

# President's Board Report January 16, 2014

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Cheryl Marshall President

Happy New Year!

We are excited to begin Spring 2014 with additional classes to serve existing and new students. Thank you for your support of funding extra classes for both colleges.

This semester also brings the opportunity to work with our Adult Education Partners in new and different ways under AB 86. We look forward to enhancing existing pathways and identifying other approaches for serving students' needs.

Please note on the last page that we had an extra-special graduate of our EMT program in December. We wish him a hearty "Congratulations!"

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Jan. 10	In-Service Day
Jan. 13	Spring Semester Classes begin
Jan. 20	Campus Closed for Martin Luther King Day
Feb.14-17	Campus Closed for President's Day
Mar. 29	CHC Foundation Gala, 6 p.m. @ National Orange Show

### **SONGWRITERS' SHOWCASE**







It was standing room only at the end-of-semester Songwriters' Showcase on Thursday, December 12. The showcase gives music students an opportunity to share their performance talents in front of family and friends. The Showcase is spearheaded by Prof. Mark McConnell.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY-- DEC. 11, 2013



There was a lot of good food, good fun, and great company at the Crafton Hills College holiday party on December 11. The room was packed with CHC faculty and staff, as well as Trustees and community partners. It was a wonderful opportunity to take a break as the semester was winding down.













#### A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST GRADUATE

Félicie Dolemieux is in a celebratory mood this December 18<sup>th</sup>. Not because Christmas is only a week away and her siblings are coming to visit, but because she just completed her final exams for the Respiratory Care program and will be graduating with her classmates on December 19th.

"It feels weird" she said as she set off with no more classroom obligations.

Dolemieux moved from France with her parents and one brother to the United States when she was 21. Looking for a more stable and higher paying career, she set her sights on the medical field and settled on Respiratory Care. She was working in the movie business, which was not stable enough for her. "Luckily, I was good in science," she said. She easily passed her prerequisite classes for the Respiratory program, including chemistry, microbiology, human anatomy/ physiology and a medical terminology class.

With the prerequisite classes Dolemieux needed, it took her three years to complete the associate's degree in respiratory care, along with a certificate in emergency management. Her next hurdle is three licensure exams that she'll take in the next 4-5 weeks. Once she passes those, she'll have the credentials necessary to work as a Respiratory Therapist (RT).

The 18-month program includes 20 hours of clinical applications a week in various hospitals in the Inland Empire. Students work with real patients and their doctors. The CHC Respiratory Care Program is affiliated with Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Medical Center, St. Bernardine Medical Center, Totally Kids Specialty Healthcare, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Riverside Community Hospital, Riverside County Regional Medical Center and Eisenhower Medical Center.

"I found the clinicals the most interesting," said Dolemieux. "Patients respond differently than a mannequin in the lab, and you never know what to expect," she said. "The patients make clinicals very interesting."

Dolemieux's least favorite course was pharmacology. "There were a lot of difficult chemical names to learn. I'm glad I got through *that* class!" she said.

Dolemieux's career goal is to work in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in a large hospital. Specifically, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. "They have amazing protocols," said Dolemieux, "and a high respect for RTs." But first, Dolemieux gets to enjoy extra time with her family over the holidays because her brother and sister are coming from France early enough to see her graduate with the rest of her family.



CHC 35th Respiratory Therapy Class graduated on Thursday, December 19, 2013.

Félicie
Dolemieux
(center)
celebrates with
family and
friends after the
ceremony.

### STUDENT ART EXHIBIT WRAPS UP SEMESTER



















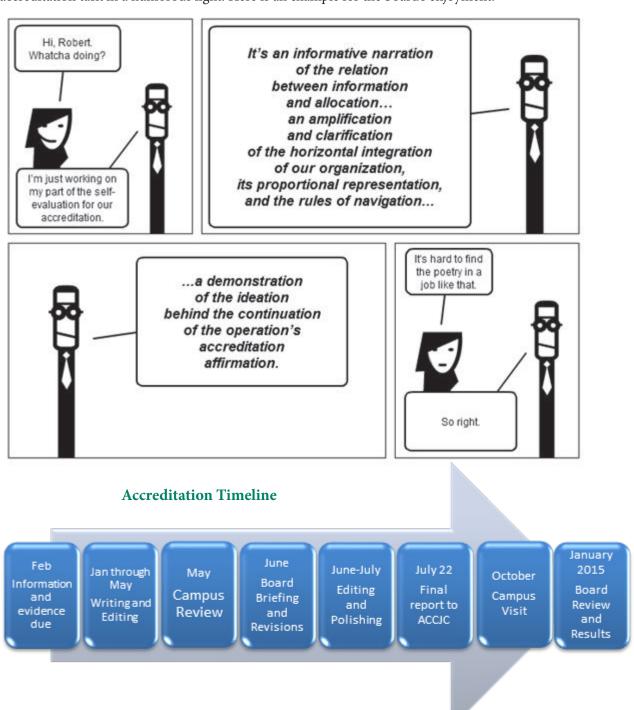
Student art was on display in the Art Gallery from December 11-19.

#### CHC CONTINUES PROGRESS ON ACCREDITATION REPORT

The CHC Institutional Effectiveness, Accreditation, and Outcomes Committee (IEAOC) spent fall semester gathering information and evidence for the self-evaluation, which is due to ACCJC in late July 2014. The college has designated a writer, Professor Jimmy Urbanovich (Communication Studies) who will combine the information and evidence from the Standard Chairs into a unified document with a consistent voice.

Weekly emails containing the latest information and evidence are going out to the entire campus for review and input.

To encourage participation and interest, the committee has developed a comic strip that casts the sometimes-daunting accreditation task in a humorous light. Here is an example for the board's enjoyment.



#### EMT GRADUATE CROSSES SCHOOL LINES



Addressing a packed Performing Arts Center on Friday, December 20, Scott Stark beamed as he extolled the virtues of the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate Program at CHC. "As an administrator in this district who participated as student of this program, I was very impressed," he said. "This is where the rubber meets the road, so to speak, and I couldn't have been more challenged by the instructors or rigors of the program."

Stark, SBVC Vice President of Administrative Services, spoke on behalf of his Tues/Thurs classmates at the EMT graduation, which had about 90 students graduating after completing the 16-week program. The objective of this certificate is to train students to perform basic life support in the pre-hospital setting. Successful completion of the certificate identifies the student has met the educational requirements as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). The certificate qualifies students to take the National Registry examinations necessary for state certification.

"While many of you will use this certificate as a stepping stone to a new career, I found it to be a valuable tool as a volunteer for the Sheriff's Search & Rescue," Stark said. He has already passed the National Registry exams. Stark was the oldest in his class and quite proud to prove to his fellow students that he could not only keep up, but succeed.

