

The Empire Writes Back

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Leading the Way ... Students of the Month

Jim Roatch, Joann Lassak and Matthew Joiner

AUGUST—Jim is a devoted father of two teenagers and a dedicated student. He always wears a smile, and it is genuine. Even when the going gets tough, he has an amazing ability to

stay positive and focused. Jim is respectful of his fellow classmates and always willing to lend a helping hand. When many students leave for the day, Jim will often stay behind to work on a project in the lab or study for an upcoming test, but he always leaves in time to fix dinner for his kids. Some nights he will come back to school to squeeze in a little undisturbed study time.

SEPTEMBER—Joann is a high achiever who is always on time, always in attendance, and always has her homework done. She has a great attitude and

is very open and positive. Joann is willing to get involved with other students to study together and share information during labs when there are problems to be solved. She is very thorough in her work, volunteers for projects, and always does the extra credit.

OCTOBER—Matt tutors other students and participates in class discussions with unique, detailed questions. He is a supportive team player – positive, inquisitive, focused, and peaceful. Matt has excellent time management skills and is flexible, considering changes as challenges. He is goal oriented and has achieved both perfect attendance and a 4.0 grade point average while working as a lab assistant.

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The Student of the Month Award recognizes outstanding achievements in five categories: attitude, attendance, grades, participation, and significant accomplishments. ▲

*Jim, Joann and  
Matt are willing  
to help other  
students.*

## WE GOT THE JOB!

Jobs reported in the past few months include:

### Accounting and Bookkeeping

**Sonia Aguilar** is a clinic associate with Sutter Medical Center.

**Pat Foss** is employed as a full-charge bookkeeper for Congregation Shomrei Torah.

**Katrina Hoch** is an accounting assistant for Bruce McKee, CPA.

**Theresa McNeil** is employed as an accounts payable clerk with ATL Events Consulting Company.

**Marie Mitchell** is a bookkeeping clerk for High Tech Burrito Corporation.

**Job News Continued... Pages 4 & 5**

### On-Campus Interviews

On Friday, September 24, 2004, there was an important visitor on campus. Martha Salazar, Office Manager for Dr. Bruce Gaynor (a Santa Rosa eye physician and surgeon who has placed job orders with Empire since 2002), was interviewing for a front and back office medical assistant position. She interviewed 4 candidates from a field of 12 résumés that Empire's Career Services Department sent to her. Ms. Salazar commented on the beauty of the campus, the friendliness of the staff, and the quality of the candidates Empire produces.




*Clockwise from top left: Jim Roatch, whose major is Specialized Associate Degree—Medical Assistant; Joann Lassak, a Specialized Associate Degree—Information Technology major; and Accounting with Computer Applications major Matthew Joiner.*




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# The School of Law


## Outstanding Alumni and Professors Honored



Congratulations to the **Hon. Jeanne Buckley (Ret.)**, Empire Class of 1979, who has been recognized by the Sonoma County Bar Association with a 2004 Career of Distinction Award. Commissioner Buckley's 15 year career as Juvenile Court Commissioner is characterized by her colleagues as providing a "sense of hope and work ethic." Since retiring in 1999, Commissioner Buckley remains an advocate for the youth of Sonoma County, serving on two youth-related advisory boards. Additionally, she has been a board member for Chops, the DeMeo teen center, and oversaw its initial opening. Commissioner Buckley also sits on the Board of Trustees for Pomona College in Claremont and frequently serves as a keynote speaker for Empire College School of Law.



Sonoma County's newest member of the bench, **Hon. Lawrence Ornell**, Empire Class of 1991, was sworn in as a Superior Court Commissioner on June 28, 2004. Commissioner Ornell brings a varied background to the position including cryptography with the U.S. Marine Corps, experience as a deputy probation officer, and 12 years as a deputy district attorney for Sonoma County. In addition, he is an adjunct faculty member at Santa Rosa Junior College's Probation Academy. Noted by his colleagues for his ability to handle a heavy case load and direct people in ways that hold them accountable, thus far Commissioner Ornell's assignments have included traffic, criminal misdemeanors, and juvenile cases.



**Professor Rachel Nunes**, an attorney with Abbey, Weitzenberg, Warren & Emery, was recipient of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce's Excellence in Education Award at the university level. As a faculty member at Empire College School of Law since 2000, the first responsibility Professor Nunes undertook at Empire was the design of the Moot Court class. Her next challenge was to select and coach her first Empire Moot Court Team and guide them through the competition held at UCLA Law School in April of 2000. In a stunning achievement, Professor Nunes' initial team received the first place award in brief writing and the first place award for "Excellence in Appellate Advocacy" in this academic decathlon between California law schools. In each successive year, the Empire team has faced stiff competition and received awards for their excellence. As one student stated, "Professor Nunes pushed us to be our very best." ▲

# In Brief

## Next LSAT on Saturday, December 4

The next LSAT at Empire College will be administered on Saturday, December 4, 2004. Students who desire to take the exam at Empire should note that our test site number is 9538. All students must take the LSAT within four months of commencing law studies at Empire Law School.

## Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown to Deliver Commencement Address to Class of 2005

Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown has accepted the Class of 2005's invitation to deliver the commencement address at their graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 12, 2005, at the Luther Burbank Center. Everyone is invited to attend this elegant and festive event. Students are encouraged to volunteer to help out...it's a lot of fun! Please see Sherie Hurd for details.

## Witkin Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Witkin Award for Academic Excellence for classes taken during the 2003-2004 academic year.

|                        |                                 |                             |                              |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Business Organizations | Judith O'Donnell, Class of 2004 | Evidence                    | Rory LaGrotta, Class of 2006 |
| Civil Procedure        | Theresa Stoops, 2006            | Professional Responsibility | Rory LaGrotta, 2006          |
| Community Property     | Julie Roseman, 2005             | Real Property               | Rory LaGrotta, 2006          |
| Constitutional Law     | Chris Carver, 2005              | Remedies                    | Judith O'Donnell, 2004       |
| Contracts              | Marie Artesse, 2007             | Torts                       | Lorraine Gilbert, 2007       |
|                        | Chris Lomanto, 2007             |                             | Lezlie Kagel, 2007           |
|                        | Randy Warren, 2007              |                             | Chris Lomanto, 2007          |
| Criminal Law           | John Fitch, 2007                | Wills & Trusts              | Carmen Sinigiani, 2005       |
|                        | Jessyca Hoagland, 2007          |                             |                              |
|                        | Rica Salvador, 2007             |                             |                              |
|                        | Randy Warren, 2007              |                             |                              |

## Law Students Awarded Scholarships, Recognized for Community Service

Fourteen Empire law students were recently awarded scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year:

**Banyan** (Class of 2007) and **Megin Hallinan** (Class of 2006) were recipients of the Olga Gracey Scholarship.

**Nicole Bartolomucci** (Class of 2007), **Loren Chesbro** (Class of 2007), **John Suazo** (Class of 2005), and **George Ross** (Class of 2007) are this year's recipients of the Katherine Thornhill Scholarship.

**Julie Estrin** (Class of 2007), **Muriel Falak** (Class of 2005), **Jessyca Hoagland** (Class of 2007), **Kathy Jalilie** (Class of 2007), **Rory LaGrotta** (Class of 2006), **Brett Stein** (Class of 2005), **Sergio Fuentes** (Class of 2007), and **Jennifer Willits** (Class of 1006) were recipients of the Empire College School of Law Dean's Scholarship.

**Muriel Falak** and **Maria Keene**, both third-year law students at Empire College School of Law, were awarded scholarships by Sonoma County Women in Law at a luncheon on September 16, 2004.

Six Empire law students were recognized by Empire College School of Law for their community service:

**Chris Carver** (Class of 2005), **Kathleen Castro** (Class of 2005), and **Nancy Cooke** (Class of 2005) were recognized for their work in the Elder Law Clinic.

**Lisa Johnson** (Class of 2005) and **Don Winkle** (Class of 2005) were recognized for their work in the Disability Law Clinic.

**Brian Kelly** (Class of 2006) was acknowledged for his work as Law Librarian.

## Fall Exam Schedule - December 6-16

|                |                                          |                 |                            |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Mon., Dec. 6   | Business Organizations, Wargo            | Mon., Dec. 13   | Family Law, Moskowitz      |
| Tues., Dec. 7  | Elder Law Clinic, Adams                  |                 | Contracts, Illsley/Aiona   |
|                | Constitutional Law, Podva                | Tues., Dec. 14  | Remedies, Tinney           |
| Wed., Dec. 8   | Legal Research (Nov. start), Wallis      |                 | Civil Procedure, Seeger    |
|                | Criminal Law, Daum/Pozzi                 | Wed., Dec. 15   | Wills & Trusts, DeMeo      |
| Thurs., Dec. 9 | Introduction to Law (Nov. start), Jordan | Thurs., Dec. 16 | Torts, Gould/Stogner       |
|                | Evidence, Kinnison                       |                 | Real Property, Parkinson ▲ |



*Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown will deliver the commencement address to the Class of 2005 on Sunday, June 12, 2005.*

# WE GOT THE JOB! (continued)

## Accounting (continued)

**Irma Ramirez** is an accounts payable clerk for DC Power Systems.

**Melissa Spoon** is employed with Michael Paul Company, Inc. as a bookkeeper.

**Denise Vranesevich** is a pension plan assistant with Jordan & Andrews.

**Jenae Wallahan** is an accounts payable/payroll clerk for Arntz Builders.

## Information Technology

**Anthony Adams** is working as a network administrator for Touch Sonic Technologies.

**Andrea Antonik** is an IT manager with Ukiah Unified School District.

**John Benedetti** is an IS technician with QSP Bioproducts Group.

**Terry Branoff**, who graduated in 2001, has a new job as network administrator for La Tortilla Factory, Inc.

**Edward Breslin** is a field service technician with QualXServ.

**Shelby Denson** is employed with North Coast Opportunities as an information technology specialist.

**Anita Jennings** is working as a PC technician for Sutter Family Practice.

**Joann Lassak** is a computer lab assistant for the Gravenstein Union School District.

**James Morgan** is a tech intern for the City of Santa Rosa.

**Brian Pilgrim** has his own tech business called B & C Computing.

**Joe Rosen** is a tech support professional with Waterpik Technologies.

**Aaron Ruiz** is employed with Mahi Networks, Inc. as a desktop support technician.

**Sean Willems** is a computer technician for Keegan & Coppin.

## Legal Office Administration

**Sandra Alcalá** (a 2002 grad) is a bilingual legal secretary and **Veronica Mandujano** a bilingual legal assistant for Robert Gonzales, Attorney at Law.

**Monica Andrade** is a legal secretary with Freeman & Freeman, Attorneys at Law

**Taffi Bosanco** is employed as a legal receptionist for Joel Rubin, Attorney at Law.

**Stacy Cenicerós** had a temporary legal transcription position with Mark Jordan, Attorney at Law.

**Kirsten Croker** is working for Carl Voss, Attorney at Law as a legal secretary.

**Elisa Fetzer** is a legal secretary/paralegal with Sonoma Law Group, LLP.

**Jamie Johnson** is a legal secretary with Wells & Hopkins Law Firm.

**Maria (Angie) Mendoza** is a legal secretary for Julia Wald, Attorney at Law.

**Barbara Wood** is a judicial assistant with the Napa County Superior Court.

## Medical Careers

**Alexis Adams** is a front office medical assistant for Clegg, Sullivan & Olson, MDs.

**Laura Adlard** is a medical assistant with Primary Care Associates.

**Maria Barbieri** is a third-party collector for St. Joseph Health System.

**Sayphun Bounnavath** is a back office medical assistant for Neil Sinclair, MD.

**Kassie Bridges** is employed as a back office medical assistant and **Michele Carter-Myers** as a medical records clerk for Dr. Lela Emad at Women's OB/GYN.

**Elizabeth Calvi** is working as an optometric assistant with Master Eye Associates in Oregon.

**Kimberly Cavagna-Soto** is a lab assistant at Redwood Toxicology Lab.

**Tracy Cheney** is a clinical medical assistant with Marin Pediatric Associates.

**Nicole Cincera** is a front office medical assistant for Lawrence Williamson, MD.

**Debbie Costabile** is a back office medical assistant for Jeanine Pflum, MD.

**Lisa Epperson** is an insurance coder with Sutter Lakeside Hospital.

**Tina Evart** is a medical biller for Peter Pappas, MD.

**Karina Gomez** is employed with the Russian River Health Center as a medical assistant.

**Ana Gonzalez** is a clinical medical assistant for Santa Rosa Endoscopy Center.

**Kathy Hunn** and **Maria Trancoso** are front and back office medical assistants with Armando dePala, MD.

**Joan Johnson** is a clinical medical assistant for Santa Rosa Pediatric Medical Group.

**Heather Jones** is a file clerk in the x-ray department of Redwood Orthopedic Surgery Associates.

**Melissa Malsom** is employed as a front and back office medical assistant and **Jenell Tillet** as a front office medical assistant for Sutter Health at Work.

**Suzanne McIntosh** is a back office medical assistant for Tim Pile & James Stone, MDs.

**Carrie Meigs** is a dermatologist assistant for Dr. Amy Kobalter.

**Rebecca Mota** is a back office medical assistant with Santa Rosa Pediatrics.

**Cyndie Murdaugh** is a medical clinical assistant for Peter Brett, MD.

**Jim Roatch** is employed with West County Health Centers as an immunization/chronic disease coordinator.



# Student Web Page Contest **WINNERS!** @ [www.empcol.edu](http://www.empcol.edu)

Congratulations to medical major **Corey Tadder**, winner of the Outstanding Student Web Page Contest for the August module. Corey's "Quick Recipes and Ideas for Great Treats" web page features all sorts of yummy treats for the holidays or any time.

In September, the winner was **Susan Montes** whose "Whimsical Wine Weekends" page offers suggestions for touring the wine country and San Francisco. Susan, who is originally from Scotland, is majoring in the hospitality/tourism program. ▲



## Stork Report

Congratulations to Medical Clinical Assistant major **Mayra Estupinan** whose first child, a girl, was born on August 3, 2004. Jasmine Gomez weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. This beautiful baby daughter with lots of black hair and dark eyes was welcomed by her dad, Hugo Gomez.

Medical major **Candice Guasco** gave birth to her second child on July 10, 2004. Isabella Mireya Vega has lots of dark hair and brown eyes. She was 8 pounds, 4 ounces and 19½ inches long at birth. She was welcomed by her sibling, Antonio, who is 4 years old and dad, Florentino Vega.

Hospitality/tourism major **Veronica Madsen's** husband, Frank, shared the good news about their daughter, Sydney Marie Madsen, in an e-mail message on September 1, 2004. Sydney weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Frank was obviously extremely proud, spreading the news before mom and the baby came home from the hospital!

On September 16, 2004, medical major **Jennifer Picchi** gave birth to her first child, a boy, Christopher James. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, was 20½ inches long, and has dark hair and blue eyes. ▲

## WE GOT THE JOB! (continued)

**Shane Ronayne** is a lift team medical assistant with St. Joseph Health System.

**Barbara Rucello** is a receptionist for the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County.

**Cathy Samson** is a health care technician for Altimira Middle School.

**Marbella Sanchez** is employed with Kaiser Permanente as a medical assistant.

**Janie Sartori** is office manager for Palm Drive Center for Integrative Health.

**Rachel Taylor** is a front office medical assistant for Allen Gruber, MD.

**Darren Walton** is a sleep technician for North Bay Sleep Medicine Institute.

**Beverly Watson** is employed with Doyle Park Family Medicine as a back office medical assistant.

**Debra Zahn** is a back office medical assistant for John Tomasin, MD.

### Office Administration

**Jannette Botai** is a case worker with the California Parenting Institute.

**Jessie De La O** is employed with Kendall Jackson Winery as an administrative assistant.

**Erin Fiddler** is a sales associate for Select Comfort.

**Candace Freeman** is a customer service representative for Willitts Design.

**Carissa Gibson** is a receptionist for Baddeley, Olikier & Sartori.

**Shireen Hunter** is employed as an administrative assistant with Budget Car Rental.

**Jennifer Krikac** is a sales administrative assistant and **Elisa Lomeli** a data entry clerk with Redwood Toxicology Lab.

**Beka Lowrey-Evans** is a personal

assistant/office manager for Stet and Query (a Chicago business owned by her former Sonoma Valley High School teacher).

**Rebecca Sanders** is an administrative assistant with First American Title.

**Jennifer Vasconcelos** is a filer with Volt Services at Greenpoint Mortgage.

### Part-Time Jobs

IT majors **Jarrad Barone** and **Michael Snode** are working at CompUSA.

Legal major **Ashley Blank** is working at Apex Aviation.

**Tracy-Lyn Burr**, a medical major, is working for Contours Express.

**Shirley Johnson**, a hospitality/tourism major, is a hostess for the Seafood Peddler.

Medical major **Lisa Meiswinkel**, IT major **Banza-Adelar Muyakana**, and legal major **Kristina Westergard** are working at Empire College. ▲

# IT alumni certification update

Congratulations to the following Information Technology majors who passed certification exams from August through October:



## Managing and Maintaining a Windows 2003 Server

Ari Piotrkowski  
Eric Smith

## Managing a Windows 2000 Network

Robert Haas



Richard Coibion has passed the Cisco Sales Expert exam.



Paul Hayes is now a Certified Novell Administrator.



Benita Briones  
Suzanne D'Ambrogi  
Aaron Ruiz  
Matthew Santos



Suzanne Ambrogi  
Joann Lassak



Sylvester Alvarez  
Robert Coutts  
Richard Gregoire  
Banza Muyakana  
Jacob Nixon  
Josh Roybal  
Josh Speas



| Hardware          | Operating System |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Sylvester Alvarez | Daniel Duluena   |
| Antony Bisaccio   | Nicholas Goebel  |
| Ralph Campbell    | Richard Gregoire |
| Nicholas Goebel   | Banza Muyakana   |
| Banza Muyakana    | Josh Roybal      |
| Josh Roybal       | Jesse Sims       |



Ryan Donham has passed the SCP Enterprise Security Implementation exam, and Matthew Santos passed the SCP Hardening the Infrastructure exam. ▲

## IT Externship Update

Congratulations to the following students who are completing IT externships, gaining 110 hours of valuable on-the-job experience to add to their résumés:

James Kuehn @ Petaluma Health Center.

Gregory Morris @ Piner Olivet School District.

Josh Speas @ Mahi Networks.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Aaron Ruiz who finished his externship at Mahi Networks and has now been hired on part-time, which can turn into a full-time position once he has graduated.

## Empire joins Microsoft Developers Network Academic Alliance

Empire College is now part of the Microsoft Developers Network Academic Alliance (MSDNAA). This new partnership with Microsoft gives students a great opportunity to work with the latest cutting-edge tools and platforms offered by Microsoft.

Empire Information Technology students in good standing now have the opportunity to obtain a legal copy of specified Microsoft software products valuing \$25,000 over the course of their program...at no cost!

The following tools and platforms are available as a part of the Empire College curriculum:

- Access 2003
- Visio 2002 or 2003
- Windows 2003 Server – all versions
- Windows XP Professional – all versions
- Windows 2000 Professional
- Windows 2000 Server – all versions
- Outlook 2003
- Internet Security and Acceleration Server 2000
- Exchange Server 2003

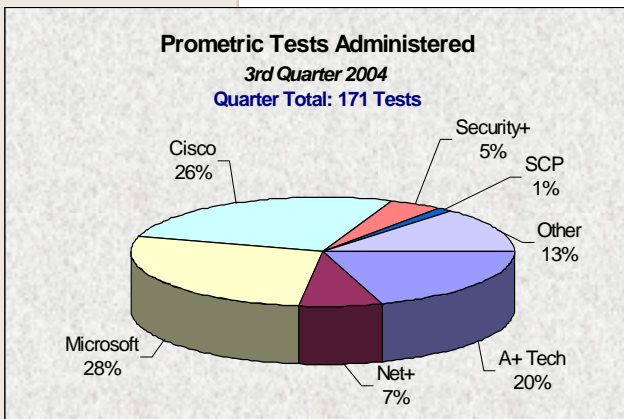
Other software available to students:

InfoPath 2003

**MSDNAA continued next page**

## Prometric Tests Administered

3rd Quarter 2004  
Quarter Total: 171 Tests



|        | A+ | Net+ | MS | Cisco | Security | Other | Qtr. Total |
|--------|----|------|----|-------|----------|-------|------------|
| Empire | 17 | 11   | 11 | 1     | 9        | 2     | 51         |
| Non-EC | 17 | 1    | 36 | 44    | 1        | 21    | 120        |
| Total  | 34 | 12   | 47 | 45    | 10       | 23    | 171        |

Empire Pass Rate: 86%  
Non-Empire Pass Rate: 64%

## Windows 2000 Installation, Configuration, Administration

Richard Gregoire  
Robert Haas

## Designing a Windows 2000 Network

Sean Willems

## Implementing/Administering a Windows 2000 Network Infrastructure

Sean Willems

## Administering a Windows 2000 Directory Services Infrastructure

Sean Willems

## MSDNAA (continued)

Microsoft Business Solutions

Solomon

OneNote 2003

Mobile Information Server 2001

Project Professional 2002/2003

Office Professional Edition 2003

Beta 2 Suite

Windows "Longhorn" Preview

Office Project Server 2002/2003

Windows XP Tablet PC

Office SharePoint Portal Server

2001/2003

BackOffice Server 2000

SQL Server 2000

BizTalk Server 2000

Visual Fox Pro

Commerce Server 2002

Visual Studio.NET

Embedded Visual C++ 4.0

Visual SourceSafe 6.0d

Embedded Visual Tools 3.0

Windows 98

Microsoft Business Solutions

Network

Windows ME

Microsoft Business Solutions Small

Business Manager

For more information on the MSDNAA program, contact Ryan Donham, Information Technology Department Head, [rdonham@empirecollege.com](mailto:rdonham@empirecollege.com). ▲

### Student Discounts on Internet Access

Corby Brasset, CEO of Coast Networks, Inc. and an alumnus of Empire College, is pleased to offer Standard Dialup Internet Access to Empire College students at a discounted rate. The first 3 months of our Standard Dialup Account is \$15 per month, and \$18.95 per month thereafter, billed quarterly. This student account is only for students of Empire College.

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[www.coastnetworks.net](http://www.coastnetworks.net)

## IT Team installs 165 new HP computers in Empire's computer labs

Cathy Hamilton, Empire's network administrator, along with computer techs Chris Perez and Scott Wilcox have successfully installed 165 new Hewlett Packard computers in Empire's five computer labs. The computers arrived on Thursday, October 21, with installation occurring over the four weekends since that time. The last lab – Room 218 – was completed during the wee hours on Monday, November 15.

Congratulations to Cathy, Chris, and Scott...and many thanks to student volunteers Jerry Domitilli, Joanne Emery, Leon Littler, and Ian Scott; instructors Christine Bushong, Rob Geidl, and Barb Harland; and Sairah Fatu for opening the bookstore early for students. ▲



*Above: The operating system on the new HP computers (Pentium 4s with CD-ROM drives) is Windows XP. Students now store their documents on thumb/jump drives rather than floppy disks.*

*Far left: Prior to the installation of each lab, network administrator Cathy Hamilton created the network "image" for the room (including as many as 18 different software programs per lab).*

*Left: Computer techs Chris Perez and Scott Wilcox (pictured) were meticulous in their cord management.*

## Medical Office Management students establish scholarship fund, honor Medical Assistants of the Year

Students in the Medical Office Management class conceptualized a three-day event in conjunction with National Medical Assistants Week (October 18-22) to recognize practicing medical assistants, generate interest in their career field among high school students, and raise money to establish a scholarship fund for CCMA certification exam fees. At the end of Day 3, they had raised an impressive \$3000. Highlights of the event were:



### Reception Honoring Medical Assistants

On Friday evening, October 22, a reception was held at the College to honor medical assistants and to recognize two as Medical Assistants of the Year. Award recipients were:

#### Jane Barry, Russian River Health Center Medical Administrative Assistant of the Year

In nominating Jane, Lolly Stafford, RN stated, "Jane is a real team player. She is cheerful, well informed, cares about patient care, and is an approachable teacher and mentor for our medical assistants and front office staff."

#### Mari Magill, Primary Care Associates-Cherry Street Medical Clinical Assistant of the Year

"Mari is always willing to help out with both office staff and patients. I have seen her cry tears of joy and sorrow with patients while giving them as much time as they need with her. We have patients who call on the phone to talk exclusively with Mari because they trust her advice and judgment," stated Judy Dittmer, RN. Mari is a 1994 graduate of Empire's Medical Administrative and Clinical Assistant program.

### Education Day Silent Auction

The local chapter of the California Medical Assistants Association held a statewide "Education Day" at Empire College on Saturday, October 23. Empire students were instrumental in extending an invitation to students from Casa Grande High School's medical pathways program, and 20 of them attended with their teacher. In addition, the Empire students held a silent auction which was well received by CMAA members.

### Student Appreciation Day and Pie-in-the-Face Fun

The new module on Monday, October 25, started off in a positive fashion for Empire's medical students who were greeted with refreshments and gifts (a lanyard imprinted with the college logo and "National Medical Assistants Week 2004"). It was capped off at the end of the day with "Pie-in-the-Face" festivities on the patio. Many thanks are owed to Empire's faculty and staff who volunteered to be targets in support of the students' worthy efforts to establish a scholarship fund:

|                |                  |                  |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Denny Bernard  | Lucille Inman    | Melissa Vineyard |
| Steve Campbell | Bob Koch         | Carol Worden ▲   |
| Judy Felciano  | Stacey Lince     |                  |
| Cathy Hamilton | Julie Rivera     |                  |
| Cindy Hanna    | Kirsten Rockwood |                  |
| Scott Hanson   | Shannon Tinsley  |                  |



*Top L-R: The architects of the Medical Assistants Week festivities...Heather Jones, Bertha Kinzer, Shannon Tinsley, Bryanne Tockey, Morgan Wells, Renee Myers.*

*Above: Mari Magill, recipient of the Medical Clinical Assistant of the Year award, with her parents.*

*Right: Nancy Guettler, state president-elect of CMAA, presents the Medical Administrative Assistant of the Year award to Jane Barry (left).*



Scott Hanson got creamed!

Right: Melissa Vineyard "preps" for her procedure.



## Empire Hospitality students raise \$1650 for Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation

Sixteen students in Empire College's Event Planning class planned, scheduled, and executed a very successful fundraiser on September 10, 2004, raising \$1650 for Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation. Called *Cherishing Sonoma County – Discovering Our Treasures*, the event showcased local hospitality/tourism companies, tested guests' knowledge of our county's hidden treasures in a "Survey Says" game show, and included a responsible hospitality demonstration by a California Highway Patrol officer.

For the responsible hospitality demonstration, three volunteers were given one-ounce "tastes" (roughly what is served to winery tourists) throughout the evening. The California Highway Patrol officer periodically checked those volunteers' alcohol consumption rate with a state-approved breath analyzer, and the scores were marked down. Volunteers were rewarded with a limousine ride home.

Special thanks to the following supporters for their contributions to the event:

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Airport Club               | Popina Restaurant              |
| Arrowood Winery            | Raymond Burr Winery            |
| Diane Ramirez              | Robledo Family Winery          |
| Donna MTZ                  | Rodney Strong                  |
| Essentials Day Spa & Salon | Schat's Bakery                 |
| Getaway Adventures         | Sebastiani Vineyards           |
| Gidget's Catering          | Silver Oak Winery              |
| Hotel Healdsburg           | Sonoma County Tours            |
| Jerome's Mesquite BBQ      | St. Francis Vineyards & Winery |
| Landmark Vineyards         | Sweet Lou's                    |
| Mayo Family Winery         | The Gables                     |
| Osmosis Enzyme Bath & Spa  | Trentadue                      |
| Paradise Ridge Winery      | Unti Winery                    |
| Pepe's Mexican Restaurant  | Valley of the Moon Winery      |

### Students Achieve Hospitality Certifications

Congratulations to hospitality majors who have achieved American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute certifications in the following specializations:

#### Supervision in the Hospitality Industry

Robert Claire  
Shirley Johnson  
Frances Phelan  
Diane Ramirez  
Lynne Talafili

#### Basic Hotel & Restaurant Accounting

Kathryn Schultz (with honors)

#### Managing Front Office Operations

Robert Claire (with honors)  
Catrina Diaz  
Shirley Johnson  
Veronica Madsen (with honors)  
Frances Phelan  
Jill Porterfield  
Diane Ramirez  
Kathryn Schultz (with honors)  
Lynne Talafili



*Right: CHP Officer Thompson puts "Stewed" through some basic sobriety tests.*

*Below L-R: Event planners Catrina Diaz, Sheri Eachus, Mike Mbaya, Donna Panetta, Robert Claire, Ingrid Mills, Dan Lane, Diane Ramirez, Lynne Talafili, Shirley Johnson, Robert Hennessey.*



# Announcements and

## Medical Department

### Skills Certifications

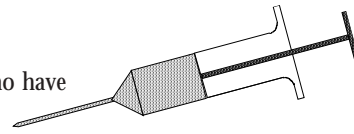
Congratulations to medical majors who have their *Venipuncture*

#### *Certificates*

Laura Adlard Michelle Kennedy  
 Clara Aguilera Christina Killinger  
 Mari Carmen Arzate Sherrilyn Kozisek  
 Crystal Ashcraft Stephanie Lankhorst  
 Gina Audiss Shanna Lashley  
 Donna Avana Phoua Ly  
 Tammy Baker Melissa Malsom  
 Jessica Bishop Michelle McCart  
 Shelly Bouey Cynthia McCune  
 Diane Box Carrie Meigs  
 Alyson Brisco Joanne Miller  
 Mariah Brondstetter Teresa Miller  
 Jan Brown Sonia Mojica  
 Kristine Burgess Anette Moreno  
 Pam Burris Alexandra Morrow  
 Elizabeth Calvi Cyndie Murdaugh  
 Salvador Carreon Jennifer Oswald  
 Mercedes Carretero Frances Peluso  
 Lindsay Carroll Beverlee Perrine  
 Angela Chadwell Beth Planer  
 Christine Chisholm Jennifer Puthuff  
 Araceli Cisneros-Gracida  
 Sara Cochran Sara Quintero  
 Danielle Corneto Laurie Ramirez  
 Gloria Diaz Jim Roatch  
 Vilma Doyle Maria Romero  
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Congratulations to those who have their *Injection Certificates*

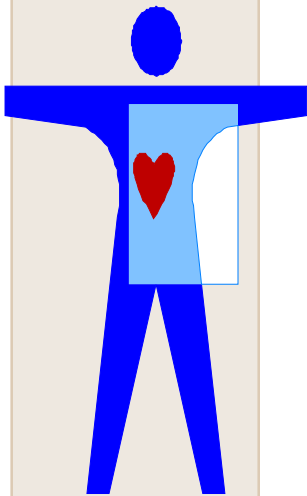
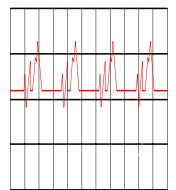
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Congratulations to those who have their *EKG Certificates*

Laura Adlard Laurie Ramirez  
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# Department News

## Legal Department

### Paralegal Students Participate in Small Claims Court Simulation



On October 2, 2004, Empire's paralegal students were invited to participate in a Small Claims Court simulation event sponsored by Recourse Mediation Services.

Held in Superior Courtrooms 20 and 21 on the Empire College campus, the event allowed students to test their skill at spotting legal issues and advocating in a Small Claims Court role play. Students acting as plaintiff or defendant and arguing their cases before the judge were **Colleen Butler, Kaela Felkins, Melinda Holt, Fran Reilly, and Adam Steiner**. They also had the opportunity to work with mediators to explore ways to resolve their cases.

The students reported that they enjoyed the experience, learned about mediation, and how to prepare for court. The attorneys who acted as judge pro tems were very professional and treated the mock scenarios as true Small Claims cases. The paralegal students worked alongside Empire College law students in their role-playing as plaintiffs or defendants. Some students brought props and added to the scenarios given to them so that their cases would be more believable. All agreed that they would do it again when next offered.

Recourse Mediation will be conducting another mediation trainings in six months and has promised to include Empire students.

### LOP Students Go to Court

On September 30, 2004, Legal Office Procedures students went on a field trip to Superior Court Department 21 before Hon. Robert Boyd to observe a trial in progress. It was a contract dispute, and the class watched the interrogation of an expert witness regarding an accounting in dispute.

Judge Boyd took 15 minutes prior to the trial to explain courtroom procedures and answer students' questions.

### Legal Assistant Internship Program

The following students have been hired by law firms while they are also getting their internship hours.

**Taffi Bosanco** – Law Offices of Rubin, et al.

**Stephanie Green** – Law Office of Reginald Hindley

**Melinda Holt** – Law Office of Dan McCaskell

**Adam Steiner** – Law Office of James Cobb. ▲

## Accounting

### Attendance Recognition



Congratulations to Accounting majors who have maintained 90 to 100 percent attendance as of November 15:

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Jennifer Bourdeau   | Steve Jones         |
| Cheryl Brady        | Amanda Kelleher     |
| Robert Brooks       | Kara Lane           |
| Christie Brosnan    | Angela Lee          |
| Nadine Brown        | Bobbie Lovold       |
| Michelle Buchignani | Ruben Mora-Roman    |
| Mara Ciencia        | Erin Noble          |
| Martha Crosat       | Jeanette Novak      |
| Mariah Curley       | Wendy Powell        |
| Heather Dacquisto   | Marcie Questoni     |
| Fiyori Desta        | Nicole Salazar      |
| Heather Estreich    | Ruth Schulz         |
| Rafael Felix        | Barbara Sullivan    |
| Mike Furman         | Madeline Thayer     |
| Breanna Guadagni    | Angie Torres        |
| Jesse Hiben         | Tong Vang           |
| Ilamae Hickey       | Jessica Walker-Fess |
| Frances Ho          | Jennifer Wicklund   |
| Earl Iddings        | Raymond Wigger      |
| Matthew Joiner      | Annie Zuffo ▲       |

## Office Administration



### Attendance Recognition

Congratulations to Office Administration majors who have maintained 90 to 100 percent attendance as of November 15:

Daniel Aguilar  
 Sheryl Bishop  
 Lauri Brown  
 Tammy Clemens  
 Carla Cornwell  
 Edwin Gonzalez  
 April Jurasin  
 Cheryl Louise  
 Jessica Pennewell  
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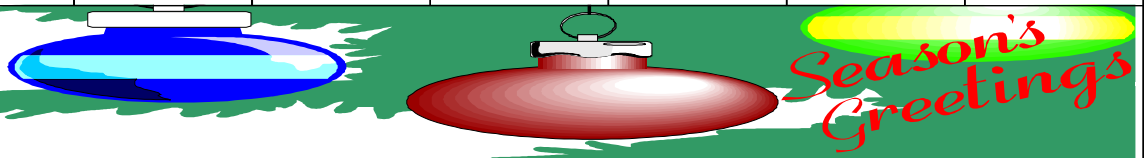
## Check out those Flying Fingers!




Congratulations to the following students who tested out of the Keyboarding class and met their graduation speed requirement in their first module!

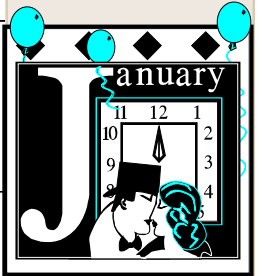
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| Gregg Elliff     | Gerald Montgomery |
| Aldo Estrada     | Emmanuel Mota     |
| Rafael Felix     | Danny Novak       |
| Adam Fleming     | Sioeli Palu       |
| Leonardo Flores  | Ryan Pasiecznik   |
| Chavelita Giunta | Vikki Ramponi     |
| Victor Guerrero  | John Rundle       |
| Matthew Haywood  | John Sames        |
| Ben Himes        | Dan Timms         |
| Lewis Kimble     | Lyvia Toledo      |
| Rachel Kogami    | Jaime Vang        |
| Kara Lane        | David Welter ▲    |
| Laura Lewis      |                   |

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
TO...**

| SUNDAY                                                                                       | MONDAY                                                                          | TUESDAY                                                                        | WEDNESDAY                                                                                        | THURSDAY                                                                                              | FRIDAY                                                                                           | SATURDAY                                                         |
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|                                                                                              | <b>1</b><br>Seema Bhangoo<br>Chris Denison<br>Mary McNulty<br>Jennifer Picchi   | <b>2</b><br>Stephanie Abba                                                     | <b>3</b><br>Maria Romero<br>Michael Snode                                                        | <b>4</b>                                                                                              | <b>5</b>                                                                                         | <b>6</b><br>Jenae Lalanne<br>Daniel Lane                         |
| <b>7</b><br>Eric Lane<br>Kathy Vetter                                                        | <b>8</b><br>Jessica Hollingsworth<br>Jeanne Sharkus                             | <b>9</b><br>Kara Lane                                                          | <b>10</b><br>Sherrie Kantock                                                                     | <b>11</b><br>Andy Lloyd<br><br><b>Short School Day</b><br><b>Class out at 11:50</b>                   | <b>12</b>                                                                                        | <b>13</b><br>Edner Eloi<br>Shirley Johnson<br>Reynaldo Rodriguez |
| <b>14</b><br>Robert Innes<br>Rene Peirano<br>Jill Ryan-Jacob<br>Lisa Shelton<br>Heather Todd | <b>15</b><br>Sondra Carlstedt<br>Charles Shaw<br>Mua Thao<br>Jasmine Tuchfarber | <b>16</b>                                                                      | <b>17</b><br>Amanda McCarthy<br>Shanna Zepeda                                                    | <b>18</b><br>Emily Shiraishi                                                                          | <b>19</b><br>Yolanda Carretero<br>Steve Comins<br>Michelle Johnson<br>Saverio Quattrocchi        | <b>20</b><br>Jane Garcia<br>Joshua Roybal                        |
| <b>21</b><br>Jordan Atkinson<br>Leilani Baca<br>Ingrid Mills<br>Wendy Rangel<br>David Welter | <b>22</b><br>Michelle Wilder                                                    | <b>23</b><br>Sheri Eachus<br>James Robinson<br>Joe Rosen                       | <b>24</b><br>Gregg Elliff<br><br><b>Student Vacation</b>                                         | <b>25</b><br>Ingrid Alvarado<br>Diane Gulick<br><b>School Closed</b><br><b>Week</b>                   | <b>26</b><br>Maria Hernandez<br><br><b>School Closed</b>                                         | <b>27</b><br>Warren Letchworth                                   |
| <b>28</b>                                                                                    | <b>29</b>                                                                       | <b>30</b><br>Carol Brown<br>Jerry Riley<br>Jessica Walker-Fess<br>Scott Wilcox | <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>                                                                        |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                                                  |
|             |                                                                                 |                                                                                | <b>1</b>                                                                                         | <b>2</b>                                                                                              | <b>3</b><br>Adam Brabec<br>Laura Villarreal<br><br><b>Module Ends</b>                            | <b>4</b><br>Diane Box<br>April Dabel                             |
| <b>5</b><br>Bobbie Lovold<br>Mariann Martinez<br>Jennifer Taylor-Tornello<br>Sheryl Wilson   | <b>6</b><br>Mayria Ausick<br><br><b>Module Begins</b>                           | <b>7</b><br>Mari Carmen Arzate<br>Natalie Weber                                | <b>8</b><br>Davanh Phaphakdy<br><b>Happy Hanukkah</b>                                            | <b>9</b><br>Angelica Cendejas                                                                         | <b>10</b><br>Khamote Phengpha                                                                    | <b>11</b><br>Larissa Johnson                                     |
| <b>12</b><br>Jacob Nixon                                                                     | <b>13</b><br>Madedeh Alfogbanah<br>Jonathan Heric<br>Ian Scott                  | <b>14</b><br>Brienne Casebeer<br>Jamie Holmes<br>Roy Hurd                      | <b>15</b><br>Francisco Gudino<br><br><b>Christmas Party @ 3:30</b>                               | <b>16</b><br>Leslie Bailey<br>Ariana Scarioni<br><b>Short School Day</b><br><b>Class out at 11:50</b> | <b>17</b><br>Jan Caraway<br>Daniel Potter                                                        | <b>18</b><br>Carrie Drenkhahn<br>Nicolas Toupin                  |
| <b>19</b><br>Kristina Westergard                                                             | <b>20</b><br>James Commander<br>Luis Ruano<br><br><b>Student Vacation</b>       | <b>21</b><br>Colleen Butler<br>Shana Watson                                    | <b>22</b><br>Sylvester Alvarez<br>Faline Ceja<br>Sandra Gylfe<br>Walter Jackson<br>Emmanuel Mota | <b>23</b><br>Maria Hernandez                                                                          | <b>24</b><br><b>School Closed</b><br>Rose Marie Cervantes<br>Michelle Segobiano<br>Marisol Vigil | <b>25</b><br>Tim Olson<br>Christine Peluso                       |
| <b>26</b><br>Kristine Bogue<br>Nicole Martin<br>Kirsten Rockwood                             | <b>27</b><br>Mike Furman                                                        | <b>28</b><br>Kelly Schultz<br>Brenda Tipton                                    | <b>29</b><br>Yvonne Squeri<br><br><b>Student Vacation</b>                                        | <b>30</b><br><br><b>Week</b>                                                                          | <b>31</b><br><b>School Closed</b><br>Nicole De Maria                                             |                                                                  |



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| <b>Happy New Year!</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                             |                                                                            | 1<br>Sylvann Nicholas<br>Vikki Ramponi                                  |
| 2                                                     | 3<br>Christina Martinez                                                                                                                                            | 4<br>Rhodora Evanoff                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5<br>Paul Hayes                                                                                                                                   | 6<br>Michael McCann                                         | 7                                                                          | 8<br>Loretta Saito                                                      |
| 9                                                     | 10<br>Shirley Collins                                                                                                                                              | 11<br>Chelene Hendricks<br>Juan Ramirez                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 12 Andrew Hannon<br>Jesse Hiben<br>Kathleen Penoli<br>Jill Porterfield<br>Kimberly Vegas                                                          | 13<br>Shari Smoorenburg<br>Donna Williams                   | 14<br>Renee Burr<br>Eleanor Noriel<br>Frances Reilly<br><b>Module Ends</b> | 15<br>Margery Hoppner                                                   |
| 16<br>Adam Camacho<br>Sarah Welsh                     | 17 Stacey Lince<br>Jennifer Luchese<br>James Morgan<br><b>Student Holiday</b><br> | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 19<br>Thuy Diem Tran                                                                                                                              | 20<br>Robert Daniels<br>Leah Desouza                        | 21                                                                         | 22                                                                      |
| 23<br>Clara Aguilera<br>Fiyori Desta<br>Dawn Gonzalez | 24<br>Chris Perez<br><b>Module Begins</b>                                                                                                                          | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 26 <br><b>Graduation, 7 p.m.<br/>@ Luther Burbank<br/>Center</b> | 27<br>Linda Jacobus<br>Nicole Karraker<br>Courtney Williams | 28                                                                         | 29<br>Tom Giuliani                                                      |
| 30<br>Karina Orndorff<br>Sandra Padilla               | 31                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                             |                                                                            |                                                                         |
|                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2<br>Jason Cunningham<br>Vicky Jump<br>Chris Lloyd                                                                                                | 3<br><b>Short School Day<br/>Class out at 11:50</b>         | 4<br>Michael Hayes<br>Don Johnson<br>Kandi Strickland                      | 5<br>Amber Herrera<br>Mary O'Brien                                      |
| 6<br>Curtis Meyer                                     | 7<br>Charlene Christie<br>Martha Gutierrez                                                                                                                         | 8<br>Tina Escandon<br>Harold Lizarraga<br>Amanda Menary                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9<br>Amie Corman<br>Jason Jimenez                                                                                                                 | 10<br>Michelle Buchignani<br>Jeff Happ<br>Marilyn Stornetta | 11<br>David Buckley<br>Darci Chapman                                       | 12                                                                      |
| 13<br>Brad Jansen<br>Cheryl Louise                    | 14<br>Melissa Basilio<br>Irma Bratcher<br>                                      | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 16<br>Banza-Adelar<br>Muyakana                                                                                                                    | 17<br>Linda Muzzin                                          | 18<br>Mary Farha                                                           | 19<br>Charlene Coleman<br>Kathleen Hall<br>Leon Littler<br>Kelly Toledo |
| 20                                                    | 21<br>Heather Giannoni<br><b>School Closed</b><br>                              | 22<br>Kristina Chilvers<br>Ashley Engler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 23<br>Cynthia Toler<br>Jaime Vang<br>Laura Voight                                                                                                 | 24<br>Mara Ciencia<br>Peter Jones                           | 25<br>Claudia Gaona                                                        | 26                                                                      |
| 27                                                    | 28<br>David Furr<br>Isela Reyes<br><b>Module Starts</b>                                                                                                            | <b>COMING UP IN MARCH AND APRIL:</b><br>Thurs., March 10 Short School Day (Classes out at 11:50 a.m.)<br>March 28-April 1 Students' Vacation Week<br>Friday, April 8 Module Ends<br>Monday, April 11 Module Starts<br>Thursday, April 21 Short School Day (Classes out at 11:50 a.m.) |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                             |                                                                            |                                                                         |



# Job News from an Empire Accounting Grad

**Tony Ramos** was a manufacturing supervisor for Agilent Technologies for 25 years. After taking a year off from work, he was hired by Costco where he worked for seven days and determined it was not for him. He knew he wanted to take some accounting courses and decided he could accomplish his goal in a reasonable timeframe with Empire's Bookkeeping with Computer Applications program.

Since being hired in the Accounting Department of CamelBak Products, LLC in September 2003, Tony has received three promotions. Originally hired as the Accounts Payable Clerk, he soon became Accounts Payable Coordinator/Supervisor, and most recently was promoted to Accounts Payable Specialist. In a July 2004 interview with Empire College, Tony commented on his job and the training he received at Empire College.

*I heard about this job through the Empire College Career Services Department and was hired as an Accounts Payable Clerk. I am now in charge of all accounts payable processes for the company's three divisions: United States, Mexico, and International. There are 16 people in the Accounting Department. Another Empire College graduate, Alisha Talamantes, was hired for my former position as Accounts Payable Clerk.*

*We use Excel and Oracle for managing our inventory worldwide, making sure coding is correct and payments are made on time. Oracle is very different, but what I learned at Empire College was a good framework. I have figured out ways to do things more efficiently.*

*My advice for Empire College students is to try to understand the theory behind what you are learning, not just the practical application. Especially with software, you don't want to just push buttons; you want to know why things work the way they do. When you make mistakes or something goes wrong, that's how you learn. ▲*

## Empire College Welcomes...

**Leann Biancalana** has joined Empire College's Administrative Services Department as part of the team that greets students, colleagues, and visitors each day, handles the College's busy phone lines, and provides administrative support to a number of departments. A 1998 graduate of Empire's Specialized Associate Degree-Administrative Assistant program, Leann worked as an office assistant for the School of Law while in school. Upon graduation, she obtained the position of legal/administrative assistant with the Law Offices of William Fleckles in Novato, a position she held until Mr. Fleckles' retirement earlier this year.

**Kaaron Carver** is the newest faculty member of the Office Administration Department, teaching a variety of subjects in Empire's Evening Division. Kaaron has a broad background as an instructor, including: Windsor High School ROP computer applications, adult education for Lewis Adult School and Marin County Office of Education ROP, Willowside Middle School library media teacher, and adjunct faculty member for California State University at Long Beach and National University. Kaaron received her B.A. in History/Physical Education from University of California at Los Angeles and her M.A. in U.S. History from California State University at Long Beach. ▲



Semiannual Commencement Exercises will be held at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts on Wednesday evening, January 26, 2005, for students completing their programs between August 1, 2004 and January 31, 2005, as well as medical students who will begin externships January 25, 2005.

Eligible graduates will receive information regarding the ceremony in early December. If you have questions regarding the ceremony or your participation in it, please see Sherie Hurd, Jackie Sichel, Carl Oeschger, or Steve Campbell. ▲

## Financial Aid Corner

### 2004 CAPPs Scholarships Awarded

The 2004 CAPPs Scholarship awardees are:

**Thuy Diem Tran** who is majoring in the Specialized Associate Degree-Legal Assistant program.

**Rafael Felix** who is majoring in the Specialized Associate Degree-Accounting program.

Each recipient will receive \$2000 toward their respective programs. Congratulations! ▲



Students listed below have achieved President's or Dean's Honors as of October 15, 2004. Those who have finished their first four modules (five months of school) are denoted with a ☺ and will receive an Honors Pin and Letter of Recognition. Students who are on the Honor Roll after more than four modules are denoted with a ✪.

*PRESIDENT'S HONORS: 3.85-4.0 cumulative GPA & no Incomplete or F grades*

*DEAN'S HONORS: 3.45-3.84 cumulative GPA, no I or F grades*

**President's Honors**

Christina Hughes  
 Cynthia Baker  
 Jarrad Barone ✪  
 Vickie Bell  
 Sheryl Bishop  
 Violet Bloomfield ✪  
 Adam Brabec ✪  
 Cheryl Brady ✪  
 Lauri Brown  
 Nadine Brown ✪  
 Michelle Buchignani ☺  
 Dyann Bucy  
 Bobby Burns  
 Pam Burris ☺  
 Colleen Butler ✪  
 Adam Camacho ✪  
 Michelle Carroll ☺  
 Brianne Casebeer  
 Richard Chan ✪  
 Mara Ciencia ✪  
 Serena Codioli ✪  
 Robert Crow  
 Suzanne D'Ambrogi ✪  
 Elena Dabbas ☺  
 Louise Davis  
 Nicole De Maria  
 Fiyori Desta ✪  
 Randy Dodson ✪  
 Shirley Drexler ✪  
 Gregg Elliff  
 Rhodora Evanoff ✪  
 Rafael Felix  
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 Melissa Sponable ✪  
 Barbara Sullivan  
 Virgil Teague  
 Roger Thompson ☺  
 Cris Tikfesi  
 Dan Timms  
 Angie Torres  
 Lorinda Trujillo  
 Cheryl Turner ✪  
 Megan Van Rees  
 Sara Vanderbeek  
 Laura Villarreal ✪  
 Raili Waataja ✪  
 Jessica Walker-Fess

Randee Wamboldt  
 Franklin C. Warren ✪  
 Richard Weinig ✪  
 Raymond Wigger ✪  
 Michelle Wilder  
 Daniel Wilson ✪  
 Faith Wolfson ☺  
 Aaron Wright ☺  
 Annie Zuffo

**Dean's Honors**

Bob Aguirre ✪  
 Jessica Ahern  
 Ingrid Alvarado  
 Jordan Atkinson ✪  
 Seema Bhangoo ✪  
 Richard Borg  
 Becky Broadhead  
 Robert Brooks ✪  
 Christie Brosnan ☺  
 Renee Burr ✪  
 Lindsey Carstensen  
 Devon Castor  
 Angelica Cendejas  
 Rose Marie Cervantes ✪  
 Sharon Conrotto ✪  
 Heather Dacquisto ✪  
 Missy Daini ☺  
 Leah Desouza  
 Chrissy Eck ✪  
 Tina Evart ✪  
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 Manuel Mariscal-Mata ✪  
 Amanda McCarthy ✪  
 Amanda McLeod  
 Curtis Meyer ☺

Diana Moniz  
 Susan Montes  
 Gerald Montgomery  
 Emmanuel Mota  
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 Banza-Adelar Muyakana ✪  
 Verena Nardi ✪  
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