



# Owl's Nest

THE CITRUS COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Citrus College

## Calendar of Events

### **Summer Recreational Swim**

Mon-Thurs, June 21-August 12

1-3 p.m.

Fee \$1 a day; summer pass \$65  
family, \$30 adult, \$25 child



HAUGH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

### **Quinn Lemley in**

#### ***Burlesque to Broadway***

Directed by Tony Award Winner

Joseph Hardy

September 19, 2010 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$28, student/senior \$26

### **Valley's Got Talent**

An amateur talent show benefit-  
ing the Citrus College Foundation  
and the Citrus College Fine and  
Performing Arts Department

[www.citruscollege.edu/foundation](http://www.citruscollege.edu/foundation)

[www.haughpac.com](http://www.haughpac.com)

January 30, 2011 at 2 p.m.



### **Citrus Union High School Class of 1950 Reunion**

October 15, 16 & 17, 2010

Radisson Suites Hotel, Covina

*Members of the Class of 1948,*

*1949, 1951, and 1952 are encour-*

*aged to attend. All alumni are wel-*

*come. For more information con-*

*tact: Sharon Lewis, 626-335-1035*

*or Joyce Dill 909-599-9546*



### **Fall Semester Begins**

August 30

August 28 for Saturday Classes



L. Eugene Dudley Awarded Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award

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## President's Message

### *We Are Here For You!*

As an active member of the Citrus Alumni Association board and a long-time Citrus employee, Citrus College holds a special place in my heart. A few weeks ago, as I was walking down the central mall on campus, I began to think of how much Citrus seemed more like a university than a typical community college. Noticing students relaxing, studying, laughing, and conversing reminded me of a recent conversation with a student who commented on how encouragement from dedicated and supportive faculty and staff was the main reason he was completing his degree at Citrus. While experiencing a rocky beginning, he now was graduating with honors and was one of the first in his family to obtain a degree. His story reminds us of what we are here for and gives us the strength to survive hectic days of bad state budget news, the passing of colleagues, and unexpected emergencies.

Citrus College is an institution that excels in its ability to give students the tools needed for successful college transfer, technical training, employment and lifelong learning. Comprised of a family of alumni, staff, faculty, and students, the college is dedicated to fostering a diverse educational community and cultural learning environment that supports student success in pursuit of academic excellence, economic opportunity, and personal achievement.

The Citrus Alumni Association sees the importance of preserving the rich history of Citrus Union High School, Citrus Junior College, and embracing Citrus College alumni needs. As a growing alumni association, we understand the challenges and difficulties affecting our current students and alumni. We see the need to reach out to one another, share our life experiences, learn to interact and grow from each other, and support each other. We see the future as one filled with promise and possibility, view everything as a worthwhile experience, and feel grateful and blessed that we have so much support from alumni, the college and the local community.

The Citrus Alumni Association has many new projects, including this newly designed issue of *Owl's Nest*, as well as an ongoing commitment to increased institutional involvement through exciting events and initiatives planned over the next few years. Stay tuned.

*Eric Magallon*

Citrus Alumni Association President



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# Glendora Honors Sharon Lewis

Sharon Lewis grew up in Glendora when it was a tiny, close-knit community of 2,500 people tucked in among the orange groves at the base of the foothills. People never locked their doors and children rode bikes together from morning until dusk through neighborhoods where they felt safe and cared for.

"It was an innocent time, very family-oriented," Lewis recalled. "Children had a wonderful sense of freedom and security. Your friends' parents treated you like their own children. There was no TV so we went out and did things. As teenagers, we went to this place called the Cougar's Den that had a jukebox and a pool table. On Friday nights, we would roller skate in the basement of a church on the corner of Glendora and Bennett Avenues. During the summer, we would pay a dime to swim in the Citrus pool."

It was this positive upbringing and strong sense of community that has motivated Lewis throughout her lifetime to give back.

"Glendora is still a wonderful town," Lewis said. "Volunteering makes it a better place. I tell others that the reward is far greater than what you give."

Lewis' commitment to community service was recently celebrated as more than 200 family, friends and civic leaders gathered together at the Glendora Country Club for a banquet in her honor hosted by the Glendora Chamber of Commerce. Lewis was named 2009 Citizen of the Year.

"I was overwhelmed," Lewis exclaimed. "It was so beautifully done. The banquet was designed around my theme which was, 'Giving a little time each day is my way.'"

From the fancy chocolate desserts that resembled clock faces to the colorful flower arrangements on each table, Lewis can recall every detail of the special event. Her fondest memory of all was perhaps the high school friends who came to show their support and love.

"These were friends from Citrus Union High School," Lewis said. "That means we have had 67 years of friendship and I think that is very special."

It was a friend she met later in life at a local hair salon, Ida Fracasse, and Ida's husband Joe who nominated Lewis for Citizen of the Year. Upon first meeting, Ida had shared with Lewis about her work with the blind and asked Lewis if she would be interested in helping her form the EYE-DAS Foundation. The rest is history. True to Lewis' giving nature, she agreed to serve on the steering committee for EYE-DAS and 10 years later continues to work with all three club chapters in Glendora, Arcadia and West Covina.

Lewis' dedication to Citrus College and its Alumni Association spans more than 50 years. She currently serves on the Citrus College Foundation Board and has been head of the Scholarship Committee since 2006. She also chaired the Citizens Oversight Committee for the Measure G Bond fund.

Lewis and her husband of nearly 60 years, Charles, worked together for 42 years running the family business, Lewis' Saw and Lawnmower, Inc. in Azusa. The couple has turned over the reigns to their son and his family allowing Sharon even more time to serve the community.



"Volunteering should be a lifetime commitment," Lewis said. "Your children will learn by your example. If you give of yourself, they will too. If you serve, make sure it is something you can do then put your best efforts into it. The world will be a better place because of it."

*Citrus College alumnus Llewellyn Eugene (Gene) Dudley*, class of 1965, was selected by the Alumni Association for the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. Dudley, who passed away in 2009, donated \$100,000 to the Citrus College Foundation in 2007 to fund a scholarship program for students. Each year one student who demonstrates the quality of leadership is awarded a Gene Dudley Leadership Scholarship.

At the commencement ceremony, Dudley's partner, Richard Lieboff, accepted the award on his behalf.

"I am so proud that Gene was selected for this award," Lieboff said. "His legacy will live on through his generosity. I hope he serves as an inspiration for others to follow his example and give to those less fortunate."

Dudley was inspired to make the donation to Citrus College in light of the increasing cost of higher education.

"The cost of attending college has become astronomical," he said in a 2007 interview. "I think it is important for my generation to provide some financial assistance to enable the next generation of students to go on to a four-year college or university and to achieve a degree if they so desire."

As a student at Citrus College, Dudley played an active role on campus. His involvement included serving as student body president, commissioner of student activities and as a member of the Student Court, establishing a campus service organization, and contributing articles and writing a regular column for the Citrus College *Clarion* student newspaper.

"I want to encourage others to consider becoming actively engaged in campus life," he said. "The benefits and personal growth opportunities for the individual, in my opinion, far outweigh the time and effort that participation in campus life necessitates."

Although Dudley left the majority of the selection specifics up to the Foundation's Scholarship Committee, he did have some general criteria that recipients should meet.

"I would like the student to have a 3.0 grade point average or higher and to have actively participated in the campus life of Citrus College; including, but not necessarily limited to, involvement in service organizations and/or student government," he said.

Dudley also designated that the scholarship recipient be a student who was transferring to a four-year school.

"I chose transferring students as the recipient category because the cost of higher education at a four-year college or university can be quite intimidating," he said. "There are, doubtless, many Citrus students who confront the high cost of upper division undergraduate study as they prepare to transfer to a four-year college or university. I am hopeful that my scholarship will assist at least one person, each year, to ease a bit of the financial burden they will be facing."

Dudley himself was a transfer student. After graduating from Glendora



A photograph of a person in a light blue shirt standing next to a large, textured tree trunk. The person's arms are crossed, and they are wearing a dark belt with a holster. The background shows a building and some foliage.

## Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award

High School in 1963, he enrolled at Citrus College. Upon receiving his associate degree in social sciences from Citrus in 1965, Dudley transferred to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

“I, like many others, did not grow up in affluence and Citrus College provided me with an affordable opportunity to begin my college career,” he said. “I think my first two years of college at Citrus prepared me academically to move on to UCLA for my upper division undergraduate study.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree in political science at UCLA in 1967, Dudley went on to attend graduate school at California State University, Hayward and California State University, Los Angeles where he majored in public administration.

In 2004, Dudley retired from the City of Los Angeles after 24 years of employment.

“During those 24 years, I worked in several city departments including Aging, Community Development, Housing, and Recreation and Parks,” he said. “My final position with the city was as director of real estate and asset management for Recreation and Parks.”

After retiring, Dudley entered the real estate industry, working as an agent in Glendale from 2005-2006. He retired from real estate in January of 2007 and presented the Citrus College Foundation with the \$100,000 endowment that summer.

“Citrus College has always held a special place in my heart,” he said. “I am hoping that my scholarship, to some extent, will help another Citrus College student achieve his or her dream.”

Dudley also made large contributions to other organizations dear to him including the Los Angeles Zoo and the Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis, to help raise awareness and one day find a cure for the disease that took his life.

## Attention All Alumni:



Give us a Hoot!

The Citrus College Alumni Association has heard from a few of you and would love to hear from more. Have you changed addresses, received an award, married, had a baby, started a new career, retired? Then we want to include you in the *Owl's Nest*. We are currently developing a newsletter section called "Follow Me" to provide Citrus alumni with a way to connect with one another and learn what other Citrus owls are up to.

Send your information to be included in the *Owl's Nest* to:

alumni@citruscollege.edu

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for Citrus alumni gift needs.

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Artists



Citrus alumni association is working on a project to decorate the new Student Services Building with donated alumni art. A committee will select the art to be displayed. Artists should submit a bio including when they attended Citrus College or Citrus Union High School, along with a jpeg photo, measurements of the art and a story about each piece. Send to alumni@citruscollege.edu

## Measure G: Building a Better Campus

For anyone driving past Citrus College these days, it is difficult to miss the various construction projects on campus. Citrus staff sometimes receive inquiries from concerned citizens wondering how these projects are being funded during the current economic climate of budget cuts. Back in March 2004, local residents voted in favor of Measure G, a \$121 million facilities bond to update the Citrus College campus to meet the needs of students in the decades ahead. Here is an update of the new construction and remodel projects funded by Measure G.

### Administration Building

Remodeling is anticipated to begin spring of 2011. The elevators will be upgraded to better accommodate wheelchairs. The entrance to the building will be relocated from the center to the east end.

### Fine Arts Building

Plans were submitted to the Division of the State Architect in December 2009. DSA back-check corrections are in progress. Anticipate construction to begin spring of 2011.

### Hayden Hall Remodel

Final project proposal has been submitted to the state for 50-50 cost sharing. It is dependent on the November 2010 ballot measure.

### Main Gym Remodel

Construction is in process by W & N Luxor Construction. Project completion is scheduled for September 2010. The gym remodel will include new locker rooms, team rooms and a training room.

### Campus Safety Building

The Campus Safety staff moved into the new facility on June 1. The new location provides directions and maps, one-day parking permits and campus information.

### Student Services

The new Student Services Building is the most prominent project under construction. Visible from Citrus Avenue, this new facility will house student programs such as Admissions and Records, EOP&S, DSP&S, Counseling, Financial Aid, Student Employment Services, the Career/Transfer Center, the Learning Center, and the International Students Program. The building will also feature a bookstore, cyber café and art store, and meeting rooms. Project completion is projected for fall 2010, with department move-ins to occur in stages.

### Technician Development Center (Tech D) and Technology & Engineering (Tech E) (Formerly the Vocational Technology Building)

This state-of-the-art facility is the newest addition to campus featuring an auto training center, facilities for the Administration of Justice Program, classrooms, offices, and transmission, engine and vehicle dynamometer rooms. Phase 2 of construction is approximately 70 percent complete. Project completion is expected summer 2010. The building dedication is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m.

### East Campus – Public Restrooms

The architect is currently working on construction plans for a new public restroom building to be located adjacent to the main gym area. Plans should be submitted to DSA summer 2010.

Joseph Patito has a lot to look forward to these days. The Citrus College student from San Marino will transfer this fall to Columbia University and realize a dream come true. This happy ending is also a new beginning for a young man who worked hard to rise above his self-imposed limitations. It took the kind words and guidance of two very special faculty members to help Patito fulfill his potential. Now he is honoring them by establishing a scholarship in their names.

## Student Honors Faculty with Scholarship

“Not everyone needs academic instruction,” Patito reflected. “Some people need life guidance. I was in a bad place and Citrus helped me get through that, and because of it I am stronger than ever before. Essentially, I grew up during this short year at Citrus.”

Patito “grew up” enough to apply to Columbia University. *U.S. News and World Report’s* Best Colleges of 2010 ranked Columbia eighth in the nation. A total of 79 of Columbia’s alumni and current and former faculty have won the Nobel Prize. None of this phased Patito who admitted that just two years earlier he was “living on the couch” wasting his life.

“I heard they (Columbia) were looking for talented kids who were forgotten,” Patito recalled. “I made an appointment to be interviewed by them down in Newport Beach. I brought Mr. Waddington, my mentor and honors director, in hopes that maybe our two schools could meet.”

As a result of this interview, Columbia University set up a seminar on the Citrus College campus to reach bright, talented students like Patito who had somehow fallen through the cracks.

Patito flew to New York for another meeting with Columbia-- this time on their historic New York campus.

“In essence, Columbia believed in me and, in return, I was able to rise higher than I ever thought possible,” Patito said.

On learning of his acceptance, Patito said, “It’s surreal.”

Grateful, he wants to make a difference in the lives of others.

“Millions of people like me are forgotten about daily,” Patito said. “Not everyone will have the same opportunities or same ability as me. Therefore, I must take it upon myself to give back. Two years ago I had nothing and now I cannot describe how much has changed. I was able to secure a professional job allowing me to allocate resources to the underprivileged.”

Patito contacted the Citrus College Foundation to set up a scholarship. It is named after Citrus College Spanish

instructor Elisabeth Garate, who Patito refers to as his “second mother,” and Honors Program director Brian Waddington.

“Both of these professors knew me from the beginning of my struggles and kept in contact with me and encouraged me,” he said. “I used to lie about who I was out of shame and now I reflect and realize I could not have made up a better story than the reality in which I now live. Because of Citrus I have all of this.”



Citrus student Joseph Patito will attend Columbia University this fall.

## All-Class Reunion DVD for Sale

There is still time to purchase the DVD from the Citrus All-Class Reunion, which took place on October 18, 2009.

The DVD also includes the class reunion of 1949.

The price is \$10 and it includes shipping and a calendar featuring a group photo of those in attendance.

Send check to the Citrus College Foundation Office,  
1000 West Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA 91741.  
Make sure you indicate it is for the All-Class Reunion DVD.



## Acknowledgements

A special thank you to Jim and Sylvia Woodward for being in charge of the Citrus All-Class Reunion. They did a wonderful job and everything went as planned. Approximately 250 alumni were in attendance. The committee also deserves a special thank you.

Foundation president Tom Gerfen did a fabulous job of taking photos at the Citrus All-Class Reunion and putting together the DVD. Thank you for all your hard work!

The Citrus College Alumni Association would like to congratulate Sharon Nott Lewis for being chosen as Glendora's "Citizen of the Year." She has done so much volunteer work that this honor is long in coming, and she is well deserving of this award. You are a special person and a vital member of our organization.

## In Memoriam

### Diane West Healy

It is with great sadness that the Citrus College Alumni Association announces the passing of our alumni membership chair Diane West Healy. She passed away on December 9, 2009 and her memorial service took place on December 17, 2009 at the First Christian Church in Glendora. She attended the All-Class Reunion on October 18, 2009 and her class reunion on October 17. She was able to visit with so many of her classmates, and looking back, we will cherish the times we had together, her smile, her laughter and her many contributions to the City of Glendora and the Citrus College Alumni Association. She is truly missed and is, no doubt, looking down from heaven making sure we are doing her job as membership chair! Diane graduated with the class of 1953. She was chair of her class and organized their reunions.

### Larry Hemmel

The Citrus College Alumni Association recently received news that Larry Hemmel, a 1948 Citrus Union High School graduate, passed away six years ago. Larry lettered in varsity baseball, in addition to playing American Legion baseball as a pitcher, catcher and third baseman. He also lettered three years in football as a quarterback. Those four positions say a great deal about Larry. He had an arm that was amazing! He signed with the Cincinnati Reds right out of high school. However, for whatever reason, his baseball career was short and he did not make the major leagues. Larry's popularity was as great as his athletic ability. He could tell more funny jokes than anyone in school. His last visit to the area was in 1998 as the master of ceremonies for the class of 1948 reunion. Larry will be missed by his classmates and friends.

Kenneth Bell 1948  
Melvin Blodgett 1952  
Vivian Viera Butner 1949  
Ellen Warren Cooley 1949, CJC 1951  
Lillian Ortuno Cortez 1950  
Bill Ebersole 1945  
Jimmy Garl 1943  
Don Hamilton 1950  
Diane West Healy 1953  
Larry Hemell 1948  
Aleen Dickey Hoover 1934  
Joe Jara 1953  
Charlotte Watkins Kelley 1952  
Lucille Dickey Koch 1936  
Willard Lancaster 1953  
Robert Lietz 1950  
Betty Howell Midkiff 1944  
Sally Ochoa 1950  
Martha Wilder Roy 1956  
Linda Van Vliet Sturrock 1952  
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Shirley Unger 1953  
Robert West, CJC