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CLEMENTE HISTORY

From TTC Clemente Courses Webpage

THOUGH NEW TO TRIDENT Technical College (and, indeed to South Carolina), the concept for this project is not new. In 1995 in New York State, an author/educator named Earl Shorris, while doing research on the causes of poverty, asked a woman prison inmate why some people are poor. She replied, "You've got to teach the moral life of downtown to the children. And the way you do that, Earl, is by taking them downtown

to plays, museums, concerts, lectures, where they can learn the moral life of downtown." Moved by that woman's insight, Mr. Shorris started a college-level classical humanities course at Bard College. The student population for the class was made up of homeless people, poor immigrants, ex-convicts, recovering addicts and single mothers. Over 50% of the students in that first class completed the course, and today



the Clemente Course in the Humanities is being offered successfully at approximately

50 sites across the country, including Trident Technical College.

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CLEMENTE PLAYERS TO PRESENT: ODE TO HUMPTEE

Theater offering promises fun for all ages; benefits the Clemente Program

By David Spears

REHEARSALS ARE WELL underway for Clemente Players' upcoming production of Ode to Humptee, an original work by TTC Playwright Sharon V. Willis. Dr. Willis, who is also directing, describes the story as, "A play set before the time of man, in the lands of Rhymevine, where nursery rhyme characters celebrate daily and Fairywitch, land of the infamous wolf, witch and other familiar characters."

Since their initial presentation

of Britomart, staged in a former church on Rutledge Ave, the Clemente Players have continued



to delight audiences with innovative staging and costume design. Theatergoers are drawn into the play the moment they enter the theater with costumed ushers and themed entertainment in the lobby. Audiences for the stellar performance of Werewolf's Curse or Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow, were treated to a circus troupe performing in the lobby prior to the performance.

Comprising the cast and crew are current and former TTC students,

staff, faculty and members of the local community. Many students have returned year after year even after graduating. Premier costume designer, Louise James has been with the group since its inception. Members of Novo Caesaries have provided makeup services and student groups such as Phi Theta Kappa and Roots and Shoots have provided support as backstage crew and in other support functions.

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Trident Times encourages students, staff, and faculty of TTC to submit items for review and possible inclusion in the paper. Submissions from student organizations about upcoming events and notices of awards and achievements are also sought. Due to deadlines, some time sensitive material may not be published. We also welcome submissions such as illustrations, photos and original art.

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LEX ARTIS PARALEGAL SOCIETY SERVES IT UP AT CRISIS MINISTRIES

Group delivers with fall semester, community service project

By Pamela Pendergrass, President

On Monday, November 30, 2009, members of Lex Artis Paralegal Society (LAPS) served dinner to about 34 adults and children at the Family Shelter.

Students prepared an inviting menu of baked chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, and a fantastic dessert assortment. The center's clients graciously appreciated the meal and volunteers received kudos for their culinary talents.

In addition to serving the meal, LAPS collected over 650 non-perishable food items valued at over \$600, 16 duffle bags and numerous dish and bath towels as part of the shelter's Xmas Wish List. Additionally, LAPS collected \$560 in monetary donations for Crisis Ministries.

Members of LAPS made this commitment to provide much-needed items to Crisis Ministries and to honor Crisis Ministries' 25 years of service to the Charleston community.



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Clemente History continued

PORTRAITS OF CLEMENTE

TTC's Clemente Course students, share thoughts on their lives and the program

Compilation edited by David Spears

J: At age 25, I was accepted into the Clemente Course, where I am hoping to get a jump-start on my education. I love to read, do hair, cook and write poems. To me education is important and there is nothing else I would rather do, cause you can never get enough education. The Clemente Course is not only a free course, but it is always a wonderful learning environment. You'll learn something new every time you attend class. The Clemente Course has encouraged me to go further with my education and I would like to thank Dr. Kohli and Mr. Pittman for taking the time to teach this course. So, Thank You!

C: As a single mom of a five-year-old son, I have always regretted not attending college after high school. I had taken all of the college prep courses but had just never attended. Life soon got in the way and twenty-odd years passed with me working hard instead of smart. The opportunity to enroll in



Cast gathers for read-through

the Clemente Course presented itself to me when Dr. MaryAnn Kohli came into the restaurant where I worked. I overheard her say she, 'needed' students and I jumped at the opportunity. I started in January 09, taking the Philosophy class. Now I am enrolled in the American History class and plan on continuing towards a degree, one class at a time.

A: When I started the Clemente Course in January 2008, at the age of 28, it was one of the greatest decisions I ever made. I grew up in N.J. and in truth I was a terrible student. Teachers said I had a learning disability and so I was slipped through the cracks. During my junior year of high school when it came time to start applying for college, my guidance counselor told me not

to bother, that I was not smart enough to handle it, so I gave up any hope or thought of it. I graduated high school in 1996 and spent two years in prison before moving to S.C., where I met and married my husband. In 2004 after four years of marriage and two beautiful children, my husband divorced me leading to a custody battle for our children. I lost that battle, went into a deep depression, and for the next two years I just existed, barely going through the motions of living.

Then I saw the ad for the Clemente Course and that is when my life started to change. I first met Dr. Mary Ann Kohli in November of 2007 and in truth, I was scared to death. I wanted so badly to make a good impression on her so that I could get into the course. When Dr.

Kohli told me I was accepted, I felt as if someone had handed me the winning lottery ticket. The professors I have had never made me feel stupid and have taken and continue to take the time to answer any questions I have.

The Clemente Course has taught me many things, not just about history, art, philosophy and literature; it has also taught me how to learn. Most importantly, I have learned, never to give up on myself and to live life, not to let life live me.

G: I started the Clemente Course to see if I could finish a course in college. I did finish the first class of English and Philosophy and was so awestruck that it made me want to further my education. Being able to complete a course has had such an affect on me and my sense of satisfaction. It has boosted my self-esteem and ego. My sense of self had been damaged because of my past alcohol abuse that I didn't think I could do the college thing. Since I quit drinking, I have simply astounded myself with the things I do on a daily basis. Its psychic change that has occurred and has allowed me to do some of the things I thought impossible. Well, I seem to be on my way. This course has done wonders for me. Thanks to Dr. Kohli for giving me this chance.

Clemente Players continued

Many participants have expressed that their motivation for working with the group is to support the Charleston Clemente Course, which is a free, college-level course offered by TTC to disadvantaged people in the Charleston area in the hope that a study of literature, philosophy, art and history can offer a way out of poverty. This program, supported primarily through fundraising efforts and contributions, received a very generous grant of \$11,000 earlier this year from the Comcast Foundation as part of Comcast's commitment to the communities it serves. Over the past two years,

the Clemente Players have raised over \$18,000 for the Clemente Course from the proceeds of their performances.

Performances will be in TTC's College Center, Bldg. 920

Friday, March 26, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 28, 2 p.m.

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For information on the Clemente Course call, Dr. Mary Ann Kohli at 843-720-5713.



Dr. Willis making script notes

COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKE A GREEN DIFFERENCE

TTC students work on recycling projects

By David Spears

MEMBERS OF ROOTS AND SHOOTS, a campus club dedicated to promoting environmental issues, have been participating in the goal of creating a more environmentally sustainable campus. Their efforts thus far have centered on the acquisition and distribution of small blue recycling bins throughout the campus in order to facilitate the separation and collection of plastic and aluminum recyclables. At present collected materials are being loaded into a container supplied by Charleston County Recycling. Plans call for utilizing a bundling machine acquired by TTC, through a grant, to bundle recyclables for sale. Efforts to date have focused on making the campus wide collection process more efficient.

The following material was compiled from press releases

Two separate groups from TTC entered Google's first Juicy Ideas entrepreneurial/environmental contest in 2009 with one team, The Environmentalists, taking third place in the national recycling competition.

This team consisting of Justin Vail, Caroline Thomas and Arianna Noble placed third in the nation in Google's first Juicy Ideas entrepreneurial/environmental contest. For the contest, college students nationwide developed creative ideas for turning recyclable products into new products that could, in turn, help the environment. Teams from different parts of the country were assigned different materials

to work with. Teams in the local region, including TTC's team, worked with glass medicine bottles. TTC's team converted these bottles into devices that remove harmful fertilizers from water run-off by holding bamboo plants. View the video of their entry at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0-f4_Cc_sg

This team was among 14 finalists from colleges across the country. Each participating region had a different "throwaway" item from which students had 10 days to create something of value and upload a video of their project to YouTube for judging. The top three teams from each region advanced to the national competition. The ASU team was the regional winner in Western North

Carolina. Their winning video can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3-tKX446VM

Another team from TTC, Team AEOLUS, comprised of Miles Dunn, Kerry Cutler, Michelle Tamasa and John Nowocin, members of the Phi Theta Kappa student organization, was among the finalists chosen during the regional portion of the competition.

Their project used the discarded water bottles provided to create a supplemental method for heating water with sunlight and convection. Their video can be accessed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpBCdXHZszo>

NOT YET SOCRATES...

Affirming a friend

By James Illardi II

In the mornings I practice affirmations. This is a psychological technique to help establish a good frame of mind for those who have less than desirable lives. An affirmation is just that, a sentence or phrase bringing a solidity of good thought. Many sound very conceited, but the alternatives can be worse; ask any depressed person what goes on in their mind first thing in the mornings. Please take these affirmations and use them for yourself as I hope they inspire you to have a good day.

"I am a great person." Or "I will produce greatness." It doesn't mean that you are above anyone else, or less than anyone else. It means that you as an individual have some greatness locked away, or revealed in some way, that many others in the world would like to share. That

greatness comes to you naturally and when you use it wisely it causes great things to happen in your life. You can even use both.

"When I walk, the earth moves beneath my feet." It doesn't literally mean that when you walk you turn the globe another day; but it means that when you step forward and face the good and bad in your life then you make your world. A world of experience that can only happen because you got up to do something that day. If you sit in bed all day then your world will not experience what it could. Can't get out of bed, can't walk? Let your mind do the traveling for you; the internet and the library are great places to start. So get out there, put your walking shoes on, get ready to face the world with the billions that do it every day, and let us give this puppy a whirl.

"Keep the faith." You don't have to have a religion to have faith in yourself. To believe that you as an individual can accomplish anything because you want to; it really is as simple as working hard at your dream and it will come true eventually. As long as your dream is realistic, and well planned and thought out, then any human can accomplish amazing feats of life. This faith in yourself, and your family, and your friends is the faith that can help drive you to reach your own goals.

These are just some examples of affirmations. Now to the point; it is quite simple actually. So you can't give your friend their rent, so you can't buy a new car for your mom or dad, so you can't go to that school function because of finances, or perhaps you can't lift that friend by resurrecting their dead loved

one; however, you can walk up to them and tell them,

Did you know you are a great person? Really, I think you are because of how strong you are during this hard time in your life. That is the kind of strength that it takes to produce greatness in this world, and this world needs more great people like you if we are to all overcome our hard times. In fact, each of us walk our own paths each day and those paths intertwining through the great scheme of things are what make the world go round. You are one of the reasons the world goes round, so let me know if I can do anything for you. As always, keep the faith friend.