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Touro University Announces New Nursing Program

Touro University California is proud to announce the launching of a new School of Nursing in the College of Education and Health Sciences, which will commence in August for the Fall 2014 academic year.

The School of Nursing will be designed for working registered nurses with an associate (ADN) or Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing (BSN), and will lead to a Master's Degree in Nursing and Clinical Nurse Leader Certification. The program will also prepare ADN graduates for public health nursing certification in California.

"[Touro] has a strong history of contributing to the regional healthcare workforce through programs in Physician Assistant Studies, Public Health, Osteopathic Medicine and Pharmacy," said Dr. Marilyn Hopkins, COO and Provost at Touro. "The new School of Nursing will expand this commitment to workforce preparation in healthcare. Advanced nursing degrees are essential to meeting the demand for clinical nurse leaders, nurse practitioners, nurse researchers and nursing educators. Touro University California is ready to respond to this critical professional need."

This post-licensure master's degree program will build on the knowledge and skills gained in entry level nursing programs. ADN graduates can complete the curriculum with 46 units of coursework completed over an 18-month period. BSN graduates will enter the curriculum after the first two academic sessions and will complete a total of 33 units of coursework over a 13-month period. Approximately half the curriculum will be offered online with remaining courses offered one evening per week and one Sunday per month.

Nurses with a master's degree will play an important role in implementing the enacted Affordable Care Act, with an increase in an additional 32 million Americans needing access to primary care services. Highly educated and well-trained nurses are an integral part of caring for this expanding population. The new collaborative health care model will rely on the availability of nurse leaders, which requires advanced education that builds upon the foundation of nursing education.

Going...Going Gong Show

In an effort to raise funds for the **Vallejo Community Arts Foundation** 2014 Summer Arts Camp for children, the Empress Theatre will be hosting its own version of the 70's hit television program, The Gong Show.

The original program is best remembered for its absurdist humor and style, often rewarding ridiculous and worthless prizes. Each show presented a contest between amateur performers of often dubious talent, with a panel of celebrity judges. This blast from the past comedy show will feature a variety of talent acts with scores ranking from "questionable" to "damn good."



A long way from the legitimate star search show, "America's Got Talent," Vallejo's Gong Show will showcase approximately 30 acts lasting from mere seconds to a several minute full act, depending on if their act is terrible and "gonged" and then yanked off stage, or rated as truly unique and outrageously funny. Three judges will be on stage to score the acts which could possibly go down into Vallejo's entertainment history, with prize money awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

The Going...Going Gong Show will be on Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Empress Theatre, located at 330 Virginia Street. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door and can be purchased [online here](#), or by calling 707-552-2400.



CMA Harbor Cup Results

The **California Maritime Academy** (CMA) succeeded in earning its fourth consecutive win in the Port of Los Angeles Harbor Cup last weekend, dominating the lead over nine other schools. The event is raced annually in the waters off Los Angeles, aboard Catalina 37s, 10 teams from across the nation compete in three days of intense racing, organized by the Los Angeles Yacht Club and hosted by CMA.

CMA's Offshore Sailing Team is comprised of a dedicated group of student sailors, many of whom have been sailing together for the past three years. The team spends a great deal of time practicing aboard their Custom Schumacher 39 Recidivist and their J105.

Leading the winning team this year was Dillon Lancaster, joined by fellow seniors Andrew Lamb and Scott Doyle, all from the LA area. Senior Ryan Lynch and his younger brother, freshman Corey Lynch, were joined by junior Eileen Welch and sophomore Chris Vilicich to round out the crew. Parker Mitchell, in his second year as head coach, helped the team defend their title.



Friday, March 7 consisted of three races of a breeze 10-15 knots out of the Southwest, with CMA taking the first and third race. Saturday, March 8 had a light breeze in the morning which rounded out to about 10 knots by the fifth race, with the University of Southern California winning three of the races and finishing second to CMA in a really close finish. Sunday, March 9 started out with no wind, but eventually became racing weather when four to five knots of breeze came. CMA led the whole day, winning the final races and ultimately sealing the win for the Harbor Cup.

The final standings and point totals are as follows:

1. California Maritime Academy Keelhaulers (23)
2. University of Southern California Trojans (32)
3. U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen (41)
4. University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors (44)
5. College of Charleston Cougars (54)
6. Massachusetts Maritime Academy Buccaneers (63)
7. SUNY Maritime College Privateers (67)
8. Maine Maritime Academy Mariners (71)
9. California State University Long Beach 49ers (74)
10. University of California Irvine Anteaters (77)

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Youth Ag Day 2014

This year marks the 12th year of **Youth Ag Day** hosted by the Solano County Fair, which will offer a unique educational experience for third grade students in Solano County.

More than 2,700 third graders participated in last year's event, which provided an opportunity for students to learn about the important contributions agriculture makes to their lives, all in an educational and fun environment.

Youth Ag Day is a collaborative effort of dedicated volunteers, along with local farmers, ranchers, business and agriculture agencies to provide informative and interactive displays for the students in a field trip format.

Exhibit presentations cover a wide-range of topics, including: sheep herding, the dairy industry, farm equipment, cattle herding, composting, recycling, water management, benefits of insects and many other aspects of farm life.

This educational experience is free to all participants; however some classes do have to provide their own transportation. If you would like to volunteer at the event or be a sponsor for Youth Ag Day, please contact Marcia with the Solano County Fairgrounds at (707) 551-2002, or [click here](#)

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