



# PIERCE COLLEGE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## COMING EVENTS

### The Matchmaker

One of the most endearing and enduring characters in the history of theatre – the irrepressible Dolly Levi – works her matchmaking magic on an old merchant of Yonkers and his menial clerks.

**Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, 30 and 31 at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 25 and April 1 at 2:00 p.m.; Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Mainstage.**



General Admission: \$12; Students/Seniors \$10; Ticket Information: 818-719-6488.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Wide Student Art Show



This annual exhibit is sponsored by the Arts in Education Council and features artwork done by valley public middle and high school students.

**March 19 – April 29 at the Pierce College Art Gallery**

**Gallery Hours: Monday and Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For information call 818-719-6498.**

**Reception: Friday, March 23 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

### Encore/Professors' Lecture Series

This Lecture Series will be held each Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in PHYS 0914 and the schedule is subject to change. To confirm a topic please call 818-710-2561. Open to the entire campus and available for *flex credit*

**March 8 – Building Relationships: Partners, Family, Friends, Colleagues**

*Janine Elias, Psychology, Relationship Specialist*

### Accreditation Team to Visit Pierce March 19-22

An accreditation team under the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will visit Pierce College to perform a comprehensive review the week of March 19, concluding with an open report in the Campus Center on March 22.

Members of the Pierce community are encouraged to greet the Accreditation Team as they make brief visits to classrooms, offices and open meetings, as well as speak to team members during open sessions.

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There will be three occasions for any member of the campus community to speak with the visiting team. Visiting team members will be available on Tuesday 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and again, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The Faculty alcove will serve as the meeting location for these discussions.

## Pierce College Astronomy Society Meeting



Volcanoes on Earth and In the Solar System is the intriguing main topic to be presented at the March 9, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. meeting of the Pierce College Astronomy Society in Room 3200 of the Business Education Building.

JPL Scientist Dr. Rosaly Lopes, principle speaker, is an expert on volcanism on Earth and other planets. She holds the world's record for having discovered more volcanoes (71!) than any other person. She's also an expert on the volcanoes of Mars, Jupiter's moons and Saturn's moons, and has published the first volcano travel guidebook, "The Volcano Adventure Guide". (Have you planned your summer vacation yet?)

All are welcome to this interesting meeting.

## Pierce/Cal Tech Partnership

*Frontiers in Science* presents Professor Scott Fraser of the Biology Department, who will give a talk titled **Imaging the Cellular and Molecular Events That Pattern Vertebrate Embryos** on **Monday March 5 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m. in Chemistry 800**. His work allows scientists to observe single cells during the process of vertebrate development. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Izzy Goodman at 719 - 6464.

## Pierce Film Festival

The first Pierce College Film Festival, "Celebrating Diversity," is set to run April 23 – 27.

The film viewing schedule will be posted on the Film Festival link at the Diversity at Pierce web site, [www.piercecollege.edu/offices/diversity](http://www.piercecollege.edu/offices/diversity).

Details will be posted on the Diversity at Pierce web site as the festival nears. For more information, contact Diversity Committee Chair Sylvia Silva at (818) 710-2508.

## Auditions

### DANCE

Any choreographer still planning to audition the choreography for the spring concert (May 18 through May 20, please (1) leave a note in Mrs. Weiser's box , (2) call 710-4355 and leave your name and number, (3) see Mrs. Weiser in NG 5614 D or Dance Studio, NG 5601.

Auditions are open to anyone age 13 and above. Refer to the preceding paragraph for further information. Dancers or anyone wishing to be on the production staff, please note that you do not have to be Pierce student; however, when successful in auditions, all dancers and technical crew will need to enroll in a production class (Dance 814, 820, 821, 437, 431 or Theater Arts 262).

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Reminder and clarification of audition date: Dance Theatre auditions for spring performances will be held on March 11, at 9:00 a.m. in NG 5601. Styles of dance to be included: ballet, modern, jazz, musical theater, dance drama, tap, hip hop, social dance, improvisation. There will be professional guest choreographers as well as student choreographers. The spring concert is May 18 and 19 at 8:00 p.m. and May 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Building (mainstage).

## CHILDREN'S DANCE THEATRE

Auditions will be held on Sunday, March 18 in NG 5603 at 1:30 p.m. and are open to anyone. If you are over 13, you will be enrolled in the academic program, and tuition is paid by the state if you have not yet graduated from High School. If under 13, you will not enroll in the academic program, but enroll in a class through Pierce Extension. Bring your friends. There will be professional as well as student choreographers. You will also have opportunity to "create", train as a dancer and have fun. Enrollment "paperwork" can be handled at the audition. If you are a current Pierce student, please publicize the information with regard to the Children's Dance Theatre as well as the Pierce Dance Theatre spring Dance Concert..Live!

Rehearsals for the dances will be held every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in NG 5603 from March 18 through May 19.

The Children's Dance Theatre will perform at 2:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Building (mainstage) on May 19.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Care Packages Going to Troops**

Donations are now being accepted for a spring shipment of packages to U.S. service men and women stationed abroad.

Their current wish list includes candy, cookies, nuts, power bars and dried fruit, nonprescription medications, magazines, handheld games, travel-size board games and puzzles, DVDs, CDs, athletic socks, plastic storage bags, ground coffee, beef jerky and AA and AAA batteries.

Anyone who would like to make a donation – whether it is a monetary contribution, letters to the troops, or a requested item – can drop it off at Dr. Shapiro's office in the Animal Science building in Room 4107B.

### **Café Counseling at the Freudian Sip**

A Pierce counselor will be available at a table outside the Freudian Sip every Thursday between 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Stop by to ask any questions about academic issues: Transfer, AA Degree and Certificate Requirements, Workshop Information, Course Selections and more.

***Let the world know you as you are, not as you think you should be, because sooner or later, if you are posing, you will forget the pose, and then where are you? – Fanny Brice***

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## The Pierce College Book Club

The Pierce College Book Club meets monthly during the academic year in EB 1201 from 12:45 p.m.- 2:15 p.m. All faculty and staff are welcome at every meeting!

Reading List for 2007:

Apr. 5, 2007                    ***Love in the Time of Cholera*** by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

May 3, 2007                    ***The Stolen Child*** by Keith Donohue



Questions? Contact Karin Burns at [burnska@piercecollege.edu](mailto:burnska@piercecollege.edu) or x4325

## Sports Schedule

*Women's Softball:*      Thursday, March 8 (Double Header, games begin at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.)

*Tennis:*                      Friday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m.

*Men's Volleyball:*      Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

## On-Campus Spay/Neuter Program

The RVT Program is offering low cost spays and neuter for dogs and cats on Fridays beginning March 2. For more information or to make an appointment, please call Fattima Obadi at 661-342-9772.

## Academic Senate

Academic Senate meetings are held every other week and are open to the entire college community.

When:                    **Monday, March 12, 2007, 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

Where:                 **College Services Conference Room**

## Reporting Absence or Late Arrival

If you need to call to report an absence or that you will be tardy, the ONLY correct number to call is **719-6444**. All other numbers are the voicemail of a particular person, who may or may not be in to pick up the message. The **6444** number is the general office number and can be called 24 hours a day.

## Class Relocation

If you are planning to take your class(es) to another location, even if it is on campus or one day, please:

1. Inform Academic Affairs
2. Put a sign upon your door informing students who may not have been at the last session where the class is being held. Thank you.

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## Reminder to Faculty

Key request forms are available in Academic Affairs. As soon as the key arrives, we will leave a note in your mailbox.

MARCH SCHEDULE – Friday, March 30, 2007, Cesar Chavez Day – College closed.  
Saturday, March 31, 2007, classes meet – College open.

## Missing Keys

Academic Affairs is missing a ring of keys that is desperately needed to open class room doors. If you have seen these keys or know anything about their whereabouts, Academic Affairs would greatly appreciate your letting them know, so the keys can be returned to their rightful place.



## Exclude Students from Class Roster On-line

As a part of the Pierce College Campus effort to have instructors become familiar with how to access their class rosters, exclude students and assign grades on-line utilizing the district's WEB access, a series of training videos have been prepared. The training is available on-line and may be accessed over the WEB, on campus or from your home or office. Each training video is approximately 10 minutes in length and requires your computer to have windows Media Player, sound speakers, and DSL access. Each presentation is a streaming media so it may be reviewed as many times as necessary.

The WEB location for this training is at:

<http://www.piercecollege.edu/faculty/Rskidmore/classrosters/Page30.htm>

There is also a manual to accompany this training entitled "Class Rosters and Grades Instructions." This manual may be downloaded to your computer from the above WEB address; it is a PDF file that requires Acrobat Reader.

There are other programs and free information for classroom management at this WEB location. Do browse and use. For questions and training contact the author, Richard Skidmore at 710-2529.

NOTE: To access your class rosters from the District WEB servers requires you to have a DEC login and Password. Contact your Department Chair for instructions.

*"Storybook happiness involves every form of pleasant thumb-twiddling; true happiness involves the full use of one's powers and talents." – John W. Gardner*

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## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Math Competition

#### **AMATYC Math Competition**

The second round of this year's contest will be held on **Friday, March 9** in **PHYS 0914** from **1:30 to 2:30**. The contest consists of a national exam containing challenging problems at a Precalculus level. Awards are available to the top 3 Pierce students on this exam.

Optional information/practice sessions will be offered from 1:30 to 2:30 pm Thursday, March 1 in BUS 3252, and on Tuesday, March 6 in COSC 1511.

**You must bring your Pierce ID card** to be eligible for the exam.

For further information, contact K. Yoder (710-4260), B. Yoshiwara (710-4160), or visit [www.piercecollege.edu/faculty/yoshibw/amatyc/](http://www.piercecollege.edu/faculty/yoshibw/amatyc/).

Fall 2006 sample problems from the AMATYC Student Math League competition:

9. Let  $s(x) = \sin(\pi x)$  and  $S(x) = [s(x)]^2$ . Find  $s(s(1/6)) + S(S(1/3))$ .

A.  $3/4$       B. 1      C.  $4/3$       D.  $3/2$       E. 2

10. The year 2006 is the product of exactly three distinct primes  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$ . How many other years are also the product of three distinct primes with sum equal to  $p + q + r$ ?

A. 2      B. 3      C. 4      D. 5      E. 6

Go to [www.piercecollege.edu/faculty/yoshibw/amatyc/](http://www.piercecollege.edu/faculty/yoshibw/amatyc/) for answers.

## TRAVEL ABROAD

### ***A MONTH IN FLORENCE! Summer 2007- July 1 – 30.***

Study Art History in Florence, cradle of the Renaissance, while taking an art history course (Art 102; transferable to UC and CSU). This summer school course is sponsored by Los Angeles Pierce College and will be headquartered around the corner from the breathtaking Cathedral of Florence. Students live in shared apartments and have the true Italian experience of shopping in farmers' markets and buying in local shops for olive oil, bread and other necessities. Included are visits to Venice, Siena and a hilltop town. Dr.

Constance Moffatt, a specialist in Italian Renaissance art who knows Florence well, will teach the course.

Cost: \$3025 per person, including apartment accommodations; lectures; day excursions; hotel in Venice, museum entrances; orientation; city tours outside of Florence; cultural activities, such as an opera, concert, or ballet; welcome and farewell dinners, and a staffed resource center in Florence. Airfare and meals (except for welcome and goodbye dinners) not included.

Contact: ACCENT at 800-869-9291 or Professor Moffatt at 818-710-4365. You can access the e-brochure at [www.accentintl.com](http://www.accentintl.com) (click on Summer in Florence, Pierce College)

**INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS** are held in **DR. MOFFATT'S OFFICE IN THE ART DEPARTMENT: 3303-E**

Tuesday, March 6 at 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22 at 1 p.m.

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## Writing Lab

### The English Department Writing Lab

For students who could use one-on-one writing help from a professional English instructor in a place quiet enough to think, the English Department Writing Lab in **Room 1612**, located between the Life Science and Computer Science building, is available as a free service.

With MA degrees in English, instructors Jeanine Brown and Bonnie Rapp have the knowledge and experience to explain principles of grammar, sentence structure, organization and punctuation and to spot problems standing between students and clear, effective writing.

Computers are available for grammar tutorials as well as for word processing and internet access. One print out of each academic paper of original composition is free.

**Native English speakers and ESL students**, if they haven't yet, should check out this service. They'll be glad they did.

**Hours:** 📍

**Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 – 3:15**

**Wednesday: 9:00 – 2:15**

**Thursday: 9:30 – 12:15**

## The Learning Center (TLC)

The Learning Center provides services to enhance student success in the classroom. All services are free to currently enrolled Pierce College students; however, there is a *printing fee* (\$3 minimum).

### Services include:

**Tutoring Program (Room 1613, entrance from room 1604):** TLC tutoring program offers free individual and/or group tutoring in a variety of subject areas, including Math and English. Students must make appointments in advance; appointments are 30 minutes in length.

Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis, only if tutors are available.

**Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm**

**Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Computer Lab (Room 1604):** 62 computer stations are available for student use. Students may utilize word processing for class-related work, access the Internet, or take advantage of computer assisted instructional programs. *Students will need to purchase a print card from the bookstore in order to print documents.*

**Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am – 8:00 pm**

**Friday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

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## Library

### WANT TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE?

Be sure to stop by and learn about the wealth of resources available in the library:

- Online subscription databases with millions of full-text journal, magazine, and newspaper articles - Remote access is available – Passwords issued at the circulation desk.
- Computers for student use
- A collection of over 100,000 books – plus thousands of online E-Books available through Net Library
- Over 240 complete Reference sets (full-text) available online through the Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL)
- A faculty librarian at the Reference Desk to teach students research strategies
- Library orientations for your classes; which is essential for research assignments – Call Ext. 2833 to schedule an orientation
- Copiers and quiet study areas.

Spring hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 8:30, Fridays 8:30 – 2:30.  
Closed Weekends

### Weekly Bulletin

If you have something that you would like to have published in the Weekly Bulletin, please email your announcement to [watonmb@piercecollege.edu](mailto:watonmb@piercecollege.edu)

Deadline for submissions to be printed in the following week's bulletin is 12:00 Wednesday of each week. Submissions may be edited due to size restrictions.

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