



Pierce College

WEEKLY BULLETIN

COMING EVENTS

President's Holiday Brunch

**Thursday, December 14, 2006
10 AM to 1:30 PM
Pierce College Campus Center**

Come enjoy a delicious brunch

**Salute Retirees Tim Oliver,
Tom Oliver and Others**

**Featuring
Members of the Philharmonic Choir**

Join in the holiday spirit

**Compliments of the
Faculty AFT
Classified AFT
Pierce College Foundation**



The World...The Culture...The Dance

This Folk/Ethnic dance concert is traditional and authentic in custom, costume, music and dance. Dances will be choreographed for the stage and performed by professional dance companies as well as by members of the Pierce College Dance Theatre.

Saturday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Mainstage

General Admission: \$10 and \$8, Students/Seniors: \$6. All seats reserved.

Ticket Information: 818-719-6488.



I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. ~ Charles Dickens

Artists of the Valley

November 13 – December 14, 2006 at the Pierce College Art Gallery.

The San Fernando Valley is rich with an eclectic mix of many talented visual artists. This exhibition features valley artists who are members of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs Slide Registry.

Gallery Hours: Monday & Thursday, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Information: 818-719-6498.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Pierce Seeking New Vice President of Administration**

With the recent announcement that current Vice President Timothy L. Oliver is retiring in December, 2006, Pierce College is seeking a new Vice President of Administrative Services.

For complete details about the position visit: www.laccd.edu/perscomm/employment/JobDetails.aspx?Postings=1074.

New President of the Academic Senate

Professor of industrial technology, Tom Rosdahl was elected by Pierce College faculty last Monday as the new president of the Academic Senate.

Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical and Tenet Donate \$50,000 to Pierce Nursing Department

Encino -Tarzana Regional Medical Center and Tenet Healthcare Foundation came to Pierce College for the fifth year in a row to donate money to support the Nursing Program.

“When you think about it, getting a degree at Pierce College is one of the best deals around,” said Dale Surowitz, CEO – Encino - Tarzana Hospital. “It costs only \$20 a unit, and when you graduate you get a job making \$50,000 a year.”

**Women's Volleyball Battles to Finish Second in State**

The Pierce Women's Volleyball team shot up through the loser's bracket to play in the final game for the State Championship and took second place in the state this weekend in Fresno.

Pierce To Break Ground on Botanical Garden Phase II

The stunning first phase of Pierce's Botanical Garden has become a favorite place for students to study and explore for the past three years. This major expansion will include an array of Australian and South African-native shrubs. The garden will continue to grow the many drought resistant Southern Californian native plants from Phase I.

The second phase of the garden spans 47,700 sq. ft., and the entire Botanical Garden area is approximately 80,300 sq. ft. Once construction begins, the garden installation will take about three months and completes the garden.

The Pierce College Book Club

The Pierce College Book Club meets monthly during the academic year in EB 1204 from 12:45 p.m.- 2:15 p.m. All faculty and staff are welcome at every meeting!

Reading List for 2006-2007:

Feb. 8, 2007	<i>The Known World</i> by Edward Jones
Mar. 1, 2007	<i>Penelopiad</i> by Margaret Atwood
Apr. 5, 2007	<i>Love in the Time of Cholera</i> by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
May 3, 2007	<i>The Stolen Child</i> by Keith Donohue



Questions? Contact Karin Burns at burnskq@piercecollege.edu or x4325

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assign Student Grades 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>

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.

Direction

DIRECTION, the Pierce College student literary magazine, is now available at the student bookstore. We hope you will enjoy this edition! Please let your students know that DIRECTION is not only available, but the staff is now accepting submissions for the next edition. We want your students' essays, fiction, poetry, drama, and art.

Thank you for supporting the Pierce College literary magazine!

Faculty and Staff Notices

Final exams: December 15 – 21.

Pierce College will be closed for winter break December 22 – January 1.

Winter Session starts on January 2 and ends February 3.

Winter session instructors, please go to Academic Affairs to fill out a key request form. As soon as your key arrives, we will leave a note in your mailbox.

STUDENT INFORMATION**Pierce College GAIN/CalWORKs Program**

If you are a student who is receiving CalWORKs (welfare) and you have at least one child under the age of 18, you may qualify for the Pierce College GAIN/CalWORKs program. We coordinate with your GAIN office to provide books, supplies, transportation, child care and other services at no cost to you. We also will help you identify on-campus programs to meet your needs and provide off-campus referrals to counseling and legal resources.

For more information, please call us at 818-719-6400 or stop by Bungalow 0327.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

TRAVEL ABROAD***A MONTH IN FLORENCE! Summer 2007***

Start planning your trip now. Study the art, history, and culture of Italy while taking an art history course (Art 102 or independent study) in Florence. The course is sponsored by Los Angeles Pierce College and will be headquartered in central Florence. Students live in shared apartments and have the opportunity to cook, visit farmers' markets, and shop in local stores like true Italians. 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. . (JULY 1 – JULY 30)

Cost: \$3025 per person, including apartment accommodations; lectures; day excursions; 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 www.accentintl.com or Professor Moffatt at 818-710-4365.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 13, 3 PM in Dr. Moffatt's office in the Art Department: 3303-E

Library

“The richest person in the world, in fact all the riches in the world, couldn’t provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your Library”. Malcolm Forbes

COME TO THE PIERCE COLLEGE LIBRARY AND CASH IN ON THE RICHES:

- Online subscription databases with millions of full-text journal, magazine, and newspaper articles---
Cost to you = 0
- A faculty librarian at the Reference Desk to teach you research strategies---
Cost to you = 0
- 103,000 books and more than 4000 full-text E-books including 246 full-text multi-volume reference sets available online---
Cost to you = 0
- Computers for student use---
Cost to you = 0
- Library orientation for classes---
Cost to you = 0

You can’t find a better deal anywhere!

The Library will be open weekend hours during Finals

Saturday, December 16th
and
Sunday, December 17th

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
each day

Please tell the adjunct faculty and your students.

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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 buildings, 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 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 (original composition) is free.

Writing Lab Hours

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00-3:15

Wednesday: 9:00-2:15 and Thursday: 9:00-12:15

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

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

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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