



Upcoming Events

PORTERVILLE COLLEGE
C.H.A.P. Cultural Historical Awareness Program

Island of Fogs: Archaeological & Ethnohistoric

Dr. Matthew Des Lauriers, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Anthropological Research Institute at California State University, Northridge
Investigations of Isla Cedros, Baja California, Mexico

Friday, May 6, 2011
7:00 - 8:00 pm
In the Porterville College Theater

Dr. Des Lauriers will discuss his research over the past 10 years on a remote island off the coast of Baja, California. The talk will cover a number diverse topics ranging from the peopling of the New World to social changes within the modern population, and how the island's history and geography have influenced those changes.

May, 2011

Student Entrepreneurs Win Big with Business Plan



Kailani Knutson, Associate Professor with the Career and Technical Education Division Porterville College announced that three members of the Porterville College Entrepreneurs of The Future Club competed in the Student Entrepreneur Challenge sponsored by The Southern California Gas Company and Tulare County Office of Education on March 10, 2011.

Participating from the campus club were Imran Noorali (*President*), Vance Agcaoili (*Vice President*), and Ernesto Trejo (*Member*).

The students presented their business plan to a panel of judges and placed second in the Community College division, winning \$500.00.

Devin Nunes visits PC Administrators

US Congressman Devin Nunes from California District 21 stopped by Porterville College on March 24th to discuss challenges faced by PC. Administrators and faculty shared concerns and goals with the congressman, who had once been a community college board member for College of the Sequoias.



On April 13, 2011, The Clendenin Brass Quintet a scholarship ensemble, funded by the generosity of the Clendenin Family of Boulder, Colorado performed at The Porterville First Congregational Church. Dr. W. Ritchie Clendenin served as the trumpet professor and previous director of the group. He retired from teaching in 2002 after 28 years at Fresno State. Selected by audition, the group performs several concerts a year, along with serving in a ceremonial and entertainment capacity on campus and throughout the community.

A Distinguished Evening

First Annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

On March 5th at River Island Country Club the Porterville College Foundation recognized three alumni members with inductions into the Porterville College Athletic & Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

The evening featured guest speaker Ross Porter, past LA Dodgers broadcaster, who encouraged attendees to be real heroes by giving back to their communities.

The gala dinner event honored past PC basketball player Richard Rankin (1978-80), and Leena Worrell (2003-04) PC softball great and later All-American Division 1. This year a new category for "distinguished alumni" welcomed Ted Ensslin, honored for his civic and professional career, after previously being inducted for athletic achievements in 1946-47.

Video highlights of the ceremony may be viewed at www.iporterville.com.



Richard Rankin receives a Athletic Inductee plaque from Rosa Carlson



Leena Worrell receives a Athletic Inductee plaque from Rosa Carlson



Ted Ensslin receives a Distinguished Alumni Inductee plaque from Rosa Carlson

Icon of the PC Library Isabel Sunderland remembered

The Porterville College library mourns the passing of Isabel Klein Sunderland who retired as Head Librarian in 1983. She was the major force to upgrade the old library from the Fine Arts building to the area now occupied by the computer labs.

Isabel was born in Freeburg, IL on August 10, 1917, Died in Visalia, CA March 7, 2011. Attended and graduated from Freeburg schools, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University and a Master of Science Degree from University of Southern California. Isabel was a

dedicated teacher, she taught in schools located in Illinois, Arizona and California. She retired from teaching in 1983 after many years as the Porterville College Librarian. One of her most significant contributions to education was being involved as the principal designer of the Porterville College Library that opened in 1982. Isabel was a member of the California Teachers Association, California Higher Education Association, American Library Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority. She was married to Harold "Hal" Sunderland.

Current PC staff member Rosemary Viotto recalls when she was hired by Mrs. Sunderland, "She was the most wonderful boss. She was able to see the need for a better library for the campus, and pushed to develop a workable plan that succeeded with the opening of the new library. She created the EMC, Educational Media Center, which was well before internet technology was available. The system housed the Audio Visual Center, Career Center, Learning Skills Center, Tutorial Center, and Graphics Center."



Porterville College Women Illuminate the “60’s Experience

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Most of the audience for the “WOMEN IN THE 1960’S” panel were not born until years after the sixties. The Porterville College Cultural and Historical Awareness Program (CHAP) mission is to present important topics to the students and community, and during Woman’s History Month hosted this informative panel discussion on the momentous period from 1960 to 1970.

The panel featured multimedia presentations from Antonia Ecung, Ph.D , Dean of Academic Affairs, and Susan Regier, Professor of English and faculty member Vicky Trueblood. The speakers shared their personal experiences and observations of the turbulent social changes that changed America, and allowed women many to “come of age” during the 1960’s.

Vicky Trueblood displayed out her favorite LP vinyl albums, which included The Temptations, Beach Boys and other groundbreaking musicians that influenced her during her years as a Porterville teenager. She chronicled the changes in bell-bottom fashions, flower power and liberation on feminine issues.

Susan Regier explained the challenges women faced in single and married life fashioned from post war America. She



left to right; Susan Regier, Dr. Ecung, Vicky Trueblood at the Women of the 1960’s panel.

provided personal accounts of how many women ventured into previously discouraged pursuits in education, politics, career, and personal control over finances.

Dr. Ecung focused on the impact the lives of strong woman made on popular culture, ranging from Gloria Steinem, Rosa Parks, Jackie Kennedy and Elizabeth Taylor. Dr. Ecung stated, “If it wasn’t for the work of the women of the sixties, many of us would not be where we are presently, and the country would not be as strong as it is today.”



Kathy Strain talks about “Bigfoot and Native Culture”

Big Crowds at Bigfoot & Native Culture Program • Friday, March 25, 2011

(CHAP) events. While growing up in the Porterville area Ms Strain became interested in the art and oral traditions of the local Native Americans, especially the “Hairy Man” and “Bigfoot” images found around Painted Rock on the Tule River Reservation. Kathy attended Porterville College to begin her career in archaeology.

Ms. Strain’s presentation examined the artwork, songs, dances, stories and perceptions pertaining to the existence or nonexistence of this controversial creature who may have roamed the Pacific zones.

The campus theater was packed to hear a presentation by Kathy Moskowitz Strain, Heritage Resource & Tribal Relations Programs Manager for the Stanislaus National Forest and trained archaeologist. The evening was part of the Cultural and Historical Appreciation Program

The crowd was treated to rare footage of Indian dances and songs recounting past interactions between Native Americans and these creatures.

In 1991, as an archaeologist for the Sequoia National Forest, she began interviewing elders from the Yokuts Tribe about their traditional Hairy Man stories. This work lead her to an in depth study of the Hairy Man pictographs, located on the Tule River Indian reservation. Using her specialty in human ecology, Kathy is exploring the connection between Native American adaptation of the environment



and how Bigfoot might also have used similar techniques to exploit plants and animals. Comparisons may be found in habitation methods and locations, hunting and gathering techniques, resource availability, calorie input/output, seasonal movements, etc. Knowing this information may foster collection of evidence not previously associated with Bigfoot behavior.

'60s and Beyond Concert • Friday, April 1, 2011

On Friday, April 1 (April Fools Day) many PC faculty, staff, and students took part in this year's '60s and Beyond Concert. Over the past ten years, language arts/guitar instructor Ted Wise (now retired) had put together several concerts featuring his guitar students and other local musicians.

Three years ago the Porterville College Cultural and Historic Awareness Program (CHAP) partnered with Ted and the format of the concerts changed a bit; a particular decade was chosen as a theme, and lip synch acts and comical skits were added to the "live" musical performances. The

2011 version of the concert highlighted the 1960s TV show, Laugh In, complete with master of ceremonies, Dan Rowan (Bill Jameson) and a colorful "joke wall" that was constructed by ASPC students.

Two shows were scheduled to prevent a repeat of last year's dilemma, where peo-

ple had to be turned away due to overcrowding in the PC Theater. Both presentations were well attended. It seems that everyone, audience and participants had a good time, and folks are already looking forward to next year's '70s and Beyond Concert.



left to right; Jennie Brissom & Susan Regier trade comic barbs.



The stunning Laugh-In set filled with it's ASPC building crew and a hip Professor Osbourne.



Gilligan, played by Paden Burgess, banters with island mates.



The Porterville College choir sings "The Lion Sleeps Tonight".



left to right; The Monkees featuring Miles Vega, Paden Burgess, Joel Wiens and Stewart Hathaway.



The entire cast fills the Porterville College stage after great double performances.

Notable Events



Jessica Shadrick served in the CALWorks office for nearly 4 years. She is moving on to work as a PEC- Parenting Education Coordinator for the Children Services Network-Children's Institute of Fresno State. She welcomes Khris Saleh who will be working placing students with off/on campus work-study sites. Khris attended Monache High School and Fresno State, graduating in 2001. He is an active member in the community such as President of Porterville Little League, Adult Literacy Tutor at the Porterville library, and Measure H Over-site committee member.



Kids at the Child Development Center enjoyed a casual Friendship event as "Pajamas Day" on February 15th. The children and staff were dressed in their favorite pajamas and "had a ball" according to Director Karen Ball. The children look forward to the ASPC sponsored outings and staff interactions



Popular past art professor Thomas Howell presented a show called "ART AFTER TEACHING" at the campus art gallery throughout March. He retired from Porterville College in 2003 after 30 years of teaching, but continues his creative pursuits with works in figure drawing, paintings, photography, nature pieces, studio figures and computer graphic imagery.



Christo's 1991 Umbrella Project Exhibit
At sunrise, on October 9th, 1991, renown artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude's 1,880 workers began to open the 3,100 umbrellas in Ibaraki, Japan and Kern County California. Our own David Chamberlain had a hand in bringing the project to life as a pilot for Christo as he scouted locations for the 1,760 parasols that would stretch 18 miles along I-5 in Tejon Valley.

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Porterville College Academic Brents Recognized in Sacramento

On March 21st our own All-State Academic Team member, Denette Brents, was honored in Sacramento on Monday. She met both our Assemblywoman Connie Conway and Senator Jean Fuller. The Senator presented Denette with a certificate honoring her academic excellence, and then was invited to the Senate floor, while in session, where Denette was recognized as an outstanding student from Porterville College.

Denette wrote a series essays on community service, personal achievement and her love of Anthropology. She is

an active member of PC's Anthropology Club, and was recently accepted to attend Cal State Bakersfield in the fall to study Bio-Anthropology. "I'm amazed at the opportunities Porterville College has provided me! I have a great gratitude to the instructors and staff who support my efforts," Denette told us.

A special thanks to Sherie Burgess, Advisor to Phi Theta Kappa for the story, and Steve Schultz for attending the luncheon in Sacramento and supporting our great students!



Senator Jean Fuller with Denette Brents with certificate honoring her academic excellence



Porterville College Student Named Distinguished Scholar

In early March Porterville College student Denisse Duran Lozano was named the Phi Theta Kappa CA/NV Regional Distinguished Scholar. She competed against Phi Theta Kappa students from California and Nevada and came out with the top choice.

Along with the award is a welcome scholarship. Denisse was delighted with the achievement, and said, "It was wonderful getting to a 3.9 GPA. I learned it does take

serious dedication and time spent doing the homework. I'll be the first college graduate possibly in my family. I plan to transfer to Fresno Pacific University, with hopes to become an elementary school teacher, and eventually a school principal."

Sherie Burgess, our Phi Theta Kappa Advisor, spoke highly of Denisse, "I am proud of her because she works very hard to maintain high academic standards and is deserving of the title Distinguished Scholar."

Denisse with Distinguished Scholar plaque

ASPC Elections

The Associated Students of Porterville College (ASPC) announced that PHILLIP DUNCAN was re-elected as student-body president, and JORGE LOPEZ won the 2011-

2012 election for vice president. The runners-up were Mai Kim Lao (president candidate) and Joshua Butler (vice president candidate).



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