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THE CERRITOS COLLEGE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

FALL 2014

## Cerritos College Foundation Golf Classic Raises \$65,300

“This year’s tournament was another tremendous success,” said Cerritos College Foundation board member and chairman of the 2014 Golf Classic Committee, Nick Van Hoogmoed. “We extend special thanks to Tilden-Coil Constructors as our Title Sponsor and our corporate sponsors for their commitment to come alongside the Foundation in helping students achieve their educational goals.”

Joining Tilden-Coil Constructors were GST, Inc as Falcon Sponsor and corporate sponsors Alta Dena Certified Dairy, Canteen Vending and Office Refreshment Services, Caston, Inc., Frantone’s Pizza & Spaghetti Villa, Gerald P. Roodzant, DDS., HMC Architects, HPI Architecture, Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, P2S Engineering, RDM Electric Co., Inc. S&K Engineers, Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA), The Pepsi Bottling Group, The Vinewood Company, Union Bank and Zebra Coffee.



A well-attended field of golfers enjoyed a complimentary putting competition and then hit the links for a day of golf. Golfers and dinner guests gathered on the patio to watch the annual the annual Helicopter Ball Drop. This year had only one lucky winner. The live auction raised \$3,000 and a new addition to the dinner was the “Fund a Scholarship” which raised \$2,850 for veterans and foster youth scholarships.

The Foundation presented Cerritos College students Jamie Ramirez and Arianna Hernandez with the 2014 Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship, awarded each year to outstanding female athletes in softball who display high academic achievement.

## Saying Goodbye...



On August 17, 2014, the Foundation lost a dear friend and supporter, Nancy Kelly, Professor Emeritus of Health and Physical Education and former Women’s Softball Coach.

Professor Kelly was initially employed by the district on an hourly basis in October 1973 and was subsequently hired as a full-time instructor in September 1975. She served in this capacity until her retirement in May 2002. Nancy served as the women’s softball coach from 1976 through 1997, and in 2004, the softball field was named in her honor. In March 2014, she was inducted into Cerritos College’s Hall of Fame (see page 2).

Nancy was dedicated to the students and her profession. After her retirement, she established the Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship through the Cerritos College Foundation. This scholarship is awarded to a student who attended Cerritos College and played softball for two years and is transferring to a four-year university.

Nancy also served for a number of years on the Cerritos College Foundation Golf Committee. A celebration of her life was held August 30 on the grounds of Nancy Kelly Softball Field – a fitting place to honor her memory.

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*Message  
from the  
Chair*



Welcome to the Fall 2014 edition of Focus. As the chair of its board of directors, I am excited to share with you the good work of the Cerritos College Foundation and the students we serve. I have been involved with a number of non-profits through the years, and I have found the Cerritos College Foundation to be among those who stay true to its mission of helping students succeed.

As you read the various articles in this newsletter, you will see a common thread - that of helping students achieve their educational goals. I always look forward to scholarship presentations at our Board meetings because I can see firsthand how your donations and the financial support of our local businesses and corporations make a difference in the lives of these students. Many of our recipients are the first in their family to attend college, or they return to college to make a better life for themselves and their family. Often the scholarship provides the added encouragement and motivation they need to finish their classes and transfer to a four-year university. Be sure to read the success stories about two of our scholarship recipients.

Read about our annual golf tournament fundraiser that continues to attract golfers and sponsors from all over southern California and raise significant dollars for scholarships and college program enhancements.

Donor confidence, strong leadership, fiscal responsibility, significant grant awards, and a dedicated volunteer board of directors all contribute to the strength and growth of the Cerritos College Foundation. With your help and financial support, you can join us in changing lives.

Barbara Ginsberg  
Chair, Cerritos College Foundation

**Cerritos College’s Third Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony a Great Success**

The Cerritos College Hall of Fame inducted its 2014 class on March 13 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Norwalk. Reminiscent of previous years’ Hall of Fame dinner, the event had the warm feeling of a reunion of old friends. Many dinner attendees, new to the Cerritos College family, had the opportunity to experience the rich history of the institution and learn about the dedication of the individuals being honored as they watched an interview video footage of each and listened to recollections from each person’s acceptance speech.



This year’s eight inductees shown in front row L-R: **Nello Di Corpo** – Distinguished President’s Award of Excellence; **Nancy Kelly** – Distinguished Coach (Softball); **Carmen Garcia** – Distinguished Classified/Confidential; **Antonio McKee** – Distinguished Male Athlete (Wrestling). Inductees shown in back row L-R: **Ron L. Litzinger**, President of Southern California Edison – Distinguished Corporate Partner; **John Boyle** – Distinguished Faculty (Biology); **Shelley Hall** – Distinguished Female Athlete (Basketball); **Eric Draper** – Distinguished Alumnus.

For more information on the 2014 Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards and each inductee, please visit the Hall of Fame website at [www.cerritos.edu/hof](http://www.cerritos.edu/hof)



• **SAVE-THE-DATE** •  
**4th Annual Cerritos College  
HALL OF FAME  
Dinner & Awards**

Thursday, March 5, 2015  
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel,  
Norwalk

For more information, please go to [www.cerritos.edu/hof](http://www.cerritos.edu/hof)

## Board Member Profile



**D**r. Wilford Michael is a founding member of the Board of Directors which was established in 1979, and continues to be an active member. He was appointed as the Cerritos College President/Superintendent in 1973. As president, he oversaw a number of critical developments that set the stage for Cerritos College's position within the community. Dr. Michael retired from his position in 1986 with 13 years of dedicated service as the longest-standing president ever to serve at the college.

Loyal Falcon fans, Dr. Michael and his wife Jean, rarely miss important events on the campus and have returned each year to serve as homecoming float judges.

In 2005, the Cerritos College Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center was named in his honor for his long-time contribution to the library's Love of Learning Campaign which helped to purchase books and technology.

The Michael family established a scholarship in honor of Jean that generously supports Cerritos College re-entry students.

## Student Scholarship Success Stories

**I**t is exhilarating to award scholarships to so many deserving Cerritos College students year after year, knowing that by helping them fund their education, the Foundation becomes integral in helping them reach their goals. It is additionally inspiring to realize that their success affects their loved ones and possibly generations to come. We are pleased to share two of their stories...

### *Eduardo De La Rosa, recipient of the Cheryl A. Epple Memorial Scholarship and Edison Green Jobs Scholarship*

*"I decided to return to school 13 years after graduating high school. Honestly, I thought it was too late to see my dreams come true, so I stressed the importance of college to my kids. When they began replying with "If college is so important, why don't you go back?" I knew I needed to be their example.*

*As the parents of four children, surviving financially is challenging enough but my wife and I also have sole custody of our two nieces. Being blessed with the Cheryl A. Epple Memorial Scholarship was so encouraging and showed me that Cerritos College cared about my success.*

*The second scholarship felt like precious water in a drought. These scholarships paid for my computer, some bills, books, and supplies. My kids have been inspired by my success and are doing better than they ever have in school. I now have confidence in my journey and feel like a rock star in their eyes!"*

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*Golf Tournament, continued*

Jamie has always wanted to be a teacher. She will attend North Carolina A&T State University. Jamie has been accepted into the university's award-winning School of Education. Not only will she receive her degree but will also have earned a Teaching Credential.

Arianna has always had a strong desire to become a registered nurse. She feels in her heart that nursing is far more than just a job or even a career. It is a calling that she wants to embark upon bravely each day. She believes that nursing is more than a profession of integrity and compassion but also a privilege. Arianna will transfer to CSU San Bernardino.

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## MY LEGACY?

*I need to provide for my loved ones– but I want the Cerritos College Foundation to support students for generations to come. What can I do?*

You can do both, and it's very easy. Consider...

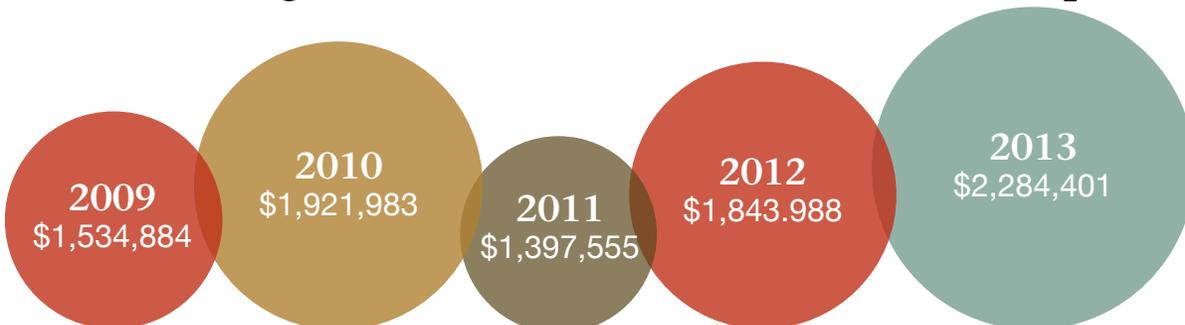
- Designating your retirement plan
- Leaving a life insurance policy
- Making a gift through your will
- Making a gift now, and receiving income for life



Many such gifts can help you and your family today as well as help our mission years into the future. You can even put into some place today without affecting your cash flow during your lifetime.

Want to learn more? Visit <http://www.cerritos.plannedgiving.org> or call the Foundation office (562) 467-5053, ext. 7.

## Cerritos College Foundation Five-Year Income Comparison



*Student Scholarship Success Stories, continued*

**From Chantel Arnold,**  
*recipient of the Roodzant Family Scholarship*

*“Receiving the Roodzant Family Scholarship was such a wonderful experience! I am currently in my last year of the dental hygiene program and the scholarship helped me purchase my senior dental kit for the fall semester. The extra money was such a big help! Dr. Roodzant’s generosity has helped me and my family more than he could know.*

*I recently volunteered at the Care Harbor LA Free Clinic and found it to be a humbling and invaluable experience which further ignited the passion I have for the field. It will be exciting to give back to students as they pursue their dreams.”*



## *Cerritos College Foundation Receives Several Grant Awards*

**\$330,000** (over two years) from the **William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** for the development and adoption of the MyOpenMath platform in community colleges.

**\$177,430** from the **Heising-Simons Foundation** to develop and pilot an early mathematics curriculum in two community colleges’ early learning/teacher preparation programs.

**\$20,000** from **Kaiser Foundation Hospitals for the Health Educator – Expanded Access to Veterans Medical Services Project** to development and implement a long-term strategy to supply Cerritos College student veterans with health information and other services.

## Foundation Adds 10 New Scholarships

- Art History Fine Arts Award
- Dennis Schechinger Memorial Scholarship
  - Edison STEM Scholarhip
- Film & Television Production Scholarship
  - Jorquera Family Scholarship
- Lupe Contreras Memorial Scholarship
- Norwalk Lions Club Project Hope Scholarship
  - Norwalk Lions Club Scholarship
  - Sterling Math Scholarship
- Vernon Rudolph Lee Memorial Scholarship

The Foundation is pleased to add to its ever-growing number of scholarships. Do you have someone you would like to honor with an annual scholarship or is there a program you would like to support? Please call the Foundation Office (562)467-5053, ext.6 for information on how to establish a one-time or perpetual scholarship.

### **Making a Donation is Simple and Secure!**

Go to [www.cerritos.edu/foundation](http://www.cerritos.edu/foundation)

When you see this icon, just click and you’ll automatically be directed to our donation page where you can make a one-time or monthly donation to a program or scholarship of your choice.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

**30th ANNUAL  
CERRITOS COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION  
GOLF CLASSIC**

**August 3, 2015**

**Friendly Hills  
Country Club**

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