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KCCD Board Recognizes the 2017 Porterville College Retirees

On Thursday, November 9th the KCCD Board of Trustees held their yearly campus visit at Porterville College where the monthly board meeting is also conducted. One of the agenda items was the recognition of the following 2017 Porterville College retirees:



Pictured from left to right: Dave Hensley, Lorie Barker, Vickie Burcham, Muriel Josten, Interim President Bill Henry, KCCD Board President Kay Meek, Rosa Carlson and Chancellor Tom Burke

Dr. David Hensley served as our primary Music instructor for many years and is well known in the community. Many of the current music instructors in the Porterville Unified School District have said how truly grateful they were to have him as their instructor during their time at PC and credit him for their decisions to pursue music and music Education as a career. David was very well-known for his fiery passion and commitment to his students. David retires after 23 years of service to the college and his students.

Lorie Barker was a Reference Librarian at Porterville College. During her tenure, Lorie oversaw the implementation of the electronic databases, the move to the new library in 2008, the development of the local writer's collection, and the implementation of the Anthropology special collections room. Lorie retired after 18 years of service to the college and community.

Vickie Burcham worked for Porterville College Child Development Center as a classroom teacher. Karen Ball, CDC Program Manager stated about Vickie: *"Vickie was always very sympathetic to the issues the families at the center were facing. She took great pride in the fact that she provided a safe and secure learning environment for the children so their parents could complete their education."* Vickie retired with 33 years of service.

Muriel Josten taught Drama and Communication courses during her tenure at PC and retired after serving the college and its students for 16 years, but the community for a lifetime. When asked to provide a few words about his colleague, Division Chair James Thompson stated: *"Muriel was one of the most popular and loved professors by her students and her peers. You could always count on her to truly listen and try to help you with whatever you were faced with. She has always been, and will undoubtedly continue to be a joyful inspiration to all who are lucky enough to get to know her."*

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- Annual Hall of Fame Event**
February 3, 2018
River Island Country Club
- C.H.A.P. Event**
Wild Tulare County
February 9, 2018
7:00 pm • PC Theater
- C.H.A.P. Event**
Ramona Memories
February 23, 2018
7:00 pm • PC Theater
- C.H.A.P. Event**
Story of Modern Human Origins
March 2, 2018
7:00 pm • PC Theater
- C.H.A.P. Event**
The 10th Muse: Sor Juana De la Cruz, Poetess and Feminist in Colonial Mexico
March 14, 2018
7:00 pm • PC Theater
- C.H.A.P. Event**
Dixie Salazar Artist & Writer
April 6, 2018
7:00 pm • PC Theater
- C.H.A.P. Event**
Multi-Cultural Festival
April 25, 2018
11:30 AM
In the Quad

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Dr. Rosa Carlson has been in higher education for 36 years. In the central valley education system she has held positions as a high school Secondary Resource Teacher for the Migrant Program, a college faculty member, EOPS Coordinator, Associate Dean of Instruction, Director of Educational Services, Vice President of Academic Services and eventually college President. In her community college career she has served with State Center Community College District and College of the Sequoias. In January 2006 she was appointed the 8th President of Porterville College and served the students and staff for 11 ½ years until her retirement in September of this year.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Susan Lala – When members of the Student Services Division think of the word “advocate,” they think of Susie Lala. From 2008 - 2016, Susie was a passionate advocate for students with disabilities while she worked as a leader within the Disabled Students Program. Susie’s advocacy was not limited to PC, as she was involved at the regional and state level regarding access and equity for students with disabilities. Susan served as a DSPS Counselor for 8 years.

PC Foundation President Paula Job, Foundation 1st Vice President Gary Wallace and PC President Bill Henry - receiving check for \$3,100 from the Porterville Breakfast Lions Club from their annual golf tournament which they give half of the proceeds to PC Athletic Program.



Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Friday meeting... what a good looking crowd of dedicated students for being here on a Friday at noon!

Photo submitted by: Advisor Sherie Burgess

Porterville College Takes On Student Hunger Through Food Pantry

Story provided by *Achieving the Dream Organization*

On November 30, 2017 Achieving the Dream (ATD) released "Addressing Food Insecurity on Campus: Establishing Food Pantries at Community Colleges and Connecting Students to Wider Services", a practical guide to starting food pantries on community college campuses. Porterville College (in association with Achieving the Dream) is one of 19 community colleges offering integrated services to prepare low-income students for jobs with family-sustaining wages.

A 2017 Wisconsin HOPE Lab survey of 33,000 students at 70 community colleges across 24 states found that a majority (56%) of the students surveyed did not have enough food. More recently, researchers from the Urban Institute and the Brookings Institution fielded a nationally representative survey and found a lower but still alarming percentage of college students facing food insecurity on college campuses.

"The data makes it painfully clear that hunger is a constant worry for too many students and threatens to keep them from finishing their studies," said Dr. Karen A. Stout, president and CEO of Achieving the Dream. *"Our report offers advice on setting up food pantries as a first step toward meeting an immediate need while recognizing the opportunity pantries present to link students to a range of integrated services that build long term financial stability and academic success."*

Addressing Food Insecurity on Campus recommends that colleges preparing to launch food pantries consider the following steps, among others:

- Hold student focus groups to hear directly from them about their needs.
- Discuss the issue of food insecurity with faculty and staff.
- Find lead people to champion this work.

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY ON CAMPUS

ESTABLISHING FOOD PANTRIES AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND CONNECTING STUDENTS TO WIDER SERVICES



Cindy Lenhart
and Jean Petty


Achieving the Dream™

The Porterville College Pirate Pantry hosted their Spring Semester Open House on Thursday, January 25, 2018 to kick off the provision of emergency supplemental food to PC students in need.

- Map the needed resources.
- Reach out to community partners.
- Launch the food pantry with a campus-wide kick-off event.
- Identify students who are most in need.

PC Snippet!

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Carol and hubby Jack

PC Retiree Carol (Totusek) Wilkins passed away after a brief illness at her home on December 30, 2017. Carol was born on December 23, 1939 to George and Lonieda Totusek in Enid, Oklahoma. She attended Long Beach University for two years after high school and then transferred to Oklahoma State University where she graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Education. Her career in education spanned 40 years from teaching kindergarten to college students. In 1977, she married Jack Wilkins and they became a blended family. Together,



Carol with daughters Andrea and Leisle.

they had six children consisting of three boys and three girls. In 1984, Jack and Carol moved to California. They made their home in Porterville where Carol taught Special Education at Terra Bella Elementary and then became a Learning Disabilities Specialist and Academic Counselor at Porterville College retiring there after 27 years. Carol was passionate about helping students and others fulfill their dreams. She was instrumental in ensuring that students transferred to universities to finish their degrees. Coming from Oklahoma, Jack and Carol were very passionate about sports and loved attending Porterville College men's basketball games. Their home was always open with many student athletes living with them while attending college. After retiring in 2010, Carol was active as a volunteer at her church and as a pink lady at Sierra View Hospital. She leaves behind her husband Jack; five children - Grant, Bret, Jackie, Andrea, Brad and Leisle; eleven grandchildren, her sister Judi Allen, and numerous other family and friends.

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Carol and Mercy Herrera, colleague and close friend, at her retirement celebration.



PC Retiree Norma (Shry) Carlisle passed peacefully at home on November 21, 2017, with her husband at her side. Norma was born and raised in Porterville, CA on October 5, 1934 and attended Olive Street Elementary School, Bartlett Junior High and Porterville High School graduating with the class of 1952. While in high school, she was a songleader and served as Senior Class Secretary.

She attended San Jose State College for one year before meeting and marrying Jim Carlisle on June 20, 1953. They lived briefly in Fairfield, CA before returning to the Carlisle Family Ranch in Ducor, CA where they raised their three children. Norma was always a very supportive mom of her children's activities from Boy Scouts and 4H to various sports.

She was employed at Ducor Elementary School as a secretary for 12 years and then left to join PC staff family as a Switchboard Operator. Eventually Norma applied for and earned the position of Admissions & Records Technician assisting students and faculty for 17 years and eventually retired.

Norma enjoyed playing hand bells with the church and was active with the First Congregational Church Women's Fellowship, PEO Chapter UA, and Current Topics groups. She loved watching San Francisco Giants and Golden State Warriors games, was an avid reader and loved working in her beautiful yard. Norma and her husband took many wonderful trips across the US, Canada and Europe, but Morro Bay was always her favorite place to relax and soak up the cooling fog. Norma never tired of dancing and her family and friends loved to watch Norma and Jim together on the dance floor.

Norma leaves behind her husband, Jim; their three children - Mike, Marcia (Doran) and Karen (Reece); three grandchildren and her sister, Joyce Muckleroy and many other family members and friends.

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*A life well lived
is the most exquisite work of Art.*

Erwin McManus