

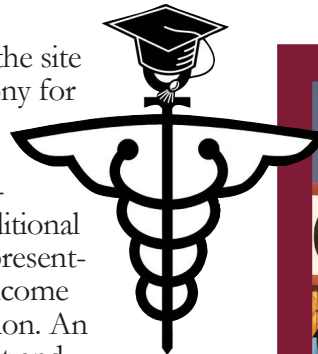
Health Careers Grads Honored

The Porterville College gym was the site of this year's graduation ceremony for 48 Health Careers students. A very large crowd celebrated as 12 Vocational Nurses and 36 Psychiatric Technology students went through the traditional pinning ceremony. Faculty members presented the symbolic pins that officially welcome the graduates into the nursing profession. An impressive procession, with candlelight and roses, preceded the presentation of certificates.

Valerie Lombardi, long-time director of the program, spoke of the tremendous dedication the students have to show in order to qualify for their certificates. She also pointed out the success of the PC nursing program, which has seen job offers come to all of the graduates. Also, PC students score very well on the state exams every year.

Special awards were given to students who excelled in the training. In the Psych Tech class, Erica Gabriel won the top academic award and Norma Jean Dill won the clinical excellence award. The Vocational Nursing winners were Nereida DeJesus for Academic, and Jennifer Fernandez for Clinical.

The keynote speaker was Mary Alba,



Clinical Director of Porterville Developmental Center, and a past graduate of

the program. She encouraged the students to continue to study and seek advanced degrees, even as they start their new profession.

Lastly, President Dr. Rosa Carlson was joined by KCCD Board of Trustees member John Corkins in presenting the certificates of completion.



Look at the pictures taken by Terry Crewse of each of PC's 2008 graduates at www.ru4math.org.

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Time to Move . . .

Your PC Update has followed the progress of the construction of the new library all year, and is now pleased to announce that the new library has been completed.

A lot of hard work has been taking place in the old library to make sure that it is completely clear. Furniture was

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stacked outside awaiting disposal in various ways. Much of it was donated to other schools in need of bookshelves, desks, or chairs.

While there are still a few projects left to complete, the new building should be open shortly.

The next stage of the remodel will involve dismantling of the old library and preparing it to be redesigned, after which construction will begin.



THE OLD LIBRARY

Library employees busily packed up books and materials to move to their new home. You can imagine how many books had to be individually handled to complete that part of the move, but they did it with a smile, realizing how nice the new building was going to be.

The main room of the old library was a busy place for students for a long time. Those days are over, and it now stands empty waiting to undergo its own remodel.



Once everything was moved, it took a little time to settle in. The library awaited new computer desks, which were ordered, even as computers, phones and lights were laid out to be hooked up.

With the arrival of the new computer desks and other furniture, the staff was able to put the finishing touches on the new library. The library officially opened for student use on June 18. It will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday during summer.



CAREER/TECH Announces FEATURED STUDENTS

The Career and Technical Education Division is pleased to announce its featured students for April 2008: Kay Springer and Sunnie Craig.

Sunnie CRAIG

Sunnie is a business major maintaining a 4.0 G.P.A. She has been a student at Porterville College since 1995 and has been working full-time on her degree since 2006.

It is Sunnie's attention to detail and diligence in her classes that makes her truly stand out.

Sunnie's plans are to graduate from Porterville College with an Associate of Arts Degree in Business and a certificate in accounting. Then she is going to "re-enter the workforce at an established local business and become an asset to the company." She also intends to further her education through online and night courses, eventually earning her CPA license.

Sunnie says that her instructors at Porterville College have been "inspiring and passionate about their subjects and are easily accessible." In addition, Sunnie enjoys the smaller class sizes, diverse student population, and supportive learning environment.

Sunnie is the mother of three beautiful daughters,



Sunnie Craig

Kaitlynn (13), Shae (11), and Hanna (3), wife of Mike and daughter of Jerry and Barbara Noble.

Kay SPRINGER

Kay is a Career and Technical Education Division Featured Student for her accomplishment in presenting her business plan in a competition at Fresno State.

Kay worked every day for nearly a month on perfecting her business plan to enter into a \$10,000 business plan competition at the Lyles Center for Entrepreneurship at California State University, Fresno. This is the first time the competition has been opened to community college students and Kay entered her plan.

She was selected to present her plan at the Semi-Finals on April 18th. Kay had two days' notice to prepare her 15 minute presentation and she did a fabulous job. Kay is a Business major at Porterville College with a 2.31 G.P.A. She plans on opening her own business. Kay's favorite things about Porterville College are the "nice instructors and quiet computer labs."

Congratulations to Kay and Sunnie on jobs well done!



Kay Springer

On the court...



The new NCAA basketball rules for the upcoming season dictate that a new, and longer three-point line for men's basketball must be painted on the floor. As a result of that, PC is combining that project with the resurfacing of the entire floor.



PC Athletes Help Make the Summer Fun

PC Baseball Team "Pitches In"

PC head baseball coach Del Marine and a few stars from his team were guest instructors at the Porterville Parks & Leisure 2008 Junior Giants Baseball Clinic on Saturday, June 14.



The Pirates helped to coordinate baseball drills for 200 kids, ranging in ages from 5 to 18, at the Porterville Sports Complex.

All of the participants withstood the 100 degree temperature during the five hour camp.

"This was a great experience for the children and our team as well," Coach Marine said. "I'm not sure who had more fun. We were able to teach the fundamentals of baseball and interact with a great program in our community. We look forward to making this an annual event."

Porterville Parks & Leisure Services Superintendent Donnie Moore was pleased by the turnout and the new partnership with the PC Athletic Department.

"We appreciate Coach Marine and his players for volunteering their time and expertise," Moore said. "They did an outstanding job and the event was a huge success."

- ✿ Swim Time
- ✿ Team Sports Participation
- ✿ Individual Skill Instruction
- ✿ Recreational Activities
- ✿ Individual Sports

PC head coaches, as well as PC athletes, will staff the different sessions and provide clinics for several sports.

Campers must furnish their own clothing (swimsuit, shorts, blouse or tee-shirt, and tennis shoes), towel and sunscreen. The Athletic Department will provide all necessary equipment. Campers will not be allowed to leave the campus. Two lunch options are available for \$3, or campers can bring their own.

The camp will be offered for nine separate weeks, ending on August 15. Full-day (\$70 fee per week; 7:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.) and half-day (\$40; 7:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 — 5:30 p.m.) sessions are available — with a substantial discount for siblings.

For information or reservations, please call (559) 791-2388 or e-mail coach Greg Lanthier at glanthie@portervillecollege.edu.

PC Pirate Summer Camp 2008

The Porterville College Athletic Department started its Summer Youth Sports Camp on Monday, June 16, on the PC campus.

The camp's objective is to provide boys and girls, ages 6 to 14, with a learning experience in a safe and structured environment. The program will emphasize participation, sportsmanship, and a cooperative atmosphere in a variety of recreational activities, including:



Two boys splash in the Porterville College swimming pool. The boys are campers participating in the PC Pirate Summer Camp, which began June 16 and which will continue until August 15.