

PC UPDATE

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Accreditation *Lookahead*

Review Will Take Place Oct. 1-4 at PC

A 13-member accreditation team will be on the Porterville College campus Monday, Oct. 1 through Thursday, Oct. 4 to conduct an accreditation review of PC. California community colleges undergo an accreditation review generally every six years. PC is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

The purpose of each accreditation review is to “[evaluate] how well the institution is achieving its stated purposes, [analyze] how well the college is meeting ACCJC standards, [provide] recommendations for quality assurance and institutional improvement, and [submit] recommendations to the ACCJC regarding the status of the college,” according to the evaluation report prepared after PC’s last accreditation review, which took place Oct. 22-25, 2012.

During that visit, the accreditation team met with more than 40 fac-

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ulty, staff, administrators, students and members of the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees. The ACCJC took action to reaffirm PC's accreditation status. PC submitted a follow-up report to the ACCJC on Oct. 15, 2014.

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As part of the upcoming accreditation visit, the public is invited to a series of events: an accreditation team meet and greet from 12:30-1

Accreditation Fast Fact

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p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, in the Student Center Conference Room; an open forum from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the theater; an open forum from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the theater; and an accreditation team exit report from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in the theater.

Here are the 13 team members who will be conducting the review:

- Team chair: Ed Knudson, superintendent/president of Antelope Valley College.
- Logistics: Patty McClure, executive assistant

to the superintendent/president at Antelope Valley College.

- Standard I lead: Greg Aycock, dean of Institutional Effectiveness at Norco College.

- Standard I: Stephen Fredricks, MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) director at Skyline College.

- Standard II lead: Rebecca Bocchicchio, vice president of Instruction at Sierra College.

- Standard II: Michelle Lewellen, associate professor at Cerritos College.

- Standard II: Kim

Lopez, vice president of Student Services at College of San Mateo.

- Standard II: Ann Wright, biological sciences instructor at Hartnell College.

- Standard III lead: Jonah Nicholas, associate vice chancellor/chief financial officer at Contra Costa Community College District.

- Standard III: Sunny Greene, DSPS (Disabled Student Programs and Services) director/counselor and articulation officer at College of the Siskiyous.

- Standard IV lead: Eva Bagg, superintendent/president of Barstow Community College.

- Team assistant: Meeta Goel, dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Research, Planning and Library Services at Antelope Valley College.

- ACCJC representative: Gohar Momjian, ACCJC vice president.

Interviews of Local Veterans Sent to Library of Congress

On Tuesday, Aug. 7, two representatives from U.S. House of Representatives Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy's office interviewed four veterans from the Porterville community in the Porterville College library. The filmed interviews were then sent to the Library of Congress (LOC) in Washington D.C. as part of the Veterans History Project (VHP), which collects veterans' personal accounts and makes them accessible to the public so future generations can hear their stories first-hand and learn

about the sacrifices they made.

Local veterans Norman Carpenter (Army, 1964-66), Heather Castro (Army, 2007-13), James Howell (Navy, 1942-45) and Michael Marchant (Air Force, 1967-71) were interviewed. Constituent representative Monica Martin and field representative Cole Karr, from McCarthy's office, conducted the interviews, which ranged in length from 30 minutes to an hour and a half.

The veterans also contributed memorabilia -



Monica Martin, left, and Cole Carr, right, from Kevin McCarthy's office, interview local veteran Michael Marchant in the PC library.

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DC Entertainment Editor Gives Presentation at PC

Students and members of the community packed the Porterville College theater Friday, Sept. 14, to hear from Marie Javins, a group editor at DC Entertainment, author and world traveler. Javins' presentation, titled "Demystifying Dreams: The Story of One Woman's Adventures, From Bluffing Her Way Across International Borders to Being in Charge of the Justice League," was part of PC's Cultural and Historical Awareness Program (CHAP).



Marie Javins, a group editor at DC Entertainment, gives a presentation in the PC theater.

Javins specializes in discovering the intersection of global exploration and comic book creation. She has traveled around the world twice via public transportation and written nine books, including "Stalking the Wild Dik-Dik: One Woman's Solo Misadventures Across Africa" and a prose novel about Iron Man.

"Stop letting routine destroy you," Javins told those in attendance, encouraging them to travel whenever possible and "demystify exotic adventures."

At DC Entertainment, Javins oversees the Justice League publishing line. Before landing at DC, she served as editor in chief of a comics company based in Kuwait. She was previously a comic book colorist and editor at Marvel. A graduate of Antioch College in Ohio, Javins also taught at New York's School of Visual Arts.

The next CHAP presentation, titled "The 10th Muse: Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz, 17th Century Mexican Feminist," is scheduled for 7-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, in the PC theater. The presentation, which will be given

by PC history professor Jay Hargis, will focus on Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz, who was an author, poetess, playwright, commentator and intellectual in 17th-century New Spain (Mexico). Much of what de la Cruz did was seen as controversial by the Church in her time, but in Mexico today, she is a national icon and recognized as the first known feminist in the Americas.

The theme of this year's CHAP series is "Connections: Ideas, People, Places." All CHAP presentations are free and open to the public.

On Deck

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De la Cruz was an author, poetess, playwright, commentator and intellectual in 17th-century New Spain (Mexico). Much of what she did was seen as controversial by the Church in her time, but in Mexico today, she is a national icon and recognized as the first known feminist in the Americas. Her life has been the subject of many plays, novels, stories, a film, and a recent TV series.

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U.S. Congressman

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photographs and poems and songs written during service - to the VHP. It takes the LOC about five months to review the interviews for eligibility and processing, Martin said.

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geous men and women have risked their lives to ensure America's safety and protect our freedoms,” McCarthy wrote in an email to PC seeking participants for the project. “The sacrifices made by veterans have helped form and protect the fabric of American society. I believe [their] stories deserve to be heard.”

What's Happening at PC in October

- Oct. 1-4: Accreditation team visit.
- Oct. 1-25: Art exhibition featuring paintings by Diego Gutiérrez Monterrubio, a local college professor and PC graduate, at the PC Art Gallery. Gallery hours are noon to 2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Event is free and open to the public.
- Oct. 2: 13th Annual High School Senior Day. 1,431 students are expected to attend.
- Oct. 5: CHAP presentation – “The 10th Muse: Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz, 17th Century Mexican Feminist” – at 7 p.m. in the PC theater. Event is free and open to the public.
- Oct. 10: PC Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the PC Quad. Event is free and open to the public.
- Oct. 10: PC Blood Drive from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the PC Quad. Event is open to members of the community.
- Oct. 17: “Time Management” workshop from 11 a.m. to noon in Computer Commons A. Event is free and open to the public.
- Oct. 18: “How to Start and Manage Your Small Business” workshop from 3-4 p.m. in Computer Commons A. Event is free and open to the public.
- Oct. 26: CHAP presentation – “Found in Translation: Design in California and Mexico, 1915-1985” – at 7 p.m. in the PC theater.

9/11 Ceremony



On Tuesday, Sept. 11, dozens of PC employees and students gathered around the flag, which was flying at half-staff, in front of the Academic Center building to remember those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Tulare County College Night



On Tuesday, Sept. 11, PC participated in Tulare County College Night at the International Agri-Center in Tulare. According to Juliana Davidian, a student event coordinator at the Tulare County Office of Education, the event drew 82 colleges and approximately 3,500 attendees.