



## Counseling Updates

### OFFICE HOURS:

M-Thurs 8-7:30, Fri 8-3:30

**FALL TRANSFER DEADLINES:**  
**UC & CSU applications are due Nov. 30th at 11:59 PM**

**Please encourage students to attend an application workshop:**

**11/22, 5-6 pm,**

Writing your Personal Statement for UC's and Scholarships

**11/16, 11-12 pm &**

**11/22, 4-5 pm,**

Applying to UC's

**11/17, 11-12 pm &**

**11/22, 2-3 pm,**

Applying to CSU's

**All workshops are held in the Career & Transfer Center Workshop Room.**

**We would like to know what's new with your department!**

Join our staff meetings

Thursdays 10-11am.

Contact [Rudy Dompe](#), Counseling Department Chair.

## Who's Who in the Counseling Office?

Vicki van Tamelen-Hall is celebrating her 20th year here at Pierce! Beginning her career as a student at Moorpark College, she transferred to CSUN and graduated with an Anthropology degree. She admits changing majors more than once (didn't we all?) and continued on to receive teaching and counseling credentials from Loyola Marymount after living in Colorado and earning her Master's degree. She subsequently taught elementary school for LA Unified, was an HS counselor at South Pasadena and Program Director for several programs at WLA College and Pierce before becoming the director/counselor for Pierce's International Student Program. She is now available in the General Counseling office. Stop by and say hello!



## Have you heard about our Personal Development courses?

Personal Development (PD) is the instructional component of the Pierce College Counseling Center. Every semester, the Counseling Center offers several PD courses designed to enhance student success in college and in life. An emphasis is placed on the skills and strategies required to achieve student goals. By enrolling in PD courses, students will learn about learning styles, time management, educational planning, and career exploration. Most PD courses are traditional courses though we do offer a handful on line.

**Students may drop in for help with their university applications through November 30th at the..**

**"ROCK YOUR APPLICATION CLINIC"**



**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays  
 12—2 pm in the  
 Career & Transfer Center**

Here is a list of PD courses offered in Spring 2012. Please share them with your students as needed:

(Click on the course title for a full description of each course)

[PD 1 Introduction to College, 1 Unit](#)

[PD 4 Career Planning, 1 Unit](#)

[PD 8 Career Planning and Development, 2 Units](#)

[PD 20 Post-Secondary Education: The Scope of Career Planning, 3 Units](#)

[PD 40 College Success Seminar, 3 Units](#)

## Student Success Stories: EDUARDO DUARTE

When Edward Duarte first visited the Pierce Counseling Center, his goal was to become a famous musician (he plays guitar and sings) and the second was to be the first in his family to graduate from a university. This Hispanic rocker also came to Pierce with a handful of passing Advanced Placement scores which he completed during high school. His strategy is to earn

a Business degree and work as a music executive while also performing with his rock band.

During the past year, Edward has earned straight A's in all of his courses (except for one B). "Pierce has given me a perspective of where I want to transfer," says Duarte, "this is how I discovered Pepperdine University." On November 1<sup>st</sup>, Duarte received his acceptance email from Pepperdine University for Spring 2012. He is thankful for the support and encouragement he received from his family, his Pierce Counselor

and his high school English teacher. We wish you the best Edward. Keep studying and keep rockin'!

