recommendations regarding the additional

\$106,000 from the Follett contract and according to Contreras, the money has grown due to the cuts implemented by senate. The process by which they been analyzing the budget is line by line. Senators Aldemar Sanchez and Janet stated during the meeting that there was actually \$12,000 allocated from fiscal services. Contreras explained that the number was reduced to \$106,000 because of adjustments to projected expenditures, so in effect that \$6,000 did not go anywhere.

Contreras added, "Even with the additional \$106,000 instead of thinking how to do more, we're going line by line and cutting and doing less."

He feels that the senate has been undermining the decisions of the budget committee and that there are too much politics.

He said, "The budget committee spent hours and keeping the staff here,"

The senate meeting also discussed whether or not to fund summer extracurricular club events. There was a motion not to fund the events but after a funding an event by the Psychology Club, senate took a stance not to fund summer events.

Dean of student affairs addresses student concerns

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Dean of student services, Dr. Gilbert Contreras, was a popular talking point for some ASCC senators that attended the joint meeting between the Associated Students of Cerritos College and the Board of Trustees.

Comments like "micromanagement," voting persuasion and taking control of agenda items were made about Contreras in the joint meeting held Wednesday, April 29.

The voices of the students were heard; however, Contreras had little to no time to respond to the words being said about him.

He said, "I've been on the agenda a few times but that's to improve transparency. One of the things we put on the agenda was having ASCC Senate approve transfers and I know in the past that wasn't done but this year I've been very proactive in making sure senate knows where [its] money is and where it is being transferred to."

ASCC senator Victor Villalobos said that he was concerned about having one individual have sole control of the decisions made by ASCC.

Contreras said, "Absolutely false, when we have our conversations we'll give our input and staff, but it always ends with 'but in the end it's your call.'"

ASCC party whip, Athena Sanchez, was present at the joint meeting and both agreed and disagreed with the concerns towards Contreras.

She said, "Students here are freshmen in the ASCC Senate and when they hear an advisor speak their mind about something it does weigh their vote."

However, Sanchez is fully aware that guidance from an advisor is helpful and should be taken with heed.

She said, "He has pushed a lot of items for the senate to discuss as well, if you go back through, you can see a lot of budgeting items that he wants us to be pushing through which might not necessarily need to come through us like the transfer funds for the athletes."

According to Sanchez, the transparency ASCC is looking for is updates on what is being done.

Sanchez believes Contreras is looking from the perspective of faculty while ASCC looks at things from the student body perspective.

"It feels as if faculty's objectives are being pushed onto the students," she said.

Student trustee Daniel Flores feels that the reasoning behind the push of faculty items on student government is because Contreras does not have a budget to work with.

He said, "Unfortunately he doesn't have his own funds to make improvements, a lot of things he is asking for are big ticket items that students have to approve, so he'll ask 'can we do this can we do that?' and senate has to approve these things."

Flores said the issue then arises because students feel like they want their own freedom to create ideas.

He said, "The concern is, when are students going to be able to have their own ideas, when are students going to originate their own things that they want. We don't know the skills we don't know the structures [to do so], but Dr. Contreras knows that process."

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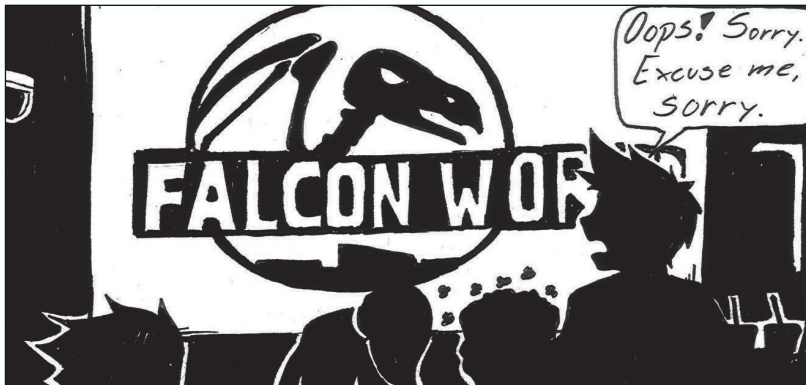
Joe Nino talks about the obstacles in his life



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Cerritos College President, Dr. Linda Lacy, speaks at the Hall of Fame banquet. Lacy recieved a special Hall of Fame award on March 5, 2015. Lacy was first enstated as president in 2009.

Lacy leaves no regrets

President Linda Lacy prepares for retirement and life after Cerritos College

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When not attending Cerritos College events or in board meetings, Cerritos College President, Linda Lacy can be found behind an off-road vehicle, boating, or reading murder mysteries for fun.

These are just some of the hobbies that Lacy plans to take part in again after her retirement in June.

Lacy, an Oklahoma native, started her educational career teaching at an Oklahoma high school.

She taught biology, coached volleyball and established some women's programs, due to the title IX legislation that passed at the time.

She later became one of the first the principal of that same high school, according to Lacy.

Before coming to Cerritos, she was the vice chancellor of student services and operations at Riverside Community College.

"[Coming to Cerritos] was a successful endeavor for me, so after six years its been a wonderful experience at Cerritos," Lacy said.

She came to Cerritos as a tiger and is leaving a falcon, in reference to Riverside Community College's mascot.

Lacy is proud of her 41 years in education and in raising her daughter.

"You don't get a lot of extrinsic rewards or bonuses like salary bonuses, but when you see students come back or they contact you saying 'hey you remember this or I remember what you said, you made a difference in my life' that's really the intrinsic value of those things," she said.

Lacy added that that's what keeps her going.

"[This job] is what I would consider a noble profession, that's why

I always applaud our faculty for all the efforts they do and what they do outside of the classroom for their students," she added.

She credits her determination to her mother.

"My mother didn't have the opportunity to finish high school. They were very poor, so she instilled in me the value of education very early in life," she said.

When she wrote her dissertation, she dedicated it to her mom because of her influence on her life.

Lacy remembers how she felt when she first started at Cerritos.

"It was exciting in that it was a new experience and new people and it was scary because I knew we were literally on the verge of an economic crisis in the nation and California was hit worse than some of the eastern states," she said.

Lacy added, "It's hard because when you come in to a place as a new leader of the institution you want to be able to tell everybody 'yes I can give you that' or 'yes let's start that program but every decision we made was how to not cut something, not how to add it."

Even so, Lacy knew that changes had to be made for student success.

She recalled a scary moment in which the state was cutting budgets and deferring payment.

"We still had to pay people and people still depended on us for things like bills. Everybody has to live right? So we borrowed \$20 million, we borrowed internally from other funds,

"One morning on my way to work I thought 'what am I going to do if I have to send people notices that we can't meet payroll?' This was a realization that a lot CEOs across the state were probably thinking about."

As counterbalance, Lacy also spoke about her more cherished memories here at Cerritos.

"Certainly the student leadership conferences. I really enjoy those because I can kinda get away and have fun with the students and watch them do their interactions. The communication we have is more relaxed at that event," she said.

Lacy also enjoys watching the students engage in debates and their differing arguments.

With her retirement looming near, Lacy is planning a trip with her daughter down to Florida to visit family.

Board President Carmen Avalos said about Lacy, "I hired Dr. Lacy and its bittersweet, but I'm glad because she wants to spend time with her daughter."

Lacy said, "For one year I've decided not to make any long term commitments to anything except for enjoying myself. And this might sound a little strange but I want to take some classes,"

She added that she is debating whether to get back into teaching, in the doctoral program at Cal State Fullerton. Lacy feels that there is a need for it and she loves teaching.

Lacy said, "I'm a high energy person so I don't know how this retiring thing is going to work but I'll give it my best shot."

Correction from last print edition:

The "Branches of Cerritos College" left out two important college programs; Business Education and Humanities.

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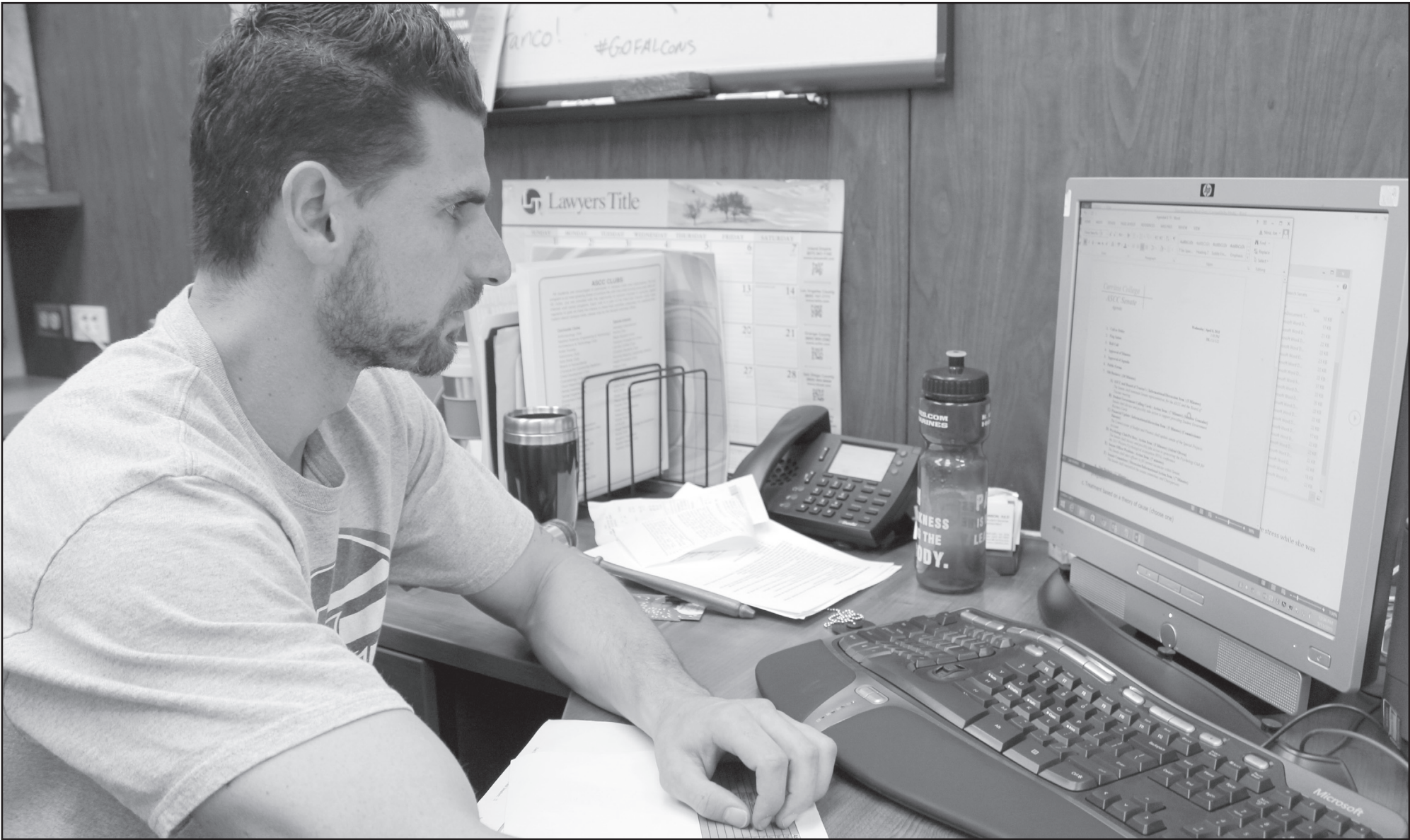
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Leading ASCC Senate: ASCC vice president sits at his desk in between his vice presidential duties. Nino said he misses voicing his opinions in ASCC Senate meetings, but he knows to stay neutral.

Uphill battle won for Nino

The hard fought battle of the man next to Aiello comes with rewards

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Student government was dealt an unexpected and sudden blow when Vice President Charles Caguioa resigned in the middle of his term in Feb.

Chosen by current ASCC President Miles Aiello and approved by a majority of ASCC Senate, Joe Nino answered the call of duty and jumped into the role of vice president for the remainder of the spring semester.

Nino, who is a kinesiology major, has been active in student government and will be transferring to Cal State Long Beach in the fall.

The road to where he sits now, in a comfortable office chair in the vice president's office, was a difficult but ultimately rewarding one.

"I have Crohne's disease. I've dealt with it since I was 16 and it's been really hard for me."

Crohne's disease, according to activebeat.com, is an immune-deficiency disease in which a person's immune system attacks the intestines. There is no cure, only various treatment options.

"After graduating high school it was really hard to maintain a consistent attendance at school, so I kept dropping out of classes. It was really hard to complete my courses so I literally applied and went to every community college around and I never actually finished a class. I just kept

dropping because it was really hard for me to stay healthy."

Nino used to take up to 16 pills a day to try and maintain the disease, but even with that amount of effort, nothing seemed to work.

Finally, one day he decided to take a different, more holistic approach to his treatment.

He changed his diet to one similar to the paleo diet and has since felt better, with almost a complete disappearance of symptoms.

"I started to feel better and I decided I wanted to go back to school [...] just being able to come back to school, being healthy again, being able to take that time off after high school and changing my life through diet and health, it gave me a new perspective on what I wanted to study."

Having come far from his days of being unable to get through a class, Nino said, with humble matter-of-factness, that he believes he was the best person to step in as vice president.

"Jumping in, there was really no training process," Nino said of the transition, "luckily I had enough experience in student government and kind of figured everything out about how to run the show [...] it was a little difficult catching up on everything, taking care of everybody's legislations, making sure everything is accessible, transparent and online."

Aiello, who acknowledged that Caguioa's departure put him in a difficult position, also knew that Nino would be well equipped to handle the ASCC Senate as it was left; somewhat in distress and divided.

"He jumped in senate at a point where it was very hostile and at certain points it seemed to be personal," he said.

"Joe has done a remarkable job at facilitating senate, at making sure that all senators get heard, while still respect-

ing them and their opinions. Honestly, I couldn't be happier with the outcome and the way he has been expressing and portraying his vice presidential duties."

This hostility mostly stems from the student affairs assistant positions in which both the ASCC president and vice president were hired to fill in the positions, while the positions were not open to other students.

"I knew it was a controversial issue and when I stepped in," Nino said, "I let the senators know that if any position was ever offered to me, because I know this has been a big deal and I don't want to upset anybody, that I would not be accepting the position [...] because it's really not worth it to me, I'd rather just get to business and get going onto things the actual students need."

True to his word, Nino does not hold the paid student affairs position.

Despite tackling his new duties with self-assuredness, he does miss being able to voice his opinions and concerns during senate meetings.

"[After] becoming chair of the senate I don't do that [now] because that wouldn't be right. People look up to me, so if I say something it might sway them, however they decide to vote, so I don't want to show any bias toward any topic. That was the hardest part for me."

Nino looks forward to his upcoming transfer to Cal State Long beach and inspired by his experience at Cerritos, is even considering running for student government there.

"It's been really interesting. There are a lot of things I've learned [...] you feel a lot of people looking up to you and I just want to be the best person for the students. As an overall goal I always have the students in mind. There's a lot to it."

Degrees beat out part time jobs

Increase in male college enrollment shows interest in college degrees

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There is a famous little rhyme that goes, "Girls go to college to get more knowledge, boys go to Jupiter to get more stupider."

The fact of the matter is that this rhyme is slightly misleading, because more men actually attend college after graduating high school and have increased the enrollment numbers at Cerritos College.

Kristi Blackburn, dean of institutional Effectiveness Research and planning at Cerritos College showcased some percentages during the last five years at Cerritos College.

In 2009, 54 percent of female high school graduates and 43 percent of male high school graduates were enrolled at Cerritos College in the fall following graduation.

By 2014, the share of women enrolled at Cerritos College decreased to 53 percent, while the enrollment for men had immediately increased to 45 percent.

According to Cerritos College President Linda Lacy, this is not because there are more women than men, it's because there are more men who are applying after they graduate high school, which is a great thing.

"There has been a movement to try to get more males in community colleges period, in colleges across the nation. There was a real decline in males going to college, so a lot of efforts have been focusing on that," Lacy said.

Theoretically the goal for community colleges is to have a 50/50 split between male and female students. So far, Cerritos College has tried to meet that quota.

During the years of 2009 and 2014 male student enrollment has increased by 2.6 percent.

This is due to an outreach effort to recruit more males that are in high school and speak to them about the importance of a college education.

Cerritos College takes an example of data that shows the earning income over ones lifetime if they have a high school or not, AA degree, bachelors, masters and doctoral.

Cerritos College also shows the statistics of how often recessions happen and that usually, the most unemployed workers are the ones without the degrees.

Lacy added, "I think the word is that the college degrees are important and we consider our college degrees advanced. Obviously if students are going into CTE (Career Technical Education) program, weather they want to be an electrician, or a welder, or auto mechanic, or a nurse, physician's assistant any of those are what we consider advanced college degrees."

Lacy also said that recruiting men is difficult because there are more level entry-jobs available for men.

Male enrollment at Cerritos College raising shows that Cerritos College is opening up many opportunities to men that they didn't have before.

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Understanding the fine lines of freedom of speech

Have Americans become a ruthless and thoughtless group of people, or has America become a sensitive and fragile nation?

The underlying truth to freedom of speech is merely a matter of understanding. Opinions are felt by everyone and can be stated by everyone.

Everyone has the right to express their own thoughts and beliefs, however, once one's opinion has turned from an opinion into what can be argued as slander or character assassination of a person or group of people, it has crossed the acceptance line.

Freedom of speech is not something that can be used to justify a hate crime or severe acts of violence.

What can and can't be said based on the First Amendment is strictly based on your knowledge and understanding of the amendment, along with your own morals and judgment.

However, if we look at the First Amendment, America has just become too delicate, but is that actually the case?

Does freedom of speech allow anybody to say anything he or she wants, or are there limitations on the Constitution just as there are on every other aspect of life?

With such a diplomatic issue looming, the only policing of the situation that can take place is if we all educate ourselves with the dos and don'ts of the First Amendment.

By definition, the First Amendment is the practice that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances," according to law.cornell.edu.

However, due to the severity of multiple situations in today's society, certain topics, such as homosexuality and religion, seem off limits in terms of freedom of speech.

This can be seen in the recent incident that took place in Garland, Texas. An anti-Muslim group held a Muhammad drawing competition in which a \$10,000 award would be given to the person who best captured the Islamic prophet in cartoon form.

American activist Pamela Geller and Dutch politician Geert Wilders both were in attendance for the event. Geller and Wilders have been scrutinized in the past due to their "spirited attacks on [the] religion of Islam itself," according to examiner.com.

As reported by examiner.com, the event was inspired by the terrorist attack that happened in Paris, France on the offices of Charlie Hebdo.

Two gunmen opened fire on the police officers, stationed as security, during the event held by the anti-Muslim

group.

In the midst of the fire exchange, police officer Bruce Joiner was hit in the ankle while the terrorists were shot and killed.

Since the gunfire, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), a terrorist army that has overrun Iraq and Syria, have openly claimed responsibility for the attack.

Another recent event that took place is the riots in Baltimore, Maryland, which are still happening.

In an effort to bring justice for resident Freddie Gray, the Baltimore community organized a peaceful protest which turned into a violent calamity.

This raises the ongoing question about the limits of free speech and the necessary knowledge that is required about the First Amendment.

With so much lingering in the air in regards to this situation, it prompts many to ask, "how much is too much?"

When can freedom of speech be taken out of context and turned into something it was not meant for? Should it ever be taken out of context?

Bloodshed the only act that results in change?

In keeping with examiner.com, "free speech advocates point out the [First] Amendment to the United States Constitution covers all speech..." however, it does not justify ventures of mass murder.

Body cameras for safety

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California is set to make history in such a way that some are calling the Los Angeles police force "Orwellian."

After a debate discussing the pros and cons of the situation, the Los Angeles Police Commission voted in favor of equipping members of the LAPD with body cameras while on duty.

While this seems a bit like Big Brother coming after you when you get pulled over for taking that red light, take a second to think why these cameras may need to be implemented and why you, as a law abiding citizen, need to trust an officer with one.

Los Angeles has an unfortunate reputation when it comes to police brutality, dating all the way back to the Rodney King riots, continuing today with a crime rate that is higher than the national average.

Body cameras would do well to help report crimes in a city where crimes

range from petty to extravagant, helping ease citizens if and when a shooting were to take place.

Video evidence has been a determining factor in many cases. While it may mean that more officers will be in the office filing paperwork about their videos, it is a fair tradeoff for safety.

Unless, of course, the LAPD decides to go the route of the San Diego Police Department, whose use of body cameras cannot be found on its front page, only through searching through reports and notes from June of last year.

This becomes a bit more concerning with the recent case of a veteran officer who did not turn on his camera before a fatal shooting occurred.

This is where the balancing act comes into play, as citizens and officers need each other to ensure that body cameras are used correctly. If an officer approaches you wearing a camera when he or she arrives, ask to make sure the camera is on and recording. Officers, do your job and turn on the camera so that these questions eventually do not have to be asked.

Years of frustration in Baltimore

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Frustrated Baltimore residents have every right to uprise.

The city's unemployment rate is at 8.4 percent and the majority of its residents are minorities who resent a police department that is known to harass black citizens.

When you couple years of frustration and Freddie Gray's wrongful death at the hands of racist police, you get a city's justifiable response to oppression.

When an immense amount of pressure and provocation are put upon a group, no one can be surprised at the response.

People's privilege shows when they accuse Baltimore residents of being looters, rioters and unruly.

The truth of the matter is, some of us will never know certain oppression and we have no right to silence people who are tired of hav-

ing a boot on their neck.

We have no right to portray indignation over a city up in flames via Martin Luther King quotes on Facebook because we don't understand its pain and exasperation.

Does the media have a hand in shaping our views on the matter? Yes.

The media keeps us informed about recent happenings in Baltimore and around the world, but what happens when the coverage isn't balanced?

In Baltimore's case, the peaceful demonstrations were not covered, because what is newsworthy about people gathering peacefully?

The coverage began after Baltimore residents had enough of being ignored and decided to up the volume.

Coverage only showed residents breaking car windows and throwing rocks at police officers.

What the media failed to mention was why a city was so over-

whelmed.

Of course an entire city is saddened because a man, who was only guilty of running away from police because he feared them, died from injuries sustained at the hands of said police.

Of course the media didn't mention that the police's press release stating that local gangs were banding together to kill officers had no evidence behind it.

Of course the media didn't show the heavy police presence in riot gear at Frederick Douglass High School where students were staging a peaceful protest.

Or how the police removed students from buses leaving the school and how that in turn raised tension.

All we saw and we continue to see is "angry black men and women burning their city to the ground."

Society needs to educate itself, have compassion and strive for change in a world where minorities and the poor end up losing.



What is your definition of free speech?

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"Freedom of speech [is] to able to say anything you want without the fear of being prosecuted or [having any] repercussions."

HECTOR GARCIA
Criminal Justice major

"Pretty much anything that expresses ones feelings as long as there are no racial slurs or anything like that, anything to state one's opinion."



ROMI GAMMA
Criminal Justice major

"Freedom of speech is freedom to express yourself, whether it be verbal or physical, to express yourself emotionally or anything."



ALFONSO AGUILERA
Death Studies major

"My definiton of freedom of speech is, you can say almost anything that you want as long as it doesn't seriously offend anybody or as long as it is not slander, like [it] affects a reputation or not."



JOHN WINGO
English major

"Freedom of speech would be first off of the Bill of Rights. Do I believe we have it? Yes. Is it limited? Yes. [It's] anything that comes to mind and I'm willing to say."





Who was your favorite instructor this semester?



EZENWA OLUMBA
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“Dr. Stephen Clifford [English] is so tight. He is a cool teacher.”



ANDREA GARCIA
Business Administration major
“Professor Peter Moloney [accounting] encourages us to do better, transfer and is just a great teacher.”



DANIEL FLORES RESENDIZ
Political Science major
“Professor Terrance Mullins [political theory] engages students and creates material that relates to us.”



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Getting through college and staying motivated can be a challenge for all students. The stress and workload that comes with homework, social life, jobs and personal issues may cause some of us to want to give up and accept a mediocre lifestyle. It's a lot easier to procrastinate on homework assignments and waste time on Netflix, play video games or sleep instead. Being involved in school can help campus life become more interesting, as the first-hand involvement can inspire you to stay motivated and work toward a successful academic career. Laziness and procrastination is especially tempting when finals come around. That is why engaged instructors are so valuable. They help us stay motivated, make classes enjoyable and they help us want to go to school. To close the semester, we asked Cerritos College students about their favorite instructors.



CRISTINA CANO
Small Business Management/Real Estate major
“Professor Brody is my favorite because her way of teaching is realistic to the world.”



STEVEN PALACIOS
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“My favorite teacher is Professor Teresa Cheatham [English] because she is interesting, the topics are thought-provoking and she is enthusiastic about what she teaches.”



ANNALISSA CHAVEZ
Political Science major
“My favorite is Professor Sunday Obazuaye [political science] because the teaching is not only beneficial in class but helps in daily life.”

Paying to use your own money

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Banks are ridiculous with the fees they charge and as a college student with not a lot of income, every cent counts. Banks make plenty using customers' money to invest and use. They do not need to nickel and dime their own customers. They are a highly profitable business that does not need to use these greedy tactics. As students and customers, we have to defend ourselves from these greedy practices that make banks even more money while not giving customers any additional benefits. They charge fees for keeping a minimum balance, transferring between your accounts, breathing their air, using their space and not having enough transactions in a month. A student account should not have the same fees as a normal account. Students are on tight budgets with school supplies, tuition, books and in some cases, living expenses. They should not have to worry about their banks breathing down their necks and dealing with all types

of fees. And now, according to a Los Angeles Times article, Bank of America is charging a \$3 fee to its customers for depositing a check that bounces. Representatives state that it is the responsibility of the person depositing the check to ensure there are enough funds in the first persons account. This gives bank customers another possible fee to worry about. Imagine if someone gives you a check; you now have to turn around and ask that person if it's okay to deposit it, or else your bank will be taking its greedy wrath out on you. It is also a customer's responsibility to go after the person that gave him that bad check if he wants to get his money back. As customers, we have to vote with our wallets and choose a bank that gives us the most advantages and the least amount of ridiculous fees. When the fees are too ridiculous, you need to find yourself a better bank. What is the justification for charging its customers, who provide business, fees that should not be there?

Vaccinate your damn kids or die

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There was a time when children weren't a biological terrorist threat. In an effort to curtail the amount of ancient diseases from making a re-emergence among us, California legislators have proposed SB 227, a bill that would eliminate the ability for parents to exempt their children from getting vaccinations based on their religious beliefs. The only exception being if the child would come to harm if he or she receives the shot. SB 227 passed its third Senate Judiciary Committee and will go into the Senate Appropriations Committee for cost evaluations. This is certainly a step in the right direction, but it's counterproductive to its purpose. The point is not to force people to vaccinate

their children, but to educate these jackasses who think that vaccines cause autism or developmental growth. This bill, though behind well intentions and needed, should be based more on educating the people about the truth about vaccines. By forcing parents to vaccinate their kids, it causes more animosity within the idiotic anti-vaxxer movement. Yeah, it'd be easier to crucify the profligates, but then that would cause a martyrdom that would bolster the ranks of the anti-vaxxers. This is as bad as the Food Babe movement. What we as a society need is a clear, concise education on the reality of vaccines and their benefit. Knowledge is power and it is the only way to really touch base with the ignorance surrounding the anti-vaccination movement; a way to break down the science and the studies behind it, while not overwhelming the average American with jargon. Then and only then can we traverse through our daily lives without the fear of dying of the Black Plague. In reality, we can apply that to many aspects of American life. Things like abortion, sexual education and even women's rights, but that's one prong of this educational trident. Hopefully the finer points of this bill can be cleaned up to reinforce in a positive way, so that in the end, we don't force parents to vaccinate their children, but that they do it on their own. Or we can just round them up, put them on some remote island and let them succumb to whatever disease they chose to ignore.



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What form of entertainment are you looking forward to this summer?

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Summer is fast approaching and with it comes great releases in the entertainment world. As spring session slows down, students have more time to keep up with the latest music and film releases.

We talked to fellow students to see what they're looking forward to this summer and listed upcoming releases and attractions.

Concerts:

- Halestorm: The Grove, June 5
- Vans Warped Tour: Pomona, June 19
- EDC: Las Vegas, June 19-21
- Death Cab for Cutie: Hollywood Bowl, July 12
- The Offspring: Hollywood Palladium, July 31

- Rise Against: Hollywood Palladium, August 13-14
- FYF Fest: LA State Historic Park, August 22-23

Movies:

- Mad Max Fury Road, May 15
- Pitch Perfect, May 15
- Tomorrowland, May 22
- San Andreas, May 29
- Insidious Chapter 3, June 5
- Jurassic World, June 12
- Minions, July 10
- Ant-Man, July 17
- Fantastic Four, August 7
- Straight Outta Compton, August 14



ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ
Art Major

"Definitely anything Marvel, anything action, anything really catches my eye. As long as it's entertaining. I want to see the new sci-fi [movie] Ex Machina, it looks real crazy just an indepth movie about artificial intelligence and how it converges on mankind [...] I can't wait to see it."



BERENICE SANMARTIN
Biology Major

"Definitely movies, because that's something that you know, you just want to go watch. I'm not a big Jurassic Park fan but [Jurassic World] just looks amazing, so I'm probably going to go watch that one."



FRANKLIN TAPIA
Communications Major

"EDC, I purchased an EDC ticket. I'm kind of excited but at the same time, I'm worried about my classes [for the summer] and I'm definitely looking forward to Jurassic World."



MILLY MARTINEZ
Physical Therapy Assistant

"Blind Guardian. They're performing in Anaheim, they just released their new album and they never tour in North America, so I'm really excited."



JOHN JULIAN TAMAYO
Pharmacy Technician

"I'm really excited to go to the Anime Expo with a friend of mine and a couple other friends who are attending an artist alley. We're going to be selling a bunch of different artwork and we're also going to be just walking around and having fun."



MARICRUZ MARTINEZ
Mount Saint Mary's College

"The Jurassic World movie, definitely. I'm not sure about anything else, I'm a college student [so] I don't keep up with those things [and] music, probably Nicki Minaj's new album."



NICOLETTE AGUIRRE/TM

'Whiplash!': Dragonknight at the Commercial Music Programs Battle of the Bands. They will be playing at Cerritos in June.

They do it for the metal!

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"We're trying to preserve a certain kind of music that doesn't get played anymore," guitarist Chris Henry of Dragonknight said.

The band was formed in late 2013 by Henry and bassist Robert Contreras, a geology major at Cerritos College.

Contreras and Henry knew each other in high school and crossed paths again at Cerritos and decided that they would start jamming again.

Their influences vary but Contreras states, "We're a genre of both power metal mixed with black metal and death metal influences."

Guitarist Erik Sobek said, "The influences come from anywhere and everyone," Henry added, "We can listen to the most brutal heavy metal that could be to like, jazz, it doesn't matter to us, we just like what sounds good."

Some of the bands and guitarists that influence the band are Death, Cynic, Yngwie Malmsteen, Steve Vai, AC/DC, The Killers, Mayhem, Deftones, Kreator, Stratovarius, Foster the People and many more.

Alongside their metal thrashing riffs and semi-death metal vocals, their lyrics conjure inspiration from mythology, comic books, anime and manga, as well as life experiences and fantasies.

"It tends to be, you know, whatever sparks our interest. A main topic for me is basic humanity [...] the way things are perceived by different people," Henry said.

Dragonknight has a couple songs on YouTube, but due to software malfunctions they're not as great as the band would like them to be, so they'd like to do some retakes and hopefully have a demo out within the next couple of months.

They recently played at the Cerritos College Commercial Music's Battle of the Bands in April, which was probably their biggest come out and they have a few upcoming backyard shows.

"Basically for the last couple of years we've been trying to hone and refine exactly what we're trying to do, so the picture is still blurry to us. We still don't know exactly what we're trying to go for but we're hoping that it gets well received," Henry said.

Sobek's advice to aspiring musicians is, "You have to play from the heart, you have to get your emotions and translate them through the strings that you're [playing]. Every sort of technique that is involved in [an instrument] takes time, but you can't really invest that time unless you have the heart"

Contreras added, "In order to be in a band, I just say have fun. You're with friends, [so] even if you do suck, you suck with your friends. That's what I think is the most important in a band, to just have fun."

"No matter what you do, as long as you're playing with friends, you're bettering yourself as a musician," Henry said.

Future plans for Dragonknight are looking forward to playing more shows and working on more songs to hopefully put a demo or an album out.

They have an upcoming backyard show on May 30 and will be playing at the Commercial Music Program's fair on June 23 through 24.

For more information and upcoming shows check out their Facebook page.

Scan to go to
Dragonknight's Facebook
page.

<http://on.fb.me/1Jbc60v>



MICHAEL GARCIA/TM

Student Art Gallery: Lisset Verdin received first place in photography and also received a Faculty Award at the Awards Ceremony held April 28. The gallery will continue until Friday.

Student artists honored at Gallery opening day

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A major crowd gathered around the Fine Arts patio outside the Art Gallery the night of April 28 to honor award winners and celebrate the opening of the student art gallery.

The art gallery will be open and available to all students until Friday.

The award winners from ceramics, graphic and digital design, 3D modeling and photography all received a check along with their award and a catalogue of the gallery featuring every student artists' work.

First place photography and faculty award winner, Lisset Verdin said, "I am beyond happy and surprised to win these awards."

She added that her inspiration comes from, "My family. I see the beauty in life and [I like] finding the beauty in everything."

For the future, Verdin plans to continue in school and said she will never put down her camera.

Director and Curator for the Art Gallery James MacDevitt, said that there was \$5,000 in awards given out that night.

135 pieces are featured in the art gallery in the Fine Arts building.

The jurist for the gallery was Marie Thibeault, a painting professor at California State University Long Beach.

MacDevitt said, "Student works are nominated by selected faculty. If you're in here its because you're good."

A visitor to the gallery that night shared some of his thoughts.

Cesar Rocha, art major, said his favorite piece was "Smell of Death" by Yuver Valencia.

It is a ink on paper piece that features a large skull that contrasts with a flower on the other side.

Rocha said, "The reflective details of the skull stood out to me since it's all painted with ink."

Rocha was there with his friends to check out the student artists' work.

Change is coming to WPMD

New sports show, Chatting with Chatterbox is coming to WPMD which will also be available to stream with the new iTunes option

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A new show coming to the college radio station WPMD offers students a platform to talk about off-campus sports according to show host Terrel Emerson.

The show's content, "Chatting with Chatterbox," will consist of sports talk and analysis as well as small mentions to music in particular hip-hop, according to Emerson.

Emerson's frequent guest, Jeremy Wyche will most likely go on air every Friday.

He said, "With things here like the Talon Marks we have the opportunity to let our voices be heard in regards to campus sports, so what I kind of want to do is have our opinions heard on a wider scale."

The show will focus on discussing national sports and letting the opinions of those present on the show be heard.

According to Emerson, a show like this already exists called "Pandemonium."

"I want [my show] to be more interactive in a sense that I want to have a live feed, I want to be able to bring people in and talk to them about it...it's almost going to be like a clubhouse," he said.

WPMD co-advisor Casey Piotrowski said that in order to be on the air one must be a member of the Broadcasting Club.

He said, "[Terrel] came in and trained with the equipment, we trained with him, then he practiced and he had an audition, he did well in the audition, really knows his stuff"

Piotrowski said that the fact of having WPMD available on iTunes puts the radio station at another level.

He said, "It brings up a level of credibility...it's easy to find and the other thing about iTunes is that people have it everywhere, they have it on their phones, on their tablets, on their laptops and desktops."

According to Emerson, having the show on iTunes can be nerve racking for those that operate in WPMD.

He said, "I signed up before we actually had the deal with iTunes and once I went in to actually do my audition Casey said 'You know that we're on iTunes right?' I looked at him and was like 'Way to not make me nervous,' but at the end of the day WPMD is preparing us for what is to come."

WPMD is bringing their a game and there's no stopping them. Starting with getting their voices heard on iTunes and progressing from there.

WPMD on iTunes will make the school more visible everyday according to Co-Advisor Casey Piotrowski.

"The great thing is that the students are now being showcased on a platform that is available to so many people and that carries such a great, recognizable name.

"We've got some wonderfully talented people on WPMD [and] this gives a much wider exposure to them and to Cerritos College," said Piotrowski.

Jade Simon, vice president of the Broadcasting Club, also agrees knowing how much her fellow colleagues work on their stations.

"It's a good way to get our signal out, further into the community, to the word internationally. We have a lot of students with really good shows and it's nice the work they [do] is going to be heard."

Piotrowski stated, "We're on equal footing with the big guys. This is where radio has gone. And we're at the front of the pack."

This isn't the end, it's just the beginning of WPMD's takeover.

They plan to evolve this fall with more things happening on campus.

"Well, I'd like to see us become better known on campus and in the community and the Broadcasting Club has already had some plans as to how we can do that. We want to do more to serve the college, too.

"More sports, more concerts and theatre events, more student government events; we'd like to get to the point where, if something's happening on campus and you can't be there for it, you can listen to WPMD and not miss anything" added Piotrowski.

WPMD is making fellow falcons proud with their funky styles and interesting stations that now anyone can enjoy on the go.

"If you've got an iPhone, you've already got iTunes...and WPMD," said Piotrowski. All you simply have to do is open up iTunes and you're set to stream the day away with sophisticated rhymes and funky vibes provided by the team down at WPMD.



ARIEL JIMENEZ/TM

Teaing off: Top three tea spots for tea lovers. Teavana is just a few minutes away, because it is located in the Cerritos Mall.

With the growing popularity of tea, here the top three spots

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1. TEAVANA

If you're looking for a more traditional style of brew maybe try the local Teavana. Minutes away, located in the Cerritos Mall. Take a trip and indulge in many different teas and blends. Mix and match with the wall of teas and maybe for the thrill seekers add some matcha (condensed green tea) to energize your day.

Recommended: Scarlet Jasmine tea.

422 Los Cerritos Center Cerritos, CA 90703

2. CHA2O

If you're feeling more adventurous take a swing at all the funky blends at Cha2o. From mango star jelly to basil seeds, the baristas kick it up a notch with different takes on tea and juices. But no rush they have a dining area with delicious food that anyone on a college budget would enjoy.

Recommended: Pom-pom peach tea + bacon fried rice

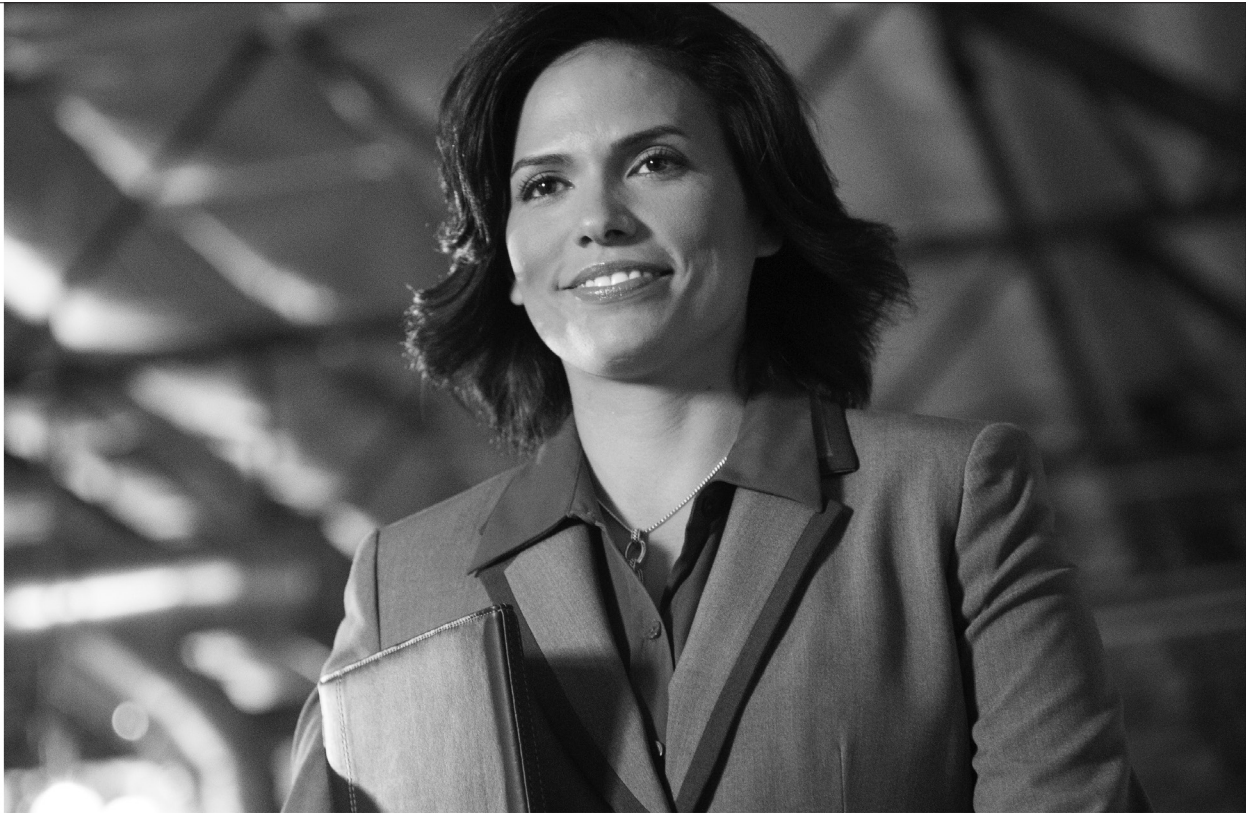
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3. BIRD PICK TEA & HERB

Make a day of it, this is the perfect place for you and that special someone. Old Town Pasadena houses a small tea spot with big flavor. Offering loose leaf tea for your humble abode and for in store brewing. Sit and enjoy their tea service, where waiters bring you a personal pot of your favorite brew.

Recommended: Lavender Lemonade

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Should the DH role be enhanced for the National League in the majors?

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Administration of Justice Major

“Yes, I think so, because everything should be the same and equal. Both divisions should be able have the DH role.”

MIGUEL GALLEGOS
Pre-med major
“No, I think it shouldn’t because I believe it’s a disadvantage for the rest of the teams. Just having someone specifically designated just to hit isn’t fair.”



JENNIFER NAVARRO
Criminal Justice major
“Yes, because it should all be equal. [It] doesn’t matter if you’re pro or not, the role should still be put in.”

ELLIOTT OLVERA
Math and Physics major
“No, I think it should be eliminated, it gives the pitcher too much of an advantage when it comes to stamina. All the players should be participating in the game, especially pitchers.”



SARA HICKMAN
Communication in Business major
“I do believe that, because if the teams are playing against each other with different roles where in one league the pitcher is required to hit, and the other league does not, then it’s not fair to the competition of the sport.”



CHRISTIAN GONZALES/TM
Returning the ball: Agustin Lombardi returns the ball as he approaches the net in his singles match. He went 20-6 in singles matches this season.

Men’s tennis finishes as expected

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Men’s tennis had finished its season exactly as head coach Alvin Kim had expected. Kim said, “The players did exactly what we expected them to do. I felt that we should have maximized the team a little bit, but we are still a top five team.” The majority of the team consisted of foreign players

that had agreed to play with the standards that are set here in the United States. Sophomore Milo Zoric really liked the way the team shaped out this season. He said, “I felt pretty good, I liked the atmosphere of the team this year than last year because we had different players from different countries and different cultures and we are all different.” Coach Kim commented about its improvements, “I felt like we struggled a little in doubles, we have always been a doubles-driven offense last year and this year we haven’t been too stellar.” The 2015 season for the Falcons can be considered a fountain of youth, due to the fact that there were many freshmen on the team that had much to learn. Kim said about the young players, “This is the first year for many players so they have a lot to learn for next year.”

Freshman Mark Antoniuk had mixed feelings toward playing his first season as a Falcon. He said, “It was unusual because when I was playing in my home country, I never played three months in a row and three times in a week. It was tough, but cool and interesting in the same time.” As one of the freshman on the team, Antoniuk believes that one improvement that the teams needs to progress on is team maturity. “We need to improve on our attitude and focus more on the game and take the matches more serious. This season was a bit distracting and young because of all the freshmen on the team,” said Antoniuk. Coach Kim is excited for next season due to the many leaders that he will have. “We’re going to have good leaders who are returning next year,” he said.

Athletic department fights budget cuts

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Thus far, the athletic department is facing an uphill battle to maintain what has been systematically embedded for over 59 years - its budget. The deadline for the 2015-2016 ASCC budget proposal nears and student-athletes and faculty are growing concerned about the potential loss of athletic footwear funding, insufficient funding toward playoff games and proper funding allocation. With wrestling and men’s and women’s soccer winning state championships in the fall and spring teams advancing in the post-season, the athletic budget is dwindling. Dan Clauss, director of athletics, aims to ask ASCC senate once again to reconsider cuts toward the

athletic department. Clauss explained that the athletic department is already exhausting man-hours trying to raise funds but with additional looming cuts, student-athletes will take the hit. “I’m going to just request they use (increased revenue) to restore the athletic budget. I’m going to take one more shot at it and try not to cut the shoes of the athletes. The coaches are very upset, it’s just a travesty for the students. So as far as them saying I have to go out and raise \$25,000 to do that by August is pretty much impossible for me. I just don’t think we’ll be able to raise that amount of money in that short amount of time to cover the shoes this year,” Clauss said. The concept behind the athletic footwear cuts aims to make student-athletes that are able to afford footwear buy them from their own pocket, while those that aren’t

able would be covered by Cerritos athletics. Dean of Athletics Dan Smith explains that simply cannot be done because it is against title IX legislation. “It’s a money issue. You have to spend the same amount of money on women’s athletics as you do on men’s athletics but actually title IX is broader than that and applies to all over campus you have to spend equal money on all genders on campus.” Smith continued, “We can’t legally ask students ‘what’s your income?’ and then decide to cut it here. We can’t do that. That’s illegal. That’s invasion of privacy, you can’t ask them to do that.” Even if the concept were to be allowed, it leaves it susceptible to some sports gaining most if not all athletic footwear funding, leaving other sports with no money to allocate toward shoes. In the last senate meeting an administrative secretary position was cut making leeway for about \$150,000, leaving room for an athletic budget restoration. Senator and budget committee member, Gloria Sedano, conceded that cutting funding for the athletic footwear was not a wise decision in hindsight. “The senate body is human and we are prone to mistakes but the best part of senate is that we can accept our mistakes. “It was a reasonable choice that we made to not fund all of their shoes as far as I know there will be reconsideration based on the cuts made for athletics. “There will be something interesting in the special meeting that we’re having, I think that you’ll find the next special meeting very interesting,” Sedano said.



CHRISTIAN GONZALES/TM
Runs into return: Katia Brambila returns the ball with her forehand. Brambila went 13-11 in doubles this season.

Women’s tennis season ends in CCCAA championship

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The women’s tennis team journey this season was an improvement compared to last season. Cerritos wasn’t able to secure the South Coast Conference this season, as the Falcons placed second in the conference. At a conference rivals game, Mt. San Antonio College secured the South Coast Conference title this season. The women’s tennis program got what they expected this season, according to head coach Alvin Kim, “The [Falcons] did exactly what we expected them to do.” He added, “We were a top five team and we took a bunch of players all around the world and developed

a successful team.” The women’s tennis team finished the season with a 19-7 record this season. One of the freshman players this season, Taylor Heath, earned first-team recognition from the South Coast Conference in both singles and doubles with partner Mariia Yatsenko. Heath, an engineering major, said, “I felt I did pretty well starting at no.1 in singles and doubles for the team. It was tough, but I tried my best.” She finished the season with a record of 17-7 in singles matches and with a 20-6 record in doubles matches. Mariya Yatsenko, being one of two foreign players on the team from Ukraine, earned recognition from the South Coast Conference, being all first team in doubles with Heath. Yatsenko said, “It was my first year in Cerritos College. Before that, I had no idea that it’s a team sport. First of all it is a huge responsibility, you always try to bring as many points for the team. I tried to do my best and work as much as possible. I feel I succeeded in all this season.” Yatsenko finished the season with 22-3 record in singles and with a 22-6 record in doubles. Cerritos was ranked no. 4 in the Southern California Team Playoffs this season but were knockout by no. 2 Glendale Community College in the semi-finals. Cerritos has not won a South Coast Conference since 2009 and the team will be looking for the title next season.



MARIO JIMENEZ/TM

On the diamond: Third baseman Victor Guadalupe has posted a .271 hitting average with a slugging average of .438. Here Guadalupe bats in a game against LA Harbor College.

Athletes awarded first-team honors

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Despite making the playoffs and being one and done for the second straight year, five players of the Cerritos Falcons Baseball team were named first team all-conference, while another three received honorable mentions.

Headlining the list is freshman outfielder Mark Peña, who led the team with a .309 batting average to go with one homerun and 11 RBIs.

Peña is happy with his accomplishment, but feels like he can do better.

"It's an achievement, but I've

still got to work harder because I have another year still, so let's see how good I can do next year," he said.

Peña was able to maintain a batting average above .300 for most of the season and had at least one hit in 19 of the final 20 games he played in, 10 of which were multi-hit games.

The other four first-team members were:

Sophomore pitcher, Kyle Carpenter, who posted a 5-2 record on the mound to go with a 1.67 ERA and 75 strikeouts in 75.2 innings pitched.

Fellow sophomore pitcher, Ryan Arambula also received first

team honors after going 6-6 with a 3.06 ERA and 56 strikeouts in 82.1 innings pitched.

Sophomore relief pitcher George Mendoza received a first-team nod as well after having compiled a 2-0 record to go with a 1.79 ERA and 35 strikeouts in 45.1 innings pitched, while providing omens work out of the bullpen.

Sophomore third baseman, Victor Guadalupe, received the first team nomination due to his bat like Peña. Guadalupe led the Falcons in homeruns with five and RBIs with 27. He finished the year with a .271 average to go with his homerun and RBI totals.

Freshman catcher Gary James

received an honorable mention but was disappointed he didn't get a first team nod.

James said, "I feel good. It feels good to be recognized, it just sucks that I didn't get first team or second team at all."

He added, that he has come a long way and has exceeded all of the expectations anybody had for him, including himself.

James said, "I exceeded [the expectations]. I just wanted to be the best I could be. I didn't expect that much because I was at OCC (Orange Coast College) last year and I got cut the first month when I was over there."

Freshman relief pitcher Jerald

Johnston, also received an honorable mention after posting a 1-2 record to go with a 2.29 ERA, with 16 strikeouts and six saves.

Johnston only played and hurled in senior year of high school, so for him this is still rather new.

"I feel like I did a lot better than what I thought. I was just coming in and planning on making the team after being only a one-year varsity senior for my high school so it was kind of cool to get recognized," Johnston said.

He emphasized how much pitching Coach Ben Gonzalez helped him and his fellow pitchers out.

Volleyball player to pioneer at new school

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Jasmyne Roberts has signed a scholarship and will be going to University of Antelope Valley to play on the school's first-ever volleyball team.

"The signing was a pretty nerve-racking and happy moment for me as it was my first one," she said.

Roberts went to Long Beach Poly High School where she played two years of volleyball and was on the track and field team.

"I grew up in the sport and I just grew a passion for it," she said.

Women's volleyball head coach, Teresa Velazquez, said she's going to be a big help to the school's team as this is the first year it has the program.

While at Cerritos, Roberts was able to accrue 583 career kills, placing her fifth all-time. She led the team with 339 kills and 272 digs this season ranking ninth and tenth on the college's single-season record list.

She led the team with double-digit kills in 20 of the 22 games the Falcons played. She reached a career-high 27 kills in a five-set win against Long Beach City College and 26 in a match against College of the Canyons.

When she transfers, she plans to change her major from liberal arts to criminology and plans to become a criminal investigator.

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Falcons lose in Super Regional

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A back-and-forth game against El Camino College led to an 8-7 loss for the Cerritos College softball team this weekend at the Southern California Super Regionals, ending the Falcons' 2015 season.

First baseman Crystal Cano said, "[This season] was up and down. It was a journey, but toward the end of our season we were really scared that we weren't going to get into playoffs."

We made it past regionals and people never predicted we would get that far."

The Falcons' won 7-1 over College of the Canyons in Regionals on May 2 and an 11-8 win on May 3.

It advanced the team to the second round of playoffs, in which they traveled to Palomar College on Saturday.

That first game of the Super Regionals round ended in a 12-3 loss for the Falcons and lasted only five innings.

"This season was tough. Sometimes things didn't go our way but I'm proud of what the [women] accomplished.

They're tough [women] and they never give up," assistant coach Jenel Guadagno said.

With a two-game elimination in the second round, the Falcons stayed at Palomar College with a 2-1 record to face Citrus College and El Camino College.

The Falcons trailed the Citrus Owls 3-0 early during the first three innings of the game before designated player Raquel Norzagaray doubled to bring in left-fielder Jasmine Javier in the fourth inning.

Three more runs at the hands of the Falcons gave them the lead in the fifth inning.

That was soon taken when the Owls scored on a run in the bottom of the fifth to regain the lead at 5-4.

During what was supposed to be the last inning of the game, Norzagaray singled to right-field, allowing pinch-runner Cheyann Samuelson to score and tie the game and force an eighth inning.

The Falcons scored three more runs at the top of the eighth inning, while the Owls scored one, finalizing the score at 8-6.

Right-handed pitcher Ana Pedroza worked the mound all eight innings, giving up six runs and one walk.

Just thirty minutes after the tug-of-war with Citrus, the Falcons faced El Camino for the fourth time in the season.

Once again, the Falcons saw themselves trailing in the beginning of the game. They put four runs on the board in the third inning and held a 7-2 lead into the top of the seventh inning.

The El Camino Warriors safely crossed the plate six times in the bottom of the seventh inning and ended the Falcons' playoff run at a final score of 8-7.

"It's just something that we have to learn and we have to move past it. Hopefully, next season will be a better turnout," Cano said.

The biggest challenge was learning how to finish a game, lots of the runs that scored [against us] were in the last inning."

Cerritos ended the season with an overall 26-19 record and 14-7 record in the South Coast Conference.



SEAN FULMER/ TM

Using home-field advantage: Alejandro Rios, 3000 Steeplechase runner, placed tenth in the Men 3000 Meter Steeplechase, he would finish the race with a 10:11.57 time. Runner from College of the Canyons College Ethan Walker would take the event with an allotted time of 9:19.08.

Track and field wins SoCal title

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Cerritos College hosted the Southern California championships. Both men and women competed in a series of running, throwing and jumping events.

The event was held on Saturday, May 9 and started at 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

During that time the women's team at Cerritos College managed to earn a total of to-

tal of 133.50 points to earn a overall first place victory for the team.

Some exciting times during the meet was seeing Jenai Vickers, a sophomore and kinesiology major, cleared over the 100 meter HH in 14.37 seconds earning her the first place medal. Another first place finisher was Raiven Ellis competing in the triple jump.

In the heptathlon arena, Breanna Curry earned 4,704 points nabbing a first place position, also at 12.84 meters in a shot-put and 38.39 meters with the discus. Sisilla Puaka

scored a first and fourth place medal.

The 4 x 100 meter relay with the team consisting of Shukura Tyler, Najia Hudspeth, Brandy Navarro and Lauryn Ballard pulled together and ran a 47.17, beating Mt. Sac by 0.15 seconds.

The men's team scored 79 points earning the team a third place.

Virilliao Griggs ran a very strong race with a 21.35 in the 200 meter race securing a first place medal.

Matthew Seawright dominated events such as discus and the hammer toss earning a third and second place medal.

The falcons finished the 400 meter relay with fourth place, with a 41.76 time.

Antony Lozano went from second to first and pulled away from his opponent and finished strong with 3:51.89 with his teammate Franciso Ortiz not far behind taking home third place in the 1,500 meter race.

Tennis earns first-team honors

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Women's tennis players get recognition from All-South Coast Conference.

Cerritos had a pair of singles and one doubles team in all-conference first team, and another in second team all-conference.

The pair of singles were freshmen Anastasia Khomyachenko and Taylor Heath. Heath and Mariia Yatsenko earned first-team all-conference in doubles.

Heath said, "It feels great being first team all-conference in singles,

our coach Alvin Kim, works with us individually on technique and footwork."

"Doubles is more than having a great game and strategy it's also about the chemistry Mariia and I have and the ability to communicate with each other which we do so well, she is a great partner and very clutch."

The duo of Heath and Yatsenko finished the season with a record of 19-5.

Yatsenko said, "I believe that it is a great merit of our coach. Thanks to his advice, we have won a large number of matches. Also many thanks to our assistant Alisha for

her support and organization."

"Taylor is the best partner of my tennis career. We're best friends, and always find a common language on the tennis court."

The women's tennis team had a successful season this year as a team and individually.

Kim said, "They are good players in their own right and even with a conference as tough as the south coast conference for the women I felt like they are right were they belong."

Khomyachenko and Stef Flores second team recognition. The duo finished the season with a 21-5 record in the season.



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Merli Alcasid, spot five player, hits a forehand at Reedley College during the Fresno North/South tournament. Her singles record at the end of the season was 14-10.

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