Busy C.H.A.P. season winds down

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Featured speaker and author Dr. Russell K. Skowronek, C.H.A.P. Coordinator
Richard Osborne, PC Associate Professor of Anthropology Dr. Robert Simpkins pose for a photo after the well attended C.H.A.P. event on April 19. The talk was titled “X-Marks the Spot — Or Does It? — The Archaeology of Piracy.” Skowronek signed books for attendees after his talk. The last event of the year is May 3, from 7-8 p.m. The talk is titled “Land of Milk and Money” - Presented by Anthony Barcellos, Professor of Mathematics at American River College and Author of “Land of Milk and Money.”

Registration opens for summer camps

Registration is now open for several camps this summer at Porterville College. S.M.A.R.T. Lab, College 4 Kids and Porterville Summer Strings spots are filling up fast. Each camp offers students a unique chance to learn in a fun, hands-on environment.

S.M.A.R.T. Lab
Registration is now open for Porterville College Foundation's S.M.A.R.T. Lab (Science, Mathematics And Resource Technology) program June 24—27 or July 8 – 11. Don't miss this fun-filled week of life, physical and earth science for kids, grades 4th-6th. The program takes place from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

These sessions will include T-shirt, mid-morning snack, all experiment materials, workbook and textbook of student's choice for $50. Scholarships are available through the generous donation of the Edison International STEM Scholarship.

Space is limited. Register today in the PC Business Office, 100 E. College Avenue. For more information call (559) 361-2070 or (559) 791-2319.

College 4 Kids
Porterville College presents the return of College 4 Kids June 3-7.

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Entrepreneurs of the Future Club selling Barbecue Pit Dinners

EOTF is now selling Dickey’s Barbecue Pit Dinners for only $10. Dinners include: one big BBQ pulled pork sandwich, one side (excludes fried items), and a bag of chips. Dinners can be picked up on Thursday, May 9 between 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Dickey’s Barbecue Pit, 73 North Main Street, Porterville.

Please see any EOTF club member or business student for tickets. You may also contact: Kailani Knutson at 791-2294 or kknutson@portervillecollege.edu for tickets.

Proceeds from this sale go to helping business/entrepreneurship students attend the national CEO conference in Chicago, Illinois in November.

2013-2014 ASPC Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected student representatives here at PC. Student ASPC Elections took place from April 16-17. The winners are: President-Elect- La Tishsa Carballo and Vice President-Elect - Katherine Carlson.

EOTF take home first and second at Gas Company Challenge

On March 13 in Visalia six Porterville College business and entrepreneurship students participated in the Tulare County Office of Education/Southern California Gas Company Business Plan competition. The team participated in two categories of the competition.

The Pitch It Challenge, which is where students were to video tape an elevator pitch and submit a link.

The Presentation Challenge, where students presented to a panel of judges their business plan.

Porterville College placed first and second in the Presentation Challenge. Michael Marinos (EOTF Vice President) won first place with his SafeSki business and Charles Trujillo (EOTF President) won second place with his Tamale Taxi business. Liliana (Lily) Abundis placed first in the Pitch It Challenge with her Spy Tie business.
PC Community Education to host Family Support series

Porterville College Community Education will present a series of 10 “Strengthening Family Support” classes this summer taught by Rebecca L. Gervasi, Psy.D., M.F.T.I. All classes will be held on Monday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is $25 per session.

Attendees will learn about loving family, friends, and those who have been diagnosed with psychological symptoms; the possible causes and common treatments; how to increase family involvement and engage in community support systems to strengthen the family; make accommodations for the disorder in daily living; create a problem solving action plan with family cooperation; and gain the necessary tools to deal with related stresses or issues.

Sessions include: Loving Someone With Depression (June 3), Loving Your Child Who Has ADHD (June 10), Loving Someone With an Eating Disorder (June 17), PTSD and the Returning War Hero (June 24), Love and Sudden Loss (July 1), Loving Someone Who Was a Victim of Child Abuse (July 8), Loving Someone Who Has Been Harmed by Violence (July 15), Loving Someone With Borderline Personality Disorder (July 22), Loving Someone Who Is A Narcissist (July 29) and Loving Someone Who Is Angry (Aug. 3).

Register for classes in the Porterville College Business Office. For more information on Community Education Classes call 791-2492 or visit www.portervillecollege.edu/community_ed.

PC Community Ed. Summer classes

Looking to learn something new? Porterville College Community Education Courses are designed to meet the needs of the community. These non-credit courses are designed to provide learning and enjoyment in a friendly, worry-free environment at a reasonable cost.

Join the Zumba party at Porterville College. May sessions take place 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday starting May 2.

Learn how to paint with acrylics on canvas and to create a mural with artist Wayne Wilson, May 2-30 from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Study the Japanese Martial Art of Aikido with Timothy Lurz and learn to understand “Chi”. The class runs May 4 - June 29 from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

Conversational Mandarin with Timothy Lurz will take place May 14 - June 27. All classes are all held from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays.

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Campus Calendar

May
2 - Athletic Awards (invitation only)
3 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. “Land of Milk and Money” - Presented by Anthony Barcellos, Professor of Mathematics at American River College and Author of “Land of Milk and Money”
6-11 - Final exams
10 - Commencement
11 - End of spring semester
15-19 - Porterville Fair- Come by and see our booth.
27 - Memorial Day holiday - Campus closed

June
10 - Instruction Begins, Summer Session

July
4 - Independence Day Holiday, Campus closed

To submit your event for the Campus Calendar email maureen.montgomery@portervillecollege.edu.
S.M.A.R.T. LAB

Session 1: June 24-27, 2013
Session 2: July 8-11, 2013
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A fun-filled week of life, physical & earth science for kids, grades 4th-6th.

Cost: Only $50; includes mid-morning snack, T-shirt, materials, workbook, and textbook of student's choice.

Scholarships are available through the generous donation of the Edison International STEM Scholarship.

Space is limited, so register early!

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College 4 Kids is a fun-filled week of programs just for kids, 4th-9th grades that will include hands-on activities and unique classes just for them. From ceramics to Zumba, career exploration to solving literary mysteries, students will get a chance to discover new avenues of learning all week long. Cost is only $50 per student for the entire week and includes T-shirt, breakfast, lunch and all materials.

College 4 Kids runs from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day. In order to participate, students must be entering the 4th-9th grades in the fall of 2013. Registration opens April 1 and space is limited so don’t delay. To register come to the Porterville College Business Office at 100 E. College Ave. in Porterville (Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.).

All forms and payment must be received by the PC Business Office in order to complete the registration process and guarantee placement. Mandatory camp orientation will be held for students and parents on May 30, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the gym.

For more information call (559) 791-2492.

Porterville Summer Strings

Porterville College is pleased to announce that the 2013 Porterville Summer Strings (PSS) program for students, 4th through 12th grades will once again be held June 2-7 here at PC.

Now in its fifth year, the Porterville Summer Strings Workshop is a collaborative effort between the local branch of the American Association of University Women, student faculty from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, the Porterville College Music Department, the Porterville Unified School District, and local musicians and supporters who have generously given their time, talents, and resources to provide a low-cost, challenging, and rewarding opportunity for local music students to improve their skills. The idea for the program began in summer of 2008 in Porterville, California, where a former townie brought home a vision for its music students.

The purpose is to provide a high quality, inexpensive five day musical workshop for violin, viola, cello and bass players. This opportunity is again being sponsored by Porterville American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Porterville College, with instruments available from Porterville Unified School District. It is the intention of this workshop to provide extraordinary experiences for all willing and qualified students. The week will include musical technique, small group lessons, same instrument ensembles, piano theory and several recitals.

The student's cost for the workshop is only $30.00 if enrolled by May 20. From May 21-24, the cost is $35. No enrollment will be accepted after May 24.

For more information call 781-1732.

PC hosts conference for parents of special needs children

Porterville College’s Disability Resource Center hosted a conference for parents with special needs children and youth on April 20. The conference emphasized how to best support and prepare young adults so they have a successful transition to college, the workforce, and beyond.

The keynote speaker was Shail Lopez-Ortiz, Executive Director for the Wayfinders Program at California State University Fresno. Wayfinders is a Transition and Postsecondary Program for students with Intellectual Disabilities. She talked about the potential for special needs children to attend college and transition into becoming autonomous adults. CSU student and Wayfinders participant Kareen Jeet also spoke on how she overcame adversity and was able to find a new purpose for her life through the program.

In addition, guests also attended breakout sessions where they could connect with local resource agencies and get answers on questions specific to their child. Parents, students, educators and community members attended the event.
PC Family Full of Published Authors

By Antonia Ecung
PC Dean – Academic Affairs

Thank goodness we are not under the constraints of “Publish or Perish” like the four-year academic institutions mandate. In addition to, the thesis and dissertation work that so many of us have produced PC faculty and staff have been just as busy placing us along-side of those four-year institutions who mandate that their faculty “Publish.”

We at PC have published for the love of our work and to support the efforts of our students. Here is a sampling of the people on campus who have published for the love of it. Kudos to all of you great PC authors who have found the time to publish because of your desire to share your knowledge; most importantly even though you did not have to “Publish or Perish!”

Jeff Gervasi, Ed.D. (Science/Mathematics) has written and published four books that are resources to help student be more successful in math. All four books are available through Amazon.com.

Catherine Hodges (Language Arts) has written and published numerous poems and had some of them published in Chapbook, Finishing Line Press.

Melissa Black (Language Arts) has written and published a number of poems.

Stewart Hathaway, Ed.D. (Science/Mathematics) published a booked titled “Factors Related to Mathematics Anxiety in Males and Females” available through VDM, Verlag.

Miles Vega (Student Services) published a book to assist your people to deal with life issues titled “How to Screw with Your Parents” published by Obsequious Communications.

Pam Childress (Office of Academic Affairs) has published three books on acrylic painting. They are available through Scheewe Publications and Eas’l Publications.

Ron Glahn, Ed.D. (Physical Education) published numerous articles in various publications. Some of his work can be found in the Community College Journal Research and Practice.

Kathy Benander (Language Arts) has written and published a textbook title “Kaleidoscope.”

Greg Basham (Social Science) has written “Morally Straight: Why the Boy Scouts of America Bans Homosexuals,” available through Amazon.com.

Richard Goode (Science/Mathematics) has written “A Teacher’s Guidebook to the Southern Sierra: Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park, the Great Western Divide, and the Sierra Nevada Foothills” published by the National Association of Geoscience Teachers Far Western Section.

Jacinto Gardea (Language Arts) wrote and had published “Lencho Unhinged-A Punc-Gramma-Drama for Adult Basic Writers.” It is available through Kendall Hung. [He is also the author of “A Blueprint For Sentence Variety.”]

Robert Simpkins, Ph.D. (Social Science) has written a chapter in “The Visual World of Muslim India: The Art and Society of the Deccan in the Early Modern Era” (Library of South Asian History), available through Amazon.com.

[Neal Blaikie, one of our adjunct English instructors has published numerous works of short fiction in a variety of creative writing journals.]

Of course there are many faculty who have written lab manuals that students use in their classes to supplement their assignments and class work.

Thank you one and all.