

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



Monthly Bulletin

January 2013

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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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?

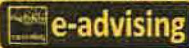
Did your GPA drop below 2.0?

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.

Other ways the Counseling office can assist you:

- Individual counseling (in person and phone
appointments available)
- Orientation Sessions (for new students)
-  e-advising (for brief questions regarding
counseling issues)
- Guidance Courses (see semester schedule for
current offerings)
- "Like" cccounseling on Facebook to receive
updates, information, and post quick and/or
general questions.



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
decide not to attend.
- 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.



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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
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??

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:

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!

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Make an AAC Appointment TODAY!

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Next to Financial Aid

"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



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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 SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER.
- Martin Luther King Jr.

SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES

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





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February 2013

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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

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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!



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in honor of the

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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



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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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2013 Men's Basketball Schedule

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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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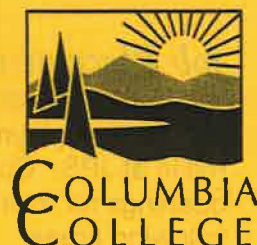
(Associated Students of Columbia College)

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



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Fall 2012 diplomas are available for pick-up in the Admissions & Records Office. Student must have no outstanding obligations and are required to show picture ID at the counter.



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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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2013 Wellness Faire

6 Dimensions of Wellness

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



Brought to you by
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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.



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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.

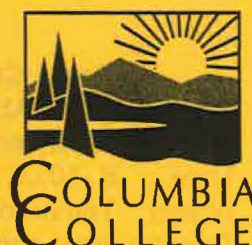
Reminders: Another few reminders for students, FAFSA deadline is March 2, 2013, and please remember to take a look at our outside scholarship list (available on the TRiO webpage, www.gocolumbia.edu/trio.) to see which ones are due this month.



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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.

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

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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!



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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

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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.

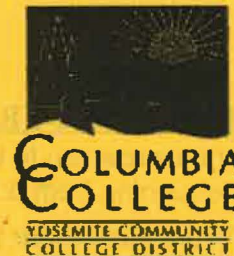
Daniel Beluardo and Joseph Rodgers were also each awarded a bronze medal for the event.



COLUMBIA COLLEGE'S STUDENT MONTHLY BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2013

<http://columbia.yosemite.edu>



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 2	Holiday Labor Day
Sept 10.	Welcome Back BBQ at the Student Center (Ponderosa Building) 12-3pm
Sept 8.	Last day for a refund and to drop a class without a W
Sept. 24	Last day to elect for a pass/no pass grade

ADMISSIONS & RECORDS OFFICE

Attention students please check your schedule for important drop dates and refund dates.

THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Do you need to make some quick changes to your fall schedule? Do you need to set up an EDUCATION PLAN so you'll know what classes you need to register in before the semester starts! Come to the counseling office Manzanita room 15 or call 588.5109 to book your appointment now. Don't wait!!

EOPS

Current EOPS students: Educational Plan counseling sessions have already begun and must be completed no later than October 11th! Call 588-5130 or stop by Manzanita 18-3 to make your appointment. We have two new staff members eager to work with you! Matt Fox is the new Coordinator/Counselor and Michelle Walker is the new Program Technician. Please stop by and say hello ☺

Future EOPS students: Consider applying for EOPS. You will receive individual attention, assistance with textbooks, and personalized support toward your goals! Applications for the spring semester are available starting October 1st. Visit our website, www.gocolumbia.edu/eops, for eligibility and program information.

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HEALTH SERVICES



Health Services is open and office hours are:
M, T, W, F: 9-4:00PM and until 6:00PM on Thursdays.

The BOB Health Van will be on campus Tuesday afternoons from 1-3:00P starting September 10.

Mental health counseling appointments are available beginning September 27. Please call 588-5204 to schedule an appointment.

All services are covered by your health fee!



Do you need help...

- ...understanding course material?
 - ... improving study skills?
 - ... finding a place to study?
- Then come and visit the AAC!

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, then come and visit the

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTER (AAC)

The AAC offers all of the above and **free** tutoring to all Columbia College students. Call or stop by Manzanita 18-2 today! **588-5088**

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Introducing GPS!



GPS (Guidance, Preparation, Success) is a project designed by students, staff, and faculty to enhance the overall wellness and success of all students at Columbia College.

September's tool is **Managing Time**. We have all wished for more time in the day. Find ways to optimize your time using GPS. Search for events pertaining to time management on campus this month!



THE LIBRARY

Check it out! Your library has a great selection of books, movies, music, and textbooks. Textbooks? That's right. We don't have every single one, but we have a healthy selection. The textbooks are to be used in the library and have a two-hour time limit. Movies? Yes indeed! Sometimes you just need a break from studying. Music? From reggae to rock or country to classical. Books? But, of course! And the library has databases that you can use here on campus or at home. We are open 12 hours a day, 7:45 a.m.-7:45 p.m. The view of the pond is especially nice from the library's easy chairs. Come and check it out!

CAMPUS SECURITY



We encourage you to take advantage of the campus shuttle running from 5:30P to 9:30P, Monday-Thursday.

- 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 Fall 2013 GED preparation GED class will be September 9th –December 11th
- The next GED® test will be administered on Saturday, September 28, and October 26 in Calaveras and on November 9 and December 7 at Columbia College.

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

STUDENT CENTER

Located in the Ponderosa building, the Student Center is a place for all students to comfortably have discussions, workshops, club meetings or Student Senate meetings. This can all be done in a relaxed environment that fosters academic exploration and thought. The Center provides students with access to college materials, Wi-Fi, HDTV, computers, coffee, a microwave and an outside Patio/Lounge and food bank.



FOOD BANK

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Phone: 588-5111, 588-2174 or 588-5270

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Associated Students of Columbia College (ASCC) are the officially recognized student group that represents all students of Columbia College. The Student Government is a vital part of all Columbia College activities and programs. Elected representatives and student committees work to ensure the voice of the students are represented within the decision-making bodies of the college. Members of the ASCC are proud to participate in student government at Columbia College and are equally delighted to share our enthusiasm with you. Student government positions are available. Please contact us to get involved. Don't forget to leave your name and

contact information when calling, if you are interested in a position. Meetings are held on Tuesdays from 2-3pm in the Student Center/Ponderosa Building. Please call us at 209.588.5270 or 209.588.5111 or visit our website at asccpresident@student.yosemite.edu.



DISTANCE LEARNING

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

ITC Hours:

Mondays	9:00 – 11:30AM & 1:00 – 4:00PM
Tuesdays	9:00 – 11:30AM & 1:00 – 4:00PM
Wednesdays	9:00 – 11:30AM & 1:00 – 4:00PM
Thursdays	9:00 – 11:30AM & 1:00 – 4:00PM
Fridays	By appointment only

Please call 588-5011 and make an appointment to ensure someone is available to work with you.

The *ITC* has a variety of software programs, such as:

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

The *ITC* hosts the following technology apparatus:

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

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

What's New in TRIO?

Applications for the fall semester are closed, but you can still pick up an application for the spring semester.

Field Trips: The first TRiO field trip of the semester will take place at UC Davis at a later date. Stay Tuned.

Peer Mentoring: Check in with your peer mentors in the Welcome Center. We would like to introduce several new mentors to the program. Jessica, Mattie, Matt, Dominic, and Kim will be here to assist you in the office.

Academic Counseling: Please make sure that you are scheduling your first appointment with your counselor, as well as your mid-semester appointment too.

Reminders:

Semester Orientations in Manzanita 14:

Monday	9/09 @ 8am
Tuesday	9/10 @ 9am
Wednesday	9/11 @ 10am
Thursday	9/12 @ 11am
Friday	9/13 @ 12 pm

We also have a Blackboard and a Facebook, as well as the TRiO website, which has tons of info to help you be successful in college. Check them out for quick answers to tough questions.

Important Dates

- Oct. 4 Deadline for filing for graduation, Certificates of Achievement and Skills Attainment Certificates for Spring 2014



Student Success Workshops

Oct. 1	11:30 – 12:30 pm	Relieving Stress
Oct. 2	11 am – 12 noon	Dream Act Eligibility/Benefits
Oct. 9	9 am – 10 am	Studying w/Children At Home
Oct. 10	3 pm – 4 pm	Note Taking/Study Strategies
Oct. 15	1 pm – 2 pm	Avoiding Procrastination
Oct. 17	10:30 – 11:30 am	7 Habits of Successful People
Oct. 22	10 am – 11 am	Relaxation Strategies
Oct. 24	12:30 – 1:30 pm	Financial Literacy
Oct. 29	11 am – 12 noon	Creating Effective Resumes
Oct. 30	1:30 – 2:30 pm	Success for Foster Youth
Oct 30	1 pm – 2:30 pm	UC Personal Statement Application (Manzanita 18-1)

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

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!! BRING A FRIEND!



Flooded with assignments, projects, & papers...???

Grab a lifeline BEFORE you're underwater and visit the...

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The AAC offers

- Free tutoring by appointment!
- Study Space
- Computers & Free Printing

Call or stop by the AAC in Manzanita 18-2 today!
588-5088

THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Graduating Spring 2014? Applications for Spring graduation are due October 4! You must meet with a counselor to complete the application and verify you have met your degree/certificate requirements.

Planning to transfer to a university in Fall of 2014?

CSU and UC applications will be ready soon, and need to be completely submitted by Nov 30. Counselors can help you with this process and to make sure you are planning your coursework appropriately for transfer success.

Coming next fall—you will need to have an educational plan on file and be in good academic standing to receive a priority registration date. Get in to see a counselor now so you will be good to go!

Visit our website (www.gocolumbia.edu/counseling)

for tons of information and access to our **e-advising** link, and keep updated with us by liking our **Facebook** page at [ccounseling](https://www.facebook.com/ccounseling). See you on-line!

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Academic Counseling: Please make sure that you are scheduling your mid-semester appointments by calling 588-5109.

If you have any questions, please call 588-5066. We also have a Facebook page, as well as a TRiO website, which has tons of info to help you be successful in college. Check them out for quick answers to tough questions.

Claim Jumper Day



Columbia College is holding its

second annual Claim Jumper Day on Thursday, October 3, from 10:00am to 1:00pm in Carkeet Park when high school juniors and seniors will visit campus and be invited to obtain information about the academic opportunities available at Columbia College. Students will tour the campus upon arrival then peruse the Career Technical Education, Arts & Sciences, and Special Program booths in Carkeet Park. Last year's Claim Jumper Day was well attended, and we anticipate an even greater number will be present at this year's event! If you are interested in being a tour guide, please call Doralyn Foletti at 588-5111 or Colleen Henry at 588-5132.



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Financial Aid Office



Are you struggling financially this semester?

Federal and State funding can ease the burden. If you qualify, you can receive retroactive pay for the units you earned this semester. It is well worth a try! Apply now at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Financial Aid takes 12 weeks to process, so don't delay.....apply today!

Need Assistance with your Higher One Card or completing your FAFSA Application??

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

Thursday	10/10/2013	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Monday	10/14/2013	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday	10/23/2013	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Friday	11/01/2013	9:30 am - 10:30 am

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Financial Aid Myth #42

Myth: I will not be enrolled in full-time units so I do not qualify for Financial Aid.

Answer: Untrue. Students with a high financial need (low EFC number) can qualify for financial aid for as little as three units. Talk to your financial aid technician today and see if you're eligible.

Financial Aid Office Hours

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

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The Columbia Jazz Series

The Columbia Jazz Artist Series is announcing the start of their 35th Season with a special double concert weekend featuring top jazz performers vocalist Elaine Gibbs and saxman Paul Contos with the Columbia 20-piece Big Band and singers.



Saturday night, October 5th, at 7:30pm

Sunday matinee, October 6th, at 2:30pm

Tickets are \$20 for reserved seating and are available at the Manzanita Bookstore and at the Mountain Bookshop at the Junction Shopping Center in East Sonora. Concert tickets are also available by phone Monday - Friday from 8am to 5pm by calling (209) 588-5126. Remaining seats are always available at the door.

Math Lab Hours

New hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.
The Math Lab is located in Juniper 5.

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is located in the Student Center and hours are Monday to Thursday, 9am - 12pm, and Fridays by appointment only. Open to students and the public.

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Student Health Services

Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am - 4pm
Thurs 9am - 6pm

The BOB Health Van is on campus Tuesday afternoons from 3pm in front of the Oak Ravillon.

Mental Health counseling appointments are available by calling 588-5204.



According to the health survey taken last fall Columbia College students are looking for more ways to manage stress and nutrition. Come explore options at.....

The 4th semi-annual
Columbia Wellness Fair
October 23rd and 24th, 10am - 3pm

Manzanita Building

We will again highlight the 6 dimensions of health (physical, emotional, occupational, spiritual, social, and intellectual) through hands-on activities: Eureka Career exploration program, ceramics with Sifu Berchtold, seated massage, yoga, tai chi, singing, nutritious recipes, free soup, tea, Columbia College health statistics, mind expanding games, student clubs, meditations, herbal demos, Obama-care information....

Come to enjoy!



Tuolumne County Health Fair at the Sonora Fairgrounds will be Tuesday and Wednesday October 15 & 16 from 7am-3pm. Open to the public. Free flu shots, \$25 blood panel (requires a 12hr fast), hearing tests, blood pressure, eye exams, teeth consult, local health related booths.

Want to learn more about Obama-Care?

Want to understand the new health insurance choices? Come to the Columbia College Wellness Fair for a full explanation and information from trained professionals.

Security Office



Shorter days and cooler weather have arrived so take advantage of the campus shuttle bus. The shuttle runs a continuous loop around the campus perimeter, Monday to Thursday, from 5:30 pm-9:30 pm. The shuttle offers free rides from the classroom buildings to the student parking lot. A map of the shuttle route is available online at:

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The midterms are coming!

Guidance, Preparation, Success asks:
how do you learn?

October's GPS tool is **learning styles**. Discover how you learn best by taking a quick questionnaire on the computers in the AAC, and you'll find learning style-specific study tips to help you wake up from your midterm nightmare.

Also look on campus for events and informational cards pertaining to learning styles.

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Student Leadership

Upcoming Events

October 7th Ice-cream Social, 12-3pm in Student Center

October 8th Club Day, 10am-2pm in front of the Library

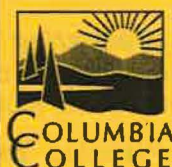
October 9th Student Forum, 11am-2:30pm in Dogwood

Student



Monthly Bulletin

November, 2013



Important Dates

Nov. 11	Holiday: Veteran's Day
Nov. 14	Last day to withdraw from any course
Nov. 21	Priority registration for Spring semester
Nov. 25-Dec. 4	Continuing student registration for Spring semester
Nov. 28-29	Holiday: Thanksgiving
Dec. 5-6	New matric registration for Spring semester

Student Success Workshops

Nov. 5	2 pm – 3 pm	Career Exploration
Nov. 7	11 am – 12 noon	Transfer Readiness
Nov. 13	2:30 – 3:30 pm	Financial Literacy
Nov. 14	1 pm – 2 pm	Healthy Holidays
Nov. 19	12 noon – 1 pm	Preparing for Finals
Nov. 21	2 pm – 3 pm	Reflecting on Progress
Nov. 25	12 noon – 1 pm	Understanding your Financial Aid

All workshops held in Career Transfer Center / Manzanita 14

All students are welcome!
Bring a friend!!

SPRING SEMESTER CLASS SCHEDULES

Spring semester class schedules are now available online!!

Get ready for registration by checking out the Columbia College website, and decide what classes you'd like to take!

http://www.gocolumbia.edu/catalog_schedules/spring14/default.php

Hard copies will be available from November 7, 2013



TRiO Student Support Services

What's new in TRiO SSS?

Peer Mentoring: Come and check in with your peer mentors to get assistance with the new scholarship application and any other concerns you are having this semester. We always have someone available to help you in the Welcome Center Monday through Friday from 8:00am—4:30pm.

Scholarships: The deadline for the Osher Scholarship application is extended to November 7th. The Columbia College scholarship application is due December 2nd. The application link can be found in your student email.

CSU and UC Applications: The last submission date possible for CSU and UC applications is November 30th.

Email: Please check your emails weekly for updates on field trip information and vote for the colleges you want to visit next year. If you are still having trouble signing into the student email, stop by the Welcome Center for assistance.

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

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Friday	11/01/2013	9:30 am – 10:30 am
Tuesday	11/05/2013	1:30 pm – 2:30pm
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Monday	11/18/2013	8:30 am – 9:30 am

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Financial Aid Myth:

".....I applied for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver and didn't qualify. I won't qualify for Federal grants either."

Reality: The BOGW granted by the state of California does have specific income limitations in determining eligibility; however the Department of Education takes many of your answers given in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) into consideration. Students are often granted a federal fee waiver by filling out the FAFSA, as well as grants. Apply today to see if you are eligible.

In Spring 2014 the Financial Aid / Veterans Office will be temporarily moved to Sequoia 110 while the Manzanita Building is being re-modeled.

Come by and visit us in our temporary home.



HOT JOBS

- #113 **Design Assistant**
Approximately 4 hours per week. Duties include typing, doing web searches, web assistance.
- #502 **Caregiver**
Looking for someone to do some light housekeeping and cooking for a senior individual. In exchange for a room and bathroom rent free.
- #1100 **Student Teacher's Aid**
To work in Child Care Center

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Student Center

Located in the Ponderosa building, the Student Center is a place for all students to comfortably have discussions, workshops, club meetings or Student Senate meetings. The Center provides students with access to college materials, Wi-Fi, HDTV, computers, coffee, a microwave and an outside Patio/Lounge and food bank.



THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Graduating Spring 2014? You must meet with a counselor to complete the application and verify that you have met your degree/certificate requirements.

Planning to transfer to a university in Fall of 2014? CSU and UC applications need to be completely submitted by Nov 30. Counselors can help you with this process, and make sure you are planning your coursework appropriately for transfer success.

Coming next fall—you will need to have an educational plan on file and be in good academic standing to receive a priority registration date. See a counselor now so you will be good to go!

Visit our website (www.gocolumbia.edu/counseling) for tons of information and access to our **e-advising** link, and keep updated with us by liking our **Facebook** page at [cccounseling](#). See you on-line!

EOP&S / CARE



Future Students: Consider applying for EOPS! You will receive individual attention, assistance with textbooks, and personalized support toward your goals! Applications for the Spring semester are available and due no later than Thursday, November 14, 2013. Visit our website, http://www.gocolumbia.edu/eops_care/ for eligibility and program information, or stop by Manzanita Building 18-3 to pick up an application TODAY!

Current EOP&S and CARE students: Mid-semester counseling sessions have already begun and must be completed no later than November 15th! Call 588-5130 or stop by Manzanita Building 18-3 to make your appointment. Remember that Thursday, November 14th is the last day to drop a full-semester class. Come talk with us if you are considering making any changes to your schedule.

Student Health Services

Columbia Wellness Fair Follow-up

"Love the Wellness Fair!" says one student.

"Awesome event!" says another.



Whether you were one of the many volunteers or a student who learned "to stay calm to be healthier" or "more about the different options on campus", we appreciate your participation in Columbia College's fourth Wellness Fair. Over 250 students participated this year's event and we look forward to seeing you at many more to come. If you missed it and would like follow-up information, please stop by the Health Services Office in Juniper 2 to talk to us about how to incorporate the "six dimensions of health" into your wellness plan!

Flu Info: Flu vaccinations are now available in Health Services (Juniper 2) for \$5 for students and \$25 for staff (pay in the Business Office). Also available at no cost on the BOB Health Van, Tuesdays 1-3:30pm, in front of Oak Pavilion. Also, come and get other flu information and supplies in Health Services. Get healthy, stay healthy!!

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is located in the Student Center and hours are Monday to Thursday, 9am – 12pm, and Fridays by appointment only. Open to students and the public.



Phone: 588-5111, 588-2174 or 588-5270



Ready for Finals.....???

They'll be here before you know it!

Get a head start on them by visiting the....

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTER (AAC)

The AAC offers:

- * Free tutoring by appointment!
- * Study Space
- * Computers & Free Printing

Call or stop by the AAC in Manzanita 18-2 today!
588-5088

Business Services

Public Hours:

Mon.—Thurs. 8:00am—5:30pm

Fri. 9:00am—4:30pm

Holiday Closures—November 11, 28 and 29

Spring priority registration begins in November. To avoid delays be sure to pay any remaining fees and library fines before you register. VA students should check in with the Business Office and Financial Aid Office



Security Office

Shorter days and cooler weather have arrived so take advantage of the campus shuttle bus. The shuttle runs a continuous loop around the campus perimeter, Monday to Thursday, from 5:30 pm–9:30 pm. The shuttle offers free rides from the classroom buildings to the student parking lot. A map of the shuttle route is available online at:

http://www.gocolumbia.edu/campus_operations/shuttlemap.pdf

- ★ 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), just give us a call at 566-5476.
- ★ If you have lost something while on campus, call Lost & Found at



Food for Fines



The library began *Food for Fines* on Monday, October 27. *Food for Fines* is designed to help students eliminate those pesky fines and, at the same time, provide food for the local food banks. For every can of food, \$1 will be forgiven on a student's fine bill. Cans can be delivered to the library circulation desk for fine credit. *Food for Fines* will run through the third week of November.



Guidance, Preparation, Success (GPS)

Introduces the 3 R's:

Release, Reduce, Rethink

November's GPS tool is Balancing Stress, so we will be focusing on the 3 R's and providing a few techniques to help you balance your stress in this wild semester.

Also look on campus for events & informational cards pertaining to October's "Learning Styles" tool.

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Coats, Clothing & More

The *Coats, Clothing & More* drive ends this week. Distribution of clothing to students in need will be on Tuesday November 12 and Wednesday November 13 from 9am to 5pm outside the Snack Bar in the Manzanita building. If you need something either for yourself or a family member, make sure to stop by. This is our chance as students to help other students in need.



Monthly Bulletin

December, 2013



Important Dates

Nov. 25 - Dec. 4	Continuing student registration for Spring semester
Dec. 5 - 6	New matric registration for Spring semester
Dec. 9 - Jan. 10	Open registration for all students
Dec. 14	Last day of semester
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1	Campus closed for Christmas break
Jan. 2	Campus reopens
Jan. 8	Assessment & Orientation Day
Jan. 13	First day of Spring Semester
Jan. 20	Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr.
Jan. 24	Last day to drop a course on campus for a refund
Jan. 24	Last day to drop a course on campus without a "W"
Jan. 26	Last day to drop a course online for a refund
Jan. 26	Last day to drop a course online without a "W"

Annual Christmas Giving Tree



Christmas is just around the corner and last year your kindness helped to bring smiles to many young faces of children who attend the Columbia College Child Care Center and their siblings. This year the need is much greater. Would you like to donate a gift for a child? If so, please select an ornament from the Christmas Giving Tree in the Rotunda. The ornament will have a child's information on the back, buy a gift, WRAP IT, and then return the wrapped gift with original ornament tag to the Student Senate Office in the Ponderosa building.

*Return wrapped gift by
4:00pm on December 6*

Thank you for helping to make this Christmas a joyous one for many children.

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Finals Cram Night



Finals cram night is Thursday, December 5th in the library. Cram night runs from 6-10pm. Instructors and tutors will be on hand for those last minute questions. ASCC will provide food and drink for the evening. Come join us!! Ask your instructors if they will be there!

Financial Aid Office



In Spring 2014 the Financial Aid / Veterans Office will be temporarily moved to Sequoia 110 while the Manzanita building is being re-modeled. Come by and visit us in our temporary home.

The Priority Financial Aid deadline to submit your FAFSA for 2014-2015 academic year is March 2nd, 2014. If you are required to do so be sure to file your taxes early in order to submit accurate data.

The 2014-2015 FAFSA will be available January 1, 2014

Did you struggle financially this semester?

Federal and 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??

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

Monday	12/02/2013	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	12/10/2013	10:00am - 1:00am
Wednesday	12/18/2013	1:30pm - 2:30pm

Have you been checking your assigned student email?

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

Financial Aid Office Hours

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

***Please be aware of financial aid scams.
The FAFSA and Financial Aid advice is free!!!!***

Here are some warning signs of Financial Aid scams:

- Demands that you pay an up-front filing or processing fee;
- Requests for credit card numbers or bank account information;
- Claims that a company can offer "exclusive" information;
- Promised to give you cash if you first pay a registration fee;
- Offers for a lower interest rate if you pay a larger fee in advance; and
- Claims that the company will convert a loan into a grant—but only if you first pay a fee.

**Use the official and secure FAFSA on the web. Go to
WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV**

Business Services

**Public Hours: Mon. - Thu. 8am to 4:30pm,
Fri. 9am to 4:30pm**

Spring registration continues this month. Don't be dropped or blocked over the winter break, be sure to pay any fees as soon as you register. All students have fees, even students with fee waivers. Mailed payments received after closing on December 23 will not be processed before January 2, 2014. In January our office will be relocated to the Sequoia building.



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HOT JOBS

- #502 Caregiver**
Looking for someone to do some light housekeeping and cooking for a senior individual. In exchange for a room and bathroom rent free.
- #1105 Part Time Nanny**
I have an 8yr old and a 10yr old. I need someone to pick up kids from the bus stop and take them to swim practice at SSFC. Drive them home, serve them dinner (already made), clean-up dinner, help with homework, and put them to bed.
- #301 Maintenance Worker**
Under supervision, help maintain Early/Head Start/State Preschool classrooms & grounds. This includes: minor classroom repair, plumbing, landscaping, weed eating, painting, sanding, etc.

For information on how to apply for these positions, please go online to:
www.gocolumbia.edu/student_services/job_placement/listings.php



Student Health Services



Did you play with clay at the Wellness Fair?

You can pick up your pieces from the Health Services office in Juniper 2, until the end of the semester.

Wellness Fair Follow-Up Survey

Please look for the Wellness Fair follow-up survey coming soon in your student email. Please take the time to fill these out as they help us track and improve our next Wellness Fair. Thank you ahead of time!



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SPRING SEMESTER CLASS SCHEDULES

Spring semester class schedules are now available!!

Get ready for registration by checking out the Columbia College website, and decide what classes you'd like to take!

http://www.gocolumbia.edu/catalog_schedules/spring14/default.php

Hard copies are also available in the Counseling Office

EOP&S / CARE



New Applicants: A big welcome to the 50+ new students accepted at the EOPS program for Spring semester! Remember, the next step in the process is to attend the "intake" process at the beginning of the Spring semester. If you have any questions, give us a call on 588-5130, or stop by the Special Programs desk in Manzanita 18-3.

Current Students: Please call to schedule your "End-of-Term" appointment. This 3rd appointment is your final counselling requirement for the semester. We are also completing the "intake" process during this 3rd appointment so if you are planning to continue with EOPS in the Spring semester, it is doubly important to attend!!! The deadline to complete this appointment is Friday, December 13th. Call 588-5109 to schedule your final appointment.

Good luck with finals and enjoy the holidays!!

EOPS / CARE are moving to the Toyon building on January 2nd & 3rd.



DSPS has a Call to Action on:

Wednesday, January 8th 10 am - 12 noon
1 pm - 3 pm



TRiO Student Support Services

"More than a student...
become a *Scholar* with TRiO Student Support Services"

- Visit your Peer Mentor on Cram Night (12/5/13) in the Library. We will provide a stress-free, non-judgmental, listening environment for you to prepare for your finals or just unwind.
- Semester Orientations for ALL enrolled-trio-students (Spring 2014 term) held each day Jan. 13th-24th 2014. Check your email soon for details on times and room location.
- Not sure if you are getting all the latest TRiO news? Check in with our office (Manz. 17) to ensure we have the correct contact information for you on file.
* Look for our new offices in Sequoia in January 2014
- Congratulations to all trio-students who completed the Columbia College Scholarship application this year! We are so proud of your accomplishments!
- Want to graduate faster, with a higher GPA, and transfer to the University of your choice? Then stay in touch with TRiO SSS; we are here for you!

Happy New Year to all!!!!