

Seahawk Talk



Greetings from the Director

The Foundation continues to search out the best ways to serve the students, faculty and staff at Los Angeles Harbor College. Once I arrived at this position, there were many issues and challenges. I quickly developed a set of guidelines and set out to re-energize the Foundation office, clarify its purpose, define goals and set in place a strategic plan for the future. This Newsletter is filled with many of the successes of the last five years. I encourage you to read about them and to realize that you can become a part of these programs and projects at any level you wish from Scholarships to the generous gifts of \$15 to many hundreds – each is precious, well meaning and much appreciated.



Ronnie Easley

I would also like to introduce the newest member of our staff, Kim Saunders, the new Foundation Assistant. This is a newly created District position which is designed to better address the day-to-day activities of the Foundation Office. Kim comes to us from a business background and she is an Adjunct Instructor at LATTC. She also has experience with working with non-profits. We are fortunate to have her and I invite you to stop by the Foundation office to meet her.

STARS FOR KIDS



Last Fall, LAHC's Math/Physical Sciences/Technology Department launched a program designed to bring 3rd and 5th graders from local elementary schools onto the campus for a morning of science related activities. Department Chair, Lauren McKenzie, has been the key figure in making these programs the success that it is. Also key, is the instructor, Ali Ghahremanpour, who has an MS Degree in Physics. Over a 26 week period since October 5, Mr. McKenzie, and his assistant, Angie Vega, have scheduled approximately 60 kids on 18 Fridays. Several of the schools made two or more trips with different students.

The kids arrive on campus about 9:30 a.m. and are greeted by high school student docents from the LAUSD Future Teacher's Academy right here on LAHC's campus. Half of the group goes to the Astronomy building where Mr. Ghahremanpour instructs them about the universe, solar system, telescopes and other topics that are relevant to the subject matter in the students' curriculum. The other half go to another site on campus: the TV studio or the Chemistry classroom, where they see a demonstration by instructor, Dr. Joachim Arias. Mid morning, they meet in the cafeteria for a snack and then switch activities. Students from Caroldale even wrote reports and drew pictures of their field trip.

The participating schools were: Caroldale, Crestwood, Denker, Fries, Hawaiian Avenue, La Salle, Leland, Lomita Magnet, and Point Fermin. Many of the students said they could hardly wait until they were old enough to come to Harbor College. This is certainly a successful program that could be ongoing with enough funding. If you would like to support this program, send your check in the enclosed envelope and mark in the memo, STARS 4 KIDS.

SWINGING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS 2008

L.A.H.C. FOUNDATION
7TH ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT
SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008

Once again, the LAHC Foundation is sponsoring it's 7th Annual Swinging for Scholarships Golf Tournament at Harbor Regional Golf Course from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Following the tournament will be a catered banquet, music and the return of our favorite auctioneer, Jim Moore. There will be raffle prizes galore, and live and silent auctions. We will have a putting contest, closest to the pin and longest drive contests, and a \$10,000 Hole-in-One prize.

Our theme this year is "FIESTA" – so, come and party with us.

If you want more information, call the Foundation Office at (310) 233-4336 – we always need GOLFERS and SPONSORS.

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DID YOU KNOW?

That the LAHC F.I.R.E. Academy was awarded a 2nd year grant from the Honda Foundation for \$75,000. This program is so successful that it may be a prototype for other public service training for at-risk

The "bricks" for the Tribute Plaza are here but it may not be until the Fall before we can get them in the ground! The landscaping is still in the planning process.

2007 Golf Tournament Winners



SHARING PERSPECTIVES

with Dr. Linda M. Spink,
LAHC President



I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful spring weather. It's been an exciting one for us here at Harbor College; the buildings under construction, funded by Proposition A and Proposition AA, the NorthEast Academic Hall, Student Services/Administration Building, and the new Technology Building, are transforming the face of the campus and are nearing completion. It is anticipated that we will be able to have classes during the fall semester in the new buildings. The new Maintenance and Operations Building is completed and occupied. Our Commencement exercises this year in the new Football Stadium (June 4th, 4 pm).

The Accreditation Progress Report is completed, thanks to the work of many of the faculty and staff, who have been busy completing both Student Learning Outcomes and means of assessment of the Outcomes and success of our students.

No doubt you are aware of the budget problems facing the state; the big concern on our minds here is maintaining the high level of educational and support services we provide to our students in the face of sizeable cuts to the college budget. The property tax shortfall this year is significant and will have serious implications for the State's community colleges if relief is not found in some fashion.

Your support of the Foundation is all the more important as the fiscal woes facing the state trickle down to your local colleges.

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ATHLETES HONORED AT THE HALL OF FAME

2008 2nd Annual Athletic Hall of Fame

The 2nd Annual Athletic Hall of Fame is scheduled for Friday, September 5, 2008, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Pedro from 5:00 – 11:00 p.m. The Inaugural event was so well attended that we burst out the seams (literally, folks had to sit on the patio) for an event planned for 250 that grew to 340 people. It was a wonderful evening of terrific athletes and teams; so many stories and jokes of by-gone years. We anticipate as many people this time and look forward to an outstanding program.

The Foundation and Athletic Department are proud to present this year's nominees:

Teams:
1974-75 Basketball Team – State Champions
1984 Baseball Team – State Champions

The Los Angeles Harbor College Metropolitan Conference Champions



Los Angeles Harbor College–Metropolitan Conference Champions

Individuals:

- Reggie Morris (67-68 Men's Basketball Team)
- Bridgett Williams ('91 – '93 Women's Basketball Team, nation's leading scorer)
- Tony Bloomfield ('80 – '81 Baseball player and LAHC Baseball Coach from 1989-1998))
- Andy Lopez ('72 – '73 Baseball player and College Baseball Coach, currently at ASU)
- Dick Nen ('58 Baseball player and former Dodger)
- Dick Rupert ('69 Football and NFL Football and Nebraska Hall of Fame)
- Dick Harris ('55 Harbor Football, NFL Chargers)
- Pat Yelovich ('66 – '67 Champion swimmer and water polo)
- Willie White ('57 Track and Field)
- Earl Webb (Meritorious for service to Athletic Program)

Please let the Foundation Office know if you want to be on the mailing list for an Invitation which should be mailed sometime in June. Call (310) 233-4336 for more information.

HARBOR COLLEGE RECOGNIZES HONOR STUDENTS



Chante' Cook and Gloria Nava, both members of the Honors Transfer Program at LAHC, have been named by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) to the 2008 All-California Academic Team. Phi Theta Kappa recognizes community college students for their academic achievements, community service, and for the example set for their fellow students.

Chante' and Gloria were honored at the annual PTK Awards luncheon day sponsored by the Community College League of California in Sacramento on March 27, 2008. Prior to the awards event, the All-California Team members visited the State Capitol where they were acknowledged on the Senate and Assembly floor. Our students also received certificates of recognition by the legislators representing our area, Senator Jenny Oropeza and Assembly Member Warren Furutani. This is the fourth time LAHC students have been named by PTK to the All-California Academic Team.

CHARLES CRAMER ENDOWMENT TO BE BESTOWED ON CAMPUS

Charles Cramer dedicated his whole life to being an educator in the Business field. He taught at both Los Angeles City College and Los Angeles Harbor College. He also had ties with the Business Department at USC. Since the early 1970's, Mr. Cramer served continuously on the Foundation Boards at LACC and LAHC. When Mr. Cramer passed away two years ago, it seemed that he had several versions of his Trust which would dramatically affect the outcome of his considerable fortune. Unfortunately, as these things happen, this nearly five million dollar estate ended up in litigation. The good news is that it has finally all been resolved by a mediator, nearly to everyone's satisfaction, and Los Angeles Harbor College stands to receive about \$756,000 totally (before legal fees). According to the terms of the Trust, about 2/3 of the funds will be restricted to the Charles Cramer Endowment wherein only the interest may be accessed each year. The interest is to be divided into thirds: direct support to students; stipends for faculty programs; and assistance for the Foundation office. Mr. Cramer certainly "lived" his profession, amassing his fortune by very wise investments.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 20, Tuesday – Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Seahawk Center, 5:00 p.m.
- June 4, Wednesday – Commencement Ceremony, Football Field, 4:00 p.m.
- June 13, Friday – 7th Annual Foundation Golf Tournament, Harbor Regional Park, 11:30 a.m.



LAHC STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HONORS TRANSFER COUNCIL AT UCI

Students from the Honors Transfer Program at Harbor College participated in the Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) annual student research conference on March 1, 2008 at the University of California, Irvine. At this conference, students in community college honors programs have the opportunity to present the results of their work.

Brooke Duitsman presented her work for Biology 3 (Introduction to Biology) titled "Theories about the Origin of Life On Earth" (mentor: Dr. Ana Escandon).

Kevin Coffey presented his work for Biology 103 (Molecular genetics and physiology) titled "The Effect of Ocean Acidification on Coral Reefs" (mentor: Dr. Ana Escandon).

Mary Copeland presented her work for English 215 (Shakespeare) titled "Richard III: Black As He's Painted" (mentor: Dr. Ann Warren).

Our students did an outstanding job representing our college; their audiences were very much impressed by their convincing and scholarly deliveries. Their abstracts will be included in the *Building Bridges* selection, a journal published by UCI. The Honors Transfer Program greatly appreciates the support from the LAHC Foundation.

NAME DROPPING

Our Alumni Corner

- Tony Cordero, newly appointed Public Affairs Manager for ConocoPhillips on Anaheim, is a Harbor alum Tony graduated from USC with a BA in Public Relations. Tony will also represent ConocoPhillips on the Foundation Board.
- Susan McMurray, beloved English professor, graduated from Harbor and went on to complete her work at CSUDH.
- David Gonzales, Principal at Crestwood Elementary School is also a Harbor graduate.
- Jacob Haik, past ASO President, now a field rep for Councilwoman, Janice Hahn and her representative to the LAHC Foundation Board.
- Sergio Carillo, past ASO President, working with Ek and Ek, Public Advocacy.
- Dennis Lord, Public Affairs Manager, Sempra Energy, who gives back to the community by teaching youngsters how to fly through the Young Eagles program.
- Carol Rugnetta, former Cheerleader at LAHC, a niece of Vincent Thomas (for which the bridge is named), the Sales and Catering Manager at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Pedro.

Foundation Update by

Tom Hellems – Board President



A few months after I joined the Foundation Board in 2001, I was named to the Executive Committee, then Vice President and then President —if only our professional careers could move so quickly! The Issues we dealt with included the dot-com bust, a new financial reporting system, a wonderful new Executive Director in Bonnie Easley, a Major Gifts campaign and most recently, a 5-year Strategic Plan, which is the focus of today's column.

Our New Mission Statement

The Los Angeles Harbor College Foundation's mission is to raise and manage funds that contribute to access, excellence and learning. The Foundation will be a good steward of its assets. The Foundation is a key campus partner for individuals, corporations and foundations.

Our Strategic Plan

- Our Strategic Plan has four goals. Our first goal is to promote participation in fund raising efforts by increasing both the number and level of scholarships and other student assistance. Over the next few months, we will develop a fund raising plan which increases the donor base to provide a more continuous revenue stream. This will involve a review of professional fundraising consultant recommendations, revisiting lists of past, current and potential donors, working with the college grant writer to review private and public foundation requirements and deadlines and insuring recognition of donor activity

- Our second goal is to promote participation, support and loyalty from a broader network of partners. This will involve establishing a public relations plan with a focus on internal (faculty, staff, students and alumni) and external (the Harbor College community at large, outside funding agencies plus community and business leaders) communication. We will revise collateral materials to focus on "deeds" rather than "needs" with compelling case statements, facts and figures.

- Our third goal is to strengthen our administrative management, organizational structure, fund raising capabilities and accounting. This will include funding for a full time Executive Director, additional support staff, training, fundraising software and other management tools. We plan to improve our financial stewardship with a 5-year forecasting budget plus annual reviews of our financial position investment policy.

- Our fourth goal is to improve governance and Board membership through formalized Board development and training, an annual Board assessment focused on achievement of goals, adding Board members from diverse fields in keeping with the Board's goals and objectives and an annual review of the Board's structure and committee assignments. Your Foundation is financially sound, future focused and poised for the next level. I invite you to attend a Board meeting, held at 4:30 p.m., the last Tuesday of each month in the Harbor College President's Conference Room.

