



Discussion at Faculty Senate: While in Faculty Senate Stephanie Rosenblatt, Cerritos College Faculty Federation liaison, asks other members to attend the board of trustees meeting. Rosenblatt hopes to have 40 other faculty members attend the meeting to support part-time counselors.

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FACULTY HANG BY THREAD

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Cerritos College faculty are petitioning campus administrators as 15 part-time counselors are expected to lose their jobs this semester due to a lack of grant funding.

Stephanie Rosenblatt, who serves as a liaison for the Cerritos College Faculty Federation, says losing the counselors will negatively impact students.

Rosenblatt said that the part-time counselors contribute “greatly” to the counseling department by providing over 140 hours a week of counseling to students.

Part-time counselors were

notified that their hours would be cut or reduced, two days in advance. However, after the union sent a demand-to-negotiate letter to the district it was decided that the counselors would be kept until the end of the month.

“It is really hard to have people lose their jobs with only two-days notice,” Rosenblatt said, “even McDonalds gives you two-weeks notice.”

Karen Patron, Associated Students of Cerritos College president, said that the loss of the 15 part-time counselors will greatly impact students seeing as it is difficult to obtain an appointment with a counselor.

Patron said, “I think that we may have to look at the process of how we go about getting ap-

pointments with the counselors because I think that students get discouraged from going to the counselors because the process is so difficult.”

Counseling Department Chairperson Armando Soto responded by saying that all colleges have the challenge of “knowing how to positively incentivize students to come in” and that losing counselors will impact how effectively the department will be able to continue providing services.

Soto said the issue was noted while looking at the budget when they realized that the Student Success and Support Program grant was low and that it would impact students in the spring 2018 semester.

The SSSP grant funds core services for many colleges in California.

The SSSP defines core services as “orientation; assessment; counseling, advising, and other education planning services needed to assist a student in making an informed decision about his or her education goal.”

Full-time counselors provide these services along with part-time counselors.

Soto said, “When we think about it we have counselors that teach or work in programs, like PUENTE or Umoja, where it is only 50 percent of their time and the other 50 percent is seeing general students who need general counseling services.

“The other 50 percent of time

that is not spent counseling is given to part-time counselors. Typically, it is a balancing act and trying to cover full-time counselors by giving appointments to part-timers.”

Rosenblatt also said, “It is in the sincere hope of the counselors and CCFF that the District will be able to find the approximately \$140,000 needed for these counselors to continue to provide 144 hours/week of counseling service to our students until the end of this semester.

“This would amount to less than 0.07 percent of the \$2 million surplus from last year.”

Rosenblatt plans to attend the Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 7 with other faculty and union advocates to support.

BYLAW REVISION POSTPONED, SENATE BILL PASSED TO RECORD DATES OF REVISIONS

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The Constitution and Bylaw Revision Task Force has been rescheduled and the deadline to present the proposed revisions have been pushed to March 21, along with the passing of a senate bill that allows the court of the Associated Students of Cerritos College to document the dates of the revisions.

Originally, the proposed revision was supposed to be submitted to the ASCC senate on Jan. 10, but due to the bylaw portion taking much longer than expected it has been pushed to the later date.

For many years student involved in student government have had issues with the present bylaws saying that they are outdated.

The past legislation states:

“Student leaders have a hard time interpreting and implementing the constitution and bylaws due to vague and unspecified procedures.”

“I heard about this bill being past last semester,” said Senator Jonathan Iniguez, “I’m part of the task force so moving forward I want to have a strong, steady bylaws and constitution for upcoming students and future leaders.

“My first semester in student senate I was confused with the bylaws” he said.

During the presentation of the senate bill concerning the recording of the revision dates, student-at-large and political science major Javier Varela stated that in revising the bylaws that “we will not research the old bylaws” due to time.

Senator Phil Herrera countered that point during the presentation and afterwards.

“The whole reason that this conversation is being had is

very obvious to those in ASCC, that the bylaws, some of the line items and the constitution are outdated.

“So, I hear a lot of justification why things need to be changed[...] and how these changes haven’t been done in a certain amount of years, so the solution shouldn’t be historically documenting things now, it would be to go back as accurately as possible,” Herrera said.

David Ramirez, ASCC vice president, who was part of the forefront in the creation of the task force had a lot to say about the bylaws.

“From my point of view, Phil [Herrera] meant, ‘shouldn’t we look into when all the other bylaws were amended or added on,’ and the thing is, ASCC has kept decent records of things [however] there was a lot of transition of leadership[...] which happens normally.

“So during that process, some of the bylaws which have oc-

curred in that time were implemented but as far as storing the information of when it was done was not done so effectively,” Ramirez said.

As of now on, ASCC court is to keep record of bylaws being revised to help future student

leaders on knowing when the revision took place.

ASCC hopes that this will be done in time in order to send it into a vote by March 21.

The date for the task force to begin their meetings is still to be announced.



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By-law legislation: Senator Johnathan Iniguez and political science major Javier Varela discussing legislation concerning bylaw revision.

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YOU MUSK BE CRAZY

How far are we willing to let capitalism continue until we realize our world is more important than money? We shouldn't allow someone to profit from a hazardous device for the sake of capitalism.

The potential danger of burning down a home to a whole community that one flamethrower could cause is far too great.

Founder of Tesla Motors and The Boring Company Elon Musk marketed an erroneous plan to sell 20k flamethrowers produced by The Boring Company.

They sold out quickly since Musk's company produced the cheapest portable flamethrower on the market costing as little as \$500 a piece, and made Musk a staggering \$10 million in as little as five days.

The marketing captions Musk used to promote the flamethrowers on the website were as follows, "Guaranteed to liven up

any party!" and "World's safest flamethrower!"

He also posted a video on Instagram of him (standing in front of a portrait of Earth) holding the weapon, turning it on and running towards the cinematographer, laughing.

Naturally the cinematographer jolted back in ;the video and it was later stated that the flamethrower wasn't even being fired; that the video was edited to make it seem like it was.

Regardless if the video was intended to be a joke, the cinematographer still jolted away from Musk, he or she still sensed danger when Musk was running towards them with a weapon that can melt their face off.

One would think that along with a flamethrower, as a safety precaution, it would include a fire extinguisher free of charge, but it's not known yet due to conflicting statements via Musk's

Twitter stating one will be provided with the purchase of a flamethrower and The Boring Company's website stating a fire extinguisher is sold separately.

The thing about Musk's product is that it's a very dangerous weapon that is being marketed as a toy and as a recreational tool.

The only time Musk tweeted anything about consumers safety was when he mentioned the flamethrower as being a terrible idea and not to buy one, then soon after he posted, "Unless you like fun."

What the hell is he insinuating, that his flamethrowers are only for, "cool kids?"

What does that mean for the people that actually bought one, how would you think they'd use it?

"Hey Jimmy, let me light up your birthday candles with my inexpensive flamethrower that I

got online real quick, everyone will think you're cool!," someone might say.

How would you feel if you see your neighbor in his or her property burning things like paper, toys or even just aiming it at a fire pit and letting it rip?

California has just recovered from one of the biggest wildfires it ever had that scorched over 200,000 acres, the highly combustible land of Southern California doesn't need another wildfire like the Thomas Fire that cost the state \$110 million.

Luckily one man is fighting to block the sale of these devices from ever reaching California.

California assembly-man Miguel Santiago, is fighting for us "sane people" that still believe in living past our prime.

As Southern Californians we should be helping Santiago further his proposition to ban the devices from our state.

WHY IS MCGOWAN A MCGARBAGE NARCISSISTIC FEMINIST LOSER?

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Just because you shave your head and put on sweatpants it does not make you a feminist, Rose McGowan, so you can take a flying leap back into that skimpy dress you wore to the MTV Video Music Awards in 1998 because you are not doing women any favors.

McGowan is a garbage feminist, full of shit and does a disservice to society.

The self-proclaimed feminist had revealed how she truly felt about transwomen in a podcast interview with RuPaul.

She stated that just because they felt like a woman on the inside that it is not developing as a woman.

McGowan went on to say in the same podcast, that's not growing as woman, that's not living in this world.

Sorry, Rose, sweetie, but take a look at the byline, as a woman who does experience catcalling and periods, the lives of trans people are hell of a lot harder.

WE are all trying to survive in this world but trans people are clawing their way out from under the constant barrage of transphobia, bigotry and stigma.

Stigma of being alive and not living in the body that they were supposed to be in.

Unfortunately, young men and women are looking up to McGowan.

People believe that she is a true feminist and will try and lead by her example.

She should not be allowed to be the poster-child or be seen as any kind of figurehead for feminism.

These young men and women need a truly selfless activist like,

Ellen DeGeneres or Oprah.

Not a self-serving activist like McGowan who apparently took a role in the television show, Charmed because it would have helped her gain notoriety.

Which she would then use in order to fight for the rights of women and against men like Harvey Weinstein.

As noble a gesture as that sounds, it was purely superficial.

McGowan only took the role because she had something to gain.

Good ol' Rosie has recently announced that she is "canceling upcoming appearances because I have given enough."

First of all, a movement doesn't end until what it's fighting for has been achieved.

Do you see women getting equal pay yet?

Do you see trans men and women being left alone with stigma no longer hanging over them like a guillotine?

The answer is fuck no, so sit your ass back down McGowan and fight the good fight.

All you are doing now is cowering for cover and licking your own wounds.

You don't have to die for what you believe but you should sure as hell be prepared to receive a few battle scars.

You get take those scars and show the world that you've endured that heinous shit.

Prove you're stronger and that you've survived the fight.

Now is the time to either pick up the baton ourselves in the stride for feminism or look up to someone who will actually run the race for us and hit the finish line.

We should never pass the baton to a person like McGowan who will simply drop it when the going gets tough or use it to only get herself ahead.

VIOLENCE SHOULDN'T BE THE ANSWER

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It came as no surprise that Randall Margraves, the father of three of the many children that former USA Gymnastics national team doctor turn serial child molester Larry Nassar heinously abused, attempted to attack him.

Sympathy is definitely warranted for the father of the victims, but the additional violence was not the answer here.

Margraves' attempted assault, though justified, was wrong.

Though there is no doubt Nassar's atrocious acts, molesting at least 265 people, demand justice as his actions have hurt and changed the lives of many.

Now that all of Nassar's past actions have been brought to light, the justice system will do its job.

However, what the Margraves tried to do in an uncontrolled rage was wrong.

Revenge, or more so violent revenge, to avenge an obvious

wrong is somewhat glorified in our culture today.

All of the buzz this event created on social media is a good example of revenge being applauded.

But there is a reason why vigilantism is a crime.

Violence, in any of its forms is morally wrong.

It should be avoided at any cost.

It most definitely should not be used to right a wrongdoing.

Violence is not something that should be striven for or supported, it shouldn't be shared around.

It should be condemned in any of its forms.

It is very unfortunate that many on social media vocally supported his attempted assault.

It shows what place violence has in our culture.

It's glorified in our culture when people believe it was used for what they perceive as the right reasons.

Violence does not make the world a better place, it should not be celebrated.

Yes, what Nassar did was evil.

Yes, he was deserving of punishment.

Yes, the father's anger was justifiable.

But the bigger picture here was that his acts of violence were not.

It is good that the father recently issued an apology because it shows that even realizes what he did was wrong.

It was also good that no charges were pressed against him because his anger was warranted but his assault failed.

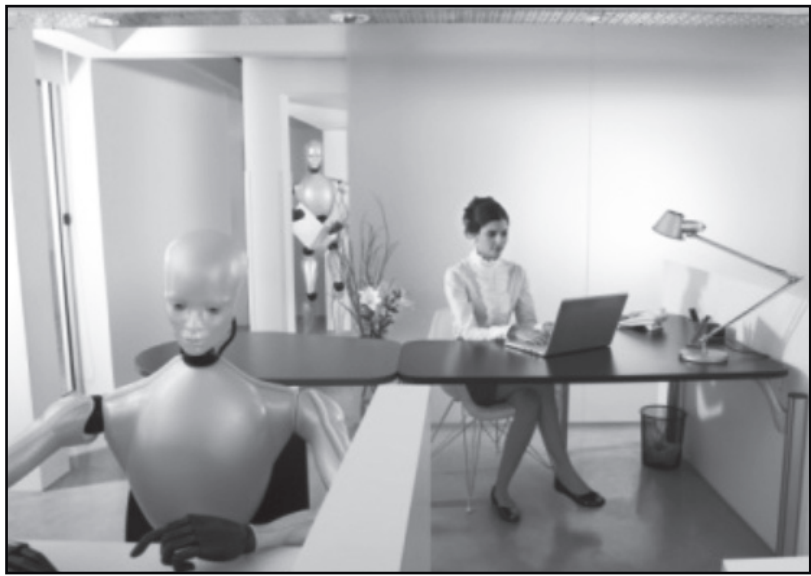
He learned from it, as all people should from their mistakes.

It was an irremediable act that Nassar committed but because of the justice system we have in place he has receive his due punishment, justice has been served.

His abuse he inflicted on the children he was entrusted to care for will never be forgotten.

Though it may be tempting to wish harm on him, we must be better.

People must show that they are above him, and rise above the need to get revenge with violence.



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Potential future: Business woman and robots working in the office. In the future people may be completely replaced by robot workers.

ROBOTS WILL STEAL OUR JOBS

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Technology is continuing to advance as we make our way further into the 21st century.

With technology moving quickly into the service industry, minimum wage jobs are at risk of being taken over by automat-

ed systems.

Technology is highly valued and used in everyday life, but we don't want it to take our jobs even if it's flipping burgers. I mean we have to work somewhere, right?

But unfortunately, Millennials and Generation Z-ers are the ones who run the most risk of being replaced by automated technology.

The reason being that our

generation will be the ones who will need future jobs.

As technology evolves, we have to earn a higher degree to avoid being replaced. In this case earning a doctoral degree, which would mean going to school for an additional eight years.

This is not realistic for everyone. If humans are replaced with robots, then they won't have the means to pay for their additional schooling.

As of now, people who only have a high school diploma have a 74 percent chance of being replaced according to CNN Tech.

In Las Vegas, automated systems are already working in hotels as hospitality workers. The University of Redlands states that 65 percent of Las Vegas could be automated in the future.

Replacing humans to machines would mean continuously interacting with automated systems. We would forget how to be human and stay in the vicious cycle: completely zoned out and stuck on technology.

Many times, we as humans don't take initiative and wait for problems to affect us immediately, before we feel it's time to take a stand. Don't let this be one of those times.

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BIANCA BITCHES: WE ARE GOING TO DIE ANYWAY, DRESS AS YOU PLEASE

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Here are some simple and easy steps into wearing whatever you want with confidence:

- Pull the garment out of your closet and shake all the moths out, or if you haven't purchased the desired article yet, pull your wallet out and proceed to shake all the moths out.
- Stand in front of the mirror and put on the article of clothing in question.
- Look at yourself squarely in the mirror and say these words, "I am beauty, I am confidence and I don't have time for others' unwanted opinions."
- Take your time with the above step, low self-esteem can be a battle that cannot be won with just one fight.
- At this point, you are finally ready to step outside and proudly proclaim from the top of your lungs, "Here I am world! Eat your heart out!"

You should never be ashamed of your body, whether you are well endowed in some areas or you feel like you are lacking.
You have more thigh than a bucket of chicken?
A pencil skirt will accentuate your figure so well that you'll have to pin a sign to your touché which states, "dangerous curves ahead."

Fear you lack in the dirty pillows department?
Toss on a flirty bralette with a pair of mom jeans or a billowy skirt.
Have booty for days?
Toss on the ever comfortable leggings for those casual kind of days and dress up in a jumper for those who want to knock the universe off of its feet.
Have a long set of gams?
Toss on a pair of hot pants and put those stems on display. Sporting corgi legs?
Flounce around in a baby-doll.
The point is, life is too short to give a hot damn about another person sticking their two cents where it doesn't belong.
Wear whatever the hell you please, you deserve to.
Women to have constantly battled with issues of body image, that they are not allowed to flaunt around in a specific piece of clothing because society has constantly dictated: big bad, small good.
Like trends, mentalities go out of style.
It's time to ditch your lack of confidence because you fear negative opinions.
News flash, we are all going to die any ways.
So that comment some punk kid made about you in the fifth grade doesn't matter anymore and should cease to impact you.
At the end of the day, it's your body and no one else's.
You want so show off your chichis, then go on and do so.
As the one in possession, you have full control over your body.
It's time for society to accommodate you. Take charge of your body. Be yourself.



Donating for a cause: Carolina Cuevas, child development major, donating for the first time. Cerritos College students participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive on Jan. 30-Feb. 1

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AFFECTED BY FLU SEASON

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The American Red Cross set up camp at Cerritos College during their three-day event for blood donations.
Patty Galaz, donor resources department, has been part of this organization for many years.
Galaz states the turnout has been steady, but not as busy as they are accustomed to. She also added that the flu season was to blame for the decrease of blood donations.
Although Galaz is grateful for the donors who were able to come in, she states that many students were participating in

the event.
Having a busy life also attributed to the lack of donors said Galaz.
"We're pushing hard to have people come back who weren't able to donate," said Galaz.
She understands that students are busy but would like to receive as many donations as possible.
Schools are an important factor to donations. They make up about 20 percent of their blood donations said Galaz.
"The key to success comes from the clubs," said Galaz.
She believes that club involvement is crucial since schools are where they receive the majority of their blood.
Some of the students who made time to pay the organization a visit, had personal vendetta.
Jose Fuentes, physical therapy major, said this was his fourth time donating.
He says, "My sister is anemic and can't donate blood, so this is me taking revenge for all the times she couldn't."
Since it hits so close to home, becoming a regular donor is important says, Fuentes.
He also encourages his peers to follow and donate.
First time donors and residents from the area were among the people who contributed to the donations.
Josie Perez, in the paralegal

program, said she was on her way to the Success Center when she saw the truck and decided to stop by.
"It's my first time," Perez said, explaining that she "just wanted to help."
Perez explains that it is an important cause and "you never know when you yourself are going to need blood."
The process of donating blood ranged from 20 minutes to about an hour.
All this depended on how long the wait was and if there were an appointment made.
The American Red Cross organization will return to campus March 5-7 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

STUDENTS LEARN TO BALANCE TIME AND LIFE

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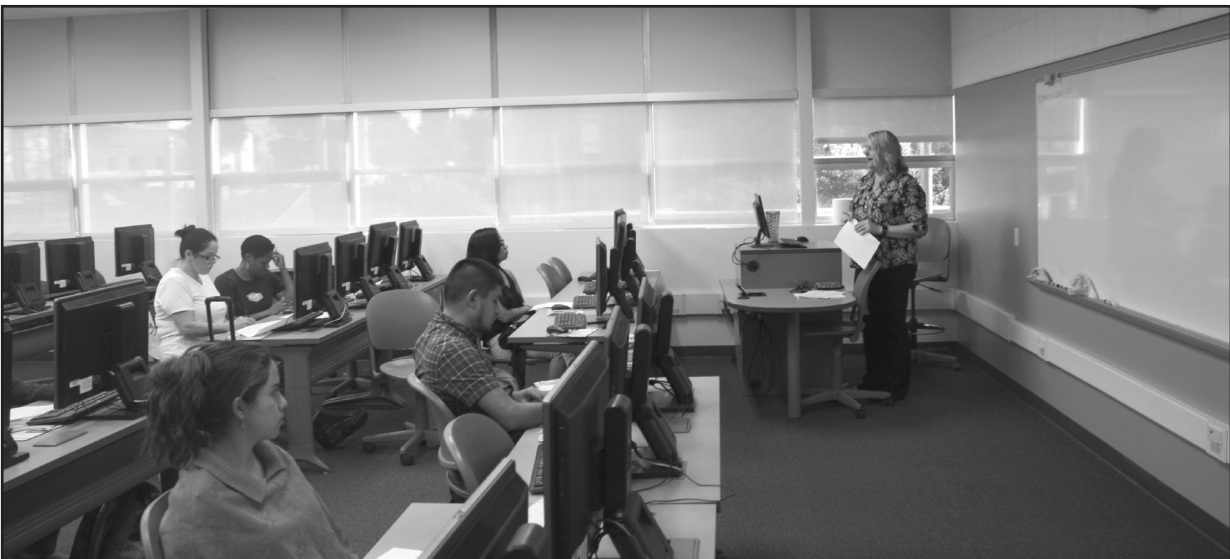
Career academic counselor Clara Ross gave a presentation on Feb. 1, addressing struggles students face with time management and offered advice on how to balance responsibilities.
Maria Sanchez, medical assistance major, said that attending was mandatory for a class and she would not attend, had it not been necessary.
Sanchez clarified that she has to care for her daughter in the mornings, "I have a lot of things to do and sometimes I can't even accomplish all of them."
Despite time management being a good topic, they should not be mandatory, Sanchez said.
Multiple students voiced their concerns and struggles, which included work and school balance, prioritizing tasks, finding time to study, time for family and maintaining a healthy lifestyle and habits in the process.
Ross stated even taking the time to get up, going to class and being present is a good start, but students might miss critical information by thinking about all the responsibilities they have to take care of.
In that case, Ross offered tips on how to focus and redirect attention as to not get caught up in procrastination.
These tips included paying attention to surrounding energies, discovering which times they are more productive and keeping track of tasks with a calendar or technology to make it more tangible and real.
The students were provided a Cerritos College calendar so they could practice writing down their

responsibilities instead of keeping everything in their thoughts.
"There's definitely times I feel like I can't do it all," Shannon Estrada, member of the Re-Entry Resource Program, said. "For me, I like to prep things early, so I usually use Sundays to, like, kind of just prep everything for the week."
"I try to cut down on the procrastination, although I'm always working on that," Estrada laughed.
Another point made by Ross was the importance of attaching deadlines but also giving enough room so that if it is not met, there is not much stress.
Although Ross stressed the importance of using time more effectively, she also mentioned building in free time so that students have something to look forward to after the work they accomplished.
When asked about communication between professors and students who have major responsibilities outside of class, Ross stated, "I think all profes-

sors are very sympathetic and they understand that many of our students are part time students, so less than 12 units.
"Because they are working, and working a significant number of hours and have families -- I found that everyone is pretty understanding, as long as it's communicated."
She mentioned that tools online are beneficial for those who want things connected to their phones and computers and resources depending on what kind of learner a student is.
Also, making sure they find an effective tool, something that really helps pull it all together, not to keep it all in their head.
Learning to say "no" as to not stretch themselves too thin and being more intentional with what they are spending time on was a factor brought up by Ross, who made it clear that prioritizing their time will go a long way.
Students are encouraged to participate future workshops and to check upcoming deadlines online.



Time matters: Clara Ross, career academic counselor, giving a presentation on addressing struggles students face with time management. The workshop focused on finding a balance between work, school and personal matters in a healthy way.



Easy Money: Scholarship Relations Specialist Rachel Samarin gives advice to students who are applying for scholarships. Students are encouraged to look for scholarships available on Cerritos College Foundation.

STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO LOOK FOR INCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS

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Cerritos College students who were interested in applying for the 2018 spring semester scholarships were able to do so during a scholarship workshop presented by Rachel Samarin, of scholarship relations, on Jan. 29.
The Cerritos College Foundation will award over \$70,000 in scholarships this spring semester to students.
"I've been doing these workshops in partnership with the career center for the last five years," Samarin said.
She added, "It started just as a way to outreach students to get as much information to their hands as possible."
"We realized there were a lot of questions about the program a lot of people who didn't know we had scholarship programs, so really it was an opportunity to inform students about the resources that we have."
The average awarded schol-

arship can range from typically \$500 all the way up to \$3,000.
She says, "I think our scholarships often provide a little cushion, fill in some of the gaps that financial aid doesn't fill."
"It helps students with additional supplies as well as getting something to put on their resume."
"Financially though it's the biggest thing, it can help students tremendously."
Students who attended the workshop received a list of 39 scholarships.
They also learned how to begin their application, to apply and received tips on how to write a personal statement.
Some pieces of advice from Samarin are to get into the habit of applying for scholarships every semester as a Cerritos College student, get it done early and to put effort into it for it to be better.
"The numbers are not huge; thousands of students do not apply for these scholarships. Do not think you will not be selected," Samarin says.

Re-entry Resource Specialist Shannon Estrada works with adult students 25 years and older with a break in their education.
Estrada helps out with questions about the registration process.
She helps students with resources around campus and has about eight re-entry specific scholarships in the fall.
"These scholarships benefit students because it helps them, sometimes they're just so low on money," Estrada says.
She adds, "I see a lot of single mothers, a lot of people that have been laid off you know they're trying to get into a new career."
"Sometimes they need that little bit of extra help to be able to stay in school, so I think it's really important to let them know about things like this."
Applications can be accessed through the Cerritos College Foundation.
The deadline to complete the application for these scholarships is Feb. 26.
The next scholarship workshop will be on Feb. 8 in BE 121.

AND THAT'S SEVEN WINS

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The Falcons' men's basketball team blew out El Camino College with a score of 104-79, extending its win streak to seven.

Associate head coach Tito Ortiz spoke on how he motivates players during the game, "I always tell them that they have a big target on their back.

"Our record is 21-4 now, teams are going to play their best, no matter what."

Ortiz said, "Our strategies in the game are you gotta play defense on the ball, you have to play hard, you have to play tough, and one that we haven't been working on, is controlling our emotions.

"Sharing the ball, making the extra pass, and looking for others, the more passes we make, the more shots we can get," said Ortiz.

Previously, Cerritos College faced Long Beach City College in a close conference game that they won on the heels of two game-winning free throws.

Guard No. 14 Keshawn Mack suffered an ankle sprain during that game and was unable to play against El Camino, a team he scored 26 points on in the last match up.

Mack will miss the team's next game as he will be reevaluated at a later date.

Ortiz commented on adapting from not having Mack, "The thing we tell our guys is they now have the opportunity to step up.

"One guy goes down and it's an opportunity for another guy to step up."

Guard No. 12 Christian Alvis spoke on his defense.



CARLOS RUIZ

Seven straight: Freshman, Guard No. 15 Isaiah Tyler with a three point attempt. Tyler finished the game with 13 points as his team won the game.

"Right place at the right time, I was watching the point guard--he gave it away and I was able to steal the ball."

Alvis shared his personal thoughts on the team performance.

"As a team we did well. We controlled the pace of the game and did pretty well defensively." Alvis finished the game with 11 points, 5 steals, and 3 assists.

The team racked up steals, which forced El Camino to turn-over the ball numerous times.

Guard No. 15 Isaiah Tyler said, "We really had to focus on not giving up the baseline, we shutdown the corner and it put us in a good spot."

Tyler says that the team was able to gain its momentum during the match by, "Toning in on our defensive efforts--by the 2nd

quarter we decided we really needed to lock in and defend the basket."

In the last couple seconds of the half, with a turnover by El Camino, Tyler stole the ball and made a 3-point shot beating the buzzer.

Center No. 32 Austin Freeman, spoke on his mentality going into every game, Freeman said he comes onto the court and

brings what he learned in practice with him.

Freeman finished the game with 10 points and two rebounds, in nine minutes of action.

The Falcons led by 25 points towards the end of the game, as they scored 56 points in the final half.

The men's basketball team plays Compton College next at home on Feb. 7.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CAN'T HOLD ONTO STREAK

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Cerritos College women's basketball team was defeated by El Camino College 68-47, ending the Falcons' three-game winning streak.

The team had a chance, but fell short of the first place position and held on to second place in conference, now 3-2 (15-12 overall).

This is the second time the team falls to El Camino's game-play, previously losing 77-57 on Jan. 17.

The Falcons ended the first half with a close score of 29-25.

In the second half, El Camino took off and Cerritos wasn't able to close the gap.

The top performer for Cerritos College was Freshman guard No. 20 Jesenia Rendon with 18 points, eight rebounds and two assists.

Head coach Trisha Kozlowski described El Camino's gameplay saying, "I think they're consistent on both ends.

"They know their roles and they're very smart players. We have a lot of respect for them, but it is a rivalry.

"I mean we gotta show up and I just don't think we had that today."

She continued, "We didn't have that tenacity on defense y'know [sic]. Things might not go your way offensively, but you gotta shore up defense."

Freshman guard No. 24 Serena Rendon wishes she would've

played harder. "I don't think I played at my full potential or as hard as I usually do. I need to be more encouraging to my teammates and handle my frustration better," said Rendon.

"As a team we need to sprint back. We need to have help on side defense. We also need to be more patient on offense and have more rebounds," said Serena Rendon.

She shot 4-11 in the game. Serena said, "I didn't know I shot 11 times until now, but I think I'm just kind of starting to lose a

little bit of confidence."

Serena Rendon said, "My coach gives me so much confidence and encourages me so much...

"I just think when I'm shooting bad I rather give the ball to someone else or if I miss layups it gets in my head.

I need to learn to tell myself 'next play' like my coach says."

Serena finished the game with 8 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals.

Sophomore forward No. 15 Alexis Clark says the team was

missing consistency throughout the game, resulting in the loss.

Clark expanded on her performance and believes she could've done better.

Clark says, "We can just focus in more on us as a group, who's on the floor, who's actually playing and just read each other a little better."

Freshman forward/center No. 33 Miranda Ta'amu says that consistency always plays a big role for the players, as well as their previous and upcoming games.

Ta'amu believes the team was prepared, but didn't execute the game plan.

"We just didn't come out as hard as they did.

"We literally beat ourselves, it's not like they were above us or anything.

"We're basically the same team it's just they came out stronger tonight," said Ta'amu.

She also emphasized that the team is now putting this loss past them and moving forward to the next game.

As well as learning from the mistakes that were made and improving on those areas.

Ta'amu says, "Second place should definitely be ours if we execute and play the way we have been previously [playing]."

Serena Rendon believes each team is very different. "We don't really look at the score.

"We look at what we did wrong in the game so we don't carry it over in the next game."

During halftime, former women's basketball head coach Karen Welliver came out onto the court with some of her previous assistant coaches and players.

Welliver gave thanks to those who helped her along the way during her career at Cerritos College.

Welliver will be inducted into the California Community College Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame this year.

The Cerritos College women's basketball team has its next conference game away against Los Angeles Southwest on Feb. 9.



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Lay it up and in: Freshman guard No. 20 Jesenia Rendon goes up for the uncontested lay in. Rendon ended the game with 18 points, eight rebounds and two assists.

OPINION:
BLAKE GRIFFIN
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The Los Angeles Clippers say goodbye to their all star player, Blake Griffin, following the Detroit Pistons' trade, as they geared up for Monday night's game.

The Clippers told Griffin last summer that he would stay with the team for the long haul, so it came as a surprise to Blake Griffin and fans when the Clippers decided to trade him.

The all star player is doing extremely well according to his recent play with the Pistons last Thursday night. They took home a win 104-102.

This is working great for the clippers as well with their new players, they took home a win Monday night leading a score of 104-101.

There have been a few rumors about Lou Williams and DeAndre Jordan being traded but there were no actual rumors about their All Star player (power Forward) Blake Griffin up until it actually happened.

Now that Griffin no longer plays with the L.A. Clippers and they have new players, Its time for the Clippers to get a refreshing start.

Griffin has been making an average of 22 points per games. Although Blake has a great track record, he has improved, shooting 78 percent on the free throw line, but he can be better at three point percentage. He averages about a 34 percent per game.

He is also a prone to injury, which is why not many options were available for him during this trade.

The Clippers in return got three point shooter, Tobias Harris, although he averages less than Griffin.

Griffin would be a killer player out there with Jordan. So this is a good deal so far for the Clippers.

The Clippers also got another young player to join the team Avery Bradley who hasn't been on his game in a while, but when he does, he can be a great component for the Clippers.

This will be a different team without Griffin, but they have great players who can help keep the pace going.

The Pistons on the other had needed a fresh start coming into the season this year.

Are the Pistons just looking for a good player to take them to where they need to go?

Now here is where it gets tricky, the pistons gave up two of their great players in return for Griffin.

The pistons got Willie Reed and Blake Griffin from the Clippers.

Not nearly nearing the play offs, Blake Griffin is a possible key player to getting them there. They have a lot of work but they can make it happen.

We also should consider how Drummond and Griffin play out together this season. Blake shouldn't be undermined here, he is a great passer, and great executing in offense, which pistons should have no problem there.

Although, Griffin is a killer in three pointers as of now.

Blake now has to adapt to this new lifestyle and how to work along side someone like Andre Drummond.