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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY HOLDS INDUCTION CEREMONY

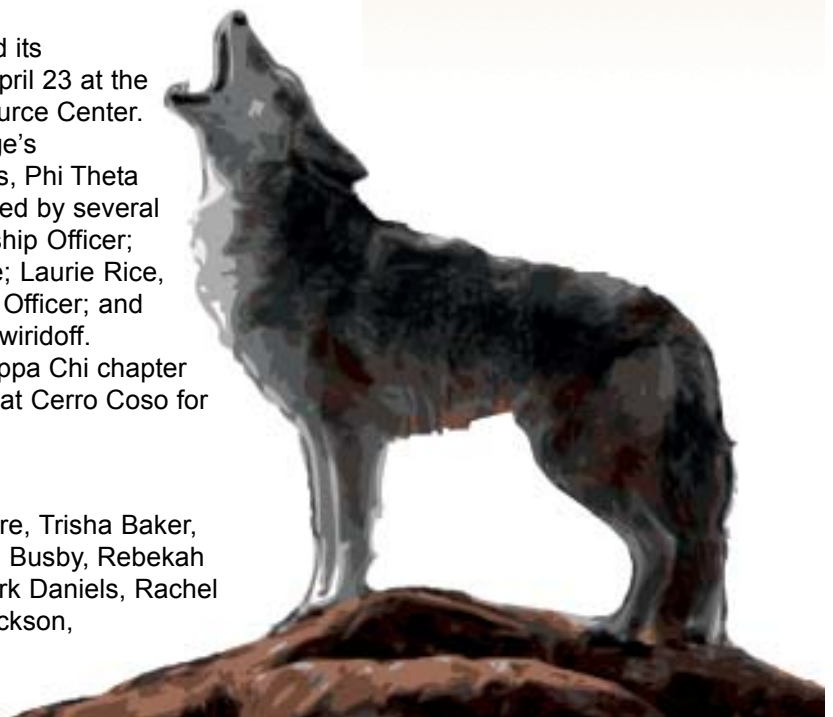


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Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society held its induction ceremony for its newest members on April 23 at the Cerro Coso Community College's Learning Resource Center. Dr. Mary Retterer, Cerro Coso Community College's President, was the keynote speaker. Diana Reyes, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, officiated and was joined by several other Chapter Officers: Michael Kendall, Leadership Officer; Terri Jo Kumar, Kern River Valley Representative; Laurie Rice, Treasurer; Sandy Smith, Service and Fellowship Officer; and Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Advisor, Dr. Christine Swiridoff. Seventy students were inducted into the Beta Kappa Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society at Cerro Coso for the 2009-2010 academic year:

Robert Allison, Nicholas Amrich, Francia Andre, Trisha Baker, Deborah Benson, Maria Boyanton, Sebastian Busby, Rebekah Cash, Megan Ciafardoni, Angela Creach, Mark Daniels, Rachel Davis, Sarah Deaton, Angie Delgado, Ivy Erickson, Sarah Farrell, Tim Farris, Tisha Fawcett,



Sarah Ferrucci, Ellen Firme, Crystal Freeman, Renee Garcia, Mary Gleason, Sierra Godfrey, Theresa Goldstrand, Elizabeth Grajeda, Jennifer Gravener, Gloria Guth, Earleen Halstead, Morgann Havig, Jared Hedges, Shelby Hinkey, Mary Inouye, Christina Jeffers, Trenton Jewett, Ashley Klassen, Paul Kuttig, Amber Lane, Susan Leatham, Amy Lowrey, Eveline Lugo, Angelika Meyer, Carolyn Meyers, Daryl Moline, Jr., Monica Morris, Alyson Nguyen, Albert Nicholson, Jr., Zulema Ortega, Ryan Oster, Aurora Ostrom, Karen Priest, Emily Roncase, David Santiago, Pedro Santiago, Darrell Scholzen, Andrea Shipley, Micah Shipley, Julie Smith, Michael Smith, Jordan Sparks, Jeffery Douglas Temm, Rena Tibbetts, Phetsavanh Tran, Katherine Tucker, Jennifer VanCamp, Melissa Wall, Shane Walraven, Tabitha Weaver, Kimberly Word, and Carolyn Wright.

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of the Two Year College, founded in 1918. Its mission is to encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide development opportunities through participation in leadership and service. Cerro Coso joined Phi Theta Kappa and established the Beta Kappa Chi chapter in 2006.

These students earned the privilege to join Phi Theta Kappa based on their academic excellence, earning at least a 3.5 grade point average in degree- and transfer-level courses, making them the top 10% of Cerro Coso Community College students. By joining Phi Theta Kappa, they become life-long members of the world's largest honors society, have access to over \$36 million in scholarships, and join an outstanding fellowship of scholars.

REBEKAH CASH NAMED "CERRO COSO'S SPRING 2010 "STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER"



The Cerro Coso Community College Alumni Association has been recognizing the outstanding achievements of Cerro Coso students each semester since 1988 by soliciting nominations from the faculty at all sites. The Alumni Association proudly announces the recipient of the Spring 2010 "Student of the Semester" award to Rebekah Cash from the Indian Wells Valley Campus of Cerro Coso. Cash was honored at an Alumni Associations awards luncheon on Wednesday, April 21 at Texas Cattle Company in Ridgecrest. Cash was nominated for this award by Cerro Coso College instructor Jon Tittle. Also supporting the nomination were faculty members Cliff Davis and Dean Bernsten. Here are a few comments made by the nominating faculty members:

Jon Tittle stated, "Rebekah is a truly outstanding student and very deserving of this honor. Rebekah has many qualities that make her an exceptional student. She is conscientious and thorough in all her course work. She always submits drafts of papers for me to review and consistently makes significant revision in papers that were already "A" work. Her writing skill are excellent. She has the ability to analyze issues from different perspectives. One of Rebekah's most outstanding academic skills is her willingness to address issues with both conviction and passion. She raises challenging questions during class

discussions and is able to critically examine both the opinions of others and her own views. She is optimistic and considerate of others.”

Cliff Davis stated, “I first became acquainted with Rebekah when she was enrolled in my Spring 2009 English 102: Critical Thinking through Literature section. Rebecca earned the highest grades on each of the four assigned essays, a superlative performance made all the more impressive by the unprecedented number of top-notch students in the 102 class that semester. Rebekah was the most consistently excellent of all thirty five students in that class. Rebekah also deserves recognition for her inspiring and tenacious performance as a tutor in the LAC. Rebekah has proven to be a highly effective and patient tutor to a number of students who have sought assistance with their writing.”

Dean Bernsten stated, “A semester long Probability and Statistics class significantly challenges all students. If the class is taken during an eight-week long condensed summer session, then these challenges are greatly magnified. The class that semester consisted of nineteen student’s, it was the most academically competitive group of students I’ve ever had the privilege to teach. Rebekah earned an “A” in this class.”

Overall GPA, class participation, extracurricular activities, and community involvement are all considered in the selection process for this award. She is currently enrolled in 13.0 units, has completed 20.0 units, and carries and overall 4.0 GPA. Cash currently is a tutor in the subjects of English, Reading, and Chemistry in the Learning Resource Center at the College.

“The Alumni Association is very proud to bestow this award on Rebekah Cash and acknowledge her many achievements by selecting her as the Spring 2010, “Student of the Semester,” stated Joann Clark, Director of Information, Development, and Alumni Relations. Cash was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation, an alumni pin, a \$200 cash award, a special Cerro Coso remembrance gift, her name added to a perpetual plaque honoring all recipients of this distinguished award, and her photo will be displayed on the “Student of the Semester” bulletin board at the IWV campus.

CERRO COSO OFFERS EARTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Associated Students of Cerro Coso (ASCC) celebrated Earth Day by facilitating a week of “Green” events.

- Beginning Monday, April 19 the students painted the windows of the Student Center with “Green Scenes”.
- Tuesday, April 20 was “Open Mic Night” where the public or students shared their opinions, talent or lack thereof.
- Wednesday the 21st was “Movie Day” in the Student Center. The subject of the movies shown pertained to saving the Earth and its resources.

- Thursday, April 22 was Earth Day. At 10:00 am, in front of the LRC (Library) booths were set up for the community to come and be informed about conserving our natural resources. Some of the many groups included: the Southern California Edison, a group from the BLM, docents from Maturango Museum, IWW Water Company, and other community groups. It also was a B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bowl) as the ASCC served soups and other menu items.
- Friday, April 23 at 8:00 am was Campus clean up. Students cleaned various areas of the campus, painting curbs and performing maintenance tasks. The ASCC served a pancake breakfast for all the workers.
- Saturday, April 24 was the last "Concert in the Garden" for this semester. The band was ELEVATION 406, they are a classic rock group from Bakersfield.

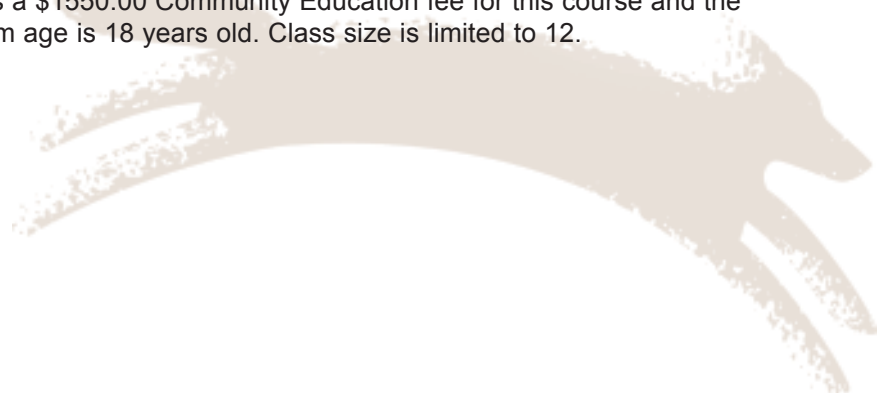
"All these events were open to the public all free, courtesy of the ASCC," stated Kim Schwartz, ASCC faculty advisor.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERING FILM MAKING WORKSHOP AT CALIFORNIA CITY STUDIOS

Cerro Coso Community College is offering a Community Education six week "Film Making Workshop" at the California City Studios beginning May 3 through June 11. The class will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Class times may vary some to accommodate night filming.

This workshop is designed for people who wish to study the craft of filmmaking in a hands-on environment; this filmmaking workshop challenges students to produce films over a period of 6 weeks. Unlike other film schools, students will begin to learn how to write, shoot, and edit their own films from their very first day. "Many film schools just hand the students a book...not us. The students will collectively direct a short film that is then screened and critiqued in class," stated Russell Michael, Owner of California City Studios and Film Making Workshop Coordinator. Students will devote a full 3 weeks to just producing, directing and editing their final film project.

There is a \$1550.00 Community Education fee for this course and the minimum age is 18 years old. Class size is limited to 12.



"For students with little or no filmmaking experience, the six week "Film Making Workshop" offers the best of all worlds: focused learning on topics of immediate interest to the student, hands-on film shoots, and the opportunity to make a fully-realized final film," stated Dr. James Fay, Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

For more information visit the Cerro Coso Community Education website: <http://www.cerrocoso.edu/communityed> or call Cerro Coso's Cheri Plett at (760) 384-6151. Registration forms can be found on the Cerro Coso Community Education website. Students can mail or fax completed forms to the phone number and address listed at the top of the form. Students can also register at the Indian Wells Valley Campus, Admissions and Records Office.

CERRO COSO STAFF HELPING ANIMAL SHELTER PET FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE

As part of the Kern Community College District Leadership Academy, Cerro Coso College staff members Angela Sellers and Kim Schwartz promoted a Pet Food & Supply Drive to help support the Ridgecrest Animal Shelter.

Over a three week period, with the generous help from the community both food & a variety of cleaning supplies were collected with an estimated value of \$900. The Shelter Director, Mary Stage determined the supplies received will fill the needs of the animals for approximately two to three months. Kim Schwartz stated " We are appreciative of the community's response to this drive as well as the willingness of local businesses to participate. Ridgecrest steps up again, thank you!"

Understanding the needs of the shelter is essential in our community. "As animal advocates we can all help bring relief to the shelter's resources by continuing this new venture. We plan to expand this project by challenging businesses in the community to participate through their own individual drives," stated Angela Sellers. Please Contact Kim Schwartz at 760-384-6376 if your business is interested in running a drive for the shelter.

A special Thank You to Budget, Dollar Tree, Home Depot, Rite-Aid, True Value, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, and KZIQ for their support in making this event a great first time success.



(L to R) Kim Schwartz, Associated Student's of Cerro Coso faculty advisor; Mary Stage, Animal Shelter Director; and Angela Sellers, Administrative Assistant to the Dean are all smiles after a successful Pet Food and Supply Drive. Schwartz and Sellers encourage other businesses and individuals to conduct their own Pet Food and Supply Drives. "

PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP AT CERRO COSO

On Saturday, April 24, 2010, the community was invited to attend a free and open Playwriting Workshop at Cerro Coso Community College, hosted by the Cerro Coso Theatre Department and sponsored by the Associated Students of Cerro Coso.. The workshop took place in the college Lecture Center from 2:00-6:00 pm. Prince Gomolvilas, a Professor in the Master of Professional Writing Program at USC and in the David Henry Hwang Writers Institute at East West Players, will lead the workshop. The workshop was address in the process as well as the business side of playwriting.

Prince Gomolvilas has extensive training and experience in playwriting. His plays include *BIG HUNK O' BURNIN' LOVE* (East West Players, Los Angeles, 1998), *THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING* (Singapore Repertory Theatre, Singapore, 2000), *BEE* (Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, San Francisco, 2001), and the stage adaptation of the Scott Heim novel, *MYSTERIOUS SKIN* (New Conservatory Theatre Center, San Francisco, 2003), which have been produced around United States and in Singapore. *THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING* was published by Dramatic Publishing. He received the PEN Center USA Literary Award for Drama; Julie Harris/Janet and Maxwell Salter Playwright Award; International Herald Tribune/SRT Playwriting Award; East West Players' Made in America Award for Outstanding Artistic Achievement for the Asian Pacific Islander Community; grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation; and a screenwriting fellowship from The Chesterfield Writer's Film Project, a program sponsored by Paramount Pictures. He also writes *BAMBOO NATION*, an arts and entertainment blog, and he tours around the country with musician Brandon Patton as part of the critically acclaimed, storytelling, song-singing, bingo-playing duo, *JUKEBOX STORIES*. He teaches in the Master of Professional Writing Program at the University of Southern California and in the David Henry Hwang Writers Institute at East West Players. He received his M.F.A. in Playwriting and his B.A. in Film from San Francisco State University.



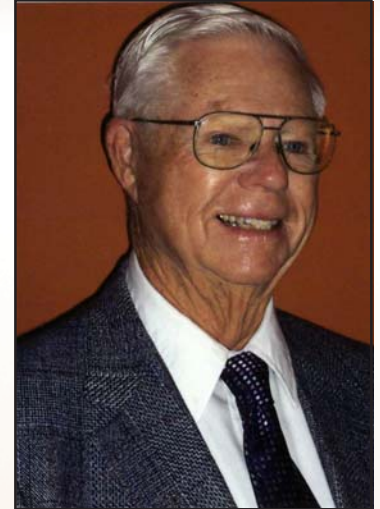
LION'S CLUB SPEECH CONTEST

On Saturday, April 24, four high school seniors competed for a scholarship award of \$4,500. Their speech topic was "Universal Health Care and How It Will Affect Us." Dr. Mary Retterer was one of the judges for this event, held at the Ridgecrest City Council Chambers, as was faculty member Janis Jamison. The winning speaker was **Kristina Blum**, a resident of Bishop and a part-time student at Cerro Coso's Bishop Campus. This amazing young woman, pictured with her Seeing Eye dog, **Lindy**, demonstrated preparation, poise, and amazing mastery of the topic. All of the student competitors were outstanding speakers and President Retterer offered each one of them a place at Cerro Coso for the coming year!

CERRO COSO FACULTY RECEIVES AMERICAN CLASSICAL LEAGUE MERITUS AWARD

It is with distinct honor that Mr. Charles L. Humphreys, an Adjunct Faculty, with Cerro Coso Community College, has been selected to receive the American Classical League's (ACL) Meritus Award. The award is presented annually to classicists in recognition of their sustained and distinguished services to ACL and the profession at large.

The awards are presented each year by the ACL President during the annual Institute Banquet. Our meeting this year is in Winston Salem at the invitation of Wake Forest University and the banquet will be on Monday June 28, 2010.



RHINOCEROS TO BE PRESENTED AT CERRO COSO THIS WEEK

Cerro Coso Community College Theatre Department is proud to present *Rhinoceros* by Eugene Ionesco, Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the Lecture Center.

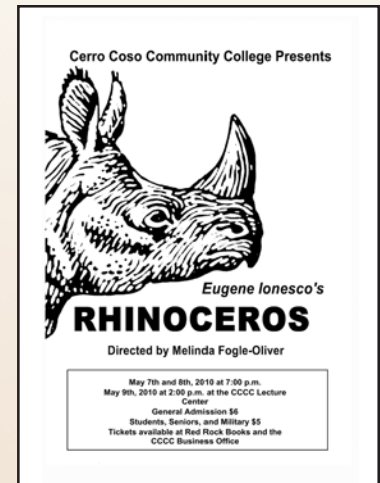
What happens when the normal routine of a small French town is shattered by the trumpeting of a rhinoceros? This play follows such a situation as a man named Berenger (played by Joshua Haefele) discusses with his neighbors, coworkers, best friend, Jean (Thomas Cozine), and the object of his affection, Daisy (Heather Blanchard), the absurd situation of a rhinoceros rampaging through the town one Sunday morning. Was there only one? Were there two? Was it an African or Asiatic rhinoceros? Does it have one horn or two? Where did it come from? And why does there seem to be fewer people than pachyderms?

Join Berenger, Jean, Daisy, and the rest of this talented cast as they try to navigate day-to-day life surrounded by rampant rhinoceroses. Will they capitulate? What would it take? *Rhinoceros* will be performed in the CCCC Lecture Center Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the CCCC Business Office and Red Rock Books for \$6 General Admission and \$5 for students, seniors, and military. Do you have it takes

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO HOLD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

The Cerro Coso Community College Commencement exercise is slated for Friday, May 14 at 6 p.m. Commencement will be held in the Gym located in the Raymond A. McCue Athletic Complex on the west side of College Heights Blvd. in Ridgecrest. Cerro Coso will be honoring nearly 250 eligible graduates from the



IWV Campus, Kern River Valley Center in Lake Isabella, South Kern Center at Edwards Air Force Base, and the Eastern Sierra College Center located in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes.

Ridgecrest Chief of Police Ron Strand has been selected as the Alumni Association's Distinguished Speaker. He is a 1995 graduate of Cerro Coso Community College earning an Associate Degree in Administration of Justice.

He also holds a Bachelors degree from the University of La Verne in Organizational Management. He has been with the Ridgecrest Police Department nearly 25 years and is an excellent example of what hard work, determination and a higher education can do for your future.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy, (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Juan Garcia is expected to be in attendance and will address the graduates.

The Jazz Tones a twelve member musical group from the Kern River Valley will be performing a pre-commencement concert. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CERRO COSO COLLEGE TO HOLD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE AT ESCC-MAMMOTH CAMPUS

The Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC) will hold its 6th Annual Commencement Ceremony at the Mammoth Lakes Campus on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. The Mammoth Campus is located at 101 College Parkway in Mammoth Lakes. Commencement speakers include: President of Cerro Coso Community College, Dr. Mary Retterer; Director of ESCC and Mammoth Lakes Foundation Board Member Ex-Officio, Deanna Campbell; campus student speakers Barbara Lieberman, Kristy Allred and Kelly Morning; Alumni Speaker Mitch Pain; and Kern Community College District Trustee, Stuart Witt.

"ESCC is excited to have another large graduating class this year. We welcome the community to join us in recognizing all of our graduating students and celebrating their accomplishments," stated Deanna Campbell, Director of Eastern Sierra College Center.

The Felici Trio will be providing the music for both the Commencement and the reception immediately following the ceremony.

The public is cordially invited to attend this event hosted by Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra Foundation, and the Mammoth Lakes Foundation.

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