It is my pleasure to present Cypress College’s 2008-2009 End-of-the-Year Report. This document details the many successes of our students, faculty and other employees. This past academic year was both challenging and gratifying — challenging because of the specter of looming severe budget cuts and gratifying because the years of planning, building and anticipating came to fruition as our Gateway Plaza area was completed and we entered our first school year with the one-stop Student Center in operation.

Graduation was the capstone, the crown jewel on the year. These ceremonies are always moments of great joy and pride. But this year took on extra significance as we gathered for the centuries old tradition of commencement held in our newest environment — and one that was created with the specific needs of our students in mind. The Gateway Plaza was packed, too, as the largest number of graduates participated in their graduation. Their families and friends and college employees brought life to this new area.

When we designed the Gateway, we thought of it as a “celebration plaza” — we had hopes for experiences such as graduations. But, what we had pictured then paled in comparison to what actually transpired. The buildings and grounds are one thing; but, the students who use them are another. At commencement we celebrated their achievements in a location and manner unlike any other on campus.

Celebrations, of course, are just one measure of our success. Other yardsticks include enrollment, and that is another area where we achieved positive results. It is clear that the demand for our courses has never been stronger.

A number of challenges that had been identified for the last academic year were converted to successes this year as well. That is not to say we are without areas that require more attention and creative solutions. The challenge of helping our students never ends.

While we exit the year with the specter of budget cuts on a scale we’ve not experienced before, I am confident in the collegial teamwork here at Cypress College. I frequently refer to teamwork with our employees because we are much more powerful working together than as individuals. I believe we are stronger than the sum of our parts and that our employees are the greatest resource available to help our students achieve. We have a great team here and I know we will succeed in the coming year no matter how steep a hill we must climb.

I am so proud of the work we do here at Cypress College. This is an outstanding campus, with outstanding students, faculty and staff. We also appreciate the tremendous support from the eight communities we serve. I continue to be grateful to work in such an enriching environment. Even as we face our most difficult economic times, I remain optimistic about our continued success.

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Mission Statement
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Quality and high standards in instruction and student services, supported by professional growth for faculty and staff.

Integrity
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A community that embraces diverse individuals, provides an accessible, supportive climate and encourages a variety of perspectives and opinions.
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A huge increase was recorded for participation in the faculty and staff campaign known as “Pull for Cypress.” The number of donors increased by 39%, from 102 donors to 142 donors; donations increased by 26%, from $31,000 to $39,000. The increases come on top of significant gains in the campaign last academic year as well.

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The college’s Economic Development activities included the identification, application, and administration of grant awards for Perkins IV, Tech Prep, STEM, ATTE, CTE, Teacher Preparation Pipeline, DOL, Nursing Capacity, Nursing Enrollment Growth, HRSA Scholarships Grant, ARRA Scholarship Grant, Multimedia Grant, among others.

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City of Cypress officials acknowledged the College’s request to change old street names at the three entry points to the campus — eliminating Lakeshore Drive from the campus map. The Valley View entrance is now called Cypress College West, the Helodie street entrance is Cypress College East and the Orange Street entrance is Cypress College South.

In January, AT&T presented Cypress College with a $10,000 grant in support of the Basic Skills Initiative. The funding comes through the AT&T Foundation as part of a program intended to help students successfully complete college — especially those students from nontraditional or underrepresented populations. The contribution will fund approximately 900 additional hours of one-on-one tutoring.

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In February, the Cypress College Foundation hosted the 34th Cypress College Americana Awards. Held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, the event is the single-largest fundraiser for the college, netting more than $100,000 in support of scholarships and academic-support projects. In addition to honoring citizens of the year from the eight cities in Cypress College’s primary service area, the event also honored a Man and Woman of the Year. Former Cypress College president, and current chancellor of the California Community College system, Dr. Jack Scott was the Man of the Year. National PTA president, and Anaheim resident, Jan Harpe Domene was the Woman of the Year.

The Foundation also hosted the 2009 Scholarship Awards presentation on May 11. The event has grown so large in recent years, that it moved into the Cypress College Theatre — where more than 400 people, including parents and faculty attended. The Foundation presented 290 awards totaling nearly $110,000 at the event, and more than $250,000 throughout the year.

A huge increase was recorded for participation in the faculty and staff campaign known as “Pull for Cypress.” The number of donors increased by 39%, from 102 donors to 142 donors; donations increased by 26%, from $31,000 to $39,000. The increases come on top of significant gains in the campaign last academic year as well.

In what is believed to be an unprecedented effort, organizations and colleges throughout California collaborated to launch the first-ever statewide community college alumni magazine and corresponding website. As a participating college, Cypress had a featured spread in the center of the publication.
Here is a look at Cypress College by the numbers.

The left-hand column of this page details enrollment with three charts. The first illustrates the college’s enrollment history, by semester, during the course of the previous six years. The second chart shows a breakdown of Cypress College enrollment by age. Enrollment of students in the “under 20” and “20 to 24” categories have grown in recent years and now comprise 63.4% of Cypress College’s total enrollment. The third chart reflects the college’s enrollment by gender. The 55.2% female enrollment and 43.4% male enrollment is in line with the ratio in recent years.

Two additional charts are shown below. The first illustrates the number of associate degrees and certificates of completion awarded by Cypress College over a seven-year period. The number of degrees awarded in 2008-09 reflects a significant increase over the previous year, and is the second-highest total during the period. Certificates awarded have increased dramatically in that period as well, with the lone exception of 2007-08, and is at a recent high.

The final chart, recapits the college’s enrollment by ethnicity. Cypress college continues to be a broadly diverse campus, with no ethnic group exceeding 30% of the total student body.

Cypress College Vision

A premier learning community recognized for supporting student success and enriching society.

Strategic Plan Directions to Reach our Vision

Direction 1 — Instruction
Designing, enhancing, and delivering comprehensive and accessible instruction to promote academic excellence and student learning.

Direction 2 — Student and Academic Support Services
Developing and providing comprehensive student and academic support services to foster a positive and effective learning environment.

Direction 3 — Campus Support and Infrastructure
Ensuring that campus support services and resources are provided in an effective and efficient manner.

Direction 4 — Climate, Involvement, and Communication
Promoting a campus climate that embraces diversity and supports excellence, integrity, collegiality, and inclusiveness, by supporting communication and involvement throughout the college.

Direction 5 — Collaborative Relations and Marketing
Improving marketing efforts, and establishing and strengthening collaborative relationships with other educational institutions and the communities we serve.

Mission Statement

Cypress College enriches students’ lives by providing high-quality education for transfer to four-year institutions, associate degrees, career technical education, and certificate coursework, as well as basic skills and opportunities for lifelong learning. The college is committed to promoting student learning and success, embracing diversity, and contributing to both the economic and social development of the surrounding community.

Excellence
Quality and high standards in instruction and student services, supported by professional growth for faculty and staff.

Integrity
An ethical standard that emphasizes honesty, fairness, accountability, and trust.

Collegiality
An environment that emphasizes teamwork, collaboration, communication, courtesy and respect both on campus and with the surrounding community.

Inclusiveness
A community that embraces diverse individuals, provides an accessible, supportive climate and encourages a variety of perspectives and opinions.
It is my pleasure to present Cypress College’s 2008-2009 End-of-the-Year Report. This document details the many successes of our students, faculty and other employees. This past academic year was both challenging and gratifying — challenging because of the specter of looming severe budget cuts and gratifying because the years of planning, building and anticipating came to fruition as our Gateway Plaza area was completed and we entered our first school year with the one-stop Student Center in operation.

Graduation was the capstone, the crown jewel on the year. These ceremonies are always moments of great joy and pride. But this year took on extra significance as we gathered for the centuries old tradition of commencement held in our newest environment — and one that was created with the specific needs of our students in mind. The Gateway Plaza was packed, too, as the largest number of graduates participated in their graduation. Their families and friends and college employees brought life to this new area.

When we designed the Gateway, we thought of it as a “celebration plaza” — we had hopes for experiences such as graduations. But, what we had pictured then paled in comparison to what actually transpired. The buildings and grounds are one thing; but, the students who use them are another. At commencement we celebrated their achievements in a location and manner unlike any other on campus.

Celebrations, of course, are just one measure of our success. Other yardsticks include enrollment, and that is another area where we achieved positive results. It is clear that the demand for our courses has never been stronger.

A number of challenges that had been identified for the last academic year were converted to successes this year as well. That is not to say we are without areas that require more attention and creative solutions. The challenge of helping our students never ends.

While we exit the year with the specter of budget cuts on a scale we’ve not experienced before, I am confident in the collegial teamwork here at Cypress College. I frequently refer to teamwork with our employees because we are much more powerful working together than as individuals. I believe we are stronger than the sum of our parts and that our employees are the greatest resource available to help our students achieve. We have a great team here and I know we will succeed in the coming year no matter how steep a hill we must climb.

I am so proud of the work we do here at Cypress College. This is an outstanding campus, with outstanding students, faculty and staff. We also appreciate the tremendous support from the eight communities we serve. I continue to be grateful to work in such an enriching environment. Even as we face our most difficult economic times, I remain optimistic about our continued success.

Dr. Michael J. Kasler, President
Cypress College