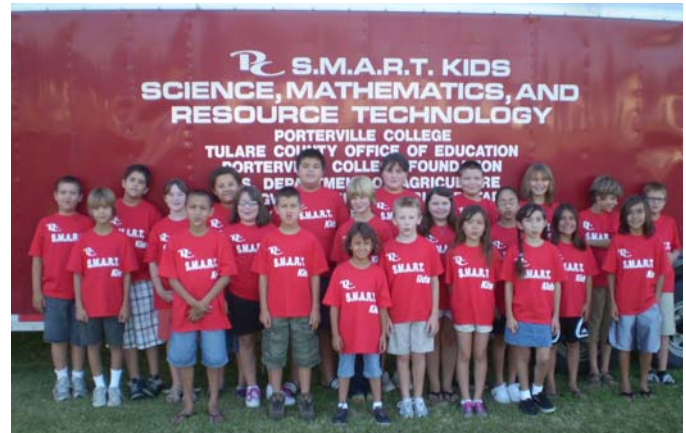


## Youngsters Report... "Fun is spelled - S.M.A.R.T."

Again this summer two groups of young students spent a week each having fun while learning about science during SMART Lab Summer Camps at Porterville College. In this case **SMART** stands for **Science, Math and Resources Technology**.



The students did Life, Earth and Physical Science experiments. Youngsters

ranging in age from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade enjoy a four day camp offering an opportunity to perform plenty of scientific hands-on experiments under the guidance of SMART Lab Director **Denise Goodman**.

Students have come to the camps not initially excited about attending, but leave so excited they don't want the camp to end. By Tuesday, all of the students wore bright red camp shirts as they worked on projects together.

SMART Camps were made possible this

year by several grants, including \$1,000 from Tulare County Farm Bureau, \$3,000 from Bank of the Sierra and more than \$10,000 from The Southern and Eastern Tech Prep SB 70 Consortium. In addition, the mobile lab unit is also supported by the Porterville College Foundation, who operates the program, and the Tulare County Office of Education who makes an annual donation to the lab. In addition to the summer camps, Denise, in her 10th year leading the program, visits schools to put on science workshops for students throughout the year.

SMART Lab Program has been serving the community for 13 years.



RECORDER PHOTO BY RENEH AGHA  
Michael Waddle, 10, center, examines a spider using a microscope, while Joel Vasquez, 10, left, and Alyssa Villarreal, 10, right, wait to take a look.



# Last Call for Justice: The Constitutional Right of habeas corpus

By Dr. Jeff Keele, Professor Political Science / Economics

On 17 September Porterville College continued our annual series of distinguished speakers celebrating the United States Constitution. This year's Constitution Day speaker, **Brook Roper Gotberg** taught a standing-room only crowd in the PC Theater about the key US Constitutional principle of *habeas corpus*. She shared insights about the Constitution and *habeas corpus* through stories of cases that she was involved in as a clerk of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in 2009. She gave examples of three *habeas corpus* appeals that reached the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit for review while she clerked for Judge Milan Smith. The audience consisted of a mix of PC and high school students who were encouraged to attend by civics instructors, and community members.

Gotberg's entertaining presentation included PowerPoint slides, audience questions, and several polls of the audience. The audience learned that the principle of *habeas corpus* first requires law enforcement and prosecutors to make specific charges that a suspect violated identifiable laws and to provide sufficient evidence of guilt to hold a person for trial. After a trial, *habeas corpus* is the basis of a person's right to appeal conviction and imprisonment to a higher level of judicial authority. Perhaps the most surprising element of what Gotberg shared was the fact that in a *habeas corpus* case "actual innocence" is not a valid cause for having the *habeas corpus* appeal granted and setting the prisoner free. Rather, *habeas corpus* appeals are granted based on violations of procedures or violations of due process in the original trial.



Brook Roper Gotberg and Dr. Jeff Keele

Gotberg is a Porterville native and the daughter of Tulare County Superior Court Judge, the Honorable Glade Roper and Glenna Roper. After graduating valedictorian from Monache High School, Gotberg attended Brigham Young University majoring in Political Science with a minor in Arabic. She then attended and graduated cum laud with a Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School. Upon completing her law degree and passing the California Bar Exam she stepped immediately into a prestigious clerkship in the US 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. Currently she is working as a litigator for the Los Angeles law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell.

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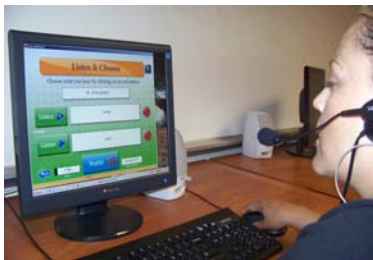
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## A Small but Significant Milestone

By Jacinto Gardea, Professor English / EFL

For the first time in the history of Porterville College, second language students have a place on campus where they can work to improve their pronunciation of English sounds. The new PC Pronunciation Lab, located in LRC-533, is equipped with *American Speechsounds*, a software program that allows students to distinguish between correct and incorrect



pronunciations of words as well as to record and hear their own pronunciation of hundreds of words and sentences.



The lab was made possible, first, by the generous donation of 7 computers originally purchased by the LISTO Grant



Program (thank you, **Michelle Hart** and LISTO!).

Secondly, the lab's software for each computer was purchased with Basic Skills funds and installed by **Vern Butler** and **Rosemary Viotto** (thank you, Basic Skills, Vern, and Rosemary!). The lab also became a reality because of the unwavering support of **Antonia Ecung** and the **Language Arts Division** (thank you, L.A.D. and Dr. Ecung!).

Second language students from my EL2 80A-B and EL2 70A-B sections are enthusiastic about the lab's opening. **Patty Felix'** initial reaction was typical: "It's great to see and hear the words being pronounced," she said. Another student, **Sara Mirbaha**, commented, "I've always wanted to hear how I sound when I'm speaking English with people."

May the new PC Pronunciation Lab grow and prosper.

## PC Partnership with SCE

**Dr. Rosa Carlson**, PC President, attended the September 7th Porterville City Council meeting to present a new joint project with Southern California Edison (SCE). This partnership will provide a training needs assessment to be funded by a contribution from SCE.

Pictured receiving \$25,000 check from SCE are: **Ron Irish**, City Mayor; **Kay McGuire**, Chamber Board President; **Rosa Carlson**; and **Carl Rossi**, Southern California Edison Representative.



## PC Student-Athletes Treated to a Day of Academic Enrichment

By Dr. Antonia Ecung, Dean, Academic Affairs

On Saturday September 11, eighty-five PC student-athletes attended a workshop held on campus. The workshop was based on "The Academic Gameplan". This program was designed to help athletes increase their potential for college academic success.

Student remarks and observations included: *"I learned how to use my time efficiently and effectively. They should have one every year,"* Karmell Stone-student-athlete Men's Basketball

*"What struck me the most was that we learned that time is the most important thing we have. It really got me thinking and also rethinking a lot of things,"* Tanzi Dunn - Women's Basketball student-athlete.



The workshop facilitators included (top to bottom) Eva Baddo de Leon, Diane Thompson, Antonia Ecung, and Eric Mendoza.

Each of the athletes were given a packet of materials that included a binder, a workbook, a student planner, notebook paper and writing tools. The athletes were encouraged to mingle, network and support one another in the assigned tasks for the day. Part of what they learned included time management and class assignment organizing strategies.

There were five study goals and techniques presented through the workshop: 1) Plan for a day of learning, 2) Summarize each class, 3) Taking notes, 4) Arrive at class and prepare to study with the appropriate materials and 5) Ask questions and get to know your instructors.

Women's Basketball Coach **Dave Kavern** commented *"The workshop went well. The students were attentive and it [the program] was beneficial for them. I've already seen that some of the athletes are using the new materials."*

*"The information provided [during the workshop] can definitely assist these students in becoming better representatives of student athletics,"* said Vickie Dugan Women's Softball Coach.

Dean Ecung is working with the other facilitators to evaluate the effectiveness of the workshop. However, the student-athletes, the coaches and the facilitators all agree that it was a stimulating and informative experience for everyone involved.



## Porterville College Alumni Hall of Fame



The Porterville College Foundation will celebrate the annual Porterville College Alumni Hall of Fame event to honor the accomplishments of former Porterville College athletics and distinguished alumni. The Alumni Hall of Fame recognizes former Porterville College students who have made outstanding contributions to their athletic career during their time at Porterville College and afterwards. The distinguished alumni will be recognized by their contributions to their professional career and to their communities. These alumni represent the highest standards of athletic performance and merit, professional achievement in their career of study, and their service in helping improve the quality of living in their communities. Induction into the hall of fame is the highest honor given to an alumni by the Porterville College Foundation.

The Hall of Fame event will be **March 5, 2011**, at 5:45 P.M. in the PC Gymnasium. Please visit the Porterville College home page -

[www.portervillecollege.edu](http://www.portervillecollege.edu) to download a complete copy of the nominating application. You can also contact the Foundation Office at 791-2319 for more information.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**Nov. 11 2010**



On Thursday, Sept. 16th, Health Careers faculty held a muffin sale on campus to raise

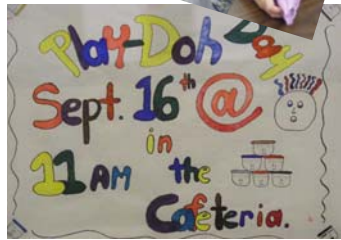
## Muffin Ladies Are Back!

By Karen Boriack, Professor, Health Careers

funds for the Psychiatric Technician Program Foundation Fund. These funds are used to provide Psychiatric Tech students with scholarships and emergency loans. A variety of delicious muffins were offered along with steaming hot coffee and cocoa. The muffin sale was a huge success with faculty, staff, and students from across campus supporting the event. It was widely appreciated that with a simple call to Tiffany in Health Careers, muffins and drinks were hand-delivered to all areas of the campus. Faculty members **Valerie Lombardi** and **Karen Boriack** (pictured right) shall now forever be known as "the muffin ladies" when seen traipsing across campus with their little wicker baskets full of goodies!



## Pirate Happenings Around Campus



ASPC hosted Child Development Kids to a fun play date for National Play-Doh Day



**Grandparents Day September 13, 2010**  
ASPC Officers handed out ribbons to all staff who are grandparents. Pink for girls, blue for boys, yellow for expecting, white for deceased.

## CLUB RUSH - September 13, 2010



## 2010 Lady Pirate Volleyball Team



From Left to Right: Sabina Lopez, Sylvia Ramirez, Crystal Bueno, Katrina Goulbourne, Jessica Gutierrez, Jennifer Landers, Stephanie Dounseroux, Deanell Dohrman, Laura Jagers. (Not Pictured: newcomer Nicole Ordway and coach Dale Henderson).



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## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Virginia Rivera Gurrola was born and raised in Lindsay, California in a migrant farm workers family until her father entered his trade as a carpenter and her mother a CNA for Lindsay Hospital. She graduated from Lindsay High School in 1969 and in the same year married Salvador Gurrola. They have three sons; Jacob, Jason and Carlos Gurrola. Virginia is very proud of her family, especially their five grandchildren: Justyne, Kandyce, Emilee, Alina, and Jason Jr. Gurrola.



She enrolled in Porterville College fall of 1976 as a re-entry student to study liberal studies. While attending PC, she realized the different career opportunities to choose from and changed her major to social science. As a student, she accepted a position at PC as part-time Extended Opportunity Program Services (EOPS) secretary, and later was promoted to a full-time program assistant. Virginia contributes "the faculty that challenged her to explore beyond the boundaries of her immediate experiences" to the preparation of her professional career. She participated in extra curricular activities such as folkloric dance and a leading role in the drama play "The Day of the Swallow". In 1979, she earned an AA from Porterville College. In 1985, she became the Director of EOPS and in 1993, she received her BA in Public Administration from CSU, Bakersfield.

Virginia was recognized for her community involvement with the Commission Honorifica, as the college advisor to M.E.Ch.A, and her outreach efforts at the local high schools. This involvement inspired her to get students interested in voter registration. In 1994, with the support of students and community members, she placed her name on the ballot for City Council. Not realizing at the time that the actions of this group would change the history of Porterville. In 1995 Virginia became the first Latina to be elected to the Porterville City Council serving as mayor for two terms. She considers it an honor to have served the City of Porterville for eight years on the City Council.

Over the span of 32 years at PC, Virginia has held positions within the college in the areas of financial aid, advising, recruiting and retention. She has served as the Director of EOPS and Executive Director of the PC Foundation. Her current administrative assignment is Director of Financial Aid and Admissions. Virginia continues her commitment to the community as a Board Member of the Porterville Family Crisis Center and a member of the Chamber Branding Committee with the City-EDC working on the vision of the



Virginia in 1988 as EOPS Director working with students.

Justice Center in downtown.

Virginia believes that "the opportunities for an education are laid out for students; the faculty, staff, administration, and support services at the college provide the opportunity for success; If you are willing to take the challenge."

# New Faces ...In Different Places



## **Susan Diaz Johnson – English Instructor (temporary – 1 year) – Language Arts Division**

**Educational and/or professional background:** BA English; M.A. Spanish; PH.D. (in progress) Women Writers of Mexican American Heritage

**Previous experience:** Human Rights Public Relations (TV/radio/press USA/World tours)

**What are you excited about being a part of PC?** The awesome students, faculty, staff, and administration are truly extraordinary – warm, friendly, hardworking, good-hearted, and very, very ready to grow and expand. They really do believe in the American Dream and are on pathways toward their goals. (Si, se puede! = Yes, you can!) I am sooo happy to be here with you all!!!

**Family:** My folks have passed from this life, but they raised me well. On my mom's side everyone has Hispanic, immigrant, farmworker roots. My dad's side raised turkeys in the Deep South, and Dad was part of the United States Marine Corps right up to his last breath.

**Hobbies:** I live out on a farm where we grow corn and alfalfa. I care for the gardening as well as rescuing many feral animals – skunks, possums, cats, owls, hawks, etc. I am a life-long marathon and distance runner and underwater swimmer.

**Life Goals (or bucket wish list):** To help make the world a happier place, one person at a time, by the way we treat people around us – family, friends, neighbors, community, country, world.

## **Victor Medrano –Teaching Assistant, Computer Commons (Temporary, part-time)**

**Educational and/or professional background:** Being born and raised here in Porterville, California, I actually graduated from Monache High School. Afterwards, I attended Porterville College and later transferred to CSU, Bakersfield where I received my bachelors.

**Previous experience:** In regards to my previous work experience, all of my past jobs have dealt with interacting with people. So being a teaching assistant in the computer commons is right up my alley. My previous jobs have included working in construction, as a tutor, and an after school program leader.

**What are you excited about being a part of PC:** I am excited to get to know and help students who come to PC.

**Family:** I am currently dating.

**Hobbies:** I love to swim whether it's in a lake, river, ocean, or a swimming pool. I also enjoy listening to music. I also love to play Poker from Texas Hold 'em to Omaha to Seven Card Stud.

**Life Goals (or bucket wish list):** To one day form a home and a family.

**Other:** I actually live here in Porterville, California.



## **Kailani Knutson – Business Instructor (Temporary Fall semester) – Career & Technical Education (CTE), Business Division**

**Educational and/or professional background:** Associates in Arts, Social Science, Porterville College 1996.

BS in Business Management, University of Phoenix 2002. Masters, Business Administration, University of Phoenix 2007.

**Previous experience:** Porterville Electric Co., Inc., Office Manager/Job Cost Analyst (1987 – 2006); Porterville College, Teaching Assistant, Computer Commons/Lab (2006 – 2009); Adjunct Faculty, Business (2007 – 2010)

**What are you excited about being a part of PC:** I am excited about being a part of the PC family. I hope to help grow the business/entrepreneurship program and connect our students with businesses in our community.

**Family:** My son, Brian Manson is 18 and a Porterville College student.

**Hobbies:** Reading, genealogy, traveling

## **Yolanda Vasquez – EOPS/Care Counselor – Student Services**

**Educational and/or professional background:** Educational background: received AA from PC in Business, BS and MA from CSU Fresno in Business-Marketing and Education-Counseling and Student Services

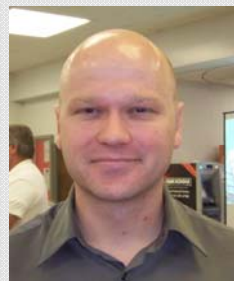
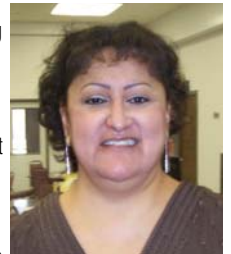
**Previous experience:** Previous employer: Have worked for KCCD for the past 11 years (two at PC, eight at CC and eleventh back at PC). Previously, worked at Council of Fresno County Governments as Accounting Technician.

**What are you excited about being a part of PC:** My experience and knowledge of working at a different campus and sharing the different processes implemented in operating programs and working with students

**Family:** Hubby Esteban Aranda, two dogs (Simba and Sacatines) and 4 cats (Nikki, Cleopatra, Elvis Presley and Bud Light)

**Hobbies:** Oakland Raiders and LA Lakers fan, watch documentaries, travel, read a good book

**Life Goals (or bucket wish list):** Obtain my doctorate in higher education, inspire as many students to go after their goals and travel the world.



## **James "Jimmy" Thompson –Speech Instructor, Fine and Applied Arts Division (tenure track)**

**Educational and/or professional background:** CSU, Fresno: BA - Speech Communication, MA – Communication

**Previous experience:** Ten years as adjunct instructor in Communication departments at BC, COS, Reedley College, Fresno State, & Chapman University. Taught an average of 23 sections per year (approx. 70 units per year).

**What are you excited about being a part of PC:** I am excited to help students meet their educational goals more effectively and be excited about what they are learning. As far as PC specifically, I am very happy to be working at a place where the people are so outwardly friendly. As I told my wife, it was so nice to have so many faculty and staff approach me and offer a genuine welcome during FLEX days.

**Family (spouses, children):** My wife and I have been married for almost 7 years and we welcomed our first baby girl last summer on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She is the reason we smile everyday and lose sleep every night. :)

**Hobbies:** Restoring old cars and motorcycles, football and basketball, avid Star Wars fan, and do many home improvement projects. I just recently installed hardwood floors in my home.

**Life Goals (or bucket wish list):** On my bucket list I would like to fill a passport with stamps from at least 30 different countries, drive a real race car, and live long enough to watch my grandchildren grow up.

**Other:** I live in Visalia and commute daily.

# New Faces ...In Different Places

## Tim Brown – Administration of Justice Instructor – Career & Technical Education, Business Division (tenure track)

**Educational and/or professional background:** October 2009, I received my Masters Degree.

**Previous experience:** 40 years Law Enforcement experience – I have been part of the Adjunct staff here at Porterville College for 18 years until I was brought on as a full-time instructor – I was an instructor at COS for 24 years primarily with the Police Academy.

**What are you excited about being a part of PC:** It has always been a dream of mine to be a full-time instructor and have the day to day connection and contact with the students. Here at PC I now have that opportunity.

**Family (spouses, children):** My wife Sharon works as the Executive Director for HR at Sierra View Hospital. Daughter Krista works as a lead nurse in the emergency room at Kaweah Delta Hospital and is an instructor in our Reserve Police Academy Program at PC in the area of First Aid/CPR. Our son Aaron is a Police Officer with the Atascadero Police Department. We have three grandkids – Raili 8, Samantha 5 and Sidney 18 months.

**Hobbies:** I love spending time with my grand kids – riding my Harley – going on trips in our 5<sup>th</sup> wheel and a good cigar with a glass Crown Royal.

**Life Goals (or bucket wish list):** I want to help make PC's Administration of Justice program one of the premier programs in the valley.



## Camilla Anderson – Administrative Secretary, VP Academic Affairs

**Educational and/or professional background:** I have been in clerical support for over 20 years. I was an administrative assistant for a large hospital system in Orange County, before relocating to Bakersfield in 2005. For the past three years I've been the Department Assistant to English, ESL, Foreign Language, ASL, Social Science and Philosophy at Bakersfield College.

**What are you excited about being a part of PC:** I am excited to be at Porterville College because I enjoy the academic environment, teeming with enthusiastic students, both those fresh-out-of-high-school and the older returning students, who are eager to learn and grow and achieve their full potential.

**Hobbies:** My hobbies are reading, shopping, and locating good bakeries.

**Life Goals (or bucket wish list):** In May of this year I accomplished an item on my "bucket list": I visited Betty MacDonald's Farm on Vashon Island, Washington; it was the home of my favorite author, Betty MacDonald, who wrote *The Egg & I*.

**Other:** I love cats and dogs, and am a member of the Bakersfield Pug Meet-up. I commute from Bakersfield, and I am thoroughly enjoying waving to the farm critters I pass along the way!

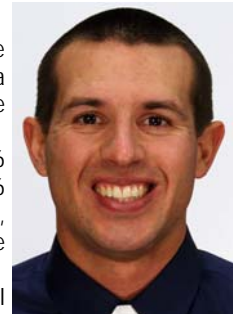
## Jacob "Jay" Kiser – Baseball Coach – Health, Physical Education & Recreation Division

**Educational and/or professional background:** Paso Robles native who played at Allan Hancock College before transferring to Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa. Earned a bachelor's in kinesiology and a secondary teaching credential in physical education in 2002. As a senior, ranked second in the nation in stolen bases, and was team captain, most valuable player, and Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference Player of the Year. Later earned a master's in health and human performance from Fort Hays State in 2009.

**Previous experience:** Coached Golden West High School to West Yosemite League championship titles in 2005 and 2006. This 2006 team advanced to the Valley semifinals, the same season he was voted WYL and Tulare County Coach of the Year. Following the 2006 season, accepted a position on the COS staff under head coach Jody Allen. As a Giants' assistant coach and adjunct faculty member, responsible for recruiting, fundraising, summer camps, off-season conditioning and on-field duties. During his four-year stint at COS, the Giants recorded three 20-win seasons, including a third-place finish in the Central Valley Conference in 2009 (27-16 overall).

**What are you excited about being a part of PC:** "I'm very excited about joining the Porterville College athletic department," Kiser said. "I appreciate the opportunity from the administration, and I'm looking forward to working hard and preparing for next season. Our goals will be to recruit quality talent from the Valley, field a team that is highly competitive, and prepare our students to be successful in life."

**Family (spouses, children):** Jake and his wife, Jae, reside in Visalia with their two children.



## Ying Vang – Network Technician (Temporary, Fall semester, part-time)

**Educational and/or professional background:** In 2004, I completed my AS Degree in Information Systems here at Porterville College. I have been training as IT Professional in both hardware and software for the past nine years.

**Previous experience:** I have five years experience in the IT Department with Family HealthCare Network; one year with Eagle Mountain Casino in the IT Department. During my time as a student at Porterville College I served as a Teaching Assistant in the Computer Commons lab for two and half years; I also assisted with IT Services for three years in the World Leadership Group.

**What are you excited about being a part of PC:** I am very grateful and excited to be here at Porterville College. What I like best of all is the IT Department staff, who I work closely with. They are the best, they treat me with respect. I want to thank to my director, his supervisor, and everyone here at Porterville College for giving the opportunity to improve my skills and talent.

**Family (spouses, children):** My beautiful wife Chia and I have been married for twenty-eight years and have four children. Three daughters and a son, Maria Vang (28 yrs old), Tou Vang (27 yrs old), Selissa Vang (26 yrs old) and Michelle Vang (22 yrs old).

**Hobbies:** My physical hobbies are soccer, and I love helping people in the community such as computer troubleshoot, DSL internet connection, counseling family issue with people who relate to me in the community. I love to help people who need help, regardless if they are related to me or not.

**Life Goals (or bucket wish list):** My life goals or bucket wish list is to put 110% to what I do and hope someday, I can get a full time job that will enable me to move back to my home town of Porterville.

**Other:** Three years ago, I relocated to Fresno from Porterville so at this time I am commuting everyday to work.