PC Students chosen for All-Cal Team

PC students Robert Evans and Gianina Bebb were chosen as two of 27 students selected for the 2012 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Academic Second Team.

The two students visited with Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway just prior to receiving statewide recognition on March 6 at an awards ceremony at the California State Capitol, Sacramento.

The All-State team members receive special recognition, including medallions, certificates and often-stipends and scholarships.

Each two-year college in California may nominate two students per campus to the All-USA Academic Team. Students from California nominated to the national team comprise the All-California Academic Team. Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance and service to the college and community.

Evans serves as the PC Chapter Alpha Chi Mu President (Phi Theta Kappa). Bebb serves as Secretary.

C.H.A.P. to hold five events in April

Porterville College’s C.H.A.P. is preparing for a busy month. The program will hold five events on campus during the month of April. All events will take place in the PC Theater.

The first event is titled, “Camp to Campus” and will be presented in the PC Theater on Monday, April 1 from 6-8:30 p.m. “Camp to Campus” is a documentary film produced by CSU, Bakersfield that features interviews with 12 people who grew up as sons and daughters of migrant workers and went on to attend and graduate from college. Each of them speaks to the value of education and how it impacted their lives. Two of the individuals in the video are PC grads. Following the screening of the video, there will be a panel discussion of the film and a question and answer period with the audience.

On April 3 is “Double Luck” with speaker Lu Chi Fa (Gordon Lu) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PC Professor Jay Hargis will discuss the “Bracero Program: Catalyst for Change” from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 10 and from 7 to 8 p.m. April 12.

April 19 will feature a special talk titled “X Marks the Spot- Or Does It?: The Archaeology of Piracy” with Dr. Russell K. Skowronek from 7-8 p.m.

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On Saturday, March 9, members of the Anthropology Club traveled to Manzanar National Historic Site in Independence, California to participate in their 5th annual Volunteer Day. Manzanar is a former relocation camp where Japanese Americans were interned during WWII. Volunteers chopped, raked and swept the grounds of an old chicken ranch in an effort to expose concrete foundations and other features. The chicken ranch was important to the residents, as it was not only a source of food for the camp, but also provided employment for many of the inhabitants. When the work ended, volunteers were treated to lunch and an interesting talk given by a man who lived at the camp when he was a young boy. Participating students were: Crystal Edwards, Naomi Kasimoff, Aaron Bady and Jacob Kasimoff.

On April 24 PC will host Multicultural Food Day from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Quad.

The Porterville College Cultural and Historical Awareness Program (CHAP) was organized in 2002 to enhance students’ awareness of certain important aspects of our society to which they may previously have had little or no exposure. A theme is chosen by CHAP members each school year, and faculty members across the campus are encouraged to integrate elements of that theme into their coursework. Additionally, a variety of field trips, guest speakers, panel discussions and videos are presented throughout the year and are all open to the public.

For more information on C.H.A.P. visit www.portervillecollege.edu/CHAP.
PC offering new Spring lineup of Community Education 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.

Current late spring, early summer offerings include: Aikido, Ceramics, Conversational Mandarin, Acrylic Painting on Canvas and Mural, Rock Painting, Exercise for the Community, Fire line Safety and Zumba. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Dive into the world of ceramics at PC. The Ceramics class includes the techniques in hand-building, slab-building and wheel throwing. Class starts April 1 and runs through April 29 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Transform rocks into works of art with instructor Shana Vest. Rock Painting takes place from 9-11 a.m. April 6-27 on Saturdays.

The Fire Technology Department of Porterville College in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and CAL FIRE is pleased to offer this course “Fireline Safety Awareness for HIred Vendors”. This one-day training is required annually for operators of privately-owned equipment contracted to respond to active wild land fires with the State of California (CAL FIRE) and/or the United States Forest Service. The last offering for the semester will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 13.

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

If you have a special talent, skill, or hobby you’d like to share with others and would consider teaching a Community Education Course, please complete and return a Class Proposal Form, which can be found at www.portervillecollege.edu/community_ed. Past classes have featured such topics as: the arts, home/garden maintenance, special certifications and physical education.

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 MEChA Club to host Cinco de Mayo lecture April 4

As the 151st anniversary of the first Cinco de Mayo approaches, David Hayes-Bautista, professor of medicine and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture at the UCLA School of Medicine, will give a talk on the history behind this American holiday. His talk will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, at the Porterville College Theater, 100 E. College Avenue in Porterville. The event is free and open to the public.

Although Cinco de Mayo commemorates an event in Mexican history — El Día de la Batalla de Puebla (The Day of the Battle of Puebla) — the holiday was created and first celebrated by Latinos living in California.

According to Hayes-Bautista, the first Cinco de Mayo celebration recognized the Mexican army’s defeat of invading French troops in the town of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Overjoyed that freedom and democracy had won a victory over forces of slavery and oligarchy, Latinos in California celebrated with fireworks, patriotic songs, and impromptu speeches.

“Cinco de Mayo is important to California because it was invented here,” said Hayes-Bautista, whose book, El Cinco de Mayo: An American Tradition, was recently published from the UC Press. “It provides a collective identity for all Latinos, whether they were born here in California, or immigrated from Mexico, Central America, or South America.”

Hayes-Bautista is the only U.S. citizen to serve as a member of Mexico’s Commission for the Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Puebla. He was sworn in by President Felipe Calderón. The commission is charged with organizing commemorations of the first Cinco de Mayo throughout Mexico and the U.S. Hayes-Bautista’s talk is part of the Cinco de Mayo University Speaking Tour.

Campus Calendar

April
1- C.H.A.P. 6-8:30 p.m. Camp to Campus film and Q & A
3- C.H.A.P. - 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Double Luck – Lu Chi Fa (Gordon Lu)
4- MEChA Club Cinco de Mayo talk at 7 p.m. in the PC Theatre
10- Priority registration begins for summer/fall 2013 for continuing students
10- C.H.A.P. 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. - THE BRACERO PROGRAM: Catalyst for Change – Jay Hargis
12- C.H.A.P. 7 - 8 p.m. THE BRACERO PROGRAM: Catalyst for Change – Jay Hargis
19- C.H.A.P. 7:00-8:00 p.m.: X-Marks the Spot—Or Does It?: The Archaeology of Piracy – Dr. Russell K. Skowronek
24- C.H.A.P. 11:30 – 12:30: Multicultural Food day
24- Open Registration begins for summer/fall 2013 for returning and new students
24 - Blood Drive from 9:30-1:30 in the Quad area.
26- Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- To submit your event for the Campus Calendar email maureen.montgomery@portervillecollege.edu
Right: Dr. Carlson (left) with Foundation President Paula Job (right) and Steve Graybehl (center) represented Kristal Lansford who was unable to attend the event. Left: Dr. Carlson (left) with Foundation President Paula Job (right) and 2013 Athletic HOF Recipient Jennifer Gilliam.

The PC Hall of Fame Induction banquet speaker was former NFL fullback and Valley native, Lorenzo Neal.

Right: Dr. Carlson (left) with Foundation President Paula Job (right) and 2013 HOF Distinguished Alumni Robert “Bob” Perez (center). Left: PC President, Dr. Rosa Carlson (left) and husband Dr. Carl Carlson (center) pose with former NFL fullback and 2013 HOF dinner guest speaker Lorenzo Neal.
PC Foundation Hall of Fame Athletic and Alumni of the Year Recipients

The Porterville College Foundation would like to congratulate the 2013 Hall of Fame recipients. An awards and induction dinner was held on March 9 at the River Island Country Club in honor of the recipients and their families.

Kristal Que Lansford

After graduating from Strathmore High School Kristal decided to attend a college in Southern California. She wasn’t quite sure about her future life. Soon afterwards she joined the U.S. Air Force. She completed her basic training and finished as the top recruit of her graduating class. Four years later she was a surgical technician at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

She then returned to this area and began attending Porterville College where she participated in three sports: softball, basketball and volleyball, for two years. In basketball she was captain for one year, All Conference, All State, All American and a record holder. She gives credit to Ted Wise, PC Professor who encouraged her to reach her potential and make her education a priority.

Her coaches at PC were Jill Motouch and Robin Goocher who also continued to encourage her in athletics.

She then enrolled at Cal State, Bakersfield where she became the school's first ever walk on and starting player in softball. She was recognized as an athlete and All Conference performer each year at Cal State. She was also awarded an athletic scholarship.

While at Cal State Kristal earned her BA in Communications, BA in Physical Education, and an MA in Education. She was also part of an award winning softball coaching staff (Calif. Collegiate Athletic Coaching Staff of the Year).

Kristal went on to become the Head Softball Coach at Northwood University in Texas where she took her team to the Regional Championship.

In 2001, she became the head softball coach at Division II San Francisco State University and led them to three straight 40 game winning seasons and a trip to the Division II World Series. She was named Calif. Collegiate Athletic Association Coach of the Year. Several of her players were named Student Athletic and Academic All-Americans, and those in their 4th year eligibility in athletics had a 100% rate of graduation.

Kristal then found her way back to Division I Cal State Bakersfield where she served as Assistant Coach. In 2011 she became the Head Coach at Division II Metro State College in Colorado where she now resides.

Jennifer Gilliam (Borror)

Jennifer comes from an enthusiastic athletic family. She was an outstanding athlete at Porterville High School where she participated in water polo, track and field, and basketball.

She played on the varsity team every year except her freshmen year as a member of the JV volleyball team. She excelled in all sports, serving as team captain for three years in water polo and basketball, as well as all league, MVP, Tulare County Player of the Year, and scored over 1000 points in her high school basketball career.

Jennifer continued her winning ways at Porterville College from 2003 to 2005. Under basketball coach Dave Kavern's guidance, she would earn honors as an all-tournament player four times, team captain twice, first team all CVC twice, most valuable player CVC and Co. MVP State of California, first team California, Northern California Player of the Year in, All-American and record holder.

The team was ranked third team all northern California and a Top Ten team in the state of California, and are the only CVC Championship team for PC. Women's Basketball.

After PC, Jennifer transferred to Chico State where she started on a team that would become league champions, Western Region Champions and a Final Four team in Division II.

She currently resides in California with her husband and five children.

Jennifer also competes in show horse competitions and has won many honors in several states. She and her husband serve as foster parents and adoptive parents. Jennifer and her husband also coach local basketball teams. Jennifer is pursuing her master's in education while working as a social worker for the local foster care agency.

Robert “Bob” Perez

Robert “Bob Perez is well known in the community of Porterville for getting things done and demonstrating true leadership. He is a 1969 graduate of Porterville College. He also has a B.A. in History and M.A. in Educational Administration from Cal. State Bakersfield. Robert also earned his Administrative Services credential in 1983 and his Standard Secondary Credential in 1977.

Robert has well diversified professional experience extending from elementary school through Community college positions. He currently serves in a liaison capacity with the Porterville Unified School District and the Porterville Police Department. He is the past Chief Administrative Officer with the Porterville Adult School.

Robert also taught at PC from 1971 through 1982.

Robert has also served on several organizations such as the Sierra View District Hospital Board, CCFC Board, Porterville Senior Day Care Center Board, Rotary Club of Porterville, Mariachi Foundation Consultant, Cinco de Mayo Committee member, Porterville Chamber of Commerce Board, Leadership Porterville Steering Committee and Mentor, Crime Prevention Committee, Burton School Board, and Sister City
In 1990, he was the Porterville Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year and served as the Cinco de Mayo Parade Grand Marshall. Robert was the recipient of Roy Flemate Mexican-American Community Award in 1992. That same year the Porterville High School Yearbook was dedicated to him. He was the Adult Education Administrator of the Year for the Tulare County Region XI ACSA in 2004 and earned a spot on the Porterville High School Wall of Fame in 2005. In 2010, he was the DAR Citizen of the Year. And now he is Porterville College's Distinguished Alumni of the Year.