Citrus Rocks!

Celebrating Achievements from the 2010-2011 Academic Year

Produced by the Office of External Relations.
Information obtained from press releases, Board Highlights, The Bulletin and YOUR submissions.
Our Students Rock!

Academic Team
Citrus College students Yamato Kaneko and Gabrielle La Marche were named to the 2011 All-California Academic teams by the Phi Theta Kappa international community college honor society. Kaneko was honored as a First Team All-California Academic Team member, while La Marche was honored as a Third Team All-California Academic Team member. Only 77 students in California were selected to receive this honor. Both students received medallions during the Community College League of California awards ceremony held in March.

Alumni Achievement
The recipients of the 2011 Citrus College Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award were Dr. Ivan Misner and Mr. Daniel Parke. Dr. Misner, Citrus College class of 1976, is the founder and chairman of BNI, the world’s largest business networking organization. Mr. Parke, Citrus College class of 1975, is a highly respected entrepreneur known for his expertise in establishing companies specializing in serving the energy needs of businesses.

Blood Drives
Throughout the academic year, the Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC) hosted several blood drives. Not only did they provide a suitable location for the drives, but they helped publicize them across campus and recruited Citrus College students and staff to donate blood. This year, the ASCC was honored by both the American Red Cross and the City of Hope for organizing blood drives that were extremely successful.

Clinic Competition
Three Citrus College teams swept the Certified Dental Assistant/Registered Dental Assistant Table Clinic Competition this past spring. Students Ivy Mabassa, Kathleen Aserl, and Jodi Fransen placed third in the competition and received a $100 award. Students Brenda Bermudez, Ada Gomez, Stephanie Sandoval, and Gabrielle Hernandez placed second in the competition and received a $300 award. Students Brittany Subia, Sara Weigel, Jasmine Vogel, and Jennifer Cazares placed first in the competition and received a $1,000 award.

Conference Play
During one of its most successful seasons in recent memory, the Citrus College Baseball team went head to head with Southern California’s number one ranked team in the 2011 California Community College Athletic Association’s playoffs. Although they lost the first game in the series, Citrus College forced Rio Hondo College into a third game after an 11-5 victory in the second contest. Unfortunately, the Owls came up a run short as they fell 3-2 in the deciding game. Although they didn’t advance in the playoffs, the team members played their best baseball of the season.

Degrees Conferred
Citrus College conferred an all-time record of 1,246 associate degrees to 1,062 students during the 2010–2011 academic year. More than 450 students participated in the college’s 95th Commencement ceremony, which was also an all-time high. In addition, 184 graduates received multiple degrees and 249 graduated with honors.

Dental Scholarships
Citrus College Dental Assisting students received prestigious scholarships during the 2010-2011 academic year. Jennifer Broyles received a $1,000 scholarship from the American Dental Association Foundation, a $250 American Dental Assistants Association Achievement Award, and a $500 scholarship from the San Gabriel Valley Dental Society and the California Dental Association Foundation. In addition, the American Dental Assistants Association presented Juliette Southern with one of ten $750 Oral-B scholarships.

Dental School
Mariechris Ancheta, a 2009 graduate of the Citrus College Dental Assisting Program, was accepted into the highly-competitive and prestigious University of California, Los Angeles Dental School.

Female Athletes
Annette Diaz of Covina and Ariel Marsh of Chino Hills were named the 2011 Citrus College Female Athletes of the Year at the Citrus College Academic Achievement Awards. Diaz spent the last two seasons helping the Citrus College Softball Team receive back to back California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) playoff appearances. She was named the Western State Conference Blue’s Player of the Year and earned first team All-State honors. Diaz graduated from Citrus College in June and plans to transfer to a four-year college or university. The 2010-2011 basketball season was Marsh’s first at Citrus College, but she averaged 21.6 points per game, which was the team high. She also shot 42.1 percent from the floor, 40.2 percent beyond the three point arc, and 82 percent from the charity stripe. Marsh will transfer to Cal Poly Pomona in the fall.
Our Students Rock!

**General Excellence**
The Journalism Association of Community Colleges is an organization of California and Arizona community college journalism programs designed to extend educational opportunities for journalism students. Every year, the staffs of the Citrus College Clarion Newspaper and the Citrus College Clarion Website attend the organization’s Southern California conference in the fall and state convention in the spring, where they compete in a variety of contests. This year, both Citrus College student publications received the General Excellence Award, the organization’s highest designation, at both the Southern California conference and the state convention.

**Guistwhite Scholarship**
Out of 1,340 applicants, Citrus College student Yamato Kaneko was among a select group of students chosen to receive a $5,000 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society’s Guistwhite Scholarship. The Guistwhite Scholarship Program is merit-based and designed to enhance Phi Theta Kappa members’ attainment of baccalaureate degrees. Every year, the prestigious award is given to up to 20 qualifying students from throughout the United States.

**Honors Program**
A record 31 students completed the Citrus College Honors Program during the 2010-2011 academic year. Many of these graduates were accepted into major universities including the University of California, Los Angeles; the University of California, Berkeley; and Columbia University.

**Male Athlete**
Lateef McMullan of Covina was named the 2011 Citrus College Male Athlete of the Year at the Citrus College Academic Achievement Awards. McMullan helped take the Citrus College Men’s Basketball Team to the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championship game this past season, averaging 16.3 points and 4.2 assists per game. As a result, he earned first team All-Western State Conference South honors and first team All-State honors. McMullan will transfer to Division I Portland State University in the fall.

**Microgravity University**
Nine Citrus College students participated in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s (NASA) Reduced Gravity Student Flight Program at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Craig Stremel of La Verne, Gabriel Grier of Pomona, Harrison Ruiz of Claremont, Phoebe Sulzen of San Gabriel, Wesley Gunter of Duarte, Randall Acosta of West Covina, Jacqueline Deeb of Glendora, Branden Han of San Gabriel, and Joshua Huffaker of Glendora performed an experiment they proposed, designed and created while flying in a microgravity environment aboard the NASA C-9 “Weightless Wonder” aircraft.

**Monrovia Mural**
Citrus College art students Kathryn Ennis, Helen Espinosa and Arum Navarro created a 54-foot mural on the side of the ITT Systems Corporation Office Building on South Shamrock Avenue in Monrovia. The mural, themed “The Deep Space Network,” depicts the NASA, Jet Propulsion Lab, and ITT mission to support the myriad of past, present and future deep space missions.

**Outstanding Male**
David Keys, a 29-year-old social science major, was named the 2011 Citrus College Man of the Year at the college’s annual Academic Achievement Awards ceremony. A resident of Upland, Keys is an Army veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 82nd Airborne Division. He will be transferring to the University of California at Berkeley this fall as an international relations major.

**Outstanding Female**
Jacqueline Deeb, a 19-year-old engineering major, was named the 2011 Citrus College Woman of the Year during the college’s annual Academic Achievement Awards ceremony. A resident of Glendora, Deeb is a member of Citrus GraviTeam, a group of nine Citrus College students who travelled to Houston this summer to flight test an experiment at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). She will be transferring to Cal Poly, Pomona for the fall 2011 semester and hopes to pursue a career in engineering.

**Photographers Forum**
In January, four students from the Citrus College Photography Program Mark Gagliardi, Kerry McQueen, Elaine Offstein and Michael Pao were notified that they were finalists in Photographer’s Forum magazine’s annual college photography contest. Established in 1971, Photographer’s Forum is an award-winning quarterly publication dedicated to quality reproduction of photography in the United States and Canada. The name and work of each contest finalist was featured in the 2011 Best of College Photography book.
Playoff Appearance
The Citrus College Lady Owls softball team was back in the California Community College Athletic Association’s playoffs after a one year absence. Their appearance in the 2010 Southern California playoffs was their third in four years. The 12th-seeded Owls lost to Fullerton after a hard fought three games, but still ended the season as the second ranked team in their division.

Psychology Club
The Citrus College Psychology Club did extremely well during the 2010-2011 academic year. Of the six awards that Citrus College presents to student clubs every year, the Psychology Club received three. In addition, the Psychology Club won the “club cup” for having accumulated the most activity points of any student organization this year. And finally, the club received the Best Club of the Year and the Advisor of the Year designations.

Scholar-Ballers
This year, a record 69 Citrus College athletes earned the title of “Scholar-Baller.” Scholar-Baller is a national program that places emphasis on the student athlete’s performance in the classroom. At Citrus College, an athlete must maintain a 3.0 grade point average to earn the designation. Athletes that are named “Scholar-Baller” receive a special patch for their uniforms.

SkillsUSA Competition
For the second year in a row, Citrus College photography student Ricky Lin emerged as the gold medal winner in the SkillsUSA state photography competition. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together in career and technical fields to ensure that the United States has a skilled workforce. The organization offers competitive activities in a wide variety of subjects at the regional, state, and national levels. As a state winner, Lin automatically had the opportunity to compete at a national level.

State Championship
In early March, the Citrus College Men’s Basketball Team headed to the 2011 state championship tournament after defeating Irvine Valley College in a regional final playoff game. The Fighting Owls, having won the California Community College Athletic Association’s State Championship in 2008 and advancing to the semi-finals last year, were thrilled to be part of the Final Four again. In the end, the team continued their tradition of excellence, finishing the 2010-2011 season as second in the state.

Student Research
Eight students from the Citrus College Honors Program presented research at the Honors Research Conference held at the University of California, Irvine in March 2011. One Citrus College honors student was selected to present his research at the Honors Research Symposium at Stanford University. At the same time, Citrus College’s chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society conducted a research project on student technological literacy that won second place among California and Nevada community colleges.

Student Veterans
This year, 29 Citrus College student veterans graduated and/or transferred to four-year colleges or universities.

Theatre Festival
In February, a delegation of Citrus College theatre arts students participated in the American College Theatre Festival, which was held at the Omni Hotel and Los Angeles Theatre Center, as well as Los Angeles City College. The festival included invited productions, the Irene Ryan Acting Competition, theatre workshops, play festivals, theatrical design awards, and the Next Step auditions. Citrus College students excelled in every event, including one team of students, Christopher Aranda and Kevin Figueroa, who moved on to the final round of the Irene Ryan competition. Christopher Aranda was also awarded a scholarship to attend the California State University Summer Arts program.

Tonight Show
In January, two former Citrus College music students performed on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Anthony Logerfo and Corey McCormick appeared as members of the band, Lukas Nelson and The Promise of the Real. Lukas Nelson, the band’s front man, is the son of country music legend Willie Nelson.
Our Employees Rock!

Accreditation Committee
Accreditation is a quality-assurance process through which institutions collectively set standards for good practice, conduct peer-based evaluations on a regular basis, confer accredited status, and make the results of accreditation review known to the public. After serving as co-chair of the Citrus College accreditation team in 2009, Roberta Eisel became extremely familiar with all that the process entails. Therefore, it is not surprising that she was recently appointed to the Accreditation Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges.

ADAA President
Claudia Pohl, Citrus College dental assisting instructor, has been serving as the president-elect for the American Dental Assistants Association for nearly a year. The ADAA is the oldest, largest group representing professional dental assistants. It is a national organization with 14 districts providing guidance and education for America’s dental assistants. The president-elect role is a national, elected position. In October 2011, Claudia will be installed as president of the ADAA and will serve a one-year term.

Alumni President
The primary purpose of the Citrus Alumni Association is to assist and promote the general interest of Citrus alumni, promote goodwill in the community, fundraise for scholarships, to help alumni of Citrus Union High School and Citrus College to plan reunions, and assist with special projects that benefit Citrus College. Eric Magallon, bookstore supervisor, is currently the president of the Citrus Alumni Association. In this role, he has led the alumni board to complete the donor wall in the library and begin a $100,000 Citrus College alumni endowment campaign.

Bronze Star
Dr. Bruce Solheim, Citrus College history instructor, has written an original screenplay to honor the life of a friend. The piece, “The Bronze Star,” is based on the story of Carl Ferguson, a Vietnam vet who encountered numerous hardships during and after the war. Ferguson committed suicide in 2002, and Solheim realized he had to tell his dear friend’s story. He began writing the play two years ago and is anticipating the play to debut around Veteran’s Day.

Distinguished Faculty
Dr. James Zaharek, Citrus College humanities instructor, was named the Citrus College Distinguished Faculty for 2010-2011 during the 95th Commencement Ceremony in June 2011. A former secret service agent and police officer, James has worked as a full-time faculty member at Citrus College for more than 16 years. In addition to humanities courses, he has also taught administration of justice, criminal law, history, and several other subjects.

Dittemore Scholarship
Badieh Farahani, chemistry instructor, helped establish the Michael David Dittemore Memorial Scholarship in memory of a former student. The scholarship is intended for an outstanding chemistry, biology, or chem-bio student transferring to a four-year institution. The recipient must have a 4.0 in their major and should display dedication to studies and excellence in the sciences.

Educational Attainment
Many Citrus College faculty and staff reached significant educational goals during the 2010-2011 academic year. Amie Dizon, an account clerk II in Fiscal Services, earned her bachelor’s degree. Five employees earned master’s degrees: Lucia Blades, accounting supervisor in Fiscal Services; Jean Culp, adjunct history instructor; Robert Iverson, director of purchasing; Fe Lopez, payroll coordinator in Fiscal Services; Ivon McCraven, coordinator of school relations in Student Affairs; and Denise Zamora, specialist in EOP&S/CARE. An additional five employees earned their doctorates this year: Kathy Bakhit, economics instructor; Dana Hester, biology instructor; Sam Lee, dean of language arts and enrollment management; Martha McDonald, dean of students; Lucinda Over, dean of counseling; Eric Rabitoy, dean of physical and natural sciences; and Maryann Rachford, multimedia and fine arts instructor.
Our Employees Rock!

Employee Advocate
Michael Bilbrey, bookstore operations coordinator, won a special runoff election to fill a vacancy on the 13-member CalPERS Board of Administration. Michael will serve out the remainder of the term vacated by Kurato Shimada, who resigned last year. The term will end on January 15, 2014. Michael was also recently re-elected to serve as first vice president of the California School Employees Association (CSEA). He will serve a two-year term as first vice president and, at the end of the two years, plans to run for President.

Faculty Tenure
Four Citrus College faculty members were granted tenure in 2011: June Han, biology instructor; Gerhard Peters, political science instructor; Rafael Herrera Jr., Career/Transfer Center counselor; and Gino Munoz, instrumental music instructor. The Citrus Community College District board of trustees hosted a special reception to acknowledge and celebrate each new tenuree in May 2011.

Hayward Award
John Vaughan, Citrus College dance instructor, was nominated for the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges prestigious Hayward Award. Every year, the Hayward Award is conferred upon four faculty members who have been nominated by their peers. Named for former California Community College Chancellor Gerald C. Hayward, the award honors outstanding community college faculty who have a track record of excellence both in teaching and in professional activities and have demonstrated commitment to their students, profession, and college.

Health Services
Shauna Bigby, the college nurse, has been selected as the Region 8 representative for the Health Services Association of the California Community Colleges (HSACCC). The statewide association of professionals is committed to offering quality health services and health education within the community college system. Its members provide support for existing health services programs and consultation services to community colleges that plan to establish new programs.

Hostos Honor
Dr. Geraldine Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College, was honored by Hostos Community College of the City University of New York (CUNY) at its Circle of 100 Tree of Life unveiling ceremony. Students from Hostos Community College’s Dental Hygiene Program made a sizeable donation to the school’s Alumni Relations Office’s Circle of Life, a membership group supporting the educational goals and aspirations of the college’s student body. The donation was made in honor of Dr. Perri, one of the program’s most accomplished graduates.

Human Relations
Joanne Hinojosa, EOPS/CARE supervisor, and Lillian Sass, Foster Care/Kinship program coordinator, are making a difference in their community by serving on Azusa’s Human Relations Commission. Both women use their background in education to help them as they strive to bring unity and cultural awareness to their city. The Human Relations Commission is comprised of nine appointed members and is charged with developing and organizing activities that help unite the community and direct youth toward positive and socially-desirable activities.
Our Employees Rock!

National Endowment
Jean Culp, adjunct history instructor, was selected to participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities workshop entitled, “United by Water: Shipwrecks and Maritime Landscapes of the Great Lakes.” The dynamic workshop, which was held in July 2011 for 50 community college faculty and administrators from across the nation, focused on one of the most important and well-preserved collections of historic shipwrecks and associated maritime landscapes in America. It took place on the shores of Lake Huron in Alpena, Michigan.

Presidency Project
Gerhard Peters, Citrus College political science instructor, is one of the co-founders of the American Presidency Project, the most comprehensive collection of resources pertaining to the study of the United States presidency. Since February 2011, it has been featured in 11 major news sources, including the New York Times and the National Journal. Gerhard also received an e-mail from Kyle O’Connor, an assistant speechwriter at the White House, who claimed that he uses the American Presidency Project when preparing President Obama’s speeches. “Whenever I begin gathering research and getting our writers ready for a speech, one of the first things I do is log on to your site and pull previous presidential speeches, as well as anything President Obama has said on the topic we’re dealing with,” he wrote.

Shining Stars
During Citrus College’s annual Convocation celebration at the start of the fall semester, several individuals were honored as part of a recognition initiative designed to highlight outstanding efforts in exemplifying Citrus College’s vision and values. The campus community was encouraged to nominate faculty, students, classified staff, supervisors, managers, and members of the external community as Citrus College Shining Stars. This year’s recipients are Tom Gerfen, Citrus College Foundation president; Christine Link, executive assistant; Greg Hinrichsen, director of the Haugh Performing Arts Center; John Vaughan, dance instructor; Stacy Armstrong, publications specialist; Dale Salwak, language arts instructor; Chris Riley, information technology support specialist; and the San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

SLO Assessment
Student learning outcomes are the knowledge, skills, abilities, and attitudes that a student has attained at the end (or as a result) of his or her engagement in a particular set of collegiate experiences. Assessment includes the methods an institution employs to gather evidence and evaluate quality. At Citrus College, faculty, staff administrators and students all share in the student learning outcomes and assessment process. One faculty member, however, is designated as the Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Coordinator. This year, Dr. Dana Hester, biology instructor, will serve in this role.

Teaching Magic
Dr. Dale Salwak, language arts instructor, published his 24th book, “Afterword: Conjuring the Literary Dead.” As editor, he posed the question, “If you could meet your literary hero, what would you talk about and what would you ask?” of contributors from Great Britain and the United States. He included responses from experts, acquaintances and colleagues who shared his passion for literature and had little known information to share about literary giants of the past. Dr. Salwak also made his second trip to the isolated country of North Korea, where he shared magic trends with some of the country’s top magicians who regularly perform for Kim Jong-il.

YWCA Award
In May 2011, the YWCA San Gabriel Valley named Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College, a 2011 Woman of Achievement. Dr. Perri was among 10 community leaders selected for their accomplishments in their fields of work, study or volunteer service, and for exemplifying the YWCA’s mission to “eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.”
Our College Rocks!

Affordable Textbooks
The staff of the Owl Bookshop has worked diligently all year to help make textbooks more affordable for Citrus College students. Some of their efforts include instituting textbook rentals, holding a regional textbook summit, and participating in a textbook sustainability workshop in conjunction with the Citrus College Green Team.

American Songbook
Over the past four decades, many talented Fine and Performing Arts program students have performed at Citrus College. Last year, the best of these students were invited back, along with special guest Dale Kristien, to participate in The Great American Songbook: Love’s Journey. Accompanied by Citrus College’s Blue Note Orchestra, the performance included a musical cavalcade of songs for every generation. The production was such a hit that it will soon be performed at regional theatres, becoming a source of revenue to support the fine and performing arts program.

ARCC Report
Citrus College ranks above its peer groups in six “accountability indicators,” or levels of achievement, according to the 2011 Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges (ARCC). The college’s most dramatic improvement occurred in the Improvement Rates for ESL and Credit Basic Skills category; the ESL Improvement Rates subcategory increased by 8.3 percentage points. The college earned the Peer Group High in Annual Successful Course Completion Rate for Credit Basic Skills Courses, 72.8 percent. The California Community College System publishes the ARCC Report each year in compliance with a legislative requirement.

Californians Aware
Californians Aware (CalAware), a nonprofit group advocating openness in government and public institutions, has granted Citrus College an A+ rating for its response to a public records request that was made to selected California community colleges. The college earned the A+ rating based on its response time to CalAware’s request; whether all requested documents were provided; the cost of receiving document photocopies; and the quality of customer service. This rating is regarded as evidence of the institution’s regard for its public trust and its emphasis on conducting business operations with openness and transparency.

Campus Safety
On November 16, 2010, students, staff, local dignitaries, and community members joined the college in celebrating the grand opening of the new Citrus College Campus Safety Building at a special dedication ceremony. Construction on this 2,000-square-foot facility began during the summer of 2009 and was completed in the fall of 2010. The $1.2 million building features a drive-up window, staff and visitor parking areas, and a fingerprinting section. It also includes offices for the college’s Campus Safety employees.

External Relations
In March 2011, Citrus College won three awards from the state Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO). The college competed against marketing and communications departments from across the state and received two second-place silver awards and one first-place gold award. In the press release category, the article entitled “Citrus College Cosmetology Program Received National Service Award” received the silver award. The feature article, entitled “Citrus College Superintendent/President: An Inspiration to Many,” also won the silver. In the print advertising category, the college earned the first-place gold award for the “My Citrus Story” ad campaign.
Foundation Fundraiser
The Citrus College Foundation hosted Valley’s Got Talent, a fundraiser and talent competition designed to highlight the best amateur entertainers in the area. The proceeds from ticket sales and event sponsorships benefited Citrus College programs and scholarships. Modeled after some of today’s most popular television programs, Valley’s Got Talent was held in the Haugh Performing Arts Center in January. In addition to recognizing local performers, the event raised $80,000.

GI Jobs
G.I. Jobs magazine selected Citrus College as a Military Friendly School for 2011. Chosen from more than 7,000 U.S. colleges and universities, Military Friendly Schools are the top 15% of those institutions that provide the most support to America’s student veterans. The Military Friendly School designation verifies Citrus College as an institution of higher learning that offers high quality benefits to student veterans such as on-campus programs, academic and financial support, and assistance in the transition from military to civilian and student life.

Golden Days
The Azusa Golden Days event is a weeklong civic celebration that has taken place every year since 1949. Last year’s event was held in October and the theme was “The Old West Rides Again.” One of the highlights of the Azusa Golden Days celebration is the parade, which begins at San Gabriel Avenue and ends at Memorial Park. Citrus College representatives rode in the college’s 1916 Chevrolet Four-Ninety throughout the parade. The unique car won first place in the Azusa Golden Days parade competition in the pre-1920 auto division.

Green Campus
Citrus College received the Green Campus Award, one of the Leadership Awards granted at the 2010 Green California Community College Summit. The college earned this honor for several forward-thinking sustainability initiatives including its cost-saving Central Plant; an award-winning waste reduction program; the implementation of Silver LEED standards for its new buildings; and its staff development program on green issues.

Hispanic Outlook
The annual “Community College” issue of the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education named Citrus College 39th among the nation’s top 50 community colleges granting the most associate degrees to Hispanic students. The college’s position in this category rose from its 2010 ranking of 42nd place. The Hispanic Outlook’s source for its Top 50 data is the National Center for Education Statistics.

LERN Magazine
The Fall 2010 Continuing Education schedule received recognition from LERN magazine. The leading magazine on the subject of lifelong learning, LERN contains information about seminars and conferences, contract training, association education, credit and degree programs, demographics, and much more. The college’s Continuing Education schedule was featured as one of the ten best educational brochure designs of the year. It was selected from the submissions of more than 4,000 LERN institutional members in 16 countries.

Library Grant
The Hayden Memorial Library was awarded a History Digital Resources Project Grant for $5,000. The grant will enable the college to participate in the Local History Digital Resources Project, which will involve the scanning of approximately 200 historical images from the library’s collection that document the founding of Citrus College. Eventually, the Library staff would like to display the project in the building’s art gallery to provide everyone with the opportunity to enjoy the college’s rich history.
Our College Rocks!

LVN Placement
The South Bay Workforce Investment Board is a regional entity tasked with implementing the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Their primary objective is to provide policy guidance that enables all citizens to maximize their career potentials, while providing all employers with the human resources they need to grow and prosper. In 2010, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board recognized Citrus College’s Licensed Vocational Nursing program. The college was presented with an award for placing 100 percent of the program’s students in jobs.

Mathematics Grant
The Tensor Foundation, in association with the Mathematical Association of America, awarded Citrus College with a grant to fund its “Support and Inspire Program for Women in Mathematics.” The grant will enable a group of young women enrolled in calculus classes or higher at Citrus College to participate in a variety of math related activities, such as field trips; social events to discuss advanced math topics and network with female mathematicians; and “Adventures in Mathematics” outreach efforts to young girls, grades 5-11 from Glendora and Monrovia school districts. The $6,000 grant was renewed for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Parent Ambassadors
The Citrus College Office of School Relations and Outreach introduced an innovative new program this year. The Parent Ambassadors Program is comprised of volunteers that serve as liaisons between Citrus College and the communities it serves. The purpose of the program is to help prospective students and their families prepare for college. Parent Ambassadors learn how to advocate for education, navigate Citrus College and its resources, answer questions regarding immigration status, develop friendships, and expand skills. During the inaugural year, thirteen volunteers completed the Parent Ambassador Program training.

Reader’s Choice
Beacon Media, Inc. is a family of five community newspapers serving the San Gabriel Valley. Their publications include the Arcadia Weekly, the Monrovia Weekly, the Sierra Madra Weekly, and the Pasadena Independent. The newspapers are published every Thursday and have an estimated readership of nearly 100,000. Last year, Beacon Media conducted its annual Readers Choice Poll. Citrus College was selected as the first runner-up in the “Best Institutions of Higher Learning” category.

Schaefer Ambulance
A leader and innovator in emergency medical services for more than seven decades, Schaefer Ambulance pioneered and helped develop many medical transport services. The company provides ground transports for hospitals, urgent care centers, convalescent homes, physicians, insurance companies, fire departments and private/public events. This year, Schaefer Ambulance donated a fully-operational 1999 ambulance to the Citrus College Health Sciences/Emergency Medical Technician Program.

SCM Increases
STEM Citrus Connect is designed to increase student interest, majors at Citrus College and transfers to four-year colleges and universities in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields. During the 2010-2011 academic year, the college began to see significant progress being made as a result of the Citrus Connect program. Student declaring a STEM major increased 56 percent, while associate degrees in STEM disciplines increased 68 percent. At the same time, the transfer rates of STEM majors also increased dramatically. The program is funded by a College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) grant.
Our College Rocks!

Student Services
The newest facility to debut on the Citrus College campus is the 55,000-square-foot Student Services Building. Construction of this impressive structure began in July 2008, and the facility officially opened in July 2011. Partially funded by the state (20 percent) and partially funded by Measure G (80 percent), the Student Services Building houses the offices of Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, the Student Health Center, the Job Placement Center, Outreach, International Students, Counseling, the Career/Transfer Center, Extended Opportunities Programs and Services, Disabled Student Programs and Services, and the vice president of student services. It also features a “bookstore express,” cyber café, meeting rooms, conference rooms, lounges, and storage space.

TAG Agreements
The University of California’s Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program guarantees admission to well-qualified students from all California community colleges. Under this program, admission to most majors can be guaranteed for transfer students who meet the eligibility requirements and complete the procedure to obtain a transfer admission guarantee. During the 2010-2011 academic year, the Citrus College Career/Transfer Center submitted a record 420 TAG agreements, an increase of 324 from the year before.

TE/TD Facility
The Technology Engineering/Technician Development Facility is one of the newer structures on the Citrus College campus. Construction of these state-of-the-art buildings began in December 2007 and was completed in stages. In September 2010, the college hosted a dedication ceremony to celebrate the grand opening. The $13.6 million facility was fully-funded by the state and features two different structures: the Technology Engineering Building and the Technician Development Building. The 15,047-square-foot Technology Engineering Building includes office space, classrooms and a conference room. The 16,642-square-foot Technician Development Building features 31 automotive bays with laboratory areas for engine management and emissions, brakes, tires and suspensions, and drivetrain systems. It also includes an engine laboratory and an emissions testing station.

Top Producer
Citrus College was listed among the nation’s leading two-year institutions in Community College Week’s annual issue, “Top 100 Associate Degree Producers—2011.” The college ranked 52nd among two-year institutions in the number of associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students and 27th among the top 50 institutions awarding associate degrees in multi-interdisciplinary studies (liberal arts/general studies). For the first time, the college ranked 45th in a new degree category: practical nursing, vocational nursing, nursing assistant.

Veterans Grant
The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Citrus College a “2010 Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (CEVSS) Program” grant. The three-year, $400,000 award enables the college to continue and expand its veterans’ services programs, allowing participating students to receive an associate degree, transfer to a four-year college or university, prepare for a career, and excel in life. Citrus College was one of 15 colleges, out of 292 applicants, chosen to receive this grant.

White House
Citrus College’s nationally acclaimed Veterans Program was featured, along with similar programs from three California community colleges, in a video presented at the first White House Summit on Community Colleges. The video, submitted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, included remarks from a student regarding the effect of the Veterans Program on his transition from active military service to civilian college student. In addition, the Citrus College Veterans Program administration and staff commented on the importance of the veterans support program to the Citrus College community.