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## A Taste of World Cultures in the Central Valley

By Joe Pulido

It is a late Saturday afternoon in mid-October and students from Clovis Community College are arriving for their first cultural club visit of the year. On this day, the Interfaith Cultural Club is visiting the Islamic Cultural Center because, in light of recent media coverage, its members want to learn more about Islam. Upon entering, the students are greeted by Ghassane Habib, the acting chair of the Islamic Cultural Center. Ghassane is very energetic and an extremely gracious host, who has happily agreed to offer the students from Clovis Community College a tour of the center. It happens that on this day the Islamic Cultural Center is having its annual cultural bazaar. After the tour by Ghassane, the students plan on joining the outside crowd who are feasting on amazing mouthwatering dishes.

At this moment, you might be asking how a group of Clovis Community College students found themselves at an Islamic cultural bazaar sipping Persian tea and feasting on Middle Eastern grilled chicken. Let me bring you up to speed.

This past fall 2015, a small group of students from Clovis Community College formed the Interfaith Cultural Club with the purpose of learning about various world cultures. In the increasingly divided



Joe Pulido

society we live in, the students felt it was necessary to increase their cultural literacy. The Interfaith Cultural Club decided to become more knowledgeable about other groups by visiting different houses of worship, cultural centers, and cultural restaurants. The club currently has a full leadership board, which meets once a month to decide where the club will go next. Current board members include club president Kerry Adaway-Williams, vice president Israel Cozar, co-secretaries Cynthia Silva and Jamie Vosseler-Eichel, treasurer Michael Geer, media director Talha Rana, and inter-club representative Mary Klomp. Club president Adaway-Williams relates that, "The Interfaith Cultural Club has created a fellowship that allows people of different races, religions, backgrounds, and beliefs to come together and share knowledge, culture, and

faiths of the world."

Since this past fall, the Interfaith Cultural Club has visited the Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno, Temple Beth Israel, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Fresno Buddhist Temple, Fresno Sikh Gurdwara, and were guests at a local Persian New Year celebration for Norwuz.

Attending cultural centers is only the first part of the club experience; the second part is enjoying the food from those cultures. After each visit, the hungry students visit a restaurant that reflects the center just visited. For example, after visiting the Sikh Gurdwara in March, the club ate delectable fried spiced potato filled samosas at India's Oven, a local restaurant. After visiting the Buddhist temple in February, the students grilled their own savory chicken and squid at Shila's Korean Barbeque.

Michael Greer, the treasurer of the club, relates that for him, "the Interfaith Cultural Club is a window into a much wider world which we frequently don't see and we don't realize that we have ready access to it here in our valley."

If you are up for a taste of culture and want to join the Interfaith Cultural Club, please contact Dr. Mark Hernandez or Joe Pulido at: [mark.hernandez@scccd.edu](mailto:mark.hernandez@scccd.edu); [joseph.pulido@scccd.edu](mailto:joseph.pulido@scccd.edu)

# Tutors Have Feelings Too

By Eric McIntosh



Eric McIntosh is a math and science tutor majoring in Pre-Pharmacy.

A girl stands up in the middle of the class and tells me, “I do better on tests when you don’t tutor me.” A man goes on a rant for five minutes about how he likes another tutor better than me while sitting right in front of me. A young boy cusses at a homework problem and then at me for not knowing how to do it right. A girl gets mad at me for being smart and who knows what else. A teacher encourages the class not to go to the Tutorial Center because “those guys don’t know what they are talking about.”

I’ve also had several friends tell me students critique the tutors on their appearance and fashion style. Instances like these happen occasionally in the Tutorial Center. Somewhere in the mess of classes and stress, students who are willing to be tutored forget emotion and people and life. In other words, they forget that there are souls behind the faces that tutor them—souls with lives, busy schedules, problems, and insecurities to overcome. It is unreasonable to assume the tutor, when looking at a problem

for the first time, will always know the answer. Tutors are required to remember a vast amount of knowledge, and some tutors haven’t taken these classes in years. I get the opportunity to work with some of the kindest, smartest, most diligent, helpful, resourceful, and dedicated people I have ever met in my life and that is a joy and blessing to me every time I walk into the center. So cut those guys and gals a little slack next time. If you don’t, I might need therapy soon.

Need to study for finals? Looking for an excuse to dress in theme? Take advantage of extended hours at the Tutorial Center during Power Up Week!

## Extended Hours!

— POWER UP WEEK —

### OUR SPECIAL EVENTS (DURING POWER UP WEEK)

**COFFEEHOUSE**  
MONDAY, 5.09.16  
6PM-9PM

**SUPERHERO NIGHT**  
TUESDAY, 5.10.16  
6PM-9PM

**PAJAMA PARTY**  
WEDNESDAY, 5.11.16  
6PM-9PM

**THE LUAU**  
Thursday, 5.12.16  
6PM-9PM

**FIESTA FRIDAY**  
FRIDAY, 5.13.16  
1pm-4PM



# Joining the Conversation

## Should You Use Uber?

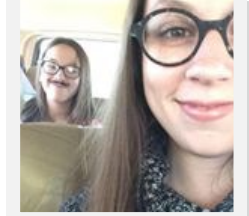


Spencer Shadley

**YES!** Thanks to Uber, the hassles of taxi cab transportation are a thing of the past. Uber's ride hailing service has several advantages when compared to traditional taxi services. For starters, those who use the Uber app to schedule a ride can select the type of vehicle that will be picking

them up. Users can choose from luxury vehicles, SUVs, regular cars, and even traditional taxi cabs (connected to the Uber service). And arranging a ride is easy – no phone calls or waving foolishly from the sidewalk. With a few clicks, Uber sends an alert to nearby drivers, and notifies the user when one of them agrees to provide a ride! Transactions are also more convenient; payments are made through the Uber app itself. There is no direct exchange of cash between driver and passenger, which increases safety and eliminates the need to pay with cash. Uber also provides users the opportunity to meet interesting people. And I don't mean "interesting" in the way that some cab drivers are interesting – like the "interesting" smell emanating from their car's glove box, or the "interesting" music playing on their radio that they refuse to turn off. For the most part, Uber drivers are just regular people interested in providing a more convenient 21st century way to get from point A to point B. Particularly for people living in built-up metropolitan areas, the convenience of Uber almost eliminates the need to own one's own vehicle.

**NO!** Uber is total bad news. And not only for its passengers but also for its drivers. Between the company's slipshod background checks and their bare-minimum job requirements, this is not the best way to be transported about. The Uber company draws its users in with promises of low-cost, safe, and quick services. This is not always what the users get. There have been many reports of women, and even some men, who have been assaulted, stolen from, and taken to places very far away from the destination they wanted to reach, by their drivers. What ever happened to "stranger danger?" This is not only a danger for the passengers but also the drivers. How do they know that their passenger is not a danger to them? From drunk people vomiting in their back seats to drug dealers asking to be driven to remote locations to complete a drug transaction (yes, this actually happened), the passengers are not the only ones put in danger in these situations. On top of all of this, the Uber company has disclaimers in their contracts saying that they are not liable for any accidents or just plain bad situations that might occur during these "convenient rides." This company does not value its customers nor its employees. So please, do yourself a favor and phone a friend or family member. Designate a driver for your nights out. Use public transportation if it is offered in your city. Just be safe.



Jade Loper

## 5 Underrated Book Series

By Annelis Walker

1. *Ranger's Apprentice* is filled with adventure and can be enjoyed by various age groups, male and female alike. It is set in a variety of European countries in the time of kings, princesses, and knights.
2. *The Sisters Grimm* is full of the fairy tales we know and love, but with a twist...It goes through the lives of two pre-teen sisters who are many generations down, nieces to the famous Grimm Brothers.
3. *Fablehaven* is another fantasy-filled series that causes the reader to feel just about every emotion possible. It contains tons of magical creatures including unicorns and dragons.
4. *The Demon King*, despite its dark name, is filled with adventure, magic, war, and ambition.
5. *The Last Apprentice* is about a boy named Tom Ward, and he can see creatures that others cannot, such as boggarts, ghosts, and ghouls. The movie *The Seventh Son* is based off of this book series.

# TUTORS OF THE MONTH



## AMANDA SUNDAY

**Tutor Subjects:** English, Math, Psychology, Criminology

**Major:** Criminology with an option in Forensic Behavior & Psychology

**Educational Path:** AA in liberal studies & graduate CSU, Fresno with a double major this Spring

**Some words to live by:** Rules are for peasants

## DIKRAN SAMARJIAN

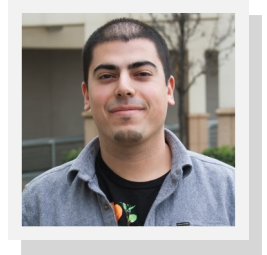
**Tutor Subjects:** Math up to 5A and Statistics

**Major:** Actuarial Science

**Educational Path:** Hoping to transfer to UC Santa Barbara

**Some words to live by:** “Think of me like Yoda, but instead of being little and green; I wear a suit and I’m awesome. I’m your bro—I’m Broda!”

-Barney Stinson



“He eats up  
knowledge like it’s  
ice cream, really  
yummy ice  
cream.”

Nom-Nom,  
the mysterious  
mascot of  
the Tutorial  
Center



## Who is Nom-Nom?

By Anonymous

Crawling around in the tutorial center, nibbling the edges of papers, waiting happily always for your return, there is a friendly little caterpillar. His name? Nom Nom. No one knows of his origins. He (if he is a he) just mysteriously wandered in one day without a word, and instantly his silent demeanor was liked by everyone; too liked. How could someone be so liked? Anyway, because of this no one questioned him, making his past all the more easy to hide. Many students were questioned, but few answers were found; it only led to more questions.

Some believe he was sent by the Fresno City Tutorial Center: to spy on us. Some believe he was sent by Kumuhea, the caterpillar god: to help us. Some believe he was sent by the Library of Congress: to satisfy his hunger for knowledge. He eats up knowledge like it’s ice cream, really yummy ice cream. Some might even say he is not even a caterpillar... So this bug...who is he? “Is Nom Nom a separate entity in his own category? Did that even make sense? We will never know, but I am pretty sure Nom Nom knows; if he even exists. Wait what?” said aspiring philosopher Jash, the one and only. This was very discourag-

ing because if Jash doesn’t know—well, let us just say there is little hope left. Traces of his past have been difficult to track down, but one day, we found something very interesting indeed. “So Nom Nom is... green!?” a very shocked interviewer, myself, stated in response. “Yes, the color of him...it is green,” said Nom Nom’s closest stalker, Caesar, the one who was colorblind. That was all we needed. We knew who Nom Nom was now. He is just a caterpillar, confused on why he doesn’t want to be a butterfly. But that is okay. Not all of us want to fly; some of us just want to eat.



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WORD OF  
THE MONTH BY MARIE BARR-RAMSEY

FARRAGO

NOUN

1. A confused mixture; hodgepodge; a medley or conglomeration of things.

Example: The sea twisted like a serpent’s tail, and Debby was lost in a farrago of arms an legs on board the boat.

\*\*\*Source: merriam-webster.com

# Math It!

By Michael Serena

Use cylindrical or spherical coordinates to evaluate the integral

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Courtesy of Calculus: Early Transcendentals

# Summer: Sooner than Later

By Joshua Navarro

Summer time is almost upon us and that means no more classes, exams, or waking up fifteen minutes past your alarm and rushing out your door. Unless you work or have summer school freedom is nearly here. Summer is a wonderful season full of sun, swimming, and best

of all, sweets. However, something even sweeter than ice cream is the good memories that we make. One of my favorite memories was going to the beach with family and pretending to make miniature sand cities and watching the aqueducts fill with the cool, salty sea water

from the ocean. This summer you should go out and try to make the most of the time you have with your loved ones, whether it would be having a picnic, going on a hike, or watching the fireworks during the 4th of July. Have a great summer!

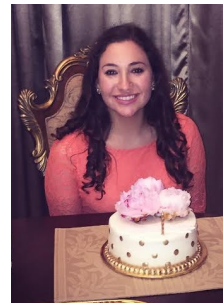
# -THE TUTORIAL CENTER FELLOWSHIP-

PRESENTS

## A FRIENDLY FAREWELL—WE’LL MISS YOU!



Samuel Montgomery is transferring to California Baptist University in order to study Music Composition. He plans to earn a Bachelor’s in Music and is contemplating pursuing a Master’s degree to teach at the community college level!

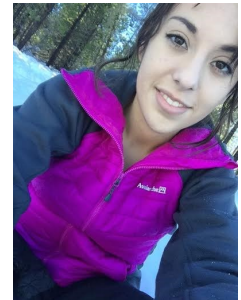


Esther Levitt is transferring to UC Santa Barbara in the fall and is double majoring in Political Science and Communication. After UCSB, she plans on going to law school to study corporate law!

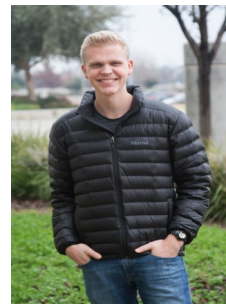


Jamie Vosseler-Eichel is moving to Los Angeles where she plans on transferring to a four-year university!

Michaela Arellano is headed to UC Santa Cruz to study Electrical Engineering!

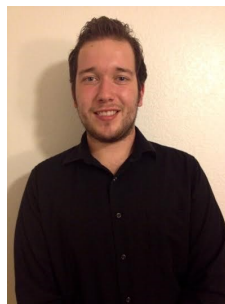


Michael Serena is graduating from Fresno State this spring with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He plans to pursue a field study position to work towards becoming a project engineer for Disney!



Conner Magnuson will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall to study mechanical engineering. Conner wants to then get his Master’s degree and build robots to take over the world!

Patrick Myers is transferring to UC Irvine to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering while moonlighting as a vigilante crime-fighter!



Emily Critchfield has been accepted to Youth with a Mission, which is a religious organization allowing students from around the world a chance to come and serve together. Emily will be living in Australia for six months and then plans to return to CCC in fall of 2017!



Josh Navarro will be attending UC Santa Cruz in the fall to pursue a degree in Computer Game Science!



James Thach is transferring to a UC in order to complete his undergraduate degree in Biology. James will then attend medical school with the aim of becoming a physician.

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Friday	9am-1pm	Tuesday/Thursday	11am-3pm

The Clovis Tutorial Center offers tutoring in the following subjects:

- Biology
- Information Systems
- Political Science
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Computer Science
- Music Appreciation
- Spanish
- Economics
- Physics
- Statistics
- English/Writing
- Philosophy
- And more!

## WORD SEARCH

- Accordion
- Battle of Puebla
- Pan dulce
- Enchiladas
- Tortillas
- Frijoles
- Tamales
- Mariachi
- Zaragoza
- Fiesta
- Taco
- Loteria
- Horchata
- Amigo
- Bailar
- Maracas
- Taquito

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