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Citrus College Hosts 11th Annual A Taste of Autumn

The Citrus College Foundation held its 11th Annual A Taste of Autumn food and wine-tasting event on Sunday, October 5. The popular evening event took place on the college campus and featured 27 area restaurants and wineries, a silent auction, art exhibit and sale, opportunity drawing and entertainment by the Citrus College Jazz Combo, the Citrus Singers and Night Shift. A Taste of Autumn raised approximately \$40,000 for Citrus College scholarships.

“The Citrus College Foundation thanks the A Taste of Autumn committee members, staff and faculty supporters, students, vendors, the host of volunteers and our friends and patrons for a show of solidarity in making this event possible,” said Citrus College Foundation President Jennetta Harris. “Remember, you have made a difference.”

Among the approximately 400 guests who attended the gala event were Citrus alumnae Pamela Burk of Pasadena and Paula Morgan of Newhall. The twin sisters have attended A Taste of Autumn for the past four years and have become event “celebrities.” Several local newspapers have showcased Burk and Morgan’s unique fashion sense.

“The occasion warrants getting dressed up,” Burk said. “We like to somewhat coordinate our outfits since we are identical twins. We usually purchase new items to wear because that makes the event feel even more special.”



A Taste of Autumn guests enjoy an evening of fine dining and wine tasting.

Burk’s fondest memories of her time as a student at Citrus involve singing in the concert choir under the direction of Ben Bollinger and Marty Green. She said her experience at Citrus was life-impacting.

“Citrus is the school for us,” Burk said speaking for herself and her sister. “It has a homey feeling and is a very special place.”

The twins look forward to A Taste of Autumn every year.

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*Save the date...
Oct. 4, 2009*

Foundation President's Message



The holidays are upon us, and it is time to give thanks for all that we have been blessed with—health, family, friends, and, of course, a great place to get an education—Citrus College. The Foundation extends a heart-felt thank you to everyone who worked on our annual fund-

raiser, A Taste of Autumn, especially the many sponsors and vendors. With your generous support, A Taste of Autumn raised approximately \$40,000 to provide scholarships to deserving students.

Our Bright Futures Scholarship and book voucher program continues to help incoming freshmen from District high schools with the costs of attending college. It is our hope that many local students who might have thought a college education was financially out of reach will thrive at Citrus.

Currently, the Foundation is involved in an external assessment to develop long-term planning that will result in better service to our donors and stakeholders. Also, 2009 will bring new faces to the Foundation's Board of Directors. We welcome Socorro Arrietta from Wells Fargo in Azusa and Brian Bowcock with Three Valleys Municipal Water District in Claremont. I am looking forward to working with these new board members who will no doubt bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

In closing, the Foundation is appreciative to Ivan and Beth Misner who challenged the Foundation to match \$5,000 as a result of the "Watercolor Alive!" event held at their Claremont home in June. Donations of \$5,760 came in for a total of \$10,760 to help fund scholarships for Citrus College students. Many thanks to those who rose to the occasion in this match challenge.

Have a great rest of the year and happy holidays to all,

Jennetta Harris,
President, Citrus College Foundation

Foundation Offers Matching Funds Program

The stock market conditions of this year have been as disheartening a reality for the Citrus College Foundation as they have been for many individuals. However, the Foundation posted record gains the previous year, and the generous support received from loyal donors has enabled the Foundation to maintain and increase its scholarship program for Citrus College students.

While investment growth did not benefit the Foundation's bottom line this year, the Foundation is planning to respond by increased focus on scholarship fundraising. To this end, the Foundation Board of Directors will allocate the proceeds from their annual benefit, A Taste of Autumn, to be used in matching new contributions to existing scholarship accounts.

Donors can help the Foundation achieve its goal of increasing scholarships for Citrus students and see their tax-deductible contribution go twice as far. For example, if a donor contributes \$100 to a scholarship account, the Foundation will match the gift with an additional \$100 deposit. All contributions to scholarship accounts—from \$1 to \$2,500—will qualify for a matching contribution from the Foundation. This special program is being offered from now until December 31, 2008, or when the matching fund account has been exhausted.

The Citrus College Foundation accepts its fiduciary responsibility as a serious matter, and is happy to talk with community members at any time about its investment policy and approach to ethical business practices.

On behalf of Citrus College and its students, the Foundation is deeply grateful for the support of our donors.

Linda Bermudez is presented with the Gene Dudley Leadership Scholarship by Gene Dudley.



Book by Citrus Alumnus Gets a Winning Verdict

Citrus College alumnus Gary Gwilliam, '57, is a successful, high-profile attorney in Oakland, Calif., who was twice nominated for "Trial Lawyer of the Year." Yet behind the public persona, his personal life was out-of-control. He struggled with alcoholism, had two failed marriages, and a rough past that at one time included drug use and membership in a gang. Gwilliam's life journey eventually led him to a spiritual awakening where he says he finally found his soul. He decided to write his autobiography as a way to free himself from his past and to help others find hope. *Getting a Winning Verdict in My Personal Life, A Trial Lawyer Finds His Soul* was published by Pavior Publishing in 2007 and is a BestBooks Award finalist from USA Book News.

"I felt I had to tell my story honestly, to be real with myself," Gwilliam said. "Writing my life's story was such a meaningful, insightful experience. I encourage everyone to write their life's story. It is very therapeutic."

Gwilliam says he hopes the book helps others through difficult times in their lives.

"One thing I have learned, and a common thread that runs throughout my book, is the idea that all things happen for a reason," Gwilliam said. "It is up to us to determine what that reason is and not to be angry. We must move past regrets and learn and grow from our experiences."

Gwilliam said that one significant turning point in his life came when he decided to attend Citrus College after barely graduating from high school.

"The two years I spent at Citrus College were extremely important," Gwilliam reflected. "I made positive changes. I went from being a "hood" to getting straight A's. I was like a butterfly coming out of a cocoon."

In fact, Gwilliam was voted "Man Most Likely to Succeed" by his fellow Citrus classmates. Even with all of his accomplishments as a nationally recognized consumer advocate attorney, Gwilliam still considers that distinction as one of his greatest achievements.

"I made my mother proud going on stage at Citrus that day to receive my award," he said.

Gwilliam recounted all of his life's major triumphs and tragedies in his book as well as his personal shortcomings. *Getting a Winning Verdict in My Personal Life* has received enthusiastic praise from some of America's top lawyers, judges and professors. It has been described as a page-turner and life-affirming.

Gwilliam remains humble despite the positive reviews. "I never considered myself a writer before I decided to write this book," he admitted. "There were eight drafts and a lot of great editing. I just hope the mistakes I wrote about can help someone."

The book is certified by the California State Bar as meeting the continuing education requirement for a substance abuse and ethics self-study for practicing attorneys.

Gwilliams frequently lectures on quality of life issues, stress reduction and ethics. He has authored many legal articles and has tried over 175 jury trials to verdict. He has practiced law for 45 years.

To purchase a signed copy of *Getting a Winning Verdict In My Personal Life*, e-mail ggwilliam@giccb.com



Attorney and author Gary Gwilliam was voted "Man Most Likely to Succeed" by his Citrus classmates in 1957.

Superintendent/President's Message



Dear Friends:

As the seventh Superintendent/President of Citrus College, I am pleased to know that the Citrus College Foundation has made such a positive and life changing effect on the lives of our students. In a recent thank you letter, a Foundation scholarship recipient wrote, "This

is a great honor and I will do my best to represent Citrus College well."

This heartfelt statement, and many others, is evidence of the immeasurable difference you make in the lives of the students we serve. Your contributions to the Citrus College Foundation continue to enhance access to education for many deserving Citrus College students, providing them with opportunities that otherwise would not have been possible. Your unwavering focus on their achievement and success has helped thousands of our students broaden their educational horizons and achieve their dreams.

Since last summer, when I attended the Watercolor Alive "friend raiser" in Claremont, my first community appearance as superintendent/president of Citrus College, the depth of your commitment to our students' pursuit of higher education has impressed me greatly. The Foundation's longstanding reputation of dedicated service to our students and to the college has inspired many students to express thoughts and feelings such as "this motivated me to become an even better student;" "without it (the scholarship) I would not have been able to continue my education;" and "thank you for believing in me."

Thank you for your thoughtful support and for assisting the Foundation in helping our students. Your investment in education is truly an investment in the future. I look forward to working with you and exploring ways in which Citrus College can serve our students, especially in these challenging economic times, as we continue to advance the mission of the college.

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

Watercolor Event Raises

Citrus College Foundation supporters spent a summer afternoon last June with artist Chris Van Winkle at a combination art show/cocktail party/fundraiser hosted by Claremont residents Ivan and Elisabeth Misner. The Misners opened their lovely home for the occasion, and the Foundation is grateful for their gracious hospitality.

The event called "Watercolor Alive!" gave those in attendance the opportunity to bid on Van Winkle's paintings. The auction raised money for the Foundation to fund Citrus College scholarships and programs. More importantly, the fund-raiser broadened Citrus College's profile in the Claremont community. The event was covered by a reporter for the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* and an article ran in the paper, generating positive publicity for the college.

"What we want this event to do is to friend-raise," said Jennetta Harris, president of the foundation's board of directors. "This is a beautiful venue to let Claremont know we're your friends, and Citrus is your college. Citrus is a two-year institution where you can get a great education and start. It's our little gem."

The Misners are friends and supporters of Citrus who welcomed the chance to open their home to other friends of the college. Ivan is a Citrus alumnus and has fond memories of Citrus College that he enjoys sharing.

"I grew up in Azusa in a comfortable home, and I was accepted to Occidental College, but simply couldn't afford it," he said. "I knew I wanted to go to graduate school, so I made the decision then that I would spend money later on graduate school. Citrus let me afford the start of my education. I had a great experience there and had some great professors, too."

Ivan transferred to Cal Poly Pomona where he earned his bachelor's degree. He has his Ph.D. from USC. He is the founder and chief executive officer of BNI (Business Network International) and the author of 10 books, including the New York Times best-seller, "Masters of Networking."

"Citrus was very good to me. My wife and I are happy we can help," he said. "I think too many people forget about the great educations they can get at community colleges, so it's great to get the message out. College

Friends in Claremont



educations are important, whatever you study, because they teach you how to think and problem solve.”

Dr. Geraldine Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College, attended the “Watercolor Alive!” event along with many Citrus faculty, students and community members.

“Yes, this is a fundraiser, but what we really want is to make connections,” Perri said. “We want to reach out into the community and share the Citrus College story.”

Co-chairwomen of the party were Citrus College Trustee Sue Keith and Foundation Board Member Elin Dowd. Other members of the “Watercolor Alive!” committee were Georgeann Andrus, Kevin Arnold, Bo and Laura Bollinger, Bill Brinegar, Catherine D’Emilio, Chuck and Devon Freitas, Sherry Glab, Ed Leavell, Janet Macauley, Nancy Magnusson, Cynthia Cervantes McGuire, Ray and Terri Rojas, and Paul and Maureen Wheeler.



Top photo from left. Standing: Sue Keith, board of trustee; Ivan Misner, Dr. Geraldine Perri, superintendent/president; Jennetta Harris, Foundation board president; Pat Rasmussen, board of trustee. Seated: Elisabeth Misner, Elin Dowd, Foundation board member.

Bottom photo: Sherry Glab, Jennetta Harris, and Chris Van Winkle.

The Citrus College Foundation is proud to present the following scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year:

For incoming freshmen students

Citrus College Bright Futures Scholarship

Azusa High School
Canyon Oaks High School
Claremont High School
Duarte High School
Glendora High School
Gladstone High School
Monrovia High School
Mt. Olive Alternative High School
San Antonio High School
Sierra High School
Whitcomb High School

For current/continuing students

Anson Communications Scholarship
Dale C. Baird Memorial Scholarship
Dave Barton Memorial Scholarship
Otto and Gladys Baumann Memorial Scholarship
Howard Braun Memorial Music Scholarship
Warren B. Campbell Memorial Scholarship
Zachariah Michael Carter Scholarship
Citrus College Merit Scholarships
Sam Dermengian Memorial Scholarship
Ferguson Family Scholarship
Anna Geleris Memorial Scholarship
Geleris Educational Assistance Scholarship
Glendora Kiwanis Club Scholarship
Ross Handy Memorial Alumni Scholarship
Jim Henderson Alumni Scholarship
Lois & Clyde Henley Scholarship
Tom Hippie Memorial Scholarship
Edmund C. Jaeger Biological Science Scholarship
Mary E. LaFetra Memorial Scholarship
Florence Landon Memorial Scholarship
Latinos Unidos Student Association Scholarship
Frank Magliocco Scholarship
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McVey Family Scholarship
Evelyn R. Mercer Memorial Scholarship
Clara Moyer Memorial Scholarship
Paul Martin Nissen Memorial Scholarship

Kathryn M. Powell Memorial Scholarship
Lura C. Rau Memorial Scholarship
Rawson-Grindstaff Scholarship
Margaret Hayden Rector and Robert W. Rector Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Arnold Rollin Emerging Leadership Scholarship
Tony Russo Memorial Scholarship
Scott Alan Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Will Ulrich Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Glenn and Esther Vaniman Memorial Scholarship
Water Technology Scholarship
Watson Family Scholarship
Dr. Louis E. Zellers Leadership Scholarship

For students transferring to a four-year college/university in the fall

Deborah J. Anthony Memorial Scholarship
Citrus College Faculty Association Scholarship
Mary E. Deppner Memorial Scholarship
Gene Dudley Leadership Scholarship
General Biology Transfer Scholarship
Estelle and Jack P. Janss Scholarship
H. Vince Kelly Memorial Scholarship
Patricia L. Knox Memorial Scholarship
Latina Leadership Network Scholarship
Betty Holt May Scholarship
Dr. Bill May Scholarship
Alice and Ward Munson Memorial Scholarship
Merrill and Jeanne West Memorial Scholarship



Donor Wall to Reflect Cumulative Giving

The Citrus College Foundation has recently made changes to its Donor Wall to encourage new and continued giving. The Donor Wall, located in the high-profile lobby area of the Haugh Performing Arts Center, is designed to publicly acknowledge the generous donations of the college's most significant supporters. Donations will now be cumulative. Example – a donor gives \$25 per month over a several year period – adding up to \$5,000. The donor's name would remain on the wall in perpetuity, and would move up to the next level as warranted. The Foundation will notify donors when their giving has reached a new level and their position on the Donor Wall changes.

The new Donor Wall levels are:

\$250,000 or more	Heritage Club
\$100,000 to \$249,999	Founder
\$50,000 to \$99,999	Benefactor
\$25,000 to \$49,999	President's Circle
\$10,000 to \$24,999	Honor Circle
\$5,000 to \$9,999	Donor Circle

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"A Taste of Autumn has a beautiful atmosphere, and it is relaxing and fun," Burk said.

This marked the second year that Don and Donna Nolan and their restaurant, Village Eatery, in Glendora participated in A Taste of Autumn.

"We enjoy supporting our community," Donna said. "We see so many of our customers at the event, and it lets them know we care. We also get to introduce new customers to our food and let everyone know about our catering business."

The Citrus College Foundation thanks the following vendors for participating in the event:

BevMO!, Glendora; BJ's Restaurant and Brewery, West Covina; Candy Connection, Covina; Canyon City BBQ, Azusa; Classic Coffee, Glendora; Chipotle Mexican Grill, West Covina; Chelosa Restaurant, Glendora; El Appetiz, Glendora; Elegant Events and Catering by Carl, Corona; Elephant Bar Restaurant, West Covina; Falcon's Nest Restaurant, La Verne; Friscella's Roastery, Glendora; Joe's Place, Duarte; Joseph Fillipi Winery and Vineyards, Rancho Cucamonga; La Toteca Mexican Foods, Azusa; Los Angeles International Wines and Spirits Competition, Pomona; Max's Mexican Cuisine, Azusa; Outback Steakhouse, Covina; Packing House Wine Merchants, Claremont; Restaurant Devon, Monrovia; Ranchero Mexican Restaurant and Cantina, Duarte; San Antonio Winery, Ontario; San Dimas Wine Shop and Tasting Room, San Dimas; Three C's Restaurant, Monrovia; T Phillip's Ale House, Glendora and La Verne; Tulipano Ristorante Italiano, Azusa; and the Village Eatery, Glendora.

A special thank you to the A Taste of Autumn sponsors. The event wouldn't have been possible without the generous support

of the following businesses and organizations:

Covina Center for the Performing Arts, Covina; the Owl Bookshop of Citrus College; A-1 Party Rental, Covina; Forest Lawn, Covina; San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group; Pepsi; tBP/Architecture; Southern California Edison; Adolph Ziemba, AIA and Associates, Burbank; Athens Services; Bulk Transportation, Walnut; the Citrus College Alumni Association; Citrus Valley Health Partners; Follett Higher Education Group; Monrovia Growers; Northrop Grumman; Orbach, Huff and Suarez; Rancho Vasquez, Azusa; R2A Architecture; Wells Fargo, Azusa; Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora; Criterion Catalysts and Technologies, Azusa; Citrus Union High School Class of 1950; Crestview Cadillac, West Covina; The Ralph M. Parsons Company, Pasadena; Foothill Family Practice, Glendora; Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Claremont; Lewis Saw and Lawn Mower Inc., Azusa; Ramirez Masonry Inc., Azusa; Comfort Suites, San Dimas; The Hat, Glendora; and Ferrari Bros. Body Shop in Monrovia; Berger Brothers, Inc.; Gary Gilde; L&B Foods, Inc.; The Gas Company; and Mercury Fence Co., Inc.

Citrus alumnae—and identical twins—Pamela Burk and Paula Morgan have attended A Taste of Autumn for the past four years.





“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead
US anthropologist & popularizer of anthropology (1901 - 1978)

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