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Ongoing
» A.S. Thanksgiving Food Drive (through November 20). Donation boxes located in every building.

14-16 • Friday-Sunday
» “The Time of Your Life,” Studio Theater, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Additional performances on Nov. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 23 at 4 p.m.

18 • Tuesday
» Rennie Harris - Hip Hop Artist, Theater, 12:1-3 p.m.

19 • Wednesday
» Celebration of Robert Chavez’s life, TE1-105, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

21-23 • Friday-Sunday
» “The Time of Your Life,” Studio Theater, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Dr. Kasler Presents Annual Report to NOCCCD Trustees, Chancellor

Dr. Kasler shared the college’s Strategic Plan, Institutional Effectiveness Report and End of the Year Report on Tuesday.

Dr. Kasler presented the 2007-2008 Cypress College Institutional Effectiveness Report and the Cypress College End of the Year Report to North Orange County Community College District Trustees and Dr. Doffoney on Tuesday night.

The Institutional Effectiveness Report contains information on: student, staff, and service area characteristics; measures of institutional effectiveness; instructional program review; student support services quality review; campus support services quality review; special programs quality review, results from campus surveys, student learning outcomes; and status on Strategic Plan Action Plans.

The End of the Year Report features progress being made in each of Cypress College’s five main directions to reach its vision of: “A premiere learning environment for student success and community enrichment.” The directions are: instruction, student support services, campus support services, campus climate, and community relations.

In his introduction to the End of the Year Report, Dr. Kasler wrote:

“… Not only was the year my first as president, but it was one of the best during my 15 years here at Cypress College. For starters, our enrollment continued its recovery from losses experienced during and following heavy budget cuts and increased fees in 2003. In addition to more students on campus, the college continued to see impressive growth in the area of grants – recording a jump of nearly $3 million between fiscal year 2003-2004 and 2007-2008.

“Without a doubt, however, the single highlight of the year was the opening of Cypress College’s new Student Center and Bookstore late in the spring semester. The Student Center provides, for the first time in campus history, a single spot on campus where students can seek assistance with a wide array of student services – from Admissions to Counseling, business transactions to Photo I.D.,

Auto Collision Student Gains National Honor

Bonnie Peterson, a student in Cypress College’s Automotive Collision Repair program, was the top collegiate scholarship winner of the “Influential Women of the Collision Repair Industry” program.

As part of the honor, Peterson receives a $5,000 award to help further her education and advancement in the collision industry. She is one of eight winners from a nationwide pool of students at

Celebration of Robert Chavez on Wednesday

Cypress College will celebrate the life and career of our friend and colleague, Robert Chavez on Wednesday, November 19. The bar-b-que will take place from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in the Automotive Technology Lab (TE1-105).

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Lidia Coman at ext. 47250, 47245 or via email.

The Hawaiian-attire event is being held to remember

Read the Reports

» Institutional Effectiveness Report
» 2007-2008 End of the Year Report
Related:
» Strategic Plan 2008-2011

They Said It

“Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die.”

– G.K. Chesterton

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CONTINUED: Dr. Kasler Gives His Annual Update to the NOCCCD Board and Chancellor

Assessment Testing to Transfer and Counseling services.
“… Opening of the buildings also completes the vision of a central gathering spot on campus, centered around the beautiful pond. The pond area now thrives with student activity as the Library/Learning Resource Center is located at the opposite end from the Student Center. Student Activities is located between the two buildings, while outdoor dining is now conveniently adjacent to the college’s café.
“… I am so proud of the work we do here at Cypress College. This is an outstanding college, with outstanding students, faculty and staff. We also appreciate the tremendous support from the eight communities we serve …”

CONTINUED: Celebration of Robert Chavez’s Life to be Held on Campus this Wednesday

Robert, his humor, dedication, and love for Cypress College and the Automotive Department.

Chavez, the Automotive Technology Shop Manager, was a Cypress College employee for nearly 35 years and was a finalist for the Outstanding Classified Employee of the Year at least three times — in 2004, 2007 and 2008 — since the program was established in 1999.

His family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Robert’s name to Animal Friends of the Valley, 33751 Mission Trail, Wildomar, CA 92595.

CONTINUED: Auto Collision Repair Student Earns National Recognition, $5,000 Scholarship

339 career and technical schools and colleges that are ASE-certified.

She is the only recipient from California.

Dan Snook, an instructor at Cypress College said, “Bonnie has always strived to do her best in a male dominated industry, completing assignments and given duties on or before due dates with great enthusiasm. A typical school day for Bonnie starts at 7:30 a.m. and finishes at 10 p.m., long after many other students have gone home.”

The award is presented by the I-CAR Education Foundation, in conjunction with AkzoNobel Coatings Inc. The Executive Committee of the Education Foundation Board of Trustees made the final selection of winners. Representation on the board is impressive, with members from: State Farm Insurance Companies; AkzoNobel Canada; CSI Complete; Seidner’s Collision Centers; Allstate Insurance Company; Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC; and True2Form Collision Repair Centers.

Student Success Stories Project Brings Sculptures of Students to Campus Before CCLC Convention

Sculptures depicting some of the successful students enrolled in California’s 110 community colleges are on display at Cypress College through November 19. The life-sized soft sculptures are intended to literally speak for our students — whose access to a higher education is jeopardized by looming state budget cuts.

The Student Success Stories Project, as it is known, was conceived as a way to explain why the California Community Colleges are a good investment in hopes of keeping the doors open for all students who need an affordable, high-quality college education.

Some 34 sculptures are on campus, representing 30 different campuses.

The art is being showcased at Cypress College in advance of the Community College League of California Conference, which opens at the Anaheim Hilton on November 21, and where the works can next be seen.

Their tour of the state will eventually bring them to the Capitol later this year where the project’s organizers hope they will have an influence on lawmakers who will determine the severity of retroactive current-year budget cuts to the community college system.

The Community College League of California estimates that the current proposal would eliminate more than a quarter of a million students.
To honor and celebrate the life of our friend and colleague
Robert Chavez

a special campus commemorative service -
visit with family and friends -
- bar-b-que and short video presentation -

Wednesday, November 19th
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in TE1 – 105
Automotive Technology Lab
No formal program is planned, so please come when you can, and stay as long as you wish.
Attire: Hawaiian

RSVP to Lidia Coman by Monday evening at ext. 47250, 47245 or lcoman@cypresscollege.edu
Dear Colleagues,

Today the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released an overview of the Governor's special session budget package in which they analyze the Governor's proposed budget solution and also provide additional budget options for the Legislature to consider.

In general, LAO concurs with the administration's economic and budget estimates. The Governor had pegged the two-year shortfall at approximately $24.2 billion—$11.2 billion in 2008-09 and $13 billion in 2009-10. LAO estimates the shortfall at $27.8 billion, attributing the difference in these projections to updated caseload and expenditure estimates.

LAO praises the Governor for taking a "balanced" approach that includes additional revenues in addition to further cuts. LAO generally concurs in the Governor's proposals for increased taxes, but also recommends that additional revenues be raised by a partial restoration of the Vehicle Licensing Fee—a tax increase that the Governor did not include in his recent proposal.

In today's report, LAO urges the Legislature to act quickly to address the state's fiscal crisis. They argue that doing so would have the following benefits:

* maximize options, in terms of both revenues and cuts
* allow local governments, districts, and agencies more time to prepare for the cuts
* allow time to take ballot measures, including tax increases and constitutional amendments, to the people for ratification

In regards to funding for schools and colleges (Proposition 98), LAO offers a proposal that is significantly different from the Governor's. To begin with, LAO's recommendation is weighted less toward mid-year cuts and instead identifies larger budget reductions for 2009-10. While the Governor proposes $2.5 billion in midyear cuts, LAO proposes $1 billion. For 2009-10, LAO recommends $2.25 billion in reductions compared to the Governor's proposed reduction of $700 million.

In addition, LAO recommends rejection of the Governor's proposed reduction in general purpose apportionment funds for schools and colleges and instead recommends targeted cuts. In its special session package, the administration proposed cutting general purpose apportionments to schools and colleges and then providing districts with the flexibility to redirect categorical funds as needed to absorb the cuts.

Below are LAO's specific recommendations related to the community college budget:

**Current Year, 2008-09**

* Eliminate the 0.68 percent COLA provided in the 2008-09 State Budget. This proposal would generate $39.8 million in savings to the state.
* Increase the credit fee to $26 per unit (up from $20 per unit), effective January 1, 2009. LAO estimates that this proposal would generate $40 million in the current year; all of these funds would be used to generate cost savings to the state.
* Reduce funding for "certain credit-bearing physical education courses (such as pilates, racquetball, and golf)" to the regular noncredit rate. LAO estimates that this proposal would generate $60 million in cost savings to the state.

**Budget Year, 2009-10**

* Further increase the credit fee to $30 per unit, effective July 1, 2009. LAO estimates that this proposal would generate $120 million in the budget year; all of these funds would be used to generate cost savings to the state.
* Apply the regular noncredit funding rate to additional "enrichment courses (such as ballroom dancing, drawing, and photography)." LAO estimates that this proposal would generate $200 million in cost savings to the state.

LAO's recommendation will provide additional fodder for upcoming budget negotiations and may gain traction in the budget process. However, as non-partisan advisers to the Legislature, LAO's recommendations are often ignored or significantly modified as politics and real world considerations come to bear.

Whether or not the current Legislature will pass any budget revisions before their term comes to an end on November 30 is very much up in the air at this point. Many folks in the Legislature appear very skeptical about the chances of a deal coming together. However, the magnitude of the state's fiscal crisis is so large that state leaders will feel great pressure to do something.

The Assembly Budget Committee will hold a hearing on Friday, November 14 to debate the Governor's special session proposal. That hearing may provide some indication of what is likely to unfold in the coming weeks.

We will stay engaged and keep you informed of any developments on the budget front.

Regards,

Erik Skinner

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This e-mail was scanned for viruses by Cypress College.
The Cypress College Theater and Dance Department proudly presents William Saroyan’s comedy, “The Time of Your Life”, directed by Mark Majarian.

**Performance Dates:**
November 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd at 8:00 p.m.
November 16th and 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Studio Theater
General Admission Tickets: $12.00
Box Office: 714-484-7200

As a snapshot of America singing the blues of the Great Depression and living under the shadow of war, *The Time of Your Life* embraced passions close to Saroyan’s heart — optimism, romantic love, the power of hope, love of country, compassion for those trapped by the whispered painful truths of poverty. Saroyan celebrates the value of a life lived fully in pursuit of something larger than oneself rather than a life impoverished by the sole pursuit of money. Saroyan beckons us to remember that every man is a variation of ourselves and to live the time of our lives with a smile to the infinite delight and mystery of it.

These sentiments have gained renewed relevance at this present time in America.

For further information, please contact director Mark Majarian at (714) 484-7205 or mmajarian@cypresscollege.edu.
Rennie Harris at Cypress College

Please come join THE CYPRESS COLLEGE THEATER AND DANCE DEPARTMENT in welcoming the internationally renowned

HIP HOP ARTIST, MR. RENNIE HARRIS

Mr. Harris, the founder and Artistic Director of RENNIE HARRIS PUREMOVEMENT, is going to be a GUEST SPEAKER, hosted by the THEATER AND DANCE DEPARTMENT. The event is funded by the CYPRESS COLLEGE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE, whose Chair is DR. MICHAEL KASLER.

LOCATION AND TIME:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 2008
12:00 p.m. TO 1:30 P.M.
IN THE CAMPUS THEATER
ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

Please park in lot #1. Parking is not included. Please purchase a $2 “One Day” parking pass from the yellow vending machine located in front of the Business Building and place on your dashboard before attending the event.