

# Board Highlights



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**Mission Statement**

Citrus College delivers high quality instruction to students both within and beyond traditional geographic boundaries. We are dedicated to fostering a diverse educational community and learning environment by providing an open and welcoming culture that supports successful completion of transfer, career/technical education, and basic skills development. We demonstrate our commitment to academic excellence and student success by continuously assessing student learning and institutional effectiveness.

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### Highlights of the March 5, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

## REPORTS

### Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, began her report by showing a news clip from a local television station featuring Dr. Dale Salwak, language arts instructor. Dr. Salwak, an accomplished magician, has been invited to North Korea for the fourth time to perform magic this spring. According to Dr. Salwak, he is hoping to bring magicians from North Korea to the United States, characterizing the visit as a "people-to-people exchange." Dr. Perri congratulated and commended him on his efforts.

Dr. Perri said Flex Day activities were well attended and the college has received positive feedback on the variety of workshops offered. She thanked the Faculty Learning Institute; Citrus College Staff Development; Dr. Eric Rabito, dean of physical and natural sciences and library; Ms. Caroline Locke, administrative clerk III; and Mr. John Vaughan, fine and performing arts instructor, for coordinating the event. She also thanked Trustee Joanne Montgomery, board clerk/secretary, for attending. Trustee Montgomery gave kudos to Dr. Perri on her morning welcome, "Citrus Awards," which parodied the Academy Awards. Trustee Montgomery said the welcome was clever and appropriate.

Dr. Perri said last week, the Superintendent/President's Cabinet hosted the CSEA leadership for an orientation regarding shared governance procedures. She said they look forward to a positive working relationship with CSEA leaders.

Dr. Perri recently presented an update and shared the accomplishments of Citrus College at Duarte's State of the City and State of the Schools, which took place at the City of Hope. Dr. Perri thanked Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, and Trustee Montgomery for joining her. Duarte Mayor Margaret Finlay called Dr. Perri to express her appreciation for Citrus College's participation.

As chair of SanFACC for 2012-2013, Dr. Perri is working with Ms. Marilyn Grinsdale, protocol and government relations officer, to coordinate a SanFACC Spring Dinner meeting in April. Dr. Perri said Dr. Nancy Shulock from the Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy has agreed to be the keynote speaker. Dr. Shulock has authored numerous reports and articles on higher education policy and performance, including community college student success. She will be speaking on the topic of "completion."

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Board President Susan M. Keith thanked Dr. Perri for her leadership on the college's accreditation. She said the college received a very positive letter from ACCJC on its midterm report. She also recognized the efforts of accreditation co-chairs Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, and Ms. Roberta Eisel, language arts instructor.

### Academic Affairs

Dr. Malmgren reported on STEM activities this spring. Supplemental Instruction (SI) is supporting 18 sections of science and 29 sections of mathematics. SIGMA (Support and Inspire to Gain Motivation and Achievement) is supporting students with 11 study groups for upper level math, physics and chemistry as well as providing peer mentoring to STEM students. Nearly 80 students applied for the Summer Research Experience. The students selected will be placed at CSU Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona and the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens. "STEM Day for Girls" will take place on campus on March 15.

Regarding the Foster Kinship Program, 20 foster youth attended the Citrus College Financial Aid Workshop on February 23. Dr. Malmgren said foster youth outperform other students when provided with support, with their persistence rate at 71 percent.

Dr. Malmgren said Ms. Suzanne Martinez, HSI grant project coordinator; Dr. Beverly Van Citters, language arts instructor; and Ms. Rebecca Rudd, language arts instructor, attended the National Association of Developmental Education annual conference and presented on the Citrus College's transformation of our course sequence in English and reading. Sequence redesign and the integration of reading and writing were common themes throughout the conference. It was a great opportunity to be part of a nationwide dialogue.

Dr. Malmgren reported that Citrus College and Azusa Pacific University are partnering to host an 8<sup>th</sup> grade majors fair on March 14 in Azusa. She said this type of early academic intervention motivates students and helps them determine their academic goals.

### Student Services

Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of student services, reported that the Spring College Fair and Transfer Task Force Meeting will take place on March 21. More than 40 colleges and universities are expected to attend. The Transfer Task Force meeting will take place the same day. Dr. Spor said this event provides an opportunity to work with the college's transfer partners to share information and updates.

The annual High School Counselor Breakfast will take place March 7. Dr. Spor said the high school counselors will receive information about the new Student Success Act of 2012 and how it will affect their students who plan to attend Citrus College. They will also receive information on the AA-T and AS-T transfer degrees.

Dr. Spor said Club Rush is taking place March 5 and 6. ASCC has set up a booth to promote the college's completion agenda and highlight student support services. Clubs are also collecting donations in honor of Justin Carr, the son of photography instructor Mr. Darrell Carr, who passed away suddenly on February 22. Mr. Carr is the advisor to the Photography Club.

## Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, reported that there will be a Facilities Seminar on campus on March 7, which has been organized by Mr. Fred Diamond, director of facilities and construction. Seminar topics will include sustainability best practices; Proposition 39 clean energy, sustainability and energy efficiency projects; and others.

## Classified School Employees Association

Mr. Robert Coutts, classified school employees association (CSEA) president, said CSEA has completed their officer skills training. They are currently working to distribute CSEA scholarship applications. Scholarships are available to members in good standing or their spouses or children. The deadline to apply is April 2.

CSEA has approved their budget for the year. They will have one less delegate attending their annual conference due to a decline in membership, so they reallocated extra funds towards the 2012 CSEA Holiday Buffet. The chapter voted to approve more and larger cash prizes and gift cards for the purpose of selling more tickets and raising additional funds for next year's CSEA scholarships.

Mr. Coutts said both candidates running in the CSEA Area G director elections will be at their chapter meeting in March. Area G consists of CSEA chapters between Claremont and Pasadena and south to Long Beach.

## Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Crescencio Calderon commented on Club Rush. He also read the success story of Mr. Tyler Connolly, a social and behavioral science major at Citrus College. Mr. Connolly struggled in high school, but he has done well at Citrus College. He credits the support he has received from the college, especially from the Gay-Straight Alliance, with helping him develop a positive outlook on the future and a desire to help others. He plans to transfer to Cal State Fullerton and pursue a degree in psychology.

Trustee Ortell thanked Dr. Perri for the excellent presentation she made at Duarte's State of the City/State of the Schools event at the City of Hope. He said it was a good opportunity to present Citrus College in a very positive light to the community. He also thanked Ms. Christine Link, CO executive assistant, for her support. Trustee Ortell added that ground is being broken on Duarte's Gold Line station, which is located directly across the street from the City of Hope. He thanked Board President Keith for her ongoing efforts with regard to the Foothill Extension of the Gold Line.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board vice president, congratulated Dr. Perri for being nominated for the American Association of Community Colleges 2013 Outstanding Alumni Award by Hostos Community College President Dr. Felix V. Matos Rodriguez. She said the nomination has garnered a great deal of press.

Trustee Rasmussen reported on the recent Foundation Board meeting. She said it was a great meeting and she expressed her appreciation to Ms. Christina Garcia, director of development and alumni relations. Trustee Rasmussen said nominations for the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award are currently being accepted, and the deadline is April 1. Awardees will be honored at the 2013 Commencement Ceremony in June. Trustee Rasmussen also thanked Mr. Tom Gerfen, Foundation Board president, for always doing a good job of conducting the meeting.

Trustee Rasmussen commended Ms. Lucia Riderer, mathematics instructor, for being honored by the Glendora Unified School District for her work with Glendora's GATE program.

Trustee Rasmussen attended the Celtic Crossroads performance in the Haugh Performing Arts Center and said it was high-caliber entertainment and a wonderful production.

Trustee Rasmussen said this year's annual Empty Bowls event will take place on March 15. Community members will be able to purchase a bowl made by local potters and Citrus College ceramics students for \$15, and enjoy a meal of soup from local restaurants. The proceeds go to local charities. Trustee Rasmussen said the event also showcases the work of our students, and she praised Mr. Mike Hillman, fine arts instructor, for coordinating the college's participation.

Trustee Montgomery thanked Ms. Garcia for attending the many community events the college is invited to each week and on the weekends. She said her participation contributes to the outstanding reputation the college enjoys within the community.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Perri introduced Ms. Garcia and acknowledged Foundation Board President Mr. Tom Gerfen. Ms. Garcia presented the Citrus College Foundation's 2012 year-end report and financial update. She thanked her staff, Ms. Cheryl Greer, account clerk III; and Mr. Clarence Cernal, administrative assistant; for their outstanding support. She reported that the Foundation was very successful in 2012, both financially and in building the organization. Ms. Garcia received kudos from board members. Board President Keith said she is very excited about what the Foundation is doing this year, and she applauds their efforts. Trustee Rasmussen said the Foundation has grown from \$25,000 in 1985 to over \$6 million today. She congratulated Ms. Garcia and the Foundation board.

Dr. Malmgren explained AP 4080, Instructional Materials and Textbook adoption and Procurement; and AP 4250, Probation, for information only.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved nine action items, including the hiring of Dr. Dana Hester as the dean of behavioral and social sciences and the granting of tenure to Ms. Salima Allahbachayo for the 2013-2014 academic year.