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New semester introduces new deans in four positions

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Cerritos College welcomes new deans to the campus as Spring 2012 begins.

Rick Miranda, who is now the Dean of Academic Affairs, is a resident of the city of Norwalk. He left 21 years ago to work for Taft College in which he held a division chair position.

Now he returns to his hometown to hold his new position as dean at Cerritos College.

Miranda explains that the campus that he came from was small, and although he held his position as division chair, he was treated more

like a dean.

"I was able to experience a lot of different roles in dealing with scheduling, dealing with budgets, conflict and different issues so it was more of a great opportunity," he said.

From the moment Miranda became a part of Taft College, he knew he wanted to do bigger things. He had goals that he wanted to accomplish, and being a part of the administration was one of them.

"One of the first things I told a colleague at the time was that seven to ten years is what I plan to be in the classroom, because I always knew back then, administration is what I was interested in," he added.

Miranda explains that the best

thing he can do right now is watch, learn and listen.

"My role is not to come in here and change things and go through that type of mentality up front, it's to learn the process, listen, see what the needs are and to keep helping everybody on campus to have a smooth time here."

Nick Real has been named the Instructional Dean of Technology.

Prior to his position as dean, Real has worked for Cerritos College for 11 years.

He has participated in Faculty Senate and the Budget and Planning Committee.

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New deans at-a-glance

Rick Miranda - Academic Affairs

- Former Division chair at Taft College

Nick Real - Technology

- Worked at Cerritos for 11 years

David Fabish - Liberal Arts

- Former Cerritos College Faculty Federation president

David Moore - Physical Plant

- Replaces Robert Riffle as Director of Physical Plant

New state budget calls for \$10 tuition increase

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All community colleges across California are set to have another tuition increase this fall by 8.6 percent.

An 8 percent increase was passed last year. The cost for tuition will rise from \$36 per unit to \$46 per unit.

This new increase was made due to the new state budget that cuts \$100 million from each school system.

State tuition costs are projected to reach \$5,472, almost two times as much as they were five years ago.

Gov. Jerry Brown's budget proposal for 2012-13 will see students paying more for school, spending \$150 more per 15 units.

Students will also see shrinking faculty size and closing extra-curricular activities.

The California Community College Chancellor's office predicts an increase of Board of Governors fee waivers for low-income students from 56 percent to 70 percent with the new state budget.

Despite the new increase, California remains the cheapest state in the nation when it comes to tuition, second only to New Mexico.

Business major Fader Shami expressed his disgust over the tuition increase.

"I feel like crying over the prices. It influenced me in a negative way and it makes me feel like I'm going to become homeless and it forces me to hustle hard for a dollar."

Nursing major Jeffrey Manalang said that he is paying a total of \$170 for four units alone. He also remembers tuition being \$11 for one unit in 2004.

"I am working, but for other students that depend on their parents or loans for money it would be an additional financial burden on top of other life expenses, which can be very frustrating," Manalang said.

Elizabeth Aguilar, a returning student majoring in court reporting, said that learning about the tuition increase enables steps in helping herself with the costs.

She now has a chance to budget her spending and save appropriately for the fall tuition prices.

"One of the best ways to cut budget is to get rid of these unneeded administrators and staff, there's just too many of them, make them find a real job," she said.

Vice President of Business Services David El Fattal elaborated on the new increases coming this Fall and said that the state is basically legislating the increase to help them balance their budget.

The state gives money to schools depending on the number of students attending.

When tuition is paid, the money is returned to the state. Whenever there is an increase, the state reduces money sent to the college, thus affecting the students the most.

"Tuition in California is still the lowest in the country."

"Getting an education, you're going to end up better off in your life."

El Fattal stated that colleges are forced to implement an increase not because they want to but because it is legislated from the state.

"You're going to make more money over the long run; the more educated you are, even with the rate escalating as it is, it's still a good value for what you're receiving and for how it's going to benefit you over your entire life," he said.



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Losing a Falcon: A photo downloaded from Mathew Tautolo's Facebook profile. Tautolo died at the age of 20 after collapsing on campus.

Aspiring athlete dead at 20

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Cerritos College student Mathew Tautolo, 20, died after taking part in a physical education activity on campus on Jan. 10.

According to a statement issued by the college, Tautolo asked to be excused from the physical education activity to pick up some shoes.

On his way to retrieve his shoes, Tautolo collapsed on a field on campus.

Paramedics arrived at 2:30 p.m. Tautolo was pronounced dead at Coast Plaza Hospital at 3:14 p.m. Details of which field he collapsed on have not been disclosed.

According to ASCC President Jasmin Ramirez, Tautolo was an aspiring football player and was a familiar figure among members of the Cerritos College football team.

Ramirez said, "It's definitely very sad to lose a Falcon. I know the football community on campus is very distraught right now with

the loss of one of its family members.

"It's a very hard time for our football players and I'm hoping that they're strong enough to keep family alive within their team."

Friends of Tautolo asked for donations throughout campus on Wednesday and Thursday for Tautolo's funeral arrangements.

Business major Jesse Maiava, who was assisting in receiving donations, described Tautolo as someone who was a positive influence for those around him.

"There were times that he'd make you laugh and times he made you mad, but in the times he made you mad, you would also laugh about the things he'd make you mad about."

"He kept everything 100 percent; anything he didn't like, he'd let you know about it. To sum it all up, he was our brother. Blood couldn't make us closer."

Maiava also said that more than \$1,000 were raised in donations and he, along with other friends, were selling massages at the Student Center for \$10.

He also mentioned that a candlelight vigil was in the process of being planned but wanted to go through the proper avenues to do so.

Another group that is planning on raising

funds to assist the Tautolo family is the Cerritos College Triathlon Club, who is planning on selling baked goods, nachos and beverages at Falcon Square on Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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