

# Weekly Bulletin

Citrus College

March 30 through April 3, 2009

## HAPPENINGS

### FEBRUARY

#### MONDAY- 30

LUSA Barbecue in the Campus Center Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### TUESDAY - 31

ASCC Meeting in the Campus Center Executive Board Room at 1 p.m.

Softball vs. College of the Canyons at 3:00 p.m. in the Softball field.

#### WEDNESDAY - 1

Art Portfolio Workshop from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Campus Center East Wing.

#### THURSDAY- 2

Softball vs. Glendale at 1 p.m. in the Softball field.

#### FRIDAY- 3

EOC Emergency Preparedness Training from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in CI 159.

#### SATURDAY- 4

Saturday Series for Kids, "The Phantom Tollbooth" at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the HPAC.

## GOT CITRUS NEWS?

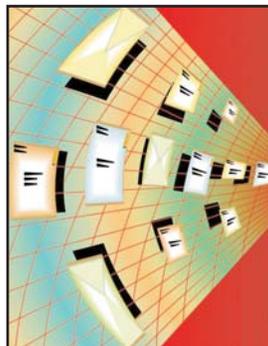
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## Softball Field To Be Dedicated Tuesday

Please join the campus community, including the Citrus Community College Board of Trustees, as it celebrates the completion of our new softball field. The dedication ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 2 p.m. Following the ceremony, cheer on the Lady Owls Softball Team as they take on College of the Canyons at 3 p.m. Please note, in the event of inclement weather, the dedication will be held Thursday, April 2 at noon.



## Web Site Changes Alter Bulletin Delivery



Throughout March, the existing content on the Citrus College web site was moved to a new server. This change resulted in the temporary inability to make changes to the web site. For this reason, the distribution of the Weekly Bulletin has been delayed the last two weeks. In addition, the Weekly Bulletin will be e-mailed as an attachment (as opposed to a web link) for the time being. This will allow External Relations staff members to become better acquainted with the new server. Thank you for your patience.

## Art Portfolio Workshop Scheduled

There will be an Art Portfolio Workshop in the Campus Center on Wednesday, April 1 from 12 to 3 p.m. Approximately 13 colleges will be represented, with many department chairs, professors, and admissions directors in attendance. If you know a student who is interested in transferring to a four-year college specializing in the Fine Arts, encourage them to join us for this great event. For more information, call Paige Miyabe at ext. 8549.



## Dr. Perri's Budget Update

In an e-mail distributed to the campus community on March 25th, Dr. Geraldine Perri, superintendent/president, provided an update on the budget. According to the e-mail, the Citrus College budget planning process has begun for 2009-2010 and the Financial Resources Committee has approved the budget calendar and assumptions, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their April 7 meeting. To review the complete e-mail, ([click here](#)).



## Earth Day Keynote Speaker

Award-winning conservationist Dr. Biruté M.F. Galdikas will be the keynote speaker at the inaugural Citrus College Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 24, 2009.

Galdikas will speak on the topic "Going Green by Saving Orangutans and the Tropical Forest" at noon in the campus center. Most well-known for her association with the legendary anthropologist Dr. Louis Leakey, Galdikas began studying orangutans in Indonesia Borneo in 1971. Leakey's support earned her a spot as the third member of "Leakey's Angels," a trio of women handpicked to study great apes in their natural habitat. She joined Jane Goodall who was studying chimpanzees in Tanzania and Diane Fossey who became a martyr in her quest to protect mountain gorillas in Rwanda.

The Citrus College Earth Day Celebration will begin at 8 a.m. and is open to the public. For additional information, visit the Earth Day Celebration web site at [www.citruscollege.edu/earthday](http://www.citruscollege.edu/earthday).

## Range Special for April

Golf professional Dan Bristol, of The Range at Citrus College, will be offering a special on his golf lessons next month. During April, if you buy one half hour lesson, you will only pay \$5 for your second lesson in April. For more information, call 626-914-8688.

## Emergency Preparation

Don't miss the all-campus emergency preparedness forum on Wednesday, April 29. It will be held from 2:40 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Center for Innovation Community Room (CI 159). Release time is provided.

## Child Abuse Awareness

The Foster/Kinship Care Education Program (FKCE) has been serving local families for 25 years. In commemoration of their silver anniversary, they will be hosting information booths in observance of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Please stop by the quad on Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn what do to and who to call if you suspect abuse of any nature. Information, resources, and giveaway items will be available. For more info, call ext. 5577.

## What Is Your Expertise?

Is there one specific topic you know A LOT about? The Citrus College Office of External Relations wants to hear from you! We are in the process of creating an expert list for publicity purposes. Send your name, area of expertise, and contact information to Stacy Quillen-Armstrong at [squillen@citruscollege.edu](mailto:squillen@citruscollege.edu).



### Stuffed Owl Cafe Menu

Check out our \$3.50 daily specials!

#### Monday

- Vegetarian Lasagna for \$5.00
- Thai Red Curry Beef over White Rice for \$5.00

#### Tuesday

- Oven Roasted Turkey for \$5.50
- Beef and Cheese Burrito for \$4.50

#### Wednesday

- English Meatloaf for \$5.00
- Chicken & Broccoli Linguine for \$5.50

#### Thursday

- Beef Steak and Mushroom Pie for \$5.50
- Pork Ribs with Pineapple Hoisin Glaze for \$5.00

#### Friday

- Chef's Special

Daily breakfast and lunch specials are also available. For more information, visit the Stuffed Owl Cafe. Hours of operation are: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.; Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



# eMEMO

CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 1000 W. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA 91741-1899

March 25, 2009

Dear Colleagues:

I hope that this memo finds you doing well as our spring semester progresses. I am pleased to note that we are advancing in our college priorities for the year. Our accreditation self-study first draft is completed; many board policies have been updated or are in the process of being developed or revised; emergency preparedness trainings are underway; and we are progressing in both the implementation of our Strategic Plan and in the development of our new Educational Master Plan. Spring enrollment data shows an increase in student headcount of 5.83%, with an enrollment of 12,804 students.

Our Citrus College budget planning process has begun for 2009-10 and the Financial Resources Committee has approved the budget calendar and assumptions, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their April 7, 2009, meeting. It is critical that we proceed with planning the college budget for next year, even though many elements of our funding may be impacted by various forces outside of our control.

The state budget continues to evolve in a climate that has been described as "volatile and unusual." Attention in the State Capitol is focused on a budget shortfall for 2009-10 and the infusion of new federal funds. In addition, there is great concern regarding several propositions that will be on the May 19<sup>th</sup> ballot, three of which represent \$5.9 billion already built into the state budget package, which was enacted last month.

As you are aware, our state system and the Community College League of California were very active in their budget advocacy efforts for our current budget year and for the 2009-10 year. The Citrus College Governing Board and I went to Sacramento to advocate for a budget supportive of community colleges. Our Governing Board, in concert with members from our neighboring community colleges, met one-on-one with nine assembly members and senators to urge their support.

The community college system with its many advocacy efforts was able to successfully defeat several budget items which would have seriously impacted our financial condition and our ability to serve our students. The items which were averted are as follows:

- proposed 5% apportionment cuts
- proposed \$30-40/unit student fees, with the benefit going to the state general fund and not students
- proposed differential funding for physical education and arts classes
- proposed elimination of Competitive Cal Grants, which is financial aid for our neediest students
- proposed 20.2% cuts to categorical programs including technology, part-time faculty support, foster care, and child care

The months ahead will present a period of great concern for community colleges as the state budget picture either stabilizes or continues to deteriorate. It will also be a time of opportunity as significant amounts of federal funding become available for top community college priorities, such as workforce training and student financial aid.

Below, I have provided excerpts from an update from State Vice Chancellor Eric Skinner on four critical topics: the upcoming ballot propositions, the legislative analyst's revenue projections, the federal economic stimulus package, and the delay in the governor's May budget revise.

I will continue to keep you apprised of state budget developments which may impact Citrus College. I thank you for all of your efforts to advance the college in its major goals for 2008-09, and for your dedication to our students.

## Ballot Propositions

- Proposition 1C-which would enable the state to borrow funds in the credit markets and repay these funds from future proceeds of the State Lottery. This proposition would provide the state with \$5 billion in 2009-10 and \$5 billion in 2010-11.

- Proposition 1D-which would authorize the state to redirect a portion of childhood development funds authorized by the voters under Proposition 10 to support existing childhood development programs, thereby reducing state costs. This redirection would generate \$608 million in savings for 2009-10 and \$268 million annually thereafter.
- Proposition 1E-which would authorize the state to redirect mental health funding authorized by the voters under Proposition 63 to support existing mental health programs, thereby reducing state costs. This redirection would generate \$227 million in savings during 2009-10 and up to \$234 million in savings in 2010-11.

If these measures fail, it would result in a significant budget shortfall that state leaders would need to address through additional cuts, taxes, or borrowing.

#### Legislative Analyst Office Projects an \$8 billion Decrease in Revenues

- The state's economic and revenue outlook continues to deteriorate.
- State revenues for 2009-10 are projected to fall \$8 billion short of the levels assumed in the recently adopted budget package. Because the budget package has a \$2 billion reserve for 2009-10, LAO pegs the budget deficit at \$6 billion.
- LAO recommends raising CCC student fees by 100% to \$40 per unit in order to take advantage of new expansions in federal financial aid. It is important to note that LAO has made similar recommendations for many years without success and we have not received any indication that the Legislature is jumping on board this recommendation.

These findings and recommendations will help to frame upcoming legislative budget hearings. Normally, the revenue picture would not be updated until after April when the majority of state tax receipts are collected. LAO may have felt a need to warn Legislators of softening revenues in order to keep them from spending the new federal revenues on program expansions.

#### Federal Economic Stimulus Package

Under the Federal Economic Stimulus package, California will receive an estimated \$31 billion in federal aid during the current and next two fiscal years. Of this amount, K-12 and higher education are expected to receive \$7.9 billion in a variety of areas, such as grants, subsidized bonds, tax credits, and subsidies to individuals, colleges, and local educational agencies. The federal package also provides \$6 billion to fund various labor and workforce development activities, of which the community colleges are in a strong position to secure a portion of these funds.

#### Delay in Governor's May Revision

In an interesting twist on an already strange year, the Governor's May Revision-typically released May 14-will instead be released later, most likely around June 8<sup>th</sup>. For those not familiar with the state budget process, the May Revision provides the Governor with an opportunity to update his budget proposal based on more current revenue and caseload information. This one-time change in the release date was made as part of the February budget package to give the administration time after the May 19<sup>th</sup> special election to adjust its proposal based on the outcomes of the three propositions with 2009-10 implications. Chancellor's Office staff will present the latest budget information available at the ACBO Spring Conference, May 18-20, 2009, in Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.  
Superintendent/President