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## Valencia, Ornelas remembered in Celebration of Life



**In Memoriam:** Jeffrey Giron (right), a friend of the Ornelas Family, hugs Teresa Ornelas (left), mother of the late Carlos Ornelas, a former member of the Cerritos College Men's Soccer team. The Celebration of Life ceremony, honoring Ornelas and fellow player Eddie Valencia, was held on Tuesday before the men's soccer team played against Los Angeles Mission College.

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Some coaches are just in it for the trophies. However, for Cerritos men's head soccer coach, Benny Artiaga, Tuesday's game was a tribute to former Cerritos College soccer players, Carlos Ornelas and Eddie Valencia, who passed away in a car crash on Aug. 14.

With Artiaga putting it together, a fundraiser was held during the game to gather donations for both of the grieving families. Artiaga mentioned that the season has been dedicated to the two players and their families.

Artiaga addressed his team stating, "Take the events of today; carry them with you deep in your hearts. I hope you can see through this show of love and support that you will always be held in high regards here at Cerritos. Not

because you're nationally ranked or good soccer players, but because you are fine young men starting the most important stages of your life."

Family, friends, as well as players from other athletic Cerritos College teams showed up to the memorial in support of the grieving families. The same Cerritos College soccer jerseys that Ornelas and Valencia once wore were framed and handed to the parents of both former students at the beginning of the game, along with flowers.

White doves were released during halftime followed by balloons after the game. Family, friends, as well as spectators all joined in as one for the significant releasing of the balloons.

The fundraiser consisted of tacos, refreshing beverages, as well as the releasing of the balloons. After the game, everyone was invited to join the family and friends at DP's Pizza. 25% of

all proceeds was donated to the families of both Valencia and Ornelas.

Kimberly Morris, women's basketball player for Cerritos College, mentioned that she had recently talked to the third person in the car accident, Briant Reyes.

"He's pretty much mad at himself about the whole situation. It feels like everyone is blaming him," Morris said.

Volleyball player Jessica Dorado, who also knows Reyes, says that he is very upset and emotional and does not wish to talk about the events that happened the day of the accident.

Many of Ornelas' friends and family showed up to the game wearing a memorial shirt that his close friends and family had made in his remembrance.

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## Funds raised to create new scholarship

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"It's been really difficult trying to pay for all my class supplies like books and all the school supplies I need," Engineering major Robert Contreras said.

"I didn't receive as much financial aid as I hoped I would, so I wasn't able to get all the classes I wanted. Without enough financial aid, I can't afford all the textbooks and lab fees I need."

An all too familiar scenario, many college students have had to face an increasing tuition price tag with a decreasing amount in financial aid.

A sign of the troubled economy, students have had to buckle down in these hard times and are being let down by the amount of financial aid they receive.

Statewide budget deficits are to blame, as the UC and CSU systems have also suffered along with the community colleges of California, leading to the reductions of many class courses, causing many students to miss out on the classes they wanted.

Students who don't qualify for financial aid have also felt the effects of the budget cuts as the rising costs of tuition, books, and lab fees have also taken a toll on them.

Computer Science major Albert Saucedo said, "It seems really unfair to me. Paying for my tuition out of my own pocket is hard enough, especially now since they raised the prices of classes this semester."

Students without any financial aid should have to pay less, I feel like we're also carrying part the load for the students that need financial aid. Hopefully the economy recuperates soon so they can lower class tuition, that would be very helpful to many students like me."

The cost of classes has been raised from \$26 to \$36 per unit across all community colleges in the state this semester as an effort to deal with cuts to the educational system.

Help is on the way, however, as a fund raising campaign that took place over the past three years has resulted in a \$67.7 million scholarship fund focused on helping the those who need help the most.

The Bernard Osher Foundation was responsible for most of the

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**What's the holdup?:** The Financial Aid department has announced that the Pell Grant will be sent in two separate payments. Some students, however, claim to have been unaware of the change.

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## Students affected by Pell Grant split

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Pell Grants will now be disbursed on two separate dates to ensure students stay full time, effective Summer 2011.

Students received the first half of their pell grants on Aug. 15 (or as soon as students complete the financial aid packet), the second pell will be released on Oct. 28.

Kimberly Westby, dean of student support of services, said that the Financial Aid Department discovered students dropping classes during the spring semester.

"We've found that in the spring 2011 semester when we did our calculations that we had a lot of drops, which caused a huge dollar amount of students owing back their financial aid," she said.

She continued saying, "Having two disbursements will allow us to have our census date later on in the term."

The Financial Aid Department will view each student's account on Oct. 28 to see where students stand in their classes. This will determine how much students will receive during the semester.

Westby said that all of the community colleges are doing this, and Cerritos College decided to follow up on the idea.

So far, a total of 8,219 students have been awarded over \$36 million, according to Cerritos Colleges' Award Report.

Higher One, the entity responsible for students pell grants being awarded onto their on

a credit card, were not available for comment.

Psychology major German Sanchez was unaware of the new pell grant plan, and said that there was a new penalty during the Summer 2011 term.

"I ran into a situation this summer where I had to pay \$690 because I went one unit below six, because six units is considered full time (in the summer)."

"Now one little unit is costing me almost \$700," he said.

Although he is being supported by his family, Sanchez said that he still needs to pay for gas, food, and other supplies.

"I for one don't agree with the lack of communication. People need to know about the changes being made or they might end up like me, owing almost \$700 for one unit," he said.

Kinesiology major Michael Inman said that this delay has affected him on a couple of different levels.

"Since books are so expensive at the bookstore and with the small disbursement I got, I had to find a cheaper way to acquire the books," he said.

Inman also said that he needed his transportation fixed before school started.

He continued, saying, "If I had the money in full I could have made things happen sooner and wouldn't have to go through all this inconvenience."

Like Sanchez, Inman does not agree with the new pell grant idea.

"I can understand delaying until you report to your classes the first week like they did last semester, but this is ridiculous," he said.

Jose Pena, undeclared major, said, "I hate this new plan, I don't know what's going on or as to why they decided to split disbursement dates in half."

Not everyone thinks that this new plan is a bad idea.

Psychology major Anthony Mendez liked the idea of students getting their money on separate dates.

He said that he likes the idea because, "people could manage their money better."

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## New class additions discussed

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In the aftermath of the troubles that preceded the fall 2011 enrollment process, the Cerritos College Administration is considering adding additional classes in an effort to supplement students' needs for this current semester.

Cerritos College President Linda Lacy spoke about the decision to add classes.

"We looked at the wait list, and the number of students that were still needing some of those specific classes, and determined that we should add two English classes, and possibly two math classes."

The decision to add these classes stems from the realization that students are experiencing a difficult time getting into the classes that they need in order to continue their education.

Another deciding factor that went into this decision was the number of students that were interested in taking the class but were relegated to a wait list status, ultimately making most students unable to get into the class.

Lacy went on to discuss the impact of the financial budget, saying, "Every time we offer a class there's a cost involved because we have to pay the instructors."

The wait-listed students that attempted to get into an English or math class during their enrollment date before the start of the semester would have first priority in adding these classes.

These students will more than likely be contacted via e-mail alerting them of an addition in a specific class that they previously expressed interest in. The student will then have the option of adding that nine week class assuming it does not conflict with the student's current schedule of classes.

Cerritos College student Kiann Charbonnet, who triple majors in dance, cosmetology and education, commented on the possibility of the addition of these classes.

"It's better for more students to have an English and math class so they can get in instead of waiting until the next semester."

Cerritos College students expressed excitement at the idea of having additional classes added to

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# CERRITOS COLLEGE NEWS BRIEFS

## Safety issues in SS building

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Two emergency doors were removed from classrooms in the Social Science building and now only one entrance remains for each room.

During the summer 2011 term, Cerritos College hired a contractor to put in the new doors in the Social Science building.

This project was funded by bond money from the college to restore certain areas of the school.

The problem is that, in there is only one exit door in the classroom.

This upset some of the teachers because they had no say in the construction of the building.

Ted Stolze, philosophy instructor, said that the contractor will not be hired again to do any work for the college, but would like him to fix his mistake before he leaves.

## Zumba fitness begins Sept. 12

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The Cerritos College Student Health Center introduces free Zumba sessions, an effective fitness workout program that combines Latin and international dance and aerobic elements with music.

This program is opened up to all staff and students enrolled at Cerritos College.

Each session is one hour long.

Sessions will be held at the Student Center Stage starting on the week of September 12th, Monday-Thursday at 5 to 6 p.m. There are morning sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:50 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

## Students invited to visit clubs

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Students will be able to learn about the clubs and activities Cerritos College has to offer during this year's Club Info Day, happening Wed., Aug 31., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Falcon Square, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Social Science Patio, and again on tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in which a DJ will be out in Falcon Square.



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**Selfless:** Child development major Broderick Woods attending the Curriculum Committee meeting last Thursday. Woods, an aspiring teacher, is also a choreographer.

# Committee gets student help

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Students may have a difficult time finding classes lately, but one Cerritos student will be dealing with more than just 12 units this semester.

Child development major Broderick Woods serves as the only student member of the Cerritos College Curriculum Committee, a group on campus that acts to review, add, remove or alter the prerequisites of classes in the course catalog.

Woods, who is active in the ASCC, said he started as a student member on the curriculum committee last spring, the first committee he has ever served on.

"There was a meeting in the ASCC for whoever wanted to join a committee, so I thought, 'This will be my way of trying to get out and help Cerritos College out and help students out and also get to know more about what's going on around campus.'"

"So I decided that I would join."

Curriculum Committee Chair Rich Cameron said it has been many years since there has been a consistent student representative on the committee.

"Having Broderick on there, not only has he come multiple times, but now he's back for his second term as the student representative."

"That kind of continuity is a nice thing."

He also said that having a student on the committee is helpful to make sure that the courses make sense to students.

"Certainly the faculty know an awful lot about their courses, but it always helps to have a student point-of-view in there."

Woods went into depth, describing his role on the committee and the process.

"When a department wants to bring in a new course idea, or they want to add a new class or take away a class, then we're the ones they come to for approval."

In the spring 2011 semester, Woods was asked by the committee he could return for this fall session and he accepted the offer.

"It was a good experience because I got to

work closely with different faculty members, deans and department chairs."

Woods grew up in Norwalk, California, and was raised by his grandmother and grandfather.

After relocating to Long Beach shortly for high school, he returned to Norwalk.

"I'm used to being out here, I know everybody out here."

He is a regular around the Cerritos College Dance Studio, acting as a choreographer and practicing outside with other dancers as well as in the hallway of the Fine Arts building.

Computer major Xavier Scott and x-ray technician and dance major Tracy Hill, who have each known Woods for at least one semester, said working under him as a choreographer has been good.

Hill said, "He's pretty cool. He's outgoing, he looks out for you, and he'll help you if you're in a bad situation. He's a good guy."

Scott continued, saying, "He's always going to have your back, regardless."

"He likes to face challenges. He likes to motivate you to do better things in life," Scott said.

## Class additions: English and math courses may be added to second fall session

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this semester's current schedule of classes.

Film major Adam Rodriguez said, "That's a totally great idea. I don't think you will find one student on this campus that will disagree with that. It's one of those things where they want us to transfer but then they are not really helping us transfer, so we have to meet each other in the middle, and this is a start."

The possible addition of these classes is contingent on the Cerritos College Administration being able to find available instructors as well as available classroom space.

The professors at Cerritos College have an opinion on the possibility of adding these classes as well.

English professor Francie Quaas Berryman commented on the possibility of these classes impacting their workload.

"It doesn't really impact the instructors workload because you are only allowed to teach so many units, so what it could mean is they would be adding additional adjunct faculty which is a good thing for those people as well, because it will open up some classes that they might not have gotten."

## Celebration of Life: Students share memories of the former soccer players

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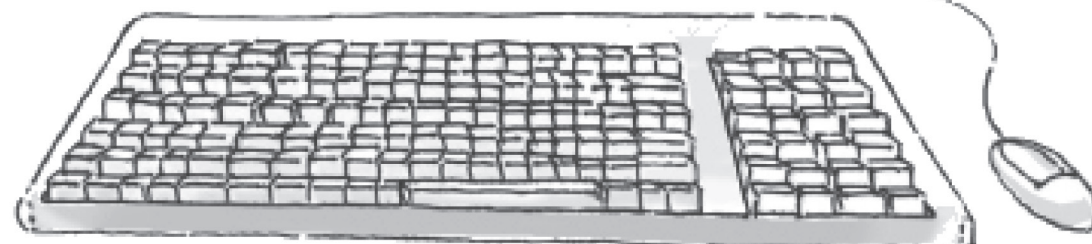
On the back of the shirt is his nickname, "Ponch", as well as his old high school soccer jersey number.

Christine Campos, a current Cerritos College student and best friend to Ornelas since sixth-grade, wore her memorial shirt to the game. When discussing the impact of Ornelas' death, Campos says, "It changed my life honestly. I felt like part of me left with him because I saw him on a day-to-day basis."

The brothers to both Ornelas and Valencia each paid a tribute to their older brothers by wearing smaller versions of the Cerritos College soccer jerseys with their old numbers on them. Valencia's younger brother, Bryan, has been so grateful to Cerritos College that he states, "I feel like in the future I'm going to help the staff out when they have another one of these things to help and I'm going to come and help them like they helped my brother and Carlos."

For what the memorial means to him, Ornela's younger brother, Kevin, says, "I'm just happy because they did it for my brother and it means that they cared about him and they just miss him."

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## Scholarships: New opportunity available for qualifying students

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scholarship's funding as it originally donated \$25 million and pledged to match half of the amount that California's community colleges could raise on their own.

Since 2008, all of the state's 112 colleges were able to raise \$28.5 million resulting in an additional \$14.2 million from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

According to officials, the completed fund is the largest of any community college's system in the nation. 4,000 students are expected to receive the Osher Scholarship annually from the fund.

The scholarship foundation has been up and running for the last three years at Cerritos and has been managed by the Cerritos College Fund.

There are a few requirements to be eligible for the Osher Scholarship. First, a student must be currently enrolled in a minimum of six unit at Cerritos College. Second, the student must have already completed a minimum of 24 degree applicable units.

Lastly, the student must have also received a CCC Board of Governor's Fee Waiver. Qualifying applicants will then receive \$1,000 for textbooks, lab fees, and other expenses.

Rachel Samarin of Scholarship Relations at Cerritos has said that a total of 16 students this year will receive the Osher Scholarship. Although the scholarship promises \$1,000 to the recipient, the amount is divided by the fall and spring semester, with each student receiving \$500 for each semester for their expenses.

The deadline to sign up is Sept. 2nd.



•EDITORIAL•

# Use your financial aid wisely

Students across the nation and the state are struggling financially.

At Cerritos, students eventually get the financial help that they need, but is it in a timely manner?

Financial aid disbursements are being disbursed at different dates for different students and that's a problem in and of itself.

But are students that have received their financial aid using it wisely?

Cerritos student who misused your financial aid, you know who you are. Take a seat if you're standing.

Did you really need that 60-inch LCD flat-screen television that came with a surround sound system?

We know you couldn't say no to the bundle that included the Xbox Kinect and assorted games.

How will Kinect Joy Ride positively affect your studies?

Nothing personal, but it's common knowledge to pedestrians around campus that it doesn't improve your driving skills.

KTLA 5 and, consequently, the LA Times reported on a financial aid scam that took place on our very own campus in 2009 and led to the arrest of two students, as well as forcing police to open up an investigation into dozens of others.

Of course, the incident reflected fraud taking place, and may not have looked into exactly what legitimate students spend their money on.

But was every purchase legitimate?

These disbursements are distributed as a result of taxpayer dollars, student and non-student taxpayers alike, so it is vital for us to ask ourselves if we are acting financially responsible.

If we, the iPad generation, have a legitimate, scholastic reason for buying anything, then it should be completely understandable.

The argument from students is that "We're really struggling getting our Anthropology textbooks."

Don't force your fellow student to point out that you shouldn't have bought that Hello Kitty decal that will only fit on a Diesel truck.

Act like an adult, because the law makes no exception for "just out of high school."

It will be really tough to play Kinect Joy Ride when you forget to pay your utilities and get served with the eviction notice.

If that is your plan, it might be wise to invest in a video projector, so you can play on the side of the building you used to live in.



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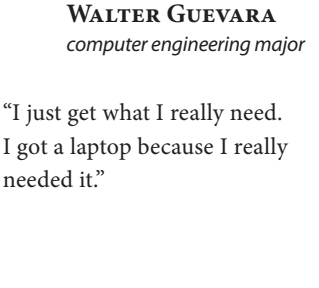


## "What do you use your financial aid money for?"

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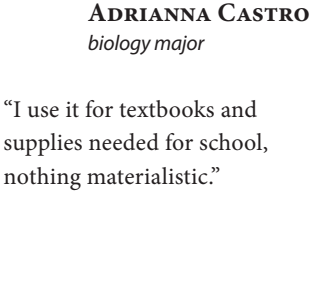
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"I try to save it mostly for books and supplies, but sometimes I might need to get gas or food, but I think I manage it pretty well."



**WALTER GUEVARA**  
*computer engineering major*  
"I just get what I really need. I got a laptop because I really needed it."



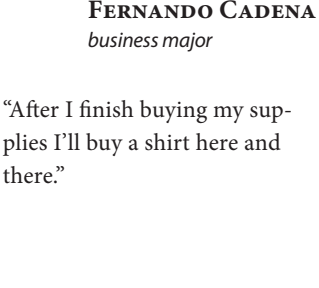
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"I don't get financial aid, but it's not fair for the rest of us that don't get financial aid because we have to pay out of our pockets."



**ADRIANNA CASTRO**  
*biology major*  
"I use it for textbooks and supplies needed for school, nothing materialistic."

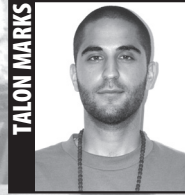


**CYNTHIA RODRIGUEZ**  
*psychology major*  
"After I'm done buying books I will put it in my savings account and if I need books for next year I will have that back-up money."



**FERNANDO CADENA**  
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"After I finish buying my supplies I'll buy a shirt here and there."

## Students parking on streets is necessary



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I have been a student at Cerritos College for four years and feel very strongly that I should be allowed to park in any place that I choose including outside of the designated parking lot.

Throughout my time at Cerritos I have spent nearly 500 dollars in parking fines and due to my struggle financially I feel it is appropriate to exercise the right to park in public parking spaces nearby particularly as a Norwalk resident.

Since my first semester, the price to attend school has increased dramatically and are predicted to continue to rise increasing the difficulty to have extra money to pay for parking.

Everyday at Cerritos College there are many practices that for a public institution are unethical.

The policies of campus police to ticket so many cars and it creates a mutually beneficial profit for the local tow truck company and is

a disservice to the students of Cerritos College. We go to school to make a better living for ourselves and many end up with debt to the local organizations unnecessarily.

I have always felt blessed to be in a society that helps others but when I witnessed these experiences I learned that our schools administration is heartless in regard to student's personal difficulties in paying fines. I believe in integrity and the principal of giving respect in order to receive respect.

As a college student I have learned time and time again that the public school system fails to respect the body of its constituents as a co-leading force in the direction of the institution and to me that is a sad reality.

I am proud to be a student at Cerritos but as long as our school is being treated as a business I feel it is acceptable to do the same and not use the student parking area if you do not have the extra money to pay for parking.

## Students need to follow parking rules



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Students who park off-campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses deserve to be towed and ticketed.

The semester begins, parking lots fill up, and there are still those handful of students who purposefully break the rules and choose to park off campus because they are too cheap or lazy to buy a permit.

It burdens the businesses surrounding the campus. Less parking for their clientele means businesses lose sales and for an employee a loss of sales equals loss of hours which ultimately leads to a loss of income.

There is one type of business that profits from students illegally parking in the areas around campus, and that is the towing business.

Twenty to thirty dollars for a school parking permit is an insignificant amount compared to the hefty fees of having your car towed and impounded.

It can be difficult to find parking within the first rows of the school's parking lot, but it is guaranteed there will be spots available toward the middle and end of the lots.

The point is, there is parking on campus.

The school also loses out on the money from the students who do not pay for parking, further contributing to the school's lack of funds.

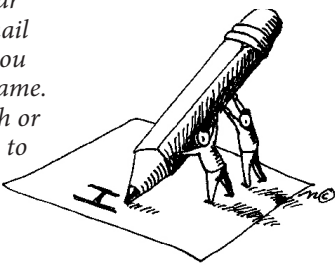
Every semester, the school pays to have the permits made and most of them are sold, but for the students who avoid paying for the permit the school cannot use that money resulting in fees being increased in other areas.

For the residents, it is a nuisance to have their streets congested with traffic from students looking for parking. It creates tension between the home owners and the college community.

Carpooling with friends and classmates and sharing the parking fee is a better alternative than to just avoid the fee altogether.

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Students learn to do hair and make up the right way

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"I love doing make up. Ever since I was little I would watch my mom do hair, but I like make up and I have always been involved with it." Belinda Escalante, a second year student at Cerritos and cosmetology major, said.
Escalante finds she has an advantage since she is already working professionally in the cosmetology field.
At Cerritos College, students who register into the Cosmetology or Esthetician Program, are trained with all of the curriculum that will help them receive their certification in cosmetology.
The Cosmetology program offers training in learning how to cut, color, perm, straighten and braid hair. Manicuring, pedicuring and skin care are also taught to cosmetology students.
Annette Rodriguez, a cosmetology major said, "I've enjoyed it for many years. Being a school teacher for seven years, I thought I could combine these skills with teaching.
"I'm trying to complete this program to, hopefully, teach here at Cerritos."
Job opportunities are valued to the students of this department and are usually applying for part-time positions when available.
"I want to continue my formal education," Rodriguez said.
Some people may also be interested in majoring in teaching and minoring in cosmetology, such as Edgar Zepeda, who is part of the Teacher TRAC at Cerritos College.
"I wanted to be a teacher and last year I decided to get into the Teacher TRAC Program.
"I originally wanted to be an elementary teacher, but art became another interest. So, I got with my counselor and he guided me to do cosmetology while still being able to pursue a career in teaching," He said.
Cerritos cosmetology students have clients that go one by one, down the roll sheet or they can also bring in their own clients and take people who schedule appointments.
The Esthetician Program offers learning skills such as how to analyze skin, perform facials, massages, extractions, make up and how to treat common skin problems.
Benny Canez, business marketing major with an emphasis in skin care, said, "I feel like skin care is the first major component before putting on makeup."
There are six courses that can be taken and if it is fully completed the student can be done in two semesters.
Canez said, "I finish in December and I plan to transfer, I'm just not sure which school yet. I do know I want to open up my own practice, either dermatology or plastic surgery," Canez said.
Both programs are in high demand this semester and have a group of individuals involved in each program.
Participation determines a student's success in the program.
There are requirements to practice procedures on students before qualifying to work in the public.



ERENY HALAKA/TM
Hair Technique: The Cosmetology department offers Cerritos College students certificates in Cosmetology and through the Esthetician program. Edgar Zepeda, liberal arts major, is working on his mannequin for cosmetology.



NURY VARGAS/TM
Art and Music: Cerritos College Art teacher Hagop Najarian (center) has been playing music since the age of seven. Najarian performed with his band, Action Now!, with guitarist Edmar "Buckey" Gonzalez and drummer Tom Miyan.

Najarian 'serenades' Fullerton crowd with his music and artwork at gallery

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A display of passion for art and music were observed in the paintings of Cerritos College Arts instructor Hagop Najarian this past Saturday.
The closing reception of the exhibition Serenade took place at the Professional Artists in the Schools Gallery in Downtown Fullerton.
Najarian, alongside his childhood friend John Sallom, were chosen to display their work in a two-person show at the PAS Gallery, that opened during the Fullerton Art Walk on Aug. 5 in the Magoski Arts Colony.
Serenade was a fusion of Najarian's music and paintings. The structure of the paintings visually have a similar rhythmic flow as jazz.
"This show is particularly about sound, music and art, visual impact and audio impact. How do I make music and color come together through paint," Najarian said.
Erica Figueroa, humanities major said, "I personally like realism and photo realism, but the way he portrays the cubism is actually really well.
"I'm not really big on cubistic art or cubism, but I like how he does his pieces," Figueroa said.
Making music and drawing from a young age, Najarian later attended Fullerton College where he chose art as a career.
"I'm always battling between both," Najarian said. "Half of my studio is a recording studio and the other is a painting studio,"
Najarian's band, Action Now!, who performed at the art show, took the stage, jumped in the air with their guitars and harmonizing together.
The group not only played its songs, but also covered Bob Marley's "Redemption Song" and punk band, The Buzzcocks "Boredom."
Fellow colleague from Cerritos College that attended the closing reception, Steven Portigal said, "He can do it all, he can paint, make music, and writes music. He's a very talented man."
After the music performance the show started to wind down, and as people started to leave, they left with a reminder at the exit which had a sign that read "pause and reflect."
Art history professor and Cerritos College Art Gallery Curator James MacDevitt acknowledged how Najarian incorporates his teaching methods with the founda-

tion of having a strong following from his students.
"The thing I've noticed about Hagop is that he doesn't just teach a class, he builds a community," MacDevitt said.
Najarian said, "To me it's a community college, you always have a young bunch of interested people trying to make their career and I can be a positive influence on them."
Najarian's work is currently displayed at the Cerritos College Art Gallery along with other faculty for the Faculty Art Exhibition.

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Orchestra class prepares for a free music concert on campus

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Director of Orchestra David Betancourt and the Cerritos College Orchestra are preparing for this fall's Orchestra Exchange concert, which takes place Oct. 21 at the student center.
"If we don't have all the members contributing toward the same goal it becomes very difficult and stressful to deal with," Betancourt said.
He explained that the students must work together in order to have a productive rehearsal.
He also added how preparing for the ensemble can be stressful and it's like you're working backward.
First, he said he has to know what day the concert will be, then he has to schedule rehearsal time and the day of the performance arrives sooner than later.
Betancourt described the day of the concert as the time when he is most relaxed.
"Whatever is going to happen is going to happen. We're just going to have a good time, try to enjoy ourselves and really try to connect with the audience."
Music education major Janet Cisneros, who plays the clarinet, said the benefit of being a part of the orchestra is the feeling she gets when people applaud and being able to reach out to people through her music.
Cisneros has been playing the clarinet since the sixth-grade, along with other instruments all in the woodwind family.
For Cisneros, this is her fifth semester participating in the Cerritos College Orchestra, and although being a part of the Orchestra is something different for her; she enjoys performing in front of people.
Trumpet player and music education major Gabriel Garcia has been playing the trumpet for 14 years. Garcia knew he wanted to play the trumpet when he was only 5 years old.
His inspiration came from both his older brother, who introduced the trumpet to him, and the radio station KUSC.
Along with Orchestra, Garcia has also played Jazz and Ma-

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Hitting the Note: David Betancourt instructs his class in preparation for the concert. The Orchestra Exchange concert will be on Oct. 21.

riachi. Garcia's goals as a musician include playing for a Symphonic Orchestra professionally.
These musicians are dedicating time in class to plan, along with consistent practice, in order to be prepared.
The Orchestra Exchange concert will be free to the public, starting at 7 p.m. For more information please visit www.cms.cerritos.edu/music/.

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# Falcon Facts

## Fall Sports Season Openers

Men & Women  
Cross Country  
at  
UC San Diego  
on September 2  
9:00 A.M.

Football  
at  
Los Angeles

Harbor College  
on  
September 3

6:00 P.M.

Men's Soccer  
at  
Hartnell

Tournament,  
Sallinas Collge  
on

September 2-4  
TBA

Men's Water Polo  
at  
Navy Labor  
Day open,  
Naval Acedemy  
on  
September 2-4  
All Day

## Falcon of the Week



**Chris Metcalf**

Football  
Sophomore Safety

-Metcalf has taken on the challenge of a defensive leadership role for the falcons, due to the departure of University of Utah Safety and former Cerritos College Safety, All-American, Keith McGill. Metcalf had 59 tackles Laat season.



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**Playing with Motivation:** *The Cerritos College men's soccer team celebrate after its first goal of the season while defeating Los Angeles Mission College 3-0.*

## Men's soccer victorious in historic game

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The Cerritos College Soccer team won the season opener at home against Los Angeles Mission 3-0 on Tuesday.

After both teams went scoreless for the first half of the game, the Falcons took every opportunity given to them early in the second half.

"We started off okay, and by the

end of the second half, we started playing better, we got confident and started attacking better," forward Angel Ayala said.

The team was not capable of scoring on their first two attempts of the second half by forwards Aaron Macedo and Dominique Escobar.

Escobar made the first score of the game to give the Falcons the lead 1-0 in the 63rd minute of play.

Defender Alejandro Covarrubias got the second score for the Falcons with a penalty kick for the 2-0 lead.

The penalty kick was caused by a confrontation between the falcons and the eagles.

It was only minutes later, the Falcons struck again with another goal by Daniel Garica in the 79th minute of play.

Falcons Goalkeeper Danny Lizama was also a key player to his teammates and coaches in this game, making five saves against L.A. Mission.

Lizama wanted to start the season with as much confidence as possible.

"I went out their confident, I felt confident in myself, and I felt I did a good job," Lizama said.

The Falcons had a total of eight-

teen shots against the Eagles goalkeeper, while L.A. Mission took a total of 8 shots against the Falcons.

Ayala felt the opposing teams attack turned into a good offense for the Falcons.

"They started attacking us more and that's what gave us easier opportunities to go in and attack," Ayala said.

The Cerritos player's will now look ahead to the Hartnell tournament for their next match against Allan Hancock at Hartnell College in Salinas on Sept. 2nd in Salinas.

"We're going to do good, the season is dedicated to them, were going to have them (Carlos Ornelas and Eddie Valencia) in our hearts and every game will be dedicated to them," center Gerardo Soto said.

"I think we need to just keep working hard, keep doing what were doing out on the soccer field and the games will come, we will come out with victories, just keep working hard," Lizama added.

The Falcons not only felt they had more motivation from Ornelas and Valencia then their opponents, but also the team also felt they gained from the younger brothers of the former falcons, who wore Cerritos game jerseys and sat on the sidelines as honorary members of the team.



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**Let em fly:** *Supporters of the two former Cerritos College players released balloons after the game.*

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## Wrestling team will make cuts to roster

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A full roster of 90 men trying out for the Cerriots College wrestling team prepare for the start of the season in September, with only half making it to the official team.

After making it to the state championships last season and losing to Fresno City College, individual Cerritos College championship winner, Jose Lopez transferred to Dickinson State University.

However, losing one of the biggest assets to the team isn't going to be a setback.

With Head Coach, Don Garriott leading the team, he has faith that this year's team will be just as good as last year's, if not better.

"You can't make up for a two-title state champion," Garriott says, "You just gotta get someone to fill in the gaps and get someone who can score some points. We just got to get some help from some of the other weight classes." Garriott, a former wrestler himself, sees potential in some of the wrestlers trying out that he did in Lopez.

"We have Alfonso Estrada. The first year he wrestled for us, he was

ranked second in state all year so I think he'll be right there to be a finalist," Garriott said

"Niko Crouch was second in state while he was at Santa Fe High School and he should be one of the top 197 pounders," he said "Jake Harrison, our 125 pounder, should be one of the top guys so there's a lot of potential."

Alfonso Estrada, who wrestled at Perris High School in Riverside County, California, has been wrestling for 8 years. He is in the 165 weight class with a goal to win state championships and do well in school.

Estrada feels the training routine that he goes through in the typical wrestling season, leaves him great shape.

In regard to personal training outside of practice, Estrada says, "I wake up in the morning around 7:00, go for a two mile run, and I go lift weights for about 30 minutes, and then later on I come to practice at 4:00."

He feels he is truly dedicated to the team and says that wrestling for Cerritos College is his only college experience and adds, "I feel really great wrestling at Cerritos College."

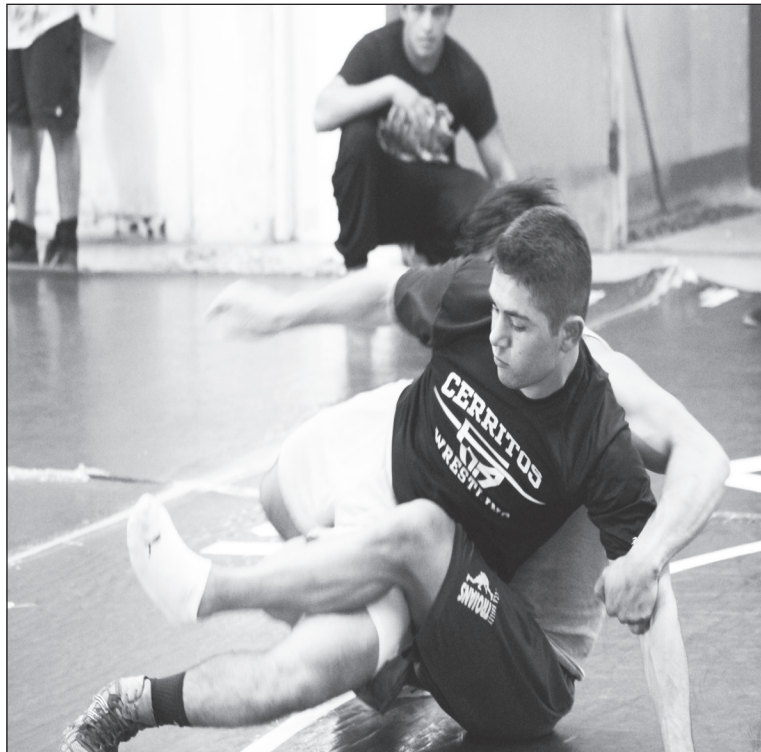
Crouch, who has been wres-

ting since 2001, was ranked second in the state for high school wrestling while attending Santa Fe High School. His goal is to win state championships as well as get picked up by a four year university.

When it comes to juggling school and wrestling, he said "it's

always tough wrestling. It's a commitment, but as long as I study when I get home, no matter how tired I am, I should be fine. It's always a challenge."

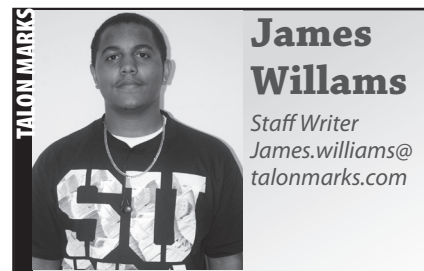
The team will officially start the season on Sept. 17 at Mount. San Antonio college for a dual match.



LAUREN GANDARA/TM

**Making the team:** *Freshman Jesse Mercado is one of 90 athletes trying to make the wrestling team this fall semester. The wrestling team is planning on cutting half the current roster.*

## Redshirt prepares athletes in need



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Is it worth the wait for Student Athletes?

Many college athletes usually are not big fans of red shirting their first year on an athletic team unless they know it will be beneficial to them and the team.

Most student-athletes are usually given the option to red shirt and miss a year of competition, but can still practice as a member of their sport or team.

Redshirting could be used for a variety of reasons such as to learn or get familiar with the team's playbook or system, to save a year of eligibility if they plan to stay at the college longer than expected, an athlete has missed a long period of their eligibility due to an injury, or if there are more experienced players ahead of an athlete on the team.

I do believe depending on the right situation for each athlete, it could be very beneficial for both the athlete's career and their college team.

Unless a freshman athlete, coming straight out of high school could make an immediate impact for a team and make them better, they are often red shirted their first season and play the following year, when they are more likely to get playing time in their respective sports and teams.

For example, Cerritos College Student-Athlete Andrew Salazar decided to red shirt his first year with the wrestling team.

After competing at the high school level for two years, Salazar felt that he would not have been ready to compete at the college level in his first year with the team.

Now that he is coming off a red shirt season, he feels all the preparation he needed to compete this year after spending time working out and working on his wrestling technique will pay off.

This also works to Salazar's advantage in the long run with his career at Cerritos College.

By skipping his first season to compete on the team, he skipped what was likely to be a light season with the chances of only getting a small amount of opportunities to compete.

He will now have a shot in the next couple of seasons to further improve on the wrestling mat and have many more matches during the season to help have an impact on the success of the wrestling team.

Salazar still has all the opportunities and eligibility he will need to work towards impressing scouts and receive a wrestling scholarship to a university.





**All smiles:** The Cerritos College women's soccer team poses for a photo during their trip to Rochester, NY for its first game of the season. The Falcons defeated Monroe and Mercer Colleges on Sunday and Tuesday, respectively.

# Women's soccer not affected by hurricane

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In one of the last flights to arrive to New York this past weekend and just missing the effects of Hurricane Irene, the Cerritos College women's soccer team started the season in Rochester, New York, with a 2-0 victory over Mercer College on Sunday and a 4-0 win over Monroe College on Tuesday.

With rain during the team's first match, which took place more than 300 miles away from Manhattan, where the worst of Hurricane Irene hit New York, the team had two

freshman score in the shutout.

Sophomore Goalkeeper Laura Ropp said the rainy weather did not affect the team's performance.

"We looked good for our first game," Ropp said.

"We knew where we were going to play and we weren't worried about the weather affecting our game at all."

Ropp is one of seven sophomores for Cerritos and feels this year's team is closer than ever.

She shared some time last year as starting goalkeeper and feels

that this year as a sophomore, she can take on more of a leadership role.

"I felt the team was already really close, but the trip seemed to have made our team chemistry stronger," she said, "it was all the downtime that we have here that gives the team a chance to just have fun."

Freshman midfielder Alexis Ramirez added, "It's been fun. We have been disciplined and focused on the goals we set before coming here."

The team set two

objectives prior to arriving to New York, which was to win both games and come closer as a team.

Sophomore midfielder Monica Ramirez added that the team did not have trouble playing so far from home because of its ability to "get into a rhythm as a team."

Sophomore midfielder Jennifer Vega scored three times last season with five assists.

Ropp said the team will be back in California on Friday and will play the following on Sept. 9 against Cosumnes River College and on Aug. 10, the team will travel to Victor Valley to play Victor Valley College.

**"It's been fun, we have been disciplined and focused."**  
—ALEXIS RAMIREZ  
Midfielder

# Football ranked No. 6 in state by CCCFCA

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The Cerritos College Football team was ranked No. 6 in the Aug. 22 California Community College Football Coaches Association's top 25 preseason poll and was one of four South Coast Conference teams to make the list.

The Falcons, who finished last season ranked No. 5 after a 51-0 defeat at the hands of Mount San Antonio College in the Southern California Championship game, moved only one spot back.

Head Coach Frank Mazzota said, "It's always nice to be ranked one of the top teams. We're one of the top twelve teams of Southern California so hopefully [our ranking] reflects that."

The No. 1-ranked Mounties are the favorite to win the state championship after winning back-to-back state championships. Mt. SAC received 20 of the 25 possible first-place votes from representative of the CCCFCA.

The Falcons unveiled new camouflage shirts on Monday that read, "Defend Our Title," referring to the Falcons winning the National Division Northern Conference a season ago.

"The team has a target on its back because everyone wants to beat it," Mazzota said.

The Falcons also captured the conference's Offensive and Defensive player of the year awards as well as the "Coach of the Year" award last season.

Sophomore linebacker Josh Finau said, "We got to knuckle up this year and show the teams in the past, we too can own the title."

Freshman defensive tackle Kyle Peko said, "I think we'll be No. 1 after this season. We have good speed tempo, good lifting program, great coaches, and good players."



**Unstoppable:** Offensive tackles Donne Lobendahn (center), Lenox Brown (left), and Safety Daniel Roundtree (right) practice pass rushing drills. The Falcons were ranked No. 6 by the California Community College Football Coaches Association.

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