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Campus art gallery displays work from Citrus College artist

Artist Luselia Marin (left). Visitors view "The Pact of Forgetting," which will be on display in the Citrus College Visual Arts Gallery through May 20.

More than a decade after attending Citrus College, artist Luselia Marin has returned to campus with an exhibition titled, "The Pact of Forgetting."

Featuring 24 drawings, paintings and sculptures, the exhibit is currently on display in the Citrus College Art Gallery through May 20.

This body of work was originally created for Ms. Marin's Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree shows at California State University, Fullerton. The majority of the pieces were produced between the beginning of 2020 and her show in November 2021.

With "The Pact of Forgetting," Ms. Marin said she wanted to create an environmental setting and narrative that is non-descriptive, alluding to a snapshot of a memory or a glimpse into the future.

"The now, then and future in each work can be decided by the viewer," she said. "I utilized cropping of the human body – specifically limbs – to create a feeling of loss, sadness and even death."

Dyane Duffy, a painting and drawing faculty member at Citrus College, said the gallery features three to four shows per year. The vision of the gallery

committee, she said, is to present contemporary art to students and the surrounding community.

Ms. Duffy, who was one of Ms. Marin's instructors at Citrus College, praised her former student's use of mixed media and sculptural pieces in the exhibit.

"I like how it shows that she is a versatile artist," Ms. Duffy said. "With her varied methods of working, perhaps many more students can connect with the art."

In addition to creating art, Ms. Marin has been teaching high school art for the past 12 years. Looking to what's next, Ms. Marin said she feels that her concept and take on "The Pact of Forgetting" has the potential to develop into a lifelong body of work.

"I would like to work exclusively in charcoal and oil once again," said Ms. Marin. "I am currently creating new work for an upcoming group show. My main goals are to continue to create art, remain inspired and teach college students, hopefully inspiring them like I was."



"In Bocca al Lupo" is one of the featured works in "The Pact of Forgetting" exhibit.



"Limbo" was made by using graphite and acrylic on panel.



"Stele" was made by using graphite and acrylic on panel.



"Urbi et Orbi" is one of 24 drawings, paintings and sculptures on display.

Former Citrus College student heading to MIT



Former Citrus College student Joaquin Perkins will major in mathematics at MIT in the fall.

Joaquin Perkins – who started taking courses at Citrus College while he was in middle school – will soon attend one of the most prestigious universities in the world.

After graduating from Whittier High School this upcoming June, the 18-year-old will head off to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to study mathematics.

For years, Joaquin has balanced high school and college courses, in addition to multiple extracurricular activities, such as chess, mock trial and tennis.

Joaquin began taking college courses when he was 13 years old, his father Kele Perkins said. At the end of seventh grade, he and his family looked at different options for summer activities and decided to take an introductory statistics course at Citrus College in 2017.

“He did well and wanted to pursue his math interest even further,” Mr. Perkins said.

A few months later, Joaquin enrolled in an introductory philosophy/logic course at Citrus College before moving on to Calculus 2 with Citrus College mathematics instructor Jesus Gutierrez. In all, Joaquin took two courses with Mr. Gutierrez and a total of seven at Citrus College over a four-year span.

Mr. Gutierrez praised Joaquin for asking advanced questions that revealed his deep understanding of the subject.

“He worked independently on more advanced topics and would check in with me when making connections to the material we were learning,” Mr. Gutierrez said. “Joaquin was respectful in all interactions and a pleasure to work with.”

Soon after the course, Mr. Gutierrez wrote a letter of recommendation in support of Joaquin taking Calculus 3 at Rio Hondo College in fall 2018, the same semester he started ninth grade.

After starting at Whittier High School, Joaquin took advantage of an arrangement between the school and Whittier College that allowed students who had gone beyond the level of AP Calculus to take one math course per term at that college.

From his sophomore to senior year, Joaquin took several Whittier College courses, including Advanced/Non-Euclidean Geometry, Point Set Topology, GRE Math and Number Theory.

“I am completely impressed with Joaquin’s trajectory of success and his impressive work in math,” Mr. Gutierrez said. “I feel privileged to have had multiple opportunities to work with him.”

In December 2021, Joaquin learned he was accepted to MIT. He is Mr. Gutierrez’s first student to be accepted to the historic institution.

“Being allowed to test into calculus classes at such a young age through a merit-based process was the primary reason that I was later able to proceed to upper-level classes by the end of my high school career,” Joaquin said. “This essentially made Citrus the catalyst that spring-boarded me academically past what would’ve been a standard progression.”



While at Citrus College, Joaquin Perkins took two courses with Citrus College mathematics instructor Jesus Gutierrez.

Citrus College revises indoor mask mandate

In mid-April, Citrus College aligned its indoor masking policy with the revised indoor mask mandate of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH).

As a result, indoor masking is strongly recommended, but not required, for Citrus College students, campus visitors and vaccinated employees. Unvaccinated employees are still required to wear masks indoors due to existing Cal/OSHA requirements.

With many students and employees continuing to wear a mask indoors per the LACDPH recommendation, the college encouraged members of the campus community to continue to show respect and courtesy to others.

“In consultation with employee bargaining unit leaders, the college utilized a thoughtful, cautious approach to reviewing and revising our COVID-19 safety protocols related to indoor masking,” said Dr. Greg Schulz, superintendent/president of Citrus College. “I want to thank our employees for the feedback they have shared, and for continuing to follow our campus safety protocols.”

Though indoor masking is no longer required, the remainder of the college’s COVID-19 safety protocols remain in place. These include daily self-screening for COVID-19-related symptoms, QR code location check-ins on the CitrusMobile app for anyone on campus, and mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing.

The college will continue to closely monitor the status of the pandemic and communicate any changes to safety protocols as appropriate in the future.



Citrus College employee Cerise Guerrero scans a QR code to check-in on the CitrusMobile app before entering a building.

Student services campaign celebrates deserving students

Elisa Salas has made the most of her time as a Citrus College student. After participating in the Early College program and being part of Citrus College Promise, she joined the women's soccer team and earned an associate degree in pre-allied health.

And she's just getting started!

Now pursuing a second associate degree and looking forward to another exciting soccer season, Elisa is a prime example of a successful student. For this reason, she was selected to receive the Student Services Spotlight Award for January 2022.



Elisa received the first Student Services Spotlight Award of 2022.

"By recognizing a deserving student each month, we hope to validate and celebrate our students," explained Dr. Richard F. Rams, vice president of student services. "Our goal is to bring awareness to the diversity of our students, their stories, their successes and the challenges they overcome."

According to Dr. Rams, the process of selecting a student to spotlight each month is collaborative. Any counselor or staff member in the student services division can nominate a student to highlight. Once selected, the honoree receives a personalized certificate signed by the superintendent/president, vice president of student services, program director and/or the employee who made the nomination.

"What I like most about attending Citrus is the employees. Everyone on campus, including the athletics program, has been super patient and really helpful," Elisa said. "I feel more confident academically, and I am so happy my dedication and hard work are paying off."

Since October, seven students have received the Student Services Spotlight Award. Faith Daisy Ray Abuan was recognized in October 2021, Jiancheng Zhao was recognized in November 2021, Denay Neal was recognized in December 2021, Elisa was recognized in January 2022, Carlos Millan was recognized in February 2022, Carmen Cruz was recognized in March 2022 and Nicholas Chacon was recognized in April 2022.

Cosmetology students receive practical experience through civic engagement



Citrus College Cosmetology students hone their technical skills by providing services at local senior centers.

Community service has long been a cornerstone of Citrus College's Cosmetology program. Although the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily halted participation in outreach activities, the program is once again providing students with opportunities to gain practical experience and give back to their communities.

Last month, cosmetology students helped women at Salem Christian Homes for adults with disabilities get ready for a dinner dance. Two additional service activities are scheduled for this month: one at the Duarte Senior Center on May 8 and another at the La Fetra Senior Center in Glendora on May 26. Prior to COVID-19, the program participated in two to three outreach activities per month.

Initially organized to promote the program's services in the community, instructors soon realized these outreach activities could help students complete the 1,600 hours of education and training that are required to take the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology examination.

"During the many years the program has been out in the community, we not only bolstered our clientele, but we also gave students the confidence needed to be successful. At the same time, our student enrollment improved," said Tara Douglas, professional teaching assistant at Citrus College and one of the

individuals responsible for organizing the program's outreach events.

According to Ms. Douglas, interested venues reach out to the cosmetology program and request student volunteers who can provide haircuts, hair styling and other services. Once the request is approved by the dean of career, technical and continuing education, faculty members present the opportunity to students who may be interested in participating. A sign-up sheet containing requirements and details about the event is also posted on the program's bulletin board.

Throughout the years, Citrus College Cosmetology students have provided services at clinics, shelters, senior centers, local events and more. In fact, the program was named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to civic engagement.

"The community outreach conducted by the faculty, staff and students in our cosmetology program is impressive," said Superintendent/President Schulz. "Opportunities like these reflect Citrus College's commitment to serving its local citizens, while also ensuring that students receive the best possible education. I am so pleased the program has been able to resume its outreach efforts this semester."

Calendar of events: May 2022

Select campus events are featured below, including date, time and location. If you have questions about a specific event, contact the supervisor from that area. For additional campus events, visit www.citruscollege.edu/events.

- May 17 | 3:30 p.m.
Tenured Faculty and Retirees Reception | Campus Center
- May 18 | 5 p.m.
ASCC and ICC End of Year Dinner | Campus Center, East Wing
- May 20 | 8 a.m.
Staff Appreciation Breakfast | Campus Center
- May 20 | 3 p.m.
Evening Crew Staff Appreciation Pizza | Owl Café
- May 26 | 6 p.m.
Achievement Awards | Haugh Performing Arts Center
- May 28-30
Memorial Day Holiday | Campus Closed

Athletics

For all athletic events, visit www.citrusowls.com/composite

Board of Trustees

- May 17 | 4:15 p.m.
Board of Trustees Meeting | AD 109 and Zoom

Career/Transfer Center

- May 18 | 1 p.m.
TikTok Your Way to a Job | Zoom
- May 19 | 2:30 p.m.
How to Choose a Major | Zoom

For all Career/Transfer Center events, visit www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvtcenter/Pages/events.aspx

Financial Aid

For all financial aid events, visit www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvt/finaid/Pages/ImportantDates.aspx

Student Life and Leadership Development

- May 9 | 1 p.m.
Undocu Ally Training Part 1 | Zoom
- May 10 | 1:30 p.m.
CalFresh Workshop | Zoom

For all student life and leadership development events, visit www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvt/studentaffairs/Lists/StudentCalendar

Veterans Success Center

- May 9 | 11 a.m.
VetSuccess on Campus Counselor (Veterans Affairs) | Zoom
- May 17-18 | 1 p.m.
Prep for Summer and Fall 2022 | Zoom

For all Veterans Success Center events, visit www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrvt/veterans/Lists/VeteransCalendar

Visual and Performing Arts

- May 21-22 | 2 p.m.
Citrus Singers' PLAYLIST | Haugh Performing Arts Center
- May 27 | 7 p.m.
Spring Music Concert | Haugh Performing Arts Center

For all Visual and Performing Arts events, visit www.citrusarts.org

Citrus College scores statewide marketing awards

Five projects created and managed by the Citrus College Communications and External Relations Office received top honors from the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO), a statewide professional development and service organization that promotes excellence in community college marketing and outreach.

Every year, CCPRO invites California's 116 community colleges to participate in their Pro Awards competition. For their 2022 contest, the organization accepted entry submissions in more than 60 categories, ranging from social media management to class schedules. The awards were presented at a special dinner during the annual CCPRO conference in April.

Five of the eight projects the communications and external relations team entered into the 2022 Pro Awards competition received recognition. Citrus College's vaccine champion sticker earned gold honors in the logo design category, while its news release about a 72-year-old graduate also received gold. The college's first-ever TikTok advertisement received silver in the digital advertising category, as did its winter/spring postcard in the direct mailer category. Wrapping up the awards was a bronze for a 2021 commencement video that showcased the history of Citrus College, which was submitted in the college promotional video category.

"Everyone enjoys having their hard work recognized, and these awards serve as a huge affirmation of the creativity and effort our team invests into all of our projects," said Melissa Utsuki, executive director of communications and



Design and communication projects from Citrus College received gold, silver and bronze awards during a recent CCPRO conference. Pictured (L-R): Genaro Gascón, Shane Newell, Cerise Guerrero, Melissa Utsuki and Doug Schultz. Not pictured: Stacy Armstrong.

external relations. "I believe our continued success is not only a reflection of our team's talent and skill, but a result of the positive relationships we have built and the enthusiasm we bring to our work. We enjoy what we do and look forward to seeking out new ways of spreading the word about Citrus College."

Rosalind Zuniga receives ABCD Award



Rosalind Zuniga has worked at Citrus College for more than 25 years and was nominated by her supervisor, Marie Noriega.

Rosalind Zuniga, bursar/student finance coordinator, was named the second Above and Beyond – Classified Development (ABCD) Award recipient for 2022 at a board meeting on April 5.

Ms. Zuniga, who has worked for the college for more than 25 years, was nominated for the award by her supervisor, Marie Noriega.

Ms. Noriega, who is the associate director of fiscal services for the college, noted that Ms. Zuniga is an important and valued member of the fiscal services team and a truly outstanding employee of the district.

She also commended Ms. Zuniga for her terrific work ethic and willingness to go above and beyond to get the job done to serve students.

Ms. Zuniga's peers have also praised her leadership skills on the accounts receivable cashing team,

where she offers her expert knowledge and guidance where needed.

"One of the things I enjoy most about working at Citrus College is coming in to work and never knowing what is going to happen that day," Ms. Zuniga said. "I plan my day in advance, but something else always happens and changes it up. That makes it interesting and exciting."

In her spare time, Ms. Zuniga enjoys collecting cookbooks, creating picnics and making charcuterie boards. In addition, she is a huge Disneyland fan who also enjoys dressing up and watching classic movies every summer at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery.



Citrus College celebrates academic success of student athletes



Student athletes were honored at a special recognition event last month.

One hundred and fifty student athletes recently broke an institutional record when they became the largest group of Scholar Ballers in Citrus College history.

A national initiative that seeks to bridge the gap between education and sports, Scholar Ballers was first introduced on campus during the 2007-2008 academic year. To qualify as a Scholar Baller, a student athlete must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

This year's group of honorees surpasses the previous record of 143 students, which was set during the 2020-2021 academic year. It also represents an increase of nearly 30% since the 2019-2020 academic year.

"The outstanding academic performance of these students, combined with their proven athletic abilities, is very impressive," said Superintendent/President

Schulz. "On behalf of the entire campus community, I congratulate each of this year's Scholar Ballers. They have made Citrus College proud!"

The 2021-2022 Scholar Ballers were honored during a fun-filled recognition event held before a home softball game against East Los Angeles College on April 1. After enjoying lunch from the Habit Burger Grill, each student athlete was called out to the field where they were congratulated by members of the board of trustees, college administrators and their coaches.

"We are so proud of the hard work our student athletes have been putting in," said Junior Domingo, dean of kinesiology and athletics. "I am grateful we had the opportunity to gather together and celebrate their accomplishments."

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