

THE 2nd ANNUAL ACADEMIC & ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The second annual Academic and Athletic Achievement Awards event was a smash hit again, with all of the athletes enjoying a Hollywood-type red carpet welcome. They were “dressed up” for the occasion and the winners gave some impressive acceptance speeches for their awards and their experiences at PC.

Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year: **Kalyn Reed**, Basketball
 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year: **Jonathan Medina**, Baseball

Female Rookie of the Year: **Alex Shew**, Basketball
 Male Rookie of the Year: **Jeremy Acevedo**, Baseball

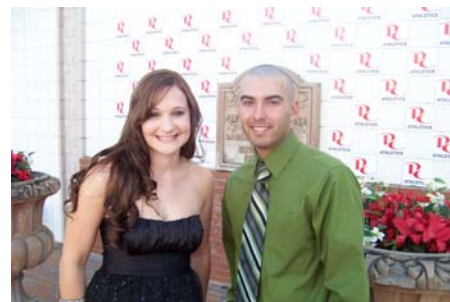
Female Sophomore of the Year: **Kasey Nichols**, Softball
 Female Sophomore of the Year: **Ross Hebert**, Baseball

Courage Award: **Quaraya Fuston**, Basketball
 Courage Award: **Mitchell Sodersten**, Baseball

Performance of the Year: **Olga Velasquez**, Volleyball
 Performance of the Year: **Joey Duran**, Baseball

Sportsmanship Award: **Lisa Lopez**, Basketball
 Sportsmanship Award: **Josh Meadors**, Baseball

Pirate Award: **Laura Lopez**, Volleyball
 Pirate Award: **Stevie Lopez**, Softball
 Pirate Award: **Jonathan Laygo**, Baseball
 Pirate Award: **Oscar Velasquez**, Basketball



Scholar-Athlete of the Year - **Kalyn Reed**, Basketball & **Jonathan Medina**, Baseball



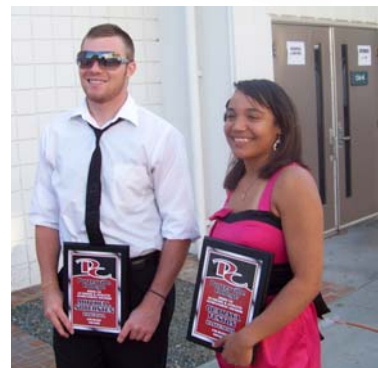
Central Valley Conference (CVC) Academic All Conference recipients with President Rosa Carlson (Left to right) - **Amber LeBlanc**, **Oscar Velasquez**, **Stevie Lopez**, **Brian Lemke**

SAAC “Spirit” Award: **Crystal Bueno**, Basketball
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Community Outreach Award: **Dave Kavern**

Coaching Staff of the Year: **Del Marine & Eric Sodersten**, Baseball

Team of the Year: **Volleyball**



Courage Award - **Mitchell Sodersten**, Baseball & **Quaraya Fuston**, Basketball



STUDENT ATHLETES TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Of all the awards presented this time of year, perhaps the most cherished and valuable are those going to athletes which gives them scholarships to four-year colleges. Several members from the Lady Pirate softball team have signed up to accept such offers. **Stevie Lopez** will play for Alcorn State, **Kelly Dotzler** for Luther College, and **Amber Leblanc** for Kansas Wesleyan University. **Kasey Nichols** and **Jennifer Gliddon** will both be on the Metro State team.

Pictured right is Athletic Director **Eric Mendoza**, **Brenna Nichols**, **Rosa Carlson**, Coach **Vickie Dugan** watching on as **Kasey Nichols** signs acceptance paperwork.



82nd COMMENCEMENT FOR PC

The weather cooperated perfectly and a large crowd was on hand at Jamison Stadium Friday night, May 14, for the eighty-second commencement program in Porterville College history. The first class in 1929 had only six graduates while a total of 192 students wore the cap and gown this year while marching in to “Prom March” played by the Fabulous PC studio band. Prior to the march, the PC



Chorale sang, “Let There Be Peace On Earth”. President **Dr. Rosa Carlson** welcomed the audience.



The program continued with the introduction of Retirees and Emeriti by **Dr. David Bezayiff**, president of the Academic Senate. Dr. Carlson recognized 39 students who made the of 3.5 and above and enrolled

President’s Honor List by earning a GPA full-time in a minimum of 12 credits. She also recognized 31 members of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and 31 members of the Dean’s list. Twenty-one students



LEFT: Vincent Michael Alcantar commended for distinction of achieving a 4.0 GPA.
BELOW: Scholar of the Year Matthew McCleod.



The audience included Raul Villalobos with 11 month old and 3 year old daughters Ariel and Genesis, who were there to see their mom become the first from her family to earn a college degree

received a dual major. One student, **Matthew McCleod**, graduated with an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree in Mathematics and



Biological and Physical Science. **Vincent Michael Alcantar** graduated with a 4.0 GPA in Mathematics. Seven students earned Medals of Distinction. They were: **Fernando Garcia**, Language Arts; **Amanda Gentry**, Child Development; **Maria Gamboa**, Administration of Justice; **Karen Dever**, Fine and Applied Arts; **Vincent Alcantar**, **Matthew McCleod** and **Brett Skinner**, Mathematics.

The major award winner was **Matthew McCleod**, named the Scholar of the Year. Following that announcement, Student Senate President, **Jose Lopez**, made his remarks. President Carlson then made the presentation of the Class of 2010, and **John Corkins**, member, KCCD Board of Trustees, conferred the degrees on the graduates. The Studio Band played the recessional and another graduation celebration began.



STAFF OF THE YEAR AND RETIREE AWARDS

One of the highlight events of the “end of year” activities is the luncheon at which the persons who have announced their retirement from the college and those who have been voted upon as the winners of the “Staff of the Year” awards are honored.

A large gathering in the cafeteria attended this year and enjoyed a nice lunch and a lot of fun as retirees were “roasted” by VP, **Steve Schultz**, the designated campus “roaster”, and others who poured out both complimentary and “otherwise” to the people who are leaving. The list of those “short-timers” is: **Linda Bailey**, Librarian; **Dan Dale**, Professor



LEFT TO RIGHT: Monte Moore, Carol Wilkins, Ted Wise, John Schultz, Donna Pendleton, John Roan, Bob Leppert and Dan Dale.



Dr. Jeff Gervasi, Faculty of the Year

Administrative Justice **Carol Wilkins**, DRC Director and Counselor and **Ted Wise**, Professor Language Arts from the faculty. The classified retirees includes: **Tom Bethurum**, Graphics; **Donna Pendleton**, Child Development Center Teacher; **Matt Davis**, **John Roan**, **John Schultz**, Maintenance & Operations and **Lydia Smith**, Admissions & Records Supervisor. There were two “Professional Experts”, **Bob Leppert**, Safety & Security Officer and **Monte Moore**, Public Information Officer who are calling it quits. Good looking desk clocks



Phillip Duncan, Student of the Year

were presented to each retiree.



Kailani Knutson, Adjunct Faculty of the Year; President Carlson; Bill Henry, Administrator of the Year; Kathie Gifford, Classified Staff of the Year recipients.

In what has become an annual feature, the Presidential “Staff of the Year” awards were announced. The entire campus was invited by President Carlson to nominate someone from each of five categories. Those nominations were then considered by a committee with a member from each category, voted on, and tabulated by a numbering system. The ones with the highest score became the winners of specially-designed clocks. And the winners this year are...Student of the Year, **Phillip Duncan**; Faculty of the Year, **Dr. Jeff Gervasi**; Adjunct Faculty of the Year, **Kailani Knutson**; Classified Staff of the Year, **Kathie Gifford** and Administrator of the year, **Bill Henry**.

PINNING AND GRADUATION CEREMONIES FOR PSYCHIATRIC TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL NURSES

Last year, these graduation ceremonies were rained out at Jamison Stadium. This year, awards and accolades rained down on



PINNING: Associate Professor Kathryn Oldershaw pins one of the 61 graduates.

38 Psychiatric Technology and 23 Vocational Nursing graduates from Porterville College. It was a most impressive and emotional program that was put on before a very large crowd of family and admirers of the students who completed very difficult programs.



The evening was kicked off with the Nightingale Pledge by **Jana Cearley**, followed by the welcome by **President Dr. Rosa Carlson**. The keynote speaker was **Kathleen Highfill**, Director of Employment at PDC.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards for the outstanding students. **Sarah Timmerman** and **Cheryl Gutierrez** were winners of the LVN Clinical Performance Awards. The Academic award went to **Jan Crissman**. The Psych Tech winners were **Salina Everett** for Clinical Performance and **Linda Anderson** and **Sara Ojeda** for the Academic Achievement Award.

Class representatives, chosen by their fellow students were Linda Anderson for Psych-Tech; Cristina Ferrell and Vanessa Howard for LVN. Each spoke for their class with positive messages and with appreciation to their instructors, families, and friends.



ABOVE: Associate Professor Beverly Ward with Sarah Timmerman, LVN Clinical Award

The presentation of the class was made by **Kris Wright** and **Jeff Morris**. That set the

RIGHT: Associate Professor Kathryn Oldershaw with Linda Anderson, Psych Tech Academic Award.



BELOW: Professor Ruby Imbert with Sara Ojeda, Psych Tech Academic Award

stage for what they all had been waiting for, the presentation of the precious certificates for which they had worked so hard. That was done by **Sandra Serrano**, Chancellor, Kern Community College



LEFT: Instructor Paul Minney (Delano) with Cheryl Gutierrez, LVN Clinical Award.

District, **John Corkins**, member District Board of Trustees, and **Dr. Carlson**. The real emotional moment of the evening is the ceremony of the pinning of the graduates, presided over by **Kathryn Oldershaw** and **Paul Minney**.

The emotional atmosphere changed quickly to one of jubilation as they marched out in the Recessional, and hopefully march into new job opportunities soon.

MARINE RESIGNS AS PIRATES' BASEBALL COACH

Porterville College baseball coach, **Del Marine**, has announced that he will be stepping down after four seasons. Marine, a part-time faculty member, said he will explore other opportunities where his family recently relocated in the San Diego area. He said, "I just want to express my thanks for the opportunity PC gave me to be a head coach. It was an excellent learning experience and the relationship I was able to develop with the players, high school coaches, and college administrators will be fondly remembered. I look forward to the next chapter in my coaching career, which I hope to be with a professional team."

PC Athletic Director, **Eric Mendoza**, said the college is focused on retaining the student-athletes now on campus, and recruiting local area players until the successor is named. "We are extremely proud of the way our baseball program has represented the college and community under Del's leadership. Our administration supports Del's decision to be with his family and pursue other opportunities. We will miss him and are certain he will have a bright future."

