

Week of January 19, 2009

"Inside CRC" is a weekly e-letter, produced by the Public Information Office, highlighting our people, our place, and our promise to serve.

## Calendar

### Welcome to the Spring Semester!

Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Holiday– campus closed

Jan. 20 Most classes begin

**Jan. 20 Presidential Inauguration events** being shown on TV's in the cafeteria and Orchard Room, beginning at 7:30am. Oath of Office is given just before 9am, with the inauguration speech beginning at 9:01. Parade begins at 11:00am.

**Jan. 20-23 ASG Club sign-ups**

**Jan. 23 Men's Basketball: CRC vs. Diablo Valley** at CRC, 8:00pm

**Jan. 27 Men's Basketball: CRC vs. Santa Rosa** at CRC, 8:00pm

**Jan. 30 Men's Basketball: CRC vs. SCC** at SCC, 6:00pm

## Faculty/Staff Highlights

CIS Professor **Markus Geissler** reports that a colleague at Tallinn University of Technology will support his presentations about Information and Communication Technology (ICT) adoption in Tallinn, Estonia next month. Markus will be lecturing to faculty and students while administering a detailed survey about ICT usage in Estonia.

Convocation highlights last week was a celebration of excellence, which included a presentation from the **Photography Department**, a panel of alumni who spoke on their experiences while at CRC, and a presentation from the student theater group, **Mosaic Ohana**, who showed the value of good teaching practices. Participants also heard a panel update from the **Outcomes Assessment Task Force**. After the all-campus lunch, we heard the President's Message from **Francisco** and an Accreditation update from CIS Professor **Norv Wellsfry**. Thank you for a great day!

Tutoring Coordinator **Sharon Padilla-Alvarado** was one of 5 semi-finalists selected in the community college category for the Outstanding First Year Advocates Award presented by the National Resource Center For The First -Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina. Her name will be listed on the honor roll of semifinalists in the program for the awards ceremony at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the First Year Experience in Orlando, Florida in February.

## For Your Information

There will be a **Los Rios Community College District Board Meeting**, Wednesday, January 21 in the Board Room at the District Office. Beginning at 5:30pm.

The February 18 Board Meeting will be hosted at CRC in the Black Box Theatre.

## Community Connections

Last week, Sacramento State University President **Alex Gonzales** and Elk Grove Unified School District Superintendent **Stephen Ladd** were on campus visiting with participants from **Leadership Elk Grove**, a program sponsored by the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce. P.E. & Athletics Dean **Liz Belyea** is part of the 2008-09 class.

The Spring 2009 edition of the **President's Letter** will be distributed this week. Look for it in your mail box.

## Picture(s) of the Week... highlights from Convocation



## Student Highlights

Below is an email sent to Counselor **Hoyt Fong** from a former student.

"I took *Introduction of the Psychology of Human Relations* in the spring 2005 semester, taught by you (Hoyt Fong), and enjoyed the course very much. As five years had passed since I had previously attended and graduated from the University of the Pacific, I was apprehensive about re-entering the academic arena. However, the positive experience I had with the two classes I took that semester at CRC helped me become re-energized about my education.

I have started a graduate degree program at Drexel University in Higher Education administration. Although the education I received at Pacific certainly motivated me to continue to seek knowledge my entire life, the classes I took at CRC sustained the enthusiasm. Your class in particular helped me look deeply into what kind of human service/education career I want to develop.

I just wanted to write to thank you for your commitment while teaching the class, and to wish you well in your continuing service to our region."

Sincerely,  
**Dan Borlik**

## Division Highlights

The Cosumnes River Journal is accepting submissions. Please consider contributing your creative work to Cosumnes River College's literary publication.

We want your:

- short stories
- essays, including autobiographical narrative, criticism, + interviews
- poems
- art

Please forward your contributions to English Professor **Heather Hutcheson** at [hutcheh@crc.losrios.edu](mailto:hutcheh@crc.losrios.edu). Deadline for the spring '09 issue is 03.06.09

### Men's Basketball:

1-13-09 played Sierra and won 67-52

1-6-09 played American River College and won 81-77

Overall Record: 16-6

Conference Record: 3-1

### Women's Basketball:

1-13-09 played Sierra and lost 51-82

1-6-09 played American River College and won 72-67

Overall Record: 17-6

Conference Record: 1-4

## Professional Development/CASSL

Consider joining the **CASSL Seminar in Teaching and Learning**. Each seminar section runs for 9 weeks. It works like a graduate seminar where we read essays and research about college teaching and discuss the information as it applies to each of our disciplines. The discussion is consistently interesting, sometimes vigorous, and always thoughtful. Our ongoing conversations are a chance for an extended dialogue about college teaching.

There are two sessions for the Spring - Sign up for either one by emailing Kathy McLain.

Session A: Fridays 10am-12pm, February 6 to April 17, CASSL

Session B: Tuesdays 5-7pm, February 10 to April 14, CASSL

January 21 **Introduction to Teaching with Desire2Learn**, part 1 of 4, 3:30-5:00pm, L125

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