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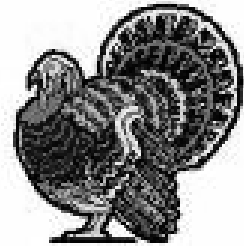
WEEKLY BULLETIN**COMING EVENTS**

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Pilgrims Came

The Pilgrims came across the sea,
 And never thought of you and me;
 And yet it's very strange the way
 We think of them Thanksgiving Day.
 We tell their story old and true
 Of how they sailed across the blue,
 And found a new land to be free
 And built their homes quite near the sea.
 The people think that they were sad,
 And grave; I'm sure that they were glad –
 They made Thanksgiving Day – that's fun –
 We thank the Pilgrims every one!

by Annette Wynne

**Dance Concert**

FOLK!.....This exciting DANCE CONCERT will be performed in the Performing Arts Building (Mainstage) on December 16 at 8:00 p.m. and December 17 at 2:00 p.m. The concert is traditional, multi-cultural and authentic in dance, music, and costume with a short description of each dance both narrated and written in the program.....a wonderful and colorful way to share with people of the world.



Professional guest companies, as well as the Pierce College Dance Theatre, will be performing from the following countries and/or cultures: America (Line and Clogging), Africa (West), Azerbaijan, Bali, Bulgaria, China, Egypt (Ancient), India, Israel, Italy, Korea, Persia, Mexico, Russia, Scotland, Thailand, Turkey, and Ukraine.

Annual Ceramics Sale and Artist's Marketplace December 2, 2006

Hand crafted ceramics, blown glass, stained glass, custom jewelry, and more, will be on sale at the Artist's Marketplace.

When:

December 2, 2006

Ceramics Sale and Artist's Marketplace: 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Where:

Pierce College Art Gallery, Ceramics Studio (Fine Arts Building, Art3308), and Fine Arts Plaza.

Why:

This is a fund-raiser for the Pierce College Art Department.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

'Rocky' to Retire as LACCD Chancellor in 2007

Former Pierce College president Darroch 'Rocky' Young is retiring next year. He hopes to teach part-time at Pierce College.

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:

Dec. 7, 2006 *The Curious Incident of the Change of the Dog in the Night Times* by Mark Haddon.

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

I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and new.

Influenza Vaccine

Students: Influenza vaccine has arrived at the Student Health Center a month earlier than in previous years. The vaccine will cost \$12. There is a limited number. Once it is gone, it will not be available. Please call for an appointment at 710-4270. Remember, this vaccine is NOT live. It cannot give you the flu. It does take 4 to 6 weeks for your protection to build up.

Sports Schedule at Pierce

Women's Basketball – LAPC Tournament, November 24 – 26, all day at Pierce.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academic Senate

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

When: **Monday, November 20, 2006, 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

Where: **College Services Building Conference Room**

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!

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>

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.

Faculty and Staff Notices

The Spring and Winter Schedule is now available online.

Pierce College will be closed November 23 – November 26 for Thanksgiving.

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

Science and the Brain Speakers Series

Dr. Jose Carmena, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, and Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute University of California, Berkeley, will be giving a presentation on: ***Learning to Control a Brain-Machine Interface: Implications for Systems Neuroscience and Neural Prosthetics***, on November 29, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Physics 0914.

New EOPS Counselor

Please join me in welcoming **Elizabeth Strother as our new permanent EOPS counselor**, replacing Vini Hutner who retired in August. In addition to counseling, Liz teaches Personal Development classes here and also at Santa Monica College.

Prior to joining Pierce, Liz worked at Rio Hondo as a general and career counselor and also taught career development classes. She also spent several years at CSULA as a career counselor and student services coordinator for the College of Business and Economics, coordinating outreach and faculty advisement.

New Manager, College Information System

Please join me in welcoming **Mr. Mark Henderson to Pierce College in the position of Manager, College Information System**. He is scheduled to begin working on campus on November 29, 2006.

Mark has been working in the Information Technology Department at the District Office on the SAP System Modernization Project since 2002. Prior to that he coordinated and managed the Information Technology Departments for various municipalities. Mark has also taught courses at Los Angeles Southwest College.

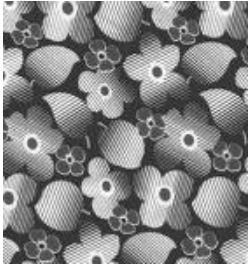
Mark has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Telecommunications Management from DeVry University, a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Redlands and is currently pursuing a PhD in the area of Organizational Leadership from the University of La Verne.

STUDENT INFORMATIONPierce 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.

Artists & Designers



Design the winning graphic. Win Top Prize of \$250 and have your design represent Pierce College's "Celebrating Diversity" Film Festival on the web site and in ads.

Deadline for entries: December 4, 2006

For details and entry form, go to www.piercecollege.edu/offices/diversity/ and click "Diversity Film Festival," then "Design Contest Form."

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.

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

Thursday: 9:00-12:15

"Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men, but be careful that you do not take the day and leave out the gratitude."

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 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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