UPCOMING

21-23 • Friday-Sunday
  » “The Time of Your Life,” Studio Theater, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday.
25 • Tuesday
  » Welcome to SCE Dean Valentina Purtell, SCE-118, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
  » NOCCCD Board of Trustees meeting, Anaheim Campus, 5:30 p.m.
27-30 • Thursday-Sunday
  » Thanksgiving holiday (campus closed)
2 • Tuesday
  » 4th annual Kwanzaa event, Theater Lobby, 3-5 p.m.
3 • Wednesday
  » Holiday Art Sale, Art Gallery, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
4 • Thursday
  » Holiday Art Sale, Art Gallery, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
  » President’s Holiday Reception, Theater Lobby, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.
  » Budget forum, CCPLX-414, noon-1 p.m.
  » Mozart Midnight Madness Memorial concert, 11:30 p.m.-1 a.m.
5 • Friday
  » Faculty Dance Concert, Theater, 8 p.m.
6 • Saturday
  » Voice Class Concert and Recital, FA-304, 7 p.m.
  » Faculty Dance Concert, Theater, 8 p.m.
7 • Sunday
  » Jazz Band Concert, FA-304, 4 p.m.
  » Faculty Dance Concert, Theater, 4 p.m.
8 • Monday
  » Vocal Jazz Ensemble with Kate Reid Trio, Theater, 7 p.m.

November 21, 2008, Newsletter from President Michael J. Kasler

Dr. Kasler and Dr. Doffoney to hold Campus Budget Forum on Dec. 4

The event will also feature Vice Chancellor Fred Williams. It will be held from noon-1 p.m. in CCPLX-414.

A campus budget forum will be held on Thursday, December 4, from noon-1 p.m., in CCPLX-414.

The forum is being held for NOCCCD Chancellor Dr. Ned Doffoney, Vice Chancellor Fred Williams and Dr. Kasler to give a presentation and lead a discussion about anticipated budget cuts.

Participants will learn about implications to Cypress College and the District and what plans are being made to address these issues.

Saturday is Last Day to Drop with ‘W’

Saturday, November 22, is the last day for students to drop semester length classes with a “W” appearing on their transcript. This date is revised from what appeared in the fall 2007 class schedule. In addition, it is also the last day to increase/decrease variable unit classes. Additional information is available from the Admissions and Records Office.

‘Pull for Cypress’ Campaign Sets Records

The Foundation’s formal faculty and staff fundraising campaign — “Pull for Cypress” — has concluded for the year with “exceptional results” reported. The number of donors jumped 50% to 153, and the total raised climbed 21%, to $36,760. The numbers are even more impressive considering that last year was a very good year in itself. “Your support is deeply appreciated,” said Raúl Alvarez. “On behalf of the many students who are the beneficiaries of your generosity, thank you for your support.”

New Title V Grant Planning Meetings Set

Three meetings to develop and write the new 5-year Title V Grant proposal have been set for Mondays, November 24, December 1 and December 8. Each takes place from 3-5 p.m. The meetings will facilitate writing a grant for $600,000 a year over five years to develop new programs or revise programs that do not have high retention, success, or persistence rates.

Upcoming: Kwanzaa, Art Sale, New SCE Dean

The college’s 4th annual Kwanzaa event will be held on Tuesday, December 2, from 3-5 p.m. in the Theater Lobby. Dr. Amen Rahh will be the keynote speaker.

The annual Holiday Art Sale takes place Wednesday, December 3, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and Thursday, December 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Art Gallery.

A Reception to welcome the new SCE Dean Valentina Purtell, is Tuesday, November 25, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
You're Invited to
Join Your Colleagues and Friends
at the Cypress College President's Holiday Reception
Thursday, December 4, 2008
9:30 to 11:00 am
in the Theater Lobby
RSVP to the President's Office
714/484-7308 or email
phumpres@cypresscollege.edu
Campus Budget Forum
December 4, 2008, 12—1:00 p.m.
CCC 4th floor, Room 414
(Brown Bag—bring your lunch!)

Chancellor Ned Doffoney, Vice Chancellor Fred Williams, and President Mike Kasler will give a presentation and lead a discussion about anticipated budget cuts. Learn about implications to the District and Cypress College and what plans are being made to address budget issues. This is an opportunity to get the latest information and have your questions answered.

In a recent press release from the California Community Colleges System Office, Chancellor Diane Woodruff, states: “...the severity of the state’s budget crisis will require all Californians to sacrifice. However we are deeply concerned that the proposed cuts to the community colleges would negatively impact many thousand unemployed Californians seeking training and slow the state’s economic recovery. The proposed $332.2 million reduction would leave the colleges without the funding to serve approximately 64,000 full-time equivalent students, in addition to the 100,000 that are currently unfunded.”
Cypress Chronicle Senior Editor Edward Derbes, Editor in Chief Diana Arbas and Creative Editor Chrystal Hartberg spoke on a panel and fielded audience questions about Divergence Magazine Nov. 15, at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) SoCal Conference at California State University-Fullerton.

Thirteen Chronicle staff members attended workshops, competed in contests or networked with other journalism students, instructors and industry professionals at the two-day conference. The Chronicle staff left the conference with five awards in writing, photojournalism and videojournalism.

Derbes and Arbas launched Divergence, a monthly student news magazine, this fall. The two editors used unorthodox advertising and recruiting methods over the summer and built new staff with volunteers who responded to Craigslist posts and on-campus fliers — like Hartberg and Chronicle Photographer Scott Hirano.

Derbes, Arbas and Hartberg discussed the experience on a panel titled, "Divergence: Creating New Media Formats in the Age of Convergence."

That night, CyChron.com, which is edited around the clock by Arbas and Photo Editor Kenny Rivera, won a plaque for General Excellence. Derbes won plaques in the Online Photo and Opinion categories. Michael Bislig, a journalism student who contributed to the Chronicle last semester, won a certificate in the Editorial Cartoon category. C-Scope, the weekly web newscast produced by Geoffrey Miguel last semester, won recognition as well.


Arbas and Derbes skipped conference workshops and competitions to ask for impromptu time with professionals like Norb Garrett, Editorial Director at Miller Publishing Group, who ran a workshop titled, "Merging Media: A Magazine Case Study." Garrett directed the strategic execution of multi-media platforms for magazines like Tennis and SPIN, according to the conference program.

Garrett quickly reviewed Divergence, complimented Arbas and Derbes on their work and answered their questions on how to improve the magazine’s content, design and campus visibility. Garrett told the student editors not to “under sell” their product. He also invited them to send him a copy of the next issue of Divergence.

"I learn more in 20 or 30 minutes of chatting over coffee on some bench somewhere than I do in a one-hour workshop," Arbas wrote in an email to the Chronicle staff.

The only thing Arbas wanted from the conference was feedback on her work from a professor or media professional outside of Cypress College. "...and I want to learn how to do what we do "better,“ she wrote to her staff. "I challenge you to get feedback on your work too."
Invites You to Celebrate

Kwanzaa
A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture

Special Guest: Dr. Amen Rahh
Founder of the Department of Black/Africana Studies
California State University, Long Beach
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
Cypress College Theater Lobby
3:00-5:00 p.m.
ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART SALE
Wednesday, December 3, 2008   9:00am-8:00pm
Thursday, December 4, 2008   9:00am-3:00pm
Fine Arts Gallery

The CYPRESS COLLEGE ANNUAL HOLIDAY ART SALE includes hundreds of one-of-a-kind art objects in a wide range of styles and all at remarkably reasonable prices. Items on sale include paintings, prints, photographs, greeting cards, jewelry, ceramics, glass, clothing accessories, home accessories, and more. Cypress College art students as well as professional artists from both Orange County and Los Angeles County will be participating in this event.

This sale is the ideal place to find unique gifts for hard-to-please friends and relatives as well as items for one's own purposes and for the special needs of the holidays. For the acutely observant shopper, there are even a few items for free!

Proceeds from the sale are used to support the Cypress College Fine Arts Gallery and its educational programs.

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Governor’s Mid-Year Budget Reductions Include Major Cuts to the Community Colleges

SACRAMENTO – The mid-year budget proposal just released by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger includes $332.2 million in proposed mid-year cuts to the California Community Colleges. This cut would come on top of the $290 million reduction included in the recently enacted 2008-09 State Budget.

“These proposed cuts come at the worst possible time for the community colleges, as they struggle to serve a flood of displaced workers seeking to upgrade their job skills,” said Chancellor Diane Woodruff. “With California’s unemployment rate rising to 7.7 percent, the colleges are experiencing a 10.2 percent increase in enrollments, roughly 100,000 full-time students beyond the level for which the colleges are funded. Our colleges always step up when the economy is in a downturn and this time is no different, however it will require additional resources to sustain this effort.”

Chancellor Woodruff noted that she realizes that the severity of the state’s budget crisis will require all Californians to sacrifice. “However we are deeply concerned that the proposed cuts to the community colleges would negatively impact many thousand unemployed Californians seeking training and slow the state’s economic recovery,” she said. “The proposed $332.2 million reduction would leave the colleges without the funding to serve approximately 64,000 full-time equivalent students, in addition to the 100,000 that are currently unfunded.”

The California Community Colleges educate more than 2.7 million students annually, making it the largest system of higher education in the nation. The California Community Colleges, comprised of 110 colleges across the state, prepare the majority of the California workforce. Seventy-percent of California nurses received their education at a California Community College. Eighty-percent of state’s firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical technicians are trained at a California Community College.

“Our colleges are the state’s economic engine, providing the California economy with the skilled workers it needs to compete,” Chancellor Woodruff added. “As a state, we need to find a way to give the colleges the resources they need to keep the doors open.
“While we have concerns about the proposed cuts, I applaud the governor for standing up for a balanced approach that includes new revenues. The quick collapse of the recently enacted state budget proves that a budget built only on cuts, short-term fixes, and borrowing cannot address the challenges the state faces,” said Chancellor Woodruff. “We remain committed to working with Governor Schwarzenegger and the Legislature to help solve this fiscal crisis and get California’s economy back on track.”

The California Community Colleges is the largest higher education system in the nation comprised of 72 districts and 110 colleges with more than 2.7 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training and basic skills education, prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions and offer opportunities for personal enrichment and lifelong learning. The System Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit www.cccco.edu

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League Budget Update #23: November 11, 2008
LAO: Increase fees to $30 per unit; cut "enrichment" classes

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), which is the nonpartisan advisor to the Legislature, today issued a report analyzing the governor's proposed midyear cuts and making suggestions of its own.

In the report, the LAO generally endorses the governor's revenue proposals, but also calls for a partial restoration of the higher vehicle license fee ("car tax"). Additionally, the LAO recommends taking action now on deeper cuts for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

For community colleges, the LAO recommends:

- Eliminating the 0.68% COLA adopted in the budget act
- No 5% cut to the general apportionment
- Increasing fees to $26 per unit on January 1, 2009 and to $30 on July 1, 2009
- Reducing funding to the regular noncredit rate for:
  - "certain credit-bearing physical education classes (such as pilates, racquetball and golf)" effective January 1, 2008
  - "additional enrichment courses (such as ballroom dancing, drawing and photography)" effective July 1, 2009

Upon full implementation, the reduction in reimbursement rates would cut community college funding by $200 million in 2009-10. Colleges would not be able to keep the $120 million in increased fees.

Read the entire report.
Meet The New SCE Dean!

Join us as we welcome Valentina Purtell, our New Dean of Instruction and Student Services here at the Cypress Campus, on Tuesday, November 25th from 2:30 – 3:30 pm in SCECYP – 118 Multi-Purpose Room.

Refreshments will be served.