



## Celebrating Our Retirees and Employees



The 11th Annual Retiree & Employee Appreciation Celebration brought out more than 100 faculty, staff and administrators last week under the pear orchard. The celebration honored our retirees, years of service recipients, employees who have achieved permanent status or tenure, and the Classified Employee of the year, Custodian Nam Nguyen. Other recognitions included those who chaired Shared Governance committees and cultural events, as well as Senate and Union leadership. Retirees who attended spoke to the crowd about their time at CRC. We wish them the very best in retirement and thank those who served our students and the college this last year. Thanks also to Culinary Arts Management Professor Cynthia Torres and her crew for the wonderful lunch they provided.





## Accreditation Committee Meets

To support on-going accreditation efforts, members of the District Accreditation Coordination Committee organized Accreditation Information Sharing Workshops. CRC hosted the workshop for Standard III. At this workshop, Standard III accreditation leaders met, reviewed standard language and questions posed in the ACCJC's Guide to Evaluating Institutions, and shared ideas about evidence the colleges will use in their Accreditation Self Evaluations.



## CRC Student Meets King of Jordan

Last week UC Berkeley hosted King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of Jordan (middle in photo with red tie) on innovation in the Middle East forum. CRC student Moawiah Eltahrawi (far left in photo) got the opportunity of the lifetime to attend the forum with his family upon the invitation by the king. Moawiah's father previously worked for the king.

## Q&A with Timaree Hagenburger Appears in California Bountiful

Nutrition Professor Timaree Hagenburger was interviewed by California Bountiful and will be showcased in the May/June issue. If you're interested in reading the article, click [here](#).

## Kudos to Officer Gregorio!

Los Rios Police Officer Joseph Gregorio is credited with assisting the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department in arresting former Cal Fire chief Orville "Moe" Fleming, who was the subject of a statewide manhunt, Friday at CRC. Fleming is accused of killing his fiancée more than two weeks ago and has been evading police ever since. Officer Gregorio said Fleming was at the Calvine bus stop when he arrived to back up a sheriff's detective. Officer Gregorio said Fleming was disheveled, but confirmed he was who they thought. He was arrested without incident and later admitted to the murder. Way to go, Officer Gregorio!



(L to R) Kyle Jacovetta, James Jacovetta, Ashley Scurti, Meghan Scurti, Professor Sharkey, Audrey Sanchez, Sara Sanchez

## What are the Odds?

Meeting your new students during the first roll call of the semester is exciting; however discovering three sets of identical twins defies the odds. Geography Professor Debra Sharkey said it has never happened in any of her classes in almost 18 years of teaching, but it did this semester!

"I've had more than one pair of twins in class," said Sharkey. "But I couldn't believe it when I called off role the first day of the semester. I estimate that I've taught somewhere between 7-8,000 students in about 180 classes over the past 17.5 years. From babycenter.com: "the likelihood of having identical twins (which happens when one fertilized egg divides in half) is holding steady at about 1 in 285. This rate hasn't changed over the decades and is remarkably constant all over the world." 1 out of 285 = 0.35% so I figure I may have had as many as 24-28 students over the years who had an identical twin. But I can think of only a handful of times when a set of identical twins were in the same class together. The odds of having three sets of identical twins in the same class defies from statistical skills!"

None of these students have ever been in a class with three sets of twins either.



## A Tradition of Support

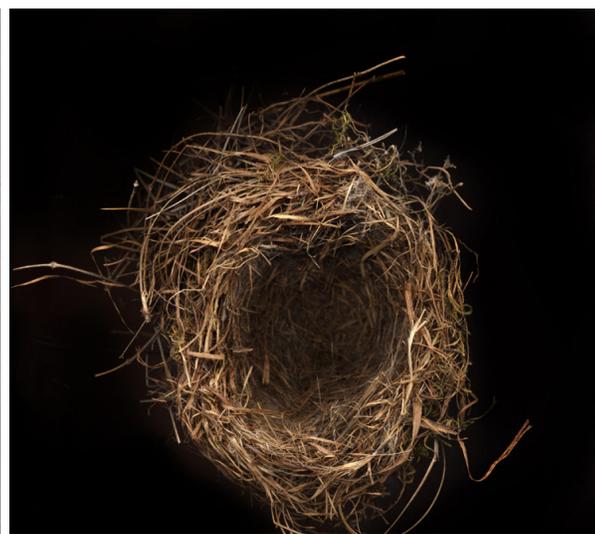
The Cosumnes River College Patrons Club hosted its annual luncheon for scholarship recipients in the Winn Center Community Room last week. The Patrons Club is comprised of volunteers who work year-round on attracting resources in support of CRC students. For the 2013-14 academic year, 16 students were awarded scholarships totaling over \$11,000. Many of the luncheon attendees were moved and inspired by the stories the scholarship recipients shared about their time at CRC.

## CRC Alumna Establishes New Scholarships



CRC Alumna Christine Bartlett established two new scholarships for Cosumnes River College students. The “Editor in Chief Journalism Scholarship” and the “Excellence in Athletics Scholarship” will provide much needed support for deserving CRC students.

Ms. Bartlett, who currently works as a Senior Manager with Cisco Systems in the Bay Area, cites Professors Rubina Gulati and Melanie Lewis and Dean Liz Belyea as important factors in her success at Cosumnes River College. Each scholarship will award five students \$500 each for the 2014-15 academic year.



Sarma Karsiere,  
*Madonna Dreaming*

Patty Felkner, *Nest*

## CRC Faculty Participates in Art Auction at Crocker Art Museum

CRC Art Professor Sarma Karsiere and Photography Professor Patty Felkner will have their art displayed at the Crocker Art Museum from May 22 to June 7, 2014, for the 36th Annual Art Auction. Every year about 100 pieces are selected for this prestigious event.

For more information, please, click [here](#).