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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends of CCC,

As we kick off the new year, I am reminded of how much we have to be grateful for at Clovis Community College. Not only do we have top-notch faculty, staff, students, and facilities, we also have great ideas. Many of the great ideas that our staff and students hatch, however, require extraordinary financial resources.

The implementation of a great idea includes the resources to launch the idea and the ingenuity to find the right funding source. In the fall of 2012, CCC was the only community college in New Mexico to receive a TAACCCT grant from the United States Department of Labor. For several years we have discussed starting a Physical Therapy Assistant program, but we knew the program would have a humble beginning. The \$2.5 million TAACCCT grant has changed the scope of our vision. Now we are buying state-of-the-art PTA equipment to equip our lab.

A great idea needs more than money and technical skill to flourish. Most importantly, it needs the support of a community. Our new PTA program will be housed in renovated space, thanks to support from our community in the last G.O. bond election. On behalf of the board, staff, and students of Clovis Community College, I would like to thank all of our supporters for everything that you do for us. The heart of our mission lies in serving our community, and we cannot succeed without community support and involvement. Thank you for being part of our success!



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to DREAM to ACHIEVE to SUCCEED

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CCC FOUNDATION NAMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Clovis Community College Foundation announces the appointment of three new board members: Richard Hadley, Thomas Martin, and Christina Tatum.

“Richard, Thomas, and Christina will bring to the Foundation’s Board a fresh perspective to the mission of the organization. All three have remarkable leadership in our community, and we are very pleased to welcome them to the Foundation’s Board,” said Clay Bracken, current president of the Foundation’s Board.

As vice president of The Citizens Bank of Clovis, Richard Hadley looks forward to assisting the Foundation Board in any way that he can. A member of the Texico-Farwell Rotary and Curry County Mounted Patrol, Richard has been a 4-H leader and has also served on the Extension Support Council for NM State University and the Curry County Fair Board.

Coming from a family that has contributed greatly to the Clovis & Portales communities, Thomas Martin of Taco Box was honored to be asked to serve on the Foundation Board. “CCC is such an important piece of the community and provides opportunities for many of our citizens. Looking at the individuals on the board, I knew that, under their guidance, I would grow as a leader and community servant,” Martin said. Currently serving on

the US Bank Community Advisory Board, Thomas enjoys being a part of a team that is focused on benefiting others. “If we build relationships with the leaders and givers in our community, the Foundation will succeed and CCC will continue positive growth. I want to be on the front line and have a direct impact on the gifts that keep the College moving in a forward direction.”

An attorney by profession, Christina Tatum was formerly an active duty USAF judge advocate and is still on reserve status. Participating on other community boards including Retirement Ranch, Prairie Meadows, Oasis, and The Hartley House, Christina said she is excited to be a part of a Foundation that supports CCC and its students. “I hope to be an advocate for the Foundation to help it to continue to grow and serve the College. Supporting the Foundation is a great way to encourage higher education in our area,” said Tatum. What motivates Christina as a volunteer is having the desire to make a positive impact, and she looks forward at the conclusion of her term to seeing an article in CNJ that highlights the specific ways in which the Foundation has helped individuals in attaining their education.



New CCC Foundation Board members, from left to right: Richard Hadley, Christina Tatum, Thomas Martin

Stripes College Scholarship Fund Established at CCC

As part of its ongoing mission to find ways to give back to the communities in which it operates, Stripes®



convenience stores has established the Stripes College Scholarship Fund to assist local students in attaining their higher education goals. Administered through the Stripes Foundation, students in convenience store service areas will be eligible to compete for \$1,000 merit scholarships to help offset the cost of attending college.

“We admire the success of Clovis Community College in preparing students for the future and would be honored to provide scholarships for local students through this program,” said the Stripes Foundation interim program coordinator, Patricia Cano.

“Clovis Community College is thrilled to be invited to participate in this new scholarship fund. Since the college is right down the road from a Stripes store, we are grateful to community partners such as Stripes who help our students attain their educational goals,” said Natalie Daggett, Director of Resource Development at CCC.

The Stripes Foundation is committed to giving back to the communities in which they have a local presence. During the month of December 2013, the Stripes College Scholarship Fund was financed by donations from the in-store fundraising promotions provided to customers throughout all of the 575+ stores located in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The funds that were raised are expected to be distributed to participating schools during the first quarter of calendar year 2014. CCC students will be able to apply for the Stripes Scholarship beginning March 2014.

PINNING

Most CCC Nursing students know certain absolutes exist when they are accepted into the Nursing program: Giving up their time until they complete the program is a must; achieving a Nursing degree is an extremely hard goal to accomplish; and choosing another program or profession never crossed their minds because this accomplishment has been their life's dream.

To this Georgia native, there were no exceptions to any of these absolutes. Erin Coughlin knew full well what she was getting into the day she enrolled in the CCC Nursing program. Coughlin says that she has always known she wanted to be in the medical

changed her major to business administration. "I was young and the Nursing classes were really tough," she reflected.

After she and her husband, Andrew, a Senior Airman and also a Georgia native, received orders to Cannon Air Force Base, she started a search for nursing schools in the Eastern New Mexico area and decided she was going to apply to CCC's Nursing program. Finally, Coughlin was going to get her wish to become a nurse. "My mom has been a nurse for as long as I can remember. Her knowledge and strength has been an inspiration to me," said Coughlin.



Erin Coughlin and family at the December 6, 2013, Pinning Ceremony at Clovis Civic Center

field. "As long as I can remember, I have always enjoyed learning about the body. I wouldn't say that I've always wanted to be a nurse, but starting in high school I made the decision to do something in the medical field. I considered medical school and physical therapy, along with Nursing." She actually attended college at Georgia State University as a pre-med major but

Originally from Conyers, Georgia, Clovis has now been home for the last two and a half years. The 21-hour drive to Georgia from New Mexico makes it difficult to see family as much as they would like, especially since they became new parents this past summer to their son, Jordan. Luckily, Erin's mother was able to come to Clovis and stay with Jordan for a few weeks during Erin's last semester. She even followed Erin and Jordan to out-of-town clinical rotations to allow Erin to continue to breastfeed, which was very important to Erin. While some students would struggle to handle all the new mother responsibilities that go on 24-hours a day, Erin continued working on her degree and succeeded in receiving her RN pin on December 6 at the CCC Nurses' Pinning ceremony.

When her instructor, Nicole Carlson, was asked about Erin's ability as a student, she said, "Erin is an extremely strong student, both academically and clinically. She is dedicated to her studies and to achieving her goals. Throughout her time in the Nursing program, she has displayed characteristics that are the core of the profession she will soon enter: compassion, leadership, teamwork, and motivation to succeed."

When asked about her future plans, Coughlin answers with a smile, "I want to start my bachelor's in Nursing, and I am looking at several different BSN programs, but I haven't decided where I would like to go yet. I also would like to work and get some experience while working on my BSN. I

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“Nursing is a tough profession. It carries a lot of responsibility and passion.”

am very excited to put what I've been learning to use!” She has her sights set on specializing in critical care. “When I first started nursing, I thought I wanted to specialize in labor and delivery and pediatrics. Those areas are still of great interest to me, but after my emergency room rotation during clinical rotations, I think that is where I want to be,” said Coughlin.

There is no doubt that Erin will continue to excel and achieve success, as she knows she has the backing of her husband, family, and friends. “I am truly blessed to have such a loving and supportive family,” Erin said. Her stepmom and dad, Judy and Steve Tignor, have always been an inspiration and are supportive of her in all she has taken on. “I owe who I am today to them!” She also praised her husband, who she stated is her best friend, and she said she could never imagine being without him.

Erin's family was able to fly in from Georgia to attend the RN pinning and celebrated with Erin's husband and son after the ceremony. As she walked across the stage and saw her family in the audience, she thought, “It has been a wonderful journey, and I am thankful every day for the privilege that I was given to go to school and become a nurse. I have had an amazing experience at Clovis Community College as well as in the Nursing program. My plan for the future is to remember where I started and where I've come from so that I will always be the best person and nurse that I can be!”

Congratulations, Erin!

24 RNs and
22 LPNs received
pins for the Fall 2013
Term at CCC.

CEREMONY FOR ONE: NO SOLDIER GETS LEFT BEHIND AT CCC

Life for military personnel can be challenging when at a moment's notice, duty calls and you must pack up your family and relocate for a new assignment. This challenge is exactly what Senior Airman Thomas J. Hames had to face in addition to the already grueling challenge of final exams.

Hames, who received his associate's degree in liberal arts, is relocating to Beale Air Force Base, trading the Land of Enchantment for the lush landscapes of Northern California. He was eager to walk with his classmates in May of 2014 and was disappointed to learn he wouldn't be able to.

CCC instructor Janett Johnson stepped in with a solution: during their final English 104 class, the presentations stopped, the music was cued, and Hames was presented with a mock diploma, complete with cap and gown, roses, and even a cake! It is this attention to detail shown by CCC faculty and staff that makes the college deserving of the Military Friendly Schools designation, an award CCC received in September from Victory Media.

Overall, Thomas had a great experience at CCC. “The staff went above and beyond to help me achieve my goals,” Hames said. And his thoughts on Ms. Johnson? “I'm thankful that she took the time to do what she did for me, and I will always appreciate her.” In the near future, Hames plans to complete his bachelor's degree and become an officer in the Air Force.

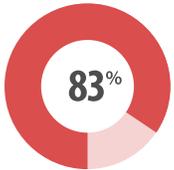
Congratulations, Thomas, and thank you for your and your family's service and dedication to our country!



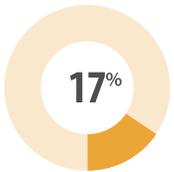


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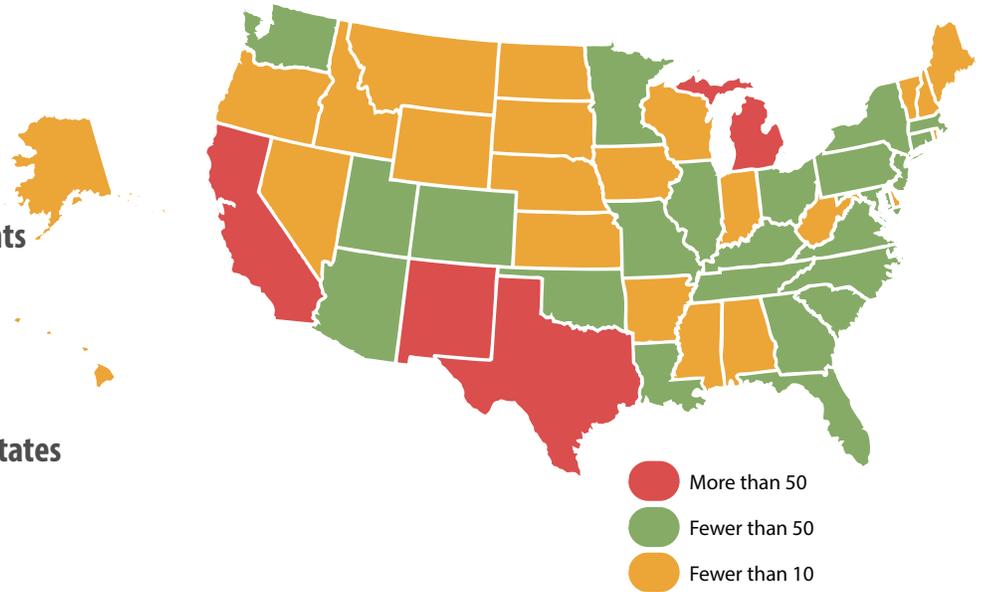
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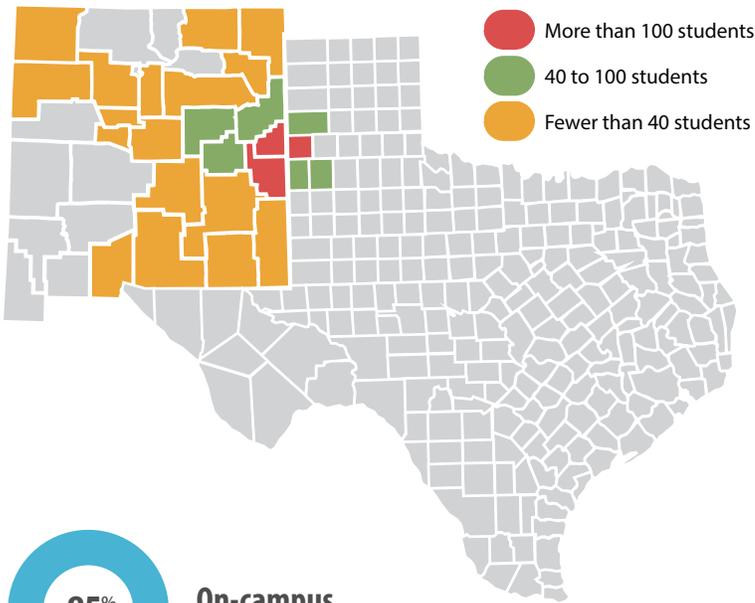
New Mexico students



Students in other states



The CCC student body is made up of at least one person from each state, including Washington D.C.



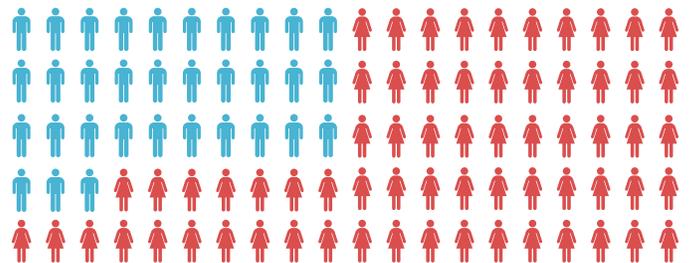
Population



On-campus



Online



Like most community colleges, CCC's student population represents a diverse group of men and women of different ages and ethnic backgrounds.



Industries

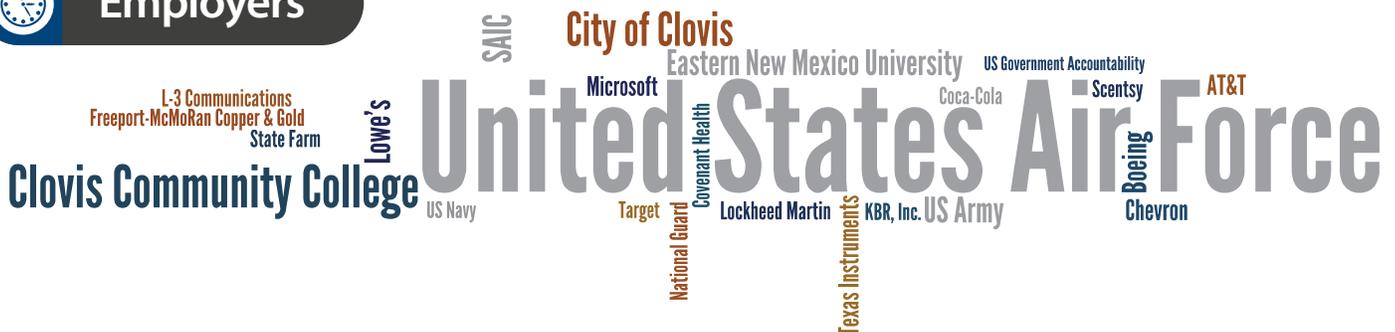
LinkedIn gives schools like Clovis Community College a unique way to check in on what their alumni are up to. These snapshots of information offer a glimpse of what many CCC alumni are up to now.



Are you a CCC alumni?
We invite you join
join us on LinkedIn!
<http://bit.ly/CCCLinkedIn>



Employers



Auf
Wiedersehen

Au revoir

See ya До свидания!

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Ciao!

iAdios!

Retirement is an exciting new chapter for all retirees, and each year we like to offer our retirees a chance to reflect on their years spent at the college, the relationships they've made, and the students they've helped along the way. We would like to wish all of the 2013 retirees a fond farewell!

In addition to the retirees highlighted in this issue, we also wish to recognize Jo Ann Johnson (Nursing Secretary), Lee Mullins (Facilities Maintenance Technician), and Mike St. Clair (Sr. Mechanical Craftsman).

How will you spend your first day of retirement?

"Since it will be a Saturday, the plan is to get up and watch Scooby-Doo on TV, assuming we aren't all dead due to a meteor hitting the earth between now and then..."



Tom Guldin, Advising

"Taking a long walk, playing with my dogs, and binge watching 'Hell on Wheels!'"



**Jan Bradburn,
Business Administration**

What was the most fun and rewarding part of your job?

"Fun: interaction and camaraderie with fellow CCC employees and supervisors.
Rewarding: dealing with Veterans."



**James Weede Smith,
Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs**

I do have a level of satisfaction in knowing that some of the folks I worked with who knew how to "make it happen" have been recognized and are now in positions where they can do just that.



**Tim Mrozcek,
User Services**

What is your proudest moment from your memories at CCC?

"Moving to the new library. We were able to provide so much more study room and expand all our holdings."

Deborah Anderson, Library



If you could have any job and still be a retiree, what would it be?

"To continue to work for Faculty Office IV and the people I left behind. I miss you all."

Mabel Saiz, Faculty Office IV Secretary



Any wise words for those of us who are still working?

"The more you know the less you know, and anyone who knows me will understand that. In other words, as you learn more you realize you don't know as much as you thought you did. "

Nita Howard, History



"Stay in shape, because there's always a future and something else that you could be doing. Don't think that your current job is your end-all job. The future holds more, and you need to be ready both physically and mentally."

Jo Burns, Admissions



"Remember the pursuit of excellence in all you do is very rewarding. Along with that, remember that the pursuit of perfection is frustrating, neurotic, and a terrible waste of time. Always do your best and be proud of the opportunities you have to contribute."

Bonnie Miller, Advising



A co-worker's sentiments:

"I have known and worked with Cookie since grade school. She is one of the most dedicated women I have ever known. When she could have stayed home and done as she pleased, she chose to teach. She made a lot of sacrifices to do this job and gave of herself 110%. Many men and women have an awesome career from what they learned through her. They also know she would help them in a heartbeat.

She has left a great legacy and big shoes to fill. She will be missed by many for a long time to come."

- Vicki Richardson, Cosmetology

Cookie Gideon, Cosmetology



FOCUS ON *Community*

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Receives Five Star Chapter Status

During the March 2013 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society regional convention held in Las Vegas, New Mexico, at Luna Community College, officers and members of the Clovis Community College Alpha Tau Nu Chapter received special commendation for fulfilling all requirements to be named a Five Star Chapter. Cindy Armijo, New Mexico Regional Coordinator, presented the award to Misty Padilla and Josh Hawk, CCC student chapter president. Ms. Padilla is the current chapter advisor and also the faculty office testing secretary for the Allied Health Department.



In order to attain the coveted Five Star Chapter status, chapters are required to reach certain indicators and milestones throughout each level of the Five Star Plan. The plan serves as a blueprint for developing a strong chapter, aids with student engagement on campus, and recognizes progress in the attainment of goals set by the chapter. It also provides significant personal and professional development opportunities for members and builds a good working relationship with the college administration through activities on campus and in the community.

When asked about maintaining the three-year winning streak of being named a Five Star Chapter, Padilla said, "The 2013 chapter officers, Josh Hawk, Dina Clark, Lori Varnell, Rebecca Barnett, and Lakeisha Lobstein have recently completed the last few requirements to finalize the 2013 Five Star goal. It took a lot of work to complete all the requirements, and I am very pleased that the Chapter has received the Five Star commendation for the 2013 year."

Membership is by invitation only. All students who meet the membership criteria of a 3.5 GPA and have completed 12 credit hours towards an associate's degree are invited to join.

CCC Staff and Students Clean Up at Clovis Trek for Trash

Decked out in work gloves, tennis shoes, sunscreen, and sunglasses and bearing large, cumbersome garbage bags, the CCC Radiologic Technology students and several CCC faculty, staff, and friends took to the streets of Clovis to clean up debris and trash cluttering sidewalks and easements.

Along with 700+ Clovis residents, the CCC volunteers headed out that early September morning to participate in the annual Toss No Mas - Don't Trash New Mexico clean-up campaign which is hosted by the New Mexico Clean and Beautiful program and the City of Clovis.

While staying focused and paying strict attention to their task-at-hand, never did the Rad Tech students dream they would be the winning force to claim the first place prize of a trophy and a mountain of candy.

Len Vohs, Clovis' mayor pro tem, said, "When everybody in the community does a little bit, we can get a whole lot done, and thanks to the partnership of the seven different community entities, CCC being one of them, we succeed for the community. Congratulations to CCC for being first place and collecting the most trash."

Melissa Ham, director of the Radiologic Technology program, is ready to go for the gold next year and is always looking for the next community service in which her students can become involved.



CCC's Radiologic Technology students pose on Llano Estacado Blvd. during the 2013 Trek for Trash

College Receives Donation of World War II Model Ships with Local Ties

The 2013 CCC Veterans Day celebration garnered the attention of the community. During the annual ceremony to honor CCC staff, faculty, and student veterans, USAF Ret. Lt. Colonel Carl Armstrong, USAF



Major Brooke Kelly, and CCC student Cesar Chavez presented a donation of three, small-scale model WWII warships to CCC. The model ships USS Indianapolis (1945), USS Curry County, and SS Clovis Victory were assembled by Ron VanDerwarker of Clovis and donated by Harry Davidson of Albuquerque.

Each ship had a specific local tie to the surrounding communities. Robert Anthony, one of the enlisted sailors on board the USS Indianapolis, was an uncle to local celebrity photographer, Duffy Sasser. Anthony was lost at sea after the Indianapolis was hit by two torpedoes on her starboard bow. With few lifeboats and lifejackets on board, the ship sank leaving crewmembers to fight off the largest shark attack on humans in history ("Ocean of Fear," Discovery Channel Shark Week special). The USS Curry County LST -685 was a tank landing ship built for the Navy in 1943, and the SS Clovis Victory saw heavy combat, was recorded to have destroyed two planes, and assisted in the destruction of three other planes on May 28, 1945.

Xcel Energy Supports CCC's Cultural Arts Series



CCC received a generous donation of \$3,000 from Xcel Energy in September in support of the Cultural Arts Series. Pictured from left to right: Dr. Becky Rowley, Corby White, David Essex, Stephen Davenport, Christy Mendoza, and Josh Reames

Bat Boy: Last Seen at CCC's Town Hall!

For those whose tastes in theatre are drawn to the bizarre with a touch of terror and dread, *Bat Boy: The Musical* definitely fulfilled those cravings. The musical debuted at CCC on a snowy night in late November.

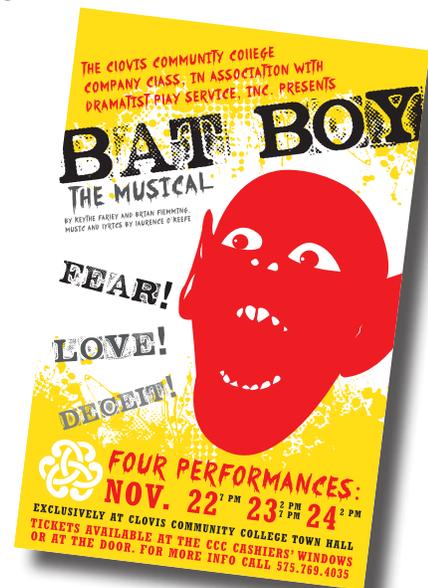
Christy Mendoza, CCC's instructor of theatre and director of the Cultural Arts Series, assigned *Bat Boy: The Musical* to her fall 2013 theatre company class as their semester production for their final grade. She and Dr. Jean Ornellas, CCC's choral ensemble director and voice instructor at ENMU, co-directed the musical. The combined talents of both student populations created a successful collaboration between the two schools.

Bat Boy, the story of a half bat/half boy creature caught up in his own desires to fit in with society of a small town, was a crowd-pleaser for both the audiences and the judges who came from near and far to see CCC's rendition of the Broadway musical.

Judges Andrew Lewis, director of musical theatre at Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and Josh Chenaud, assistant professor of theatre and the head of acting at NMSU, selected three winners who will compete in the 2014 Region Six Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF)

competition. CCC students, Meredith Lazaro ("Meredith Parker"), a Rhode Island native who is a military spouse, and Anna Hatfield ("Mrs. Taylor"), who is also a military spouse, along with Vince Romano (the very sinister "Dr. Parker"), a senior at ENMU, will all be in competition for two awards: the coveted Irene Ryan Award and the Acting and Musical Theater award. The judges also gave special commendations to all the student actors and to Mark Schmidt, set designer, and Renee Drahman, stage manager.

Mendoza said that the play was suggested by a student who had seen it on Broadway a few years ago. She said, "I always look for musicals that my students can have fun putting on, and that is what caught my eye about this musical; it would be fun and would give the students different genres of music and acting to challenge them. I mean, who doesn't want to sing about a human bat boy and nightmares on stage!"



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Exhibit Celebrates CCC Student Art

The Eula Mae Edwards Museum & Gallery at CCC was proud to present the Third Annual CCC Juried Student Art Exhibition, "Inspiration Sold Separately," November 11, 2013-January 10, 2014. This exhibit showcased the best artwork from CCC and ENMU students.

Judge David Deal commented, "I was truly impressed by the quality of the work included in the show. I appreciate the hours of dedicated effort put into every one of the pieces displayed in the show and admire the level of commitment and professionalism that this exhibition demonstrates."

An award presentation took place November 12 and ten students took home awards varying from art supplies (People's Choice) to bookstore gift certificates (honorable mentions) to cash (3rd, 2nd, 1st, Best of Show), with the top prize valued at \$100. Prizes were donated by the Barnes and Noble Bookstore, CCC Foundation, Campus Activities Board, and CCC Art Faculty.



Tori Isbell won the People's Choice award for her sculpture "Whipping Queen."

Upcoming Events at CCC

- February 13** **Cultural Arts Series: The Fantasticks**
7 PM | Marshall Auditorium
- March/April** **Eula Mae Edwards Museum & Gallery presents:**
Process: Brian Taylor & Bryan Yancey
NM State University - Alamogordo
- March 6** **Cultural Arts Series: TAP-The Show**
7 PM | Marshall Auditorium
- March 27** **Cultural Arts Series: My Sinatra**
7 PM | Marshall Auditorium
- April 1-30** **Community College Month**
- May/June** **Eula Mae Edwards Museum & Gallery presents:**
2014 Young Masters Juried Student Art Show
Clovis Education Foundation &
Clovis Municipal Schools
- May 4** **Cultural Arts Series: Perla Batalla**
7 PM | Marshall Auditorium
- May 9** **CCC Graduation**
Clovis Civic Center