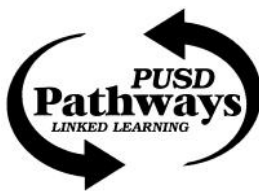


PUSD's Dr. Snavely speaks at Flex Day

As faculty and staff returned from winter break for Flex Day meetings on January 17th, they were honored with an update from **Superintendent John Snavely**, Ed.D of Porterville Unified School District (PUSD). The returning Porterville College educators were given an overview and media presentation concerning the partnerships between area high schools and the community college.



Dr. Rosa Carlson, President of Porterville College, explained to the packed student center attendees, *"Whenever I attend local Chamber of Commerce meetings, City Council sessions, or civic clubs, I hear about the need to focus on our student's educational goals, and developing clear well-defined educational goals. We've created advisory committees and various action plans with the high schools, but now we are about to take the next step. PUSD has begun this innovative process by thinking out of the box, and have pursued grants at the state and national level to prepare students for successful college-oriented endeavors. Pathways is a partnership between PUSD and PC, then into the CSU and UC programs."*



Dr. Snavely addressed the gathering saying, *"We're excited about these collaborative programs that benefit the student, and community, while recognizing the value of working together. We are on a new path with Pathways. I've often stressed that high school graduation begins in kindergarten, but in reality we've learned clearly it extends all the way into community college, to four year universities and career preparedness as well."*

PUSD's **Cindy Brown**, Director of Student Pathways detailed the long process of obtaining the grant program. *"We are the only rural community to be developing these pathways for career and college preparation, with most of the schools located in large metro areas like LA, San Francisco and Sacramento. We're a model for the world to view."*

The Student Pathways Program provides an exciting, innovative and powerful learning environment for students. The students have the opportunity to apply what they are learning in a project-based, **"real world application"** instructional program. By combining demanding career technical training with rigorous academic standards-based teaching, the goal of Student Pathways is for students to graduate college and career ready with a greater advantage of postsecondary learning options, whether college, technical, or workplace. For more info about program specifics go to www.portervilleschools.org/pathways



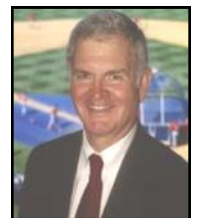
The 2011 P.C. Hall of Fame Event Set for March 5th.

The Porterville College Foundation will proudly host the **1st Annual Porterville College Hall of Fame Athletics and Distinguished Alumni** event at River Island Country Club on **March 5th at 5:45 pm**. The accomplishments of three alumni will be recognized for their contributions in athletics, career and community; **Richard Rankin, Leena Worrell and Ted Ensslin**.



Richard Rankin
Athletics Inductee

Alumni Richard Rankin was a member of PC's greatest men's basketball team in 1979, and presently serves as the Athletic Director for Porterville Unified School District. **Leena Worrell** was an All-American softball player at PC, and went on to Tennessee State earning all-conference honors. **Ted Ensslin** is a previous Athletic Hall of Fame inductee and now will be honored as a Distinguished Alumni for his longtime professional career and community leadership accomplishments.



Ross Porter
Keynote Speaker



Ted Ensslin
Alumni Inductee

The keynote speaker will be former Dodgers baseball broadcaster **Ross Porter**. He worked the microphone with fellow baseball great Vin Scully for years. He has won an Emmy and membership in the LA Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame.



Leena Worrell
Athletics Inductee

Don't miss this historic gala event at River Island Country Club. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$220 per group of six. Call the PC Foundation Office for more information at [559-791-2319](tel:559-791-2319).

New People on Campus

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Ron Childress,
*Public Safety & Community
Service Coordinator*

Ron joins PC after nearly 17 years with Porterville Police Department and 20 years as a builder of residential construction projects. He obtained his AA in Law Enforcement at Bakersfield, and participated in various programs at PC. His experience with PPD as a patrolman, Sergeant, and SWAT Team member, ensures PC will be a safe environment.

Ron met his future wife Pam (a PC Administrative Secretary) by issuing her a traffic ticket on Olive Ave when she was 18. They have two children, Cody, 23 years old, and Mason, 14 years old. Ron came to Porterville College to make a difference.

He enjoys the students and the group of cadets who assist his department on many projects. The Childress clan likes to get away for fishing, camping and exploring the outdoors at their retreat.



Natasha Byrom,
Maintenance Worker

Tasha, as she prefers to be called, was born and raised in San Antonio Texas, graduating from La Vernia High school. She previously attended Porterville College from 1999-2001.

Since then she has developed a variety of skills in the construction and maintenance of residential facilities. She has received many certifications in the building trade, customer service, mold remediation and water restoration. She has resided in Porterville for 11 years.

Being apart of the PC family will allow her to learn and grow in many areas. Most importantly she is excited about being a part of the friendly family campus atmosphere. She likes spending time with her family and friends around a fire, off-roading, and camping.

Tasha is married to wife Annie and have an amazing daughter named Taryn, presently attending high school. She plans to fully pursue the trade she loves, with hopes to buy a home soon.



Robert "Arnie" Nelms
Custodian

Arnie is the kind of guy who takes pride in his community and college. He graduated from Las Plumas High School in Oroville California, then he changed "villes" and made his way down to Porterville to become a longtime resident.

He has been married to his wife, Ann, for over 31 years and they have three children, Nathan, Daniel and Kaitlyn.

He has operated as a self-employed in custodial service and projects for most of his life and looks forward to keeping Porterville College in tip top shape.

Be sure to welcome all our new employees to the campus.

Dolores Meurer
Graphics Technician



Dolores originally hails from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She graduated from Milwaukee Area Technical College with a degree in Commercial Art in 1980. In the last 30 years she has worked as a graphic artist, customer service representative for printing companies and as print shop manager in Wisconsin, Michigan, Mississippi and California. For the past three years she has worked at the Porterville Recorder as a graphic artist. Dolores has 2 sons Devin, 23, and Dustin, 21, both serving in the United States Marine Corps, and in missions in Iraq & Afghanistan for our country.

Dolores has been with her fiancé, Jeff Diamond for the last 9 years, they are planning to get married in Las Vegas by Elvis soon. She has 2 dogs, both are boxers; Angel and Emma. She also enjoys watching the History Channel, sewing, gardening and making gingerbread houses during Christmas.

Resa Hess
Human Resources Manager



Recently relocated to Porterville College from Ridgecrest after ten years at Cerro Coso Community College as Human Resources Assistant. Resa holds a Bachelor's degree from USC in Sociology with an emphasis in Human Resources .

Resa is excited about the challenge of this new position and getting to know more of the staff here at the college. Her skills will greatly benefit the employees of the college.

Her husband of ten years is Joseph. They have three children; Jacob, 24 years old, married, and serving in the Air Force at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas; Kaitlin, 22 years old, and Niko, 20 years old. She is proud of her 20 month old grandchild, Miles.

Resa enjoys reading, walking and just spending time with my family. Her big dream is to travel all over the country and world.

Will Lloyd
Public Information Officer



Will comes to PC in a part-time capacity, taking the helm from Monte Moore in communicating campus news and events to various media outlets. He brings over 30 years experience in media, film, broadcasting, newspapers, radio, comedy, cartooning, online web and video production. Will is engaged to Sue Brechwald, past PC employee, and looks forward to sharing his life with her.

Will owns *Willmation Studios*, and also operates an online video community website, www.iporterville.com, which presents Porterville City Council meetings, parades, local high school & college sports, humor, corporate commercials, educational forums and breaking news.

His family has been in and around Porterville since the 1920's, and he feels a deep pride in our town. He is a member of the Porterville Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce.

NOTE: It is his hope to involve PC students as work experience interns in video & broadcast production soon. Please feel free to contact Will at 791-2209 if you have an interest in media work.

Schedule of C.H.A.P. Events for Spring 2011

MARCH 4, 2011: *Amalurra: Cooperation & Empathy in an Intentional Community*

Karen Bishop, Professor of Sociology will present a multimedia presentation (*a Women's History Month event*)
On the heels of the women's movement, a group of 15 families in the Basque Country of northern Spain decided to form a modern tribe, where they would pool resources and emphasize the feminine values of working together and nurturance in order to inspire healing, inner peace and spiritual growth. Professor Bishop will discuss her personal interactions with this group and provide insights into this unique social experiment.

Where: PC Theater
When: Friday, March 4 from 7:00 until 8:00 pm

MARCH 22, 2011 *Women in the 1960s Panel* (a Women's History Month event)

A panel of local females who grew up in the 1960s. The period from 1960 to 1970 was a time of great social turbulence in the United States. The decade saw major changes in most areas of culture, both in the US and around the world. The women on this panel will provide their personal reflections of these changes as they "came of age" during the 1960s.

Where: PC Theater
When: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm

MARCH 25, 2011 *Bigfoot and Native Culture*

Kathy Strain, Heritage Resource and Tribal Relations Programs Manager for the Stanislaus National Forest. Ms. Strain became interested in the art and oral traditions of the local Native Americans while growing up in Porterville, especially as they pertain to the "*Hairy Man*" or "*Bigfoot*" images found on the Tule River Reservation. As a trained archaeologist, she has expanded her initial interests to include Native stories, dances and artwork from throughout North America, hoping that they may shed some light on the controversy surrounding the existence or nonexistence of types of creature in remote regions of our continent.

Where: PC Theater
When: Friday, March 25, 2011 from 7:00 until 8:00 pm

APRIL 1, 2011 *'60s and Beyond Concert* Two Shows!

A concert featuring both live music and lip-synched renditions of the music of the 1960s performed by Porterville College students and staff. This promises to top the 2010 acclaimed production.

Where: PC Theater
When: Friday, April 1, 2011 – 2 Shows 5:00 until 6:30 pm and 7:30 until 9:00 pm

APRIL 5, 2011 *Pop Art/Pop Culture*

A multimedia presentation from Jim Entz, Professor of Fine Arts. A movement called Pop Art burst on to the art scene in the 1960s. It was art of and for the masses. Pop artists attempted to pull art off of the "pedestal" and put it in every living room. Mr. Entz will showcase some of the prominent art of the period and discuss its cultural impacts.

Where: PC Theater
When: Tuesday, April 5, 2011 from 11:45 am until 12:30 pm

Set your calendars to attend these exciting informational events!

Art Auction a Success

The Porterville College Art Gallery Auction represented artwork for sale from local artists to benefit the college art programs. Visitors bid on numerous paintings, drawings, sculpture, crafts and photographs submitted by students, staff and faculty of Porterville College on February 3rd, then enjoyed food & beverages to the music of Cellist Rob Hodges throughout the evening.



Art Department event coordinator James Entz said, *"I want to thank you all for your generosity. The Art Auction was a success, we received enough money to rent a travel bus for a museum/gallery field trip. I hope to be able to take our art students on that trip before the end of the semester."*



And also thanks to the artists who donated their work to the auction and those who came to place bids or just donated money to the cause. You, the Porterville College community (and Porterville area artists) came through with your support for what I believe is a worthy, and now rare, opportunity for our students—and for that I am grateful."

Buffalo Soldier History Presented



On February 10, 2011 Tom Burge, a noted archeologist for the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, spoke to Porterville College students about the epic life of the brave black American Buffalo Soldiers who protected the remote areas of California's park system in the Sierra Nevada range after the turn of the century and beyond.

Over 100 years ago African-

American cavalry and infantry troops were among the U.S. soldiers dispatched from the Presidio of San Francisco to help maintain security in Yosemite, Sequoia and other national parks. The multi-media presentation was part of black history month celebrated on the campus under the C.H.A.P. Cultural Historical Awareness Program. For more information about upcoming events check out the C.H.A.P. schedule in this newsletter.





How I Spent My Holiday Vacation

A true winter break story from Dr. Antonia Ecung: Some say that life's challenges come in threes. Sometimes they are wrong. A New York snow storm; a 30 hour circuitous route to return to Porterville CA; a 9 hour ordeal through a California snow storm; and a life threatening automobile accident are all adventures and challenges endured by **Dr. Antonia Ecung** and her husband in her attempt to return to work at Porterville College after winter break.

It all began with a flight from Los Angeles the weekend of December 17, 2010 and did not end until January 4, 2011. In many ways, residual impacts of the "vacation" continue. Dr. Ecung planned a one week holiday family reunion in New York City. The day before the planned return flight home, (December 26th) the city was inundated with snow. All transportation venues were at a stand-still. There were no trains, planes, buses or autos to assist with travel. The earliest the Ecungs were guaranteed a flight back home by Virgin America was Monday, January 3. Alternative airline ticket prices had risen to a cost of \$3000 for a one way ticket home, maybe on the 30th.



The Ecungs were determined to be home their wedding anniversary scheduled for New Year's Day. Departing NYC on the afternoon of the 29th they endured an 18 hour train trip to Atlanta, GA with an added 13 hour layover there. Then there was a 2 hour delay at the airport in Georgia. Next there was a 5 hour airplane trip to LAX and finally a four hour drive back to Porterville, arriving the morning of the 31st.

Dr. Ecung and her husband's next adventure was a trip to Los Angeles to be with her father, who was scheduled for surgery. Returning home after the surgery the family suffered a hit and run accident by an 18 wheeler truck, illegally passing in their lane on Highway 65. Avoiding a head on collision the left side of their vehicle was trashed.

When asked if these occurrences ruined her holiday, she laughed and said, "No way." Life-long experiences have taught me to make the best of difficult situations. While in NYC we knew not to give up our hotel room. The storm made it possible to see any play on Broadway and in most instances sit anywhere in the theater including the front row. We enjoyed "The Addams Family" starring Nathan Lane, and the Radio City Music Hall's "Rockette's Christmas Extravaganza" as well as several other plays. Some very well known restaurants were empty. She also spent more time with daughter, Captain Allison Ecung.

While in Atlanta she spent layover time with her other daughter Melanie. After this trip Antonia says, "My life experiences dictate that every cloud does have a silver lining. My message to young people on campus is to persevere when confronted with adversity. When life gives you lemons, do your best to make lemon aide."



A Laff from P.C.'s Past: December 1958

This is a reprint from Porterville College's newspaper, *The Jolly Roger*, previously known as "Blot & Blur". This 50 year old humor is timeless.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"HOW CAN YOU GIVE ME AN 'F' ON THIS PAPER WHEN YOU ADMIT YOU COULDN'T EVEN READ IT."

ASPC throws 75th birthday bash for Snow White & kids

Feb. 4, 2011: Every month the ASPC creates a special event for the Child Development Center kids. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Disney's "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs" movie, local performer Ashley Brown costumed as Snow White treated nearly 60 children to a magical party with song and fun. Each child received a crown and a picture with Snow White. Many parents, staff and visiting children from the community also participated.

PC's Child Development Program Manager **Karen Ball** said, "Phil Duncan and the ASPC team make great memories for the kids, and help them to experience fun cultural activities. It's a perfect partnership that brings the children from the center to the "big peoples school" for these creative adventures." Let's see what they come up with next.



PIRATES BASEBALL

New Faces, New Direction

By Ben Walkowiak, First Assistant Coach - Pirates Baseball

Opportunity – n. 1: a favorable juncture of circumstance. 2: a good chance for advancement and progress.

Concluding the 2010 school year, Porterville College needed to fill some holes in their baseball team. What they needed was a coaching staff and a lot of players. What they had was plenty of opportunity.

Opportunity: Jake Kiser. Kiser was a former assistant coach at Visalia's College of the Sequoias, as well as Head coach of Golden West High School. "Jake has experience directing his own baseball program, and being a leader at COS has also prepared him for this level," said PC Athletic Director Eric Mendoza. He "demonstrates a commitment to helping student-athletes succeed, and his character as a person makes him a great role model for our program." With his experience of running a successful program at the high school and college level, Porterville College was willing to give Kiser an opportunity.

Opportunity: Ben Walkowiak. An alumnus of College of the Sequoias, Walkowiak earned "Pitcher of the Year Honors" as well as an All Conference Team tag as a Giant. He made his mark on the record books with the most starts and appearances by a COS player. Walkowiak then transferred and went on to help the Alderson Broaddus Battlers (WV) go 56-25 in the largest Division II Conference in the nation. They also clinched the first ever Division Championship in school history. Called on as First Assistant, Walkowiak's main focus will be the Pirate Pitching Staff.

In July the team consisted of four returning sophomores including P Jayson Heard, IF **Josh Meadors**, P **Brian Lemke**, and C **Dylan Rodgers**. Today the Pirates are 31 strong including two sophomore transfers and 26 freshmen. With a majority of the new players from the Porterville area and Central Valley the team will showcase young talent year long. "This is going to be a rebuilding year. I am happy with our Coaching Staff, and I am happy with our young talent," said Kiser.

The 2011 Pirate Team is diverse in player backgrounds. Players such as P/SS **Michael Beach**, OF **Bo Sanchez**, OF **Cody Campo**, and OF/ 1B **John Korsgaden** took time off from the game, but joined the squad because they saw an opportunity to succeed. P **Wes Quatelbaum**, P **Brandon Roberts**, and P **Kurt Rathjens** return, having recovered from injuries in previous seasons.

For most of the Pirates, it is their first experience at the college level. They will be tested early and often. They can't wait. The Pitching Staff will be led by returning Sophomores **Michael Beach**, **Jayson Heard** and **Brian Lemke**. Newcomers **Ray Garza**, **Kurt Rathjens**, **Brandon Roberts**, **Smokey Hernandez**, **Jon Baumgardner**, and **Wes Quatelbaum** will play a huge part in the staff.

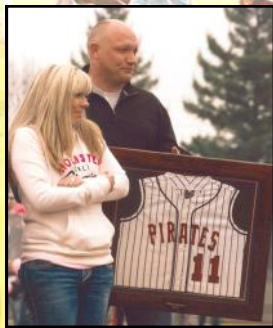
The infield will be held down by sophomores SS **Michael Beach** and 1B **Josh Meadors**. Local talent will be showcased with **Aaron Gray**, **Nate Crocker**, and **Alex Lamb** in the middle of the diamond. **Dean Burkett** and **Jacob Colby** will also see some time in the hot corner, while the hard hitting **John Korsgaden** and **Rick Roeder** will mix in at first base. "We have a young and talented group of men," commented Kiser when asked about his infield. Sophomore **Bo Sanchez** is ready to lead the young Pirate outfield group into the 2011 season. Covering the big field will be **Cody Campo**, **John Korsgaden**, **Zac Aguilar**, and **David Juarez**. "We have a lot of heart in the outfield. We are still getting better every day," Kiser said. Our goal is to make the routine plays and hold runners to minimal bases."

NOTE: The team opened up with a great start at Pirate Stadium on February 3rd, and went one to win their first three games!



Coach Jake Kiser and Asst. Ben Walkowiak at the recent "Meet the Pirates Baseball Dinner & Auction" at the McDermott Field House.

A Memorial to Tiffanee Anderson



On January 29 the Porterville College softball team paid tribute to **Tiffanee Anderson** who died last in June 2010. Her parents, **Melodee and Stacey Anderson**, and family travelled from Las Vegas and Idaho to attend. **Athletic Director Eric Mendoza** opened the ceremony by thanking the student athletes and the ASB for their participation. **Coach Vicki Dugan** and several team members shared memories of "Tiff". Softball Coach Dugan presented the family tribute with a special framed jersey and announced that her number will be retired. Melodee, her mother, expressed gratitude for all who touched Tiff's life. She recounted that the move from Las Vegas to Porterville was quite a shock for Tiff, but once she started playing ball and making true friendships she could not get Tiff to come home. She said through this tragedy the people of Porterville became their family.



The tearful memorial ended with the student athletes formed a double line out to the outfield fence where a memorial sign was covered with a pink cover, while the softball players laid pink carnations on third base. Tiff's Dad removed the cover revealing the sign as the athletes released pink balloons into the sky. **Melodee Anderson** threw out the ceremonial first pitch and was given a signed ball. During the first pitch third base was left open, signifying the loss of Tiffanee to the family, team and community.