

THIS WEEK

- 5 • Friday**
 - » Faculty Dance Concert, Theater, 8 p.m.
- 6 • Saturday**
 - » 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.
- 9 • Tuesday**
 - » NOCCCD Board of Trustees meeting, Anaheim Campus, 5:30 p.m.
 - » Cypress College Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert, Theater, 7 p.m.
- 10 • Wednesday**
 - » Choreographers' Showcase, Theater, 7 p.m.
- 11 • Thursday**
 - » Academic Senate, CCPLX-419, 3-5 p.m.
 - » Musical Theater Revue, Theater, 7 p.m.
- 12 • Friday**
 - » Acting Class Recital, Theater, 8 p.m.

THEY SAID IT

“Optimists enrich the present, enhance the future, challenge the improbable and attain the impossible.”

– William Arthur Ward

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Core Values:

Excellence

Integrity

Collegiality

Inclusiveness

Chancellor's Budget Update: 'These are Times We Haven't Seen'

► District's plan is to focus on five areas: enrollment, productivity, vacant positions, employee benefits and salary rollbacks.

NOCCCD Chancellor Ned Doffoney and Vice Chancellor Fred Williams hosted an on-campus budget forum with Dr. Kasler on Tuesday — and the news was not good.

The forum was scheduled in response to the state's budget crisis, which is expected to result in retroactive, current-year budget cuts and even deeper cuts next year.

An estimated district-wide \$10 million cut this year (2008-09) is expected to be managed through spending slow-downs and carry-over funds from previous years.

The chancellor's campus visit is part of the planning process in anticipation of cuts that could be as high as \$15 million next year (2009-10). The discussion is intended to jump start discussion in the various constituency groups about ideas to handle the cuts. Input from that process will be used to formulate recommendations around the time of the Governor's 2009-10 Budget Proposal in early to mid-January.

"We intend to hear your voices," Dr. Doffoney said to the audience that filled CCPLX-414 for the noontime forum.

Dr. Kasler opened the forum by noting that "at times like this, we become stronger."

In his opening remarks, Dr. Doffoney recalled the financial difficulties experienced after the passage of Proposition 13 and the Orange County bankruptcy. However, the magnitude of the financial situation over the next 20 months is even more dire, he noted.

"These are times we haven't seen," Dr. Doffoney said.

The District will not manage the crisis with "across-the-board" cuts, he said, since those would likely be so deep as to render programs ineffective. Priorities will be placed first on instructional programs and second on student services.

"Things won't happen as they have always happened," he said, adding that the District will value its employees, but will not focus on places and things.

Williams shared that now is the time to make planned cuts, rather than delaying action and taking a reactionary approach down the road. He also reiterated the Chancellor's comments about placing a value and focus on the people who are employed in the District. Finally, he noted that the plan includes adhering to a Board policy that requires maintaining a 5% budget contingency.

Aside from those three things, "everything else is on the table," Williams said.

The plan, he said, is to focus on five areas: enrollment, productivity, vacant positions, employee benefits and salary rollbacks or furloughs.

More than 88% of the total District budget is allocated to employee salaries and benefits, he said.

ISP Featured in Magazine

Cypress College's International Students Program is featured in the current edition of [*OC Life magazine*](#). Students at six schools are highlighted.

Basketball Court Named for Don Johnson

Cypress College's Gym II basketball court is now named Don Johnson Court, following action by the NOCCCD Board of Trustees on November 25. After 27 years at Cypress, Johnson retired in 1994 as the most successful men's basketball coach in the history of California community colleges. With a career record of 588-259, he earned seven conference titles and a pair of state championships in 1977 and 1980. He was inducted into the O.C. Sports Hall of Fame.

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PRINCIPLES FOR BUDGET REDUCTIONS

As Cypress College makes budget reductions we will keep in mind our vision, our mission, and our core values:

Vision

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

Mission

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.

Core Values

Excellence, Integrity, Collegiality, Inclusiveness

Cypress College is committed to promoting student success and contributing to intercultural understanding and the economic development of the surrounding community. The college offers certificates, degree, vocational, and transfer education, as well as developmental and student services programs, in a student-centered learning environment.

The following principles will guide the decisions that are made:

1. Commitment to making decisions that are aligned with our long and short term plans such as the Educational Master Plan and the Student Services Master Plan.
2. Maintain student access to courses to the greatest extent possible.
3. Maintain student access to programs/services to the greatest extent possible.
4. Make reductions in ways that have the least negative impact on students, faculty, and staff.
5. Recognize that student services are a critical part of the college mission.
6. When evaluating the need to reduce, merge or eliminate programs and services, the following are to be taken into consideration:
 - * Program or service redundancy
 - * The long term effects of the decision
 - * The need to minimize the impact upon permanent positions
7. Consider the long-term impact prior to eliminating full-time positions.
8. Transition existing full-time staff to vacancies if necessary and whenever possible.
9. Utilize all available technology to save money even if there is an initial cost for providing the technology.
10. Make reductions with a global view of the college in mind, rather than focusing on what's best for a single program, service, or subset of the campus population.
11. To the greatest extent possible avoid canceling classes if cancellations would likely have a long-term impact on enrollment and FTES.
12. Keep an eye on the future and our return to growth that will follow the current budget crisis.

In addition to these principles, the college will increase efforts to obtain external funding in order to provide essential programs and services.

O.C.'s International Students

By Michele Ma

Orange County is a premier vacation destination. With its pristine beaches and world-class attractions, using more than 44 million tourists a year, it should come as no surprise that the area is also a choice destination for international students hailing from countries around the globe. They come here to study the English language, American culture, and the way of life here in "the O.C.," while openly sharing their own heritage with their host families, friends, and classmates.

Recently, we asked some of Orange County's international students about how their local educational experience compares to their schooling back in their native country. Here are their responses:

Ben Thompson-Star Cypress College

Ben is a native Australian who has been living in the O.C. since January 2008. "I love living in the O.C. because it's so close to everything you can imagine, yet it still has the feeling of being in a suburb," he says. "I love that I live 10 minutes from Disneyland, Knott's, the beach, at least 3 malls, 42 minutes from L.A., and an hour from the snow!" He says that Orange County provides the ultimate lifestyle for his adventurous personality, but recalls that going to school in the O.C. is not that different from Australia. "The major difference is probably that it does not because you just seem to think I talk funny or something!" he jokes.

Katya Breck Santiago Canyon College

Katya is from Russia and has been in America since 2002. She is currently a student at Santiago Canyon College and thinks Orange County is a beautiful place. "I love the amusement parks, beaches, malls, and just there are so many job opportunities," Katya expressed. "My school experience in America has given me an opportunity to have many of my dreams come true," she exclaimed. "Here, I can get a career and enjoy life. In Russia, there were not many options in life, especially careers. Even if a person got a high school diploma, they still worked at it they never received it. Unfortunately, not every people believed in education because it seemed very pointless. If they got a college diploma, then there was hope. I am grateful for school and the U.S., I am pursuing, working in my field that I will fulfill my dreams."

Ngoc Nguyen Coastline Community College

Ngoc is from Vietnam and has been in Orange County for ten months. Ngoc came to study English at Coastline Community College and has recently transitioned into their general program to obtain her degree. When asked what she likes best about Orange County, Ngoc replied, "The weather... and I also like the food too because there is a lot of Vietnamese food. I don't feel homesick anymore!" Ngoc has found that learning English in America this immersion compared to learning it

in Vietnam has plenty of advantages. "I have the opportunity to practice English more and develop my speaking, listening, and writing skills. I can study with modern equipment. I not only come to class and follow my instructors but also learn by myself more and more. Although I have to work a little more time to do a project, presentation and research which I have rarely done before. I like the way to study here because it helps me improve so much."

Marlin Babovic Corona del Mar High School

Marlin arrived in Orange County from Serbia just a few months ago and is currently completing his senior year at Corona del Mar High School. He plays on Corona del Mar's water polo team and was recently named one of the top "Players to watch" by the U.C. Herald. Marlin enjoys Orange County because "the weather is beautiful all the time and everything is new." However, there are some obvious differences in Orange County schools compared to ones in Serbia. "Here I have only 5 classes a day, (one I used to have 14 or 15 classes!)"

Samuel Frank Mboya Irvine Valley College

Samuel is from Tanzania and has attended Irvine Valley College since the summer of 2006. He is currently completing his general education courses to pursue a bachelors degree in bio-chemistry. Although, he hopes to gain admission to a pharmaceutical

program at the university level. He is currently applying to private and out-of-state pharmaceutical schools, where he is looking for scholarships. Samuel is a captain and is currently sponsored by his uncle. In addition to his studying at IVC, he also works in the IVC library on a part-time basis to help pay for some of his expenses. "I enjoy the culture and the different people I meet in Orange County," Samuel said. "I feel very fortunate to have had so many educational opportunities at Irvine Valley College. In Tanzania, I did not have many opportunities for a quality education."

Daphne Gope Cypress College

Daphne has been in Orange County for almost three years and has found numerous things to love since arriving from Gabon, "Philippines." "O.C. is a melting pot. I've never felt out of place ever since I moved here. From people to restaurants, it has a mix of everything." Daphne noticed that students in Orange County are usually forced to juggle work and school, something she wasn't familiar with back home. "In my country, I didn't have to work while I was in school. When I moved here, I realized that many students work while going to school. That means you have to juggle your studies, social life, and your work schedule, trying to fit it all in your already busy life."

Seung-Jin Lee, Cypress College

Seung-Jin is from South Korea and has been

in Orange County for two and a half years. "The O.C. is a good place to live because it has nice weather and it is peaceful. Also there are a lot of a inclusive (having different) ones. Whenever I have a chance to go somewhere on week-ends, holidays and during vacation I try to go to the beaches and mountains," he said. Seung-Jin notes that the educational system in South Korea is very different from what he has experienced here in California. He notes that there are fewer students in classroom here, which helps him to focus his studies, and he appreciates how instructors regularly follow up with their students.

Jana Kotrcova Orange Coast College

Jana is from Prague, Czech Republic and arrived in Orange County in August. She loves the beach and is already learning how to surf. "I appreciate how many people care about the green environment," she said of her new O.C. neighbors. When not at the beach, Jana can be found studying at Orange Coast College (OCC). "I am in love with the OCC library. The library has Czech books, which makes it a special place for me." Jana has also discovered that attending school in the U.S. is a bit different than in the Czech Republic. "In the U.S., college and university levels of education are not more academically and less fun-to-learn. And here, the ground is composed from diverse activities," she explained.



Cypress College international students including Ben Thompson (left), Daphne Gope (third from right), and Seung-Jin Lee (far right) with their native friends around the globe.



Jana Kotrcova is an international student from Prague, taking a break from her studies at Orange Coast College to enjoy one of the O.C.'s many coffee houses.



A native of Russia, Katya Breck is happy to be studying here in the O.C. as a student at Santiago Canyon College. Here, she is enjoying one of her local beaches with her brother, Andrey Pavlov.



Marlin Babovic (center) posing with his Corona del Mar High School classmates.



Current student, Ngoc Nguyen, came from Vietnam to study English in her college's ESL program but has since transitioned into Coastline's general program to pursue her degree.



Samuel Frank Mboya, an Irvine Valley College student from Tanzania, visits the IVC library to help research his research.