Porterville College opens Job, Entrepreneur, and Career Center

The Job, Entrepreneur, and Career (J.E.C.) Center is now open at Porterville College. The J.E.C. Center provides personalized business services and programs. Whether you need help choosing a major, exploring careers, starting your own business, or developing job search skills, J.E.C. staff are here to help you make the necessary preparations to achieve your goals and to ensure a successful transition from academic life to the working world. The center is home to various resources from printed job-search information to computer-based career assessment tools, workshops to small business development materials for current or future business owners and those exploring career opportunities. The center is open to the public.

The J.E.C. Center is located at 100 E. College Avenue, in Porterville, in Room 1309. For more information call (559) 791-2216, email pcjec.center@portervillecollege.edu or visit www.portervillecollege.edu/cte/jec

President Carlson to receive Kremen Honor

The Kremen School of Education and Human Development Alumni Chapter will honor five outstanding friends of education during their annual dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20 at Fresno State’s University Dining Facility.

In the spotlight will be our own Dr. Rosa Flores-Carlson, President of Porterville College, Kern Community College District. She along with the following will receive honors: Justin Garza, Science, PE Teacher and Coach at Central High School, Central Unified School District; Linda Jean Voth, Business Teacher, Roosevelt High School, Fresno Unified School District, and Jan Richter and Bud Richter, longtime supporters of Fresno State and the Kremen School of Education and Human Development.

“We selected these individuals for their significant contributions and passion for education,” said Jim...
PC Foundation Hall of Fame Athletic and Alumni of the Year Recipients

The Porterville College Foundation would like to congratulate the 2014 Hall of Fame recipients. An awards and induction dinner will be held on March 8 at the River Island Country Club in honor of the recipients and their families.

Dennis Stowe

Dennis Stowe was a resident of the small San Joaquin Valley town of Wasco when he graduated from high school in 1976. While attending Wasco High, he was a star in four sports. Dennis received all South Sequoia League honors as wide receiver in football. In baseball, he was All-League twice and batted over .400 his senior year.

In basketball, he was All-League for two years, part of four All-tournament teams, leading scorer and chosen as the MVP his senior year. In track, he earned the honor as the South Sequoia League Outstanding Performer, ranked fifth in the Valley in the high jump (6'6''), tripled jumped over 44 feet, long jumped over 20 feet and ran the 120 yard low hurdles in 15.7 seconds.

Recruited heavily by Division I universities in all four sports, Dennis chose to enroll in the fall of 1976 at Porterville College, where he excelled in basketball, baseball and track and field. In basketball, Dennis was a two-year starter for the late Coach Jim Maples. Dennis was a member of the 1978 Pirate team that was the first Porterville College basketball team to qualify for the California Community College State Tournament, losing to Menlo in the Semi-finals. He was selected to the All-Central Conference second team his freshman and first team his sophomore year.

In baseball during his two year stint at PC, Dennis was a two-time Conference All-Star Game selection and played on the first Porterville College team to ever win 20 games in a single season. He received All-Conference Honorable Mention his freshman year. Dennis' sophomore year he led the team in hitting with a .326 batting average, 18 RBIs and was selected to the All-Central Conference second team.

While he was only a part-time track and field athlete due to baseball, he was still the Conference Champion in the high jump and the long jump for two years, second in triple jump (45'4'') and he placed second in the California Community College State meet in the high jump (6'8'') and long jump (23').

Following PC, Dennis received a full athletic scholarship to the University of Nevada, Reno in track. Realizing his passion was baseball he immediately transferred to the California State University, Sacramento to continue playing baseball and basketball.

After Sacramento State, Dennis continued to play baseball for the Oakland A's organization in Medford, Oregon. Later in his career he had the opportunity to play winter league and report to Spring Training for the infamous Oakland A's General Manager/Manager, Billy Martin.

Dennis now resides in Shafter, Calif. with his wife Zoila. They have six children. He has been involved in various community activities such as coaching soccer, t-ball and little league, as well as serving as a band booster. Dennis is currently employed by the Wasco Union Elementary School District as a Nutrition Technician.

Jennie Hatch

Jennie Hatch's reputation for excellence extends from the softball field into the classroom. At Skyview High School she played softball all four years, making the All-Academic Team throughout high school and was chosen as MVP her senior year.

She came to Porterville College in 2006 where her athletic and academic excellence continued.

Jennie was named to the Academic All-American team both her freshman and sophomore year. While at PC she was also chosen as Most Improved Player in 2007, second team All-CVC Utility in 2007, first team All-CVC Pitcher in 2008, and Most Valuable Player in 2008.

Jennie received a scholarship to play at Alcorn State University where she earned her B.S. in Nutrition/Dietetics. Her team won their conference her senior year and she had the privilege of pitching against Alabama in the regionals. At that time, Alabama was number one in the nation in softball. While at Alcorn Jennie was selected as second team SWAC Pitcher in 2009, first team SWAC Pitcher in 2010, SWAC All-Academic team 2009-2010, SWAC Champion in 2010, NCAA Regional Tournament Participant in 2010, and SWAC All-Tournament team in 2010.

After graduating Jennie participated in the Zurich Barracudas Softball Club in Zurich, Switzerland in 2011.

Jennie's sense of humor is legendary. She returned this year for the alumni game and still keeps former coach Vickie Dugan laughing. Leadership, competitiveness, great work ethic, and team spirit are just some of the excellent qualities about Jennie.

She now works as the General Manager of Planet Fitness in New Mexico.

Richard L. Christenson

You may not find Richard Christenson in the limelight, but his quiet sense of goodwill has meant plenty of applause for both the city of Porterville and Porterville College as well.

Born and raised right here in Porterville, Christenson attended Olive Street School, Bartlett Junior High School, Porterville High School (Class of 1970) and then Porterville College (1970-1972). He would go on to earn his BA in Japanese and a minor in Asian Studies from Brigham Young University (BYU). He then attended the J. Reuben Clark Law School at (BYU)

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March 8, 2014
River Island Country Club
Porterville, Calif.

5:30 p.m.  Social Hour
6:30 p.m.  Dinner
Tickets are $50 each,
$275 table of six,
$350 table of eight

Evening will feature inductions into both the PC Athletic Hall of Fame & the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

Featured Speaker
LUPE SANCHEZ
Pittsburgh Steelers Safety
1986-1988

Call (559) 791-2319 for more information

Campus Calendar

March
5 - A multimedia presentation entitled “Troublesome Women: Social Activism in America” by Rebecca Baird, Porterville College History Instructor. 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., PC Theater.
8 - Hall of Fame Induction Banquet at the River Island Country Club. For more information see page 2.
28 - 60% - Last day to drop semester-length course without a letter Penalty and receive a “W”.

April
4 - “'70s and Beyond Concert” (two shows) 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., PC Theater
11 - “Fast Forward Families: An Anthropology for the 21st Century” by Dr. Jan English-Lueck, Associate Dean, Social Science, College of Social Sciences, San Jose State University. 7-8 p.m., PC Theater.
4-19 - Spring Recess

- To submit your event for the Campus Calendar email maureen.montgomery@portervillecollege.edu.
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SPRING CLASS OFFERINGS:

THESE NON-CREDIT COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE LEARNING AND ENJOYMENT IN A FRIENDLY, WORRY-FREE ENVIRONMENT AT A REASONABLE COST.

COMMUNITY CERAMICS includes the techniques in hand-building, slab-building and wheel throwing. Class starts Feb. 4 and runs through the May 8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Cost: $60. Supplies not included (please bring bag of clay to class). Clay available at the PC Bookstore.

EMT REFRESHER will take place Feb. 21, 28, March 7 and 14 on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room. HC 2021. Cost is $185 for the Four-day Refresher course (24 hours); $50 for the One Day Refresher course (8 hours); $80 for the Two Day Refresher course (16 hours); $110 for the Three Day Refresher Course (skills not included) and $80 for the Skills Day alone. Textbook not required, but highly recommended: “Essentials of Emergency Care, A Refresher for the Practicing EMT-B”, Third Edition.

FIRELINE SAFETY FOR HIRED VENDORS will take place March 1, March 29, and April 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the PC Forum. Cost: $70 per person. The PC Fire Technology Department, the U.S. Forest Service and CAL FIRE will offer this one-day training that is required annually for operators of privately-owned equipment used to respond to active wild land fires. Pre-registration/payment required.

NOTARY PUBLIC will take place on April 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in AC 105. Cost is $70. You will also need to bring a $40 check or money order to class made payable to “Secretary of State.”

EXERCISE FOR THE COMMUNITY takes place Jan. 21 through May 14 on Mondays through Thursdays from 7-8 a.m. and 8-9 a.m. in Rm. FIT 751 in the Fitness Center. Cost is $80 per person. Join at any time. Cost of class is not pro-rated.

ZUMBA allows you to get fit while having fun. Zumba sessions will take place each month of the semester from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost: $20 per session. Sign up now for the February session.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES.
CalWORKs program looking for new business partners

The Porterville College CalWORKs Work Study program provides students with on and off campus work opportunities in order to develop and strengthen workplace skills while completing their educational goals. With the assistance of dedicated on and off campus employers, students learn how to enter and/or re-enter the workforce with the confidence that is needed to achieve career satisfaction and economic self-sufficiency.

Work-Study is a time limited program that allows students to earn money while working a maximum of 19 hours a week while obtaining their degree or certificates.

The PC Work-Study program offers two options for participating employers. The first option is that the program covers 100% of the student’s wages at no cost to the employer. The second option is that the employer and the program share the cost of employment 50-50%. Some employers take advantage of this option for tax credit purposes and it also benefits the program to be able to employ more students.

PC’s newest contract is the newly built courthouse in Porterville. We have many administrative of justice students looking forward to gaining experience on how the court system works. PC has several employers who have joined the CalWORKs Work Study program, including: Port Naz Christian Academy, Dr. Andrea Espinosa, Hanson Travel Agency, O La Raza, Dr. Ramu Thiagarajan MD, Porterville Chamber of Commerce, Porterville Superior Court, Porterville Unified School District, Hoops Preschool, Porterville Adult Day Services and Turner and Associates Insurance Company.

Currently, Porterville College has 13 students employed throughout the community. Four students have finished the program and were hired as full time employees through the business they worked for.

PC is looking for new community business partners. If you own a local business and would be interested in participating in the Porterville College CalWORKs Work Study program please call (559) 791-2303. For more information visit www.portervillecollege.edu/student-services/CalWORKs.

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Yovino, president of the Kremen Alumni chapter. “Each honoree is clearly outstanding and deserving of this recognition!”

Dr. Carlson was born in El Paso, Texas. Carlson lived in Mexico with grandparents for the first seven years of her life and began first grade in Fresno, California. She has remained in the central valley ever since, finding her niche in the community college system.

She served as a full time faculty member, an Associate Dean of Instruction at Kings River Community College, the Director of Educational Services for State Center Community College District, the Vice President of Academic Services at College of the Sequoias in Visalia and is currently in her 8th year as President of Porterville College.

Dr. Carlson received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Foreign Languages and a minor in Classical Studies and a Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from California State University, Fresno.

She also holds the distinction of being the first graduate of the Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership program from the UC Davis/CSU Fresno Joint Doctoral Program.

The banquet is open to the public. Tickets are $40 and available at the Kremen Dean’s Office, (559) 278-2334.
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where he received his Juris Doctor Degree, graduated cum laude and was the Associate Editor of the BYU Law Review.

Upon graduation he joined the family law firm (then Christenson & Kralowec) and has remained there every since (now Christenson Law Firm, LLP). He has been not only a member of the Tulare County Bar Association, but also served as a board member and President from 1988 to 1989. He is currently the Chairman of the Fee Arbitration Committee. Christenson also served as a Pro-tem Judge for Drug Court.

Christenson is heavily involved in the community. He is a member of the Optimist Club of Porterville where he was a charter member and currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer. He is also a founding member of the Burton Educational Foundation. Christenson is a past board member and Chairman of the Tule River Economic Development Corporation (TREDC). He is a board member and past Chairman of the Porterville College Foundation and currently serves as the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Richard is also a board member and past President of the Sierra View District Hospital Foundation. He participated in the Cancer Center Capital Campaign and the Major Gifts Committee.

Christenson is also a supporter of the Boys Scouts of America and a Scout Merit Badge Counselor.

Christenson is a life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. His mission trip sent him to Japan from 1972-1974. Richard has taught early morning seminary scripture study for over 20 years. He is a former Bishop (Porterville 1st Ward) and is currently President of the Porterville California Stake.

He and his wife Kathy have six children and fourteen grandchildren.

The Fourth Annual Porterville College Foundation Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will take place on March 8 at the River Island Country Club in Porterville. The event’s featured speaker will be former NFL Safety for the Pittsburgh Stealers, Lupe Sanchez. The Alumni Hall of Fame award recognizes former Porterville College students who have made outstanding contributions to both their professions and their communities; these alumni embody the highest standards of excellence.

Social hour is at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $50 each, $275 for a table of six, and $350 for a table of eight. Seating is limited and will sell out fast.

Get your tickets today by calling the Foundation Office at 791-2319, from any PC Foundation Board member, or by calling 784-5300.

The Porterville College Foundation will support Porterville College in developing activities, programs and facilities to the best interest of students; will actively solicit gifts, bequests and other income; and will demonstrate prudent fiduciary responsibility in the administration of those funds. To join the PC Foundation call 791-2319.

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