

# AMERICAN RIVER

## Notes

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## Great Music Events!

Don't miss out on these upcoming Music department events:

**Monday, May 11, 7:30pm, ARC Theatre**

ARC Bands: Russian Delights

The ARC Symphonic and Concert Bands are proud to present "Russian Delights" featuring music from Russian masters Kabalevsky, Stravinsky, and Gliere. Our special high school guests will be Jesuit High School Symphonic Band. Admission to the concert will be \$9 General and \$6 Students and Seniors.

**Tuesday, May 12, 7:30pm, ARC Theatre**

ARC Choirs - "It Gets Better"

The ARC Chamber Singers and Concert Choir present their spring choral concert, "It Gets Better." The concert will celebrate songs of numerous style periods and will conclude with anti-bullying songs - let's spread love, not hate. Admission to the concert is \$10 General, \$6 Students & Seniors.

**Wednesday, May 13, 8:00pm, ARC Theatre**

Vocal Jazz Ensembles in Concert

Both ARC vocal jazz ensembles will present an evening of great jazz harmony and arrangements. Tickets for this concert are \$10 and are available from students or at the door.

## Chili Cook-Off at Mather

Come out to the Mather campus (10115 Spaatz Road) on **Tues., May 12**, 12noon-3pm, for the annual Spring Student & Industry Partner Event. The highlight of the event is the chili cook-off between the Diesel/Clean Diesel and Automotive departments. Come check it out and vote for your favorite!

## Spring Dance Concert

The ARC Dance Department offers their spring dance concert "Eight True Stories and a Couple of Lies" **Fri., May 15** and **Sat., May 16**, both at 7pm in the main Theatre. Tickets are \$5 at the door only.

## Major Scholarship Award

ARC student Lucia Gwarada has been selected to receive a prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Lucia is one of only 90 scholars selected nationally this year to receive the award. The scholarship is for up to \$40,000 per year and is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses - including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees - for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Lucia will be attending CSU Sacramento in the Fall as an International Student. She is a BioChemistry major who is interested in going into the Nursing field when she returns to her home country, Zimbabwe.

## MESA Excellence

ARC student Jennifer Diamond has won the 2015 Chancellor's Academic Excellence Award, which recognizes MESA students who have truly exceptional records of academic accomplishment. Jennifer is a biology major who is focused on the natural world. She wants to further her understanding of how ecological systems work together within the environment, and how they came to be the way they are. She wants to understand more about the basic biology of animals, and

## Tell Students

### Career Center Events

**Tues., May 12**

- Interview success, 11am-12noon, DSPS Conference Room

**Thurs., May 14**

- Interview success, 10-11am, DSPS Conference Room

### Math Assessment Prep

Math skills workshops -- led by Math faculty -- help students get placed in the right level. The workshops are free and no pre-registration is needed. Assistance will be tailored to meet the needs of attendees. The next workshop will be **Wed., May 13**, 12noon-2pm, in LRC room 104.

### Transfer Center

Students need to contact the Transfer Center at 916-484-8685 to make an appointment.

**Mon., May 11**

- UC Davis rep visits 9-10am, the Hub; 12noon-4pm, Transfer Center

**Tuesday, May 12**

- William Jessup rep visits 10am-1pm, Library Quad

**Wed., May 13**

- CSUS rep visits & has admissions workshop, 9am-3pm; drop-in 12noon-1pm, admission workshop 3-4pm, Transfer Center

**Monday, May 18**

- UC Davis rep visits & has admissions/TAG workshop, 9am-12noon drop-in, Transfer Center; 12noon-1pm UC admissions/TAG workshop; 2-4pm, EOP&S



how to protect the environment they depend upon. Jennifer is transferring to UC Davis where she will major in Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity. Notably, UC Davis recently recognized Jennifer's potential by awarding her a Regents Scholarship. Jennifer has been a Beacon tutor, and a MESA tutor and Program Assistant. She has participated in the MESA math/chemistry boot camps, has been an invited participant at the MESA Student Leadership Retreat in Santa Cruz, and represented ARC last year at the MESA Student Leadership Forum in Sacramento. She has been very involved in the ARC Research Club, leading the aquaponics project for a time. She has volunteered for the Wildlife Care Association, where she cared for stricken birds needing attention. She also has participated in coast clean-up events with the Surfrider Association and has volunteered her time in support of the Earth Day activities put on by the city of Roseville.

## Vocal Jazz Honors

The ARC Vocal Jazz Ensemble has been honored as the winner of the 2015 *DownBeat* magazine Student Achievement Award for Community College Small Jazz Vocal Group - making it the top group in the US! This is the fifth time ARC has won this prestigious award. Congratulations to director Art LaPierre and students Megan Ugarte, Lahre Shiflet, Chelsea Farnworth, Diana Campos, Cedric Johnson, Julian Cunningham, Darius Sharpe, and Jonathan Blum. *DownBeat* is the premiere "go to" jazz magazine in the world (the industry standard since 1934). This is ARC's 14th overall award from the magazine.

## Kaneko Student Show

Make sure to stop by the James Kaneko Art Gallery for the annual student art exhibition through May 14. Gallery hours are M-Th 11am-4pm and F 11am-2pm. There's more student art in the Library stairwell, so make sure to check that out, too!

## Summer Programs

Please let students know about two very important summer programs!

The *Summer Mathematics Enrichment Program* is an intensive two-week program for highly motivated students who want to get a head start in their college career. The program, which takes place on the main ARC campus, emphasizes mathematics preparedness, development and enhancement of critical thinking skills and time-management skills. There is no charge for this program - it is entirely free. The program will run Monday through Thursday, June 1-12, from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Students will work daily with a mathematics faculty from 8-10am on problem solving skills and critical thinking skills. From 10:00am to 12:30 pm students will work self-paced on strengthening their mathematics skills and ensuring preparedness for their fall semester mathematics courses and COMPASS test success. Materials will be provided by faculty and tutors. Click here for more information.

*Summer Advantage* is a program that better prepares students entering college for the first

time or re-entering after an extended absence. The six-week program (June 15 - July 23) combines college orientation, study skills instruction, English and math review, and hands-on computer skills. Participants in ARC Summer Advantage have the opportunity to interact with other students, as well as caring and experienced ARC faculty and staff. Participants are also eligible to retake the ARC placement tests and potentially improve placement and meet a prerequisite, as well as gain confidence about starting college in Fall 2015. Click here for more information.

## Psychology Spotlight

ARC faculty and students were featured at the recent WPA (Western Psychology Association) Convention. The ARC Psychology Department contributed with five presentations by professors and students. The presentations included:

- "Do Infants' Different Smiles Reflect Different Emotional Experiences?" by Psychology Professor Andrea Pantoja Garvey and students Cheyene Garcia, Andra Rictor, and Katori Knight
- "Happiness as Predicted by Growth Mindset and Future Time Perspective" by Psychology-Psi Beta students Katori Knight, Robert Keene, and Matthew Knifong. The research project was supervised by Garvey and fellow Psychology Professor Lori Hokerson
- "Is Anybody There? Keeping Distance Education Students Plugged-In" symposium chaired by Garvey. This was composed of three presentations: "How Do We Plug In? Regular Effective Contact and Regular Substantive Interaction (REC/RSI)" by Psychology Professor Natasha Fratello; "Establishing 'Teaching Presence' in the DE Classroom through Accessible Content" by Hokerson; and "Fostering Academic Literacy among Distance Education Students through the Reading Apprenticeship Model" by Garvey

## Professional Development

Check out these upcoming events from the Instructional Technology Center (ITC):

### ITC Drop-In Labs & Workshops

All held in the ITC Training Room

#### Tues., May 12


- D2L Last-Minute Questions, 12:15-1:15pm
- Drop-in lab, 1:30-3pm

#### Wed., May 13

- Drop-in lab, 9:30-11am
- D2L Last-Minute Questions, 12:15-1:15pm

#### Fri., May 15

- Drop-in lab, 1-3pm



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