

College faculty rallies for COLA+



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Rally: Cerritos College faculty and staff marched along the campus chanting and waving signs fighting for a fair college with the Board. College faculty and staff marched along the campus chanting and waving signs fighting for a fair college with the Board.

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Cerritos College staff held a protest in front of the school on Wednesday evening after the Board ignored their demand for a better contract.

At the corner of Studebaker Road and Alondra Blvd on April 20, a picket rally was held by Cerritos College professors and staff in demanding better contracts with COLA+.

Beginning at 5 p.m., approximately 100 participants - including a handful of students - stood at the four corners of the intersection holding and waving signs, chanting and spreading awareness and information on the situation at hand.

The group later marched down to the Conference Center on the northeast side of campus by the Student Services building at 7 p.m. to share comments at the last board meeting of the semester.

COLA stands for cost-of-living adjustment and is reported to increase 5.9 percent for close to 70 million Americans this year.

Speakers at the protest expressed their distress with the situation and the Board's disregard for their worth. Many stated how they feel as though they are not being paid what they are worth, especially with conditions of the ongoing pandemic.

"I had to learn how to do Zoom, and I missed very important milestones with my children. I have to take care of the people I love," a spokesperson for the College [who wishes to remain anonymous] said, "But I cannot do that if the district does not pay me what I deserve."

They also mentioned that other colleges in the area, including Long Beach, El Camino and Rio Hondo City Colleges, have already received COLA. Upon their open mic session during the rally, Union

President and organizer of the rally, Dr. Lynn Wang, said that the Board of Trustees held a budget surplus of \$10 million and rejected an offer for an additional \$5 million to be added to their untouched reserves.

"The Board of Trustees has over \$42 million in unspent reserves and gave themselves a 10% increase in their pay," Wang stated, "but they can't give us a better contract?"

Teachers and staff at the College essentially want a fair contract. Many of the faculty work part-time under contract but work full-time hours. Professor Anthony Gonzalez, who teaches Mathematics, is a representing Senator with the Union and a part-time faculty member at the College.

Carrying his young daughter with him on his shoulders all night, Gonzalez said that he hopes the Board will listen to the concerns of their staff as they work hard for their students. "We do a lot here at Cerritos," Gonzalez said. "We don't only want an

increase in pay or better benefits, we want to help each other out. It makes me feel good that we can come out here as a collective and voice our concerns and possibly make a change."

Upon arriving at the board meeting, members of the Associated Student Government for Cerritos College joined the group to share their comments at the meeting and express their solidarity with teachers and staff fighting for COLA during the rally.

"The employees of Cerritos College are the backbone of this institution," member Hector Ledesma, environmental engineering major, said. "How can we expect to serve students without first adequately meeting the needs of our faculty and staff?"

"As a student, I will continue to stand in solidarity with our dedicated and devoted faculty and staff until their basic needs are met," Ledesma concluded.



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Picket: Anna DeMichelle, who is a fulltime faculty member who is the Chair of the Department of Music, is the person who was standing near the signs and this informational picket took place on April 20th.

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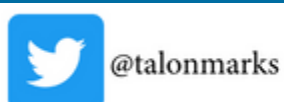
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Last board meeting of the semester

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Cerritos College's last board meeting for spring semester was held April 20 at 7 p.m. voicing the opinions of staff and students regarding their plea for the COLA

Before the board meeting took place, there was an informational picket on the corner of Alondra and Studebaker from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The board meeting took place at 7 p.m. and picketing participants went to view the board meeting and voice their opinion.

As usual, the comments from the faculty and students were the strongest part of the board meeting.

The first person who spoke during the board meeting was Irlanda Lopez, California School Employees Association president.

"I would like to have my son home for future board meetings but I think the way things are going, we're going to be here on a nightly basis," said Irlanda Lopez. "We need to be able to know that they can provide food on the table to their families that they can pay for gas to go to work - We're not here to be greedy, we just want our cost of living to go up [based on inflation]."

Sam Shabbot, a student from the college explained that he utilized tons of office hours because of his disability.

Henrietta Hurtado, who is the Chicano Studies Chair, also showed her support for CCFF and COLA+. Hurtado constantly said, "faculty working conditions are student learning conditions,"



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Trustee: This was the second, and last trustee who gave comments responding to faculty and the students, Trustee Birkey. Trustee Birkey gave his comments on April 20th's faculty senate to clear up some concerns faculty and students had regarding COLA+.

which was a theme for all of the comments that were heard and repeated by the audience and many of the speakers.

Anna DeMichelle, who is a full time faculty member who is the Chair of the Department of Music, started her speech by saying,

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This inflation that
we're experiencing is
crippling and
ongoing
April Bracamontes
CCFF Vice President
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"Given the current circumstances, I can no longer stay silent. I am extremely disappointed and somewhat offended that the district will not be in good faith with the Cerritos College Faculty Federation (CCFF)."

April Bracamontes CCFF Vice President, gave examples of other schools giving faculty raises, "El Camino got a 7.2% and Rio Honda got COLA +1 and last year ... LBCC got 4.2%, these are our cohorts."

These are the few comments that we're shared and there were about 20 public comments submitted.

Before Trustee President

Birkey gave his statement Ms. Rosenblatt asked that the current ASCC President and Vice President share a few words, President Birkey denied the request due to being unaware they had planned to speak which was later overruled by trustee Perez.

"The Board of Trustees gave themselves a 10 percent raise over the last three years," shared ASCC president Sandra Lucio, "The Board of Trustees approved a bonus for the president. The district had a budget surplus of over \$10 million last fiscal year and rejected to have another surplus over 5 million this fiscal year adding to the 42 million in

unspent reserves."

In response, trustee Birkey outlined that there were a number of factual errors in some of the material, and a number of errors in the way in which certain points had been made both tonight and at other times.

"The truth is that we care dearly and we have been fair and reasonable," Birkey said, "We agreed to provide the faculty and their dependents with 100 percent healthcare coverage ... and we also gave \$6000 stipends ... regardless of whether they were part-time or not."



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"Booster and testing was a requirement that was implemented by LA county of Public Health as a health order," Wang said.

Nonetheless, "that was lifted by LA county of Public Health, so that is why the campus is no longer doing that because LA county has given the district the green light to do so," Wang explained.

"We can expect an official announcement by the college before the end of the week," the email said.

"Individuals who have been granted either a medical or religious exemption from vaccination are still required



CREATIVE COMMONS AND NAVYMEDICINE

Testing: This is an image of a COVID-19 test that took place on April 11th, 2020. This ties into one of the new changes to our COVID-19 guidelines, which is weekly testing for booster-eligible people.

to submit proof of a negative COVID-19 test on a weekly basis," Wang's email explained.

The phasing of the booster/weekly testing requirements does not change BP 2905, where, "faculty, staff and student are

(still) required to show proof of being fully vaccinated," the email said.

PCR testing will still be available on campus, however, "due to ... decrease in demand for on-campus PCR testing, there

may be changes in days and times testing is available," Wang said via email.

The CCFF president also said that she will give an update when the dates are finalized.

For Summer 2022 changes, indoor masking will become optional, meaning it's no longer mandatory for students, staff or faculty) to wear masks indoors.

While it is still a requirement for indoor masking this Spring semester, indoor masking will become optional (and a recommendation) in the Summer semester.

Also, there are no more 50% occupancy restrictions and social distancing requirements, which means that in-person classes will no longer be capped at 50% enrollment.

Lobbies and waiting areas will now be open; there are no more altered traffic patterns; offices, restrooms and classrooms won't have restricted occupancy and there is no more "do not use" furniture in these spaces as well,

according to Wang.

It's made clear that depending on LA county guidelines and case increases, those changes are essentially not "set in stone."

"At this moment in the Summer semester, the campus made a decision to make mask(s) optional," Wang said.

The overall understanding of these guidelines is that they aren't 100% set in stone because anything can happen.

These are the COVID-19 changes that were mentioned, indoor masking will no longer be required, booster eligible testing isn't required and occupancy restrictions (and/or) social distancing requirements are being changed in the summer semester.

The move to remove the mask mandates that have followed across the country.

For example, the federal judge struck down the mask mandate for airplanes and public transit.

The college will announce in the coming weeks if they will make these changes in the fall.

Downey, City of S.T.E.M.



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Technology: City of S.T.E.M. returns to Downey for a kickoff Launch Event at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on April 2 with over 100 partners joining to educate local youth in a fun and immersive way.

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The Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey hosted City of S.T.E.M., a program dedicated to teaching science, technology, engineering and mathematics to younger audiences, on April 2 with a free, immersive festival.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., over 100 partners catering to S.T.E.M. were set up throughout the Discovery Sports Complex, 12400 Columbia Way, to provide hands-on learning workshops, exhibits and mini games.

The month-long celebration is composed of a variety of activities exploring the world of S.T.E.M. through panels, Zoom meetings, live events and more.

Food trucks and local

businesses also had their own booths and sections to join the thousands of families attending the event from all over the state.

The program featured Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, former Downey Mayor Claudia Frometta and special guest Ellen Ochoa, the first female Latina to go to space, who all gave speeches at the start of the day.

Ben Dickow, the Center's president and executive director, emphasized their rich, 70-year aerospace history and highlighted that the Center is home to where the first shuttle in space was built.

In announcing her retirement from Congress [at the end of the year], Roybal-Allard also expressed how thankful she is to Dickow for allowing her to be a part of the Center's journey as she had been a great contributor and

volunteer for their programs.

"I will cherish our many years of friendship and support. What the Center does for our youth is incredible and I am grateful to have been part of this journey for Downey truly is the city of STEM," Roybal-Allard said.

Roybal-Allard presented a certificate of Congressional recognition to Dickow and the Center in celebration of their 7th annual event and honoring their efforts to educate youth.

Also recognizing the Center's efforts to promote S.T.E.M. to youth, former mayor of Pico Rivera and current 32nd district senator, Bob Archuleta, presented Dickow with an \$8 thousand check.

Claudia Frometta, former Downey mayor, then emphasized the positive effect the city's

participation in S.T.E.M. will have on our futures.

"I see parents today cradling their little ones and I just want to say thank you [parents] for investing in their futures and encouraging their passions," Frometta said, "I look forward to working with and seeing our future astronauts, doctors, scientists and engineers who are sitting here today."

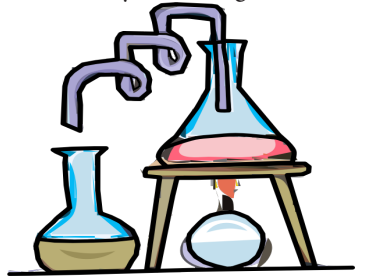
Folk of all ages were invited to embrace their inner child and get hands-on experience in learning the basics of coding, building marshmallow towers to understand gravity, fly drones, and understand marine and wildlife in the environment throughout the day.

Sofia Marcela, environmental science major at Cerritos College, said that she felt empowered

by the city's efforts to promote S.T.E.M.

"This festival showed me so many opportunities in S.T.E.M. that I didn't realize I had," Marcela said, "As a college student, I appreciate these types of events as they allow me to see that there is so much more to S.T.E.M. than just basic science and math."

More information- including a calendar of events and a live-streamed video providing a run-through of the festival- can be found at cityofstem.org.



New women empowerment program in Norwalk

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A new program sponsored by the Social Services Department in Norwalk dedicated to promoting mental health and personal development for young women had its first informational meeting on April 14.

From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. young women who reside or attend school in Norwalk gathered to learn about and sign up for L.A.D.Y.- which stands for Leadership and Advocacy for the Direction of Young Women- at the Social Services Center.

The program will serve as a 'big sister-little sister sorority' for women between the ages of 15 and 23, and will focus on fostering women empowerment, equality and mentoring.

L.A.D.Y. will potentially be funded by the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls through their Women's Recovery Response Act, which grants \$5 million in funds to organizations serving women and girls who have been inordinately affected by the ongoing pandemic.

They were inspired to apply by the city and will receive results at the council meeting on Tuesday.

At the meeting, a series of icebreakers and power point presentations followed by a Q&A session were ventured by founders Jessica Bargas-Jimenez and Denise Lopez, who currently work for the city.

"We want to focus on mental, emotional and physical health, relationships, school, work,

personal growth, etc.," Bargas-Jimenez said. "We aren't the same women that we were last year, we are always growing and evolving, and overcoming the obstacles that make us who we are."

The program will have an upper and lower division where girls ages 15-18 will be in one, and girls ages 19-23 will be in the other. "We want the girls to feel safe to come and do things," Bargas-Jimenez said. "Girls in high school might not be able to do things to girls who are in college or beyond, and vice versa."

Each girl will be paired with a designated mentor according to interests, career paths, etc. in which they will experience a series of workshops, outdoor excursions, one-on-one meetings and more with.

The founders say that the program strives to keep participant identification confidential to ensure privacy; L.A.D.Y. will serve to be a safe space for its members.



CLARISSA ARCEO/TM

Women: An informational meeting introducing Norwalk's newest social resource was held at the Social Services Center on Thursday.

Lopez said that they are grateful to have the city's cooperation, support and involvement as well as the Mayor and his wife's.

"Norwalk has so much heart, when we see a problem we address it and try to make it better," Lopez said. "The council is so invested in helping our program that

they said that even if we were not approved of this grant, they would find a way to fund it and that speaks volumes."

L.A.D.Y. strives to officially begin in late Spring and serve as an ongoing program. They are also looking for more women to serve as mentors.



CSULB Green Generation Showcase



DARRYL LINARDI/TM

Earth Day: A member of the Sierra Club giving a board presentation using statistics regarding air pollution in the Long Beach area to participants at the 11th Annual Green Generation Showcase on Thursday.



DARRYL LINARDI/TM

Tips: Poster made by CSULB student discusses recycling methods and myths.



DARRYL LINARDI/TM

Art: A student-led booth allowed participants to draw or write on a poster board.



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Bridge: Japanese Botanical Garden at CSULB has been preserved for decades.

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In advocating for clean energy, renewable resources, climate change and more, clubs and organizations from the California State University of Long Beach and the surrounding area gathered for a showcase in light of Earth Day.

The California State University, Long Beach held their 11th annual Green Generation showcase at the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden in preparation for Earth Day on April 21.

The Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden is a botanical garden located on the CSULB campus. It features a large, green scenery of gardens with a pond, bridges, and a zen garden.

On Thursday, the garden was open to anyone with reservations looking to learn more about the environment, accommodated with free parking, handouts, booths, raffles and live music.

Posters and projects created by CSULB students were displayed on big poster boards near the entrance; They researched a variety of topics ranging from organic farming and recycling to food waste.

One of the booths present at the event was run by the Citizens' Climate Lobby, an international grassroots environmental group in the U.S. They work with over 200,000 volunteers across the nation to emphasize the importance of climate change.

"By visiting our website, you can send a pre-written or custom email to President Joe Biden, your local senators, and your House representatives," said a CCL spokesperson. "We host a lot of talks at local organizations, rotary clubs, and a student group on

campus who partly support our group's goals."

At the event, the group's representatives emphasized that the time to urge politicians and officials is now. While climate change has been discussed in the past, it is emphasized that our future generations will be heavily affected negatively if we don't take action- hence the event's name 'Green Generation.'

The Long Beach Water Department also made an appearance at the event, teaching local residents and students (at CSULB and the surrounding area) learn about utilities and home renovations.

"We're out here promoting efficiency and water use," said a representative from the Water Department. "We promote residential rebates, as well as information about installing and maintaining California native or drought-tolerant plants you can plant at home."

Attendants who visited their booth were also encouraged to participate in a game that they held for a chance to win reusable and environmentally-friendly equipment.

One of the more national groups that had set up a booth at the event was the Sierra Club, whose main goal as a larger organization is to help others learn how to protect the Earth's 'wild places.'

The Sierra Club is a nonprofit organization holding chapters throughout the country. The organization strives to promote responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources, and strives to educate and enlist humanity.

"We are a national organization that is involved in things like conservation and water issues. What we have here



in Long Beach is a focus on electrification transportation," said Club representative, Joey.

As a coastal county, city and state, water practically serves as a second home to those who live nearby.

Joey added, "One of the things we're working on is mainly clean transportation on drainage trucks and heavy cargo equipment."

"The ports are one of the largest polluters," Joey emphasized. "We're talking about a quarter of the region's air pollution coming from the ports alone."

If cleaned and maintained, it would mean that the surrounding region's pollution levels would drastically decrease and further help the environment, making our ocean cleaner than ever.

Other booths at the event advocated for important topics such as the preservation of bees, organic food and drinks, and electric stations for zero-emission vehicles all in light of working to care for the planet.

CSULB's Green Generation Showcase stresses the importance of making efforts to address climate change while striving to care for the planet all year 'round, not just on Earth Day.



Kirby and the forgotten land

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On March 25, Kirby and the Forgotten Land released on the Nintendo Switch with great anticipation which led to an amazing game to a franchise that

desperately needed something new to its formula.

Kirby has always been a staple in Nintendo's video game history for 30 years and is celebrating

its 30 year anniversary and what better way to celebrate that than with a brand new game in the Kirby franchise and not just any regular Kirby game, but a new Kirby game that strays away from its typical video game formula that fans have come to know for 30 years.

Kirby video games have primarily been known to be 2D side scrolling video games like Super Mario, unlike Super Mario who has branched out to different types of video game formulas stuck to its roots with its cute and colorful side scrolling adventure video games until Kirby and the Forgotten Land and completely changes the way we as the player have come to know Kirby for.

The first biggest difference with Kirby and the Forgotten Land and other Kirby games is its open world-like game play, this opens up so many possibilities for future Kirby games because for its first time going 3D, it does an amazing job with its core mechanics and even brings over previous mechanics like Kirby's iconic copy abilities and they translate perfectly well in this game.

A fun little gimmick this game brings to the table is Kirby's "Mouthful Mode" which enables Kirby to inhale huge objects like cars, traffic cones, and even a

hoop and changes the dynamic of some of the video games stage layouts.

Aside from the mechanics being a remix of moves from previous Kirby's come a new feature in having the ability to upgrade Kirby's copy abilities and make them either faster, stronger, or both which adds an entirely different way players can approach and play this video game.

The general consensus appears to have perceived Kirby and the Forgotten Land very well and it brings new hope to the Kirby franchise after the mediocre outing of Kirby's most recent video game, Kirby Star Allies.

My only issue with this game would have to be its lack of a true open world experience as well as online multiplayer to accompany its superb local co-op multiplayer.

Playing a game like this after growing up with Kirby games was an amazing experience and the post-game that the video game provides leaves more to be desired from both Nintendo and the Kirby franchise.

Seeing what Nintendo did to be innovative enough to bring something fresh to the table and I hope it indicates the same treatment will come to other longtime Nintendo franchises to come.



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Nintendo Switch: Kirby celebrates his 30 anniversary with a brand new 3D game.

Cerritos College Virtual Art Exhibit

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Cerritos College held an online art reception on Zoom on Monday in which multiple female art students showcased work specifically in honor of Women's History Month.

Headed by professor Audra Graziano and Kimberly Rosenfield, the reception was hit off with around 15 attendants after waiting a brief moment for other panelists to join in time.

"As you move forward, you're only going to have your art community," said Najarian, "Unless you meet others that have the strength and you pull on those, that's all you're gonna have."

Arranged alphabetically, the art reception began with the work of Jennix Bien, whose exhibition consisted of portraits of herself mid-drawing and another woman clothed in a motorcycle helmet and green jacket.

"With my art, I like to express my identity and where I come from; as a queer woman.

I create to inspire with aim at elevating the voices of women and LGBTQ+ within the creative world," said Bien.

Next was Mia Delgado, who was absent but whose Helping Hand—an armless and legless ceramic figure giving birth to an assemblage of curled metallic wires—was nonetheless appreciated by the attending students.

Then there was Rayanna Enriquez's artwork, one of which depicted a woman pulling off a tooth while the other illustrated the distortion of another woman's face as she pulls on the skin in what is titled Morning Rituals.

Enriquez said, "I wanted to paint my perspective as a young woman with aging and anxieties about growing up—feeling like you're an adult now, but you still feel really adolescent."

Julie Gallo's Influx and Primavera were displayed next; the first being the colorful abstract art that was the cover of Monday's virtual art exhibition and the second being a charcoal rendering of herself.

"The Influx, which was featured on the cover. I worked more in an intuitive way, I would say," said Gallo, "I felt like it needed to have a certain Energy and there's just this sense of movement I wanted to incorporate as well."

This sense of movement was what Gallo attributed to a feeling similar to Enriquez's own



MATHEW ESPINOSA/TNS

Refusing to be silenced: Kimberly Rosenfield played a major part in organizing a good deal of the Women's History events at Cerritos. Not Eric Rosenfield, the name that showed up by accident during the online art reception.

work of time charging past while everyone is left behind.

After Gallo was Francesca Hogi and then Michelle Learner, who were absent from the reception although both artists' works were given some time to be inspected by the attendants.

Hogi's Ordinary Objects displayed a random assortment of items ranging from a single eye to one leaf and Three Nesting Bowls—three blue bowls on top of one another—all built from ceramic.

Learner's artwork was a series of monotone renderings of fallen leaves and abstract lines.

Aside from the artists' exhibitions, Najarian suggested that attendants share what sorts of words would feel most fitting to describe the elements depicted in some of the art.

One such word was provoking by one student to pick out the feelings generated by Janneth Uriarte's Phantom Bedroom, another art piece on display that details two women sitting on a bed pushed against a background of swirling particles of light.



DR. STRANGE MULTIVERSE OF MADNESS

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There is plenty of anticipation for Doctor Strange Multiverse of Madness and Marvel fans are in for a treat.

The latest trailers and TV spots have revealed a lot of new characters and fans have no idea what the plot is going to be.

The biggest reveal was that of Charles Xavier played by Sir Patrick Stewart. Stewart is known for his iconic role as professor X in the Fox X-Men movies.

It seems Marvel brought back this character as part of the introduction of the Illuminati in the MCU.

The Illuminati in comics is a private group of some of the world's most powerful heroes brought together in case of larger threats.

The team consists of the famous Tony Stark, sorcerer supreme Dr. Strange, leader of the Fantastic 4 Mr. Fantastic, leader of the Inhumans Black Bolt, Namor King of Atlantis and Professor X, leader of the X-Men.

It is still unsure who exactly will be revealed in the upcoming film.

It is possible Marvel will be revealing the superior Iron Man, one of the most powerful variants of Iron Man in the comics. Fans debate if the iconic version of the character was teased during a trailer.

A character who was confirmed and will have a big role in the film is America Chavez, played by Xochitl Gomez. Chavez is able to create and travel through portals and possess superhuman strength, speed, durability and flight.

She is from a realm named the Utopian Parallel.

The Darkhold, Marvel's Book of the Damned, looks to be a big plot in the movie. It was teased at the end of WandaVision but fans are yet to see its full power.

The ancient and evil book contains powerful dark magic spells and apparently anyone who reads it will lose their mind or their soul.

Trailers and TV spots are not the only things revealing teases. In one of the movie posters Captain Carter's shield can be seen.

Seeing Hayley Atwell's Captain Carter on the big screen is something every Marvel Fan would like to see.

There are plenty of other

variations that were teased throughout the latest trailers such as Defender Dr. Strange. This character dons a black and red suit and leads a group of superheroes called The Defenders.

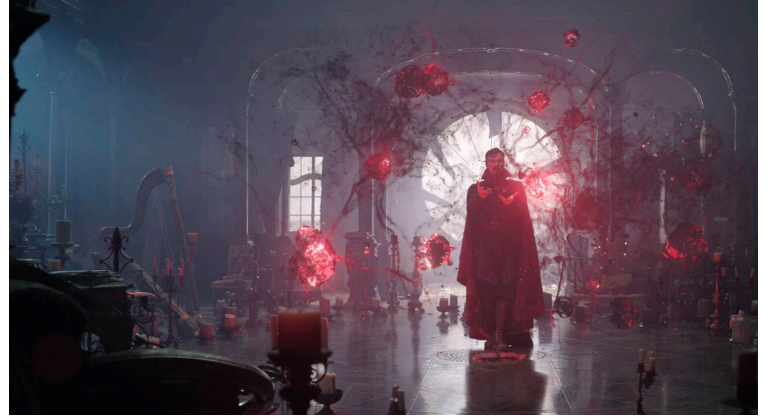
An evil variation of the Scarlet Witch has also been shown and will also have a big role in the film.

The creature named Gargantos has been shown fighting in almost every trailer and TV spot. In the comics, Gargantos is a mindless creature whose first appearance was fighting Namor the Sub Mariner.

It will be interesting to see if this is Marvel's way of introducing the King of Atlantis to their cinematic universe.

Plenty of other cameos will be revealed during the movie and hopefully this will be the film to bring mutants to the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

The movie could be bringing a storyline similar to the House of M comic run but bringing mutants to the world instead.



Spoiler free review: AMBULANCE

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Ambulance is a post-heist car chase movie that follows a world-renowned bank robber and his adopted brother, who faces the problem of his morals, all while running from police.

Yahya Abdul-Mateen II plays Will Sharp, a family man who is unfortunately tasked with trying

to obtain thousands of dollars to pay for his wife's medical bills.

He meets with his brother Danny, played by Jake Gyllenhaal, who doesn't give him a loan, but instead manages to convince him to go on a singular heist to pay off the debt.

Somewhere along the line, the robbery goes off plan and forces the two to hijack an ambulance that carries EMT Cam Thompson, played by Eiza González, and the

bleeding officer, played by Jackson White.

A rather straightforward movie, its two-hour runtime has you wondering, "How does it fill all these empty spaces with nowhere to go?" The answer is that with a linear plotline, its outcomes are very predictable and cliches are apparent, which makes the events seem less exciting.

Every character out of the main three causes unnecessary

problems that drags out the runtime and gives an excuse to add car flips and explosions. The side characters make it frustrating to watch, which in return has you rooting against the side of justice. The supposed "good guys" are just unbearable to watch in the movie.

The editing can be seen as repetitive. After the first couple of drone shots, it gets stale and stains the movie.

And for an action/thriller movie, most of the jokes seem out of place – which is concerning for the amount of comedy there is in the film. This just makes the movie experience a bit awkward.

For a movie with a budget of \$40 million, Ambulance is a project that Michael Bay wanted to put out after being confined by the pandemic without any motive of making it his top movie.

However, for the average movie watcher, the action scenes are very fun to watch. It's a good way to mindlessly enjoy the film. All of the stunts and chase scenes are completely practical and are the best part of the film.

Jake Gyllenhaal displays his efforts of being a top actor, and every scene with him makes the movie worth watching. Danny is sophisticated, yet sarcastic



and crazy. From loving his brother to his psychotic episodes, Gyllenhaal's character gives off a spectacular show of performance.

Also coming from award-winning shows and movies such as HBO's Watchmen and Candyman (2021), Abdul-Mateen plays his role very well as a humane bank robber who was dragged into an unfortunate situation. You feel sympathy for the character, and the movie makes you want to believe that he'll make it out of the situation alive.

However, Eiza González's character Cam is written to be their savior and hope for getting out of the situation. The script forces the narrative that without her, there would be no chance of escaping.

It's surprising how well they use such a confined space and stretch it out for so long. After previous films were heavily criticized by reviewers, the movie is seen as a redemption for Michael Bay.

"Ambulance" is not a masterpiece whatsoever. If...[read more at Talonmarks.com](https://www.talonmarks.com).



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Cast: US actor Jake Gyllenhaal, US filmmaker Michael Bay, Mexican actress Eiza Gonzalez and US actor Yahya Abdul-Mateen II pose during a photocall for the premiere of the film "Ambulance" in Paris on April 20, 2022.

College should lift face mask by fall 2022



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Pandemic: Cerritos College may lift the mask mandate for students in the fall semester of 2022, however, they should still provide the option for students who still want to wear their masks.

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While the Norwalk community is slowly going back to normal with lifting mask mandates indoors, Cerritos College is still requiring students to wear masks on campus.

Why are students allowed to go to different places without wearing a mask while they still have to wear a mask on campus?

How come elementary, middle

and high school students have the option to wear their masks, but Cerritos College students are still required to wear one?

Cerritos College intends to prevent COVID-19 cases from increasing on campus, however, students should still have the option to wear their masks.

Even LA County is planning to lift the mask mandates on April 4, which is more on the Democrat or left-leaning county.

Students can wear their masks as a personal interest if that makes them feel safer while other students should be allowed to not have to wear a mask in class.

In most classes, social

distancing is already being practiced and most people who are at school have taken both the vaccine and the booster shot

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65% of people in the United States are vaccinated whereas 11% are partly vaccinated.

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There is overwhelming support for lifting mask mandates,

and what feels like mask fatigue, which resulted in Democrat-led governors lifting the mask mandate.

The reality is California is going as far as to shift into, what Gavin Newsom calls an endemic approach.

One interesting alternative is to remove the mask mandate and continue to recommend check-in online before entering campus and uploading their vaccine, booster shot or negative COVID-19 test for all students.

This alternative can be practiced during the summer so that students can experience this idea.

If they don't mind this alternative, it can continue until fall 2022.

While this may be a frustrating alternative to just removing the mandate altogether, more likely than not, this will get support from both faculty and students unanimously.

This alternative still promotes testing and getting the vaccine while giving students the option to wear or not wear their masks.

A Wall Street Journal Opinion piece quoted Sarah Montalbano, who is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in computer science, where she refers to masks.

“The demand for masking is low, and it will remain low,” Montalbano says, “The need for masks has faded as well. The transition to personal responsibility in COVID-19 policy is long overdue.”

President of Cerritos College Jose Fierro stated during his Instagram live that even if the mask mandate is lifted, Cerritos College will continue to keep the mandate until the next semester.

Surprisingly, this is a good idea since we have only a couple of weeks until the spring semester ends so hopefully, the dreaded mask mandates end in Cerritos College.

Hopefully by the fall semester of 2022, students won't have to be required to wear a face mask and to attend class based on their comfort.

It's time to remove the mandate and allow us, faculty and students, more freedom to continue with a semblance of normalcy in our lives.

Homelessness is a choice

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California has the largest homelessness population in the nation, which many believe is due to the lack of affordable housing and opportunity. There are many programs available to those in need of assistance ultimately making homelessness a choice.

California's homelessness population in 2019 was estimated at 161,548 according to the Continuums of Care to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Of that number approximately 4.9% are families with children, 7.1% are veterans, 7.5% are unaccompanied adults ranging from ages 18 to 24 and 32.1% are individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

California saw a 6.8% increase in homelessness between 2019 and 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a financial strain on everyone but economically hardly impacted the homeless population, “income had not changed during the pandemic because they “never really had any anyway.” Rather than

increasing deprivation for many people experiencing homelessness, the pandemic has arguably perpetuated their severe deprivation instead,” said Hayley Morris, a UC Davis Media Relations Intern.

With the homelessness population exponentially increasing in California, one would think with all the resources and programs implemented by the state individuals would be able to pick themselves up, regaining control of their life and reintegrate themselves into society.

“There's little evidence to suggest undocumented immigrants constitute a large share of California's homeless population,” according to CalMatters.

Documented and undocumented immigrants are able to find housing and a sustainable source of income while not being given many the advantages American citizens are given at birth. Proving that homeless is more often a choice.

There are 32 programs offered in the United States government aimed to combat the homelessness crisis. Each program is unique to fit the needs of every individual offering treatment to health

concerns, mental health support, substance abuse, and additional assistance for children, expecting mothers, families, runaways, and all humans.

It is impossible to not find a program aimed at offering assistance to those in need - whether it be a lack of knowledge regarding resources, there are programs available to everyone.

Individuals that have been homeless for years are homeless because they are not actively seeking help whether it be due to addiction, mental health issues or simply enjoying a homeless lifestyle.

CalWORKs offers a homelessness assistance program meant to help families find housing both permanent and temporary. Temporary housing assistance helps pay housing at a temporary shelter, motel or hotel costs for up to 16 days. Permanent housing helps prevent eviction or secure housing.

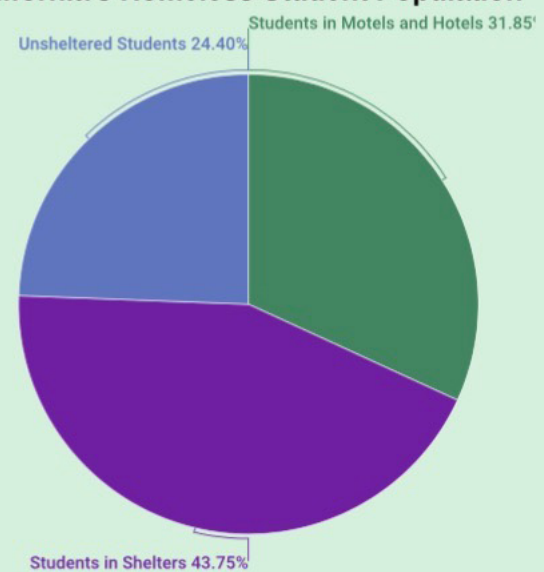
An individual's needs while experiencing homelessness are like snowflakes in the sense that no two situations - or snowflakes are alike.

No person that is currently homeless decided they wanted to ...read more at Talonmarks.com.

Homelessness in California



California's Homeless Student Population



271,528 public school students experienced homelessness over the course of the year in 2018-2019.

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Students: Information provided above is from <https://www.usich.gov/homelessness-statistics/ca/>

Racism is here to stay

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As the battles of Russia and Ukraine progressed, one other issue started to rise. While everyone is fighting for their safety, racism is playing a part because a large group of African Americans is being treated unfairly.

While Ukrainians are trying to evacuate; including men, women, children and African Americans are being blocked from being evacuated and left out suffering in the cold worrying about their safety.

According to the article, 'Africans in Ukraine say they're stranded', Africans in Ukraine are complaining of racist treatment in their quest to escape the war. They are being blocked from boarding trains and prevented from crossing borders to neighboring



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Racism: *It seems that no matter how hard we try, racism will always be a factor that we can't get rid of in every situation.*

countries for safety.

It is unfair for Africans' in Ukraine to be feeling endangered especially during war. They are not allowed to go somewhere safe just because of the color of their skin which is unfair. Everyone is equal, but most people are still not getting that in their heads.

It seems regardless of what happens, racism is here to stay due to ignorant people who choose to be inhumane. We sadly can't control how people think.

Although people who wish to change the mindsets of racist people try their hardest, the best we can do is let them be. The First Amendment allows everyone to feel how they feel, state what they wish and believe as they want.

As people who want to change situations of racism, we can take part in donating to those suffering such as those in Ukraine and across the world.

We can also help by sharing issues fueled by racism on social

media to raise awareness; those who care about humanity will help spread the message.

Another example of racism is the Unite the Right rally that occurred on Aug. 12th, 2017. This rally started because the statue of Robert E. Lee, a confederate soldier, was going to be removed because of the George Floyd protests in 2020.

The video, Charlottesville: The True Alt-Right by a YouTuber named Shaun talked about the

alt-right protest and explained intricate details of the protest.

Dylan Roof and James Alex Fields ran their car into counter-protesters during this rally, which Shaun talks about in his Charlottesville video.

"The only way to tell the difference for sure is in their reactions to the murders committed by Dylan Roof and James Alex Fields," Shaun explains, "Once the ideology goes beyond words and becomes action, fatal action..., you can no longer claim it's just a joke, you are in all in."

Shaun showed plenty of examples of people waving swastika flags from 28:51 through 31:00 and from 41:18 through 43:30, you hear tons of people agreeing that Hitler did nothing wrong, that we should gas the racial-slur and under a banner saying end Jewish control now.

The Charlottesville video Shaun posted will give context to the Charlottesville rally and help explain the 2017 rally.

There will always be racist propaganda that will spread, because of the huge rise of the internet.

As history continues, fascists like Hitler, Stalin and Putin all have one thing in common that most might not say. They all suppress the First Amendment... **Read more at Talonmarks.com.**

Time to address student dept

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As of 2022, students owe \$1.75 trillion in loan debt.

In 2020, President Joe Biden promised to cancel at least \$10 thousand worth of student debt



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per American student.

Since his pledge to students - Biden has provided a select hundred thousand students with debt relief across the country. His promise remains unfulfilled; millions of students continue to reside with indescribable debt.

As the president continues to delay and re-extend pauses on this issue, many students-many of whom vouched for his candidacy during the controversy throughout his election- are beginning to worry about whether or not he will fulfill this promise.

With over 23 million students currently borrowing money to pay for their education, the average student owes somewhere between \$25 and \$50 thousand in student loans.

There are a lot of great things that can come from forgiving or canceling these loans; An increase in homeownership, and a potential decrease in financial insecurity and racial inequality of income.

After graduating college, many young adults often struggle with being able to live comfortably and purchase their own home due to the toll their student loan debt takes on their credit scores and financial state.

Women, people of color

and older Americans would greatly benefit from student loan forgiveness or cancellation the most.

Did you know that two-thirds of the country's balance is carried by women? The higher averages belong to people of color.

Statistics show that Black and Hispanic households shoulder the most student debt. And half of student loan borrowers over the age of 75 are falling behind in paying their dues.

More relevant to our time, the pandemic took a huge toll on the world's financial and economic state. A record number of jobs were lost and many struggled to survive paying off their loans in addition paying rent, bills, gas and essentials.

Those hit strongly by the COVID-19 pandemic would greatly benefit from a cancellation in their loan debt. It would allow them to focus on applying their income to the cost of living rather than loans.

If the president is not going to keep his promise in canceling student debt which seems to be the case due to the continuous pauses there are relief programs available still taking applications.

Programs that you can apply and potentially be qualified for



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Cerritos College: *Student debt ceases to be the number one worry for college graduates across the country as thousands of dollars are owed on average.*

include waivers for public service and volunteering, income-based repayments like Pay As You Earn and career-oriented rewards for those who study to become nurses, attorneys, teachers and more.

These programs cover part or all student debt but trillions of graduates and students lie in major debt because the majority of these programs are need-based.

A graduate or student can make a decent amount of money and still struggle. The cost of

living and living expenses varies upon zip-code.

The money we make isn't always the money we have for ourselves. A majority of college graduates' money will go to paying off loans.

Our president is failing to comply with his promise to cancel student debt, it's time to take matters into our own hands- and we have a few options.

We can either cancel student debt now or reduce the cost of... **read more at Talonmarks.com.**

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Falcons defeat Roadrunners 6-1 in alumni homecoming

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Roadrunners didn't stand a chance as the Falcons entertain alumni with their fast-flying defense and batting.

The Cerritos Falcons soured over the Roadrunners 6-1.

It was a close game until Daniel Marsical, Jr broke the scoreless tie with an RBI at the bottom of the fourth inning to give Cerritos a 1-0 lead.

The Cerritos offense exploded at the bottom of the sixth.

First with an RBI, once again by Marsical to make it 2-0, then an RBI triple by Hasan Stanifer, and one more RBI by Dean Ormonde to make it 6-0.

The biggest defensive play of the game came at the top of the seventh. Outfielder Jason Givens gunned it to home plate as Marsical, Jr tagged out the runner before he scored.

At the top of the eighth, Roadrunner Jordan Salgado broke Justin Almeda's shutout streak with a home run, but it wasn't enough.

The Falcons would go on to win the game 6-1 in a memorable game for the alumni.

Almost 80 alums attended the game.

Before the game, legendary Falcons coach George Horton did the ceremonial first pitch.

When the game was over



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PITCHING: No. 12, Justin Almeda, throws a fastball down the middle in the top of the ninth inning against the Roadrunners. He is credited for the win as the Falcons hold Rio Hondo to only a run on Saturday, April. 23, 2022.

Horton gathered the team together to give them advice about life and baseball.

Horton was an assistant coach for Cerritos from 1976 to 1985.

He then became the head coach the following year.

He also coached and won the 2004 College World Series at Cal State Fullerton and coached at the University of Oregon.

"For the most part they came ready to entertain we knew we had the alumni here today and they went out to put on a show, I mean the energy was amazing from beginning to end, they came out throwing strikes, playing defense, running bases, you know hitting the ball," coach Vic said.

Coach Vic also said that it was a great feeling to play in front of

the alumni the way they did and wants to do his best to bring back Cerritos baseball to their old winning ways and will try to end the season on a high note.

Bret Barberie, Cerritos baseball alumni said, "It was nice to see, it looks like they have a good club in the making it was exciting to reunite with a lot of old friends here and at the same time

see the facility and hopefully this team will do well in the future and continue to work hard and bring another state championship here at Cerritos."

Barberie also mentioned that his favorite baseball memory took place in 1986.

When the team had a poor season the previous year in 1985, it got worse when a fellow teammate went down to an injury and motivated the 1986 Falcons to dedicate the 86 season to him.

That year the Falcons went 44-5 and won a state championship.

Just two years later Barberie went to Seoul, South Korea to represent the United States in the Olympics and became a gold medalist.

Barberie played in the MLB with the Montreal Expos, Florida Marlins, Baltimore Orioles, and Chicago Cubs.

The Falcons have three games left to go.

Their final home game of the season will arrive on Thursday, April. 28 against Pasadena City.

Cerritos baseball gets the best of the three game series against the Roadrunners.

The Falcons defeated Rio Hondo 13-2 on Tuesday, April. 18, at home.

The Falcons lost on Thursday, April. 21, 15-2 at Rio Hondo.

Cerritos overall record moves to (11-25-1)

Softball shuts out Santiago Canyon 2-0

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Cerritos softball shuts out SCC 2-0 in a defensive game at Nancy Kelly Field. Starting pitcher Samantha Islas started in the circle for the Falcons after getting the save in the previous two games.

"We all came together as a team," Islas said, "Today I had a talk with the girls, we all came up with a gameplan, told each other we're gonna come in together as a team all play for each other how we started off in the beginning of the season."

The Falcon's defense came ready to play as they got the Hawks out in order to retire the first inning. Islas recorded a K, while the other two batters popped up in the infield.

The Falcons got to work early in the bottom of the first as they kept their inning alive on two outs. Richere Leduc and Alyssa Sotelo both grounded out to the infield.

Brooklyn Bedolla was walked at the plate on ball four, Bedolla went on to steal second base on a pitch as Vicky Najera was up to bat.

With Bedolla on second in scoring position, Najera made good contact on the ball as she doubled to left-center in the gap for an RBI to score the first run for the Falcons as Bedolla scored.



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PITCHING: Freshman pitcher, No. 7, Samantha Islas throws her first K in the ballgame against the Hawks. Islas alongside the Falcon's defense would shut out SCC for the 2-0 conference win on April. 23, 2022.

With Najera on second base, Maddy Guillen connected on a ball and doubled to left-field as Najera rounded third and ran to home plate for the Falcons' second and last score of this ballgame.

Negasse Williams would go down swinging at the plate for the third out as Cerritos took the 2-0 lead over the Hawks.

The Falcon's defense would go back to work in the top of the second inning.

This Falcons defense has been fast-flying to the ball as they communicate well and play for each other out there, besides the first batter in the top of the second to be struck by a pitch, Cerritos held the Hawks to four out in order innings.

"Going into this we knew that they were ranked ahead of us I think ranked two," Bedolla says, "They were very aggressive swinging at the first pitch at any

itches, we just really wanted to back 'Sam' up because we all just really wanted it."

"We came out with the intention of we're gonna win and we're gonna get it, we're going to protect 'Sam' and everyone else on this team," Bedolla said.

Offensively the Falcons struggled to get any hits and runners on base after the first inning.

[Read more at Talonmarks.com.](#)

Softball Recap

Softball is currently on a four game winning streak. With playoffs not far in sight softball will get the chance to prove their dominance as a all freshman team.

Softball had three games in a row on Thursday, Friday and Saturday winning all three confrence games at Nancy Kelly Field.

The Falcons beat LAHC 11-6 rallying after surrendering a grand slam in the top of the first.

If its not defensively, is offensively as they know what it takes to be succesful playing for eachother and putting the needs of the team first rather then themselves.

The idea of passing the bat to rally from behind has kept this Cerritos team in second place in their confrence at 15-4.

With two games remaining until playoffs it will no doubt be an unforgettable season here at Cerritos College for this softball team.

COVID-19 has trully struck out when it came to this season as nothing can possibly come between this team.

Cerritos will play Rio Hondo on April. 26 at home at 3 p.m. and away on April. 27 at 3 p.m. [Read more at Talonmarks.com.](#)

Softball dominates Pasadena City College 5-1

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Cerritos continues to finish games strong as they go on a three-game winning streak to improve to 27-10.

The Falcons defeated the Lancers 5-1 in a home conference matchup. Richere Leduc once again started in the circle for Cerritos as she did on Thursday's matchup against LAHC.

Once again it was this Falcon's defense that showed why their success and chemistry have led to their winning record.

On another windy ballgame at Nancy Kelly Field, the Falcons shut out the Lancers and retired the top of the first inning through the four batters of the lineup.

Cerritos would pick up from where they left off in Thursday's matchup as Leduc led off the Falcons with a home run to center-field. She put Cerritos up early 1-0 against PCC.

The Falcons were not able to keep the inning going as Brooklyn Bedolla flied out to right field as Alyssa Sotelo was tagged at second base after being walked at the plate. Vicky Najera popped in the infield to end the inning.

In the top of the second, Leduc and the Falcon's defense delivered once again as they forced balls that were not what the Lancers were looking for at the plate. Cerritos retired the next four batters in the Lancers lineup to put another scoreless inning on the board.



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Batter Swings: Freshman Catcher, No. 23, Vicky Najera smacks the ball for a line drive to center field in the bottom of the third. She would be the Falcons' first out of the third inning against Pasadena City College on April. 22, 2022

Makayla Torres led off the bottom of the second with a single, Negasse Williams was walked at the plate. Angelica Gonzalez grounded out to third base on a bunt advancing runners to second and third.

Alyssa Porrás pinch-hit for Alyssa Capps and struck out swinging at the plate. Miranda Diaz came to the plate with the momentum swing the Falcons needed to bring runners in as she doubled to right field.

Diaz collected two RBIs as Williams and Torres scored to put the Falcons up 3-0. Leduc singled

to left-field collecting an RBI as Diaz scored before Leduc was eventually caught at second base.

Cerritos took a 4-0 lead early against the Lancers. In the top of the third, the Lancers loaded up bases on what would've been a two-out rally until Lancer's second baseman flied out to right-field as Gonzalez ended the inning.

In the bottom of the third, Sotelo led off as she singled on a nice hit to center field. She stole second while Bedolla was at the plate, Bedolla doubled to right field scoring another run for

Cerritos as Sotelo scored to make it 5-0.

Najera lined out to center field, and Bedolla advanced to third on the tag up. Torres and Williams ended the inning failing to bring Bedolla in from third.

In the top of the fourth, Courtney Callison relieved Leduc from the circle as she finished pitching in the ballgame, moving to first base shutting out the Lancers for three innings.

Callison alongside the Falcon's defense shut out the fourth inning earning a K. Read more about at www.Talonmarks.com

Softball rallies against LA Harbor College

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Falcons pull off an 11-6 late comeback win against Los Angeles Harbor College in an action-packed windy ballgame at Nancy Kelly Field.

This Cerritos team has been in ballgames being down early far worse. Brooklyn Bedolla describes it as "something we've said all year is we all need to pass the bat and I think that's what we did today."

Richere Leduc started in the circle for the Falcons. Bedolla said, "We knew as a team that they wanted to come out strong and attack and they did."

Cerritos fought to the very end as the Seahawks came out swinging early in the top of the first inning scoring a grand slam on two outs to put them up 4-0.

The Falcons were unable to score in the bottom of the first. Leduc retired the batters out in order as they held the Seahawks to a scoreless second inning.

To lead off the bottom of the second, Malia Pieper reached first off a throwing error by the Seahawks. Alyssa Capps singled on a bunt with one out.

Miranda Diaz reached on a fielder's choice advancing Capps to second as was tagged at third.

Leduc singled up the middle



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Runner Scores: Richere Leduc rounds the bases as she hits a three-run homer in the bottom of the sixth for insurance runs in the Falcons matchup against the Seahawks. She is awaited by her teammates (Left to Right) Alyssa Sotelo, Alyssa Capps, and Miranda Diaz on April. 21, 2022.

for her first RBI and the first run for the Falcons as Capps scored to make it a 4-1 ballgame.

Courtney Callison relieved Leduc from the circle to pitch in the top of the fourth inning right after an RBI put the Seahawks up 5-3.

Callison would stay in the

circle in the top of the fifth to retire the inning out in order.

In the bottom of the fifth, Maddy Guillen walked, Havyn Marines pinch ran for Guillen.

Angelica Gonzalez singled on a bunt.

Capps singled on a bunt to load the bases for the Falcons.

Rest In Peace Dwayne Haskins

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Ohio State football legend and pro football quarterback Dwayne Haskins unfortunately passed away at the young age of only 24.

The details of Haskins' death are still unclear but what has been confirmed is that the gifted athlete was struck by a car in south Florida.

Haskins was at the prime of his young career, only two years removed from his historical sophomore season at Ohio St.

Haskins was a standout his entire football career. He threw for over five thousand yards while in high school and was Maryland Gatorade player of the year. Haskins was also a four star recruit.

While playing quarterback at Ohio State Haskins threw for over 4,800 yards while completing over 70% of passes.

He also threw for 50 touchdowns in his final year with only eight interceptions. He ended his career with a 174 quarterback rating.

Haskins was one of the most electric players in college football in 2018. He finished the year with many accolades.

Haskins earned the Chicago Tribune Silver Football award as the best player in the Big Ten, Big Ten's Graham-George Offensive Player of the year and was a Heisman finalist.

He led Ohio St. to a 13-1 record and a Rose Bowl win against Washington. They finished third in the AP Poll.

Haskins was drafted in the first round at pick number 15 by the Washington Commanders. He struggled a bit to find his groove behind a poor team and only started six games.

Haskins was consistently in a quarterback battle throughout his first two years in Washington before being cut after poor play and concerns about his character.

Haskins was signed by the Pittsburgh Steelers this past season in hopes of a fresh start. Before his recent death Pittsburgh has stated that Haskins had a real shot to compete for a starting job this upcoming season.

Although starting for the Steelers might have been a long shot, Haskins earned the trust of the organization and was a favorite amongst his peers.

Most of his current and former teammates as well as other players around the league showed nothing but love and positivity for the young athlete following his death.

Read more about Remembering Dwayne Haskins at www.Talonmarks.com