

# CI Nursing students transform dilapidated trailer into health center

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Davis was the advisor to a group of students seeking a "capstone" project, which is a multi-faceted project that culminates the academic experience for undergraduates.

She suggested the Nursing students transform the trailer into a health center as their capstone project.

CI senior Nursing student Andrea Ives was enthusiastic to hear Davis' idea, but it was going to be a challenge.

"We had no budget at all, so I applied for one of the student seed grants," Ives said. "A lot of our work was getting down and dirty, then getting donations of paint, supplies and so forth."

Ives applied for \$500 of seed money available from \$45,000 allocation from California State University Office of the Chancellor.

The money goes to each CSU campus with the goal of funding service learning programs, which are programs that combine learning with providing a service to the community.

CI's Center for Community Engagement granted the Nursing students the \$500 and they got to work, tearing out rotted wood, hammering, sawing, painting and even getting help from CI's Art students, who painted a mural on the outside of the trailer.

The project was completed in December of 2014 with a dedication of the new Frances Huggins Community Health Clinic.

March 7 marks the first time CI Nursing students have ever held a health fair for the community.

Health organizations such as the Ventura County Health Department; the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Association will be there with the Nursing students offering information and presentations.

Nursing students will provide free health screenings for blood pressure, hemoglobin and blood sugar.

Guest speakers will address health concerns like Alzheimer's disease; strokes; cardiovascular disease; and mental illness.

The First Annual Free Health Fair will be Saturday, March 7 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Frances Huggins Community Health Clinic at 840 South G Street in Oxnard.

Spanish translators will be available.