

Lakeside Jazz & Wine docks on shores of campus lake

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Lakeside Jazz & Wine returns for the fourth year to the shores of Columbia College's picturesque lake with all the ingredients for a relaxing, fun-filled afternoon. On Saturday, October 13 from 1 to 5 pm, you'll enjoy live jazz performances, scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, fine California wines and comfortable seating alongside the peaceful San Diego Reservoir.

Event organizers, the Columbia College Foundation, promise to deliver this and more. New to this year's event will be an art show, silent auction and 39-foot long cake in anticipation of the college's 40th anniversary in 2008.

A number of well-respected vineyards will be represented for wine tasting. Among them will be Butterfly Creek Winery, Chatom Vineyards, Michael-David Winery, Mt. Brow Winery, Muir Hanna Vineyards, Solomon Wine Company, Stevenot Winery and Twisted Oak Winery.

Spicing up the event will be the hot salsa beat of the Mario Flores Latin Jazz Band. Combo #5, a group of talented student guest artists, will be the second group of performers. Topping off the afternoon will be the soothing sounds of the Columbia College Big Band Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Rod Harris.



Columbia College Big Band at last year's event

Hors d'oeuvres will be prepared by the college's culinary and pastry department, along with other tasty dishes by chefs from some of the area's finest restaurants and food purveyors.

The art of local painters Diane Sanguinetti, Leslie Hurst and others will be on display for viewing and purchase. All guests will also have an opportunity to bid on numerous silent auction items, including participating in a drawing for a pearl necklace. The original painting "Pollination" by Penny Otwell of El Portal, which was used in marketing materials to publicize the event, will also be a special auction item.

The event is a fundraiser with proceeds used for annual student scholarships and supplemental purchases to support the educational and vocational efforts of the college.

So there you have it. Festivities, food, wine, entertainment, ambiance—and all for a good cause. Tickets are \$30 per person with an October 8 reservations deadline. Contact the Columbia College Foundation office at 588-5115 for tickets. ■



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President's Note

From their inception, community or junior colleges have been charged with a wide range of goals in their mission. Included among the many goals for student success at Columbia College are associate degrees and certificates, transfers to four-year institutions, vocational education, workforce re-training, lifelong learning (community education, adaptive physical education, diabetes management, and cardiac/pulmonary rehabilitation, etc.), economic development, and basic skills development.

Community colleges are two-year public institutions of higher education. We are founded on a policy of *open access*. That means we are open to serve anyone and everyone in our community, who wishes to attend. Hence, the name "community college."

As expected, providing services to accomplish our ambitious list of goals is no small task. Our faculty and staff should be commended for all their efforts in absorbing multiple duties and helping stretch our state-supported funding as far as it will go. In addition, the Columbia College Foundation was established to cover supplemental expenses to nurture those programs and services, which exceed our current funding resources.

The Foundation is the non-profit, fundraising arm of the college. It solicits and distributes donations for student scholarships, purchases of library materials, annual printing of a student anthology of writing and art, culinary supplies and equipment, and athletic materials, to name a few. Presently, the Foundation is raising funds to equip the Outdoor Learning Center in the new Child Development Center. I encourage your support of this dedicated group of volunteers. Without them, our students would have to do without many of the necessities that add something special to our college programs.

Throughout the year, the Foundation sponsors several fundraising activities. On October 13, it is hosting Lakeside Jazz & Wine. Plan on attending and helping make this event a huge success for the Foundation and of course, Columbia College.

Sincerely,

Joan Smith, Ed.D.
President

Columbia College tennis courts now open for play



At left, college students Clark Parkan and Tom McDonnell put resurfaced courts to the test. In far court, avid community players can claim to be among the first to make an imprint on the new surface.

Foundation fundraising supports Outdoor Learning Center project



Steps are underway for the new Child Development Center with summer 2009 as an anticipated opening date. Funded by Measure E at an estimated construction cost of \$6.2 million, the center is designed as an integrated arrangement of five single-level buildings, consisting of an Infant Center, Toddler Center, Preschool Center, Family Care Services and Administration Center, and an adult classroom building for child development instruction. The buildings will total 13,341 sq. ft. of space for use by students, staff, families and children.



Top: Outdoor Learning Center; bottom: Child Development Center's five buildings

Plans also call for an Outdoor Learning Center as part of the play area located outside of the Preschool Center. The facility will be an all-weather outdoor space where children can engage in a wide range of activities—block play, dramatic play, and art, to name a few.

Included in the Outdoor Learning Center plans is an overhead covering, but with the sides left open to allow outdoor play and learning in a protected natural environment.

Cost of the Outdoor Learning Center is estimated at \$70,000, which is not covered in the project's construction budget. With leadership from the Columbia College Foundation, a fundraising effort is under way to bring the Outdoor Learning Center from the drawing board to the play yard. ■

Newsbytes

Golf for basketball! Sign up for the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Greenhorn Creek Resort in Angels Camp and support the Columbia College men's basketball program. It's a captain's choice scramble on one of the most pristine 18-hole courses in Northern California. Carts include big screen GPS—plus a bag lunch on the run and a chicken barbecue dinner buffet. Mark your calendars: Saturday, October 20 at 1:00 pm. For details, contact Coach Nathan Rien at 588-5195, 996-2225, or rienn@yosemite.edu.

Shredding services are now available by leaving your paper items in the bin outside the IMC next to the student learning office exterior door. The secure bin is for campus use and contents will be shred periodically.

Educating veterans... that's what Brian Jensen and Doralyn Foletti were doing on Saturday, September 8 at the Sonora Elk's Lodge. About 50 veterans attended the outreach activity, which provided information on benefits available to them. Jensen and Foletti represented the college in talking about college programs.

Claim Jumpers named in national press! In a September issue of *American Profile*, an article titled "Mascots from A to Z" highlights some unique mascot names for high schools and colleges around the country. The Claim Jumpers were included, right there alongside the Cheesemakers (Tillamook High School/Oregon), the Hot Dogs (Frankfort High School/Indiana), the Gorillas (Davenport High School/Washington), the Friars (Providence College/Rhode Island), the Banana Slugs (UC Santa Cruz), and the Earwigs (Dunn High School/California). A comprehensive list of mascot names can be found online at www.halcyon.com/marcs/mascot.html. *American Profile* is a color tabloid, which is inserted weekly in the *Sonora Union Democrat*.

Campus Calendar / October 2007

October Meetings

3 Wednesday

Leadership Team
Tamarack Staff Lounge
9:00 am

5 Friday

Safety/Facilities Committee
Safety 9:00 am
Com Ed Room
Facilities 11:00 am
Fir 2

10 Wednesday

YCCD Board of Trustees
YCCD Board Room/
Modesto
5:30 pm

12 Friday

College Council
Manzanita Conference
Room
1:30 pm

19 Friday

Academic Senate
Cedar 1
1:30 pm

26 Friday

Classified Senate
Com Ed Room
8:00 am

Columbia College President's Report

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Contemporary Cuisine Dinners

The Cellar Bistro
5:00-7:00 pm

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Civic Engagement Free Film Series

An Inconvenient Truth
Dogwood Forum at 7:30 pm

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Book Club Discussion

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
Library at 4:30 pm

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Contemporary Cuisine Dinners

The Cellar Bistro
5:00-7:00 pm

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Civic Engagement Free Film Series

Darwin's Nightmare
Dogwood Forum at 7:30 pm

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Musical Interlude

The Zero Visibility String Band
Library from Noon – 1:00 pm

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Lakeside Jazz & Wine

Manzanita Patio 1:00-5:00 pm
\$30 per person

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Contemporary Cuisine Dinners

The Cellar Bistro
5:00-7:00 pm

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Civic Engagement Speaker

Filmmaker John de Graaf
Dogwood Forum at 7:30 pm

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Civic Engagement Film Series

Wild and Scenic Film Festival
Dogwood from 3:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Tickets: www.sierrafilmfest.org
Advance \$15/Door \$18/Students \$10

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Contemporary Cuisine Dinners

The Cellar Bistro
5:00-7:00 pm

Student Success Report

Asia Davis of Jamestown, a first year business student at Columbia College, won the California State Fair Talent Search competition over the Labor Day weekend. She also captured first place in the Tuolumne County Idol contest in July. Her next step is the nationals, which she anticipates will be in New York City later this year.



Asia Davis

"I was terribly nervous and didn't think I would win," said Davis. "I didn't have the voice range that the others had. After performing, I was mentally and physically drained, and couldn't believe that they called my name as the winner. In fact, I'm still in shock!"

Her prizes for winning at the state level included \$1,000 in cash, road trip to the nationals, a complete makeover, shopping spree and vocal lessons—a total value of about \$10,000.

Born in San Francisco, Davis lived in a number of cities across the country before moving to Jamestown earlier this year to be with her grandparents, Richard and Hazel Mitchell. Uncertain about what the future holds for her as a performer, Davis has a personal goal of getting an education and pursuing a career in business within the music industry. ■

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Civic Engagement Free Film Series

Mine Your Own Business
Dogwood Forum at 7:30 pm

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Contemporary Cuisine Dinners

The Cellar Bistro
5:00-7:00 pm

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Civic Engagement Free Film Series

The Devil's Miner
Dogwood Forum at 7:30 pm