Newly Tenured Faculty, New Managers to be Recognized on Tuesday

The annual event will be held on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Cypress College Complex, room 414.

Five faculty and four managers will be honored at a reception on Tuesday. The event, which recognizes newly tenured faculty and new managers, will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. in Room 414 of the Cypress College Complex.

The faculty are: Allison Gotoh, Chemistry; Richard Hock, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration; Jaime Ramos, Psychiatric Technician; Molly Schulps, Ceramics; and Craig Tomooka, Chemistry.

The managers are: Karen Cant, vice president of Administrative Services; Richard Fee, dean of Science/Engineering and Mathematics; John Sciacca, dean of Health Sciences; and Bob Simpson, the college’s executive vice president.

Allison Gotoh has been working at Cypress College since Fall 2004 as an instructor in the Chemistry Department. She earned all three of her degrees (B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.) in Chemistry at the University of California, Irvine — with undergraduate and graduate research projects in the field of Atmospheric Chemistry.

Gotoh primarily teaches introductory chemistry and general chemistry courses, along with an online chemistry course for non-science majors. In addition, she is teaching a hybrid chemistry course starting this Fall.

“My teaching goal is to become a good ‘catalyst’ for students’ learning process,” said Gotoh, who received recognition from the Associated Students with a nomination in the Orange County Teacher of the Year selection process in Spring 2007.

Gotoh is a faculty advisor for the Chemistry Club and has participated in various outreach activities with club members for local communities.

Richard Hock is a former Cypress College student who went back to the community college system for a technical skill after completing a bachelor’s of science in Business Administration. That technical skill was in air conditioning and refrigeration. From there, he has worked in food service refrigeration for over 20 years from design engineer, to sales, to administration. Earning an MBA in 2000, Richard has a different outlook on the business side of contracting.

“Traditional business school does not understand service contracting,” he said. “Service skills and principle foundations must consider...”
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business skills as well for success.”

Hock came to Cypress College as an adjunct faculty in 1996, He has taught 12 of the 15 classes offered by the air conditioning and refrigeration department, and he is HVAC Excellence Certified for a number of the classes he is currently teaching. Hock assumed the responsibilities of department coordinator and serves on the Student Learning Outcomes expanded committee as the vocational department representative.

“Vocational education in air conditioning and refrigeration is so very important in today's economy,” Hock said. “We are all so dependent upon it each day of our lives. Just open the door of your refrigerator inside our air conditioned homes … and that just scratches the surface of this industry.”

Jaime Ramos is an academic product of Cypress College. After serving five years of active duty in the U.S. Navy as Dental Technician, he joined Fairview Developmental Center as Pre-licensed Psychiatric Technician Candidate, a position which led him to enroll in the Psychiatric Technician Program at Cypress College. He completed the program, obtained his California LPT' license and entered the Registered Nursing Program at Cypress College.

Ramos subsequently completed the RN program, obtained his RN license and continued working at Fairview as a RN. He completed his bachelor’s of science in nursing from University of Phoenix, and now is enrolled full time in the Master’s in Nursing Education program there.

Ramos started as an adjunct faculty in the Psychiatric Technician program in the fall of 2002, and was hired “to do what he loves” as a full-time faculty in Fall 2004. He has served as mentor in the Puente Program and currently is serving as the Department Coordinator/Program Director of the Psychiatric Technician Program.

Molly Schulps was exposed to clay at an early age by her father who is a successful production potter and well respected in the field, and has been, primarily, a ceramist since 1995 although she also uses many other materials such as paint, wood, wax, wire, etc. She was a part-time lecturer at many different colleges and universities throughout Southern California.

Now the head of the Ceramics Program at Cypress College, she has exhibited her ceramic work nationally and has facilitated and presented at several ceramic workshops. Her work has always been somewhat figural, whether it is the figure or anthropomorphic forms, which has led her to the current exploration of sculptural animals. This newer work delves into the world of science, kitsch, and creation with a humorous hand to create a narrative

Schulps earned her master’s of fine arts, with distinction, from California State University, Northridge in 2001.

Schulps is also owner and operator of Scraffito Custom Ceramics, where she designs and fabricates architectural ceramics. In 2001, she co-organized a raku workshop for the California Arts Education Association, at California State University, Northridge. She also participated in Clay Day 2000, a multi-generational mentoring program among CSU, Northridge, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and The California Arts Education Association.

Craig Tomooka was raised in the city of Cypress, where he attended elementary, junior high, and Cypress High schools. His first college credits were earned at Cypress College. Tomooka earned his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from University of California, Irvine (summa cum laude), and his master's and doctoral degrees in Organic Chemistry from the California Institute of Technology. After receiving his Ph.D., Tomooka was employed as a Medicinal Chemist involved in the design, synthesis, and evaluation of potential drug candidates.

When he began his teaching career it was — no surprise — at Cypress College. He started as an adjunct faculty member. Since being hired full-time, he has focused much of his attention on reducing student costs and improving the safety of Chemistry laboratories. He implemented the use of custom laboratory manuals, which now saves chemistry students over $25,000 each year. He is also responsible for procuring over $50,000 in one-time funding to be used for upgrading chemical safety in the laboratory. He served two years in the Academic Senate, including one year as Treasurer, and is currently the Chemistry Department Coordinator.

Newly Tenured Faculty

Clockwise, from upper left, the newly tenured faculty are Allison Gotoh, Richard Hock, Jaime Ramos, Molly Schulps and Craig Tomooka.

New Managers

Cypress College’s new managers are (from left) Karen Cant, Richard Fee, John Sciacca, and Bob Simpson.
James D. Houston will deliver a lecture: Writing About California’s Crossroads Culture.

**Cypress College’s Theater**
**Tuesday, October 7th**
**11:30 to 12:30 pm.**

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

James D. Houston is the author of eight novels. His recent *Snow Mountain Passage*, about the infamous Donner party of 1846-47, was described in the Washington Post, as “dignified, powerful narrative of our shared American destiny,” and was cited by the Post, the San Francisco Chronicle, and the Los Angeles Times, as one of the year’s best books. He is probably best known for *Farewell to Manzanar*, co-authored with his wife, Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston. A true account of her family’s experience during and after the World War II internment, it is in its 67th printing from Bantam Books and a standard work in schools and colleges across the country. Mr. Houston will be discussing these two works, along with *Bird of Another Heaven* and *Where Light Takes Its Color From the Sea*. 
League Budget Update #18 - September 23, 2008

Governor Schwarzenegger Signs 2008-09 Budget

Today, Governor Schwarzenegger signed the 2008-09 state budget, ending an historic 85-day standoff. State funds--delayed since the impasse began July 1--should begin flowing to community colleges within the next 48 hours.

The local assistance budget (funds appropriated by the state to local districts) remains unchanged from our update last week. With the governor making over $700 million in line-item vetoes, this is welcome news for our colleges.

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Unfortunately, the System Office of the California Community Colleges, which had been scheduled to receive a $200,000 cut by the Legislature, was cut an additional $331,000 (for a total of $531,000) by the Governor today. These cuts are unallocated, and hamper an agency that has already been cut significantly and will likely create hurdles for the transition to the new state Chancellor, Senator Jack Scott.

Technical Details

**Cash Flow:** The budget includes a change in cash flow provided by the state to education agencies, including community colleges. Unlike previous years, state payments from January, February and March will be deferred to April. The League is coordinating a supplemental tax revenue anticipation notes (TRANs) issuance for districts that will need additional cash due to this change.

**Growth and Restoration:** One-year language included last year to prioritize restoration over enrollment growth was removed from the budget. Thus, restoration and enrollment growth will be treated separately and will both be deflected, if needed, accordingly.

**Budget Chart:** The Community College League’s Budget Chart will be available on the League website by midday tomorrow.

Thank you

I said it last week, when the budget bill was initially passed, but it’s worth saying again. While this budget is not one that will enable community colleges to meet all of the needs of our students, communities and hard-working faculty and staff, it could have been much worse. The governor and Legislature have recognized the importance of our colleges, particularly during this difficult economic time. Your advocacy—and more importantly, the hard work you do on campuses every day—made our case and protected our colleges from the most onerous cuts.

I joined Chancellor Diane Woodruff and Academic Senate President Mark Wade Lieu for a visit to Butte College today, where we saw examples of the great efforts to tackle our students’ basic skills needs and a rapidly growing nursing program. This budget protects the investments we have made in recent years, even during a time of significant belt-tightening.

The continued campaign for adequate funds to provide the student access and success expected by taxpayers begins tomorrow. Today, on behalf of the students and communities that your colleges serve—thank you for your strong voice.