

Student Monthly Bulletin

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September, 2011

★ ★ WELCOME Back! ★ ★

Important Dates

Aug. 29 th	Instruction begins
Sept. 2 nd	Last day to enter a full semester class without instructor approval
Sept. 9 th	Last day to drop a course on campus to be eligible for refund
Sept. 11 th	Last day to drop a course on web to be eligible for refund
Sept. 23 rd	Last day to withdraw on campus without a "W" showing on permanent record.
Sept. 25 th	Last day to withdraw on the web without a "W" showing on permanent record.
Sept. 27 th	Last day to elect for Pass/No Pass Grading.



The Academic Achievement Center offers FREE tutoring to all Columbia students.

The AAC can also help you learn to:

- Manage your time
- Approach assignments with ease
- Get organized

Come visit us at the AAC!

AAC Manzanita 18-2 588-5088
(Next to Financial Aid)



Do you GPS? September GPS Tools for YOU!

Tool 1: Father Time: Time Management

With multiple demands on your time (school, family, work, friends, etc.) how can you manage it all? Use GPS! GPS is a set of tools to help you navigate your way through school and beyond. Keep an eye out for time management tips & techniques (Tool #1) when in class or when visiting campus programs. Also check out the GPS website, GPS Facebook page, or visit the AAC for free individual help with time management! AAC (Academic Achievement Center) Manzanita 18-2, 588-5088



Tool #2: Is Anybody There?: Participating & Engaging in Your college experience

Participating and Engaging will help you understand what you're learning and may improve your grades. Do you know how to participate and engage in your college experience? Look for info on Tool #2 around campus the second half of September. In the meantime, here's one idea: On your way to class think of at least one thing you'd like to learn and one thing you could contribute. Then do it! gps.comm.gocolumbia.edu



Transfer Center University of California, Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)



Are you planning to transfer to the University of California in fall 2012? Have you completed 30 UC transferable units? Is your G.P.A. in those courses at least a 3.0 (varies with transfer major and school)? Will you have 60 UC transferrable units completed by the end of spring semester 2012? If so, then during the first two weeks of September come talk to a counselor about a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) which could admit you to UC even before you formally apply! Drop by the Counseling Office to schedule an appointment, or call 588-5109 to arrange an appointment to see a counselor for details.

Campus will be CLOSED on Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day Holiday



Welcome to Columbia College from the Financial Aid Office!

Have you been checking your assigned student email? Financial Aid Award Notifications are sent to this email address only!

Have You Received and Activated your "My YCCD Card"?

For more information regarding your "My YCCD Card" please visit the Higher One link on the Financial Aid Webpage



UPCOMING FINANCIAL AID DATES AND DEADLINES

****Second Chance Cal Grant Deadline-submit or postmark your FAFSA by 09/02/11 in order to be considered in the second round of Cal Grant awarding.

****September Financial Aid Open Lab Assistance:

located in Financial Aid Office Manzanita 18-3

Thursday 09/08/2011 1:30-2:30 pm

Friday 09/16/2011 9:30-10:30 am

Monday 09/19/2011 3:00-4:00 pm

Tuesday 09/27/2011 11:00-12:00 pm



Please see the Scholarships and Awards link found on our Financial Aid webpage for upcoming scholarship opportunities and deadlines.

The Financial Aid Office will be closed
September 23, 2011, for Staff Development

Financial Aid Office Hours

M-Th 8:00am-4:30pm

Friday 9:00am-4:30pm

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### Attention students with 24 or more units completed!

Please consider applying for an Osher Scholarship from the Columbia College Foundation. These \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to students who meet the criteria for a BOGG-Waiver and have completed 24 units of degree-applicable study. Applications are available on the Foundation's webpage ([www.gocolumbia.edu/foundation](http://www.gocolumbia.edu/foundation)) and on the Scholarships Office webpage.



#### TRiO Student Support Services

If you are a TRiO participant, don't forget to go to two of scheduled sessions per month. Bring your thoughts, challenges, ideas, enthusiasm and make the most of the TRiO Student Support Services!

#### TRiO Peer Mentoring schedule:

Monday: 9:15-9:45 am, 11:45 am-12:15 pm & 3:00-3:30 pm

Tuesday: 9:15-9:45 am, 11:45 am-12:15 pm & 3:00-3:30 pm

Wednesday: 7:25-7:55 am, 9:15-9:45 am, 11:45 am-12:15 pm  
3:00-3:30 pm & 5:15-5:45 pm

Thursday: 9:15-9:45 am, 11:45 am-12:15 pm & 3:00-3:30 pm

Friday: 9:15-9:45 am & 11:45 am-12:15 pm

Contact the TRiO office for locations, if you have questions or if you are interested in joining this dynamic program! We are located in Manzanita 17B.  
Phone:(209) 588-5145 / Email: [rogersa@yosemite.edu](mailto:rogersa@yosemite.edu)



**Ceramic work by the late Robert Atkinson (1920-2010) is on display in the Library rotunda. In the 1980's Robert attended art classes at Columbia College. Robert was already an accomplished artist in many media, and he took to ceramic Raku work. The items on display include sculpture from the 1940's to Ceramic Raku boxes created through the 1990's. This display is running through Sept. 30, 2011.**

**Sign Up Now!**

**Europe trip in May 2012**

Receive 6 units of GE credit. There are still 10 spots available for the two-week European trip which includes London, Belgium, Rhine River Cruise, Bavaria, Salzburg, Austrian Alps and Vienna. The cost is \$3K and includes flights, first-class hotels, transportation and sites. For further info contact Dr. Rod Harris (jazz instructor - [harrisr@yosemite.edu](mailto:harrisr@yosemite.edu)) or attend meeting on Wed. Aug 31 or Thurs. Sept 1 at 2:40 pm in the Aspen Bldg.



**DSPS (Disabled Student Programs & Services)**

**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ NEED A JOB ON CAMPUS? \$\$\$\$\$\$**

Come by the Disabled Student Services office located in Manzanita 18-3 to pick up a job description and complete an application for Tram Driver. Work flexible hours around your course schedule and earn \$\$\$ from 7:30am - 5pm M-F. We need assistance transporting students to and from their classes. See Karin Rodts (588-5134) in the Special Programs office M-F between 9:00 am - 5pm.



**Student Health Services.** Did you know every student pays a \$17 Health Service fee when he or she registers? These fees cover a variety of free services available to all students.

**Health Services is located in Juniper 2. Office Hours:**

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Monday, Tuesday, Wed. | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  |
| Thursday              | 11:00 am - 6:00 pm |
| Friday                | 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  |

There is also a mobile Health Van coming every Monday afternoon. The "BOB Health Van" will be parked at the Oak Pavilion. Services are free or very minimal cost. No insurance is needed.

As the Fall semester gets underway, please remember that for the health of all students and the preservation of the campus, smoking is only allowed in the designated smoking areas. Columbia College Health Services offers smoking cessation counseling and has Quit Kits available. For more information or resources, please contact Health Services or the Tuolumne County Tobacco Education Program at 533-7419.



**Food Bank Open's Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>**

Open: Every Wed. & Thur., 9am-12 or by appointment.  
Location: Student Center Ponderosa Bldg.  
(across from Childcare).

Come by and pick up a bag full of groceries! Everyone is welcome; no one will be turned away.

**The Career Center is OPEN!!!**

We have 10 computers for career and educational research, current career/occupational print resources and more in a comfortable setting!  
**Drop by MANZANITA 14 and CHECK IT OUT!!**

**MANZANITA BOOKSTORE NEWS!**

We now have laptops to rent for only \$150.00 a semester. Don't miss out on this wonderful deal!

Come check out all the new apparel that has just arrived! We have lots of great colors in sweatshirts and tee shirts. Come in now before they're all gone.

Reminder: Please bring your printed schedule when purchasing text books.



Turn Page Over for additional important information



**2011 Women's Volleyball Schedule**

Home games (at Columbia's Oak Pavilion)

**Pre-Season**

| Date    | Opponent         | Time    |
|---------|------------------|---------|
| Sept. 2 | Napa             | 1:00 pm |
| Sept. 7 | Alumni scrimmage | 6:00 pm |

**Central Valley Conference**

|                                                                  |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Sept. 30 Fresno                                                  | 6:00 pm |
| Other home games Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup> thru Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup> |         |



**Welcome! Check it out!**



Your college library is located in Tamarack Hall. When you spot outside seating with green umbrellas on a lovely patio overlooking the lake - that's where you will find us. Our hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:45 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Friday, 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We have a terrific print collection, DVDs and CDs for you to check out and many of your instructors will have material placed on reserve for your use in the library too. Ninety computers are available for online research, word processing and other office applications. The link to the library is: <http://www.gocolumbia.edu/library/>. To access the library offerings from home - you will be asked for your "W" number and six digit birth date. Many of the databases are full text and there is a great collection of e-books - all available to you from your home computer or laptop. The uber friendly library staff looks forward to assisting you.



**EOPS / CARE INFORMATION**

Welcome new EOPS students and welcome back to our continuing students. Items to remember: Your first EOPS counselor contact will be between 8/29 and 10/14. If you have forgotten your scheduled appointment day, then call the EOPS office (588-5130) to find out. It is important that you make it to your first appointment - counseling times are limited. Be on time, as there is much to cover!

Watch for these upcoming Student Success Workshops:

|                                         |     |               |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Organization                            | 9/6 | 10 am - 11 am |
| Presenter: Susan Medeiros/EOPS Director |     |               |

|                                              |     |               |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Education Plans                              | 9/7 | 11am - 12noon |
| Presenter: Alicia Kolstad, College Counselor |     |               |

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Education Plans                                  | 9/8 | 1pm - 2pm |
| Presenter: Elizabeth Pfleging, College Counselor |     |           |

**Student Success Seminar:**

|      |                     |
|------|---------------------|
| 9/13 | 10am -11am, 1pm-2pm |
| 9/14 | 10am -11am, 1pm-2pm |

Presenter: Special Programs Staff

|                                                   |      |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|------|----------|
| Financial Literacy                                | 9/21 | 1pm -2pm |
| Presenter: Marnie Shively, Financial Aid Director |      |          |

|                                           |      |               |
|-------------------------------------------|------|---------------|
| Engage In College                         | 9/27 | 11am - 12noon |
| Presenter: Dave Chesnut, CalWORKS Program |      |               |

**EOPS / CARE Website**

CARE students - bring your county Passport to Services for CARE continued eligibility to the Special Programs office and speak to Kim Carter. Watch for upcoming CARE student events.

**Recycle Stations**



Columbia College received a beverage container recycle grant that allowed us to purchase recycle stations. These are now distributed around campus and are ready for students and staff to use. The stations consists of three containers, one each designated for glass, aluminum and plastic. Please recycle your beverage containers and help us reduce our impact on landfill. Please do not put garbage in the recycle containers.





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October, 2011



## Important Dates

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Spring 2012 deadline for the following:  
Graduation  
Certificates of Achievement  
Skills Attainment Certificates



### Do you GPS?

#### October GPS Tools for YOU!



GPS is a set of tools to help you navigate your way through school and beyond. Look for info on these tools in classes, at the Academic Achievement Center (AAC), in the Library, and other campus services!

#### Tool 3: **DUDE, RELAX** Managing Stress

Learn how to manage stress at these free events. All will be held in Manzanita 18-1:

**Introduction to Zero Balancing with Jim Lundeen**  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm

**Tai Chi with Adrienne Seegers & Laureen Campana**  
Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30-12:00 & Oct 5 1:30- 2pm

**Freeze Frame™ relaxation techniques with Twyla Olsen**

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm & Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30am

**Tai Chi with Adrienne Seegers & Laureen Campana**  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 11:00-11:30am

**Tea & Massage**

Oct 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 & 13



#### Tool 4: I Think Therefore I Am—Thinking Strategies

Tool #4 will help you identify, describe, and adopt thinking strategies to help you succeed in school. You will learn to analyze your reading strategies, improve your note taking, and study skills.

Keep an eye out for spontaneous events on campus!

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## Transfer Center

### UC Application Essay Workshop

Are you applying this November for admission to a University of California campus for Fall semester 2012? On Wednesday, October 26 from 2:30-3:30pm in the Career Transfer Center (Manzanita 14), English Professor Jim Toner will be offering a workshop designed to assist you in writing great essays for your UC Admissions Application. No reservation is required. Just put the date on your calendar and then show up and attend.

### CSU and UC Applications for Fall 2012

The application period for applying to California State University campuses for Fall 2012 is October 1 through November 30, 2011. Apply online through CSU Mentor ([www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)). The application period for applying to University of California campuses for Fall 2012 is November 1 through November 30. Apply online at: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/apply-online/index.html>.

Schedule an appointment now to see a counselor, if you have questions or need help with the CSU or UC Application process.

## Financial Aid Office

**Have You Been Checking Your Assigned Student Email?** Financial Aid Award Notifications are sent to this email address only!

**Have You Received and Activated your "My YCCD Card"?** For more information regarding your "My YCCD Card" please visit the **Higher One** link on the Financial Aid Webpage

Need Assistance with your Higher One Card??  
FAFSA application?? Or Scholarship Application??

\*\*\*\* Financial Aid Open Lab Assistance\*\*\*\*

Located in Financial Aid Office Manzanita 18-3

|           |            |                |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Wednesday | 10/05/2011 | 3:00-4:00 pm   |
| Thursday  | 10/13/2011 | 10:00-11:00 am |
| Friday    | 10/21/2011 | 8:30-9:30 am   |
| Monday    | 10/24/2011 | 10:30-11:30 am |

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### Financial Aid Office Hours

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Monday-Thursday | 8:00am-4:30pm |
| Friday          | 9:00am-4:30pm |

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New @ the AAC!

The Academic Achievement Center (AAC) offers FREE tutoring to all Columbia students. We now offer:

- * Spanish Tutoring
- * Bio 17 Group Tutoring
- * Drop-in Blackboard Assistance (M&W 1-2:30 at the Library)
- * Info & help with all GPS Tools
- Time Management
- Participating in Your College Experience
- Stress Management...



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588-5088



News from the Library

CHECK IT OUT: Need help getting started with your research or having problems citing your sources? Librarian Wendy Griffiths-Bender is ready and willing to help. Stop by the Library or email her at griffithsbenderw@yosemite.edu. If you want to make an appointment, she can be reached at 588-5179, otherwise come on by!

Distance Education

Blackboard student tutor, David Gonzales is available to help students with Blackboard in the library on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30pm. Students can also call 588.2149 (no voicemail is available) for assistance.



ASCC Student Forum



GAVIN NEWSOM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

will visit Columbia College!

When: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Where: Dogwood Forum

The Lt. Governor is interested in dialogue with Columbia College students. There will be a question and answer period following initial remarks by the Lt. Governor.



2011 Women's Volleyball
Home Games Schedule
Columbia's Oak Pavilion

Central Valley Conference

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|---------|-------------|---------|
| Oct. 7 | West Hills | 5:00 pm |
| Oct. 12 | Merced | 6:00 pm |
| Oct. 19 | Porterville | 6:00 pm |
| Oct. 24 | Taft | 5:00 pm |
| Nov. 2 | COS | 6:00 pm |



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STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

Single Parents and College
10/5 10 am – 11 am
Presenter: Rose Cutting, Student

AAC Presentation
10/11 11am – 12noon
Presenter: Staff

Learning Styles
10/13 1pm – 2pm
Presenter: Dave Chesnut, CalWORKs Program

Note Taking
10/18 2pm - 3pm
Presenter: Staff

Interview with Confidence
10/20 2:30pm-3:30pm
Presenter: Anneka Rogers, TRiO Director

Stress Management
10/26 10am – 11am
Presenter: Brian Jensen, Counselor



Are you interested in campus child care?

Please call 588-5278 ext. 1 for information. We provide free or reduced-fee child care for infants, toddlers and preschool aged children for families that qualify.



Transfer Day

October 17, 2011, 10:00 am – 1 pm

At the Lakeside Patio

Representatives from four-year colleges and universities will be on campus to provide information about their institutions. Most representatives are from admissions offices, so students can hear firsthand what they need to do to meet admission requirements.



Club Day

Would you like to start a club on campus?

Would you like to join an existing club?

Come check out the information table on October 17, 2011, from 10:00 am – 1 pm on the Lakeside Patio.



The Food Bank

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Location: Student Center Ponderosa Bldg. (across from the Childcare bldg).

Come by and pick up a bag full of groceries!
Everyone is welcome; no one will be turned away.

TRiO Student Support Services - Update Attention Enrolled TRiO SSS students:



In order to ensure your priority registration for Spring 2012 please make sure to maintain your participation. If you have questions, please review the TRiO website www.gocolumbia.edu/trio or contact the Project Director, Anneka Rogers, at 588-5145 or stop by Manz 17-B.

Reminder!! The FREE University field trip is scheduled for Oct. 14 to CSU Sacramento. Please sign up immediately by sending an email to Anneka Rogers at rogersa@yosemite.edu

TRiO SSS- a community of learners, keeping you on track for college success and transfer readiness!

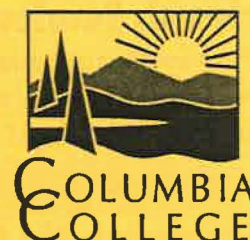
THE CELLAR RESTAURANT is open:

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Important Dates

- Nov. 17 Last day to withdraw from any course
- Nov. 23 No evening classes



Campus will be closed Friday, November 11, 2011 in observance of



Do you GPS? November GPS Tools

GPS is a set of tools to help you navigate your way through school and beyond. Look for info on these tools in classes, at the Academic Achievement Center (AAC), the Library, and other campus services!

GPS Tool 5 10/31 - 11/10 It's All About Me! (*Learning Styles*)
Identifying your learning style could help you learn more easily and quickly.

- *Are you a Musical or Intrapersonal learner? Maybe you're Naturalistic or Logical???*
Stop by the AAC in November to find out how you learn and pick up your free learning style sticker.

GPS Tool 6 11/14 - 11/27 SHHH... What was that? (*Listening & Observing*)

Listening and observing are important information gathering skills. Here are some tips and events that can help you think about these skills:

- **HAIKU CONTEST for Students, Faculty & Staff! Nov. 14-28**
Write a haiku related to how listening, observing, and sharing ideas improve your learning abilities. Drop off **Nov. 14-28** to Shelley Muniz (Library) or Liz Rumney (Bookstore). Winners announced **Wed Nov. 30**.
A haiku is a poem in three lines with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third.
Sample haiku: *You might see green leaves
Yet to her they appear blue
Perception is the key*
- **CROSSING THE LINE: An Exercise in Diversity Awareness & Respect, Wed Nov. 16th at 3pm, Manzanita 18-1**
Participants will have the chance to reflect on their own identity and gain respect for each other as the diverse human beings we all are. We all have a place within us that can be targeted for disrespect and intolerance.
Open to Students, Faculty & Staff. Come participate!
- **RECORD - REDUCE - RECITE - REFLECT - REVIEW**
Look for 5R Baseball Cards in student services on campus - a pocketsize explanation of these important tools!

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**Campus will be closed
Thursday, November 24 &
Friday, November 25, 2011 for the
Thanksgiving Holiday**

TRiO Student Support Services Announcements

- ❖ TRiO students who regularly participate in activities have Spring **PRIORITY REGISTRATION**; check ConnectColumbia for your registration date & time.
- ❖ Make an appointment with the Counseling office for your last check-in of the semester and plan for Spring classes.
- ❖ Apply for Scholarships now using this simple 3-step process:
 - 1) Use the Scholarship "HELP!" packet that was emailed to you.
 - 2) Drop into a Financial Aid/Scholarship office workshop (check website for dates/times).

Make an appointment with Anneka (TRiO Project Director) for one-on-one assistance*.

It is as easy as that!



*Your Peer Mentor can help you plan for scholarship applications too.

NOVEMBER STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

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|-----------|----------------------|---|
| 2 | 10am - 11am | Suicide Prevention
Kellae Brown, CNVC |
| 3 | 1pm - 2pm | Financial Literacy
Marnie Shively/Financial Aid Director |
| 8 | 2pm - 3pm | Study Tips, Strategies
Lauren Kelley, Student |
| 9 | 1pm - 2pm | UC Application Essay
J. Toner, English Professor |
| 10 | 1pm - 2pm | Plaiting, Plundering & Plagiarizing
Rick Rivera, English Professor |
| 15 | 11am - 12noon | Healthy Holidays
Campus Health Services |
| 17 | 12noon - 1pm | Effective Resumes
Dave Chesnut, CalWORKs Program |
| 22 | 2pm - 3pm | Breaking Down Barriers
Doralyn Foletti, Student Leadership |
| 30 | 10am - 11am | Active Listening
Christie Derrick, Student |



Disabled Students Programs and Services disAbility and Health Awareness Fair 2011

Join us for our *disAbility* and Health Awareness Fair, **Tuesday, November 8, 10a-2pm** in the Manzanita Rotunda. Help us raise awareness and increase campus and community involvement within a festive environment. Food, fun, prizes and information....**SAVE THE DATE November 8!!!!**

Health Services

Flu vaccines are available in Juniper 2 through November or until we run out. Free to Students and non-benefited Columbia College Staff.



Financial Aid Office

Columbia College Scholarship Application Is Now Available

Need assistance in writing a creative Statement of Educational Purpose? The Financial Aid/ Scholarship Office and the Academic Achievement Center invite all students to a workshop facilitated by:

Professor Jim Toner

Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 1-2pm

in the Academic Achievement Center (Manz. 18-2)

****Please see the scholarships and awards link found on our financial aid website for upcoming scholarship opportunities and deadlines****

Need Assistance with your Higher One Card??

FAFSA application??

Scholarship Application??

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| | | |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Tuesday | 11/01/2011 | 1:30-2:30 pm |
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November in the AAC!

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Tutoring appointments are filling up quickly...

If you know you'll want one, make it ASAP!

Free Scholarship Statement Workshop: Nov. 8, 1-2:30pm. Appointments are not necessary for workshop.

How do you learn? Take a learning style inventory and get a GPS Learning Style Sticker from any AAC tutor, Nov 14-27.



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2011-2012 Men's Basketball Schedule Home Games Schedule Columbia's Oak Pavilion

| Date | Time | Opponent |
|---------|---------|----------|
| Nov. 19 | 3:00 pm | Alameda |



STUDENT SENATE CANNED FOOD FOR FINES

During the Student Senate's Canned Food Drive, the Library will take one can of food to pay off \$1.00 in library fines. Here's your chance to clear your records of any overdue fines (just fines, no lost or damaged item fees) AND help the community at the same time!

1 Can = \$1.00



To take advantage of this during the Food Drive thru **November 30**, bring your canned food to the Library's Circulation Desk.

Red Hot Jobs - November

#302 A Housekeeper/Yard worker ...needed in the Columbia area. The pay rate is \$10.00 an hour. Reliable transportation a must.

#604 Dishwasher ... needed to work in the Twain Hart area. The pay is \$8.00 an hour. This candidate must work well with others (team player) and work well under pressure. Fast paced environment. Flexibility is a must and available weekends.

#1501 Health Program Technician II - Relief ... is needed in the Sonora area. Provide a variety of responsible support services to public health staff and clientele in the development, implementation, evaluation and promotion of specialized public health programs

If you are interested in any of these jobs, please drop by the Job Placement Desk in Manzanita 14, or give us a call at: 588-5312



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News from the Library

Finals Cram Night??? Finals Cram Night???

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Did You Know? The Columbia College online course enrollments have increased more than 1370% since 2006 to 2010?

Columbia College Fall Distance Ed Enrollment for:

| 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 58 | 96 | 212 | 727 | 796 |

Nearly 14% of the Columbia College student body resides in counties outside Tuolumne and Calaveras?

Columbia College Student Counties of Residence

| | | |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| TUOLUMNE | 2,260 | 60.6% |
| CALAVERAS | 807 | 21.7% |
| STANISLAUS | 394 | 10.6% |
| SAN JOAQUIN | 54 | 1.8% |
| MARIPOSA | 33 | 0.9% |
| ALAMEDA | 19 | 0.5% |

(YCCD Office of Research & Planning, "YCCD Fast Facts 2011": <http://www.yosemite.edu/externalaffairs/2011%20FACT%20SHEET%20September.pdf>)





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December, 2011



Important Dates

Dec. 12-17 Final Examinations
Dec. 17 Fall Semester Ends
Jan. 3 Campus Reopens

The Business Office

The Business office hours for the week of the **December 19 thru December 23** will be 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

-- The Library --

Finals Cram Night is **Thursday, December 8**, from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. in the library. Come meet with your instructors and friends for last minute cramming. Student Senate will provide food to help you keep up your strength.

Save the date- Suzan Still will be here for an author's talk on **Friday, January 27**, 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Suzan's book, *Commune of Women*, is available in the library now.

DECEMBER STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

12/6 PREPARING FOR FINALS 2pm – 3pm
TBA
12/8 REFLECTING ON PROGRESS* 11am – 12noon
Susan Medeiros, EOPS Director

*indicates GPS activity

**ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!
BRING A FRIEND!!**

Are you looking for. . .

- ➔ Student Success Strategies to boost your educational performance?
- ➔ Math 602 AND English 151 (as qualified through assessment process)?
- ➔ Full-time (12 unit) course load in just 2 days a week (Tues & Thur)?
- ➔ Waiver of book costs for all courses?
- ➔ A cohort of fellow students and supportive instructors to help you learn well and achieve life-changing goals?

Then consider the **First Semester Experience** for spring 2012! Please contact the Counseling office at 599-5109 to schedule an appointment with a counselor.

2011-2012 Men's Basketball Schedule Holiday Classic Columbia's Oak Pavilion

| Date | Time | Opponent |
|---------|---------|----------|
| Dec. 28 | 6:00 pm | Lassen |
| Dec. 29 | 6:00 pm | Lassen |
| Dec. 30 | 6:00 pm | Canada |



Merry Christmas

**Campus will be closed
Friday, December 23, 2011 thru
Monday, January 2, 2012 for
Christmas Holiday/Winter
Break/New Year's Day Holiday**

Happy New Year

The Financial Aid Office

Scholarships for Everyone

*Columbia College Scholarship Deadline
Is Fast Approaching*

All materials must be submitted to the Financial Aid
Office by **December 16, 2011 at 4:00pm**

**THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE
IS COUNTING DOWN!!**

Just TWO more weeks until the scholarship
deadline!! Would you like recognition for all of your
hard work and money to help with your expenses
while attending school? Don't miss this opportunity.
Applications due in the Scholarship Office at **4:00
pm on December 16.**

**Please see the scholarships and awards link found
on our financial aid website for upcoming
scholarship opportunities and deadlines.**

Did you struggle financially this semester??

Federal & State funding can ease the burden. It's
not too late to apply for funding for the Spring
Semester. If you qualify you can receive retroactive
pay for the units you earned this Fall Semester. It's
well worth a try! ☺ Apply now at
www.FAFSA.ed.gov.



Need Assistance with your Higher One Card?? FAFSA Application?? Or Scholarship Application??

Financial Aid Open Lab Assistance available in the
Financial Aid Office, (Manzanita 18-3):

| | | |
|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Thursday | 12/01/2011 | 1:30-2:30 pm |
| Wednesday | 12/07/2011 | 9:30-10:30 am |
| Thursday | 12/15/2011 | 3:00-4:00 pm |

Have you checked your assigned student email?
Financial Aid Award Notifications are sent to this
email address only!

Have You Received and Activated your "My YCCD Card"

For more information regarding your "My YCCD
Card", please visit the Higher One link on the
Financial Aid Webpage

**The 2012-2013 FAFSA will be
available January 1, 2012**



**The Financial Aid Department
will be Closed December 9th 2011,
so staff can attend an all day
training session.**





Do you GPS? December GPS Tools

GPS is a set of tools to help you navigate your way through school and beyond. Look for info on these tools in classes, at the Academic Achievement Center (AAC), in the Library, and at other campus service areas!

GPS Tool 7

November 28 – December 11

You've Come a Long Way Baby!

This tool focuses on reflection. As we near the end of the semester, reflecting on the successes and challenges of the semester can help you learn from your experience and grow as a student. What can you learn from your experiences this fall? What will you do differently next semester? How will you retain what you've learned? For ideas about how to engage in reflective thinking, visit the GPS website: gps.comm.gocolumbia.edu

TRiO Student Support Services

Attention TRiO enrolled students:

- Turn in Scholarship application for Columbia; see your mentor for help filling out the application or attend a workshop in the Financial Aid office.
- Plan ahead; make your academic counseling appointments now for January 2012! You need two appointments per semester, including an Educational Plan creation or update.
- Look forward to a "Spring Kick-off Party" the first week of classes, January 2012. You will be able to reconnect with other TRiO students and meet your mentors for the Spring semester!
- Not sure what to do? Call Anneka to find out where to get started with anything! 588-5145 TRiO is here to help you!

Want to apply for TRiO? Turn in your application at Manzanita 17-B TRiO office and then check your email for an announcement about the next Information Session, Spring 2012.



December in the AAC!

The Academic Achievement Center offers **FREE** tutoring to all Columbia students. Get your tutoring appointment booked before we fill up!

- Want \$\$\$? Make an appointment with an AAC tutor for help with your scholarship essay. Free!
- Ask any AAC tutor about GPS Tool #7
- Thursday, **December 8**, AAC tutors will be at Finals Cram Nite @ the Library, 7-10pm. Snacks provided.

Come visit us at the AAC!

Manzanita 18-2 588-5088
(Next to Fin. Aid)

How do you learn? Take a learning style inventory and get a GPS Learning Style Sticker from any AAC tutor, Nov 14-27.

Come visit us at the AAC!

Manzanita 18-2
588-5088

(Next to Financial Aid)



Are you interested in campus child care?

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Manzanita Book Store

CASH FOR BOOKS!

Buyback at the Manzanita Bookstore will be December 5 thru the 16. No receipt required! Don't miss out on cash for books!



EOPS/CARE

EOPS is closed for Spring 12 applications. Fall 2012 applications will be accepted beginning April 1, 2012.

Current EOPS Students:

Be sure to make the third contact with your EOPS counselor (End of Term Update) to review your current semester and prepare for the upcoming semester. Qualified students will be able to complete Spring 2012 Intake at the same time. This will allow you to receive your books and parking or bus passes prior to Winter Break. Most textbooks will be available at the college bookstore beginning November 28. Receive your books early and get a head start on your reading assignments.

Additional notices:

- If you have not done so already, be sure to apply for Columbia College scholarships – deadline is December 16. Allow enough time for your references to complete their recommendations.
- Planning to receive Certificates or an Associate degree in Spring? Meet with your counselor and submit your petitions as soon as possible.

CARE Students Wanted

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- Are you a single parent, head of household who is receiving cash aid from the county (TANF) for yourself and/or your child?

If so, contact Susan Medeiros or Kim Carter at EOPS immediately. Additional services such as grants, meal vouchers, and child care assistance are available.



**THE STAFF AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE
WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL
STUDENTS A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A VERY HAPPY (AND SAFE)
NEW YEAR.**

**SEE YOU IN JANUARY
2012**

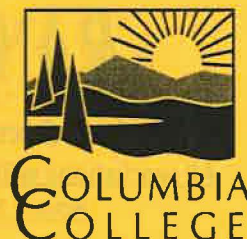


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January, 2012



Important Dates

- Dec. 14-Jan 8 Open registration for all students
Online Registration or on
campus during office hours
- Jan. 9 Instruction begins
- Jan. 13 Last day to enter a full semester
class without instructor approval
- Jan. 14 Non-instruction day
- Jan. 16 Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr.
- Jan. 22 Last day to drop a course online
and be eligible for a refund
- Feb. 3 Last day to withdraw on campus
without a “W” showing on
permanent record



TRiO Student Support Services

Attention TRiO enrolled students:

- Please attend the TRiO SSS “Kick-Off to the new year Party” on January 11 and 12 in Manzanita 18-1 (Com Ed room). Our open house runs from 10am-3pm each day. We will motivate you into the new year with games, prizes, music, food and more-**EXCLUSIVELY** for you!! **Meet your new Peer Mentors and sign-up for the new session times.** Get field trip info, learn about outside scholarships, money help, and learn the keys to success through TRiO.
- Counseling appointments are filling up fast, plan in advance and make your two semester appointments ahead of the rest.

Interested in TRiO??? Turned in an application yet?

If so, you **MUST** attend an “Information Session” in order to complete your application process. The following dates and times are available to complete your application for TRiO:

- Tuesday, January, 24 from 2 pm - 3 pm
- Friday, January, 27 from 9 am - 10 am



Spring 2012 GPS Tools What is GPS???

GPS is a campus wide project designed by students, staff, and faculty to enhance the wellness & success of all students at Columbia College.

January
Health & Nutrition

February
Time Management

March
Balancing Stress

April
Managing Money

Watch out for contests, fun activities, and workshops on these tools or go to the GPS website, the AAC or the Library for more info.

Get involved! GPS is looking for student involvement and is a great way to be active in campus life. Contact Adrienne Seegers at seegersa@yosemite.edu.

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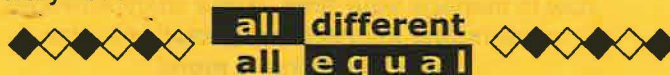
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Martin Luther King Jr Holiday**



-- The Library --

Spring semester brings a small change to the library hours. The library is closing 15 minutes earlier Monday-Thursday. Our hours are now:
Monday – Thursday, 7:45 am – 7:45 pm
Friday remains the same, 7:45 am – 4:30 pm

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Need Assistance with your Higher One Card, FAFSA application Or Scholarship Application??

The Financial Aid Office will continue to offer **weekly workshops**, where one-on-one assistance with Financial Aid applications will be provided.

***There are big changes in the 2012-13 FAFSA.** If you'd like helpful tips, come see us!!!

Financial Aid Open Lab Assistance: located in Financial Aid Office (Manzanita 18-3)

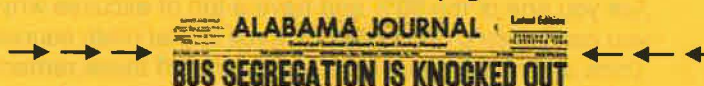


Thursday 01/19/2012 10:00-11:00 am
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JANUARY 2012

- 11 10 am – 11 am ORGANIZATION*
David Chesnut, CalWORKs Program
- 18 11 am – 12 noon EDUCATION PLANS
Alicia Kolstad, Counselor
- 19 1 pm – 2 pm EDUCATION PLANS
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- 24 10 am – 11 am STUDENT SUCCESS SEMINAR
1 pm – 2 pm STUDENT SUCCESS SEMINAR
- 25 10 am – 11 am STUDENT SUCCESS SEMINAR
1 pm – 2 pm STUDENT SUCCESS SEMINAR
Special Programs Staff
- 31 2 pm – 3 pm ENGAGE IN COLLEGE*
Dave Chesnut, CalWORKs Program

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**Start 2012 right...
Use the AAC!**

Academic Achievement Center tutors can help you learn
how to *manage your time, plan a study schedule,*
understand instructor expectations, stop
procrastinating, & more!

OPEN to ALL students.

AAC Manzanita 18-2 588-5088

Located next to Financial Aid



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Manzanita Book Store

Come to the Manzanita Bookstore for all your spring
semester needs. We have:

- rental books in many titles
- a large variety of school supplies
- computers to rent
- art supplies
- warm logo clothing.

**Please remember to bring your schedule with
you in order to purchase your text books.**

Happy New Year from the bookstore staff!

EVERY HUMAN HAS RIGHTS

"DID YOU KNOW..."

Did you know that over 60% of our entering freshmen test
into a basic skills math course?

Are you one of the 60% and have a ton of excuses why
you can't, won't, don't want to enroll in that math course?
Think again! Studies show that putting off those remedial
math courses can cost you plenty in both time and
expense. If you placed in a remedial math course, it's no
big deal...just do it!

"We hold these truths to be self-evident:
that all men are created equal."



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We must learn to live together as brothers
or we will perish together as fools.

Martin Luther King Jr.



The Columbia College Jazz Series

The Columbia College Jazz Series will present a special
Big Band concert with guest artist guitarist Johnny Valdez
on Sunday, January 15, at 3 pm in the college Dogwood
Theater. Tickets are \$15, reserved seating. Tickets are
available in the college Manzanita bookstore. For info call
588-5211.

"We may have all come on different
ships, but we're in the same boat now."
Martin Luther King Jr.



Distance Education

Face to Face Student Orientations for Online Classes:

- Friday, January 6 2 pm – 3 pm &
3 pm – 4 pm
- Monday, January 9 10 am – 11 am
- Tuesday, January 10 10 am – 11 am
- Wednesday, January 11 4 pm – 5 pm
- Thursday, January 12 4 pm – 5 pm
- Friday, January 13 9 am – 10 am &
10 am – 11 am &
11 am – 12 Noon

All Orientations will be held in the ITC, located in the
Library Building, Room 143.



#903 Real Estate Agent/ Realtor... Begin as a paid
assistant to an experienced realtor. This is a unique
opportunity to enter the profession by learning from
proven experienced agents. Salary is based on
commissions.

#1100-Student Teacher Aides ...are needed to work
on campus. Applicant must be enrolled in 6 units.
Experience and/or courses in child development are
required. The salary is \$8/hour for up to 30 hrs.

#1508- Probation Aide-Relief... Assist probation
department staff by performing support tasks. Applicant
must have high school diploma or equivalent and posses
Class C drivers' license. The salary is \$11.88-\$14.50/hr.
Nights, weekends and irregular hours are a must.

**If you are interested in any of these jobs,
Please drop by the JPS Desk in Manzanita 14,
Or give us a call at: 588-5312**



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February 2012



Important Dates

- Feb. 3 Last day to withdraw on campus without a "W" showing on permanent record
- Feb. 5 Last day to withdraw online without a "W" showing on permanent record
- Feb. 9 Last day to elect for Pass/No Pass grading
- Mar. 2 Deadline for filing for graduation, Certificates of Achievement, and Skills Attainment Certificates for Fall 2012

Student Success Workshops, Spring 2012

workshops will be held in the Career/Transfer Center
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FEBRUARY

- 7 11 am – 12 noon TIME MANAGEMENT
Shana Beach, AAC Tutor
- 9 1 pm – 2 pm LEARNING STYLES
Monica Hay, TRiO Tutor/Mentor
- 14 10 am – 11 am OVERCOMING BARRIERS
Doralyn Foletti, Outreach/Student Government
- 22 3 pm – 4 pm BLACKBOARD UPDATE
Melissa Colon, Distance Education
- 28 10 am – 11 am STRESS MANAGEMENT
Brian Jensen, Counselor

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Special Programs



!!!!!!Attention ALL Students!!!!!!

- ✧ Ever wish you could just talk to your computer and create documents hands-free?
 - ✧ Frustrated with trying to read your textbooks and wish someone could help?
 - ✧ Do you need to learn how to make diagrams, flow charts and outlines, but don't know how?
- We have the technology to assist you! Come by and make an appointment today. **Special Programs** is located in Manzanita 18-3, just past the AAC and next to Financial Aid. Ask to make an appointment with Shawn Jordison or Cody Ann Baker. Stop by Manzanita 18-3 or call 588-5130.

..... Happy Presidents Day!!

The Library

- Need help with research?
- Find navigating the web overwhelming with too many choices?

Library 1 is a 1 unit, stress-free, pass-fail class that will begin on **Monday, Feb 6, 11:20 a.m.-12:45 p.m.** The class will be held on Monday and Wednesday for 6 weeks, ending on March 14th. Sign up now!

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As I would not be a *slave*, so I would not be a *master*. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.

Abraham Lincoln. Aug. 1. 1858

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George Washington Holidays**



The Financial Aid Office

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To prepare for the **March 2, 2012**, priority Financial Aid deadline, the **Financial Aid Office has extended Financial Aid Workshop days and hours** to provide one-on-one assistance with Financial Aid applications. Financial Aid Open Lab Assistance is located in the Financial Aid Office (Manzanita 18-3). Days and times as follows:

| | | |
|------------|---------|----------------|
| Wednesday, | 2/01/12 | 1 - 2:00 pm |
| Monday, | 2/06/12 | 11 - 12:00 pm |
| Thursday, | 2/16/12 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm |
| Tuesday, | 2/21/12 | 9 - 10:00 am |
| Wednesday, | 2/29/12 | 9 - 12:00 pm |
| Thursday, | 3/01/12 | 1 - 4:00 pm |
| Friday, | 3/02/12 | 1 - 4:00 pm |

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Dates & Deadlines:

March 2, 2012- FAFSA must be submitted on the web or postmarked by this date in order to be considered for a Cal Grant

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:

- ✧ Hospitality Management Awards Program Application
Due: Friday, **February 3, 2012, by 4:00 pm**
- ✧ Deirdre Donovan-Blood Scholarship Application
Due: **February 24, 2012**
- ✧ Fire Academy Scholarship Application
Due: Friday, **March 2, 2012, by 4:00 pm**
- ✧ Fire Technology Scholarship Application
Due: Friday, **March 2, 2012, by 4:00pm**



See "Scholarships and Awards" link for more information.

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Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.
Abraham Lincoln, Nov. 19, 1863 Gettysburg Address



TRiO Student Support Services

Announcements:

- Field Trip - National TRiO Day: **February 27, 2012**, to the capitol building in Sacramento. Sign up in Manzanita 17-B
- Field Trip - University Tour: **March 23, 2012**, to the University of San Francisco. Sign-up in Manzanita 17-B.
- Peer Mentors are here to Listen and Help! Check our website for schedule and details.
www.gocolumbia.edu/trio
- Don't forget about the amazing resource of Student Success Workshops; see our website for schedule and past presentations on video.

Applications for new enrollments are now closed. Please check our website in **August 2012** for next application cycle.



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GPS events in February: Time Management

- 🕒 **February 7, 11-12:00** in the Career/Transfer Center: Time Management Workshop with Shanna Beach & Julie Peavey. Shanna & Julie are Columbia College students who learned successful time management techniques at Columbia. Want to learn how to better manage your time? Attend!
- 🕒 **February 22:** Entries due for the Time Management Video Contest, prizes! See details on the GPS website.
- 🕒 **February 29:** Eat popcorn and watch the contest videos in the Manzanita Rotunda.

Check the GPS website for helpful tips, links, and videos:

gps.comm.gocolumbia.edu

More information and tips are available at the AAC and the Library.

Get involved! GPS is looking for student involvement and is a great way to be active in campus life. Contact Adrienne Seegers at seegersa@yosemite.edu.



Happy Birthday Mr. President

Save the Dates!!

Columbia College Health Services, in conjunction with Academic Wellness Educators and the Columbia College Foundation, will be hosting a 2-day **Spring Wellness Fair, March 20 & 21, 2012 between 10 am – 2 pm in the Manzanita Bldg.** Plan to spend time exploring the six dimensions of health: physical, social, emotional, occupational, intellectual and spiritual. We will have body workers, art therapies, a labyrinth, herbal walks, mind expanding games, exploration of careers, tea time. Talk to your instructors about how to incorporate this into your class studies, gain extra credit and/or contribute to one of the six areas of focus. You will not want to miss this event, as it will be a true cornucopia for your mind, body, and spirit!

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Columbia's Oak Pavilion

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|-------------|---------|-------------|
| February 1 | 5:00 pm | Porterville |
| February 11 | 7:00 pm | Merced |



ASSOCIATE YOURSELF WITH MEN OF GOOD QUALITY IF YOU ESTEEM YOUR OWN REPUTATION FOR 'TIS BETTER TO BE ALONE THAN IN BAD COMPANY. GEORGE WASHINGTON

"DID YOU KNOW..." that Columbia College students succeed in credit, distance, and online courses above the state average for California (69% to 67.5% respectively)?

Red Hot Jobs in February

#801- Dodge Ridge... They have available positions in Guest Services, Lift Operations, Ski Patrol, Rental Center, Ski and Snowboard Instructors, Kids Club Staff, Race Team, Sport and Demo Shop, Food and Beverage, Facilities, Accounting, Terrain Parks. Take this opportunity to work in a fun fast-paced environment!

#1104/1105 Childcare Center Assistants... Shop and prepare food for children's breakfast, snack and lunch. Maintain and clean the classroom on a daily basis. Assistants needed in Sonora as well as Jackson, pay rate is \$8.79-\$9.69 per hour.

#507- Caregiver(s)... Caregiver for six developmentally delayed adult women in a home setting. Assist, as needed, with daily life skills, light housekeeping, cooking, transportation, distributing meds and maintain records.

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OPEN to ALL Students

AAC Manzanita 18-2 588-5088



The Columbia College Jazz Series

The Columbia College Jazz Series will host the 33rd Annual Big Band Jazz festival on Friday/Saturday, February 3-4, 2012. More than 500 students will be attending from 19 High School groups. Tickets (\$20 reserved seating) for the Saturday, February 4, 2012, Concert at 8 pm are on sale in the Manzanita Bookstore. The concerts will feature 10 festival guest artists along with the college big band. For further info call 588-5211.



While we are contending for our own liberty, w. should be very cautious not to violate the rights of conscience in others. George Washington

The Columbia College Debate Team

This past weekend the "Fighting Claim Jumpers" captured the championship title at the Father Copeland Invitational Debate tournament in Santa Clara.

Student speakers were recognized as individual speakers. Daniel Beluardo also received recognition as the tournament's top speaker. In doing so, Daniel became the first "double champ" in our program's history at this tournament.

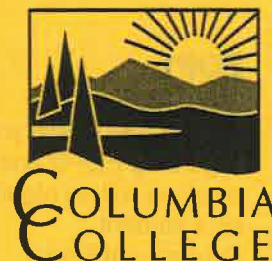
The Fighting Claim Jumpers have a packed travel schedule for the next couple of weeks before they retreat into their secret underground bunker in preparation for the State Championship in March. We are very exciting about this past weekend's results and we are proud to represent our community and college.

A big "Congratulations!" to ACC Tutor Daniel Beluardo, rookie Joseph Rodgers, Pablo Lopez, Savannah Mulderrig, Marissa Bush, Grant Wright, and Ryan Hodge.

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March 2012



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March

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Jill Olson, Counselor
- 13 3 pm – 4 pm COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS
Twyla Olsen, SPCOM Faculty
- 15 10 am – 11 am MEMORY TECHNIQUES
Susan Medeiros, EOPS Director
- 20 11 am – 12 noon BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE
RESUME Jeff Fitzwater, Counselor
- 22 2 pm – 3 pm EMBRACING DIVERSITY
Lora Mills, TRiO Peer Mentor/HID President
- 29 2 pm – 3 pm INTERVIEW SKILLS
Anneka Rogers, TRiO Director

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Student Health Services

In addition to our on-campus health services office in Juniper 2, we have now 2 different mobile health vans coming to campus.

The **BOB Health Van** is here Mondays 1-3:30 pm and specializes in family planning, immunizations, sports physicals, and a limited scope of prescriptions.

The **HOPE Mobile Health Van** is on campus Wednesdays 9am-3pm and specializes in a broad scope of minor illness and physical ailments and has a broader scope of prescriptions.

Both Mobile vans park outside the Oak Pavilion.
All of these services are free or very minimal cost!!

EXPERIENCE THE WELLNESS FAIR AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE!

When: March 20 & 21 2012, 10 am-2 pm
Where: Manzanita Rotunda

We will present activities based on Bill Hettler's Six Dimensions of Health. There will be mind-expanding games to play; massage; zero balancing and other nourishing body therapies; watercolors to soothe the mood; tea time; community enhancing conversations and poppy-hop races; labyrinth and herbal walks; and the Eureka! Career Exploration Tool. Come, invite a friend, bring your class, ask your instructors for extra credit.



This is a hands-on event that no one will want to miss!



The Financial Aid Office

Summer Pell Grants!!

Financial Aid Students who were enrolled in less than 12 units during fall or spring semester may have remaining funds for summer semester. Our office will be emailing letters to those students who have funding available for summer sessions!!

Watch your assigned student email inbox!



The Priority Financial Aid deadline to submit or postmark your FAFSA for 2012-2013 academic year is March 2 2012. If you are required to do so, be sure to file your taxes early in order to submit accurate data!!

To prepare for the March 2, 2012, priority Financial Aid deadline, the Financial Aid Office has extended Financial Aid Workshop days and hours to provide one-on-one assistance with Financial Aid applications. Financial Aid Open Lab Assistance is located in the Financial Aid Office (Manzanita 18-3). Days and times are as follows:

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| Thursday | 3/01/12 | 1 - 4:00 pm |
| Friday | 3/02/12 | 1 - 4:00 pm |

Workshops available beyond the March 2 deadline:

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| Monday | 03/05/12 | 8:30 - 9:30 am |
| Tuesday | 03/13/12 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 03/21/12 | 3:00 - 4:00 pm |
| Thursday | 03/29/12 | 10:00 - 11:00 am |

There are big changes in the 12-13 FAFSA.
If you'd like helpful tips, come see us!!!

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:

Fire Academy Scholarship Application
Due: Friday, March 2, 2012, by 4:00 pm
Fire Technology Scholarship Application
Due: Friday, March 2, 2012, by 4:00 pm
Music Department Performance Awards Application
Due: Friday, March 16, 2012, by 4:00 pm
Auditions will be held Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 1-3 pm in the Dogwood Forum

See "Scholarships and Awards" link for more information
DON'T DELAY! We have a large variety of outside scholarship opportunities located on our website! Check it out!

Have You Checked Your Assigned Student Email?

Financial Aid Award Notifications are sent to this email address only!



Have You Received and Activated your "My YCCD Card"?

For more information regarding your "My YCCD Card", please visit the Higher One link on the Financial Aid Webpage



The Library

Need a sweet treat? Stop by the library and fill out the Spring Library Survey. We'll give you a sweet for your efforts. The library survey can be found at the circulation desk and will be conducted Monday, February 27 until Friday, March 1.



Turn Page Over for additional important information

EOPS

E-mail Blast

Continue to watch your e-mail for important information regarding EOPS and CARE. Additional information and services will be highlighted as it relates to your success as a student.

Educational Plans

You should have completed or updated your educational plan by now. If not, contact the EOPS office immediately.

Mid-semester Progress Evaluation

February 27 through March 30 is the time for completing this second contact. Make sure that you take your Student Academic Progress Report to your instructors prior to scheduling your counseling appointment.

EOPS Grants

Fall 2011 EOPS students who are qualified will receive their EOPS grant in the mail soon.



TRiO Student Support Services

ATTENTION TRiO students:

- ❖ Confirm your seat on the bus for CSU San Jose and Museum of Art, San Jose on March 23, 2012. Deadline to sign up is March 16, 2012.
- ❖ Remember to make an academic counseling appointment with Courtney Castle (even if you are dual enrolled in EOPS or DSPS you can meet with Courtney for your required contacts).
- ❖ Stressed out? Relax and learn how to rise above it with your friendly peer mentors. Spring session schedule online www.gocolumbia.edu/trio



Spring 2012 GPS Tools for March



Balancing Stress March 20 & 21 (Tues & Wed):
GPS Tea Time at the Wellness Fair
10 am-2:00 pm Manzanita Rotunda
Be our guest for tea at the College's Wellness Fair on March 20 & 21. Sip tea and relax while learning some ways to balance stress in your life.

Check the AAC, the Library, or GPS website for helpful tips, links and videos: gps.comm.gocolumbia.edu

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Save the Dates!!

Columbia College Health Services, in conjunction with Academic Wellness Educators and the Columbia College Foundation, will be hosting a 2-day **Spring Wellness Fair, March 20 & 21, 2012, between 10 am – 2 pm in the Manzanita Bldg.** Plan to spend time exploring the six dimensions of health: physical, social, emotional, occupational, intellectual and spiritual. We will have body workers, art therapies, a labyrinth, herbal walks, mind expanding games, exploration of careers, tea time. Talk to your instructors about how to incorporate this into your class studies, gain extra credit and/or contribute to one of the six areas of focus. You will not want to miss this event, as it will be a true cornucopia for your mind, body, and spirit!



Are you interested in campus child care?

Please call 588-5278 ext. 1 for information. We provide free or reduced-fee child care for infants, toddlers and preschool aged children for families that qualify.

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please drop by the JPS Desk in Manzanita 14,
or give us a call at: 588-5312**

The Academic Achievement Center (AAC)

FREE TUTORING!

The Academic Achievement Center offers ALL Colum. students free tutoring in most subjects offered at the college. Stop by the AAC to make an appointment.

If your instructor is requiring an AAC Stamp, make the appointment as soon as possible before we book up...

Don't wait!

The AAC is OPEN to ALL Students
AAC Manzanita 18-2 588-5088
Located next to Financial Aid



Health & Human Performance Dept.

Would like to introduce a fun and informational video series channel "For the Health of It" brought to you by April Walker friends, and your fellow students, under the auspices of the Academic Wellness Educators' GPS Committee.

The idea behind the Health Channel is to provide faculty, staff and students with practical ways to improve their health and nutrition. There will be a variety of video clips, some short, others a bit longer. I will post one every couple of weeks on topics ranging from making healthy snacks to lessons in Tai Chi.

The first of the series "How to Eat Your Way to An A" was a talk presented by Dr. Jaggy, guest speaker at the college on January, 25, 2012. To view more check out the following link:

<http://share.yosemite.edu/go=1E72>



Student Government

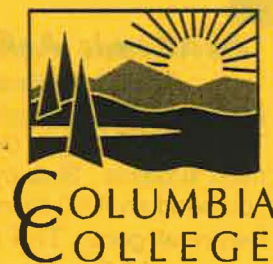
Field Trip: March in March

Date: March 5, 2012.

Where: State Capitol, Sacramento

This is an all day event. Join us as we advocated for students. Contact Doralynn Folette at the Student Center for more information.





Important Dates

- Apr. 2 Last day to withdraw from any course (applies to semester-length classes only)
- Apr. 23-28 Final Exams
- Apr. 27 Graduation
- Apr. 28 Spring Semester Ends



Student Success Workshops, Spring 2012

All workshops will be held in the Career/Transfer Center
Room 14 in the Manzanita Building

April

- 3 11 am – 12 pm PREPARING FOR FINALS
David Chesnut, CalWORKs Program
10 am – 11 am Workshop/TBA
Facilitator TBA
- 10 10 am – 11 am HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Robin Decker/Mary Rose
- 18 2 pm – 3 pm REFLECTING ON PROGRESS
Facilitator TBA

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!! BRING A FRIEND!!



The Financial Aid Office

Columbia College Scholarship & Award Celebration

All students, staff, faculty, and administrators are invited to attend on Friday, April 13, 2012, at 4 pm in Dogwood. It is a great opportunity to celebrate recipients and thank donors!!

We will continue to post scholarship recipients on our Scholarship Web Page each Friday. Congratulations to all of those selected thus far!

Financial Aid Open Labs:

- Monday, April 2, 2012 1:00-2:00 pm
- Tuesday, April 10, 2012 9:00-10:00 am
- Thursday, April 19, 2012 11:00-12:00 pm



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The Business Office

- ♦ The enrollment fee increases this summer from \$36 per unit to \$46 per unit. Students with an active Board of Governors fee waiver will not be affected.
- ♦ The Student Health fee increases from \$14 to \$15. This fee affects all students.
- ♦ Parking and other registration fees remain the same as last year. Drop for non-payment is still in effect.



EOPS

End-of-Term Contact

All EOPS student must complete their third required End-of-Term contact between April 2 and April 30. Don't delay in scheduling an appointment. In the EOT meeting, the counselor will assist you in selecting classes for the summer and fall, in reviewing your status as an EOPS student, and in reflecting upon the semester to make positive changes for the coming term. You will have an opportunity to help us serve you better by completing an EOPS program survey.

Self-Advocacy Skills

How are you doing with being a strong self-advocate? What do you do to help yourself to be a successful student? Refer to your self-advocacy list.

Priority Registration

Eligible EOPS students (educational plans completed) will be able to register for Summer 2012 on April 14 and for Fall 2012 on July 30. Note that this is the first day of the registration period. Take advantage of this opportunity!

Summer Books

Assistance with the cost of textbooks for the summer term will be available through EOPS. Students must have met all program responsibilities and have continuing status as an EOPS student to be eligible. Textbook assistance is for classes beginning before July 1.

Applications for Incoming EOPS Students - Fall 2012

EOPS applications will be available on the EOPS website or at the Special Programs office beginning April 2.

TRiO Student Support Services

Announcements:

- ♦ CSU Stanislaus and UC Merced trip on April 30, 2011, sign up now!
- ♦ Grant Aid instructions have been emailed to you; please follow the directions, if you think you are eligible.
- ♦ Peer Mentors are available up to the week before finals, please keep in touch.
- ♦ Videos for Fall 2011 workshops are still valid and posted on the TRiO website.
www.gocolumbia.edu/trio

New TRiO SSS applications are available now and will be processed in August for Fall 2012 enrollment.



MANZANITA BOOKSTORE

CASH FOR BOOKS! Bring your books to the Manzanita Bookstore for buyback April 16 to 27, 2012. NO RECEIPT REQUIRED.

GRADUATION NEWS:

Purchase your graduation invitations in the bookstore starting March 26, 2012, gowns will be available April 16, 2012, to rent or purchase.



The Library

ASCC and the Library are teaming up again for Finals Cram Night. Thursday, April 19, 2012, 7-10 p.m. in the library. Faculty and food will be on board to help with last minute studying. Check in with your professors to see if they are attending.



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Spring 2012 GPS Tools

GPS Tool for April - \$\$ Managing Money \$\$

Money Tools Student Success Workshop

Come learn some quick tips to successfully managing your money. April 11, 2012, 2-3 pm in Manzanita 14.

Contests!

Enter these contests for a chance to win \$10 or \$25 convenience cards! All entrants will be put in an opportunity drawing to be held during the 'Forbes Your Future Finale'!

Cash Course Resource Hunt

Entry form available at the Money Tools Workshop on April 11, 2012, at <http://gps.comm.gocolumbia.edu/> or at the TRiO Office in Manzanita 17. Enter April 11-18, 2012.

Low-cost local fun!

Share your favorite free (or low cost) entertainment ideas for a chance to win \$\$\$! All submissions will be posted on the GPS website and at the Money Tools Finale. Enter ideas in Manzanita 17 on the Bulletin Board by April 18, 2012.

Forbes your future: Money Tools Finale!

Dress like you're on the cover of Forbes and pick up Money Management materials while you're at it. You'll also be entered into the convenience card opportunity drawing! The opportunity drawing will be held during this event, so stop on by!!! April 11, 2012, 2-3 pm in Manzanita 14

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DISTANCE EDUCATION

Learn – Create – Inspire
Join the Multimedia Revolution!

Get connected to the expanding multimedia programs at Columbia College starting in the fall 2012! Three certificates will be offered, Multimedia Technician-Web Development, Multimedia Technician-Digital Media, and Multimedia Technician for Entrepreneurs.

Watch for classes in the fall schedule! Contact Instructors, Kath Christensen 209.588.5152 or Melissa Colón for more information, 209.588.5092.



The Jazz Series

The Columbia College Jazz Series presents "Big Band Goes Latin" featuring the Mario Flores Latin Jazz band on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 7:30pm in the college Dogwood Theater. All tickets are \$15 and are available at the college's Manzanita Bookstore.

The College Jazz Singers will perform at the Stage 3 Theater in downtown Sonora on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 2 pm. For reservations call 536-1778.



Have you heard of

First Semester Experience?

It doesn't have to be your first semester to enroll! If you qualify for and

- want to take Math 602 and English 151
- want a 12 unit load built into 2 days a week
- want to learn student success strategies to boost your educational performance (Guide 100)

First Semester Experience is a cooperative learning environment to help you learn well and achieve life-changing goals! Call or come by the Counseling Office for an intake appointment – 588-5109.

Did we mention there is a waiver of book costs for all courses?



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Beware When Purchasing Used Books Online

Many students are looking at the book store website and copying the ISBN number to Google for a better price. Two things happen:

1. Google will return a close match, not necessarily the exact match and the student will not have the correct materials.
2. Students do not notice that an access code might be needed. The "close match" ISBN does NOT include an access code. Students purchase the book and learn that he/she does not have access to any online resources because this access code was not included in the online price. Many students' waste weeks each semester trying to purchase a code and the cost savings from purchasing online is either eliminated or the cost of the required material is more than what the book store charges.



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