

Monthly Bulletin

September, 2012

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★ ★ WELCOME Back! ★ ★ Important Dates

- Aug. 27 Instruction begins.
- Aug. 31 Last day to enter a full semester class without instructor approval.
- Sep. 7 Last day to drop a course on campus to be eligible for refund.
- Sep. 7 Last day to withdraw on campus without a "W" showing on permanent record.
- Sep. 9 Last day to drop a course on web to be eligible for refund.
- Sep. 9 Last day to withdraw on the web without a "W" showing on permanent record.
- Sep. 25 Last day to elect for Pass/No Pass Grading.
- Oct. 5 Deadline for filing for graduation, Certificates of Achievement and Skills Attainment Certificates for Spring 2013



Counseling Office

Our Students,
Our Columbia College Counselors want to be 'friends' with you! We know that you need us and we need to be available for your academic needs. We want to be more accessible to you, so we are expanding our services.



One way we are reaching out to you is through Facebook. If you 'like' our Facebook Page, you'll have access to counselors for quick questions, as well as receive updates for events and information important to your academic success.

Another way we are trying to increase communication is by placing more useful information in your own hands. We have expanded our counseling website for you to be able to find answers to general questions, research career and transfer options, know how to access counselors, as well as many other related topics and links.



We also have a new logo, and, anytime you see it, you'll know from where the information is coming. Our logo will designate our office spaces and any printed material from the counseling department. Of course, you'll see it on Facebook too!

Hope to see you on-line & in our offices!

Your Columbia College Counselors
Jeff, Alicia, Susan, Brian, Elizabeth, Jill, Courtney, Ramona, Bill and Kirsten

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

Did you know that all kinds of students use the AAC? We offer FREE tutoring in most subjects & study skills to ALL students at ALL levels. There is no one type of student who uses our services, all kinds use the AAC!

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



IMPORTANT - BOOK PURCHASE

"Make sure you are prepared to begin your classes by verifying that you have the correct books and resources. If a book indicates that it includes an Access Code, you will not be able to complete your class assignments without this code. Students who choose to purchase a used book online will have to contact the publisher of that book and purchase a separate code. Some codes purchased separately cost as much or more than the book. This is because publishers offer a special price when materials are "bundled" into one ISBN code. An internet search will result in a close match, not the bundle!"

Labor Day Holiday
Campus will be CLOSED on
Monday, September 3rd

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



Are you planning to transfer to the University of California in fall 2013? Have you completed 30 UC transferable units? Is your cumulative 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 2013? 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.



Welcome to Columbia College from the
Financial Aid Office!
Have a great Fall 2012 semester!



****Second Chance Cal Grant Deadline-If you have not done so already you must submit or postmark your FAFSA AND your Cal Grant Verification form by September 2, 2012 in order to be considered in this second round of Cal Grant awarding.

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

Tuesday	09/04/2012	3:00-4:00pm
Wednesday	09/12/2012	11:00-12:00pm
Thursday	09/20/2012	1:30-2:30pm
Monday	09/24/2012	9:00-10:00am

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"?

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Financial Aid Office Hours

M-Th 8:00am-4:30pm
Friday 9:00am-4:30pm



GPS FALL 2012! (ALL Students take note!)

GPS is a student-led effort to support students with Guidance and Preparation to maximize their Success. Welcome Columbia College students! This fall GPS is partnering with various campus services to offer students new & helpful tools for success:

Fall 2012 GPS Tools

- September- Columbia College: What You Really Need to Know. Be on the lookout for GPS activities that will inspire and inform students about life at Columbia College.
- October - Health & Wellness Fair. Health Services and GPS working together to help students balance their minds and bodies.

Stay tuned around campus for more information on GPS & GPS tools to help you succeed!



Osher Scholarship Applications

The Columbia College Foundation will award 21 Osher scholarships in 2012-2013. Each scholarship will be \$1,000 for full-time students (pro-rated for part-time students). Students must have completed 24 units of study when they apply. More information and applications are available online at: www.gocolumbia.edu/foundation. The deadline to apply is Oct. 12th, 2012.

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The BUSINESS OFFICE

Business Office hours:

Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Fridays 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed holidays and weekends

- If your class starts ten days or less from the day you register you will not be dropped for non-payment and will be responsible for fees even if you never attend.
- If you do not know if you will be dropped for non-payment, please ask the Business Office.
- Students with outstanding fees can get permission to drop a class in person only if the drop is within the refund period.
- Check your class schedule for the refund drop date on each of your classes. Students are responsible for paying outstanding fees, if a class is dropped after the refund period.

TRiO Student Support Services

Semester Orientation – Fall 2012

ALL enrolled TRiO SSS students must attend. Choose ONE of the following:

Wednesday: August 29 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Thursday: August 30 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Friday: August 31 9:00 - 10:00 am

Participation is mandatory to continue TRiO services and benefits. Please contact Director Anneka Rogers Whitmer immediately if you have questions. 588-5145 or rogersa@yosemite.edu

Distance Education

Fall 2012 orientations for online classes will be held in the ITC, Tamarack Hall, Room 134, unless otherwise notified.

Reservations are not required.

Wed. Aug. 29th, 4p-5p

Thurs. Aug. 30th, 4P-5P

Fri. Aug. 31st, 9A-10A, 10A-11A, 11-Noon

Tues. Sept. 4th, 9a-10a

Wed. Sept. 5th, 4p-5p

Contact Melissa Colon for more information.

Health & Human Performance/Child Development

"For The Health of It" video clips costarring some of your fellow students will be available throughout the semester for student viewing. Check out the "What's New" section on the Columbia College homepage.

Security Office

Dogs are not allowed on campus.

Don't bring animals and leave them in your car.

Lock your car, don't leave valuables in sight.

Make sure your parking permit is displayed properly.

There is an "evening shuttle" Monday – Thursday, 5:30 am – 9:30 pm. Carol, the shuttle driver, circles the parking lots and the road around the campus; just flag her down.

If you lock your keys in your car, have a low tire or dead battery... we can help; call Campus Security at 588-5167.

The Child Development Club is back!

Join us for our first meeting of the fall semester on Tuesday, September 18, 4:30 - 5:30 pm in Maple.

Come be a part of the fun. Everyone is welcome!



Are you interested in campus child care?

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Where: Manzanita Rotunda

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Where: Dogwood auditorium

For more information, please contact Laureen Campana, Kim Zub



2012 Women's Volleyball Schedule

Home games (at Columbia's Oak Pavilion)

Pre-Season

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 5	No game	
Sept. 14	Columbia Classic	1, 3 & 5:00 pm
Sept. 15	Columbia Classic	10:00 am, 12 & 2:00 pm

Central Valley Conference

Sept. 19	Taft	6:00 pm
Sept. 26	West Hills	5:00 pm

See schedule for away games

Upcoming Exhibition and Presentation



Photographic explorations by Laurie Sylwester will be on display in the Columbia College Manzanita Rotunda August 17 through September 28, 2012.

This eclectic selection of vibrant images and artifacts radiate with the colors endemic of their particular region. Many of the images are from Peru and offer a glimpse into the relationship between nature and the art and architecture of the Peruvian people. These ancient places still echo the dialogue between nature and human's emulation of its myriad forms.

Laurie Sylwester will be giving a free talk, "**Peru: The Ancient the Sacred: Architecture, Ceramics, and Textiles**" to the public on September 28, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in Cedar 1. A short reception in the Rotunda will precede the talk, beginning at 6:00 pm on September 28, 2012. *She will also speak at Central Sierra Arts Council in Sonora September 29 at 2:00 pm.*

Important Dates

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Student Success Workshops

Oct. 2	10 am – 11 am	World Habitat Day
Oct. 10	12 pm – 1 pm	Diversity Awareness
Oct. 11	10 am – 11 am	Studying w/Children At Home
Oct. 16	10 am – 11 am	Avoiding Procrastination
Oct. 17	11 am – 12 pm	7 Habits of Successful People
Oct. 23	9 am – 10 am	Financial Literacy
Oct. 27	2 pm – 3 pm	Financial Literacy
Oct. 25	12 pm – 1 pm	Financial Literacy
Oct. 30	11 am – 12 pm	Creating Effective Resumes

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

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gps.comm.gocolumbia.edu



TRiO Student Support Services

FREE University Field Trip: CSU Eastbay (Hayward)

Date & Time: October 12 7:30 am - 8:30 pm

- All students welcome on a first-come, first-serve basis. Email rogersa@yosemite.edu if you would like to attend.
- All food and transportation costs included, thanks to a generous grant from the Columbia College Foundation.



Enrolled TRiO SSS student Reminders:

- Wouldn't it be nice to know you are on the right track? Schedule your counseling appointments now for mid-semester check-in.
- Need a friendly active listener? Schedule a group Peer Mentor session anytime by logging on to Blackboard and accessing the "TRiO Program" class. (You are automatically in the class when enrolled in TRiO SSS program.) Mentors and other students are helping each other reach their academic goals together! Come check out how it's done...
- Want to stay in the loop? Check for important deadlines and exciting events on TRiO Blackboard announcements page!

Not a TRiO Student? Attend a TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) Information Session, if you would like to enroll in this academic support program.

Choose from the following dates and times:

Monday	Oct. 15, 12 pm - 1 pm
Tuesday	Oct. 16, 11 am - 12 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 17, 2 pm - 3 pm
Thursday	Oct. 18, 3 pm - 4 pm
Friday	Oct. 19, 9 am - 10 am

All information sessions will be held in Manzanita 18-G. You may obtain an application beforehand at www.gocolumbia.edu/trio or in Manzanita 17. Applications will also be available during the Information Sessions but may require parent signatures for dependent students under age 24. **If you have already submitted your application, it will be processed for eligibility only after you attend an Information Session.** Enrollment for TRiO SSS program will close after Friday, October 19, 2012, and will not reopen until January 2013. **TRiO SSS is here to help, just let us know what you need to succeed!!! 588-5066 and 588-5145**



Distance Education

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MANZANITA BOOKSTORE

- ❖ Fall semester textbooks are being returned to the publisher/wholesalers. If you still need a book, come to the bookstore to purchase as soon as possible.
- ❖ All students will need to present their student ID when returning books for buyback in December.

Financial Aid Office

Columbia College Scholarship Application now available!! Deadline: November 26, 2012

Please visit the *Scholarships and Awards* link found on the Columbia College Financial Aid webpage for more information, as well as upcoming scholarship opportunities and deadlines.

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

Financial Aid Open Lab Assistance is available in the Financial Aid Office located in Manzanita 18-3 on:

Tuesday	10/02/2012	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wednesday	10/10/2012	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday	10/18/2012	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Monday	10/29/2012	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Dropped units after the first grant disbursement???

You may be required to repay a substantial portion of your financial aid if you drop below half-time enrollment (6 units) after receiving your first financial aid disbursement. Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have questions regarding your account.

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Special Announcement – Field Trip

Geology/Hydrology Field Trip, a field study of the Tuolumne River's selected geologic/hydrologic features and related earth science topics will be held on November 2 and 3. Sign up now for Earth Science (ESC) 35TR for this 2-day class. We'll spend the first day learning more about Hetch Hetchy and the upper Tuolumne River down to Don Pedro reservoir and the Moccasin Fish Hatchery, then the second day we will visit the Tuolumne Dredge near LaGrange, restoration work on the lower Tuolumne, as well as the covered bridge at Roberts Ferry. For more information contact Jeff Tolhurst at tolhurstj@yosemite.edu.

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Associated Students of Columbia College (ASCC)

The ASCC is partnering with the many programs and services at Columbia College to fill the Manzanita Rotunda with decoration and information about all the resources available to students.
When: October 4 through November 1, 2012.

Look for upcoming date of the **Student Information Fair!!**
There will be FREE giveaways, raffles, prizes and food!

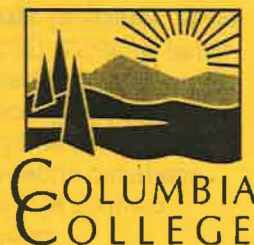
The Columbia Jazz Series

Presenting, a Big Band Jazz Concert on Saturday, October 6 at 7:30 pm in the Dogwood Theater. The concert will feature several top jazz artists including Paul Contos on sax and flute. Tickets are \$15 for reserved seating and can be purchased in the Manzanita Bookstore.

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Date	Opponent	Time
October 10	Merced	6:00 pm
October 12	COS	6:00 pm
October 26	Reedley	6:00 pm
October 31	Fresno	6:00 pm
November 2	Porterville	6:00 pm

See schedule for away games



Important Dates

Nov. 14 Last day to withdraw from any course

Financial Aid Office

The Columbia College Scholarship Application deadline is fast approaching! Do you need assistance in writing an award winning **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.

When: Tuesday, November 6, 2012 from 1 pm – 2 pm

Where: Academic Achievement Center (Manzanita 18-2)

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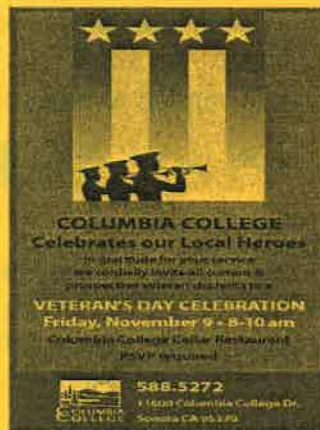
November 12, 2012,

for Veterans Day

and

November 22-23, 2012,

for Thanksgiving Day



EOPS Student News

★ Accepting EOPS Services Applications for Spring 2013

If you will be a full-time CC student in Spring 2013 or if you are receiving a BOGFW enrollment fee waiver, you may qualify for EOPS! We help with the cost of textbooks and transportation and provide counseling services that keep you on track. Come to the Special Programs desk or go to our EOPS website to fill out an application. Acceptance for qualified students is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited.

★ Current EOPS Students

Mid-semester Progress Evaluations must be done by November 16. Don't wait until the last minute to get this done because of limited appointments with EOPS counselors. If you are taking an online course, you may e-mail your instructor to use the Online Student Performance Report located under Distance Education "drop-down" on the college website. Face-to-face course progress evaluation sheet is in your EOPS Student Responsibility Folder. Have your instructors fill out the sheet and bring this to your Mid-semester Progress Evaluation meeting with an EOPS counselor.

★ Self-Advocacy

EOPS focuses on building self-advocacy skills, especially with students new to EOPS. If you are new to EOPS, be sure to review the Self-Advocacy Checklist located on the EOPS website under Forms and Applications. Hopefully, you are improving in the number of the self-advocacy strategies that you use and the extent that you practice these strategies. The EOPS counselor will review your progress with picking up these strategies in your final EOPS contact for the semester.

★ Priority Registration

EOPS students who have a completed educational plan which has been updated this Fall will be able to register for Spring 2013 classes on November 26. Make sure that you review the Spring 2013 online schedule and your educational plan for course selections. EOPS counselors will be available for drop-ins on and before this date. Early registration is a great benefit of EOPS.

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Next GPS Activity: DIY (Do It Yourself)



Student Success Workshops in November

1	11 am – 12 noon	Career Exploration
6	1 pm – 2 pm	Transfer Readiness
8	2 pm – 3 pm	Interview With Confidence
15	12 noon – 1 pm	Healthy Holidays
27	11 am – 12 noon	Preparing For Finals
28	10 am – 11 am	Reflecting On Progress

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

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The Library

Finals Cram Night is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, from 7 pm - 10 pm in the library. ASCC and the Library team up with the generous support of the faculty to offer last minute help with questions. Sandwiches and light refreshments are provided by ASCC throughout the evening. Check and see if your instructors plan on attending!



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Job Placement

This month's Hot Jobs at Job Placement Services are:

- #319- Biomass Co-gen Operator #1
- #1500-Work Release Site Coordinator
- #1506-Resident Firefighter Trainee

These jobs and others can be found online at <http://www.gocolumbia.edu/jobs/listings.aspx>. Use the Online Registration form to request job contact information.



Wellness Department and Nutrition Club

The Wellness Department and Nutrition Club are excited to bring a series of public workshops on the benefits of water and the problems cause by over-sugared beverages.

Upcoming workshops:

Rethink Your Drink Workshop Series

When: Friday, November 2, 2012 at 2:15 pm

Where: Sugar Pine, Rm 115

Each workshop lasts approximately one hour and students who attend a workshop will receive a FREE Columbia College reusable steel water bottle.

Times and location are subject to change. Please visit the health services website for current information.

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GETTING COLD?? Come by the Manzanita Bookstore for new and exciting winter clothing. Also some select styles on sale almost 1/2 price.

Get yours before we sell out and show your school spirit!



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Student Health Services

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See schedule for away and post-season games

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November 20	Stanislaus Club	5:00 pm
November 27	San Joaquin Delta	5:00 pm

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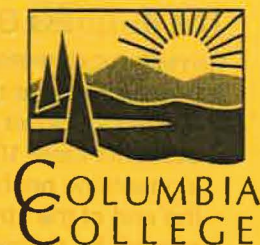




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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 28 – Dec. 5	Continuing Students – Priority registration on connectColumbia
Dec. 6 – 7	Newly matriculated – Priority registration on connectColumbia
Dec. 10 – 14	Final Examinations
Dec. 10 – Jan. 13	Open registration – All students
	Online registration or on campus during office hours (No appointment necessary)
Dec. 14	Fall Semester Ends



CCAlert

Emergency Text Messaging Sign Up & Stay Informed
Columbia College is now offering an emergency notification service for your mobile phone.

In the event of an emergency, students, staff, faculty and others will be alerted in real-time with important campus information.

Sign up is simple:

Text **CCALERT** to **253788** (AlertU) and reply **Y**
—or—

sign up online at www.gocolumbia.edu/ccalert

- ✓ Alert notifications are only sent in emergency situations
- ✓ CCAAlert subscribers will not receive spam
- ✓ Message and data rates may apply

To opt-out at any time, text **stop** to 253788



The Counseling Office

Columbia College counselors are here to assist continuing, new and returning students with educational, career and personal goals in order to enhance educational experiences at Columbia and beyond.

How to access a Counselor:

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MANZANITA BOOKSTORE

Cash for books! Come to Manzanita bookstore and sell your used books AND GET CASH! December 3 to December 14, 2012. No RECEIPT REQUIRED.



Happy New Year

The campus will be closed
December 24, 2012 —
January 1, 2013 for Winter Break

CRAM NIGHT!

ASCC, the Library, AAC tutors, and your instructors are gearing up for Finals Cram Night. The event is held in the Library, **December 6, 2012, from 7-10 pm**. Help with last minute questions and snacks available. Check and see if your instructors are attending.



Financial Aid Office

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE

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

December Financial Aid Open Lab Assistance:

Monday	12/03/2012	1:30-2:30 pm
Tuesday	12/11/2012	9:00-10:00 am
Wednesday	12/19/2012	3:00-4:00 pm



Thank you to all the students, faculty, and staff that submitted scholarship application materials. The Scholarship Committee and donors will be diligently reviewing your submissions through late March/mid-April. Awardees will be notified as they are selected. **We look forward to announcing those who are recognized via mail and our scholarship webpage!**

★Are you still wondering how you are going to pay your enrollment fees the Spring Semester?? The Board of Governors Fee Waiver may be the answer. It is a quick form that can be submitted and processed quickly. Bonus: Students with an active Fee Waiver will NOT be de-registered from their classes for non-payment★

Enrollment Fees:

\$46.00 per unit

Cost of books:

\$500+

Financial Aid advice:

Priceless!

Come visit our office in Manzanita 18-3

Academic Achievement Center (AAC)

It's not too late for

Free Tutoring at the AAC!

Whether you're far behind or just want to review, it's not too late to make a free tutoring appointment. We're open through finals week.

Plus, look for AAC Tutors at Cram Night...
December 6, 7-10 pm at the Library.

Make an AAC Appointment TODAY!

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



The Business Office

PAYMENT/DROP PROCEDURE:

- ⚠ Fees are due at the time of registration.
- ⚠ Students are not charged for wait-listed classes.
- ⚠ Students have 10 days to make payment in full. If students do not have a zero balance on their account by the end of the 10th day all classes added over 10 days ago will be dropped.
- ⚠ Automatic drops stop when the class starts.
- ⚠ Students with an active fee waiver and confirmed as California residents by Admissions & Records are exempt.
- ⚠ Partial payments will not save your classes.
- ⚠ Students are blocked from using the automated (online) services, if fees exceeding \$10.00 are not paid within 10 days.
- ⚠ Students are responsible for fees even if they never attend the class.
- ⚠ Students are responsible for meeting all published deadlines.



EOPS Student News

Current EOPS Students

End-of-Term Update – Complete Contact between Week 13-16 (11/19/12 to 12/14/12)

Schedule an End-of-Term contact with an EOPS counselor to review your EOPS status and evaluate the semester in preparation for the next term. Preparation includes reviewing your educational plan and selecting courses that are appropriate to meet your educational goal and fit your scheduling needs. This will help you to be prepared for EOPS Priority Registration.

The Music Department

College Jazz Singers Xmas concert... Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 pm at the Gypsy Shack in Jamestown. Free admission.

"It's a Big Band Christmas" featuring guest artist Bob Secor on piano and trumpet.

When: Sunday, December 9, 2012, @ 3:00 pm

Where: Dogwood Theater

Tickets are \$15 and are available in the Manzanita Bookstore. Come and enjoy jazzy versions of all your favorite Christmas tunes (Rudolph, Jingle Bells), singers too. For info call 588-5211.



Job Placement

This month's Hot Jobs at Job Placement Services are:

- ➔ #312- Truck Driver/Trainee- For this position, you can apply online at www.wptruckschool.com and go straight to the Western Pacific Truck School website. The phone number is 209-472-1538, and the address is 4609 Quail Lakes Dr. St 2 Stockton, CA. 95207
- ➔ #800-Snowboard/Ski instructor. Apply online at www.DodgeRidge.com
- ➔ #801-Lift Operator. Apply online at www.DodgeRidge.com

These jobs and others can be found online at <http://www.gocolumbia.edu/jobs/listings.aspx>. Use the Online Registration form to request job contact information.



Health & Human Performance/Child Development

For The Health Of It, next episode: Relaxing Meditation. Other topics include: On the Ball, Making Healthy Snacks, Step up Stairs, Stretch at your desk, Eating Better!, Tai Chi with Laureen Campana, Making Healthy Snacks, Guided Meditation. See the "What's New" section of the Columbia College home page.

Admissions & Records Office

Welcome to Columbia College. Thank you for your interest in our College and academic programs.

If you have not registered for Spring 2013 registering for Columbia College Classes is Easy as One, Two, Three using the following steps:

➔ Section One – For Current Students

If you have taken classes with Columbia College in the past three semesters, you may register for classes by visiting connectColumbia and logging into your online account using your student identification number / "w" number and password. Jump to Section Three for instructions on registering for classes.

If you have attended Columbia College in the past but have been gone for a year or longer, you will be required to complete a new admissions application. Follow the steps in Section two.

➔ Section Two – For New Students

If this is your first time taking a class with Columbia College (or you have attended in the past but it has been a year or longer), start by completing the Admissions Application. You can access the application on the gocolumbia.edu website and follow the onscreen instructions. You may also reach the application by using the following address: <https://columbia.yosemite.edu/OnlineApp/>

You will be required to answer all of the questions on the admissions application.

Once you submit your online admissions application, you will receive an email from CC Admissions to confirm your acceptance and give you your student identification / "w" number.

You are now eligible to register for Columbia College classes. Move on to Section Three

➔ Section Three – For Everyone

Now it's time to register for classes. Begin by visiting connectColumbia, the online registration portal. (You can also find a link to connectColumbia on the College home page. Complete the following steps to register for classes:

1. Login to your account using your student identification / "w" number and password
2. Click on Current / Former Students
3. Click on Register/Add Classes
4. Select Registration Option – Express Registration is suggested
5. Enter the Synonym/Section & Term, click Submit
6. Select "RG - Register" in the drop down menu under the word "Action" & click SUBMIT
7. You will receive an onscreen confirmation that you have successfully registered. Print this page. Click SUBMIT to finish registration and follow the onscreen instructions.
8. You are now registered in your class(es) and you may pay your fees.



SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES

2012 Men's Basketball Schedule

Home games (at Columbia's Oak Pavilion)

Date	Opponent	Time
December 7	William Jessup	7:00 pm
Holiday Classic		
December 27	Siskiyou	6:00 pm
December 28	Siskiyou v. Sacramento	6:00 pm
December 29	Sacramento	6:00 pm

See schedule for away games



YEAR OF SNAKE

Student

The ultimate tragedy
is not the brutality
of the bad people
but the silence
of the good people.

Remembering
Martin Luther King, Jr.
1929-1968



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IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 10 – Jan. 13 Open registration – All students
Online registration or on campus
during office hours (No
appointment necessary).
- Jan. 14 Instruction Begins.
- Jan. 18 Last day to enter a full semester
class without instructor approval
- Jan. 25 Last day to drop a course on
campus to be eligible for a refund.
- Jan. 27 Last day to drop a course on the
web to be eligible for a refund.
- Jan. 27 Last day to withdraw on the web
without a "W" showing on
permanent record.

The Counseling Office

Can't registering for classes?

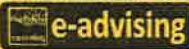
Did your GPA drop below 2.0?

Did you drop 50% or more of classes attempted?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions you
may need to see a counselor.

Counselors will be available Monday, January 14,
2013 – Friday, January 18, 2013 on "Drop In", first-
come, first-serve basis only. "Drop In's" are designed
to assist students with immediate problems and are
limited to 15 minute sessions.

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The Business Office

Students can pay fees in person and pick up parking
permits during our open hours. Business Services
hours:

- January 14 - 17, 2013 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- January 18, 2013 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
- January 22 - 24, 2013 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
- January 25, 2013 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Things to remember:

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payment after the class starts.
- Be sure to drop before the refund date if you
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- Refund drop dates are listed beside each class on
your class schedule available online.
- Call us immediately if you have any kind of
payment problem. The business office numbers
are (209) 588-5114 or (209) 588-5113. Leave a
message if we don't answer.



**The campus will be closed
January 21, 2013**

**In Honor of the
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

Honoring the Dream / Martin Luther King Jr.
Jan. 15, 1929 – Apr. 4, 1968



Financial Aid Office

Welcome to Columbia College!
Have a great Spring 2013 semester!

The Priority Financial Aid deadline to submit or
postmark your FAFSA for 2013-2014 academic year is
March 2, 2013.

If you are required to do so, be sure to file your taxes
early in order to submit accurate data!!

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
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Financial Aid applications.

Financial Aid Open Lab Assistance is located in the
Financial Aid Office (Manzanita 18-3).

Schedule for workshops:

Tuesday	01/15/2013	1:00 - 2:00 pm
Wednesday	01/23/2013	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday	01/31/2013	9:00 - 10:00 am

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.



Admissions & Records Office

October 5, 2012 was the deadline for filing for 2013
graduation, certificates of achievement, and skills
attainment certificates for spring 2013. **However**,
students are still encouraged to apply even if they are
late and did not meet the October 5, 2012 deadline.

Students are encouraged to see their counselor's
immediately and file appropriate applications with
Patricia in the Admissions and Records Office.

The ultimate measure of a man is not
where he stands in moments of comfort
and convenience, but where he stands at
times of challenge and controversy.
- Dr. Martin Luther King

Turn Page Over for additional important information



Use the AAC in 2013!



Whether your goal is an "A" or just to pass, **Academic Achievement Center** tutors can help you can help you reach your academic goals. We offer free tutoring in most subjects and in most study skills including ending procrastination, understanding instructor expectations, time management & more!

FREE & OPEN to ALL STUDENTS!



Make an AAC Appointment TODAY!

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"Let no man pull you low enough to hate."
Martin Luther King Jr.

TRiO Student Support Services

Want to be selected for TRiO Student Support Services?

Hurry, hurry, TRiO SSS has just a little space left to enroll! Attend an Information Session to have your application screened, learn the details of the program services, and meet the program staff.

When: January 8, 2013 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Where: Manzanita 18-1

Please pick up an application in Manzanita 17 or download one from our website
www.gocolumbia.edu/trio.

Enrolled Students

Mandatory Semester Orientations held at 8:00 am on:

- January 14, 2013
- January 15, 2013
- January 18, 2013 (Manzanita 14)
- January 23, 2013
- January 24, 2013

All sessions will be held in Manzanita 18-G (except the January 18, 2013 session).

Don't miss out on the new services, school supplies, and meeting your support team!

The TRiO team is looking forward to a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Geosciences/GIS Dept.

Geographic Information Systems, known as GIS, is a rapidly growing field in geospatial technology that employs interns and workers with computer, mapping, and database skills. Employers in Forestry, Natural Resources, Watershed, Earth Sciences, Wildlife, Agriculture, Geography, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Government Agencies, Planning, Medical Fields, and more, are looking for skilled workers in GIS. Columbia College offers both a GIS degree and certificate. This semester the following courses are being taught: CmpSc/Geogr 57, 58, 60, 61, and 70. There are no prerequisites for any of the GIS courses. For more information contact Jeff Tolhurst at tolhurstj@yosemite.edu or 588-5235.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



GPS: Guiding Students in the Right Direction

What is GPS? GPS is an on-campus student-driven group whose goal is to help you navigate your way through college by providing "tools" aimed at guiding you through the unknowns, and preparing you to be successful in your academic endeavors! Look for various GPS events on campus to find these tools or check our website: gps.comm.gocolumbia.edu



Turn Page Over for additional important information

Distance Education

2013 Blackboard Orientations

All Face to Face Orientations will be held in the ITC (Instructional Technology Center) located in Tamarack Hall, Room 134 in the Library Building unless otherwise notified.

Friday, January 11, 2013

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Monday, January 14, 2013

9:00 am – 10:00 am

10:00 am – 11:00 am

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Thursday, August 30, 2013

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Friday, January 18, 2013

9:00 am – 10:00 am

10:00 am – 11:00 am

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

9:00 am – 10:00 am

got rights?

The Music Department

Columbia College will again be organizing a Music and Arts trip to Europe for May 2014 (17 months from now), to be led by music instructor Dr. Rod Harris.

The tour will include Spain, Southern France and Italy. The two week trip will begin in Barcelona, then on to • Carcassonne, • Nimes, • French Riviera, • Monte Carlo, • Cinque Terre, • Portofino, • Pisa, • Florence and • Rome. The tour will include concerts, museum, and culinary arts, in all three countries. Prior to the trip Dr. Harris will teach classes in art, music and cultural history of the three countries. Six units of music GE are available with the tour and classes.

The cost: \$3,773 with Go Ahead Tours (early enrollment before January 31, 2013). Price includes airfare, first class hotels, all transportation, major sites and guided tours in each city.

An information meeting to discuss details of the trip will be held sometime in January (look for signs on bulletin boards for date and times). For further information email Dr. Harris at harrisr@yosemite.edu.



OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME ALERT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER.
- Abraham Lincoln

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2013 Men's Basketball Schedule

Home games (at Columbia's Oak Pavilion)

Date	Opponent	Time
January 9	Reedley	5:00 pm
January 12	Siskiyou	3:00 pm
January 23	Merced	6:00 pm

See schedule for away games



We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools.
- Martin Luther King Jr.



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IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 12 Last day to elect for Pass/No Pass grading.
- Mar. 8 Deadline for filing for graduation, Certificates of Achievement and Skills Attainment Certificates for Summer and Fall 2013

The Counseling Office

Are you planning to graduate or apply for a certificate this semester (Spring 2013)? You will need to personally meet with a counselor to complete your application. It is important to call the counseling office as soon as possible to schedule your appointment.

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Office hours: M-F 8:00 am – 4:30 pm



The Business Office

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Remember our
Presidents



Admissions & Records Office

The "President's List" has been submitted to Dr. Gervin for the Fall 2012 semester. Students who completed with a minimum of 12 degree applicable units in a semester with a GPA of 3.5 and no grade below a "C" are awarded this accomplishment.

Additionally, there were five graduating students that earned the HONORS award and one student that earned the DISTINCTION award for the Fall 2012 semester.

Graduating students who have earned a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.75 or better in all degree applicable and transferable college work are awarded the Associate Degree with DISTINCTION. Students whose cumulative Grade Point Average is between 3.5 and 3.74 are awarded the Associate Degree with HONORS.

Congratulations to all of our honorees!
Keep up the good work!



The campus will be closed

February 15 – 18, 2013

in honor of the

President's Day Holiday



Financial Aid Office

2013-2014 FAFSA Deadline is March 2, 2013!!!

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Dropped units after the first grant disbursement???

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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 which give one on one assistance with Financial Aid applications.

Financial Aid Open Lab Assistance is located in the Financial Aid Office (Manzanita 18-3).

Schedule for workshops:

Friday	02/08/2013	10:30 – 11:30 am
Monday	02/11/2013	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Tuesday	02/19/2013	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday	02/27/2013	8:30 – 9:30 am

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 Scholarship Deadlines:

- Columbia College Foundation Hospitality Management Awards Program.
Due: Friday, February 8, 2013 by 4:00 pm

Financial Aid Office Hours

M-Th	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Friday	9:00 am – 4:30 pm



EOPS

The EOPS program is a state-funded program that provides supportive services to students with economic and educational disadvantages to assist them in meeting their academic and career goals.

Applications for Fall 2013 will be available March 1, 2013.

GED Testing Center™

Did you know that under certain circumstances students wishing to take college courses will not be eligible for financial aid if they do not have a high school diploma or GED® certificate?

Columbia College offers a GED Preparation™ class AND administers the GED® test each semester.

- The GED Preparation class meets every Monday & Wednesday at 6:00 pm in Manzanita Rm. 18-2.
- The next GED® test will be administered on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

Contact the Counseling/GED Testing Center for more information and/or to sign up for the test. We are located in Manzanita 15 or call (209) 588-5109.



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TRiO Student Support Services

- Becoming a scholar just got easier!
TRiO Peer Mentors are here to help you succeed in every aspect of college life and beyond. Meeting with a peer mentor for thirty minutes out of your month will prevent unnecessary stress later in the semester. We can guide you toward time management, stress relief, scholarship applications and anything else that can enhance your journey to success.
- Where can you find a peer mentor?
At the Welcome Center in Manzanita 17.
- When are peer mentors available?
Drop-ins are welcome on any half hour increment:
Mondays~ 8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Tuesdays~ 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Wednesdays~ 10:00 am – 5:30 pm
Thursdays~ 7:30am – 10:30 am & 12:30 – 5:30 pm
Fridays~ 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
- Do not forget to check your student email each week. Important updates will greet you there, such as outside scholarship opportunities, critical deadlines and resources that will help you become scholarly.

Also, TRiO enrolled students are *guaranteed a tutor* for their classes. Do not hesitate to ask for help if you are having trouble!

Make your semester a success!



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Date	Opponent	Time
February 9	COS	5:00 pm
February 13	West Hills	5:00 pm
February 23	Fresno	7:00 pm

See schedule for away games

GPS for Success!

Check out the upcoming tools that GPS has in store to help your semester be the most successful yet!

February: Ready! Set! Engage!

A checklist to keep you, the student, moving in the right direction.

March: Tea Time & Relaxation

Look for the **gps team** at the Health & Wellness Fair in March, and join us for a moment of tea and conversation.

April: What's Next?

An informative guide to help students at different levels of the educational ladder prepare for the future.



Job Placement Services

Beginning Spring 2013, Job Placement Services has become an online service only. Students use to seeing the JPS desk in the Career Center may be assured that our services are still active and doing well!!

Visit the JPS website at

<http://www.gocolumbia.edu/jobs/listings.aspx> to view all current jobs. As always, we update jobs openings on a regular basis and requests for job info will be responded to within 24 hours during the school week.

JOB OF THE WEEK

The City and County of San Francisco have numerous student intern openings for summer employment in Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Planning, Surveying, GIS, Computer Science and Information Science.

Requirements: applicants must be enrolled in these programs at an accredited university or enrolled in a related field at a community college. Applicants can be employed up to six months after graduation; otherwise, the applicant must be returning to their undergraduate program or entering into a graduate program in Fall 2013. Apply online at <http://www.sfstudentintern.org/Default.aspx>.

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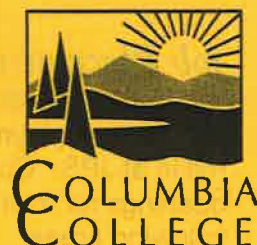
(Associated Students of Columbia College)

Congratulations to ASCC Vice President, Matthew Christman, who was elected to serve as the Region V Justice for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC). The SSCCC Region V represents the students of 11 colleges in the California Central Valley. They are the voice of the students in matters of statewide concern and bring those voices before the Board of Governors, Consultation Council and all statewide boards, committees, and ad hoc groups. Matthew also serves on a number of Columbia College campus-wide committees and is devoted to student advocacy. Matthew is just one of the fine student leaders that represent Columbia College.

Would you like to get involved with student government/issues? Check out the ASCC webpage located on the Columbia College website (<http://www.gocolumbia.edu/ASCC/>) for information on how you can participate in student government.



President's Day



IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar. 8 Deadline for filing for graduation, Certificates of Achievement and Skills Attainment Certificates for Summer and Fall 2013.
- Apr. 8 Last day to withdraw from any course.

Registration Alert!!

Columbia College has **NEW** early registration dates!

Summer 2013 Registration Dates

- April 15 Special Programs Registration
- April 16 Continuing Student Registration
- April 22 New Student Registration**
- April 23 Open Registration: All Students

Fall 2013 Registration Dates

- May 15 Special Programs Registration
- May 20 Continuing Student Registration
- May 29 New Student Registration**
- June 3 Open Registration: All Students

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Summer PELL Grants!!

Please monitor your assigned student email for summer Pell Grant information.



The **2013-2014 FAFSA Application** is now available.

***Please note: it is not too late to complete your FAFSA Application for the **2012-2013** academic year!

Friday	3/01/2013	9:30 am – 3:30 pm drop in
Monday	3/04/2013	1:00 – 2:00 pm
Wednesday	3/13/2013	3:00 – 4:00 pm
Thursday	3/21/2013	9:30 – 10:30 am
Friday	3/29/2013	1:00 – 2:00 pm

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:

Due: Friday, March 22, 2013, by 4:00 pm

Music Department Performance Awards Application
Auditions will be held Wednesday, March 27, 2013, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Dogwood Forum

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FREE and OPEN to ALL STUDENTS!

AAC Manzanita 18-2 588-5088

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2013 Wellness Faire

6 Dimensions of Wellness

Date: March 5 – 6, 2013
Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: Manzanita Bldg.



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Job Placement Services (JPS)

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Summer employment opportunities are beginning to roll in at JPS. Currently, the City of San Jose has openings for their Family Camp at Yosemite in the following areas:

Lifeguards ♣ Food Service ♣ Facilities/Maintenance
Guest Services ♣ Counselors ♣ Business/Office.

These opportunities are scattered throughout the listings and job seekers should browse all categories. Check us out at:

<http://www.gocolumbia.edu/jobs/listings.aspx>.



GPS for Success!



Student Leadership Opportunities – GPS

Interested in opportunities for involvement on campus? Need extra-curricular activities for a college or job application?

GPS (Guidance Preparation Success) is a program on campus for students, by students, to help maximize student success by providing various academic and life tools. **Student Leadership positions in GPS are available** for the current and upcoming semesters. Contact Elissa Creighton in the AAC at 588-5177 to get involved with upcoming events or to learn more.



The Library

I have **overdue Library materials**, but it was snowing and the library was closed!

If you have materials that were due on Tuesday, February 19 or Wednesday, February 20, 2013, please see a Library staff member. We have to manually remove the fines that were incurred on snow days.

Also, if you are missing a flash drive, the library has a growing collection of abandoned flash drives. We might have yours. Check it out.



Campus Security

We encourage you to take advantage of the campus shuttle running from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

- Please remember to lock your vehicle and keep all valuables out of sight.
- If you have a dead battery or lock your keys in your car, we can help (If needing an "unlock" be prepared to show that you are the owner of the vehicle). Call Security at 566-5476.
- If you have lost something while on campus, call Lost & Found at 588-5167.
- Slow down on campus!
Please note the posted speed limits on campus.



GED Testing Center™

Did you know that under certain circumstances students wishing to take college courses will not be eligible for financial aid if they do not have a high school diploma or GED® certificate?

Columbia College offers a GED Preparation™ class AND administers the GED® test each semester.

- The GED Preparation class meets every Monday & Wednesday at 6:00 pm in Manzanita Rm. 18-2.
- The next GED® test will be administered on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

Contact the Counseling/GED Testing Center for more information and/or to sign up for the test. We are located in Manzanita 15 or call (209) 588-5109.

Food Bank

The Food Bank hours are:

Monday /Thursday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fridays by appointment only.

The Food Bank is located in the Student Center.

Phone: 588-5111 or 588-2174



HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS PRESENTATION

The Center for a Non-Violent Community will be on campus to conduct a presentation on building and maintaining healthy relationships.

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2013

Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Community Education Room, MANZ 18-1

This workshop is open to all students, faculty and staff.

Presented by Special Programs.



Distance Learning

The ITC (Instructional Technology Center) is a center located in Tamarack Hall, Room 134 (the library building), where faculty, staff and students can work on multimedia projects and receive assistance with online instruction.

ITC Hours:

- Monday 8:00 – 11:30 am & 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- Tuesday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm & 2:30 – 5:00 pm
- Wednesday 8:00 – 11:30 am & 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- Thursday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm & 2:30 – 3:00 pm
- Friday by arrangement

It is best to call and make an appointment to be sure we can work with you.

The ITC has a variety of software programs:

- ☐ MS Office Suite
- ☐ Master Adobe Creative Suite CS 5.5
- ☐ Internet Explorer, Google Chrome & Firefox Browsers
- ☐ Quicktime
- ☐ Real Player

The ITC hosts

- ☐ State of the art iMac lab
- ☐ Multimedia-ready PC computers
- ☐ Scanners
- ☐ Copiers
- ☐ DVD & CD duplicators
- ☐ Green Screen
- ☐ SmartBoard Technology
- ☐ Other multimedia equipment to utilize in the center.



TRiO Student Support Services

What's New in TRiO?

Field Trips: The first TRiO field trip of the semester will take place on March 1, 2013. The bus will depart at 7:45 am in the Oak Pavilion parking lot for a day trip to visit the CSU Fresno campus for a detailed campus tour. Students are currently voting for a subsequent fieldtrip scheduled for May 7, 2013. Sign-ups and voting forms can be found on the TRiO tab in Blackboard.

Peer Mentoring: Peer mentoring has taken off, and students seem to find the Welcome Center a very beneficial meeting place for sessions.

Academic Counseling: Nearing the end of February, students have begun to finish up their required first contact with a counselor, and are now beginning to make their mid-semester contact appointments as well.

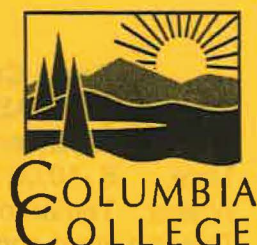
Reminders: Another few reminders for students, FAFSA deadline is March 2, 2013, and please remember to take a look at our outside scholarship list (available on the TRiO webpage, www.gocolumbia.edu/trio.) to see which ones are due this month.



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<http://columbia.yosemite.edu>



IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 4	Summer/Fall 2013 Class Schedule available online.
Apr. 8	Last day to withdraw from any course.
Apr. 13	Assessment Testing, Orientation & Advisement.
Apr. 29- May 4	Final Examination Week.

Registration Alert!!

Columbia College has **NEW** early registration dates!

Summer 2013 Registration Dates

April 15	Special Programs Registration
April 16	Continuing Student Registration
April 22	New Student Registration
April 23	Open Registration: All Students

Fall 2013 Registration Dates

May 15	Special Programs Registration
May 20	Continuing Student Registration
May 29	New Student Registration
June 3	Open Registration: All Students



The Counseling Office

- ⊗ Has your GPA dropped below a 2.0?
- ⊗ Have you withdrawn from more than 50% of classes attempted?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, you may be blocked from Summer and/or Fall 2013 registration. Call the Counseling office and schedule an appointment to see a counselor as soon as possible.

Phone number: (209) 588-5109

Office hours: M-F 8:00 am – 4:30 pm



The Institutional Research Office

****ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS ****

Please check your student emails.

An important survey that needs your timely response has been distributed to your student.yosemite.edu email! Please look for the **Columbia College IE Survey** subject line, click the link, and complete the survey (only 10 minutes on average).

Your feedback is critical at this time and greatly appreciated!



EOPS

EOPS is currently accepting applications for the Fall 2013 semester. Applications are available online or in the EOPS Office. **Apply now!**

The EOPS program is a State-funded program that provides supportive services to students with economic and educational disadvantages to assist them in meeting their academic and career goals.

Manzanita Bookstore

Graduation Day is May 3, 2013! Don't miss out on your graduation items.

April 1, 2013 - Announcements available for purchase. Single announcement - \$1.35 ea. Pack of 10 - \$12.95.

April 8, 2013 - Cap/Gown and tassel available for purchase. Cost is: \$33.99. Small sizes go fast.

Rental gowns are no longer available!

Bookstore will close at 3 pm on Graduation Day.

Cash for Books...Book Buyback

Bring in your used textbooks the last two weeks of the semester, April 22 — May 3, 2013, for book buyback. Get cash and help fellow students with buying used textbooks!

Textbook sales for the summer session start April 29, 2013.



Financial Aid Office

Congratulations to all scholarship recipients!

Scholarship recipients will soon be notified by mail. Make sure your address is correct with the Admissions and Records Department. Names of the scholarship recipients will also be posted on the financial aid web page!

The Scholarship Office would like to remind each recipient to send a letter of appreciation to the generous donors of your awards.

Columbia College Scholarship and Award Celebration

All students & staff are invited to attend on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 4:30 pm in Dogwood. It's a great opportunity to celebrate recipients and thank donors!

Are you thinking about taking Summer courses?

Plan ahead.

If you plan on attending classes during the Summer 2013 semester, make sure you complete a 2013-2014 Board of Governor's Fee Waiver.

Summer PELL Grants!

Please monitor your assigned student email for summer Pell Grant information.

The Financial Aid Office will continue to offer Financial Aid Workshops. Workshop dates for April are:

Wednesday	04/03/2013	11:00-12:00 am
Thursday	04/11/2013	1:30-2:30 pm
Monday	04/15/2013	9:00-10:00 am
Tuesday	04/23/2013	3:00-4:00 pm

Have You Checked Your Assigned Student Email?

Financial Aid Award Notifications are sent to this email address only! **Financial Aid emails WILL NOT be forwarded to a personal email address!**

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

Finals Cram Night! Make it a date!

The library and ASCC will team up for a great evening.

When: Wednesday, April 24, 2012

Time: 6 -10:00 p.m

Where: Tamarack Building (Library)

This is a great opportunity to check in with your professors about those last minute questions, study with a friend, catch a bite to eat (courtesy of ASCC) and feel prepared for your finals. Notice that the day is different from previous Cram nights. This semester it is on Wednesday, not Thursday. **See you there!**



Job Placement Services (JPS)

Job Placement Services is adding new jobs every week! We have summer openings, part-time and full-time openings, plus a few weekend jobs to choose from. Here are a few examples:

#108 ProShop Asst, part-time

#109 Apartment Manager, full time

#612 Kitchen Manager, Camp Menzies, Salary + room and board

Visit Job Placement Services ONLINE at

<http://www.gocolumbia.edu/jobs/listings.aspx>.



TRiO Student Support Services

TRiO Happenings! TRiO students: we are on the homestretch! Be sure to check your student email for important TRiO information updates, dates, and deadlines regarding: Priority Registration, Grant Aid, Scholarships, Field Trips, Workshops, and more!

We are now accepting applications for the Fall 2013 semester. Stop by the Welcome Center or visit our website to complete an application: www.gocolumbia.edu/trio.

TRiO is looking for motivated and successful students to join our Peer Mentoring Team! If you are interested in finding out more about this rewarding leadership opportunity, stop by the Welcome Center or contact TRiO Program Director, Anneka Rogers-Whitmer to find out more.

Be more than just a student: be a scholar!



Child Development Club

April 15 - 19, 2013, is the "Week of the Young Child". The Child Development Club will be displaying children's art work (created by children attending the campus child care center) in the art display case at the campus library encouraging viewers to think back on their childhood and the joy they felt through art.

April 20, 2013 is the Children's ICES Fair at the Sonora fairgrounds. The Child Development Club will have a booth with fun activities for the whole family, so stop by and enjoy what we have to offer!



Health & Human Performance Department

Summer 2013 Fundraiser:

Event: All Star High School Basketball

When: April 13, 2013

Time: 3:00 pm (small HS), 5:00 pm (large HS)

Where: Oak Pavilion

Cost: \$5 for student, \$10 for adults & staff

Come join us for an afternoon of fun and help support Columbia College's HHP Dept.

GPS - Guidance, Preparation, Success!

GPS is a campus-wide effort led by students, staff, & faculty who work to provide tools to help Columbia students navigate their way through school and beyond.



April GPS Tool: What's Next???

Are you a Columbia student thinking about transferring? Are you a GED student looking to take classes at Columbia? Are you an ESL student ready to take the next step in your education?

If any of these apply to you, then check out GPS's April Tool: "What's Next?" Look for GPS "What's Next" tip cards around campus. They're full of ideas about what your next step could be!

Interested in being a part of the GPS team?

GPS is a GREAT leadership opportunity! Contact one of our GPS student co-facilitators to learn more about how you can gain valuable leadership experience while helping students to achieve their goals.

Tori Palmberg, GPS Co-Facilitator -

tpalmberg@student.yosemite.edu

Stephanie Eaton - GPS Co-Facilitator -

seaton6017@yahoo.com



The Columbia College Foundation

Join us for the first in this year's "Meet The Author" series "An Evening with Pam Houston: Reading, Book Signing, Q&A."

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2013

Time: 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Where: Columbia College Library

Time: 6 -9:00 pm

Where: Columbia College Dogwood Forum



Ms. Houston will also conduct a writer's workshop, "Turning the Stuff of Your Life into Story".

Date: Friday, April 12th,

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Where: Kids Art Studies Academy, 251 Barretta Street (Historic Dome campus), Sonora.

These events are free to the public. **For more information or to pre-register for the workshop,** please email sotom@yosemite.edu or call Meryl Soto at 209.588.5225.

FREE Tutoring!

The **Academic Achievement Center (AAC)** is a learning space where you can work on your own or take advantage of free tutoring. We offer help in most subjects and study skills, including time management, note taking, free printing, and more.

Make an appointment today or just drop in to study

FREE and OPEN to ALL STUDENTS!



AAC Manzanita 18-2 588-5088

Next to Financial Aid



CONGRATULATIONS!

Columbia College student Pablo Lopez is the reigning State champion in Parliamentary Lincoln Douglas Debate after defeating a crowded field of fierce debaters at the California Community College Forensics Association State Championship. Pablo is the 9th student in the Columbia College debate program's eight-year history to earn the gold medal at this prestigious tournament. Pablo also captured a bronze medal in the team debate event with partner Grant Wright.

Daniel Beluardo and Joseph Rodgers were also each awarded a bronze medal for the event.

