



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Honorees, Families, and Friends,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to our annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The Hall of Fame was established to recognize those individuals and corporations who have made outstanding contributions to the excellence of Cerritos College. Thousands of students have benefited from our honorees' leadership, dedication, and philanthropy.

It is an honor to welcome these individuals and celebrate their achievements as we induct them into our highest honor, our Hall of Fame. This is a very special night for honorees, families, and friends.

Thank you for attending tonight's ceremony, and giving generously so we can help future students achieve fame!

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Thursday, March 8, 2018

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OUR DISTINGUISHED AWARDS PROGRAM

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

The High Society Silent Auction (*See p17*)

Cerritos College Jazz Trio
and No Host Side Cars, Kier Royales, and Fullbars

AWARDS DINNER

∞ First Course ∞

A Trio of Canapes - Waldorf Salad Canape, Crab Stuffed Profiteroles, Duxcelle of Wild Mushrooms with Goat Cheese

Interlude by The Tony Guerrero Swing Quintet

Evening Welcome by Celebrity Hosts
Michelle Sorro and Caroline Zhao Zhang

Memories of Cerritos Video featuring
2018 Hall of Fame Inductees

Jack Bogdanovich, 2016 Distinguished Coach presents
the Distinguished Coach Award to

Robert Foerster

and

the Distinguished Male Athlete Award to

Willie Joseph

∞ Second Course ∞

*New York Strip Loin Sliced Medium with Green Peppercorn "au Poivre"
& Goat Cheese Salmon Wellington with Wilted Spinach and Dill Beurre Blanc, Gratin Dauphinois Potatoes, Broccoli Crowns*

Live Auction, Celebrity Auctioneer, Amy Ashton (*see p16*)

A Few Words on Sports, Caroline Zhao Zhang

Rick Miranda, VP Academic Affairs presents
the Distinguished Faculty Award to
Wendell Hanks

Kodee Murray, Softball Coach presents
the Distinguished Female Athlete Award to
Samie (Garcia) Zuidema

Musical Presentation, Cerritos College Jazz Trio

A Few Words on Gratitude, Michelle Sorro

Steve Richardson, Executive Director of CCF presents
the Distinguished Classified Award to

Janice Cole

Dr. Jose Fierro, Cerritos College President presents
the Distinguished Alumnus Award to

Randy Gordon

∞ Third Course ∞

Classic Red Velvet Cake

Scholarship Presentation, Cherelle Thisby, Scholarship Recipient,
and Monica Lee Copeland, Senior Development Officer

Special Thanks from the President and the Foundation

AN HOUR OF MINGLING

The Tony Guerrero Quintet

MEET OUR AMAZING CO-HOSTS



Michelle Marie Sorro

Celebrity Co-Host

TV Host on EXTRA, The Real, Crime Watch Daily, and Former The Young and the Restless Actress

Live to Give! Live with Passion! is Michelle's motto and why she is supporting scholarships for students today. A lifelong volunteer, Michelle helps the homeless find employment and teaches public yoga. Her book, *The Voice of Gratitude - Celebrating the Gift of Friendship*, expresses her appreciation for life. She joined the Emmy-winning EXTRA team with Mario Lopez in early 2017 and loves hosting the Pop-Up Shop, a weekly segment dedicated to hooking up fans with the latest lifestyle deals. A brand ambassador for Wen

Haircare, Michelle gets excited about connecting consumers with commerce.

Her clients include Lancome, L'Oreal, Shiseido, and Bruno Magli among others. The UCLA Broadcast Journalism grad was a commercial real estate executive and singing waitress before television hosting.



Caroline Zhao Zhang

Celebrity Co-Host

American Figure Skater, Four Continents Bronze Medalist, US Nationalist Medalist, and Cerritos College Student

Skating since she was five years old, Caroline began her season by winning the silver medal at her regional championship to qualify for the 2003 U.S. Junior Championships where she took 4th place. Born in Boston to parents from Wuhan, China, she is bilingual in English and Mandarin. Caroline moved to California at a young age with her parents and older sister Yang Yang. Since then is a two-time (2010 and 2012) Four Continents bronze medalist, the 2007 World Junior Champion, the 2006 Junior Grand Prix Final champion, and a three-time U.S. National Medalist (2009-bronze, 2008 and 2012-pewter). Caroline's signature move is the Pearl Spin, coined by her mother, a layback spin in the Biellmann position. A pianist and violinist, she trained in ballet before switching to figure skating. Engaged to figure skate Grant Hochstein, Caroline has been studying Psychology and Business Marketing at Cerritos College since 2016.

SHOW ME THE MONEY



Amy Ashton, Celebrity Auctioneer

American Comedian, Comedy on HBO, Comedy Central and Comedic Writer for the Late Great Joan Rivers

Amy's career began when she was chosen by Comedy Store owner, Mitzi Shore, to be a paid regular, and it continues to flourish. She continues to perform to sell-audiences at the Improv and other major clubs. Bank of America, BMW, the Skirball Cultural Center, Pepsi, and many other corporations have hired her for clean disarmingly lethal humor. In addition to regular television and film appearances on network news, *MTV Movie Awards* and *Dancing with the Stars*, Amy has been the Executive Producer for countless shows on *E!*, *the Style Network*, and *Inside Entertainment*. She is also the author of *How to Score with a Girl by a Girl*, which is being developed into a Late Night Talk Show.

SWINGING ENTERTAINMENT



The Tony Guerrero Quintet

Since his first solo release, *Tiara*, in 1988, Tony Guerrero has established himself as a contemporary jazz flugelhornist, trumpeter, composer, producer, and band leader. To date, he has released 12 solo CDs, some of which have topped the Billboard jazz charts. He has played on over 200 albums by other artists and performed with artists as diverse as jazz legends Freddie Hubbard, Paul McCartney, and Joe Sample, rock icons Tom Scott, Brian Wilson, and Billy Idol, pop sensations Chance the Rapper and The Jonas Brothers, as well as Hollywood icons Dick Van Dyke, Jane Lynch, and Merv Griffin. Tonight, his Quintet takes us to 1940s New York and features Mark Visher (saxophone), Dave Siebels (keyboard/piano), and Lia Booth (vocals) and Tony blowing his horn (trumpet).

Eric Rhoden

Television and Live Event Stage Manager

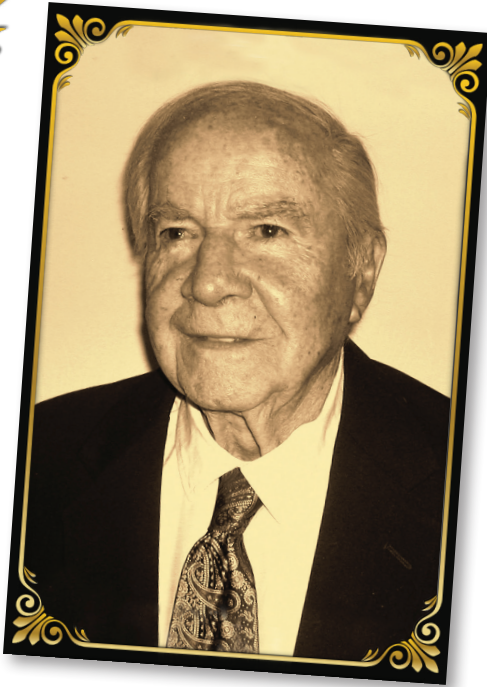
Eric Rhoden is a proud father of two wonderful girls and husband to the perfect wife. Professionally he has been a stage manager on multi camera live type television programs for over 30 years. *Dancing with the Stars*, *American Idol*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *Family Feud*, *the Grammy Awards*, and *the Independent Spirit Awards* to name a few. Currently, he is the lead stage manager on *The Price is Right* and *Shark Tank*. The Los Angeles native enjoys taking time to work on live events because he loves helping good causes raise money.



Cerritos College Jazz Trio

We are honored to feature Cerritos College music students during the Cocktail Reception and for a special performance during the awards dinner. Jazlyn Rodriguez (vocals), David Varela (guitar), and Mason Granillo (upright bass) perform under the direction of David Bentancourt, DMA, Director of Bands.

MEET OUR INDUCTEES



*Distinguished Coach
Basketball*

ROBERT FOERSTER

For 11 seasons (1971-82), Bob Foerster served as the Cerritos College men's basketball coach. During his tenure, Bob led his teams to a 209-118 record and three conference championships (1973, 1975 and 1980), was named the conference's Coach of the Year four times and the State Coach of the Year in 1975. He was known for his exemplary work in the classroom, as well as on the basketball coach with his organizational skills, coupled with his affable personality. In 1982, Bob came down with a disease that left him physically impaired and unable to no longer run the men's program. He was asked by new women's head coach Karen Welliver to serve on her staff in 1983. Required to use a walker to get around, Bob never let his illness keep him from anything related to coaching. His strength resonated with the women's team and the following year, they won their first conference championship in the program's history and reached the state semifinals. Bob remains active and serves as an inspiration to anyone who has been slowed by a disability.



*Distinguished
Male Athlete
Basketball*

WILLIE JOSEPH

During the peak of the LA Lakers "Showtime", led by Magic Johnson, Cerritos College had their own version of Johnson. For two seasons (1985-87), Willie Joseph provided as much excitement for the fans with his up-tempo style of play and high-flying dunks. Willie led the Falcons to two South Coast Conference championships and still ranks second on the school's all-time scoring list. His ability to cut through defenses and score points in bunches is one of the main reasons the Cerritos teams combined for a 57-8 record in his two seasons and earned him a pair of 1st Team All-SCC selections, as well as All-State recognition. In his freshman year, Willie averaged 17 points a game, shot 54% from the field and followed that with a 22.7 points-per-game sophomore season and left him tied for second place in school history for most points in a season (749). Known for his consistent play, Willie recorded only three 30-point games in his career and shot over 54% from the field both seasons. He received a scholarship to New Mexico State University, where he was a two-year starter. Willie is currently a Youth Participation Officer in Tasmania, Australia and coaches youth basketball.

MEET OUR INDUCTEES



*Distinguished Faculty
Speech Communications*

WENDELL HANKS

Wendell Hanks joined the Speech Department faculty in September 1966. His innovative approach brought new dimensions to the teaching of speech. He emphasized overcoming shyness and enjoyed watching his students attain this goal. A lecturer on education for college and community groups, Wendell was active on a variety of campus committees and produced workshops for campus staff, management, and other college groups.

During his tenure, he served as the director of the national championship speech team. Coincidentally, his father's Marshall High School debate team and the Cerritos College team both won national championships in 1970, the only time father/son coaches have won debate championships the same year. Wendell was a faculty member who was highly revered by students, faculty, staff and administrators as reflected in twice being awarded the Outstanding Faculty commendation. In addition, he produced, promoted and directed over 100 events on campus and in the community, and was a moving force behind some of the great and memorable nights of entertainment at the college.

Since his retirement in May 2011, Wendell has been active member of the Cerritos College Retired Faculty Association and serves a director for the Fullerton Train Museum. Also, he is an active volunteer for the Railroad Operations Committee restoration team.



*Distinguished
Female Athlete Softball*

SAMIE (GARCIA)
ZUIDEMA

Recording one of the most successful seasons in the college's softball history, Samie Garcia is at or near the top of multiple categories based on her 2010 season. She set a school record with a .519 batting average and 10 triples, while she stole 29 bases and drew 23 walks. She went 69-for-133 at the plate and drove in 34 runs for the Falcons, who went 39-6 on the season and won the South Coast Conference title. For her efforts, Samie was recognized as the National Player of the Year, as well as State Player of the Year, Southern California Player of the Year, SCC Player of the Year and earned All-American honors. Samie transferred to the University of South Carolina after her freshman season and went on to earn to be named Easton All-America 1st Team, Coaches All-Southeastern Conference 2nd Team, CollegeSportsMadness.com All-SEC 2nd Team and was named to the SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll as a senior. She was an All-SEC 2nd Team pick her junior year, as well as being named to the Academic Honor Roll. For her three-year career at the University of South Carolina, Samie's name is peppered throughout their single-season a career record book. She led her team in multiple categories each season and finished her career with a .364 batting average, which ranks third overall in school history. At the conclusion of her collegiate career, Samie was drafted 13th overall by the New York/New Jersey Comets of the National Pro Fastpitch League in 2013 also played for the Pennsylvania Rebellion. Samie is currently working as a one-on-one aide at Midland Park High School in New Jersey and continues to provide softball lessons to young athletes.

MEET OUR INDUCTEES



Distinguished Classified

JANICE COLE

A Cerritos College graduate, Janice Cole was proud to work for the college for 41 years until her retirement in June 2016. She was hired as a full-time classified employee in the Community Education Department which included the Foundation that was formed in 1979. The Foundation became a separated entity in 1995. Although she worked behind the scenes, Janice was passionate about encouraging our students to pursue their educational goals and make a better life for themselves. Her strong work ethic, attention to detail, and positive attitude were instrumental when planning 30 golf tournaments, five Hall of Fame Dinner award ceremonies and numerous fundraisers during her tenure. In addition, Janice fostered good working relationships with her colleagues and was well respected by the campus staff and the community. She was voted Classified Employee of the Month in March 1990 and in December 2014 and Classified Employee of the Year in 2015. Since her retirement, Janice continues to be an active member at the Calvary Bellflower Church and leads their woman's ministry team.



*Distinguished Alumnus
Class of 1971*

RANDY GORDON

A After earning his Associate's degree, Randy Gordon transferred to CSU Fullerton where he earned his Bachelor's degree in History in 1973. He served as the Executive Director of the Covina Chamber for 12 years. Since April 1994, Randy has served as the President/Chief Executive Officer for the Long Beach Area Chamber Commerce.

Randy has a passion for education. He is a 1988 graduate of the U.S. Chamber Western Institute for Organization Management at San Jose State University, a 1993 graduate from the U.S. Chamber's Academy at Notre Dame, and 1995 graduate of Leadership Long Beach. He is also a former instructor at the Stanford and Loyola University Institute. Randy is great example of what it means to give back to your community. He has been very active serving on numerous boards and donating his time to dozens of non-profit organizations each year in Long Beach.

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Naples Island Sailing for Four with the Leutheusers on "Ludwig," their 42' Catalina

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Opening Bid \$3,900



Panoramic Flight on Mickey's Piper Cherokee 180 with Dr. Fierro for Two Guests

Soar over LA Basin, the Catalina Islands, and Cerritos College. Includes flight lesson, signed logbook, and \$150 Royal Cut Steakhouse Gift Card

Opening Bid \$800



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Distinguished
Hall of Fame
Honorees



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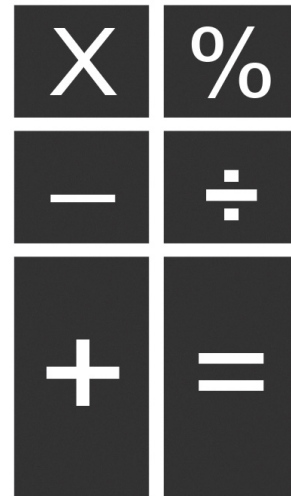
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