



ADVERTISING
CAMPAIGN
FAILS IN ASCC

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“media advertising initiative” proposed to the Associated Students of Cerritos College failed to be amended.

Senator Robert Campbell, political science major, proposed the legislation to senate to “increase ASCC and student body interactively.”

The legislation had been previously discussed at two prior senate meetings and reported on by Campbell.

The proposed legislation included using free advertising through Talon Marks, Where People Make a Difference, known as WPMD, and the Campus Connections newsletter.

ASCC would use the ads to promote recently passed legislations, upcoming student events and leader spotlights.

WPMD actively reached out to ASCC to offer a “15 minute weekly segment to update students on activities on campus that will affect student life.”

Campbell said that his main goal was to make sure that the students knew what was available to them.

“We are still working on the problem. The problem is that nobody is talking to each other- we had earlier presenters reporting that 75 percent of the students do not know about the resources we have on campus.”

In the meeting, where the final decision was made, Campbell forwent explaining the legislation and let the proposition go directly to a vote.

ASCC Vice President David Ramirez explained the reason for the legislation failing saying, “It failed because it was rushed and there was not enough time.”

As for the lack of discussion prior to voting, Ramirez said, “You can’t just go into senate and say ‘I move to pass this’ without doing your due diligence and discussing it.

“I completely support senate’s decision to vote down the legislation and wait [for] discussion. It is a great idea, but democracy should not be rushed.”

Campbell explained he understood the reasons behind the legislation being put down, but, “ultimately this is a piece of legislation that is going to encourage, help and enrich the lack of communication we have right now.”

Campbell said, “In the future we will see what goes on, but in a word I am disappointed.”



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LOS ANGELES, CA - JAN. 13: Elton John performed songs from his new album Wonderful Crazy Night out Feb. 5, as well as classic hits, on Jan. 13 at the Wiltern in Los Angeles.

ASCC FOR ELTON JOHN BENEFIT

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Elton John has been approved by Associated Students of Cerritos College senate to host a benefit partially funded by The Cerritos College Foundation and ASCC.

It will cost approximately \$1 million dollars for Elton John’s “charitable fee” to perform at the Honda Center in Anaheim.

According to Andrew Maz, music instructor, this benefit, “could change the landscape of the campus and bring an

awareness that the campus hasn’t had probably ever, if not, in a very long time.”

At the Nov. 8 senate meeting, ASCC approved that it will loan \$500,000, to the music department, while The Cerritos College Foundation will loan the same amount.

It has been established that the full amount of \$1 million dollars will be reimbursed with the benefit profits.

Cerritos College is currently working with Yamaha Music Corporation, where the proceeds- which was a predicted \$6-7 million- will be used for the Cerritos College Performing Arts Center

interior design, according to ASCC Vice President David Ramirez.

He expressed the “[music department is] getting a new building but [will] not [get] anything new inside, so the money is being raised to fund concert pianos, new instruments, programs, [etc].”

Stated in the senate legislation, “the required equipment and technology will cost at least three million dollars, which neither the music department nor the Cerritos College district currently possesses.”

The legislation states that the proceeds will be used to

furnish the equipment and technology for the building.

The remaining proceeds will be placed in an endowment fund to create scholarships for the music students.

This has been an ongoing project for two years.

Maz said, “The department decided to pursue a fundraising event in July 2016. The goal is to create a state-of-the art facility for music education and training. We choose Sir Elton John because of his contributions to music and his charitable nature.”

He is expected to perform in October 2018.



DAVID JENKINS

Bringing awareness: Sociology major Carina Rodriguez speaking to ASCC senate, alongside her, Luis Guzman history major. They spoke on bringing awareness to students about resources.

STUDENT AWARENESS
PROPOSAL APPROVED

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The Cerritos College Student Awareness Proposal webpage that provides numerous resources for the student body was approved 20-2 of the senators voting yay at the ASCC Senate meeting.

At the Wednesday, Nov. 8, meeting, the legislation was given a stance of support by ASCC.

Carina Rodriguez, psychology major, was instrumental in this proposal, stating, “I realized students needed to know they had services and resources available that could help the financially.”

She, Johnny Rodriguez, li-

brary technical clerk and Luis Guzman, history major, conducted a survey for 182 people to see whether they were knowledgeable about student resources.

Dean of Academic Success Shawna Baskette has also been involved with the proposal.

It is noted in the presentation that:

- 74.2% are unaware of what they are paying for in the Student Activity Fee
- 50% knew about access to computers and printing services in the Student Activities Office
- 60.4% don’t know what they are paying for in the Student Health Fee
- 40.1% said they don’t know anything about health services
- 41.8% don’t know about library resources
- 53.8% of students are unaware that with the email provided by Cerritos College, they are able to access programs such as Microsoft Word and Excel online for free
- 49.5% of students do not know how to get

the student email

“My favorite question, and the most important one I believe [is], ‘When it comes to better advertising these resources on campus, 96.2% of students want that to happen,’” Johnny said.

There are three different ways to expand awareness:

1. Using the computers in the computer lab, where students have access to the link
2. Feature the link on cerritos.edu main campus website
3. Using it on MyCerritos student website

Most senators raised their hands when asked if they use MyCerritos.

“There is no better place than to tell you about the resources that you have, than at MyCerritos,” Carina said.

Through the Library section on the school website, the resources are compiled in a link listed under the “College Links” tab “Campus Resource for Students.”

In this tab, resources for academics, child care, community services, financial aid, health services, homeless student services and veteran services have been listed.

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Deferring blame
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EDITORIAL

TIME FOR A *TRANSITION*

JAKE KOEPPLE

According to research done by the Williams Institute, there are about 700,000 transgender men and women in the United States.

The question would then be: Why are there not more laws protecting this community or political representation?

Some answers could be fear, intimidating opposition or a lack of active role models to encourage political movement.

Voters all over the country have realized that it is not only time to accept transgender people, but to encourage them and have them lead communities.

Political action from the transgender community would benefit the general populations by including a marginalized voice.

Action made by transgender representatives would aid the trans community as

well by creating laws to help others cope with the struggles and oppression many LGBT and non-LGBT people face.

The moment has come to where people have to make a choice on whether to be bystanders of a new political movement or to be allies and participate to enact good changes.

It is time to not only give transgender men and women a political voice within the community, but to encourage them to take on more political actions at a higher level.

Danica Roem of Virginia was recently elected as the first openly transgender legislator in Virginia and the successor to 13-term incumbent Robert G. Marshall, who wrote the bill which banned transgender people from using the restroom that corresponds to their gender.

Roem has not been the only person to make history, there have been other trans

men and women who have been officially elected.

Andrea Jenkins, Lisa Middleton, Tyler Titus, Stephen Koontz and Gerri Cannon are all openly transgender and have a political voice to represent other generations as newly elected officials.

With the introduction of many new transgender politicians, younger generations will now have more role models to choose from, not just well known figures such as Laverne Cox, Erika Ervin, Jamie Clayton or Tom Phelan.

While being represented in pop culture is positive because, to a small degree, it means acceptance, it is not the end all to the problems many transgender people face.

The entertainment industry cannot give trans people legal protection; legislators and council members are people who can make change to provide legal rights and protections.

DON'T LET A SYSTEM DEFEAT ITS OWN PURPOSE

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On a Sunday morning in Sutherland Springs, Texas, people gathered at First Baptist Church to hear the word of the Bible, when Devin Patrick Kelley entered, heartlessly murdering 25 people and an unborn child with a semiautomatic rifle.

There needs to be a shift in the process it takes to obtain a weapon.

Advanced mental health screenings and extensive background checks need to occur in order for someone to legally obtain a weapon.

These extensive background checks should reveal any history whatsoever of mental illness or acts of violence.

The air force had reports of Kelley's act of violence toward wife and stepson, yet Kelley passed his background checks.

Background checks should have access to all records of

the individual interested in buying a gun, be them military or the results of a psychological evaluation.

Kelley was ex-military and displayed these abnormal violent tendencies during his stint in the air force.

The Air Force knew about these incidents and failed to make sure he was prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

According to, a Washington Post article, "The Air Force says it failed to follow policies for alerting federal law enforcement about Devin

P. Kelley's violent past, enabling the former service member... to obtain firearms before the shooting rampage."

A church is supposed to be a place for people to come to as a sanctuary, yet this sadistic soul destroyed the lives of not only the people he viciously slaughtered, but also their loved ones.

These poor souls were betrayed by a system that was established to prevent such an event from happening in the first place.



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THANKSGIVING NEEDS AN UPDATE

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Change has already begun: Columbus Day is now Indigenous People's Day so now it's time to rethink Thanksgiving.

Most people don't think about how Thanksgiving started in the United States when digging into their turkey, ham or main dish of choice.

Thanksgiving was meant to be a day for the pilgrims and the people that came after them to thank god for everything they had achieved.

For many Native Americans, Thanksgiving is a day of mourning the genocide and conquest of their people.

Looking back through history, the Native Americans had nothing to be thankful for on that day.

Instead of sharing the story of the "First Thanksgiving" over and over again why not make it a day to celebrate Native American culture and traditions?

Most people only celebrate Thanksgiving as an excuse to stuff their faces- what issue would they have with changing the meaning behind the holiday?

Instead of overeating, let's remember and honor the Native Americans who lost their lives all those years ago.

Progress has been made with Indigenous People's Day so let's keep that momentum going with Thanksgiving.



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LET KIDS BE KIDS, YOU WEIRD VULTURES

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Stranger Things is a Netflix show that has a main cast of children:

- Caleb McLaughlin (Lucas Sinclair) is the oldest at 16

- Gaten Matarazzo (Dustin Henderson) who is 15
- Sadie Sink (Max, a new character in Stranger Things 2) also 15
- Noah Schnapp (Will Byers) who is 14
- Finn Wolfhard (Mike Wheeler) also 14

- Millie Bobby Brown (Eleven) is the youngest
- Most of the cast of Stranger Things are not even old enough to view their own show's content, yet since they appeared in Stranger Things, the media and the public has deemed it okay to sexualize them.

27-year-old fashion model, Ali Michael, posted a picture of Wolfhard on her Instagram story with the caption "Not to be weird but hit me up in 4 years."

Sink appeared on the follow-up show 'Beyond Stranger Things' and revealed that a kissing scene she had done was unscripted and had made her feel uncomfortable.

Ross Duffer, co-creator for the show, commented that Sink had reacted so strong-

ly to being asked if she was ready for the kiss that he had to make her do it.

Then there's the case with W Magazine calling Bobby Brown one of the sexiest actresses on T.V.

Mike Singleton, Senior Executive at NBCUniversal, took to Twitter to post some images of Brown with the caption 'Millie Bobby Brown just grew up in front of our eyes. (She's 13!)'.

None of these incidents are okay, no matter how harmless some people might think they are.

The media and the public need to open up their eyes and remember that child stars are still just children who deserve to grow up in a safe environment just as much as any other child does.

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STUDENTS EXPLORE CODING BASICS, HTML

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Software engineers Dakhara Patet and Carlos Ayala-Gonzalez, hosted a coding workshop that went over different types of coding on Nov. 7.

They explained that Sabio is a coding program that has certain qualifications.

These qualifications include students needing to be over the age of 18 and the need to pay their tuition on time.

Sabio trains people from three to six months on how to code from a software development program from the very beginning through a college and the basics of coding.

They went over the basics of web development, web designing that deals with presentation elements and code languages that are paramount to web development such as:

- Hyper-Text Markup Language (HTML) — a document structure provided for text based communication with different levels of formatting, reading and body text
- Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) — a simple method for adding style to have a consistent look. There are different types of CSS such as internal and external styles. The engineers also mentioned that CSS syntax consist of three parts: selector, property and value.

Toward the end, students were given a shirt for attending the workshop.

Cesar Rodriguez, a computer science major, said that “it was good for beginners as an introductory course for coding HTML.”

He thought they were going to teach him based off the presentation but it gave him an opportunity to learn on his own by being able to practice on the computer.

Victor Campos, vice president of engineering at Sabio, said, “It’s a great introductory course for web development and a way to build a solid foundation on web development.”

He mentioned that everyone who attended asked a lot of questions and he wished there were more sites aside from codecademy.com to work with but it was a great way for people to do free learning and gain a better understanding than going through the process alone.

Kim Tan, a psychology major, said, “It gives me more information about coding and about the university the engineers learned how to code.

Software Engineer Carlos Ayala-Gonzalez said, “I think the workshop went pretty well. It’s like a trip back in time when I started learning how to code because it introduces the world of development to people who haven’t been exposed to it.”

He reminisces when he first started learning how to code and did not have any idea on how to do it.



JOCELYN TORRALBA

Veterans Day ceremony: Veteran and psychology major at CSULA Brandon Cholvers spoke to students about the meaning of Veterans Day. The event was held on Nov. 9 in the amphitheater, where the ceremony was sponsored by the Veterans Resource Center.

CAMPUS RECOGNIZES STUDENT VETERANS

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The Veteran’s Resource Center had a special ceremony to honor those who have served in the military.

The event was held on Nov. 9 in the amphitheater.

Joe Levy, veteran, music production major and speaker at the ceremony, explained why Veterans Day is an important event.

“We’re allowing all veterans to understand who they are because [some] veterans can’t find a job, some can’t deploy; a lot of people don’t

know what to do as veterans, and to acknowledge the people who are in the shadows of being veterans,” Levy said.

He also wanted to clarify the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Memorial Day is for the ones who have died -- Veterans day is for the ones who joined overall and fought for this country.

Levy served for eight years in special operations recruiting and in Marine expeditionary unit.

Levy wanted students that never dealt with veterans to know that, “We’re human, we go through the problems like everyone else- it’s just that the government and society

put our problems in a higher pedestal because we fought for our country so they label it PTSD, but we’re all human beings.”

Veterans Day celebrations events were held all week and the culminating event was the special ceremony.

Another speaker at the event was Veteran and Psychology Major at CSULA Brandon Cholvers.

He was impressed with the student turnout, saying, “It was bigger than last year- it is great to see students, staff and faculty.”

He added that Veterans Day is about all veterans, and not just combat veterans or those that died at war.

Cholvers served in the Marine Corp. for five years and also served in Afghanistan for a year as a helicopter crew chief.

The event was coordinated by Veteran Resource Specialists Felipe Salazar, Glen Peña and Cholvers.

Cerritos College President Jose Fierro attended the special ceremony and shared his thoughts on what Veterans Day means to him.

“This is a time to be thankful for what has been done for us-it is an opportunity for us to do a little bit for them,” Fierro said.

He wants veteran students to know he is here to help and support them their goals.



DAVID JENKINS

Veterans Appreciation Day: Kemberly Enriquez trying on army gear with the permission of the veterans. Enriquez was taking pictures wearing the gear.

CERRITOS COLLEGE HOSTS VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

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Students and staff came together outside the Veterans Resource Center to show their appreciation for their service.

On Nov. 8, Veterans Appreciation Day took place where different departments came and showed gratitude for the service of our student veterans.

Old school rock was played through the event.

The cosmetology department provided free hair cuts to the veterans on campus.

The Health and Wellness Center also attended and provided them with free flu shots.

Northwood University passed out flyers and the Financial Aid department was

there to provide information.

Homecoming Queen Jazmine Jose attended the event in support of the veterans.

Jose was able to gain their support during her campaign for homing queen.

“I’m always here to support them,” she said, “I wish I would have helped set up the event but I had mid-terms this week.”

She was offered a hair cut by the cosmetologist and decided to get her tips trimmed.

Students stopped by to try on suitable army gear to take pictures.

“It’s all been good, we set up in the right spots each time because here we have a lot of foot traffic [at the Veterans Resource Center] so students have been stopping by and asking questions, talking to

different veterans,” veteran Christopher Elder said.

“I’ve been here for three years and this is the first time I’ve seen [veterans appreciation day] to this scale. Normally we’re known for the veterans ball that we have, that everyone wants to go to, so it’s a lot better this year,” he said.

Jose, who does not feel like a homecoming queen, but like an ordinary student spoke of her love for veterans.

“I believe they do their job very well protecting our country for us to go to school and go to sleep at night peacefully while they’re out there fighting wars,” she said.

According to Elder there are about 900 to 1,000 veterans on campus.

He hopes that students talk to those veterans.



DAVID JENKINS

Ready for playoffs: Falcons' male soccer team celebrating their final victory of the season against Long Beach. They will now go to playoffs, being seeded No.1.

MEN'S SOCCER BEST IN USA

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With a score of 2-1 at the South Coast Conference (South Division), the Falcons remained unbeatable in the regular soccer season after the game against Long Beach City

College Vikings.

According to Benny Artiaga, head coach of the Falcons, this is the first time that the men's soccer team has gone undefeated in school history.

Now, the Falcons hold the No. 1 place in the nation by the United Soccer Coaches among Division III schools and No. 1 in Califor-

nia.

He explained that the team had "a lot riding" on this game and that the team "came out pressing and doing a little too much."

The game, which took place on Nov. 11 and at home, started with the Vikings' Steven Espinoza scoring the first goal 11 minutes into the game.

Number 18 Oscar Canela got the Falcons' first goal seven minutes later.

"Once we settled them down," Artiaga continued, "We were able to do what we did."

Team captain Luis Garcia said, "Every game is different. We started a little slow. We managed to pick it up [in the] second half."

Former trustee Bob Arthur would later comment on how the team "dominated," being that it managed to score one more goal while keeping the Vikings down.

Garcia said (and the head coach agreed) that staying composed and "being smart" were shown to be two of the Falcons' strong points, explaining that

"whether it was going in soft or going in hard -- we [...] knew what we had to do get the [desired] result."

This "composure" lead to the Falcons keeping the ball for most of the second half.

This, allowed midfielder Adrian Becerra (No. 8) to make an assist -- passing the ball to Canela to post his "second two-goal game in the last three matches," according to Cerritosfalcons.com, in the last three minutes of the game.

There was also an incident on the field.

The two teams could have had a potential scuffle but some Samaritans broke it up before anything damning for either team could happen.

Neither the team captain nor head coach remembered exactly what happened, though both said that it "is just part of the game."

This didn't happen at the previous game.

Cerritos will be seeded No. 1 and receive a bye in the first round of seeding for the Southern California Regional playoffs.

It will face the winner of the eight and ninth seed on Wed., Nov. 22.

W. SOCCER SHUTS OUT LBCC 2-0 SEEDING AS NO. 4 FOR PLAYOFFS

Cerritos to open SoCal
Regional Playoffs

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The Cerritos College women's soccer team worked hard on Nov. 11 at the South Coast Conference South Division, keeping the ball away from the Long Beach City College Vikings; the score being 2-0, with the Vikings' Sophomore Ronnie Gonzalez having six more saves.

This game marks the:

- Second time that the college's women's soccer team has beaten Long Beach 2-0
- Fourth consecutive win

- Sixteenth shut out
- Sixth consecutive shut out

The Falcons scored its first goal a half hour into the game, by Midfielder Elizabeth Mendez; and it's second in the 84th minute, by Midfielder Stephanie Nava.

Between posting these scores, the Vikings kept the Falcons down, giving them four shots at the goal.

"We had a hard time scoring," said Freshman defender Brianna Yipez, adding "The team was really aggressive and we went as hard as them."

This sentiment was echoed by head coach Ruben Gonzalez who said that the other team "came in and they played hard."

However, the head coach also asserted that "this game didn't really mean much" --

this is because the team was "already looking into the playoffs," having won conference.

What both the head coach, Yipez and Midfielder Elizabeth Mendez agree on is that the team needs to work on having a more aggressive offense.

Mendez also added that it should improve on communication and finishing.

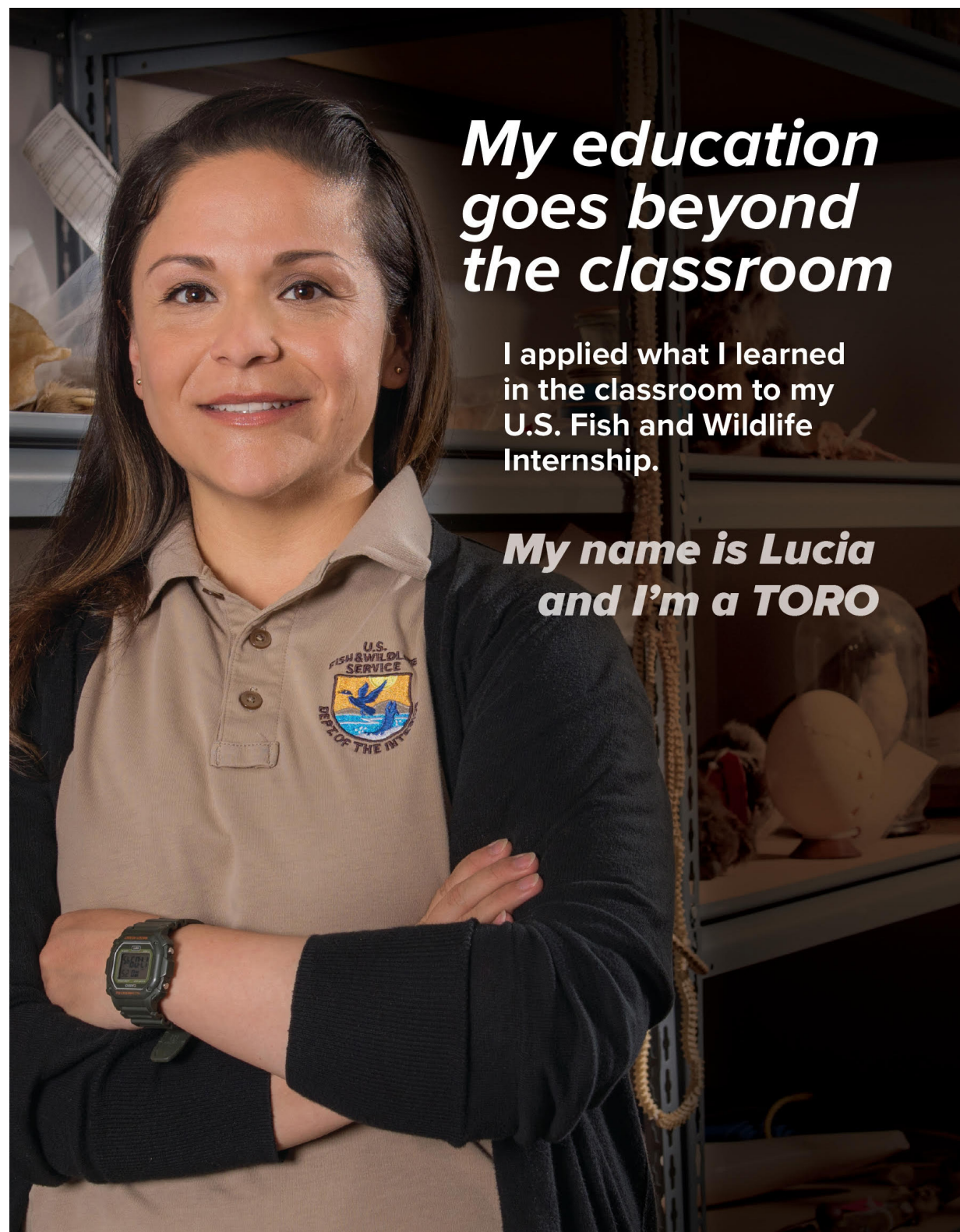
"I feel like we were all over them," stated Mendez, adding that she is really confident going to playoffs.

According to Cerritosfalcons.com, Cerritos College will be defending the its CCCAA State Champion title, having stayed at the top for the last five seasons -- opening the Southern California Regional Playoffs as the no. 4 seeded team, with the first round set for Nov. 18.



DAVID JENKINS

Keeping the ball: Falcons' No. 18 Claudia Soto and No. 20 Gisselle Jimenez take on Long Beach Vikings' No. 22 Alana Rouse. The Falcons beat the Vikings 2-0.



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