



Week of March 22, 2010

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

## CALENDAR

### March is Women's History Month!

- March 22 **Orchestra**, Recital Hall, 7:30pm
- March 23 **Accreditation Reception**, 12-1:30pm, President's Office
- March 23 **Baseball vs. Delta** at CRC, 2:30pm
- March 23 **Softball vs. Diablo Valley** at CRC, 3pm
- March 24 **Exploring Global Culture Film, "Persepolis/The Day I Became a Woman/ The Apple: Iranian Women Filmmakers**, L111, 12-1:20pm
- March 24 **EOPS Workshop, "Library Research,"** BS 147, 12:30-1:30pm
- March 25 **EOPS Workshop, "Job Search Strategies,"** BS 163, 12:30-1:30pm
- March 26 **Income Tax Return prep service**, 9:30am-2pm, BS 145A
- March 27 **Softball vs. Sequoias & Chabot** at CRC, 12pm & 4pm
- March 28-April 2 **Spring Break**

## FACULTY/STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Distance Education Coordinator **Greg Beyrer** has a paper published in JOLT. The March 2010 Issue of the [Journal of Online Learning and Teaching](#) contains papers from authors around the globe. Only about 1/3 of the papers submitted for this issue were accepted for publication. Greg's article is titled "Online Student Success: Making a Difference."

One of Photography Professor **Kathryn Mayo's** photos was recently selected to be part of a show titled *Nostalgia* in Middlebury, Vermont. The show will be up through the first week of April. Here's a link: <http://www.vtphotoworkplace.com/id665.html>. Kathryn also conducted a workshop over the weekend with 60 Girl Scout Cadets and Juniors on campus. They'll be earning their photo badges.

**August Saibeni**, part-time Accounting professor, will have his manuscript, Forecasting Accounts Receivable Collections with Markov Chains and Microsoft Excel, appear in the April, 2010 edition of *The CPA Journal*, a peer-reviewed publication of the New York Society of CPAs.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A presentation on the **California budget** and its impact on community colleges will take place on Tuesday, March 23, from 2-3 pm, in the Southeast Office Complex Conference Room. **Dean Murakami**, President of the LRCFT, will make the presentation and answer questions.

CRC now has a **Facebook** page! Thanks to Education Media and Web Design Specialist **Christina Ocrant** who is inputting all the events, academic deadlines and other interesting CRC tidbits. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sacramento-CA/Cosumnes-River-College/370837303648> You can also get there from our homepage. Faculty, encourage your students to become a fan and become a fan yourself!

Reminder: You're invited to attend the third annual **Our Life Stories Cross-Generational Writers' Conference** presented by the Hart Senior Center and Cosumnes River College on Saturday, April 24, 2010, 9 am to 4:30 pm, at the college. The cost is only \$30 for students, seniors, and general public. This year's Keynote Speaker is **Albert Garcia**. Garcia is the author of two books of poems and one textbook; his work has been published nationally in large and small literary journals and magazines. He has been featured in Poet Laureate Ted Kooser's national column American Life in Poetry and on Garrison Keillor's The Writer's Almanac. He is on the administrative staff at Sacramento City College. The conference also includes workshops on memoir, autobiographical narrative, journaling, publishing, poetry, and other topics, and lunch and materials. **President Debbie Travis, Dean Ginny McReynolds, and English Professors Emmanuel Sigauke and David Weinshilbom** are among the day's presenters. The registration deadline is April 9, 2010. Space is limited, so register early. For registration information and additional details, visit: <http://www.hart-crcwritersconference.org/index.html>

The **Center for the Advancement of Student and Staff Learning (CASSL)** would like to invite you to submit an article for our Spring 2010 newsletter. We are looking for submissions in the following areas: Reviews of Educational Research - summaries of research (published or unpublished), Notes from the Disciplines - essays on how your discipline relates to our students' success, Teaching and Learning Reflections - personal reflections about the teaching and learning process, Staff Profiles - profiles of CRC faculty and staff. Articles should be approximately 250-500 words. Articles may be co-written between 2 or more individuals and if you are in need of assistance in the writing process, CASSL is open for planning and consultation meetings. Please submit completed articles no later than **April 9th** to [snowder@crc.losrios.edu](mailto:snowder@crc.losrios.edu).

**PICTURE(S) OF THE WEEK...** The FutureFair encouraged students to connect with the region's employers face to face, get information on career options, and to talk to experts in their fields. It also offered resume and interview workshops. The free massage from Western Career College were quite popular as there were lines all day. Students also took advantage of the resume station.



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to former CRC student **Jeremy Stewart**, who recently completed the California Highway Patrol (CHP) cadet training. He has been assigned to duty at the CHP Contra Costa area office. Jeremy graduated with his Associate of Arts degree in general education from CRC.



Remember last week we told you about the engineering students making towers? Well, after putting them under a pressure test, the winning tower was made of popsicle sticks (see photo at left) with layers shaped like Stars of David stacked up. It held up to 2840 pounds of pressure! According to Engineering Professor **Darlene Mathias**, that is a CRC record for a popsicle stick tower. Designer/builders were engineering students **Kenneth Wright, David Fraser, Rodney Crier, and Bryan Menicucci**.

Former CRC Welding student **Erik Martinez** is currently the owner and operator of a welding fabrication business that performs welding and welding related tasks for the Sacramento area. His business, "Indestructible Welding" fabricates metal fencing for residential properties, builds metal storage buildings like horse and/or other animal like barns and repairs vehicles and equipment. Martinez received a certificate in welding last semester.



Former CRC baseball player **David Freitas** is now playing for the University of Hawaii Rainbows. CRC has produced former Rainbows **Brandon Haislet, Jared Alexander and Evan Zimny**, and is now responsible for UH's current starting catcher. The 6-foot-3, 225-pound junior gives the Rainbows a different look than they've had in recent years behind the plate. He was named to the Northern California All-America team in 2009 and led his team in home runs, RBIs and batting average. "We brought him in with the purpose of going a different route and going with an offensive catcher this year and seeing how that goes," Hawaii coach Mike Trapasso said. "The plus side was he was better defensively than what we thought when we signed him. I think we can get the best of both worlds." Photo is courtesy of UH Athletics.

The spring **AMATYC Math Contest** results are in and the students did an outstanding job on the test. We had 38 students take the test many of whom had never taken the AMATYC Math Test before. All prizes and awards will be given during the awards ceremony which is part of Math Awareness week in April. Below are the names of the top 8 scores and their prizes:

Ranking	Name	Prize	Instructor
1 <sup>st</sup>	Thi Cao	\$50	Breitenbach
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bao Phan	\$50	Reichel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ngon Trang	\$50	Breitenbach
	Huy Nguyen	\$50	Zeng
	Dawel Yao	\$50	Breitenbach
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jeffrey Kelly	\$25 card	Pico
5 <sup>th</sup>	April Pangelinan	\$25 card	Pico
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tasha Bar		Zeng
7 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Litwin		Lawlor
8 <sup>th</sup>	Pros Heng		Lawlor

Former CRC student, **Estrellita Saldade** won the Outstanding Women's Award at SCC. Among the instructors who nominated her for this award are **Kimberly Handy and Darla Jones**, instructors from SCC and CIS Professor **Lance Parks** from CRC. The award will be presented on March 25 at noon in the SCC Student Center.

## DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

### Sports scores:

**Baseball:**  
3/16- vs. *Santa Rosa*, Won 17-8  
3/18- vs. *Sierra College*, Won 22-6  
3/20- vs. *Diablo Valley College*, Lost 4-3

**Softball:**  
3/16- vs. *Santa Rosa Jr. College*, Won 3-1  
3/18- vs. *Sierra College*, Won 6-4

**Men's Tennis:**  
3/16- vs. *Fresno College*, Lost 9-0  
3/18- vs. *Modesto Jr. College*, Lost 6-3  
3/19- vs. *Reedley College*, Lost 8-1

**Women's Tennis:**  
3/14- vs. *Mission College*, Won 5-4  
3/17- vs. *Fresno City College*, Lost 5-4

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Mar. 22 **Classified Funding for PD**, 11am-12pm, CASSL
- Mar. 22 **Issues in Higher Education Workshop Think Tank**, 3-4:30, CASSL
- Mar. 23 **D2L, #1**, 2-4pm, CASSL
- Mar. 23 **DO Leadership Series**, 2-4pm, District Office
- Mar. 24 **DEMS- You Pick the Topic**, 1-2pm, L125
- Mar. 25 **Kaiser Workshop: "Laughter as Medicine"**, 2-3pm, L300
- Mar. 26 **DEMS- You Pick the Topic**, 11am-12pm, L125
- Mar. 26 **CASSL- Write/Assess SLOs**, 12-2pm, TBA
- Mar. 26 **Equity Training Fundamentals**, 2-3:30pm, PCR