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WPMD

promotes

campus clubs

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Broadcasting Club President Jaime Rob Flores announced that he will be hosting a new show titled “Falcon Spotlight” which is devoted to promoting clubs on campus.

The show is scheduled to air Mondays at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on www.wpmd.org.

The show will serve as a networking platform between clubs.

For clubs interested in being on the show, Flores suggests dropping off flyers.

“If you have flyers bring a couple and put them in our mailbox. The more flyers you put in there, the more potential of multiple shows playing them.”

WPMD is located in the Burnight Center.

Clubs

in blood drive

competition

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Several clubs on campus will be competing to see who can donate the most blood the week of Feb.13-17.

The Blood Mobile will come to the Cerritos campus and donors who are in a club can earn one point for the club they mention.

The clubs have many competitions throughout the semester, and so far the kinesiology club is in the top spot.

Commissioner of ICC Daniel Fragoso believes the kinesiology club has a good chance of taking the win.

“They’re a strong club, so I think they will win this

Workshop to help

students on keys to

balancing family

and school

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Child Development faculty member, Angela Beck will be presenting the four keys to balancing family and school workshop on Feb. 9, 2012 in SS 139, from 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

The workshop will go over time management, study skills, building a support system and finding quality childcare.

Beck commented on the reason for the workshop, saying, “Students just have so much going on these days, everybody works, comes to school and has a family.

It kind of goes along with the iFalcon habits of mind, just how to be organized and kind of manage yourself to be successful.”



Having fun in the snow: *Edgar Aranda and his children, Elijah and Yomaris take part in the annual Cerritos College snowy day. Snowy day event took place at the child development center.*

Families enjoy snowy day

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Parents and children showed up to the annual “Snowy Day” event at the child development center of Cerritos College on Feb. 3.

“It’s amazing, especially for kids who have never been around the snow, like my son,” Parent Laura Arroyo said.

The children had a chance to make a snowman, go down on a snowy slide and play with the snow with their classmates and for the parents.

Parent Rudy Ramirez enjoys the uniqueness of the snow also.

“My brothers’ kids go to similar schools but they never have anything like this” he said.

Organizers asked for a donation of \$10 to participate in the event.

The donation admitted a family of four and

included a bowl of chili, cornbread, and hot cocoa with marshmallows.

Cyndi Romero, a teacher in the ocean room, a room in the child development center, and who also helped put the event together explained, “It’s just a way for us to get together with the families and the community, and it’s not for money.”

Volunteer and Cerritos College student Irma Saenz explained the reason why they decided to serve hot cocoa and a bowl of chili.

“It just adds to the event, it adds to the fun of the snow,” she said.

Romero explained the overall goal.

“It’s just for parents, teachers and faculties to get together and basically just get to know each other,” she said.

Step-parent Ivan Meza brought his

child so that his child can enjoy the snow but also because he was curious as to how the center was

able to bring some snow to Cerritos.

“I was just wondering how they were able to get some snow here,” he said.

Romero explained how they were able to bring the snow.

“We get the snow from a company called The Iceman,” she said.

Iceman is a Bellflower company that distributes ice for beverage coolers as well as to use for professional sculptures for parties and weddings.

CYNDI ROMERO

Ocean room teacher

“
It’s just a way for us to get together with the families and the community”

Students benefit from scholarship workshop

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The scholarship workshop is for students who need help in the scholarship-applying process.

Students attended the workshop that was held on Feb. 2, which answered questions that involved getting a scholarship.

The workshop touched on the subjects on personal statements, essays, and searching for scholarship resources.

One of the goals of the workshop is to guide a student who is applying for a scholarship to reach the deadline for submitting documents for scholarships.

The workshop gives helpful tips on going through scholarship process.

Financial Aid Technician Veronica Castro gave tips like reading applications carefully and making sure a students understands all the requirements that are asked for in a

scholarship.

Nursing major Laura Moreno talked about the workshop.

“The workshop helped me a lot because I was lost but now I have guidance to go through the process,” she said.

Castro also offered help with spelling, grammar, and all areas that are involved in a personal statement.

The workshop also gives a student advice towards writing neatly on essays and personal statements.

The workshops purpose is to get students who need money for school to apply for scholarships.

Castro said, “My goal is to have students be confident and not give up on applying for scholarships.”

The next scholarship workshop will be held in March 20 in Room: BE 3 starting at 5 p.m and ending at 6 p.m.

iTunes U: Students benefit from iTunes U

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With the amount of people who have Apple devices on campus, English major, Katherine Grijalva sees the big factor that the iTunes U app can benefit the students.

“They’ll [students] have more access to their homework, videos or even music on the go,” she said.

With iTunes U, undecided major Adolfo Rodriguez explains that there won’t be much of an excuse for students to miss lectures and homework thanks to the app.

“I do see a lot of students that have iPods and iPads that way you won’t have an excuse just because you weren’t able to use a computer,” he said.

Hall of fame: First inductees announced

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He also hosts a golf tournament to help raise funds for the school and scholarship programs.

“We want to see people who are involved in the school, who have not only stood out but who have done something to better the school and the students as well,” Director of Public and Government Relations Mark Wallace said.

“Sure there is a long list of notable alumni such as Joe Gibbs, a three-time Super Bowl-winning coach, and Olympian Houston McTear, but none of them gave back to the school like our inductees,” President Linda Lacy said.

An inaugural induction ceremony will be held to honor those who have been inducted to the Hall of Fame on Apr. 12, and will be attended by all of the inductees.

Student task force: leading in student success

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with some idea.”

Other recommendations include incentivizing good student behaviors, which is currently taking place at Cerritos by giving priority enrollment to students with higher grade point averages and improving the education of basic skills, which was met by analyzing basic skills data in students as well as creating a success center on campus.

Chemistry major Jeremy Macias uses on-campus resources available to improve student success such as the new math center, located on the bottom floor of the library.

“It’s pretty effective because they have actual professors tutoring at certain hours and other times there are students [tutoring],” Macias said.

Undecided major Zachary Cota believes that a more traditional method of achieving student success is simply communicating with instructors and using them as additional resources.

“If I need any help with my classes, I can always go to my teachers during their office hours. I’m taking a semi-independent math class where I can go and get help for my math work any time I want,” Cota said.

The deadline for the board of governors to submit the plan to the state legislature for review is on March 1.

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•EDITORIAL•

Graduating into employment

President Barack Obama has announced the initiative of a partnership between community colleges and businesses that he hopes will train workers in skills that can lead them directly into a job.

This will greatly help people that are looking for a job, and are unable to do so for lack of experience.

A great thing about the initiative is that it virtually removes the ever-present argument of “how do I get experience when no one will give it to me?”

One great benefit about this plan is that not only would it motivate more people to return back to school, but the benefit of completing their collegiate education if the increased potential of obtaining gainful employment.

We will finally have that chance. Instead of living in a world where experience trumps skill, we will be able to live in a world where experience meets skill and will ultimately pave the way for opportunity.

Since students would have an increased chance at finding a job after graduating, they are more likely to stick with school and want to graduate.

It seems as if the benefits far outweigh any risks as far as this initiative is concerned.

While community colleges can potentially become viewed as more

of trade school-type education, the end goal of the varying types of institutions remains the same: employment.

This plan is a good thing, with tremendous potential to drastically benefit and build the struggling economy that we currently experience.

Some may think that this program will make community colleges similar to that of a trade school, but if calling Cerritos College a trade school helps students become gainfully employed when graduating, then let us change our name to Cerritos College Trade School.

Students would no longer have to be concerned about being viewed as inexperienced hopefuls, and employers would be able to rest in knowing that they have an opportunity to gain a fresh, determined employee.

This program would help all students. While Cerritos College is already a truly wonderful place for students to experience education, it would become a place of hope, excitement and increased success that follows you long after you have graduated.

We need to all keep our fingers crossed and hope that this initiative gains steam, because as it grows, so grows our chance at education and employment.



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Acting civilized in the parking lot is a must

The Cerritos College parking lot can be a civilized area to park our vehicles, or it can be a wild, uncontrollable jungle, free of rules and common courtesy.

A code of etiquette needs to be observed when approaching our parking lots by all Cerritos College students without exception.

By observing these rules, behaviors and processes in the parking lot, we can make things better for all of us.

1. Observe the “waiting rule.”

As an incoming driver, be considerate to those who have been waiting, because chances are, they’ve been in

that spot for a minimum of 10 minutes.

If you see a car

waiting in a lane and another car is coming out of its spot, just drive past the two cars and let the waiting driver take his rightful spot.

2. Sitting = loitering.

If you are going into your car to sit and relax and there is a car waiting for a spot, please let the driver know that you are not leaving as soon as you see the driver look at you to indicate his

other driver and he does not know if you’re just sitting in your car to give him a hard time, which can lead to a bad incident fueled by a driver’s worst enemy: road rage.

3. You’re not leaving? Get your stuff and get out.

Telling another driver you’re not leaving doesn’t just apply to sitting in your car; you may just need to get

potential retrieval of your spot.

Not doing so confuses the

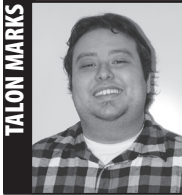
something out of your car for your next class.

When this is the case, communicating with the other driver is still required to avoid confusion and anger.

In short, just get your things, let the driver know you’re not going anywhere and go about your day. Your car isn’t going anywhere, so don’t worry about standing there to protect it.

These are three basic rules that, if followed, can make finding parking on campus a much easier experience.

Let’s pull in to the lot, throw our turn signal on and have a nice day.



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If you snooze in the parking lot, you lose

We need people to grow up and stop complaining about the most trivial of things, like parking. We don’t need an unwritten rule to help facilitate parking.

Some people have a family and arrive just after dropping off their children at school or day care. They should not have to be subjected to this “code of the parking lot” and risk being late for class simply because they did not being able to spend thirty minutes looking for a space.

It isn’t even possible to police something like this. Even if someone has been waiting for a space with their car turned off, laying back in their seat, that does not entitle them to a spot in front of them.

Yet another argument as to why this whole



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thing is silly is that if someone is waiting for a space in front of them and a space opens up behind them, there is no way for other drivers to know which space the person is waiting for.

In no way can an argument be made that people should drive around for undetermined amounts of time missing out on parking spaces to ensure that “M.C. Sensitive” doesn’t get offended.

Here is a perfect solution. Let’s all petition the

powers that be on campus and demand that all classes cater to those that drive. We could move all classes to the parking lot thus eliminating the argument for such a pointless code.

We could have class in our cars.

Better yet, here is an idea. Why don’t you stop complaining about people taking your space and park further back in the parking lot.

A little walking never hurt anyone.

We can’t just go around suggesting codes of ethics for anything that we don’t get our way on.

A fact of life as adults is that sometimes bad things happen to undeserving people. All is fair in love and parking, people.



“How do you feel about the amount of security on the parking lot?”

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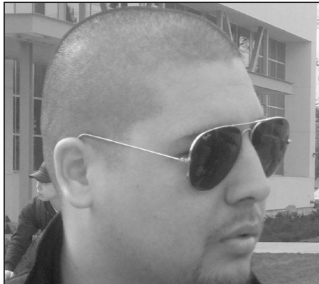
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undecided major

“I feel safe. I always see officers out there patrolling [the parking lot].”

MANUEL MACHADO
physical therapy major



“I park every day in the parking lot and I have not seen a strong presence of [security officers].”



GEO HERRERA
undecided major

“I think it’s good. Eventually you’re going to have to trust the security on campus with your things.”

DEANA LY
business administration major



“I feel that sometimes the security officers are not on point and they’re not doing their job.”



CHRISTOPHER BIAZ
registered nurse major

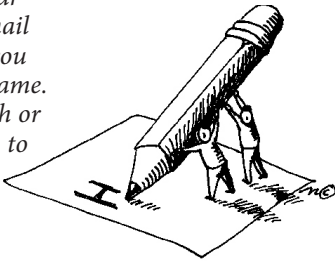
“I never see any officers monitoring cars. From a scale of one to ten, I give them a five.”

BRANDON LABEET
business major



“I haven’t had any personal problems, but I’ve seen some bad things happen [in the parking lot].”

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Inspiration through misery: Student spotlight Galileo Gonzalez stands next to his art piece titled “Everything Fall Apart.” This is the first piece to be featured in the art galleries’ student spotlight.

Art exposed through emotions in gallery

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An opening reception was held at the Cerritos College Art Gallery on Jan. 31 to promote its newest art exhibition titled, Facial Expressionism, ‘Immanence Envisaged.’

Students, as well as the general public were invited to get a first look at artwork created by 16 artists from around the world.

The Art Club hosted the reception from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and provided complimentary Hors doeuvres and beverages in the courtyard just outside the gallery.

Once inside, guests were greeted by Cerritos College student and Gallery Manager Joseph Cervantes, who provided music as the receptions’ DJ.

Director and Curator James MacDevitt, took time to share his knowledge about each piece with spectators.

He also introduced visitors to the “Student Spotlight.”

This exhibition marks the galleries first “Student Spotlight,” which is a wall devoted to art created by Cerritos College students such as art communication major Galileo Gonzalez.

Gonzalez’s piece is made from a re-constructed cargo pellet that he found at work and used different colors to paint an abstract image of a man on it, whom is holding his face.

Gonzalez found his inspiration for the piece while he was a student, working graveyard shifts at a local grocery store.

“I was miserable. It was hell and I was half asleep most of the time. I was more hostile and angrier then. I did a series of paintings based on my graveyard shift and how it made me feel,” he said.

MacDevitt spoke about Gonzalez’s work.

“Galileo’s piece attracted me and became the impetuous for the Facial Expressionism show itself,” MacDevitt said.

Visitors included family, friends, as well as students from other campuses.

MacDevitt commented on the gallery, saying, “It’s good for him [Gonzalez] and the community as a whole, to be able to see the work the students are exploring right now, in their own sort of nascency, could very easily bloom into a full fledged art career.”

Undeclared major Mickey Itani described her favorite piece from the exhibit saying, “I love the explosive energy of it.”

Several classes paid a visit to the gallery which served as a teaching tool for ESL professor Norberto Nunez.

“In my lesson plans there was a section on facial expressions and words to describe feelings, and thought it would be great to bring my class to practice some of the vocabulary that we are learning,” he said.

The exhibition is at the Cerritos College Art Gallery.

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Worth taking a look: A visitor stops to capture her favorite piece of art titled “Vivisection” at the Cerritos Art Gallery. Visitors to the gallery included family, friends and students from different schools.

Hope and love for Beatles music lives on through radio show on WPMD by instructor

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Part-time instructor and instructional aide Casey Piotrowski marks ten years of The Beatles Show at the end of January.

“I am very proud of The Beatles Show. It is cleverly conceived.

“I think its very strongly written, energetically delivered and well produced,” Piotrowski said.

Piotrowski has been the man behind the microphone for the last decade to promote the music of The Beatles and shares history through the band’s career together.

“I think it’s really cool that there’s an instructor who has his own Beatles’ show at school,” psychology major Ruby Bermudez said.

The Beatles show is not only on every Tuesday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. but is heard through twenty broadcast stations around the country and is streamed on the Internet.

“I’m very pleased about that and people get to listen to it,” Piotrowski said.

The Beatles show is assembled and worked on by Piotrowski at his



COURTESY OF CASEY PIOTROWSKI

Passion for radio: Piotrowski has been part of radio broadcasting since he was 15 years old. He teaches intro to theatre this semester.

home.

Not only does Piotrowski have a passion for radio broadcasting, but he his also an actor. “Performing is such a love of mine,” he said.

“I have written and been on

network television, appeared on independent films and was even the Honey Nut Cheerios Bee in City Walk. You do whatever you have to do as a performer,” Piotrowski said.

Paul McCartney releases new album this week

Album Review

Kisses on the Bottom

By: Paul McCartney

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

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Paul McCartney doesn’t live up to his Beatles’ reputation on his new released album, “Kisses on the Bottom.”

The entire album is filled with intimate, charming jazz-based blues music wrapped around together through guitar, bass and piano.

The only two original works that McCartney composed were the singles, “My Valentine,” and “Only Our Hearts.”

Except the two original songs, McCartney performs compositions from the 1920’s and 1930’s that he grew up listening to.

Guitar God Eric Clapton and Stevie Wonder make a guest appearance on “My Valentine,” a song

that promises a charming win to flatter anyone who wishes to impress another person.

There is a vibe throughout the album that envisions a romantic red wine drinking sense and has a picture written throughout the songs of a woman dressed in a red cocktail dress having a dinner date with a man wearing a suit, slow dancing to the album.

Drummer Bill Ward steps out from metal band Black Sabbath

BY NATE JACKSON
Los Angeles Times (MCT)

Iconic metal band Black Sabbath could be facing another hitch in its plans to reemerge with a new tour and forthcoming album this year due to drummer Bill Ward’s unhappiness with the touring and recording contact he was offered.

Ward released a public statement on Feb. 2 saying that the proposed agreement was “unsignable” and would cause him to lose his “rights, dignity and respectability as a rock musician.”

The news comes less than a month after the band publicly revealed that it was forced to pull out as headliners of this year’s Coachella festival line-up due to guitarist Tony Iommi’s lymphoma diagnosis.

The band’s album, slated for November of this year, has moved production over to the U.K., which Ward has yet to take part in. However, he has said that he’s ready to get on a plane and record with original members Ozzy Osbourne, Geezer Butler and Iommi if he can work out a more suitable contract.

“The place I’m in feels lousy and lonely because as much as I want to play and participate, I also have to stand for something and not sign on,” Ward said in a statement.

Though he declines to mention any details of his proposed contact, Ward says that he’s unable to get any information from the band about the status of the U.K. recording sessions or whether or not there’s a possibility of him being replaced on the record or the tour.

While bickering over contract agreements has nagged at the band’s previous reunion endeavors, Ward - the band’s original drummer since 1968 - says he is holding out for respect, not money.

“After the last tour I vowed to never again sign on to an unreasonable contract,” Ward said. “I want a contract that shows some respect to me and my family, a contract that will honor all that I’ve brought to Black Sabbath since its beginning.”

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TM Trivia

Who were the two lead singers that Bill Ward played for in Black Sabbath?

A. Bruce Dickinson and Tom Araya

B. Paul McCartney and John Lennon

C. Rob Halford and Sammy Hagar

D. Ozzy Osbourne and Ronnie James Dio

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2012 Division Conferences: The conferences have changed as schools switch divisions for the 2012 fall football season. Cerritos College will now go up against Moorpark College and Pasadena City College.

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New conferences for next football season

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The Southern California Football Association re-structured the conferences for the 2012 and 2013 seasons, merging the National and Central Divisions to form a larger three-conference National Division.

The change means the Cerritos College football team will lose El Camino College as a conference opponent, but it will play Moorpark and Pasadena City Colleges for the next two seasons.

Running back Dominique Small talked about the team preparing for the new lineup next season.

“For the most part, everybody’s working together but all the mentality is going to change once the pads are on.”

The other Cerritos College athletic teams participate in the South Coast Conference.

Linebacker Josh Finau said about the new alignment, “I think it’s going to be really exciting because it’s a lot more competition and it gives us that motivation that we need to work hard this off season and get back into it.”

The Falcons own the all-time series against Pasadena in football with a 19-14 record.

The team also won its last match-up against the Lancers in 2007.

Cerritos College and Moorpark have two wins apiece against each other. The Falcons won the first two meetings, defeating the Raiders in the 1994 and 1996 Strawberry Bowls.

Moorpark has won the last two games in 2005 and

2006, averaging a combined 23.5 points a game.

The American Division will remain the same except for the additions of three teams formerly in the now-defunct Central Division and it will have two eight-team conferences.

Running back Donald Livingston said that playing new teams this next season will provide the Falcons with more competition.

“We’ve been preparing and we’ve been talking about it. Everybody’s working hard and doing what they have to do to get better,” Livingston said.

Four teams will qualify for the Southern California Playoffs.

The playoff teams will be the champions of each National Division Conference and the next highest-ranked team in the final California Community College

Athletic Association/California Community Colleges Football Coaches Association Southern California poll earning a berth.

The champions of each American Division conference will also qualify for a division championship bowl game.

Schedules for the upcoming season are expected to be developed by late February.

In a statement on the SCFA’s website, Commissioner Jim Sartoris said, “Geographical considerations and maintaining competitive balance were key factors in the placement process.”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TAKEN FROM A PREVIOUS STORY WRITTEN BY PETE MOYE.

Cerritos splits win with LA Valley in doubleheader



And it's safe: Cerritos College infielder Chris Hefner goes for the catch to strike out LA Valley player during their second game on Saturday. Cerritos is currently 2-1 in the start of the season.

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Playing a doubleheader, the Cerritos College baseball team had a split win with Los Angeles Valley College, losing its first game 4-1 and winning its second game 11-10.

In its first game, the Falcons’ only run came at the bottom of the first inning and were unable to score the rest of the game.

Outfielder Chris Esparza talked about the problems Cerritos faced in the game.

“Going into the first game we had confidence that we were going to swing the bat good, but defense wasn’t really there, our bats weren’t really there, we were just not focusing and not listening to coach,” he said.

The Monarchs managed to answer back with two runs and two hits in the top of the fourth inning.

Overall the Falcons had 6 hits and 1 error.

While the Monarchs had 5 hits and 1 error.

LA Valley pitcher Travis Cassidy, allowed 5 hits and no runs.

Cerritos’ pitcher Jacob Bell gave away 2 hits and 2 runs.

Pitcher Jared Gibson said, “It was pretty frustrating because we had so many chances to win.”

In the second game Cerritos was able to make a comeback, beating LA Valley by one run.

In the first couple of innings, LA Valley scored nine home runs, leaving Cerritos in the dust with

zero.

In third inning, Cerritos was able to score six runs on three hits, slowly catching up to LA Valley.

LA Valley second base Marcel Chavez talked about what Cerritos did better in the second game.



“[Cerritos] stayed in it all nine innings and we sort of lost focus in the middle and towards the end.”

By the seventh inning, Cerritos fought for home runs, scoring five more home runs on two hits while Valley scored one run.

With some double outs, Cerritos was able to keep LA Valley from getting any runs in both the eighth and ninth inning, giving Cerritos the win.

Cerritos pitcher Cesar Chavez said, “When I went in to pitch in this game, I just knew I had to close it off right. They did all that work, I’m not going to let them do it for nothing.”

Cerritos’ next game will be away against Moorpark College on Thursday at 2 p.m.

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Sisters on and off the court: Andrina and Marissa Rendon are in their first year playing together as teammates since 2010. They both graduated from St. Paul High School where they were both named First Team All-CIF.

Rendon sisters bring their bond to the court

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Basketball players Andrina and Marissa Rendon are not only sisters but they bring a sisterly bond to the Cerritos College women's basketball team.

Head Coach Karen Welliver commented on what the sisters bring to the team dynamic. "They're both good teammates and a lot of our success is because they put the team first."

Andrina, the eldest and Marissa played basketball as young as three and four years old.

Both sisters graduated from St. Paul High School.

At St. Paul, Andrina was named First Team All-CIF as a senior and helped her team win the Del Rey League championships and was

named her team's Most Valuable Player.

During the 2010-2011 season, Andrina led Cerritos College with 58 three-pointers and converted 35 percent from a three-point range. She also led the Falcons in free throw percentage, shooting 76-99 last season.

She played in 29 games during that season, starting in 27 of them.

As a freshman forward last season, she was named first in the All South Coast Conference.

Freshman guard Marissa was named the Area Player of the Year as a senior last year at St. Paul, after averaging 17 points, 10 assists and five rebounds.

She was also named First Team All-CIF and was a First Team All-Del Rey League selection.

This season, she has helped contribute to

the Falcons' success, assisting them in winning most of their games with a record of 18-4.

Marissa spoke about the pre-game ritual that the sisters go through, saying, "Before every game my sister and I shoot around for a couple of hours, finding the chemistry."

Coach Welliver talked about how unique it is to have two players that are sisters.

"They're both excellent players but they both understand that in order to win it takes a team effort."

"I love doing what I'm good at as well as getting along with my team," she said.

Andrina and Marissa have helped their team to numerous wins this season.

The sisters both agreed that they want to win the state conference championship and take state title.

Six Falcon football players sign their letters of intent

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National Football Signing Day occurred Feb. 1 as six Cerritos College football players were signed to four-year schools.

Among the six were defensive tackle Fred Lavulo and offensive guard Semisi Tupou.

Lavulo was recruited by University of Idaho,

The football program is a great program."

He talked about what his family thought of him moving to the East side.

"They're really happy. They're really close to the coaching staff so the move wasn't a big deal," Tupou said.

Tight end Clark Evans signed with the University of Hawaii, strong safety Daniel Roundtree signed

with Southern Methodist University, linebacker Dominic Sierra is going to play for Northern Colorado University, and offensive lineman Brandon Davidson will be play for Benedictine College.

He decided that he wanted to go to Michigan State because he liked their football program and a former Falcon player, Fou Fonoti, is currently playing there.

As far as his major is concerned, Lavulo said, "Another reason I wanted to go to Michigan State because of their applied science program."

Tupou was recruited by University of Idaho, Ole Miss, Northern Arizona, Marshall, Southwestern Louisiana, and several other eastern universities.

He decided to go to University of Idaho and said, "It was more family oriented, I like that kind of atmosphere. It was laid back, not to wild so I could get my work done."

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Rendon's 18 points assists Falcons in win over LBCC

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Freshmen Andrina Rendon led the Cerritos College women's basketball team with 18 points in their 70-52 win over rival Long Beach City College.

"We had no doubt that we were going to win today. We took good shots which led to the victory," Rendon said.

LBCC was able to score the first shot of the game, but the Falcons (20-6) were able to answer back with a three pointer seconds later.

The Vikings kept a tight defense on Cerritos, getting an early block

in, which helped the Vikings get an early 12-5 lead.

Due to LBCC getting 10 fouls in the first half, the Falcons were able to score enough free-throws to remain in the game.

Both teams were making shots back and forth, with LBCC leading by four with minutes left in the half.

After making her free throw, Roberts was able to give the Falcons a one-point lead over LBCC, 36-35 at the end of the half.

The Falcons maintained the lead for most of the game.

Cerritos Head Coach Karen Welliver commented on what assisted in the victory.

"The women getting their rebounds, which helped them get second chance shots, was key for today's victory"

Sophomore forward Dershawna Staves was able to rack up 13, with Marrissa Rendon having 11, and Roberts getting 10.

The win kept the Falcons in second place in the South Coast Conference with a conference record of 10-3.

The Falcons next game will be on Feb 8 against third place East LA College.

Four Cerritos College soccer players sign at universities, will start next season

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After making it to the Southern California Regional Playoffs and becoming a nationally ranked team, four Cerritos College soccer players have been signed to four-year colleges.

Defender Jaime Cano will be with Division I Cal State Fullerton next season. The future Titan was named 1st Team All-South Coast Conference, and helped the falcon defense end the season ranking No. 10 in the country.

Cano's choice was influenced by the proximity of the school, as well

as because of his major.

"I'm studying business, and they have a pretty good business program, so it had a big influence on my decision" he said.

"I just like the environment, they have a similar mentality that we have at Cerritos, it's like a family environment, so that was really important to me," he added.

Defensive Player of the Year Alejandro Covarrubias will join CSU Dominguez's back line next season.

"I'm just ready to get there, work hard and hopefully win a national championship" he said.

Forward Aaron Macedo and midfielder Juan Ochoa will both be

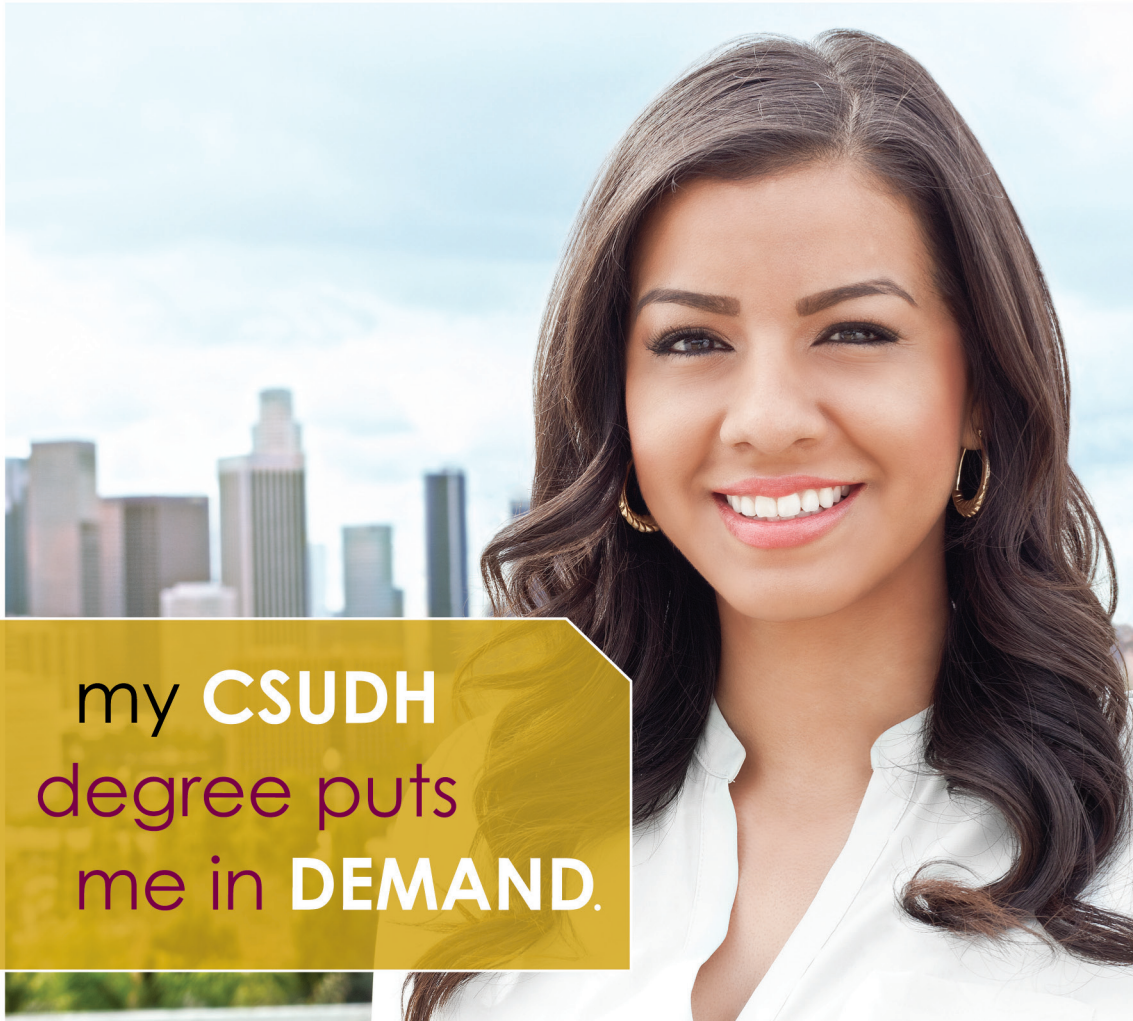
at Cal State LA next season.

Macedo and Ochoa will be filling in the spots of graduating senior Golden Eagles, who won the NCAA Division II West Region Championship this past season.

"As soon as I finished here, it was an option automatically, so I decided to go there," Macedo said.

Macedo has been playing soccer since the age of four and is thankful to his family for introducing him to soccer at a young age.

"We didn't win, but I learned a lot and that's a good thing. That's what I want to do, take my experience over there."



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