



## It was Courtyard of Honor #18!

On Thursday, October 24, the Golden West College Foundation held its 18th annual Courtyard of Honor Ceremony, honoring donors and recognizing successful alumni.

This year, three GWC Alumni were inducted into the *Alumni Pillars of Achievement* – Blaise Bryant, professional athlete and entrepreneur, Matthew Cowan, mechanical engineer, and Police Chief Corey Sianez.

**Blaise Bryant** is a retired professional football player and currently the CEO of a local mortgage company. Blaise played football for GWC before transferring to Iowa State University, where he became a household name as the Cyclones' running back and Heisman Trophy candidate. He played for the New York Jets and for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Canadian Football League. Chip Marchbank was the football team's trainer at the time Blaise attended GWC, and nominated him for the award. In his acceptance speech, Blaise said, "The overall work ethics I learned from my education at GWC led to my success at Iowa State University."

**Matthew Cowan** is a mechanical engineer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. After graduating from GWC, he earned his BSME from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and a MSME from Stanford University. He gave credit to Golden West College for providing him with direction and a great start in his career, stating, "Golden West gave me the best academic preparation that I could have received." Matthew was also a *Rustler Wrestler*. Wrestling Coach Dale Defner (retired) nominated Matthew for the Pillar of Achievement.

**Chief Corey Sianez** was nominated by Ron Lowenburg, GWC Dean/Director of the Criminal Justice Training Center. Chief Sianez was recognized for his career as a Police Officer who climbed to the ranks of Chief of Police for the City of Buena Park. He attributes his success to the teachings and education that he received at Golden West in the Police Academy. "I am grateful for the influence it had, and still has, over me during my entire law enforcement career."

Two Pillars of Support, **Radford Robinson**, and **The Foundation for California Community Colleges**, were elevated to the Premier category for contributing \$100,000 or more. Although they were not in attendance, they were recognized at the ceremony.



**The Wes Bryan and Terri Zwick Pillar** was added as the 73rd Pillar of Support. Each Pillar represents donations of \$25,000 or more. GWC President Wes Bryan and his wife Terri Zwick were recognized for their personal contributions to the college. The Bryan-Zwick family has been a proud member of the GWC community for more than thirty years. As educators, Wes and Terri share their enthusiasm for the college and its mission. Over the years they have watched as their own children performed, competed and achieved success at Golden West.

Six new members were added to the *Golden Society*. This category represents contributions between \$10,000 and \$24,999. **Charlene and Ralph Bauer**, **Mark Craig**, **June and Paul Dugmore**, **Norma Brandel Gibbs**, **The Abel Weathermax Foundation**, and **John and Sheila Wordes** were recognized for their continuing support. In addition, 22 donors were added, or climbed, the Donor Wall, for donations ranging from \$1,200 to \$10,000.

A reception was held at the Criminal Justice Training Center (CJTC), where the new **CJTC Honor Wall** was unveiled. Over the past 18 years, ten Police Academy Alumni have been inducted into the Pillars of Achievement. Duplicate plaques are now displayed prominently at the Center. Six Police Academy alumni were present for the unveiling.



## 38th Annual

**CHICAN@/LATIN@ COLLEGE DAY**

Friday, November 15 • 8:30am - 2pm

This year's conference is focusing on the importance of the CORE ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS, such as "reading, writing and arithmetic" for college success. Two main workshops and 14 break-out workshops will stress the importance of student preparedness to take on college coursework and the courses and services available at GWC.

The Conference theme is "Adelante Estudiante" or "Let Us Go forward, Student". This theme was chosen because it provides students with encouragement to continue forward, no matter what challenges they are facing. The Keynote Speaker will be Gustavo Arellano, editor of OC Weekly and author.



## Rustler Roundup

**Men's Water Polo** (15-1, 4-0) showed their dominance against host Orange Coast College (15-3, 3-1) in a 13-10 Orange Empire Conference game.

**Women's Volleyball** (12-0) remains undefeated with a 12 game winning streak.

**Rustler Football** (6-1, 1-1) improves to 6-1 on the season. The Rustlers were able to overcome a 21-10 deficit in the second quarter to win their third straight Conference contest.

**Women's Soccer** (7-4-4) defeated Santa Ana 3-2 on the 18th and ended in a tie with Fullerton on the 22nd.

**Women's Water Polo** (18-0) is marching through their undefeated season, with an 18 game winning streak, after beating Orange Coast College 12-5.

**Men's Soccer** (5-6-2) ended in a 3-3 tie with Santa Ana on October 22.

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The GWC Theater Department presents

## Irving Berlin's *WHITE CHRISTMAS*

Music and Lyrics by Irving Berlin

Based upon the Paramount Pictures Film

Written for the Screen by Norman Krasna, Norman Panama and Melvin Frank

Book by David Ives and Paul Blake Directed and

Choreographed by Martie Ramm



"May your days be merry and bright; and may all your Christmases be white." Based on one of the best Christmas movies ever, *WHITE CHRISTMAS* features seventeen Irving Berlin songs including Blue Skies, I Love A Piano, Count Your Blessings, Sisters and the classic holiday favorite and most-recorded tune in history, White Christmas. The book, by David Ives and Paul Blake, tells the story of the successful song-and-dance team Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, both World War II army veterans, who become romantically involved with a sister act and team up to save the failing Vermont inn of their former commanding general. When lack of snow threatens to shut the doors for good, the couples stage a show to keep the hearth fires burning. *WHITE CHRISTMAS* is a heartwarming musical, a lavish holiday spectacle and perfect entertainment for the entire family.

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