Encourage Students to Apply for Financial Aid Now for 2009-2010

Students who plan on attending Cypress College or transferring next year should complete applications now.

Please let our students know that now is the time to apply for Financial Aid for the 2009-2010 school year — and encourage them to take that step.

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as FAFSA, is the first step in the financial aid process. The FAFSA can be completed in the Financial Aid Office, or — more conveniently — online through the campus website.

Students can visit the Financial Aid office website at http://www.cypresscollege.edu/admissions/financialAid to apply for aid now.

The application should be completed by students who plan on being at Cypress College next year and those who will be transferring to any California college or university.

The deadline to apply for financial aid is March 2, 2009 for priority consideration for grants, work-study opportunities or federally guaranteed loans.

New resources, including the updated 2009-2010 financial aid checklist, have been added to the college’s financial aid web page. These items are made available to help guide students through the application process. The Financial Aid office’s goal is to ensure that students receive the maximum financial aid available.

The Financial Aid office has several computers available for students to use for completing the FAFSA. Friendly staff can also assist as needed.

The Financial Aid office is located on the first floor of the Cypress College Complex and can be reached at (714) 484-7114 for more information.

January 16, 2009, Newsletter from President Michael J. Kasler

Basketball Coach Don Johnson Honored with Court Dedication

Don Johnson, who recorded more victories than any other California Community College basketball coach, was honored on January 7 when the main court at Cypress College was dedicated in his name. During the ceremony, which took place prior to the Cypress College men’s basketball game against Riverside Cypress, College's Gym II basketball court became Don Johnson Court.

After 27 years at Cypress, Johnson retired in 1994 with a career record of 588-259, and 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.

@Cypress is published each week. If you would like to have items included, please contact Marc Posner in the Public Information Office at ext. 47006 or mposner@CypressCollege.edu.

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THEY SAID IT

“One piece of log creates a small fire, adequate to warm you up, add just a few more pieces to blast an immense bonfire, large enough to warm up your entire circle of friends; needless to say that individuality counts but team work dynamites.”

— Jin Kwon

Now Showing: Digital Cinema Film Festival

More than 40 short films written, directed, filmed and edited by students in Cypress College’s Digital Cinema Program are being screened on YouTube as the “Digital Cinema Student Film Festival 09.”

All films were created in the college’s Digital Video and Computer Animation classes.

Film topics include the environment, world hunger, political protest, immigration, unemployment, love, childhood, drug addiction, humor, drama, horror and abstract film works. Visitors to the online film festival can vote for their favorite films, leave comments and interact.

Student filmmakers include, Alex Adams, Shannon Baker, Brian Brown, Jimena Gamio, Juan Hernandez, Ben Lin, Eve Mallet, Micah Montes, Jay Pangan, Aaron Peters, Terrence Pringle, Lance Sheidenberger, Laura Smilkenstein, Kyle Spaberg and many others. The works can be viewed at: http://www.youtube.com/cypressdigitalcinema.
Help for Students Available from Student Support Services Division

Here are some important resources available to assist students with a successful transition to the Spring semester.

Financial Aid for Spring 2009 is available

If students express concern about having to pay for textbooks, fees, housing, transportation, or supplies, the friendly staff in the Financial Aid Office will assist and explain options to the students one-on-one. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this valuable resource. Financial aid is a key factor for the retention of students at Cypress College. The Financial Aid Office is located on the first floor of the Cypress College Complex. The new website has comprehensive information and resources for students posted, including scholarship information.

Student Success Week is coming Feb. 23-26

Student Support Services will host Student Success Week this Spring. This event showcases the college’s support programs, including EOPS, CARE, CalWORKS, Student Activities, and the Learning Resource Center’s Academic Support Programs. The event is held by the new Student Center and is intended to promote awareness of campus support services that support student learning (tutoring, book services, counseling, child care, work study, etc.). Reminders will be sent to students via e-mail prior to the event.

Financial Aid Pilot Program

Brief financial aid presentations made in classrooms during Spring 2008 and Fall 2008 yielded many new financial aid recipients and thankful students. The opportunity to bring this information to the classroom proved to be an effective way to reach those in need.

As a result, faculty who would like to schedule a 5–10 minute visit are asked to contact Keith Cobb, Financial Aid Director, at ext. 47116 or kcobb@cypresscollege.edu.
Cypress Court Dedicated as the “Don Johnson Court”

January 7, 2009

Cypress, Calif. - Cypress College’s basketball court was christened the “Don Johnson Court” Wednesday night during a ceremony to honor the Chargers’ former Men’s Basketball coach. Johnson joined hundreds of guests including over fifty former Cypress players to dedicate the court in his honor. Former players Dave Holmquist and John Moore, head coaches at Biola and Westmont respectively, spoke at the dedication ceremony to honor their former coach. Former Cypress Sports Information Director Al Lombardi and current Athletic Director Diane Henry also joined in the ceremony to celebrate Johnson.

Johnson was touched by the honor telling Lombardi, “This was the most memorable night of my and Collette’s life.” Several of Johnson’s family members including his wife Collette were present to witness the ceremony. Johnson spoke to the crowd on the new Don Johnson Court telling the crowd, “As I look out on this floor in years to come, I will see not so much my name, but beneath these letters. I will see all the bright, shiny, eager young faces who struggled here and to them I am forever grateful.”

Johnson, who retired from Cypress in 1994 as California’s all-time winningest community college men’s hoop coach, built a 588-259 record in 27 years with the Chargers. His teams won two state titles and he coached future NBA standouts Mark Eaton and Swen Nater. As a player, Johnson was a star at Fullerton College (1948-50) and UCLA (1950-52). He earned All-American recognition under the tutelage of John Wooden with the Bruins. For the past twelve years, Johnson has been an assistant coach at Biola University.

View photos: http://www.flickr.com/photos/cypresschargers/sets/721576122832977715/show/
More than 40 short films written, directed, filmed and edited by Cypress College students can be viewed on our Youtube film festival site. All films were created in the ACG 180-Digital Video and ACG 104 & 121, Computer Animation classes. Film topics include the environment, world hunger, political protest, immigration, unemployment, love, childhood, drug addiction, humor, drama, horror and abstract film works. Visit our online film festival at the web site listed above and vote for your favorite films by rating the movies using the five star rating method. Leave comments and interact. If you like what you see and want to learn to make your own short films, enroll in ACG 180 or ACG 104 this semester.

Student Filmmakers include, Alex Adams, Shannon Baker, Brian Brown, Jimena Gamio, Juan Hernandez, Ben Lin, Eve Mallet, Micah Montes, Jay Pangan, Aaron Peters, Terrence Pringle, Lance Sheidenberger, Laura Smilkenstein, Kyle Spaberg and many others.

Digital Cinema is a program in the Art Computer Graphics Department (ACG)
WELCOME TO ANOTHER NEW SEMESTER AT CYPRRESS COLLEGE FROM ACADEMIC COMPUTING AND MEDIA SERVICES

The Academic Computing and Media Services Department is located on the back side of the Theatre Arts building (behind the Gallery). There are signs near the area and on the door. The best way to show you the new location is with a diagram (included as an attachment).

Academic Computing and Media Services Department Hours of Operation
Normal Hours of Operation are 7:00 AM – 8:30 PM, Monday through Friday

Walk-in Hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Fridays (entry during non walk-in hours will require a call to 484-7157 prior to entry).

Administrative Support (RQ's and Purchase Orders)
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Phone Number: 484-7109

Campus Desktop Support
7:00 AM to 8:30 PM Phone Number: 484-7157

Computer Help Desk
7:30 AM to 8:30 PM Phone Number: 484-7157

Multimedia Support
7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Phone Number: 484-7113
4:00 PM to 6:30 PM Phone Number: 484-7157

Services provided during the hours of 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Routine and emergency, computer, network, and system issues
- Routine and emergency Media equipment issues
- WebStar pin reset (must be preceded by a call from your division office for verification)
- Novell login help (for shared drive access)
- Citrix password reset
- E-mail password reset

Note: If calling in for a password reset, some confirmation of identity will be required. Otherwise you will need to walk in for a password reset.

Services provided during the hours of 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM
- Network service outage/issues
- Multimedia equipment outage/issues
- Desktop outage (if critical to operations)

Routine support calls will be handled as schedule and time permits.

It is our pleasure to support the Cypress College Campus and we are looking forward to a wonderful semester!
SHARING
BEST PRACTICES
in Instruction and Student Services
A Collaborative Flex Event
Friday, February 6, 2009

The majority of the students who come to Cypress College are underprepared for college-level work: only 23% of the students in Fall 2008 assessed into English 100 classes and only 19% assessed into Math 100 classes. They do not know how to read textbooks, take notes, write reports and research papers, or study for tests. They are unaware of the campus resources available to them. As instructors, librarians, and counselors, you have developed strategies and activities designed to help your students succeed.

Come and share your best practices—and your challenges—with your colleagues on Friday, February 6, from 8:45 am to 1 pm. You will learn from your colleagues and earn 5 hours of flex credit as well. Nutritious snacks and coffee/tea/soft drinks/water will be provided.

Before you attend this collaborative event, you will be asked to write a description of one successful strategy and one instructional challenge (not to exceed 1 page each) that must be submitted electronically by January 28. These descriptions will be bound into a book that will be distributed to all participants before the event.

1. Description of a personally attempted instructional technique that has been successful.
2. Description of an instructional problem or challenge needing to be met or solved.

If you are interested in participating in this collaborative event and earning flex credit, please read and sign the statement below. Cut off the bottom third of this page and send to Nancy Deutsch, Staff Development Office, by Friday, January 23.

I will attend the “Sharing Best Practices” collaborative event on February 6, 2009.

I will email Nancy Deutsch ndeutsch@cypresscollege.edu a one-to-two page description of a successful strategy and an instructional challenge no later than January 27.

_________________________  _______________________
Signature                  Print Name
Save the Dates!

Cypress College
Outreach and Recruitment Events
Spring 2009

Monday, Feb. 23 – Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009
11 am – 1 pm daily
Student Support Services Success Week

Thursday, March 26, 2009
8 am – 1 pm
Senior Day

Friday, April 3, 2009
8 am – 1 pm
Kindercaminata

Tuesday, April 28, 2009
5 pm – 8 pm
Parent Night

For more information regarding these events and/or participation, please contact Marion Shocklee at (714) 484-7371.
These dates apply to scheduled classes meeting the full length of the semester.

Classes that meet less than the full semester have different deadline dates for adding, dropping and refunds. Refer to the comment line under the CRN in the Class Schedule for these deadline dates.

December 2 .................................................................myGateway Registration begins

January 12 .................................................................Spring 2009 Classes Begin

Prior to the first day of class If the class is OPEN, an Add Authorization Code is not required.
If the class is CLOSED, an Add Authorization Code is required.

Starting the first day of class An Add Authorization Code is required for most classes.
(Refer to the “How to Add/Drop a Class” information in the Class Schedule.)

January 19 .................................................................Martin Luther King Holiday — Campus Closed

January 24 .................................................................Last Day to Drop Classes to Qualify for Refunds

January 24 .................................................................Last Day to File Course Audit Request

January 26 .................................................................Last Day to Add Classes — Census Day

January 31 .................................................................Last Day to Drop Classes WITHOUT a “W”

February 5 .................................................................Last Day to apply for Spring 2009 Graduation

February 13 – 16 .........................................................Lincoln’s Birthday & Presidents’ Day Holidays — Campus Closed
Saturday and Sunday classes will not meet February 14 and 15

February 23 .................................................................Last Day to File Pass/No Pass Grading Option Forms

March 16 .................................................................Last Day to apply for Spring 2009 Occupational Certificates
Last Day to apply for Spring 2009 CSU General Education/IGETC Certification

March 16 .................................................................Second Nine-Week Classes Begin

April 6 – 10 .................................................................Spring Recess

April 10 .................................................................Spring Holiday — Campus Closed
Saturday and Sunday classes will not meet April 11 and 12

April 25 .................................................................Last Day to Drop Classes WITH a “W”

April 25 .................................................................Last Day to Increase/Decrease Variable Unit Classes

May 13 – 21 .................................................................Final Exams

May 21 .................................................................Commencement

May 21 .................................................................Spring 2009 Semester Ends

* All Registration, Adds and Drops are to be completed ONLINE using myGateway *
All dates are subject to change without notice.

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FAST FACTS 2009

Community College League of California

Number of Institutions, 2007-08

- CCC: 110 Colleges
- CSU: 23 Colleges
- UC: 10 Colleges
- 72 Districts
- 52 Established Centers
- 42 Emerging Centers

State-Determined Funds (SDF) per FTES, 2007-08

(includes General Fund, local property tax, student fees, and lottery revenues)

- K–12: $7,571
- California Community Colleges (CCC): $5,891
- California State University (CSU): $12,293
- University of California (UC): $18,508


Undergraduate Fees, 2007-08

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CCC Students by Gender, 2007-08

- Female: 1,510,807 (54.5%)
- Male: 1,231,915 (44.4%)
- Unknown: 29,528 (1.1%)

Undergraduate Student Enrollment, 2007-08

- CCC: 2,772,250 full-year unduplicated headcount
- CSU: 364,622 headcount/FTES
- UC: 224,107 headcount/FTES
- Private: 210,407 headcount/FTES

CCC Students by Ethnicity, 2007-08

- African-American: 208,924
- American Indian/Alaskan Native: 23,430
- Asian: 333,329
- Filipino: 93,754
- Hispanic: 818,988
- Other Non-White: 60,075
- Pacific Islander: 20,560
- Unknown: 260,160
- White: 953,030

Number of Student Transfers to Four-Year Public & Private Institutions, 2007-08

- Community Colleges to University of California: 13,909
- Community Colleges to California State University: 54,971
- Community Colleges to In-State Private Colleges/Universities: 23,322
- Community Colleges to Out of State Colleges/Universities: 14,464
- Transfer Rate, 2006-07: 38.8%*

*The transfer rate is based on students who earned at least 12 units and attempted transfer-level Math or English during the 6-year enrollment period.

- In 2006-07, 55% of CSU graduates and 28% of UC graduates began their college years at a community college — and, upon transferring to either four-year institution, obtained GPAs equal to, or better than, "native" UC or CSU students.

Degrees and Certificates Awarded, 2007-08

- Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree: 61,162
- Associate of Science (A.S.) degree: 21,898
- Credit Certificate, 6 to 11 units: 4,910
- Credit Certificate, 12 to 17 units: 132
- Credit Certificate, 18 to 29.5 units: 8,278
- Credit Certificate, 30 to 59.5 units: 11,862
- Credit Certificate, 60 or more units: 1,664
- TOTAL (Credit): 104,985
- TOTAL (Non-Credit): 1,664
- TOTAL (Credit & Non-Credit): 106,649
Did You Know... 

- **Homeland Security**
  
  80% of firefighters, law enforcement officers and EMTs are credentialed at community colleges. 39 colleges administer Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) academies. 64 colleges have fire technology programs for training firefighters.

- **Nursing**
  
  70% of the nurses in California received their education from community colleges.

- **Enrollment**
  
  24% of all the community college students nationwide are enrolled in a California community college.

- **Earnings**
  
  $1.6M is the average lifetime earnings of a graduate with an associate’s degree – $400,000 more than for a high school graduate.

- **Diversity**
  
  1 community college district (Los Angeles CCD) educates almost 3X as many Latino students and nearly 4X as many African American students as all of the UC campuses combined. Nearly 1/4 of all Chicanas and Chicanos who receive doctorates first attend a community college.

- **Apprenticeship**
  
  25,000 apprentices are educated by a community college. 160 apprenticeship programs comprised of 66 trade/craft titles are located on 35 Community college campuses.

- **Participation Rate**
  
  67.3 out of every 1,000 members of the population attended a community college in 2006-07.