



Hi Everyone!

YOUR PACRA BOARD HOPES THAT YOUR NEW YEAR IS OFF TO A GREAT START WITH GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD THOUGHTS COMING YOUR WAY!!

June / Bob / Tom / Judy / John / Jayne / Cynthia / Becky

This email is being sent as a Bcc to 2021-2022 PACRA members for whom we have email addresses; feel free to forward to others!

This email blast focuses on the recent passing of several of our colleagues; notes from our PC President/Superintendent as well as their fellow coworkers, family, and friends are included. Let's take some time remembering each of them—beginning with



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BOB VETTER, January 22, 2021

Celebrating the life of Bob Vetter

Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Palomar College Baseball Field (see notice below)

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great sympathy to his family, his Palomar College colleagues, and the countless student athletes he mentored and trained, I inform you of the unexpected passing of Bob Vetter. When he retired in May 2015, Professor Vetter had served Palomar College for nearly 38 years; until very recently, he remained active with our baseball team.

*Kind Regards, **Star Rivera-Lacey, Ph.D.** | Superintendent/President | Palomar Community College District*

BOB FULLERTON, December 13, 2021

Hello all,

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Bob Fullerton, a long-time PACRA member on December 13. Bob had been diagnosed with dementia many years ago, had been living in an assisted living facility for several years and under hospice care for the past two months. Bob was employed at Palomar in Fall 1963 as a Mathematics teacher and retired in 1995. Bob prided himself as being a Math teacher who was able to reach out to those with "Math Phobia" and guide them to a successful completion of his course. He was also a wonderful

husband and father to Shirley and their three children. He was a personal friend and will be missed. —*Bob Larson*

LINDA MACK, July 29, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

We recently learned of the passing of Linda Mack. In 1992, Linda started at Palomar College to begin 24 years of dedicated service to our campus police department. She was first hired as an Office Specialist, then Administrative Secretary, and completed her career as Senior Administrative Secretary.

A campus police colleague remembers Linda as a warm-hearted kind soul. He always admired her as a devoted single parent of three children, taking classes at Palomar, and teaching him the two-step. Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, colleagues would often see Linda proudly wearing her Ohio State Buckeye jacket and she was always excited to talk about the latest football game. As her kids grew older, colleagues noted how well-mannered they were and, like their mom, very calm and reserved. Truly a life well lived.

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/21847514/linda-mack/clarksville/tennessee/sykes-funeral-home-crematory%20>

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DOROTHIE BLETH, Associate Professor

Colleagues,

The family of Dorothe Bleth requested that we inform you of her passing a few months ago. Associate Professor Bleth taught for nearly 25 years in the Dance program within our Performing Arts Department. She retired from Palomar College in May 2000. Associate Professor Bleth's family noted that she thoroughly enjoyed teaching Palomar College students and working with all of her colleagues. Our thoughts are with the family at this time.

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BOB EBERT, December 22, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

The family of Robert Ebert requested that we notify you of his passing on December 22, 2021. As an Associate Professor of Life Sciences, Robert's passion about teaching was said to be contagious and inspiring. Several of his colleagues provided their thoughts and memories of Robert, including a mention of his leadership on the 1990 Accreditation Committee. Professor Ebert retired after nearly 36 years of service in 2003.

Memories from his colleagues:

We had many biological and philosophical discussions about life and our purpose on this planet. Bob was an outstanding and very knowledgeable biologist. He also had a strong religious background so we had numerous fascinating discussions about numerous topics. He was a phenomenal teacher. When he introduced the basic principles of genetics, with the help of the

Drama Department, he dressed up like Gregor Mendel. When he introduced the scientific theory of evolution, he came to class dressed as Charles Darwin! The students loved his lectures. He was truly one of the nicest persons I have ever met in my life. —Wayne Armstrong

Bob was passionate about teaching and his students. We shared an office, and one day a student came by to take an exam that he had asked me to administer in the space behind our office. The student worked for about two hours and returned the test with it less than half done. She came back the next day and the next and did the same, still not finishing. As a wet-behind-the-ears rookie, I asked Bob if this was a usual procedure for students taking a makeup exam. He explained that the student had a serious learning disability. All of this happened before the ADA and learning differences had not even risen to our institutional level of consciousness. —Candi Francis

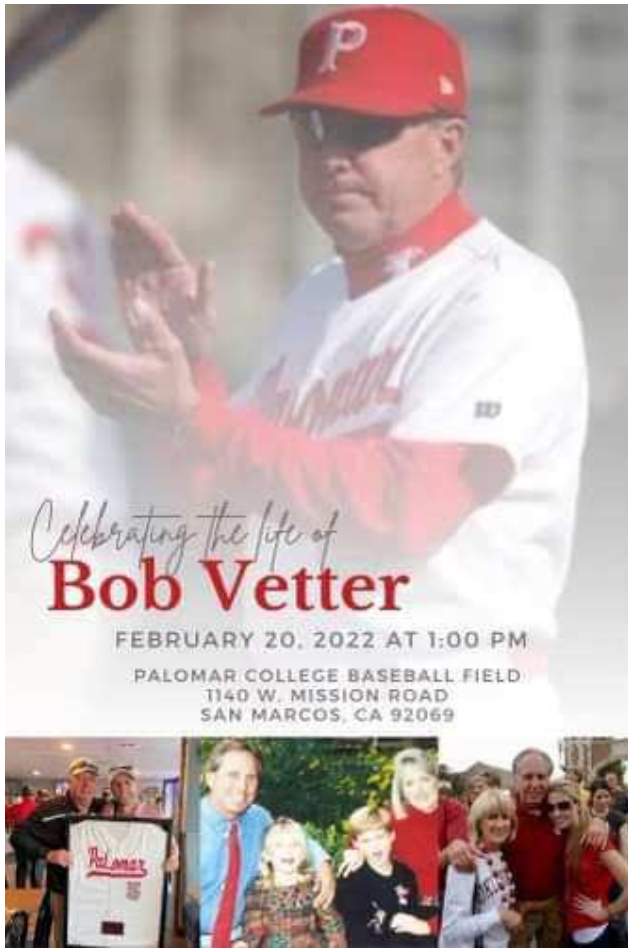
Bob was one of the most passionate Biology instructors I ever had and then had the pleasure to work with at Palomar College. I had him as a Bio instructor back in 1986 and then he was on my hiring committee in 1993. He was known for his fruit fly genetics labs. You knew you had just followed a Bob Ebert lab if you had fruit flies landing on your desk. He was old school with his teaching attire, too. No jeans or shorts and polo shirts. It was always button-down shirts tucked into pressed slacks with polished derbies or oxfords. The sport coat and tie were standard as well. —Steve King

Bob was truly part of the college, not just our Department. He knew and interacted with everyone on campus. I was always jealous of his whiteboard skills—no PowerPoint back then—just Bob's beautiful handwriting and drawings. —Jim Gilardi

Bob was a class act. His dedication to his students was never unclear, and he was also an enthusiastic supporter of his colleagues. Always had a smile and a friendly gesture to offer. —Beth Pearson

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Judy Dolan, Secretary (on behalf of the PACRA Board)



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