

Schilling finalist in superintendent search

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"I think it is important that all of us to challenge ourselves in whatever position we fill. That's how we learn.

Often the experience is more important than the outcome," said Dr. JoAnna Schilling, vice president of academic affairs,

about her position as a finalist in El Camino College's superintendent search.

She added, "I have a lot of mixed emotions, to be honest. It is an honor to be invited back as a finalist for this position, but I am also extremely committed and excited about the work we are doing here at Cerritos."

Schilling said that no matter the outcome she would still work with great fac-

ulty, colleagues and students.

Schilling is one of five finalists.

El Camino College began its search for a new superintendent after ECC President Thomas Fallo announced his retirement on Feb. 17.

"I have been very blessed to have a wonderful career serving the California community colleges. My tenure at El Camino College is the capstone of my work life.

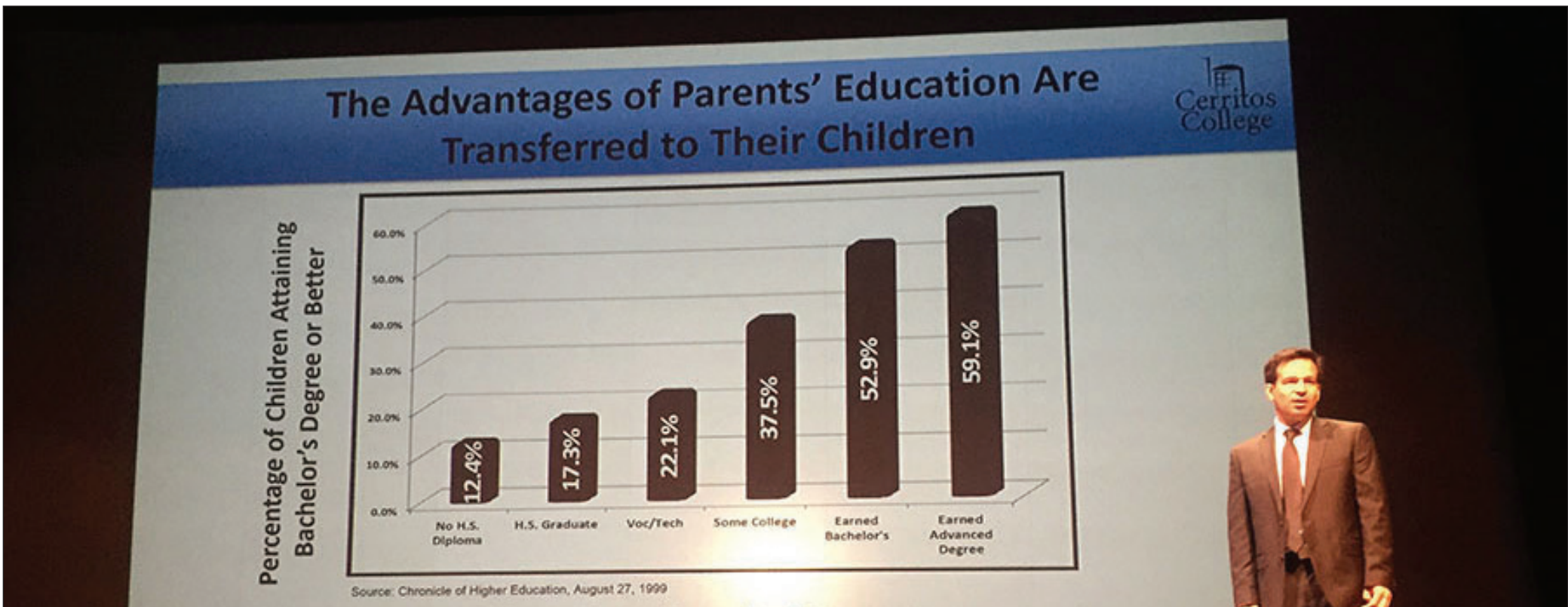
"I am grateful to the community, the board of trustees, faculty and staff for their contributions to the success of El Camino College, but most importantly, the students," he said.

According to James Walker, community college search services, after the finalists are chosen, interviews with the El Camino College Board of Trustees are scheduled. "Before the interviews, however, forums are

set up to provide the community a chance to meet each of the finalists for about an hour," he said.

According to the El Camino College presidential search website, the forums will take place Monday and Oct. 6.

Schilling said, regardless of the outcome, "My plan is to continue to find ways to help all students achieve their academic goals whether it is at Cerritos or El Camino."



First-generation students by the numbers: Dr. Fierro presents statistics about first-generation students whose higher education patterns are determined by their parent's education. Fierro is looking to start an initiative that will help first-generation students.

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At A Glance

- 50 percent of current college students are first generation.
- Average age of enrollment for first generation students is 22.
- 54 percent of first-generation students were financially independent compared to 27 percent non first generation students.
- 42 percent of students whose parents attended college graduated within 4 years.
- 27 percent of first generation students graduate within 4 years.

Source: Chronicle of Higher Education

First-generation gap affects half of college students

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Although there are programs that assist various groups, such as EOPS which helps first-generation college students, Cerritos College president Dr. Fierro doesn't want to believe in labels.

"I would like our campus as a whole to become aware that we also serve first generation students," Fierro stated.

A student is considered first-generation if neither of their parents graduated high

school.

According to a presentation given by Dr. Fierro at this year's convocation, about half of today's college students fit into the first-generation niche.

The First-Generation College Student Initiative will become a reality soon.

Dr. Fierro hopes to launch this initiative in the future.

The Cerritos College president said, "I want to make sure we are serving 100 percent of our population. I understand that we also have minorities who are first generation students."

Biomedical engineering major Emmanuel Osorio, is a first generation college student and believes the program would be beneficial.

Osorio shared the story of his mother who came to the United States at age 13 and only went to middle school and part of high school.

His older sister did not complete high school either and as the middle child his mother is proud of him being a high school graduate and a college student.

Osorio said, "I feel I can give my little brother advice now that I've experienced

the college application process."

According to Dr. Fierro, first-generation students are less likely than second-, third-, etc. generation counterparts to start attending college straight out of high school.

The average age a first-generation student starts college is 22.

Furthermore, these students take longer to graduate college taking more than four years to complete their education.

Only 27 percent of first-generation students graduate within four years while 42 percent of students whose parents went to college graduate within that time frame.

Computer animation major Liliana Gonzalez explained that she was fortunate enough to have an older sister who has gone to college to help her through the application process.

Gonzalez said, "My parents didn't go to college they wanted me to go to college."

Both Osorio and Gonzalez expressed that being first-generation students can be difficult at first, but the first-generation initiative will be beneficial.

The first-generation initiative is still in its planning stages and Fierro will give the word when it is officially active.

Senate applies new rules

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Room BK 111/112 has seen its fair share of policy making and heated debates ending in ultimatums.

All while being open to the public.

However, the Associated Students of Cerritos College has implemented new rules to the room to ensure safety and fire hazard regulations are met.

The room has sections by the

two doors on the exterior sides taped off to keep the exits clear, in case an emergency occurs and there needs to be an evacuation.

ASCC Vice President Ivan Oyarzabal said, "It was set up for safety and fire code, we also wanted to make it convenient for the public."

According to Oyarzabal, the new layout also includes a section strictly for members of the student press, specifically the Talon Marks brand.

"The press can easily walk in

and out," he said.

The area identified to the press is on the far right-hand corner of the room in front of a door for exiting and entering the meeting room.

Equipment such as camera tripods, microphones and various cables are away from the majority of the public and all behind where senators sit near the secondary door.

New furniture is also said to be installed into the room.

He said, "We are getting brand new furniture [which

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New senate rules: Ivan Oyarzabal, ASCC vice president, and the rest of senate listen to public commentary. The new rules set by ASCC senate confine the student press to a corner due to safety and compliance with fire code.

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ESL students learning: Paula Pereira, Cerritos College librarian, motivated the Credit ESL students who attended the workshop to practice their English often and offered words of encouragement. Pereira is also the author of "How I Learned English."

ESL workshop motivates students

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Shakira Serna-Villa was a curious 56 year-old ESL student who started studying English as a second language in order to better understand the language and culture of her second home.

Like Serna-Villa, other Credit ESL students from countries like Italy, Egypt, Morocco and Mexico, among others, filled the rows of LA-103 for a workshop on Friday.

The workshop, put on by the Credit ESL Department, was the first in a series of four that will take place during the fall 2015 semester.

Joann Sugihara-Cheetham, department chair for the Credit ESL Department, expressed, "It started with Carlos [Diaz]. He was doing his dissertation and he wanted to study students at Cerritos College."

Diaz, who was also an ESL student, wanted to investigate the low retention rates for ESL students and let them know it was possible to finish their education.

According to the department chair, Diaz talked to ESL students and researched student persistence, also known as continued enrollment, and found common issues as to why ESL students stop their education.

"Some of the issues that came up were not being aware of the college and not feeling connected with the campus, and the language barrier, they definitely have that; acculturation issues," Cheetham said.

She expressed to Diaz that they both had to do something to address the issues and that is how the

idea for the workshops emerged.

Cheetham stated that the workshop's goal was to make ESL students feel more like a community and get them to know each other.

The workshop included a scavenger hunt where students were put in groups and visited the Student Activities Center, Career Center, Counseling Department and Disabled Student Services, so they became acquainted with the spaces.

The event also featured guest speaker Paula Pereira, Cerritos College librarian and author, who provided signed copies of her book, "How I Learned English."

"I am very excited, and I feel like I'm almost crying because just to see so many people here in the room and just to think about how I was as a student here and how I resonate with everything they are going through," Pereira expressed.

The author said she felt like she was motivating and guiding the students every step of the way through their ESL education.

Vilma Saavedra, a Cerritos College ESL student, said she began studying ESL because she wanted to be able to communicate and wanted to be sure that no one would lie to her due to the language barrier, and most importantly listen to her grandchildren's conversations.

Serna-Villa stated, "I wanted to support the cause that is ESL. I am an ESL student and I'm 56 years-old. Despite my age I've learned English well."

The workshops will continue with a counseling based event in October, in order to have students go beyond ESL and understand the resources available to them.

Lunar eclipse draws students to campus for a night watch

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The moon glowed bigger and set itself center stage for a night as the Cerritos College community congregated to admire the occurrence.

The Astronomy Club held an event on Sunday, open to students and the general community who were interested in seeing the supermoon and eclipse phenomenon.

According to a BBC News article, a supermoon occurs when the moon is closest to orbit around Earth, appearing much bigger.

The same eclipse seen from Cerritos College was seen in the rest of the continent, South America and Western Europe.

Connie Boardman, dean of science, engineering and math said, "The Astronomy Club put on the event, and there's all kinds of club members out here making sure the telescopes are all aligned for the eclipse and we've also seen Saturn, so this is a great event for the community."

Stebbing stated that the next total lunar eclipse would take place in 2033.

The club, which is usually run by Dr. Thad Szabo, aimed the telescopes at Saturn to entertain the attendees due to the cloud blockade of the eclipse.

Olivia Salas, film production major, said, "I'm taking astronomy 105L, which is actually a lab for astronomy, and basically what we're doing here is looking at the lunar eclipse, which is hiding behind some clouds."

"The reason why the lunar eclipse is so important is because the earth shadow is on the moon, which kind of makes it invisible," Salas added.

Szabo offered extra credit to the students who came out to look at the lunar eclipse and super moon that night.

"I think this is a really great thing that Cerritos [College] gives this opportunity for not only students here, but for the community," Salas expressed.

For photos on the event visit the website www.talonmarks.com.

Senate applies new meeting rules

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...was] approved by the senate last year. The price for the furniture is under \$30,000."

According to ASCC President Eduardo De La Rosa, this has been something that ASCC has been experimenting with.

De la Rosa said, "We have this new furniture that is coming in and we really want to find a way that we can layout the room where it can be functional for both [ASCC] Cabinet and [ASCC] Senate."

Room BK 111/112 houses senate, court and cabinet meetings each with a different layout than the other.

Cabinet and court share the same layout, however, according to De La Rosa, the layout for the desks where cabinet members and court members sit look like a capital "T" formation if seen from above.

According to De La Rosa, the reason behind moving around the meeting room is in anticipation of the new furniture that was purchased.

The furniture is to be seen in early October.

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Kitchen renovation inspires new goals

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It's been a long road traveled for the Culinary Arts Department.

According to Michael Pierini, head of culinary arts department, patience played an important part on the long awaited three-year journey toward the newly renovated kitchen.

"The electrical [system] didn't work very well, the plumbing didn't drain and the floors weren't safe at all because it was painted cement. If you got water on the floor you were on your butt." Pierini had explained.

The grand re-opening for the kitchen will be held on Oct. 7 at the Student Center.

With a new and improved kitchen, the culinary instructors and students are determined to set new goals.

Currently, the department is working directly with Goodwill to help prepare the students to be employable.

Goodwill is also helping the culinary students build resumes, learn to finance their money correctly and cover any expenses students can't afford for the culinary program.

Pierini feels that as an instructor, it is his job to make his product sellable.

By product, he is referring to his students because while his students produce the food, he molds the students.

Having to move from one kitchen to a layover kitchen and then to a brand new layout was the complete opposite of what was planned.

However, some students, such as culinary arts major Sally Martinez, felt the teachers were on top of their business regardless of the transition.

"The transition was okay, and the teachers made sure they always had everything they needed to teach the students," Martinez said.

Originally, the Culinary Arts Department was not on the list of buildings that needed to be renovated, but after the issues were brought to the school's attention, the project began.

With the obvious problems needing to be addressed, the school decided to dedicate \$7.6 million toward the renovation of the new kitchen.

Pierini said, "We spent a year and a half designing the new kitchen with the architects. It was just fun."

Pierini is also in the midst of starting a class that focuses on helping students build their own businesses as chefs.

He wants to opens this class not only to current students, but also to alumni who are currently looking toward making this happen.



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New kitchen, new goals: Cerritos College culinary arts students settle in to the newly renovated area. Food prepared by the culinary arts students is available for purchase Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Student Center.



GUSTAVO LOPEZ/TM

Drawing in a crowd: Aerodynamics Club member Jesus Martinez demonstrates some of the projects the club will work on to some visiting high school students. "We're here to teach potential members about aerospace engineering and aerodynamics by teaching them to build a plane," Martinez said.

‘What a Time to be Alive’ mixtape does not disappoint

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Drake and Future shocked the world on Sept. 20 as they released their 11-track mixtape.

In comparison to other mixtapes that have been released this calendar year, this mixtape definitely ranks near the top in my book.

The mixtape sold over 350,000 copies in its first five days on the market, this according to Nielsen Music.

It also reached number one on the Billboard's Top 200 chart.

The transition of the mixtape is rather fluid as Future and Drake collaborated for the first nine songs of the tape.

The tape is mostly Future's style of bass-pumping trap music with lean and prescription pill filled lyrics.

However, Drake seems to match

Future's forte as he continues to go bar-for-bar with his associate on multiple songs.

To anyone who feels Drake should give up the charade of rapping about a life nobody believes he actually lived and should go back to the old Drake, "Drizzy" has a message for you:

"I can't rap like that. All young and naive; Not after all the [explicit] I've seen and things I believe/ Drastically changing, thank you for all your patience/ I'm just in a different space and I choose to embrace it."

Drake - "30 for 30 Freestyle"

In addition to Drake matching Future's genre of music, Future returns the favor as he imitates the R&B style hip-hop song that is more fitting of Drake's musical stylings, "Plastic Bag."

The song mirrors a "Fall For Your Type" sort of rhythmic tone, but of course, that's a song Drake made with fellow singer Jamie Foxx.

Social media has been buzzing with talk of Future having completed a five-peat, meaning the artist has released five projects that have all been classic in one way or another.

In the last 11 months, Future has released four mixtapes

For a world-stopping partnership one may ask what's next for the dynamic duo. Drake may have eluded to multiple projects in the future:

"Ya, ya up and way/ Y'all should have seen this [explicit] coming in May/ We doing 300 records a day/ Who really think they could get in the way" -Drake and Future- "I'm the Plug"

The self-proclaimed "Six God" still has fans anxiously waiting on the release of his "Views from the 6" album.

As for his partner, who knows what the future may hold. Hopefully, another classic mixtape such as this one.

STEM showcase reels in students

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Despite the hot sun, Vangie Reichwein, program coordinator for the science, engineering and math (SEM) department was glad to help during the STEM open house.

The open house took place in front of the Physical Science Building last Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Reichwein added that the purpose of the event was to showcase the STEM Department student's abilities.

Besides the club booths, there were also lecture demonstrations by STEM students.

One club participating was the Aerodynamics Club, which is also a new club.

Jesus Martinez, club member, said, "We're here to teach potential members about aerospace engineering and aerodynamics by

teaching them to build a plane or glider."

On the subject of skies, the Astronomy Club was also present with telescopes.

"We try to participate in events like these to get students to see things they normally wouldn't be able to see," said Astronomy Club president Elsa Anaya.

Matthew Masoud, aero-engineering major, was participating in the event to get a better understanding of STEM.

Masoud said, "I want to get more involved in the school and also wanted to be more presentable to colleges when I transfer."

He added that he was looking forward to getting involved and communicating with people in his major.

Not only were Cerritos College students present, but there were high schools from three different districts enjoying the science demonstrations presented by the STEM department.

Upcoming Events

**SUR: biennial Art Gallery
Opening night**

Oct. 8, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Cerritos College Art Gallery

**‘The Distance Between Us’
Book Presentation**

Oct. 6, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

TBD

**‘The Tempest’
Directed by F. Reed Brown**

**Oct. 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 8 p.m.
Oct. 18, 2 p.m.**

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Charros and Music

Thursday, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Amphitheater and Sidewalk

Resume Basics Workshop

Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon

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**Culinary Arts
Grand Opening**

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Senate violates free press in first meeting of semester

Treating reporters differently than everyday civilians is a violation of the first amendment.

Journalists are not looking for better nor worse treatment than anybody else.

If a member of the audience can sit in a public meeting in any given space and record, photograph or report then the same right is granted to journalists, as members of the public.

To have walked into the last Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate meeting last Wednesday and have been instructed to stand in a sealed off section especially for Talon Marks, was not exactly of good service to the press.

What it did instead was to put four journalists in an awkward angle, which was not conducive to publishable photos or video.

As watchdogs and reporters of school happenings, the ability to do our job was obstructed while the team was simply trying to inform the community about the first official senate meeting.

The reason given for being placed in this sealed off area was to prevent people from congregating in the entrance of BK 111/112, which can be a fire hazard.

The real irony lies in the fact that the sealed area for the press is right in front of another exit, which of course is also a fire hazard.

For some unknown reason, standing directly in the way of that door is thought of as no danger to us or any

of the many inhabitants of the tightly packed senate room which would only have one door left to abandon the building in case of an emergency.

When presenting that argument the reporters were told that they would be the first ones out in case of an emergency, but what senate officials seem to forget is the fact that reporters rush in a building and not out when things go awry.

The purpose of a journalist is to report a clear and objective story to the public and to keep them informed, but it cannot be done correctly if we are cast aside and treated as lepers.

Just as any school officials are present to do their job, so are we. Many student journalists are treated as students, and not journalists.

Though much of the press at Talon Marks is young, that does not change the role it plays and the job it has to keep the public informed, in cases of student government and in cases of emergencies.

Photojojo.com summarizes the rights photographers have to take photos. "People can be photographed if they are in public (without their consent)..." Within reason of course, a person entering their pin at an ATM can expect a degree of privacy.

As stated by photojojo.com, the following can almost always be photographed from public places, despite

popular opinion:

- Accident & fire scenes, criminal activities
- Bridges & other infrastructure, transportation facilities (i.e. airports)
- Industrial facilities, Superfund sites
- Public utilities, residential & commercial buildings
- Children, celebrities, law enforcement officers
- UFOs, the Loch Ness Monster, Chuck Norris

There have been many infringements against student photographers on campus.

From first responders denying them the right to taking photos, to actually creating a barricade to prevent photos instead of doing their jobs, which is to care of the person in need.

The photographers were pushed back 50 feet by police and said that they could not come closer to the scene, despite the fact that the perimeter was not blocked to the whole public.

Students continued to walk right passed the scene only feet away.

This is a violation of the law, just the same as the restriction of the press in public meetings is also against the law.

Celebrities are not news

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Celebrities; they're the most talked about in everyday life.

There are some people that can give you all the information you need to know about a celebrity.

Unfortunately, if you were to ask a random person who Ahmed Mohamed is, I'm pretty sure said person wouldn't be able to give you an answer.

Mohamed is a 14-year-old boy who got arrested in Irving, Texas for bringing a homemade clock, that appeared to look like a bomb, to his high school.

His alarm went off in his English class.

The English teacher asked him to show it to her, and when he did it made her feel uneasy.

His teacher called the police and he was detained shortly after.

So why is Mohamed relevant? He's relevant because his story is news worth talking about.

His story is news worth focusing on, instead of focusing on whether Kylie Jenner and Blac Chyna are still fighting over Tyga.

In America, people focus too much attention on the lives of famous people.

They fail to focus enough time and attention on things that matter.

They fail to care about serious issues because they aren't directly connected to them.

If there is no connection, then there is no real reason for action.

It's easier to concern yourself with the things in life that don't matter, instead of thinking about the things that do matter and seeing if there is a way to do anything in regard to help.

People don't want to disrupt their lives with the negative things that are not only happening in our country, but in other countries around the world.

People wrap themselves in celebrity's lives that they may never meet, but turn a blind eye to what's happening around them.

Disney can strike gold once again

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Disney turning popular animated films to live-action films creates curiosity and that curiosity will create success.

The past few years Disney has turned successful animated films into successful live-action films, and that won't be any different with "The Jungle Book."

In 2010, "Alice in Wonderland," starring Johnny Depp and Anne Hathaway, was turned into a larger-than-life spectacle which ended up grossing over \$1 billion as of this year.

Since then, other movies have been made, although, they haven't been as successful.

Angelina Jolie starred in "Maleficent" that made over \$750 million.

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"I was relying on rides and public transportation. Right now its just gas money that is a bit of a struggle. Public transportation is not needed since my car makes commuting more convenient than before."

KARLA BAEZA
Welding major

"I drive to campus from Montebello. My commute is 25-30 minutes on average. I have a class that meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 a.m. A T.A.P. card won't work for me because of my long commute."



JERRY REYES
Graphic Design major

"It is my first semester here at Cerritos [College]. I was mainly stressed to find where my classes were at; I take the bus to campus. Sometimes I take my bike too, but it takes long especially to come at 10 a.m. It really is a workout."



XAVIER VALENCIA
Undecided major

"I take the bus from Downey. I have to leave for campus an hour and a half before my classes start just so I can be on time. I have not had the time to get a T.A.P. card, although the discount would be really helpful."



CHRISTINA SALDANA
Sociology major

"I take the bus. Two buses, which usually takes an hour and 20 minutes. I reside in Bell Gardens, so it is a bit of a commute. Sometimes I am late to classes because the bus is late. So I have to leave two hours earlier from my house to get here."



This year's "Cinderella" made over \$500 million.

However, with "The Jungle Book" having Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley, Scarlett Johansson and Christopher Walken, to name just a few of the big actors, the star-studded cast is sure to bring a lot of money for Disney.

Many people already know about "The Jungle Book" and have seen the animated film.

That alone should bring interest to the film, but there are other reasons why the film will be successful.

As mentioned above, the cast is full of well-known names that have been involved in other successful films and projects respectively.

"The Jungle Book" cast members have been in movies such as "Ghostbusters," "Schindler's List" and "The Avengers," thus making this Disney film even bigger.

Disney is synonymous for stay-

ing true to the classics, but are always able to make the stories evolve.

With "Maleficent," Disney told the story of the sleeping beauty but with some parts being changed, including the ending of the film, which kept it fresh and kept the audience surprised.

In the trailer for "The Jungle Book," it is revealed that Johanson will play Kaa the snake in the film, when in the animated film it is a male.

By changing the gender, the character has been adapted to have a more feminine and sensual voice than it already was which builds for a more suspenseful story.

As of now, only "The Jungle Book" has the promise to be a success for Disney. As for any other future adaptations, they have a chance to be as big, if not bigger than their predecessors.

Pulido wins sixth, cross country women take third

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Sophomore captain Marylu Pulido was the sixth runner to finish the race out of 121 runners and posted a time of 19 minutes 47 seconds in the Golden West Invitational.

Pulido said, "Overall as a team we did good I think we have to get closer together as a [pack]."

Cerritos College earned third place out of 13 Colleges in the Golden West Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach, California.

Competing in a 5K course the Falcons compiled 87 team points falling short from the first place team, Glendale College, who earned 32 team points followed by College of the Canyons who earned second place with a total of 55 team points in the invitational.

With a pack of sophomore runners running and finishing one after another, experience should have come to the help of the Falcons as they returned to this track and knew what to expect from the course, but that didn't happen due to construction that was going on.

Head coach Bryan Ramos said, "Now that we have our top seven runners healthy we have to be ready

for conference which is in two weeks."

Ramos added, "The women should do well in the next meet with a bye week this week."

Finishing second for Cerritos College sophomore Elsa Vazquez Vallin was not too far apart from Pulido as Vallin finished in 13th place with a time of 20 minutes and 15 seconds.

Sophomore Stephanie Perea finished the race in 20 minutes and 44 seconds placing 20th overall in the course.

Following Perea was the fourth sophomore Maria Orosco finishing the course with a time of 20 minutes and 54 seconds placing in 24th place.

Finishing fifth for the team in the race was freshmen Alexis Garfias who finished with a time of 21 minutes and 18 seconds placing a 36th overall in the meet.

After Garfias finished, freshmen runner Kathia Munoz and sophomore Neiva Cuevas finished 49th overall with 22 minutes and 11 seconds, and Cuevas finished 54th overall finishing the race with a time of 22 minutes and 26 seconds.

Having a bye week this weekend, the women's cross country is preparing for the next meet at the Brubaker Invitational on Oct. 9.

Diaz places 32nd, cross country men share eighth spot

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Freshmen Faustino Diaz placed 32nd with the time of 22 minutes and 28 seconds, overall out of 180 runners in a four-mile race for Cerritos College in the Golden West Invitational.

Last Friday, Cerritos tied for eighth place in the Golden West Invitational with conference opponent El Camino College with both teams earning 234 team points.

The Falcons ran the four-mile course at Central Park in Huntington Beach, California, last Friday, and had a total time of one hour 54 minutes and 18 seconds.

Head coach Bryan Ramos said, "We had an off race. One thing we were working on was pack running and we didn't have that this meet."

The Falcons had only its top seven runners that participate in the four-mile course.

There was a time in the race where all the runners who finished the race had a one-minute gap and the Falcons had three runners in the pack.

Staying in a close pack behind Diaz, was freshmen Carlos Mendoza who placed 39th overall finished with a time of 22 minutes and 35 seconds.

After Mendoza finished the race, freshmen Ricardo Cano placed 46th overall with a time of 22 minutes and 51 seconds.

About 20 seconds after Cano, Cerritos College had a pack of runners

come through.

Freshmen Anthony Lopez had a time of 23 minutes and 12 seconds and finished the race 62nd overall.

While Captain Alejandro Rios finished the race 65th overall with a time of 23 minutes and 15 seconds.

After Rios finished the race freshmen Isaiah Marshall finished the course in 23 minutes and 17 seconds placed 67th overall.

Cerritos had one runner who earned 101th place, freshmen Jereson Ramirez with a time of 24 minutes and 14 seconds.

Rios said, "Overall as a team I think we could have done better. We went into the meet thinking it was going to be an overall flat course so we didn't prepare well enough and we also lost contact with each other right at the beginning which made it harder to run."

The Falcons have a bye week this week and look to bounce back when they have their next meet in the Brubaker Invitational on Oct. 9th.

The Brubaker Invitational will be having a four-mile race for the men on a different course than the last meet.

The Brubaker Invitational will be the smallest meet of the season so far for Cerritos College compared to other meets taking place around Southern California.

Rios added, "With the bye week this week we have time to recover unlike all the other weeks."

"So instead of coming into the week with hard workouts we're going to ease into it so those who are injured or hurting can rest a bit."



Volleyball spike: Outside hitter Nicole Spigner spikes the ball against Glendale College in a scrimmage held Aug.28. Spigner has a total of 121 kills in the season so far in 13 games played.

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Volleyball struggles for win

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The tournament woes continue for the Cerritos College women's volleyball team.

This was the second and third time Cerritos College participated in a tournament this season.

The Falcons lost both matches to Fullerton College and Gavilan College at the Fullerton three-way tournament last Friday.

Head coach Teresa Velazquez-Ortega said, "My team was nervous in the first game. They need to curb anxiety a little bit more."

Cerritos College lost the first match to Fullerton College by the scores of 25-15, 25-20, and 25-13 respectively.

The second match saw the Falcons win the first set 25-15 only to lose the next three sets to Gavilan College by scores of 25-13, 25-22, and 25-15 respectively.

Last Saturday Cerritos College traveled to San Diego City College to play in the San Diego City Tournament and went 2-2.

The first match saw the Falcons defeat Cuyamaca College in straight sets by scores of 25-15, 25-21, and 25-16.

In the second match, Cerritos College won the first set against Cuesta College 25-20 before losing the second set 25-12 and then winning the next two sets, both by scores of 25-22.

The next two matches were against Pima College from Arizona, and the Falcons got

swept in both matches.

In the first match against Pima College, Cerritos College fell by scores of 25-21, 25-18, and 25-14 getting swept in the three sets played.

The second match against Pima College was the quarterfinal match in the San Diego City tournament, and the Falcons lost in straight sets again, this time by scores of 25-22, 25-20, and 25-21.

"[Pima] was pretty good. In this tournament, my team was more calm and the [women] were more consistent, yet the other team was too good," Velazquez-Ortega said.

In both tournaments, sophomore outside hitter Nicole Spigner had 61 kills, sophomore libero Jasmine Peralta had 53 digs and sophomore setter Natalie Caravantes made 144 assists leading the way for Cerritos College.

"The last two matches were against really good teams," Spigner said. "We did good and we were tired after coming home. Defense wins these matches and we need to keep that up."

Outside hitter Monica Vega, who had 39 kills and 27 digs total in both tournaments, said, "We had good communication and went for everything. I also got all my digs by reading the hitter."

The Falcons will return back home to take on Long Beach City College this Friday, at 6 p.m.

This will be Cerritos' first conference match of the season. Last year Cerritos went 11-3 in conference games.

Last season the Falcons won both games against Long Beach City College in five sets.

Cerritos College's remaining season schedule will now consist of all conference games home and away.

The Falcons will be hosting seven home games and will be traveling to seven away games.

So far in the season, Cerritos College has a 7-6 record.

Compared to last season Cerritos College only competed in 2 tournaments in the Cerritos Tournament and in the San Diego Tournament.

The next three games after Long Beach City College will be away at Mt. San Antonio on Oct. 7th and after that game will play at home against Los Angeles Harbor Oct. 9th.



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Falcons take win from Ventura

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Must win is a cliché that is used fairly often in regards to sports. With the Cerritos College football team, that is exactly what it was facing when the team squared off against reigning conference champion Ventura.

Head coach Frank Mazzotta said, “[Ventura] ended up going on to win the conference. This is the team we had to beat to win the conference.”

Mazzotta didn’t have to worry about the game coming down to the last play as his team used a 35-7 first half to carry itself on toward a 3-1 season record and a 1-0 conference record winning the game 44-28.

The team faces Pasadena City College on Saturday.

Offensive coordinator Dean Grosfeld stated, “[This] is huge. We had to win this one to win the conference championship that’s the measuring sticks, it’s kind of been us and them.”

Quarterback Jimmy Walker was on a tear as he threw for 366 yards on 20 completions out of 36 attempts and four touchdowns.

Two of those touchdowns

were caught by wide receiver Steven White.

“He’s a great player and he’s smart. Once he starts connecting with his receivers[...]you can’t stop him,” wide receiver Steven White said.

Walker and White connected for five catches, 148 yards to accompany those two scores.

One of the touchdowns included an 86-yard bomb that Walker threw into double coverage allowing White to score.

After the play and despite the outcome, Grosfeld pulled his quarterback and yelled to him, “That was a dumbass pass!”

“I’m proud as heck of him, he’s an awesome player. But I’m really demanding with him and he’s pretty demanding of himself as well,” Grosfeld admitted.

That wasn’t Walker’s only mistake of the night. It was the 13th straight game, dating back to last season (four this season), where Walker has thrown an interception.

“Well last year [Walker] had [20 interceptions]. So [four] in four games isn’t bad,” Mazzotta said.

Ventura scored in just 12 seconds after the Falcons took the lead in the first quarter with a little under 13 minutes remain-

ing in the first quarter.

However, its offense would not score again until 50 seconds left in the third quarter.

Grosfeld added, “We talk about finishing all the time with our [players], they don’t have that mentality yet...we have a tendency to take lapses, that’s what cost us last week and they don’t understand that teams like that can come back in a hurry.”

The belief still remains that no one points a finger at any one else as it is a collective effort.

“We all lean on each other that’s what it all comes down to. When one of us is down the other one has to pull the slack,” defensive tackle David Fangupo said.

The defensive line was also led by defensive end Danny Harry, with seven tackles and a sack.

Defensive back Anthony Murray who missed the last game due to injury made up for lost time.

He returned with six tackles, two interceptions and a blocked extra point returned for a two-point conversion.

“When you play this game confidence is everything...that [first] interception really put me over the top,” Murray added.



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Bull’s eye: Quarterback Jimmy Walker drops back to pass for one of his four touchdowns of the night. He also threw for 366 yards on 20 of 36 completions.

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