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Voices of Cerritos: Students stand in protest against the group Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, which has placed itself in Falcon Square displaying graphic images relating to abortions. The students stance is that this is not informative free speech but rather hate speech.

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Anti-Abortion group returns to Cerritos

Students protest against the return of Center for Bioethical Reform

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To the dismay of students on campus, the school has allowed The Center for Bioethical Reform to return to Falcon Square on Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9.

Charlie Peterson, anthropology major, stood up against the group on Monday saying, "It's propaganda. This isn't a matter of free speech, this a matter of medical misinformation."

He stated that this type of demonstration creates an unsafe environment for the women campus.

The group first came to the school on March 28 where they were met with a small gathering of pro-choice student who protested them being on campus.

During this first demonstration the center had just a medium-sized display that portrayed graphic images of an abortion.

The students that had gathered attempted to block the graphic images, but were later asked to move away from the center's display.

Now, the center is displaying graphic 30-foot-high images displaying the aftermath of an abortion, as well as different genocides that have occurred in history.

It's stance is that abortion is genocide.

According to the centers website the group goal is to establish "prenatal justice and the right to life of the unborn."

Kevin Olivier, Director of Operations at the center, said that the main reason they are on the campus is to educate students about abortions and what a baby looks like between fertilization and birth.

"We want to show that abortion is an act of violence," Olivier said, "that actually decapitates and dismembers a real human being."

Early in the morning Peterson gathered up signs of his own in protest of the center, and in favor of a women's choice to have an abortion.

"I didn't plan a lot of this," he said. "I just kind of showed up with posters."

What angered him the most about the whole demonstration was not that it was there, but that the school allowed it to be there.

"I feel really disappointed in Cerritos College for not taking a stand to protect its students from this."

He said that these images are unavoidable, and that regardless of warning signs students have to walk past the graphic images to go to class.

As the day went on more people began to join Peterson.

One of those students was computer science and engineering major Jamie Bogacz who said he was unaware the demonstration was even going to be taking place.

"People have to see it when they go to their class," he said. "They

have no choice, but to see it."

He claims that the images are imposing especially since they are right in front of the students center.

He said, "People don't want to see this before they eat."

Peterson has an argument that states the center's information and

photos are false.

"They aren't coming here with scientific information," he said.

According to Peterson a lot of the images that the center used have already been prove false.

"They are over simplifying a complicated issue."



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My Body My Choice: Students stand at "The Hill" near Falcon Square in opposition to The Center for Bioethical Reform. They were asked to stand behind the set barricades.



More money: Model United Nations President Carlos Diaz and club members Nathaly Guerrero, and Kishan Lalla presented to the Senate why they need the funding requested. CCMUN attend educational conferences and have won several awards.

JOCELYN TORRALBA / TM

New budget approval sees cuts within ASCC funded programs

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On May 3 ASCC Senate finalized the 2017-2018 budget.

It reviewed the objectives that remained unfinished from of the past week.

Alpha Gamma Sigma was the first item on the list in Section Three, it requested \$6,600 and they were approved for \$3,560.

Phi Beta Lamda initially requested \$16,100 for conference travel, career skills building and leadership.

Senator Lucio Ramirez moved to increase the budget to \$18,000, at which time Vice President elect Da-

vid Ramirez objected, and moved to actually decrease the budget entirely.

After a long discussion the Senate finally decided to approve a budget of \$12,780 to PBL.

The next item on the budget was Cerritos College Model United Nations who initially requested \$42,539.

Model United Nations President Carlos Diaz and club members Nathaly Guerrero and Kishan Lalla presented to the senate as to why the amount requested is necessary stating the money will be used for educational trips.

Senator Eduardo De la Rosa moved to drop the amount to

\$10,000 because it's a lot of money for CCMUN, which is money that can be used for other clubs.

Senator Ramirez moved to approve an amount \$13,086 so the club can come back and request funds for their conferences.

Senator Joseph Escandon moved to approve CCMUN for \$13,100

The senate decided to approve CCMUN's budget for \$13,100.

Diaz felt it was unfair Senate did not agree with what the Budget Committee had settled on and decreased its budget way more than in comparison to other clubs.

"We as a club found this issue,

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Hughs, Lopez-Pulido earn top honors at ASCC banquet

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There was a point in time when Co-Chair of STIXA Arielle Hughs suffered an injury and couldn't walk. She was in a wheel chair and had "a lot of doctors say" she would never walk again, "let alone dance."

That is what Hughs said when talking about the struggles that lead to her receiving the Woman of the Year Award at the 2017 ASCC Awards Banquet on Friday-- held in the student center.

"I learned how to walk all over again," Hughs said, "with the support of God, my friends and family."

"I came to Cerritos College, some things happened where I had financial aid issues and I couldn't quite transfer-- but I was given job after job here because of my personality and the way I love talking to people and helping people."

She went on to say that she has had "a few encounters with students that didn't like," her, but she did not let that bother her-- citing an incident in senate of Fall 2016 where senators and people from the public were "attacking" her and "bullying"

her and otherwise "demeaning" her character.

Now Hughs is working with STIXA advisor Valyncia Raphael and Dean of Student Services Elizabeth Miller on steps to ensure that (bullying on the senate floor) doesn't happen again. ASCC President-elect Karen Patron and Former ASCC President Saul Lopez-Pulido are also assisting.

Lopez-Pulido took home the Man of the Year Award, as well as a Gold Falcon and a Lifetime Membership card.

The Lifetime Membership card is described in a bylaw in the ASCC Constitution as token of achievement to be presented for service and commitment to ASCC. The presidents and vice presidents receive lifetime membership cards.

The Man of the Year then thanked his parents and siblings saying that although his family likes to "cause a mess" he wouldn't be the man he is without them-- adding that he owes them everything and he will be eternally grateful for its support.

Student Activities coordinator Amna Jara received an ASCC Special Award.

Jara oversees the events that

ASCC puts on, including the awards banquet.

According to Jara, the committee holds an evaluation of the applications for the various awards and rate them. It is Jara's job to calculate the scores and determine who gets what award.

When Lopez-Pulido introduced Jara during the banquet, he mentioned that he had to ask her to leave the room so that the committee could decide to present her with the Special Award-- and that she has refused the award two times before.

As she walked forward, she received a standing ovation.

Jara concluded, "Life always throws curve balls and the students have always kept me positive, and it's been a very rewarding career."

She thanked all the students at Cerritos College.

At the end of the night, Chief Justice Rodrigo Quintas inaugurated Karen Patron and David Ramirez into office.

Patron also said that the award banquet is a continued reminder of the heights students reach "with out wings of truth."



BENJAMIN GARCIA

Woman of the Year: Co-Chair of STIXA Arielle Hughs received the Woman of the Year Award for her service and leadership. When giving her acceptance speech she became so overcome with emotions when mentioning that her mother was unable to come to the awards ceremony.

Faculty Senate seeks clarity on class cancellation

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One or two weeks before the class starts and an e-mail arrives saying Sociology 215 was canceled.

What happened next was the search for a substitute class that still fit within Student Senate Liaison Allen Malfavon's education plan.

Fortunately, for Malfavon the change in class led him to discover he wanted be an economics as a major.

Sixty percent enrolled makes the difference between a class being cancelled or remaining open.

Unofficially

Currently there is no official class cancellation policy; Faculty Senate President Michelle Lewellen said, "we have had a policy from a 2003 memo that says 60 percent or 20-21 students, whichever is higher that's our current cancellation [Administrative Practice]."

Lewellen considers there to be a few problems with the Current Class Cancellation AP.

One, the AP is 14 years old.

Two, the AP is not a policy it is based on a memo that was sent.

Three, the cut of dates for canceling classes are too late, classes are being cancelled the week or the day before the semester starts.

Four, it disenfranchises the students that have classes canceled.

For students, that means looking for a new class to substitute for

the one that was canceled, which fits both their educational plan and the rest of their class schedule.

Lewellen said, for faculty members, a canceled class means a loss of income; it also means all the preparations made for canceled classes go unpaid for.

Need For Change

For the past year Faculty Senate, has asked for a change to the current administration practice for canceling classes.

It asked to be told what the minimum number of students needed to keep a class from being canceled is and how the Vice President of Academic Affairs would make exceptions in a case-by-case basis.

Lewellen said, "I'm disappointed, we have students that are relying on a consistent schedule and we're two weeks off from summer and no

classes have been canceled nor do we know how classes are going to be cancelled, so yeah that's very disappointing."

Vice President of Business Services Felipe Lopez said, the issue with the Class Cancellation AP, has been on his radar since January when he took his current position.

His office is providing support for the Academic Affairs department by analyzing if converting the 60 percent into an actual number would be beneficial, and trying to find a balance between keeping a class open and not losing money doing so.

He said, "We don't want to run a class that potentially loses money."

Benefits

Although he said the AP is closed to being settled an in place for the 2017 Fall Semester; there are still questions on whether the AP should include a combination of a set number and a percentage to accommodate large and small classes.

The class cancellation AP would also include the flexibility to have classes in danger of being canceled to be reviewed on a case by case basis.

With regards to the time classes remain open before being canceled Lopez said once open enrollment starts the class needs to be open for as long as possible.

"That's everywhere around the state." A change in the AP would not change the time frame for canceling a class.

President Jose Fierro said, "We all have a role to play in that," refer-



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Update: Vice President of Business Services Felipe Lopez, updating Faculty Senate on the progress of making changes to the Class Cancellation Administration Procedure during the May 2 Faculty Senate meeting. Lopez has been providing support to the Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs Rick Miranda on the issue since he began his job at Cerritos College in January.

Clubs continue fight for full 2017-18 funding

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very unfair, as other clubs did not have such problem we were cut down 69 percent of what we had initially asked for, while other clubs just got deducted 10 percent or less," Diaz said.

He added that he wished one of the motions to approve \$20,000 would've stayed because that would helped the club afford the most important conferences.

Diaz was not satisfied with the results even though they followed all the procedures the Senate asked them to.

He said that the club will return to the Senate to request money for its conferences and represent the club more successfully at the conferences.

Lalla said he wishes they had more time to present and answer all the questions Senate had.

"I wish there was more time but I do feel like we were just going in circles. I also wish that senate would give a set time to the club during the meeting so

that the club could use that time and answer any question directly," Lalla said.

Other clubs, whose budgets that were approved were Phi Theta Kappa for \$19,515, Psi Beta for \$8,040, Puente Program for \$7,500 and Women in Stem for \$3,085.

Senate approved Ramirez's move to approve LINC's budget for \$5,365 an additional \$200 added for birthday celebrations.

Senator Ramirez said most senators had good points and weren't biased on the voting for the different clubs budgets.

He added he believes all clubs should get the funding they ask for because it's money that goes back to the students.

He wishes the motion for funding PBL with \$18,000 would've stayed because the club is really involved on campus.

Senator Allen Malfavon is satisfied with the budget results, he commented there was a rol over with last year's budget.

He hoped CCMUN's budget stayed how it was because he benefited from a conference from CCMUN.

Congratulations Journalism Program Graduates of 2017!

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Terrel Emerson
Karla Enriquez
Jonathan Garza
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Briana Hicks
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"Too many people go through life waiting for things to happen instead of making them happen!" ~ Sasha Azevedo

You made it happen.

Congratulations from the Mass Communications Department

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Kelly Nam
Ethan Ortiz
Marck Parra
Alfredo Rojas
Briana Velarde



Congratulations CLASS OF 2017



From the Student Affairs Staff

"The future belongs to those who believe in the
beauty of their dreams." -Eleanor Roosevelt



EDITORIAL

Cultural appreciation isn't appropriation



CARLOS MARQUEZ / TM

How can people who fight constantly for equality be the same people that feed the divide that is quickly growing in this country?

A short answer, and frankly only one of the answers is that they claim cultural appropriation in every situation they can without even knowing the entire story.

One can not claim to fight for equality if your are constantly segregating your own culture by claiming you are the only one that can explore and embrace it.

Stop shaming people who need not be shamed.

Do not just automatically berate someone for wearing their hair in dreadlocks, listening to hip-hop music or if they decide to wear an aztec inspired top at the latest music festival.

When you do this you make yourself no better than the white radicals of this country.

To claim that someone is appropriating one's cultural you must first understand what cultural appropriation is, and in reality what culture is.

First, culture and race can mean different things to a lot of people. Some might say their race has nothing to do with their culture, while some would say their culture has everything to with their race.

However, by definition, culture directly relates to your ethnicity which is the term for the culture of people in a given geographic region. This encompasses its language, religion, heritage and customs. To be a member of an ethnic group is

to conform to some or all of those practices.

Cultural appropriation is when a majority group steals elements of a minority cultural as their own. It is separate from appreciation and borrowing.

Appropriation is done with malice.

So, are you really going to say the drunk girl at Coachella wearing an aztec embroidered top, with turquoise accented jewelry is maliciously appropriating your cultural?

Probably not. So than why must you shame her?

She could honestly be wearing her garb out of appreciation for your culture, or it could be her culture-- YOU HONESTLY DON'T KNOW.

She may look white but for all you know she could be full hispanic, or even half, but just because she doesn't look like you doesn't mean she can't wear what she is wearing.

The second side is that she is just completely naive at the fact that what she may be doing is appropriating cultural.

Rather than yelling at her, inform her of what you consider a fashion faux paux. Get to know why she is wearing what she is wearing. Learn from each other.

All Americans can take note of this.

We are supposed to be a country of immigrants who are constantly fighting for equality.

It's time we start acting like the melting pot of a country that we claim to be.

-THE ENVELOPE-

Bon voyage students, you will for sure need it!

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As summer approaches, a plethora of students crawl ever closer to their impending graduation. Many have spent their entire academic careers for this moment.

It is as if nearly 3,000 students at Cerritos College are losing thier virginity again.

Young, educated minds ache for their diplomas so that they can at last make their way out into the world searching for a career.

Unfortunately, a majority of these bright-eyes young scholars are soon blindsided by a harsh reality of the employment infrastructure; and affectively screwed

College degrees are no longer optional, degrees are a requirement if you want a chance at obtaining a career that pays more than peanuts.

Finding employment becomes increasingly more difficult as candidate pools for jobs become more and more saturated, as a result of the corporate overlords' buying politicians to keep minimum wage-paying jobs unlivable.

This is the reason there are so many people in college who don't want to be there in the first place.

Due to this, the student masses find themselves stumbling aimlessly through their GE, only attending because they feel like they have to.

Many of these students, being practically forced into an environment they do not want to be in and do not even go through their entire GE.

It's as if the colleges want the students to stay there forever--bleeding them of money.

Due to this many students hop into a versatile field that allows plenty of freedom, like psychology. Versatile fields like psychology be-

come flooded with students who are in the field because they felt as if they had to chose something, causing these fields to become heavily weighted majors.

These majors have no choice but to become heavily weighted due to the over saturation of students, and colleges now place extremely harsh requirements on these fields, to get students who are the best of the best in these vast candidates of this educational path.

The competition to get into a quality University is now harder than ever due to the pools of students being surrounded by a horrid amalgamation of students floating listlessly through their education in a field they do not enjoy, and those only attending college because they feel they must.

Now, normally such a tight competition wouldn't be so bad in retrospect-- especially to Staff Writer David Jenkins, who is a capitalist-- after all universities only want the best of the best don't they?

Passionate intelligent students are therefore shoehorned into having to shoot for Ivy League Schools to set them apart, wasting a fortune on an education at a quality university, that in reality only has an education marginally better than it's competitors.

University tuition is at an all time high too, forcing many students to take loans they will spend the first decade of their careers paying off (if they are lucky enough to land a career at all)!

Modern society has transformed normally pragmatic students into wild animals in a jungle, having to soullessly claw their way to the apex of the food chain, all for merely a chance at a successful hunt.

Bon voyage, graduates. Good luck, you'll need it!

Education plays huge role in gender equality

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Here we are in a society where we are still fighting for gender equality.

Perhaps if children get taught about gender equality, there can be a change and thus more acceptance.

It's not about one gender being or more deserving than another, it's simply about equality and forgetting about gender norms formed by society.

According to Healthy Children, "by age four, most children have a stable sense of their gender identity. During this same time, children learn gender role behavior-- that is, doing "things that boys do" or "things that girls do."

At a young age kids can differ toys "for boys" and toys "for girls" and that blue is "for boys" and pink "for girls".

Kids absorb and learn everything their environment consist of.

When children start grade school, it is easy to observe they are all friendly to one another-- boys can be sweet and hug other boys and vise versa.

Once kids start growing up, that changes. Boys become aggressive with one another to show their masculinity and girls are more pas-

sive and sensitive; and we can't forget when they learn about "cooties" to stay away from the opposite sex.

Children should explore different gender roles and different styles of play to gain understanding of the opposite sex.

Schools can provide an environment that consist of a diversity in gender roles and encourage opportunities for everyone.

Teachers have a major role in what kids learn.

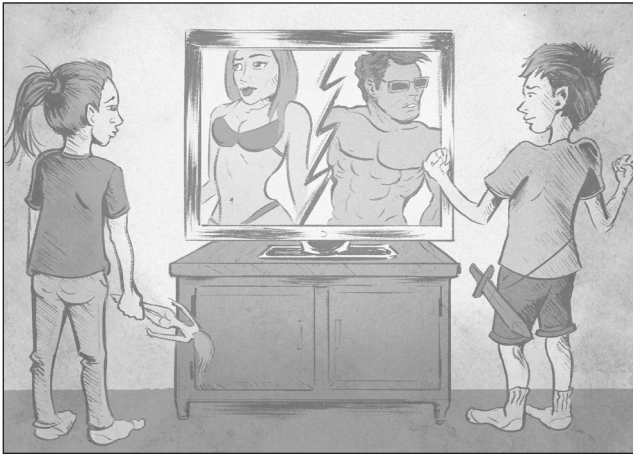
Gender stereotypes is something we are all exposed to. Young people are particularly susceptible to them when forming an understanding of their place in society and their potential.

Classrooms are a perfect learning environment where awareness of these stereotypes can be raised, and we can encourage critical analysis and allow kids to form their own thinking.

Inspiring young people to question gender stereotypes enables them to make informed choices about their futures and broaden their opportunities.

Sexist comments can be made, but teachers can address their meaning and the impact it has on society.

Teaching gender neutral language and job titles can help with the future of the kids.



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Blasphemy!

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In every religion you have your moderates and you have your extremist. You have zealous Christians who shoot up abortion clinics, or Israeli Jews who believe in building settlements in Israel while pushing out the Palestinians because they believe its their divine right, to Muslims who would want nothing more then to turn the globe into an Islamic theocratic hell hole known as the "caliphate."

These are the extremist, and many moderates who belong to these religions condemn the actions of these people. However, there's one thing that the two have in common-- and that's the idea of blasphemy laws.

Blasphemy is to speak sacrilegiously. about God or the ideologies surrounding that particular religion. Questioning it or mocking it is considered forbidden and thus a crime within that religion.

It may be that the extremist take the route of having this particular act to be punishable by death to invoke fear on others.

The moderates on the other hand don't take that route, thankfully. They go about it in a different way, they claim to be offended and then shame the so called blasphemer as being a bigot.

Over the past weekend, comedian and actor Stephen Fry was under investigation by the Irish police for statements he made two years ago. He described God as "capricious", "mean minded", "stupid", and a "utter manic" during an appearance on a Irish television show called "The Meaning of Life."

The investigation has been dropped; however, the fact that this charge was even filed in a western country is an absolute betrayal to the European enlightenment.

We shouldn't surrender our right to openly criticize ideologies for the sake of hurt feelings. This is a free speaking society and each and every idea that is held and expressed is allowed to be questioned, challenged and yes even mocked.

The best way to fight extremism, in any religion, the moderates must drop the shaming tactics and adopt the values of free expression and the freedom of inquiry. If someone draws a picture of Muhammad and the cartoonist gets slaughtered because of it, don't blame and shame the cartoonist, blame the theocratic thugs and shame them!

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READING IS BENEFICIAL BECAUSE...

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The average person probably finds reading “boring” or a “waste of time;” but if you find the perfect book, it’s really not.

Escaping the hustle and bustle of daily life and transporting yourself into a good story is what makes reading for fun a real treat.

It may not be everyone’s go-to for fun-- but when you find the right book, minutes will pass and pages will fly by.

What’s nice about it is, there are millions of books out there and you can easily find one that you’ll enjoy-- whether it’s checking out a book that’s popular, figuring out what genres you like and finding what works for you or picking a random book because of the cover and going in blind.

Not only are you transporting yourself to fantastical world you can conjure up in your head-- but when you read for fun, you can take the string of letters on the page and bring the characters and story to life.

You can interpret them in your own way! It allows you travel essentially, without really going anywhere!

You can read about characters or worlds that offer very different and unique experiences from your own-- and see things from other people’s perspectives.

Reading is something you can do alone and with others. It can be a solitary thing, where you can take in the story at your own pace and relax; or you can find someone who’s read a book you’ve read and easily connect with them-- whether you liked it or not, discuss what happened and even understand a book from someone else’s point of view.

Finding someone to discuss a book with can easily make for a great conversation topic.

This hobby can be enjoyed and be accessible in a number of ways!. You can read through print, on your phone, laptop, etc., you can even listen to a book through audio.

If a book seems intimidating in print, you could always listen to it and have the story told to you-- or maybe you aren’t a fan of reading electronically, print books are always there too.

Reading can be a means of escape for some and maybe a bore for others-- but above, all reading for fun can really be something special!

Get new experiences

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We have the choice to open up our minds and let them expand.

I think the stupidest thing people can do is to close themselves off from millions of possibilities and realities.

The cliché quote says when you read books it opens up your mind or that you expand your imagination with extensive possibilities and realities.

However, it is appropriate to begin like that-- it is irrefutable that books do take you to another realm; of course not physically but mentally and emotionally.

Books open another “world,” or however you want to call it; reality, perspective, experience or truth.

Books, like movies or music or any other kind of visual or auditory form of entertainment, can actually make you feel.

It could be, for example, manifested with that strong connection between the reader and the main character of the book or novel; when the character has to go through a series of obstacles in order to accomplish his or her purpose; just like movies or music-- when a really filthy beat drops, giving you chills and making you feel all kinds of emotions.

I remember that I personally used to be a person who would not willingly pick up a book and read.

I would only read books because I had to for my English classes in High School. Low-key, I started liking it as a senior when I went through some Shakespeare.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream which was pretty hard but with the help of my current teacher the messages came through.

It wasn’t until I read Brave New World by Aldous Huxley that I really enjoyed reading.

This book made me go through what I mention in the beginning; it took me to its setting. I felt for the characters in the book.

After that, I have been reading way more-- not as much as I would love to.

I pick up a book without having my teacher asking me if I read the chapter that was assigned for homework.

Books are like food-- and when we read, we feed our minds, our knowledge and our imagination.

It is good to feed our minds with books; not necessarily novels, fiction, poetry and so on; but also academic books, these are the kind of books us college students read.

Reading these will give us the knowledge and skills to apply later on-- not only academically or professionally, but personally.

It’s better than LSD

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Reading books can save lives.

If you didn’t already know this, according to an article by Reader’s Digest, “A love of reading can protect your brain from Alzheimer’s disease, slash stress levels, encourage positive thinking, and fortify friendships.”

While typically younger students don’t worry about Alzheimer’s because they assume they still have time before they get old, reducing stress levels is imperative.

If you think the reading you’re doing for a class is supposed to be reducing stress instead of adding to it, remember it is the reading you’re not being graded on that is important for reducing stress.

The hobbies we choose impact the way we deal with stress and if playing video games or sports is your choosing, think about how you can implement reading a book to reduce stress.

Coming to college gives us the advantage hard labor doesn’t; we are encouraged to read often, which in turn promotes longevity.

“Adults who spent their downtime doing creative or intellectual activities (like reading) had a 32 percent slower rate of cognitive decline later in life than those who did not,” the article stated.

Whether you read the disgust-

ing Twilight series or Friedrich Nietzsche, reading is reading and you shouldn’t be discouraged.

Mind you: Reading quality material is incredibly important. If you are able to limit yourself on sensationalism and “click bait” material, please do so!

Those who produce quality material do it for you, the readers. Those who produce crap that makes your brain bleed do it for the money.

As a reader, you have to decide if you want to rot your brain or expand it.

If you read anything about why being a donut or bagel is 100 percent your personality, I am silently judging you.

If you read anything about why the Fyre Festival was a debacle, I am silently judging you.

Basically if you are part of the majority who loves what useless information such as what Kim Kardashian wore to the Met Gala, I am loudly silently judging you.

Regardless of the fact that you are reading garbage, I kind of commend you, because YOU ARE STILL READING; but please, pick up a good book (and read it), or I will be forced to throw one at you.

Don’t thank me, think of this as something Mother Theresa would do. PSA OVER.

FREE SPEECH ZONE
HOW DID YOU PICK YOUR MAJOR?

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OMAR RODRIGUEZ, UNDECIDED

“At the moment I’m just taking electives and any class that takes my interest so I can eventually find out what is it that I want to pursue in my future career.”



KARINA HERRERA, PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

“I chose it because it’s very personal to me, my sister suffers mental illnesses so that’s why I went with it.”



JAINISH MISTRY, AVIATION ENGINEER-MAJOR

“From high school, curiosity in airplanes commercial.”



CRISTIN RIZO, CHILD DEVELOPMENT MAJOR

“It was hard. It was first psychology and then I turned into child development. I took a child development class and realized I liked that better than psychology I feel like it fits into psychology and I want to help out kids.”



ISAIAH SOTELO, WELDING MAJOR

“I chose it because art wasn’t really working out for me. It’s a lot of fun and it’s a blast building things with metal.”

Military spending hurts student financial aid

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Tension has taken over US citizens under Trump’s administration like a virus takes over our bodies during flu season, especially for young Americans in the process of achieving their education; those who care about the future of the nation.

Education, a touchy subject in America, should become one of the most important issues to focus on.

Under Trump’s administration-- especially now that Trump has appointed Betsy DeVos, a business woman who has no past experience in education (just like Trump as a politician) as the new Secretary of Education.

According to USA Today, Trump’s orders



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for education keep Pell Grants programs which are the largest expenses in the U.S Department of Education; but funds will be reduced by \$3.9 billion, affecting thousands of students.

Also, Trump’s administration proposes to get rid of the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity program which aids students through FAFSA on campuses based on financial eligibility. The cut of the FSEOG will save the U.S. Department of Education approximately \$732 million.

These Trump Budget changes will affect the education system by cutting \$9 billion of the U.S Department of Education budget.

Many advocate that this should not happen since education should be one of the primary concerns in our country instead of unnecessary military proposals.

U.S. veteran suicide rate ignored

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It has taken centuries for Americans to finally bring attention to the fact that 1 out of 3 combat service members suffer from some type of invisible injury of combat trauma, traumatic brain injury or both.

It is estimated that 22 veterans commit suicide a day, which is a horrific and disturbing number to think about.

The very people that fought, sacrificed and were willing to die for the freedoms many Americans take for granted each and every day, come back from war only to start a different kind of battle within themselves.

Soldiers are programmed to follow a specific mission with a certain end goal in mind.

Without this type of structure veterans are forced back into civilian life, surrounded by people who see them as nharmed by the experiences

and images in their heads from what they have had to endure in order to keep us all safe back here at home.

For centuries this issue was never officially addressed even though all the signs were there.

Panic disorders, substance abuse, depression and suicidal feelings are all directly correlated to what we now call PTSD.

For about a year now you might have seen friends video taping themselves doing push-ups, posting it online and then nominating people to do the same.

The challenge, referred to as the #22PushupChallenge, proposed a symbolic reason as to why Americans nationwide decided to accept the nomination from their friends and to post their own videos online.

The goal is for Americans to collectively do 22 million push-ups, 22 push-ups at a time, which is to bring attention to the fact that 22 veterans take their own lives daily.

Now that we have the knowledge, a clever way to spread awareness, more acceptance and understanding of mental health conditions that many veterans live with; updated studies and programs that focus on ways to prevent another United States veteran from taking their own lives; what is our next step to bring the number 22 down to zero?

As civilians we also have a duty to serve. Regardless of your views on the wars our country has fought in, we all have a responsibility to do our part for our country.

The burden should be shared between each and every person that calls themselves an American.

There are so many different ways to contribute including volunteering your time to help our service men and women who signed up to fight for us, not asking for anything in return.

The reason we remain “the

land of the free and the home of the brave,” is because of these veterans. Until the suicide rate for veterans is zero, we will all remain in this fight together.



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Protest: Anthropology major Charles Petersen, protesting the Center for Bioethical Reform’s anti-abortion demonstration at Cerritos College on Monday. Petersen is a transgender student that values the freedom of choice.

Transgender student enjoying acceptance

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It seems we are living in a retrograde society at this point of the 21st century, where we have homophobic representatives and citizens that do not protect and respect other people’s choices and beliefs when these are not shared.

Charles Petersen, anthropology major, is a Cerritos College student who feels for the LGBTQ community in a direct way.

He’s a transgender student who has finally found common ground in a judgmental society.

Petersen grew up as Savannah, and it was not until he was a 16-year-old high school student that he realized he was “trans.”

He said his transition took a lot from him but that it was not as hard as he thought it would be since his family was very accepting.

“Not until very recently I started telling everyone just because I got tired of trying to hide it, it was very exhausting,” he said.

When growing up as Savannah, Petersen did not have healthy relationships and was very introverted.

It was not until his transition that he started gaining confidence in himself and became very open to talking to people.

He said, “I feel much more like a person, before I felt like I would only go through the motions of doing things, now I feel like I have a goal, a personality.”

Petersen is one of many fortunate transgender students who had a somewhat mellow transition at least with his family. He says that his transition has brought them closer.

He said that when he opened up to everyone else

besides his family it was through social media.

He was able to see the change in his relationships and how people would choose sides on whether they would want to accept him the way he was or not.

Especially with people whom he shared time with in his previous work as a McDonald’s manager.

“I remember when Caitlyn Jenner just became a thing, I got to listen to all my coworkers who didn’t know I was transgender talk about Caitlyn Jenner and they were horrible,” he expressed.

That made Petersen want to quit his current job because he felt he was pretending to be something he was not.

He reaffirms that he has not lost his identity.

He knows his sexual preference, he identifies himself as a bisexual or a pansexual person.

Sauny Monge, teaching major, met Petersen in an English class and they became friends.

She says that she did not see Petersen any different when he opened up to her about being transgender.

“I didn’t see him any different, he is a great person.”


She says that their relationship grew stronger because he opened up to her with such trust and that the treatment was equal both ways.

Petersen wants to reach out other transgender students saying that it’s always going to be a struggle but it does not have to be a negative struggle.

He says, being true to yourself will help you connect with others and gain confidence and overcome that fear. As far as the rest of the students, he encourages everyone to educate themselves.

“Don’t be afraid to ask questions politely. Don’t immediately go for what is in the pants. Listen to people, rather than assume things,” he shared.

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Netflix series: Las Chicas del Cable bring fierce feminism

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Amidst the start of the first phone operating service in the 1920's, four working-class Chicas of Madrid embark in Netflix's period drama; las Chicas Del Cable.

These women from different parts of Spain befriend each other while working as the first phone operators of their time to find themselves enveloped in life changing experiences of lies, jealousy, deceit, love and successes.

The first episode is narrated by the voice of protagonist and professional robber Alba (Blanca Suarez), whilst trying to rob jewels to escape to Argentina, viewers are able to get a sense of how women were treated and viewed during the 1920's.

Future cable girl Marga, (Nadia De Santiago), leaves the coup and grandmother behind to seek a future in the capital of Madrid to start her first job.

Marga befriends Carlota, (Ana Fernandez), a young woman from a wealthy family who escapes the confinements of her controlling parents by seeking out a job at the national phone company that will give her the freedom she seeks.

Cable girl Angeles, (Maggie Civantos), is a young woman married housewife that tries to balance her career with the ideas of her misogynistic husband.

These women all have different stories and backgrounds, but all interconnect with the perseverance

of becoming independent women who don't need no man in order to have a fulfilling life.

The parallels that are shown within the lives of these women are uncanny and can be considered a sad reminder that many circumstances haven't changed when it comes to the struggles women face in today's time.

Alongside protagonist Alba are two men, Francisco, (Yon Gonzales, Gran Hotel), who is the director of the company and Carlos, (Martino Rivas), who is the son of the owner of said company.

These young lads stir up a whirl wind of emotions and drama that may cause the national phone company's uprising or downfall.

Creator Ramon Campos alongside Teresa Fernandez-Valdes are not shy to success with time period dramas.

Campos' in collaboration with Valdes, paved the way for Las Chicas Del Cable with shows like El Gran Hotel (collaboration with Gema R. Neira for Gran Hotel) and Velvet (still on Netflix) that are also period pieces.

Musically, it was a little off sync with the period as more modern and contemporary music was chosen.

By going that route musically it took away from everything else, from clothing, to the cars that were used, all tied in so perfectly.

Viewers are immediately immersed into a different time ,living each moment alongside these characters that bring a relatable notion to today's life experiences.



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Marvel's sequel dominates box office with Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2

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Starlord, Gamora, Drax the Destroyer, Rocket Raccoon and Baby Groot all return in the latest installment of Marvel's quirky franchise, Guardians of the Galaxy.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 picks off months after the conclusion of Vol. 1 and immediately sets the tone for the rest of the movie with an action-packed opening title-scene.

Each character trait and personality is on display in this scene as the "Guardians" attempt to retrieve a set of items from a horrid space-monster for a narcissistic, golden-skinned race named the "Sovereign."

After retrieving the items, things take a complicated turn for our heroes when Rocket-- being the mischievous creature that he is-- takes a portion of the items for personal monetary gain.

This, unsurprisingly, upsets the Sovereign who now want the Guardians dead.

And now things start getting interesting. In true Marvel fashion, things get more and more elaborate as the movie develops.

Space battles, planet-warping and narrowly escaping death follow as the Guardians make their way to a remote planet in search of a safe haven.

This is an important setting because we meet our eventual main antagonist here.

The main antagonist of the movie is crucial to the overall narrative of the franchise and to the development of Peter Quill ("Starlord") as a whole.

He's not a one-and-done forgotten character. Quill's very existence will be questioned and whether or not he should continue pursuing bad guys with the Guardians of the Galaxy because of the main antagonist.

Yondu-- an important character from the first movie-- also makes an appearance and, aside from Quill, has arguably the best character development in the movie.

He goes from side character to focal point in a matter of scenes.

As the movie reaches its final act, we see the Guardians attempt to stop the main antagonist who eventually becomes this powerful, super entity who wants to take over the whole universe.

A lot of the questions asked in the movie are finally answered as the end draws nearer.

The ending is action-packed, but never

overwhelming.

The ending does the movie justice and and saves it from being anti-climatic.

Per usual with Marvel movies, stick around for the end credits for various little surprises.

With music being such an important element to the franchise, It is worthy to note that the soundtrack of this movie is a thing of beauty with a hall-of-fame caliber track list .

Tunes from Fleetwood Mac, Sam Cooke, George Harrison, Parliament and Cat Stevens highlight the diversity of the soundtrack that plays throughout the movie.

It's as good as the first soundtrack which was highly praised.

In the end, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 is a worthy successor to the first movie installment of the franchise.

If you loved the first one -- and Marvel favorites like the Avengers and the latest Captain America movie -- then you'll thoroughly enjoy this one.

There's everything that made the first one so infectious with an even grander plot and deeper character development.

It may not be the next "Citizen Kane," or have the cultural impact of the first one, but you have to take it for what it is. This is a sequel done right.

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Safe: Outfielder Ashley Melendez is safe sliding into third base after the third basemen mishandled the throw during the Falcons Friday game with Citrus College. Cerritos advances to the Super Regional Playoffs after beating the Owls two games in a row.

Falcons power past Citrus; advance to regionals

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Pitcher Kristen Voller threw her second complete game in a row in two days with two wins to advance the Cerritos softball team past the Citrus Owls by a score of 9-1. Voller threw six innings allowing five hits and no earned runs while striking out five to earn her 15th win of the season less than one day after pitching five innings and allowing two earned runs.

Head coach Kodee Murray said, “Voller did an absolute fantastic job with everything she did [today], she knew she had to get through the game today, she slowed down and mixed some pitches and was able to get through all six innings.” Cerritos was down one player who was not able to make it to the game so the team was playing with only nine players. The Falcons stumbled in the beginning of the game surrendering a run to the Owls in the top of the second falling behind for the first time in the series. Voller said, “Anytime a team comes out and score before you, there is always that

pressure.” In the bottom of the third Cerritos exploded when catcher Briana Lopez and shortstop Kylee Brown hit back-to-back home runs. Lopez hit a two-run homer that drove in outfielder Kimberly Olivas and Brown followed with a home run of her own. Later in the inning second basemen Emma Wolff singled and drove in the fourth run of the inning. Two innings later, Wolff would earn her second RBI of the game with a single to left field that drove in first basemen Rain Vega.

In the top of the sixth Voller allowed two hits but no runs to keep the 5-1 lead going into the bottom of the inning. Olivas led off the inning with her first home run of the season to left field. Lopez followed Olivas and hit her second home run of the game making it the second time in the game the Falcons hit back-to-back home runs. With a 7-1 lead Brown singled to reach first base leaving third baseman Carly Gutierrez up to bat. Gutierrez hit the fifth home run of the evening and the third of the inning to give

Cerritos the walk off win against the Owls. Coach Murray described the final inning as awesome saying that it seems like whenever the lead-off hitter Olivas gets a hit sparks a rally. The win advances the Falcons to the Super Regional stage of the playoffs. Cerritos will now have to face Mt. San Antonio College Friday. Heading into the next round Murray isn’t worried about the outcome, she just wants to go and compete. “I do know one thing, this team will give everything it has,” she concluded.



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ATC keeps athletes healthy

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Whenever Cerritos College basketball guard, Tyler Payne, has an issue with his body, big or small, he does not hesitate to make his way to the Athletic Training Center on campus. According to staff members and student athletes, The ATC is at the forefront of athletic care and wellness. The ATC provides athletes with tips on how to maintain a healthy body after an injury occurs. “They’re good people and they really care about our athletes and get us better,” Payne said. “Personally, I had a couple of injuries that I had to deal with. I got healthier faster than normal through the rehab and drills they had me go through.” Payne mentions he suffered

through a number of injuries throughout the basketball season, including a slight tear in both his MCL and Achilles, but was at ease knowing that he was going to be in the helpful hands of the Athletic Training Center. Located next to the sporting facilities on campus, the center is easily accessible for student athletes and faculty members alike. The ATC urges athletes to make their way to the department with any discrepancy that may occur with their bodies. It also encourages regular students to stop by should they need answers to any sort of fitness and performance questions. Athletic training student, Andrea Nunez, is part of the staff at the center and loves the fact that it provides help to the athletes on campus in what may seem like devastating times to them. Her priority is to make sure

athletes are back to their respective teams as quickly as humanly possible. “Basically if they’re injured, they’re here so we’ll help them to build up strength again so they won’t have to miss too much time out of the game,” Nunez says. She also mentions that the ATC takes pride in the work that it does at the center and has a mentality of athletes first. The athletes on campus know this and frequent the center regularly. “We help them with rehab [and] we help them get back on the field so everyday athletes stop by,” Nunez explains. She and the helpful staff at the Athletic Training Center are passionate about tending to the athletes and the health of their bodies. If a health inquiry is needed, the staff at the center can answer any questions and concerns.

Murray hits 500 career wins

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Head coach Kodee Murray and her team celebrated in the outfield after the Cerritos softball team’s 9-1 victory over Citrus College Saturday. However, the team was not celebrating its advancement in the playoff’s, rather it celebrating the fact that with that victory Murray reached her 500th win as a head coach, all with Cerritos. Murray’s coaching tenure with Cerritos began in 2002 when she took over the program to become the fourth softball head coach in Cerritos’ history. Currently in her 16th season, she has made 13 playoff appearances, won six conference championships and one state championship in 2008; one of two in school history. At the end of the 2017 regu-

lar season Murray was at 498 and needed to win two of the three games against Citrus College not only to move on to the Super Regional Playoff, but also to reach the illustrious 500th win. The team did just that beating the Owls Friday, 14-4, and Saturday, 9-1, to help coach reach the milestone. Murray said, “The greatest thing in the world is to reach 500 with a team that you have the upmost respect for.” The respect between Murray and her players is mutual as starting pitcher Kristen Voller said Murray is the best coach she has ever had. Voller said, “She puts in countless hours in and will do anything for us, she’s amazing.” Murray concluded, “I couldn’t have reached 500 with a better group and a more determined team than this one.”



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Legacy: Cerritos softball head coach Kodee Murray poses in the outfield after reaching 500 career wins. All 500 are as head coach of Cerritos.



Qualifying: Sophomore Blair Robinson competing in the long jump during the SoCal Regional Prelims held at Cerritos College Saturday. Robinson would finish third overall in the long jump with a distance on 6.90 meters.

51 Falcons qualify for regionals

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The women’s track team is well on its way to defending its two-time state championship title advancing 38 athletes into the Southern California Regional Finals.

If the Falcons do come out on top at regionals, this will be the third time in three years that the team will have hoisted the trophy.

The women totaled nine first place finishes that earned them 23 team points, leaving them in first place at SoCal Preliminaries last Saturday.

Crystal Rodriguez, who currently holds the fourth mark overall in the hammer throw for Cerritos, took first place in shot put

She also got fourth place in javelin, second place in the hammer throw and second in the discus.

With these performances she said that she was not satisfied with them and knew there were things that she could improve on for the coming meet this weekend.

“I want to get into a repetitive routine this week,” she said, “so I can be confident in my next meet.”

However, she added the team has to keep doing what it has been

doing all season.

Juanita Webster (high jump, 110 HH,) Skylin Harbin (400-meter IH,) Breanna Curry (high jump, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay,) Amber Hart (discus,) and Mystasia Alexander (javelin) also claimed first place finishes.

The men only advanced 13 of 34 athletes that competed at regionals, which earned them only six team points holding them at a seventh place spot going into finals.

Sophomore Stacy Chukwumezie said, “It was a tough week, with a

few unfortunate performances.”

Despite this, Director of Track and Field Christopher Richardson said that regardless of the caliber of athletes, mistakes will be made and, “that is part of the humbling experience of Track and Field.”

The men’s team only had two first place finishes on the day-- each came from the 1,600-meter relay team and from sophomore Blair Robinson.

Chukwumezie commented that Robinson’s performances was “top-notch,” as he got first in the triple

jump posting a distance of 14.96 meters. This distance would also mark a new personal best for him.

The 1,600-meter relay team was able to grab the top spot in the event by clocking a time of 3:16.8 minutes.

Sophomore Clay Green ran the third leg for the team and said the team works really well together.

“The team has been doing really good, there is still a lot we can do.”

He said the team is still trying to take a few seconds off its time because it is trying to go for the school record.

The men’s relay team was not the only relay team to snag a top spot, as both women’s relay teams placed first in their respective events.

The 400-meter relay team finished first with a time of 47.34 seconds, while the 1,600-meter relay team clocked a time of 3:53.35 minutes.

Richardson commented, “Our relay success simply shows the commitment these athletes have to one another and the program as a whole.”

Now both teams look to the finals which will take place Saturday.

“I could not ask for a better group to go into battle with. It has worked tirelessly to prepare for this moment,” Richardson finished.



Trying to advance: Freshman Sela Lotulelei competing in the hammer throw event at the SoCal Regional Playoffs Saturday held at Cerritos College. Lotulelei took 11th place in the event with a distance on 40.23 meters.

Talon Marks female athletes of the year headlined by track

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1. Juanita Webster, heptathlete, Track and Field.

Juanita Webster is probably the greatest female athlete to step onto the Cerritos College campus.

Not only was she the heptathlon champion in the entire state last year, she has followed it up this year with multiple broken records.

Webster has the top-mark in school

history in the heptathlon with 5417 point and 100-meter High Hurdles with a time of 13.83 seconds to go along with a slew of Top-5 marks.

She has second in the high jump with a height of 1.75 meters (.01 meters behind first,) second in the long jump with a distance of 6.10 meters (.04 meters behind first,) second in the triple jump with a distance of 12.38 meters and fifth in the javelin with a distance of 41.32 meters.

Webster still has opportunities to improve. The track and field programs are heading into the SoCal Regional Finals Saturday where she will have the opportunity

to improve on heights, distances and times.

If she qualifies, she will have an opportunity to compete for a repeat at the CCCAA State Championships May 19-20.

Not like Webster needs to do anymore, she is already the greatest female athlete Cerritos has seen.

2. Kylee Brown, Softball, Infielder.

Brown has been the most dominant hitter for the Cerritos softball team this season.

She has led this team from Day One and can be recognized as the only member who doesn’t wear a visor on defense.

Brown has gone on a tear this season and currently has 17 home runs, good for third in the entire state, and 65 RBIs, good for second in the state.

Brown has also been a great defender starting at three different positions in the infield (second base, shortstop and first base).

Brown has also been cited as a leader both on and off the field by her coaches and fellow teammates. Head coach Kodee Murray went as far as to say that Brown embodies what it means to be a Falcon.

Brown has been instrumental to her team’s success and has helped lead the team to a 28-13 overall record, a 7-5 conference record, a seventh seed in the Regional Playoffs and past the First Round

into the Super Regional Playoffs.

Brown still has opportunities to add to her already successful year in the playoffs.

3. Crystal Rodriguez, Forward and Thrower, Basketball and Track and Field.

Rodriguez has been a true athlete this year in Falcon sports.

She was a member of the Women’s Basketball Team, and is currently a star athlete on the Women’s Track and Field.

Starting with basketball, Rodriguez finished second on the team in points with 10.6 and first in rebounding with nine; but it was in conference that Rodriguez stepped up her game.

In conference, she added three points to her average for 13.1 and almost two rebounds with 10.8.

Rodriguez finished with four doubles in 10 conference games, including a 20 point 21 rebound performance against Los Angeles Harbor on February 10.

In track and field, she is a thrower and has been extremely successful.

This year at the South Coast Conference Championships, she placed first in the hammer throw with a distance of 48.49 meters; that distance also landed her the fifth best mark in the school’s history.

Despite the limited success of the women’s basketball team, Rodriguez was always

able to make her presence felt. She also has chances this season in the remaining track and field events to validate her as one of Cerritos’ best athletes.

Honorable Mentions

Kaylyn James, Basketball.

James was the lone sophomore on what would end up being a women’s basketball team with only eight players.

James was one of the elite scorers in the conference. Her ability to get her shot off whenever she wanted is proven by team leading 15 points per game that she is an elite athlete.

Carolina Jamarillo and Itzel Ballesteros, Women’s Soccer

The two members of the women’s soccer team were the leading goal scorers for what would be the State Champions.

This season women’s soccer won its fifth state title in a row. During the season Ballesteros played 25 games, scoring 22 goals with 15 assists, while Jamarillo scored 19 goals with 17 assists despite only playing 14 games.

The two players were dominant forwards on the state’s best team, and success like that cannot be ignored.

Talon Marks male athletes of the year

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1. Angel Rojas, Men’s Water Polo, Driver

Rojas came into the 2016 water polo with more momentum than any other player.

In 2015, he finished with 155 goals, 105 assists and 99 steals in 34 games. He was one steal shy of being the first player in California Community College history to have 100 in all three categories.

In 2016, Rojas may have not been able to top his mark and instead finished with 138 goals, 68 assists and 63 steals, he was still the best player on the team and arguably the state.

Rojas also lead his team to a 26-5 overall record and a 7-1 conference record. The team finished second in the South Coast Conference and was seeded third for the Southern California Regional Playoffs.

The team lost to Cuesta College, but despite the exit of the postseason, Rojas was the most dynamic male athletes this past year at Cerritos.

2. Cristian Perez, Basketball, Forward

The most productive and skillful player this year on the Cerritos Men’s Basketball Team was Perez.

Perez was able to use his combination of size and skill to take advantage of defenders.

Perez was productive throughout the entire season, but it was in conference that he was able to show his worth.

He led the team in points with 14.3 and rebounds to go along with 2.1 assists.

He shot 36 percent from the three-point-line and 44 percent overall.

Men’s basketball head coach Russ May describe Perez as the teams “workhorse”

The team struggled early in conference, but after starting 0-3, went on a seven game win streak to earn the 10th seed in the playoffs, where they would lose in Round One to Citrus College.

Perez more than showed his worth and talent here at Cerritos.

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He has an All-State Honorable Mention and was 1st Team All-South Coast Conference South Division.

His talent has also been rewarded as he is the first member of this year’s team to sign when a four-year college; Sacramento State University.

3. Sasha Krasnov and Nikita Katsnelson, Men’s Tennis

The doubles team of Krasnov and Katsnelson has to be included in the men’s athletes of the year.

Despite technically being two people and very successful in their own right, it was when the two teamed up that they did the most damage.

As a duo they went 20-4 the whole season and were pivotal both as a pair and individually in leading their team to a 26-1 regular season.

The pair was the SCC champions and were the first Cerritos pair to advance to the state championship in three years.

Krasnov was also named the conference player of the year, his second in a row.

The duo also won two straight conference doubles championships.

Despite coming up short in the CCCAA State Championships, they were still able to leave their mark as dominant individuals, and as a dominant duo at Cerritos.

Honorable Mentions

Riley Hamilton, Basketball

Hamilton didn’t start until the sixth game of conference in place of injured Salvador Carlos. In his first start against Los Angeles Southwest, he had 10 points and six rebounds, a performance May said won the game.

Alex Bush, Linebacker

Bush finished the season as the leader in total tackles with 106 for the Falcons football team. He was also tied for first on the team with four sacks and led the team with 9.5 tackled for loss. Bush was the most productive player for the team this year.



Up and Over: Heptathlete Juanita Webster soars during the high jump event at the SoCal Regional Prelims held at Cerritos College Saturday. Webster and teammate Breanna Curry tied for first in the event with a height of 1.60 meters.