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Legendary Dodgers Manager Tommy Lasorda to Deliver Commencement Address at Cypress College

Legendary Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda will deliver the Commencement Address at Cypress College on Wednesday, May 26. The college's 43rd Commencement begins at 6 p.m. in the Gateway Plaza.

Lasorda is known world-wide for his career in baseball as well as his contributions to all mankind. The admiration that he receives from around the world has made him not only an ambassador for baseball, but a good-will ambassador for our country.



Tommy Lasorda

During the graduation ceremony, Lasorda will be recognized with an honorary degree from Cypress College — the first such tribute in the college's history.

Lasorda has been involved with major league baseball since 1954 — as a pitcher, manager, scout and director.

As he continues his 60-plus years with the Dodger organization, Lasorda makes more than 100 speeches and appearances each year to various charities, youth organizations, schools, hospitals and private organizations.

Especially close to his big heart are his visits with military personnel overseas, as well as at home. Just last year, he joined Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on a

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visit to Iraq and Afghanistan on a USO tour to motivate and inspire troops.

At home, Lasorda has talked numerous times at the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, West Point, the Naval War College, and at 40 military bases across the country.

This past fall, on the occasion of his 82nd birthday, Lasorda's portrait was unveiled in the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., this in recognition of his contributions to American culture and history.

The recipient of countless honors, Lasorda recently had the distinction of receiving the Emperor Award of the Rising Sun, the highest award given in Japan. And, while the Japanese wanted him to come to their country for the presentation, he requested the award be presented here so his family could attend.

In February, Lasorda was honored by the Cypress College Foundation as the Americana Man of the Year.

About Cypress College:

Cypress College has motivated the minds of students since 1966. For nearly a half-million people — including actors, athletes, doctors, executives, mechanics, nurses and teachers — Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. For some, Cypress College is the ticket into their university of choice and for others it provides essential training for a rewarding career. Just one Cypress College class is often all it takes to provide cutting-edge skills that lead to a promotion or a new job.

Cypress College's 16,000 students and the highly qualified teaching faculty are proud of the many excellent academic and vocational programs. Cypress College offers 58 university-transfer majors, 141 career-certificate programs, and degrees in 51 areas of study. The college's traditional semesters begin in January and August, while short-term courses start throughout the year. A Cypress College education costs just \$26 per unit — just \$78 for a typical, full-credit class —

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California's lowest tuition. Financial aid and scholarships also are available to qualifying students.

Cypress College is one of three campuses in the North Orange County Community College District and a member of the 110-campus California Community College System. The college primarily serves the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Stanton. Michael J. Kasler is the president.

Located at 9200 Valley View Street in Cypress, the college is easily accessible from several Southern California freeways, including the 5, 91, 605, 22 and 405. The campus is just a stone's-throw from Downtown Disney and Knott's Berry Farm.

More information about Cypress College is available by calling (714) 484-7000 or by visiting the campus Web site at <http://www.CypressCollege.edu>.