

Student



Monthly Bulletin

September, 2014



Important Dates

- Sept 7. Last day to drop class without a "W"
Sept 7. Last day to drop class for a refund
Sept 25. Last day to elect for Pass/No Pass

Student Success Workshops

Sept. 4	10 – 11 am	How to Maximize your Financial Aid
Sept. 11	3 – 4 pm	Get In and Get Out of College: Planning and Time Management
Sept. 15	2:30 – 3:30pm	Memory Techniques
Sept. 17	11:30 – 12:30pm	Scholarship Personal Statements
Sept. 23	1 – 2 pm	How to Afford College
Sept. 25	1 - 2 pm	CC Scholarship Application Instructions Workshop
Oct. 1	1 – 2 pm	CC Scholarship Application Instructions Workshop
Oct. 2	12 - 1 pm	What's an Associate Degree for Transfer and How Can it Help Me?

All workshops held in Career Transfer Center / Sequoia 109

MILITARY VETERANS MEET & GREET

Wednesday, September 24, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Student Center (Ponderosa Building)

*Pizza and Beverages
provided!!*

All Military Veterans attending
Columbia College are welcome!



Library News

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Financial Aid Office

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which includes Financial Aid and Veterans
Services is located in Sequoia 110.

Office hours are:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Dropped units after the first disbursement or had
classes that were cancelled????**

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.

**Do you have questions about financial aid or are you
a Veteran who needs to activate your benefits????**

Contact your Financial Aid Technician to get all of your questions answered.

Students with the last name starting A through L contact:

DANA BAKER at 209-588-5105 or bakerd@yosemite.edu

Students with the last name starting M through Z contact:

KELSIE BONAIVIA at 209-588-5272 or bonaviak@yosemite.edu

**Did you know that it is not too late to apply for
Federal grants????**

Come to the Student Financial Services Office in Sequoia 110 to see how to apply. You could receive funds as fast as 3 weeks if you apply.

**Have you been checking your assigned student
email????**

Financial Aid Award Notifications are sent to this email only!

**Have you received or activated your "My YCCD
Card"????**

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

HOT JOBS

DODGE RIDGE: It is that time again, Dodge Ridge is recruiting for the 2014 Winter Season....to find out more visit www.dodgeridge.com

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS: Is recruiting for the following positions in preparation for the GRAND OPENING of a new store in VALLEY SPRINGS: Part Specialist, Retail Service Specialist and Delivery Specialist. Position will be available in Sonora, Angels Camp and Valley Springs. For more information go to: http://www.gocolumbia.edu/student_services/job_placement/listings.php

PANDA EXPRESS: ON-SITE INTERVIEWS will be held at Mother Lode Job Training on SEPT. 4TH from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Positions available are: Assistant Manager (FT) (minimum of 6 months experience, HS diploma); Front of House (counter help) (PT) (no experience necessary, some high school); Back of the House (cook/kitchen help)(PT)(no experience, some high school). To Apply: apply online @ www.pandaexpress.com/company ; bring a resume; dress for success.



THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Do you have an Education Plan? 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!

Do you need to do Assessment Testing in Math and/or English? Dates for assessment testing should be released later this month. Testing will be held in small groups and bookings are essential. Drop into the Counseling Office for a flyer, or call Tracey on 588-5109 to make a booking.

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](https://www.facebook.com/counseling). See you on-line!

For appointments call Tracey on 588-5109
or drop in to Sequoia 120!!



TRiO Student Support Services

~TRiO SSS...Fall applications are closed, but please submit your application for Spring 2015 enrollment ~

For enrolled students:

- Did you miss Semester Orientation? Come see a Peer Mentor in Sequoia 109, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, to get caught up!
- Make an appointment with our new Academic Counselor, Tracey Potts; he is ready to help you GO BEYOND and become a Scholar!!!
- **Brand New!!** Student Success Workshops have been created with you in mind - review the schedule given our during Semester Orientation.
- Deadlines the term to be aware of:
 - ◊ CC Scholarship October 17th (Osher only) and December 5th (all others).
 - ◊ Transfer applications for Fall 2015, November 30th!!!

Campus Security

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Escort Service: A security escort is available to all students, faculty & staff.

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EOP&S / CARE



**** Welcome to Fall 2014! ****

EOPS is very pleased to have 200 students in our program this Fall semester!

Current Students: It was great to see you at EOPS intake. Please make sure you are scheduled for your Educational Plan counseling session. This appointment must be completed no later than Friday, October 10th. Remember that Sunday, September 7th is the last day to drop a course (full-semester length course) on connectColumbia without a "W" showing on your permanent record. Come talk with us if you are considering making any changes to your schedule!

Future Students: Consider applying for EOPS! You will receive individual attention, assistance with textbooks, and personalized support toward your goals! Applications for the Spring 2015 semester are available! Visit our website http://www.gocolumbia.edu/eops_care/ for eligibility and program information, or stop by the Toyon building to pick up an application TODAY!

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The ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTER (AAC)

...is OPEN and ready to help you do better in school. We provide:

- * FREE tutoring to all students,
- * Individual appointments,
- * Help developing study skills,
- * Great study space and more!

Call or stop in today!!

588-5088

2nd Floor Tamarack

Student Health Services

Please welcome Interim College Nurse
Cori Frank!

- ☞ New hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9 am - 3 pm
- ☞ Fall Wellness Fair, October 21 - October 23, make sure and add these dates to your diary.



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October, 2014



Important Dates

Oct. 3 Last day to file for graduation and certificates for Spring 2015.

Student Success Workshops

Oct. 1	1 – 2 pm	CC Scholarship Application Instructions Workshop
Oct. 2	12 – 1 pm	What's an Associate Degree for Transfer and How Can It Help Me?
Oct. 15	4 – 5 pm	How to Afford College
Oct. 29	3 – 4 pm	How to Maximize Your Financial Aid

All workshops held in Career Transfer Center / Sequoia 109

Weekly Matriculation Events!!

- ♦ Assessment tests,
- ♦ Orientation, and
- ♦ Abbreviated Education Plans

Monday, October 20th 9 am to 12 noon

Tuesday, October 28th 9 am to 12 noon

Tuesday, November 4th 1 pm to 4 pm

Numbers in each session are limited.

Call Tracey on 588-5109 or drop in to Sequoia 120 to reserve yourself a place for these events.

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36th Annual Adult Health Fair

Mother Lode Fairgrounds, October 14 & 15

Free flu shots, blood panels for \$25 and many other screening services provided.

Blood draw and booths open 7 am to 3 pm.

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Submitted your FAFSA and haven't heard back? You may have money waiting for you!

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Financial Aid Myths

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

Truth: Students with a high financial aid need (low EFC number) can qualify for financial aid for as little as *one* class. Submit the FAFSA and talk to your financial aid technician to see if you're eligible.

Need assistance with activating your "My YCCD Card" or completing your FAFSA????

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A STAND DOWN IN THE FOOTHILLS

An event for homeless and 'at risk' veterans will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 24th and 25th at the Tuolumne Veterans Memorial Hall, Fir Street, Tuolumne Ca.

Free dental care, medical screening, VA mental health counseling, free massages, legal support and other services will be available.

Contact Brian Jensen for more details on:

jensenb@yosemite.edu

Columbia College

Big Band

Performing with special guest vocalist Barbara

Morrison on Saturday, October 4th at 7:30

pm and Sunday, October 5th at 2 pm in Dog-

wood Theatre. Ms. Morrison is a Los Angeles recording artist who has performed with Carlos Santana and Ray Charles among others.

Tickets are \$20 for reserved seating, and are available for purchase in the Manzanita Bookstore.





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TRiO Student Support Services

- Its free; it's fun, it's a field trip to UC Berkeley 10/20/14. Sign up at the TRiO office now!
- **16GB flash drives now available** for TRiO students who attend a Peer Mentor session or a Student Success Workshop.
- Remember if you can't attend a workshop, your friendly Peer Mentors are here to bring you up to speed. Come visit them Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (*the Career Transfer Center closes to all students at 4:30 pm*).

Want to have all these great services too? Are you graduating from Columbia AND transferring to a University? TRiO Student Support Services **applications are now being accepted for Spring 2015; due November 1st**. Pick one up at Sequoia 121 or download it from our website at www.gocolumbia.edu/trio Tell your friends!!!

Student Health Services

Wellness Fair: October 21, 22 & 23

A variety of activities will be available throughout the campus including stress reduction such as Hand Massages with Manicures. The six Wellness Dimensions will be followed: Occupational, Physical, Social, Intellectual, Spiritual and Emotional to help you on your path to Wellness. For further details please contact Health Services on 588-5402.

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

Grab a lifeline BEFORE you're underwater by visiting the.....

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- * FREE tutoring by appointment!
- * Study space
- * Computers & free printing

Call or stop by today!!

588-5088

2nd Floor Library (Tamarack)

Columbia College Business Office

Location: Sequoia 102

Fall / Spring Hours:

Monday—Thursday	8:00 am to 5:30 pm
Friday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm

October Closures:

The Business Office will be closing at 5 pm on October 20-23, and October 27-30, 2014.



Guidance, Preparation, Success

Invites you to find out.....

What's Next?

Where are you headed after Columbia College? If you're interested in transferring to a four-year university someday, look out for coming resources and events to help you make that journey.

GPS is a project designed by students, staff, and faculty to enhance the overall wellness and success of all students at Columbia College. To get involved, contact Ashley Albertson in the AAC: 588-5088 or at aalbertson@student.yosemite.edu



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November, 2014



Important Dates

- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Holiday
- Nov. 13 Last day to drop full semester classes
- Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday

Student Success Workshops

Nov. 3	12:30 – 1:30pm	How to Transfer to a CSU (California State University)
Nov. 5	12 – 1 pm	How to Transfer to a UC (University of California)
Nov. 6	10 – 11 am	How to Write Your UC Personal Statement for Your Transfer Application
Nov. 13	2 – 3 pm	How to Afford College
Nov. 17	3 – 4 pm	Test Taking Strategies
Nov. 18	1 – 2 pm	How to Maximize your Financial Aid
Nov. 24	12 – 7:30 pm <i>Library</i>	"Panic Room!" Open Lab Hours... Got a UC/CSU or Scholarship Application deadline to meet?

All workshops held in Career Transfer Center / Sequoia 109

Weekly Matriculation Events!!

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- ◆ Orientation, and
- ◆ Abbreviated Education Plans

Tuesday, November 4 th	1 pm to 4 pm
Monday, November 10 th	9 am to 12 noon
Saturday, November 15 th	9 am to 12 noon (No appointment necessary)
Tuesday, November 18 th	1 pm to 4 pm
Wednesday, November 26 th	1 pm to 4 pm

Numbers in each session are limited.

Call Tracey on 588-5109 or drop in to Sequoia 120
to reserve yourself a place for these events.

Finals Cram Night!

The ASCC and the Library will be teaming up for **Finals Cram Night** to be held **Thursday, December 4th** in the library from **6 - 10 pm**. ASCC will be providing food and drinks. Come meet your classmates, friends and instructors for some last minute studying. AAC will also be available. It's a great evening to catch up, visit and get some last minute help.

Financial Aid & Veterans Services Office

**Happy Veterans Day on Nov 11
to all our veteran students!**

*From the Columbia College Veterans Services Office
(Marnie, Kelsie, & Dana)*

Check the Financial Aid & Veterans Services website for
community offers and events on Veterans Day

Thank you!

**Submitted your FAFSA and haven't heard back?
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retroactive pay for the units you earned this semester. It's worth a
try! Apply now at www.fafsa.gov. Financial Aid currently takes 2-8
weeks to process.

**Have you been awarded the Cal Grant? Log on to "WebGrants 4
Students."**

You may need to update your current school or submit a G8 form.
Contact the Financial Aid Office and submit this by Dec 1st in order to
receive your Cal Grant on Dec 12th. Your FAFSA must be fully
processed in order to receive your Cal Grant.

Financial Aid Myths

Myth: My parents make too much money so I know I don't qualify.

Truth: You may still qualify for financial aid. The federal government
takes a lot of factors into consideration when determining your
eligibility. You may also qualify for the BOG Fee Waiver through the
FAFSA even if you don't qualify for the Pell Grant. Submit the FAFSA
and talk to your financial aid technician to find out!

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"PANIC ROOM"

Open lab hours for completing university and
scholarship applications on
Monday, November 24th.

Time: 12 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: Library

Free refreshments will be available to sustain you during this cram
session for applications of all types.



THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Did you miss out on Priority Registration? You need to complete three tasks to qualify for Priority Registration; assessment testing, orientation and a comprehensive education plan. If you have completed all these things and still missed out on priority registration, fill in a "Loss of Priority Registration Appeals form" available online in the student section of the website.

Wait List Watch There have been changes to the Wait List for Spring 2015. To find out about these changes check out the Admissions section of the website and click on "Wait List Watch" in the green menu on the left side of the page.

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

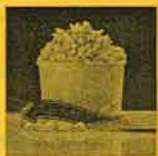
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TRiO Student Support Services

- **Let's Focus!** Trio is starting something new! From November 3rd -14th the "theme" is Organization/ Time Management, i.e. planning for the future. Come meet with a TRiO Peer Mentor and brainstorm your coming spring semester!
 - * The weeks of November 17th- 26th the theme is preparing for finals during the holidays.
 - * As always, our peer mentoring goal is to aid you in your journey towards academic excellence.
- **Finish Strong!** Feel empowered as you end your fall semester by completing your next Counseling appointment in time to register by Nov. 17th.
- **Did you get Priority Registration?** If not, check in with Annika ASAP and find out how to get back on track with all the services TRiO offers.

Library News



As the semester winds down this month with a few holidays,

Veterans Day on November 11 and Thanksgiving on

November 27 & 28; you might want to relax watching a movie. The library has purchased a bevy of good films. Check it out!! DVDs are checked out for a week. There is a new title list on the Library webpage—New Title Lists is on the left hand side menu in green. If you are curious to see if we have a particular film—search the Columbia College Library website.

DSPS



Our "DSPS Dispatch" newsletter has been rolled out.

Come by Toyon 2 for a hard copy or visit our DSPS Website. Enjoy our student spotlight, information and fun exercises.

Students needing help with reading, editing and writing papers are asked to make appointments with Candace Hann or Shawn Jordison to use software programs to help with such tasks in the DSPS High Tech Center located in Toyon 2.

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GED Testing

The first GED test date is set for:

December 6th, 2014

To schedule your GED test please go to www.ged.com and sign up!

Unfortunately, test vouchers are not yet available.