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PHOTOS BY MO MONTGOMERY

Porterville College held a dedication ceremony for its new Veterans Resource Center on Nov. 7. The ceremony included a tribute to all veterans. The center was made possible by donations from community members and organizations.



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Porterville College honored 28 cadets at the Fire Fighter 1 Academy Class #31 graduation, held in the PC gymnasium on Nov. 13. Congratulations the Fire Fighter I Academy Class #31: Felix Arreguin, Amanda Barbosa, Johnnie Berrones, Lawrence Burgett, Reggimel Calo, Carlos Cervantes, Jesus De-La-Cruz, Tyler Doyle, Courtland Duckworth, Zane Duvall, Darrel Garcia, Gonzalo Garcia, Jordan Gentry, Brandon Gresham, Gerardo Hernandez, Trevor Jones, Joshua Mendez, Elias Olivares, Andrew Paredez, Jose Ramos, Humberto Ruiz, Mikal Sanchez, Scott Scheline, Angel Silva, Donald Smith, Zakary Snodgrass, Raul Tapia and Cliff Wiggins. For more information on the Fire Academy graduation see page 4.



Campus Calendar

January

- 17- Saturday classes begin for spring semester.
- 19- Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday - campus closed.
- 20- Regular spring instruction begins.

February

- 13- Lincoln Day holiday- campus closed
- 16- Washington Day holiday - campus closed

March

- 7- Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner. For more information see page 8.

-To submit your event for the Campus Calendar email maureen.montgomery@portervillegcollege.edu.

FIRELINE SAFETY AWARENESS FOR HIRED VENDORS

March 14, 21, 28 & April 11 & 25, 2015
Fee: \$70.00

The Fire Technology Department of Porterville College in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and CAL FIRE is pleased to offer the course "Fireline Safety Awareness for Hired Vendors".

This one-day training is required annually for operators of privately-owned equipment contracted to respond to active wildland fires with the State of California (CAL FIRE) and/or the United States Forest Service.

Days	Dates	Time	Location
Saturday	03/14/15	8:00am - 5:00pm	SM 102
Saturday	03/21/15	8:00am - 5:00pm	SM 102
Saturday	03/28/15	8:00am - 5:00pm	SM 102
Saturday	04/11/15	8:00am - 5:00pm	SM 102
Saturday	04/25/15	8:00am - 5:00pm	SM 102

Registration and payment must be received in advance, NO EXCEPTIONS! All students must register and pay in advance. No walk-ins will be accepted. Class size is limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. We anticipate that classes will fill rapidly, so don't delay....

Register now!

Register in the Porterville College Business Office or call 559-791-2492

PC Fire Academy Graduation

Porterville College honored 28 cadets at the Fire Fighter 1 Academy Class #31 graduation, held in the PC gymnasium on Nov.13.

Cadets Amanda Barbosa and Cliff Wiggins were recognized for serving as the class “Battalion Chiefs”. On top of completing all other training and study required of Fire Academy Cadets, the class Battalion Chiefs assumes the additional responsibility of maintaining class decorum, lining the class up for inspection each day, assigning equipment set-up tasks, leading the class in all classroom and field training activities and assisting the instructional staff as needed. Wiggins is a veteran who is currently a Reserve for the City of Porterville Fire Department. Barbosa is a Reserve Firefighter for the City of Dinuba.

Recognition was also given to six cadets for serving as “Company Captains” under Barbosa and Wiggins. They are Jose Ramos, Reggimel Calo, Carlos Cervantes, Mikal Sanchez, Donald Smith and Scott Scheline.

Each year, by secret ballot, the Cadets select a class member who they felt went “above and beyond the call of duty” in assisting others with hand-on skills practice, classroom study or in other ways during the difficult and rigorous 15 week Academy. Reggimel Calo was overwhelmingly selected for the “Class Leadership” award by his fellow cadets.

Per State Fire Marshal rules, all cadets in our SFM Accredited Fire Academy must score at least 80% on each written examination and there is much competition among Cadets to have the highest overall score at the end of the Academy. Receiving the “Top Score” award this year was Lawrence Burgett with an overall score of 98%.

Cliff Wiggins was given the class “Allegiance Award” for presenting the colors and leading the flag salute each day, as he also did during the graduation ceremony. Brandon Gresham and Darrel Garcia were given the “Volunteer Award” for their dedication to organizing and maintaining the Fire

Academy trailers and equipment. Zakary Snodgrass was given the “Can do, Sir, Award” for his willingness and dedication to assist the staff and cadets during the course of the Fire Academy.

Graduation took place during Veterans Day week, and two cadets were recognized for their military service. They are Cliff Wiggins and Donald Smith.

Cliff Wiggins and Brandon Gresham were also the recipients of the Jim Gentry Memorial Scholarship at the graduation ceremony on Nov. 13. These awards were given in memory of Porterville Fire Department Captain Jim Gentry who established the Porterville College Fire Academy in 1983, and led the Academy until passing away suddenly on Veterans Day in 1991. Jim was also well known throughout the community as an artist who donated his talents to such projects as painting backdrops for the Barn Theatre, as well as teaching art classes at Porterville College.

The Jim Gentry Memorial Scholarship was started by the Gentry family, but is now totally supported by the recycling of cans and bottles by individual members of the Porterville Fire Department, their families and friends and students attending fire technology classes at the Porterville Fire Department Training Facility.

Recognition/Award –

- Class Battalion Chief – Amanda Barbosa**
- Class Battalion Chief – Cliff Wiggins**
- Company Captain – Jose Ramos**
- Company Captain – Reggimel Calo**
- Company Captain – Carlos Cervantes**
- Company Captain- Mikal Sanchez**
- Company Captain – Donald Smith**
- Company Captain-Scott Scheline**
- Class Leadership – Reggimel Calo**
- Top Student Award – Lawrence Burgett**
- Allegiance Award – Cliff Wiggins**
- Volunteer Award- Brandon Gresham**
- Volunteer Award- Darrel Garcia**
- Can Do, Sir, Award- Zakary Snodgrass**
- Jim Gentry Memorial Scholarship- Cliff Wiggins**
- Jim Gentry Memorial Scholarship- Brandon Gresham**



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2014-2015 PORTERVILLE COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CENTRAL VALLEY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

January 7 (DH) Porterville College vs West Hills-Lemoore 7 PM
January 10 at Taft 6 PM
January 14 at Merced 7 PM
January 17 (DH) Porterville College vs Fresno 7 PM
January 24 Porterville College vs College of the Sequoias 7 PM
January 28 at Reedley 7 PM
January 31 at West Hills-Lemoore 6 PM
February 4 Porterville College vs Taft 7 PM

February 7 Porterville College vs Merced 7 PM
February 11 at Fresno 7 PM
February 18 at Sequoias 7 PM
February 21 (DH) Porterville College vs Reedley 7 PM

Home games in bold italics

#pcgameday
@gopcirates



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2014-2015 PORTERVILLE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

CENTRAL VALLEY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

January 7 (DH) Porterville College vs Merced 5 PM
January 14 at Fresno* 5 PM
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January 21 Porterville College vs Columbia 5 PM
January 24 at Sequoias 5 PM
January 28 at West Hills Coalinga 6 PM
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February 7 Porterville College vs Fresno 5 PM

February 11 at Reedley 5 PM
February 14 at Columbia 6 PM
February 18 Porterville College vs College of the Sequoias 5 PM
February 21 (DH) Porterville College vs West Hills 5 PM

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SPRING 2015 FREE PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

WORKSHOPS ARE BROUGHT TO THE PUBLIC
BY THE PORTERVILLE JOB, ENTREPRENEUR,
& CAREER (JEC) CENTER,
EOPS, AND CALWORKS

JANUARY

JAN. 27 - **PREPARING FOR THE WORKFORCE** (CTE CAREER READINESS),
3:00 - 4:00 PM, ROOM CT 1304

JAN. 29 - **BUDGETING BASICS SERIES**
(PRESENTED BY BANK OF THE SIERRA),
9:00 - 10:00 AM, ROOM FA 101

JAN. 29 - **MONEY SMART SERIES**
(PRESENTED BY FINANCE AND THRIFT),
5:30 - 6:30 PM, ROOM SM 102

FEBRUARY

FEB. 10- **LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES**, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, ROOM CT 1304

FEB. 10 - **BETTER FOOD FOR BETTER LIVING SERIES** (PRESENTED BY CALFRESH), 5:30 - 6:30 PM, ROOM SM 102

FEB. 18 - **GOAL SETTING 101**,
9:00 - 10:00 AM, ROOM FA 101

FEB. 18 - **RESUME BUILDER**,
5:00 - 6:30 PM, COMPUTER COMMONS A

MARCH

MARCH 4 - **HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORATION**, 10:00 - 11:00 AM,
ROOM FA 101

MARCH 4 - **THE ETHICS OF RIGHT AND WRONG**, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, ROOM TI 3

MARCH 9- **GOAL SETTING 101**,
2:00 - 3:00 PM, ROOM LRC 513

MARCH 11 - **BETTER FOOD FOR BETTER LIVING SERIES** (PRESENTED BY CALFRESH), 10:00 - 11:00 AM, FA 101

MARCH 11 - **LIVING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERIES**, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, FA 101

MARCH 16 - **HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORATION**, 3:00 - 4:00 PM,
ROOM AC 105

MARCH 14 - **COMMUNICATION IN RELATIONSHIPS**, 3:00 - 4:00 PM,
ROOM SM 102

MARCH 24 - **COMMUNICATION IN RELATIONSHIPS**, 5:00 - 6:00 PM,
ROOM SM 102

MARCH 25 - **THE ETHICS OF RIGHT AND WRONG**, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, ROOM CT 1304

APRIL

APRIL 8- **RESUME BUILDER**,
1:00 - 2:30 PM, COMPUTER COMMONS A

APRIL 16 - **RESUME BUILDER**,
2:00 - 3:30 PM, COMPUTER COMMONS A

APRIL 20 - **RESUME BUILDER**,
4:30 - 6:00 PM, COMPUTER COMMONS A

APRIL 29 - **RESUME BUILDER**,
8:00 - 9:30 PM, COMPUTER COMMONS A

MAY

MAY 4 - **RESUME BUILDER**,
7:30 - 8:30 AM, COMPUTER COMMONS A

MAY 4 - **PREPARING FOR THE WORKFORCE** (CTE CAREER READINESS),
6:00 - 7:00 PM, ROOM SM 102



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It's not just a job for them....

The Porterville College CalWORKs Work Study program provides students with on and off campus work opportunities to develop and strengthen workplace skills while completing their educational goals.



We're looking for new community business partners.

If you own a local business and would be interested in participating in the Porterville College CalWORKs Work Study program please call (559) 791-2303. For more information visit www.portervillecollege.edu/student-services/CalWORKs



TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL



DOUBLE HEADER

JAN. 17

PC MEN'S BASKETBALL
VS. REEDLEY
5 PM PC GYM

PC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
VS. FRESNO
7 PM PC GYM

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March 7, 2015

**River Island Country Club
Porterville, Calif.**

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

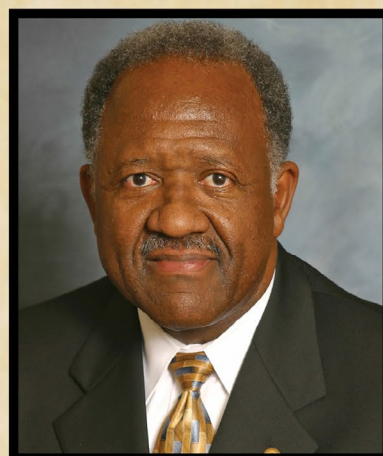
6:30 p.m. Dinner

Tickets are \$50 each,

\$275 table of six,

\$350 table of eight

**Evening will feature inductions into
both the PC Athletic Hall of Fame and
Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame**



**FEATURED SPEAKER
DR. HORACE MITCHELL
PRESIDENT OF
CSU BAKERSFIELD**

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