

# PC UPDATE

January 2019



## Henry Announces Retirement

Bill Henry had stood at this podium many times before. But this time was different. Very different.

On Friday, January 11, standing before all of Porterville College's employees at the college's Spring Flex event in the Student Center, PC's interim president announced his retirement, effective September 6th.

*"This was not an easy decision. However, I believe it is the right decision for me. PC is a huge part of my life and always will be. PC is family. You are family, and I want to thank each and every one of you for not only being part of my journey for the last 21 years, but for everything you do for our students and community,"* an emotional Henry told the Flex crowd.

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### Upcoming PC Events

**February 15th - Men's Baseball, PC vs Ohlone**  
10:00 am & 1:00 pm • Baseball Field

**February 15th - Lincoln's Birthday**  
Campus Closed

**February 16th - Men's Baseball, PC vs Ohlone**  
10:00 am • Baseball Field

**February 16th - Men's Basketball PC vs Fresno**  
3:00 pm • Gym

**February 16th - Women's Basketball PC vs Taft**  
5:00 pm • Gym

**February 18th - Washington's Birthday**  
Campus Closed

**February 19th - South County Collaborative**  
3:00 - 4:30 pm • SCCR

**February 20th - Women's Basketball PC vs COS**  
6:00 pm • Gym

**February 23rd - Women's Softball PC vs Barstow**  
12:00 pm & 2:00 pm • Softball Field

**February 28th - Men's Baseball PC vs Barstow**  
2:00 pm • Baseball Field

**March 1st - CHAP Event • Jeff Burton**  
Cultural Resources Program Manager &  
Archaeologist  
7:00 pm • PC Theater



## PC Choir spreads Christmas Cheer

On November 29, 2018 PC choir students under the direction of Sarah Rector sang Christmas tunes around the campus drumming up Christmas excitement for students, staff and faculty.

PC choir singing carols in the AC lobby on 11/29/18

### Upcoming PC Music Department Events

#### February 19th, 7 pm in CA-2 - *Beethoven and His Friends*

A recital performed by Valerie Walden (cello), and Mark Kroll (harpsichord/piano)

The repertoire of this program begins with Beethoven's Twelve Variations on the theme "Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen" for cello and piano. The original aria is from Mozart's opera The Magic Flute and Beethoven wrote the variations for cello and piano because the aria was so popular. Also on the program is a sonata for cello and keyboard by Jean-Pierre Duport. Beethoven considered Duport to be one of the greatest instrumentalists he ever encountered. Like Beethoven, Ignaz Moscheles was a virtuoso pianist and he was a close friend of Beethoven. Both Beethoven and Moscheles revered Bach and Moscheles took ten of Bach's preludes from the Well-Tempered Klavier and arranged them for cello and piano.

Valerie is a distinguished scholar and has long been recognized as a master cello teacher who has devoted her time as a mentor to generations of students. She is currently an instructor at the College of the Sequoias, a principal cellist in the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra, and a member of the piano trio, Trinitas.

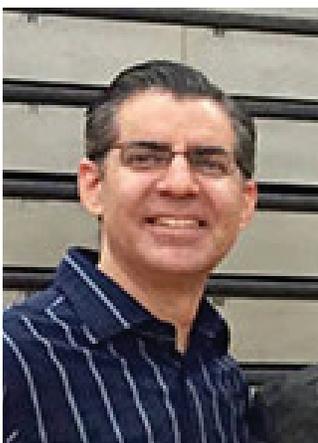
Mark has had more than fifty years of experience as a performer, scholar and educator. He has published books, performed worldwide as a harpsichordist and fortepianist, served for twenty-five years as Professor of Harpsichord and Chair of the Department of Historical Performance at Boston University, and has taught courses throughout the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

#### April 29th, 7 pm in Theatre - PC Choir Spring Concert

Join us for our Spring Choir concert under the direction of Sarah Rector. Free and open to the public.

#### May 2nd, 7 pm in Theatre - PC Band Spring Concert

Join us for our Spring Band concert under the direction of Jim Kusserow. Free and open to the public.



**Robert Simpkins,**  
**Anthropology**  
**Professor at**  
**Porterville College**

## Robert Simpkins invited to apply for affiliation with the Center for 17th & 18th Century Studies at UCLA

Anthropology professor Robert Simpkins introduced himself to the UCLA Center for 17th & 18th Century Studies director and told her about his research and she invited Robert to be an affiliate. *"The perks are limited, although I have access to their non-circulating special collections in the off-campus Clark library, I can apply for research grants to study their materials, and I am encouraged to attend and participate in organizing their events,"* Robert told the PC Update.

Mostly, he gets to be listed as an affiliate, which of course also means publicity for the college. *"I appreciate the college's support for my attendance at the symposium, in which I met both old and new colleagues and received some books for the campus library donated by a retired colleague who lives near the UCLA campus."*

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*"Thank you, and have a great semester."*

With that, Henry received a standing ovation as he walked back to his table.

In addition to his time at PC, Henry spent 24 years in law enforcement: three years with the King's County Sheriff's Office and 21 years with the Bakersfield Police Department. In 1979, while still working in law enforcement, Henry began teaching at Bakersfield College as an adjunct instructor.

He became a full-time instructor in PC's Administration of Justice program in 1998.

As an instructor, Henry was responsible for all the Administration of Justice academic programs as well as the public safety training programs. He held several leadership positions as a faculty member, including Academic Senate President, Community College Association (CCA) Faculty Grievance Chair and Career and Technical Education (CTE) Division Chair.

Henry transitioned into administration in 2006, when he was appointed CTE dean. Six years later, he was appointed Vice President of Instruction and in September 2017, after 11-year PC President Rosa Carlson retired, Henry accepted the position of Interim President.

*"This past December 30th, I celebrated my 45th year of public service. In that time, my priority and focus has always been the job, whatever the job was and whatever responsibilities came along with it," Henry said. "But in the last two years, my life has changed significantly, both personally and professionally, and so have my priorities. So, the decision to retire is the right one for me, and I look forward to seeing what the next chapter brings and what lies ahead."*

In retirement, Henry hopes to do some traveling and looks forward to spending more time with his two adult children and four grandchildren.



**Bill Henry receiving a standing ovation after he announced his retirement at Flex Day**

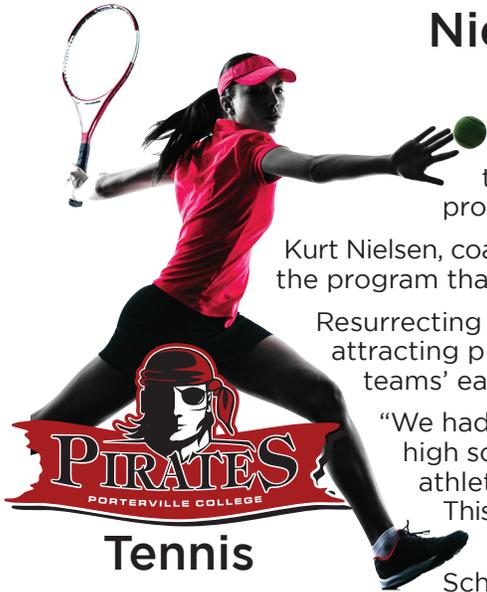
## Porterville College Art Exhibition

# THE ART OF REN LEE



### February 11 - 28, 2019

Monday - Thursday from  
12 - 2 pm and 4 - 6 pm



## Nielsen set to lead Pirates women's tennis in comeback season

It's been 15 years since Porterville College last fielded a women's tennis team. But 2019 makes the return of tennis to the college as well as the program's last head coach.

Kurt Nielsen, coach of the Pirates from 1999-2004, is also back. He has the task of rebuilding the program that was halted prior to the start of the 2005 season.

Resurrecting an athletic program is always tough. New teams usually have trouble attracting players and fielding competitive teams. But Nielsen was encouraged by the teams' early turnout.

"We had 12-13 enrolled Porterville College students express interest from our local high schools. But due to scheduling conflicts, our first team includes nine student-athletes from Tehachapi, Monache, Strathmore, and Porterville high schools.

This is still a strong turnout for a new team beginning the middle of a school year."

### Tennis

Nielsen, who has also coached the girl's tennis team at Porterville High School for the last 19 years, was able to attract top level talent to join him at

PC. His 2019 Pirates squad is loaded with experienced players who have enjoyed championship success at the varsity level.

"We know our first season will be tough," said Nielsen. "But with five players who were No. 1 or No. 2 on their respective high school teams, we feel we will battle hard and compete with anyone."

From Tehachapi High School, Eileen Counihan-Rooney was No. 1 her junior and senior years. She was a runner-up in the South Yosemite League Singles Championships.

Raquel Calo of Monache High School was No. 2 her senior year and helped Monache win two EYL Championships. She was also the EYL Doubles runner-up.

From Porterville High School, Viviana Meza played No. 1 her junior and senior years, leading Porterville to a pair of EYL Championships.

Claire Nuno, also out of Porterville High, was No. 1 her senior year. She won two EYL Doubles Championships and was the 2017 Orange Belt Player of the Year.

Neelam Aziz and Vanessa Chavez round out the PHS quartet. Aziz was a three-year varsity starter and played No. 4 her senior year while Chavez was #6 her senior year and went undefeated in doubles her final season.

Zoe Vasquez out of Strathmore High School was No. 2 her senior year and was part of the East Sequoia League third-place doubles team. Also from Strathmore, Annabelle Rivera played No. 4 her senior year and Samantha Gonzalez who was No. 6 as a senior.

The team will get its first taste of collegiate action starting on Feb. 1 when the Pirates take a weekend trip up to the Sacramento area. PC plays at Sierra College in its season opener on Friday at 2 p.m. followed by a 10 a.m. match at American River College on Saturday (Feb. 2).

Porterville plays its first seven matches on the road, including its Big 8 South Conference opener on Feb. 12 at Modesto Junior College. The Pirates will play on their home court for the first time on Feb. 22, hosting Bakersfield College in a non-conference match at 2 p.m.

### Home Games

#### Friday, February 22

PC vs Bakersfield at 2:00 PM

#### Friday, March 1

PC vs Sequoias at 1:00 PM

#### Tuesday, March 5

PC vs Fresno at 1:00 PM

#### Thursday, March 7

PC vs Sacramento City at 2:00 PM

#### Friday, March 8

PC vs Modesto at 2:00 PM

#### Friday, March 15

PC vs Reedley at 2:00 PM

#### Saturday, March 30

PC vs Cosumnes River at 10:00 AM

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