



BCC Connections

Barstow Community College District

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE—AUGUST SUMMER OUTREACH PROGRAM IN PROGRESS

AUGUST 5. SPECIAL SATURDAY REGISTRATION. ALL SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

AUGUST 11. IN-SERVICE

AUGUST 14. FALL CLASSES BEGIN

SUBMIT ITEMS FOR COVERAGE TO PIO@BARSTOW.EDU, OR CALL 252.2411 EXT. 7350

REGULAR HOURS

The college will resume its regular operating hours Monday, July 31. Regular operating hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A STAR AMONG US

Have you ever done a vanity search on yourself? Ever wonder what results would show up? If you are Jessica Powell, you would find out that you are Miss California Teen USA® 2006.

At the age of 17, Powell was transformed into Miss California Teen USA 2006 at the Riviera Resort in Palm Springs, Calif. on September 11. A graduate of Barstow High School, Powell is currently assisting the outreach team at Barstow Community College. She also played a hand in the creation of a series of commercials that will air this summer about the college and its outreach activities.

She will be taking classes at the college this fall and wants to become a kindergarten teacher. She also wants to pursue a doctorate degree in education to become an elementary school principal.



BCC student Jessica Powell is Miss California Teen USA 2006.

As of July 24, 2006 it has been reported that the outreach team at Barstow Community College has successfully registered over 100 high school graduates from Barstow and Silver Valley Unified school districts.

DESERT, CAMERA, ACTION! OUTREACH COMMERCIALS FILMED AT BCC

Third in a series of stories about outreach activities at Barstow Community College.

In an effort to bring awareness of Barstow Community College and its programs to the community, a series of commercials have been filmed at the college. These thirty-second commercials star our very own outreach counselors and the beautiful campus.

Filming began with location shots near the campus to establish the theme of the commercials. There will be two commercials airing concurrently this summer. The commercials will star Matt Carter, Barstow High School graduate, and Teena Pugliese, Barstow Community College graduate. Both were chosen to be in the commercials because of their backgrounds in theater productions. Both Carter and Pugliese were happy with their experiences during the filming.

As Barstow Community College identifies itself as a students college, with particular focus to student services and quality instruction, these commercials will bring to light the possibilities that can be attained while attending Barstow Community College. With the outreach program well under-

way, these commercials help to spread the messages of the college to a larger audience.

The commercials are scheduled to air this month and will be featured on 36 channels including: MTV, Lifetime, ESPN, The History Channel, TBS, Discovery Channel, Cartoon Network, VH1, TNT and USA.

Keep your eyes peeled and discover what Barstow Community College and the outreach team can do for your educational journey.



Matt Carter (left) on location during filming.

FROM BARSTOW TO BERKELEY

Articulate and compassionate are two words that describe Barstow Community College graduate Joe Williams. This exceptional student worked as a custodian for the college while attending to his studies and his passion for film.

When asked where he is from, he replies, "From everywhere, I'm an Army brat." A Barstow Community College graduate, Williams started his educational journey here in 2004. Since attending BCC, Williams knew that he wanted to transfer to a university.

At first Williams was told that he would not be accepted into Berkeley since UCLA had rejected his application due to credit incompatibilities. "They didn't even look at my narrative that I wrote," said Williams.

He was accepted into U.C. Riverside despite it not being his first choice. "I was at first looking at attending U.C. Riverside, yet I found the programs at Berkeley much more appealing," said Williams. "I was shocked to later see an email from Berkeley stating that I was accepted."

Williams' interest in film goes back to his years in high school when he and his friends would base stories on their "what if" model. Williams calls it the "down n' dirty" side of society. The movies from Hollywood today romanticize society and do not show what is really there, "Destruction can be aesthetically beautiful as well," said Williams.

Williams said that his transferring to U.C. Berkeley would not have been possible if it were not for the persistence of Barstow Community College instructor John Macias. "He kept me on task at all times," said Williams.

Williams will attend U.C. Berkeley next fall and looks forward to getting his hands dirty in the film industry as soon as possible.



Barstow Community College graduate and soon to be U.C. Berkeley film student Joe Williams.

BARSTOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE REAFFIRMED FOR ACCREDITATION

On June 29, Barstow Community College received notice of its reaffirmation of accreditation from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The eight-member accreditation team, comprised of college presidents, administrators and faculty members from throughout the state of California, met with the college's faculty, administration, staff and students in a series of meetings to determine their recommendations for accreditation, as per ACCJC's core objectives and the institutional self-study report.

In the end, the evaluation team report yielded five recommendations for improvement, which are:

1. Online program enhancement through assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and technology;
2. Expand research capacity;
3. Work to increase diversity of staff and faculty;
4. Build a comprehensive plan for assessing SLOs;
5. Expand planning beyond three to five years incorporating community data.

The college has already begun to address the recommendations set forth by WASC and report its progress in a Focused Midterm Report, due March 15, 2009.

This is a progress report to the Commission as to the progression the institution is making on their areas of recommended improvement.

The next comprehensive evaluation of the college will occur during spring, 2012. A complete news release on the college's affirmation of accreditation can be found under "News and Events" on the college's website, www.barstow.edu.

BCC Connections is produced by the Public Information Office at Barstow Community College. For information, contact the PIO office at (760) 252-2411 ext. 7350.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS AT BARSTOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE



The temporary home of Admissions and Records is almost ready for occupancy.



The green fence has been removed from the perimeter of the interim performing arts center which will debut this fall.



The meditation garden is getting closer to completion. Imagine a water fountain, shade structure and benches for relaxation of students, staff and faculty.