

Pierce College

WEEKLY BULLETIN**COMING EVENTS****WELCOME BACK!**Art Gallery

Pierce College Art Gallery presents in the Main Gallery, **Highways and Byways**, an exhibition of paintings, drawing and photography. The Project Room features **Road Maps: Collages by Nancy Goodman Lawrence**. For additional information, call 818-719-6498.
September 5 – October 5, 2006.

Reminder to Faculty

The last day to add and drop classes at the Registration Center in the College Services Building is **Monday, September 11**. All registration functions will be handled in the Admissions Office beginning **Tuesday, September 12**. The last day to add semester-length classes, or to add an auditor is **Friday, September 15**.

Fall 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTSAcademic Senate

Academic Senate meetings are held bi-monthly and are open to the entire college community.

When: **Monday, September 25, 2006, 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

Where: **College Services Building Conference Room**

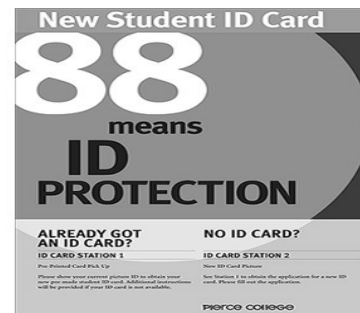
Reporting Absence or Late Arrival

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.

About The New Pierce College ID Number

New ID numbers beginning with "88" have now been assigned to every Pierce College student.

All students have been mailed their temporary ID card. The orange card has the new ID number, starting with "88". When fall semester starts September 5, stations will be set up on the Mall to hand out permanent ID cards to all students.



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: 9:00-12:30

NO TEARS IN THE WRITER, NO TEARS IN THE READER

The Pierce College Book Club

The Pierce College Book Club meets monthly during the academic year in EB 1202 from 12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m. All faculty and staff are welcome at every meeting!

Reading List for 2006-2007:



Sept. 14, 2006

Something Happened by Joseph Heller

Oct. 5, 2006

The Clan of Cave Bear by Jean Auel

Nov. 2, 2006

A Complicated Kindness by Miriam Toews

Dec. 7, 2006

A Tale of Love and Darkness by Amos Oz

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

Library

Have you visited the Library lately? Be sure to stop by and learn about the wealth of resources available for you and your students. The Library offers:

- Online subscription databases with millions of full-text journal, magazine and newspaper articles- Remote access is available - Passwords are issued at the Circulation Desk.
- Computers for student use
- A collection of over 100,000 books- plus thousands of online E-Books available through NetLibrary
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- 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 extension 2833 to schedule an orientation
- Copiers and quiet study areas are available



Fall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Fridays 8:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Closed weekends

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 – 7:00 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

Located in Bungalow 0327 with parking in Lot #7 at the Mason Street entrance.

AMATYC Math Competition

The first round of this year's contest will be held on Thursday, October 26 in BEH 1308 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 p.m. Thursday, October 19 in BEH 1308 and Tuesday, October 24 in COSC 1502.

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

For further information, contact K. Yoder at 818-710-4260, or B. Yoshiwara at 818-710-4160. You can also visit www.piercecollege.edu/faculty/yoshibw/amatyc/.



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

Go to www.piercecollege.edu/faculty/yoshibw/amatyc/ for answers.

3. If ABCD, DCEF, and FEGH are squares with A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H all distinct points, find $m\angle GAH + m\angle GDH + m\angle GFH$ to the nearest tenth of a degree.
- A. 80° B. 87.5° C. 90° D. 92.5° E. 100°
4. I sold a horse for \$200, losing 20%. I bought another horse and sold it for a 25% profit. If I broke even on the two transactions together, what was the total cost of the two horses?

Class Relocation

If you are going to take your class to another location, Academic Affairs needs to be informed.

Sometimes a student has missed the previous session and comes to the office to ask if we know where the class might be, and unless we are told, we can not help them and they miss the class.

There is a form "**Temporary change of class location**" available in the Academic Affairs office, which should be filled out, even if you have informed your class, and then we keep it on file. Thank you.

Access Class Rosters On-Line

As a part of the Pierce College Campus effort to have instructors' familiar with accessing their class rosters, excluding students and assigning 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 titled "Class Rosters and Grades Instructions." This manual may be downloaded to your computer from the above WEB address; it is a PDF file that require Acrobat Reader.

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

NOTE: To access your class rosters from the District WEB servers requires you to have a DEC login and Password. Contact your Department Chair and Information Technology for your DEC login and Password. For additional information, call Richard Skidmore at 710-2529.

Student Employees

All student employees who have a work assignment at Pierce College need to be fingerprinted. There is no cost to the employee associated with this required fingerprinting.

Some student employees have already been fingerprinted. Many have not.

A Mobile Fingerprinting company will be on campus to Live Scan fingerprint all student employees who have already been processed through the Personnel Office and have an assignment but have not yet been fingerprinted. They will be here the following dates and times:

Wednesday	Sept. 13	9AM – 6PM	CSB Conference Room
Thursday	Sept. 14	9AM – 12 Noon	CSB Conference Room

What you need to do:

If you have student workers in your area, please advise them of this new Fingerprint requirement.

What your student employees need to do:

As soon as feasibly possible, unless they have already been fingerprinted, student employees need to stop by the personnel office to sign up for fingerprint scan appointments for one of the two dates above.

There are appointment sign up sheets in the hallway outside the personnel office. Students can sign up for an appointment time that best suits them on these two days.

On the Day of the Fingerprint scan:

- Students must bring a current positive form of Photo I.D.
- Acceptable forms of identification are:
 1. A valid and current California Driver's License or ID card, or,
 2. A valid and current Out of State Driver's License or ID card, or,
 3. A current passport (from any country of origin).

A student ID card is not acceptable.

The fingerprints are transmitted electronically to the Department of Justice. Processing of fingerprints takes approximately two weeks. If the search shows up something that precludes your student from being a District Employee, Pierce College will be informed and your student employee will need to stop working.

The Personnel Office has been asking all new hire student employees to get their fingerprints scanned as part of their in-take processing just as they ask all new hire employees to do. This fingerprinting is not routinely done on campus. We are aware that this is posing a level of inconvenience for the students and we are working on a long term solution to this inconvenience.

Work Environment Committee

Welcome back! If you have a work environment concern please contact Larry Andre, W.E.C. Chairman, at Ext. 2892. Our committee addresses office-space needs, employee parking problems, smoking concerns, campus safety, noise abatement, stray animals and other workplace issues for employees at the college. W.E.C. meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 1 – 2pm. Minutes of WEC Meetings and other information are posted at our college website,

<http://www.piercecollege.edu/faculty/wec/>

Our first meeting of fall is on Sept. 26, 1-2 pm, in the Administration Conference rm. Everyone is invited to attend!

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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