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January 30, 2009, Newsletter from President Michael J. Kasler

Campus Emergency Drills Will Take Place Tuesday and/or Wednesday

One drill will take place during the day and another at night as the college continues its ongoing efforts in the area of campus safety.

Cypress College’s spring emergency-response drill will occur in the coming week. Two drills will take place — one in the day, the other in the evening. Possible dates for the drills are Tuesday, February 3, and/or Wednesday, February 4.

The drills could be either day at anytime.

The scenario for the more-comprehensive day drill will require an evacuation of some buildings in response to fires while other buildings conduct a “shelter in place” because two suspects are considered armed.

While it is a potentially frightening scenario, it is one that is both based in reality and one that provides the necessary structure to test the college’s response capabilities.

All members of the campus community — employees and students alike — are expected to participate in the drill.

It is the college’s responsibility to be prepared for emergencies and to have practiced preparing for them.

This semester’s scenario was developed in response to the drill held in the fall and it incorporates the feedback that was submitted following those efforts.

Responding to fire alarms:

If a fire alarm pull station is activated, everyone should evacuate their building and move to the appropriate Assembly Point as directed by the Building Marshall or other college officials. Faculty, staff, and students must take all personal belongings. Faculty need to bring class attendance rosters and secure all confidential material. Evacuate a minimum of 150 feet from the buildings. Depending on the circumstances, the “safe distance” may be extended to one of the Emergency Evacuation Zones.

Each of these locations is indicated on the maps and other documentation distributed to all campus employees earlier this week.

Shelter in place:

A shelter in place — as its name suggests — requires everyone to stay put inside a building. Building Marshalls will secure the building exterior doors, if possible. All faculty should secure their individual classroom doors.

In the case of a shooter on campus, doors should be barricaded and everyone inside should be on the floor, still and quiet. All phones, radios, etc. should be silenced.

Enrollment Surging Despite Budget Concerns

Cypress College’s spring enrollment is at 14,896 students and quite impressively, the overall fill rate is at 90.61%.

In light of pending current-year budget reductions, the college cut back offerings this semester by 1,600 seats, compared to last spring. Even with those eliminations, 1,100 additional seats are occupied this semester.

“Demand for our classes is going up to levels we’ve never seen before,” said Bob Simpson, the college’s Executive Vice President.

First-Ever Distance Ed Plan Ready to Review

Cypress College’s first College Distance Education Plan is now available for the campus community’s review and input. This plan is intended to document the past, describe the present, and define future goals of the Distance Education Program at Cypress College.

The document was e-mailed to all employees earlier this month and feedback may be submitted until February 27.

Please contact Jeanne Miller with any questions.

Continuing

“The Vietnamese & Echoes of the Land” exhibit, Photo Gallery (TE1 2nd floor), M-Th, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (through February 21)

SCE Student Art Show, Theater Lobby (through February 5).

“Ecologic” exhibit, Art Gallery, M-Th, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., & T, 6-8 p.m. (through February 28)

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“Focus the Nation” event: movie “Kilowatt Ours,” CCCPLX-216, 6-8 p.m.

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Potential Emergency Drill date

“Focus the Nation” event: “The North Pole is Sinking” presentation, CCCPLX-216, 6-8 p.m.

4 • Wednesday

Potential Emergency Drill date

“Focus the Nation” event: movie “An Inconvenient Truth,” SEM-124, 6-8 p.m.

THEY SAID IT

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

– Henry Ford
REMINDER: EMERGENCY DRILL IS TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY

One critical means of communicating with students and employees alike during an emergency situation is text messaging. In the feedback from last semester’s drill, we heard that people are interested in this technology and our use of it.

With that in mind, and a new drill coming this week, here is a re-print of the @Cypress story describing how to sign up for text messages.

Please take the time to register and please encourage your students to do the same.

October 24, 2008, Newsletter from President Michael J. Kasler

Early Feedback Says: ‘Y Not Txt Msg 4 Next 911 Drill?’

In response to this week’s emergency drill a number of people have asked for text messages to evacuate. Early adopters got the word.

When Wednesday’s simulated earthquake struck Cypress College, part of the communication process was sending a text message to students and employees who had signed up in advance for the service.

Those early adopters had completed a simple form on MyGateway to enroll.

Based on early feedback to the drill, it’s clear that not all employees (and students, for that matter) are aware of the service.

In fact, a number of people suggested that the college develop a text message system to rapidly share important information.

The good news is that District IS has already implemented a feature to provide real-time updates from the District or campus in times of an emergency.

To sign up for text message alerts, follow these steps:
1. Sign in to MyGateway: http://mygateway.nocccd.edu
2. Click Employee Tab
3. Navigate the Personal Information Channel
4. Click on the “Set Text Message Alert Preferences” option
5. Fill-in the fields
6. Click Submit

Students can also sign up for the service following the above steps, but substituting the “Employee Tab” for their “Student Tab.”

Since cellular service is not always available in all areas, the system is not flawless. However, it performed very well on Wednesday.
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January 28, 2008
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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North Orange College District Focuses on Serving Community During Emergencies

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Community colleges fill many roles, and recently the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) Board of Trustees participated in a training session to learn more about the important roles the District and its employees will fill in the event of a declared emergency.

The NOCCCD Board is the first community college board in the state to complete the awareness training for elected officials. The Board also renewed its commitment for all District employees to complete a basic training session as well.

The training provides background on state and federal mandates for multi-agency coordination, communications, and use of resources during emergencies that range from natural disasters to terrorist incidents. These mandates fall within the Standardized Emergency Management System and National Incident Management System – more commonly known as SEMS and NIMS.

“The North Orange College District Board of Trustees has shown extraordinary leadership in completing the state emergency and national incident overview course,” said Peter Wright, Director of Emergency Preparedness for the California Community Colleges System Office. “Through its collaborative involvement, the Board has elevated the importance of preparing for emergencies on its campuses as well as its communities.”

Board President Leonard Lahtinen explained that the entire NOCCCD Board answered the call for training because of the potential for emergency situations in Southern California.
“Some of our District staff already have begun work on emergency operations planning,” he said. “We have directed the Chancellor to expand emergency training to all District employees.

“We must be prepared to safeguard the lives of our students and employees, and assist with community responses in an emergency crisis,” President Lahtinen said.

Chancellor Ned Doffoney added, “Much has been done in the area of emergency preparation in the District during the past few years. But much more needs to be done so that all staff members are well informed and comfortable about the roles they may fill during an emergency.

He emphasized, “We want to be ready, should we ever be called upon to serve as disaster service workers.”

As provided by California law, NOCCCD employees and other public employees in the state may be called upon to serve as disaster service workers in the event of a declared emergency. In preparation for this possibility, each of the main campuses in the NOCCCD has established an organizational chart, with assigned duties for individuals in a variety of emergency response functions. These Incident Command Teams follow the standards set by SEMS and NIMS.

The main campuses in the NOCCCD are Cypress College, Fullerton College, and the Anaheim Campus. The latter houses the main offices and many classes of the School of Continuing Education as well as the main offices of the District.

NOCCCD Background

Two of the state’s premiere colleges and most extensive continuing education program combine to provide the quality educational programming of the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD). Nearly 70,000 students enroll each term at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and the School of Continuing Education. College students are able to shape their futures in programs leading to associate degrees, vocational certificates, and transfer opportunities. Life-long learning also is possible in continuing education programs that range from high school completion and basic skills mastery through an array of vocational training and self-development courses. The NOCCCD campuses serve an area of over one million diverse people – each pursuing their own, unique ambitions. The NOCCCD – Greatness. Achieved.
CSUDH
California State University, Dominguez Hills
Spring 2009 Advisor Appointments

You may drop in or call for an appointment today!

Monday, February 2nd  10am-12pm
Thursday, February 19th  10am-1pm
Tuesday, March 3rd 10 am-12pm
Wednesday, April 1st  5pm -7pm
Wednesday, April 22nd  5pm-7pm
Thursday, May 7  11am-1pm

Cypress College Transfer Center
9200 Valley View St. - 2nd Floor-Student Center
Cypress, CA  90630
714-484-7129

Spring Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm & Friday 8am-5pm
Global Warming Heats Up Cypress College

We stand at a unique moment in human history. The window for action on global warming is measured in months, not years. Decisions that we make—or fail to make—in 2009 will have profound impacts not only for our children and grandchildren, but for every human being that will ever inhabit the face of this earth.

What can you do?

Right now, join over 600 colleges, universities, high schools, faith organizations and civic groups and participate in the National Teach-In on Global Warming Solutions, February 2-4. It is not too late!

Website: [http://www.nationalteachin.org](http://www.nationalteachin.org)
What? National Focus the Nation Teach-in
When? February 2-4, 2009 at 6 PM.
Where? Cypress College

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ecoLOGIC

A survey of artists, architects, and designers from Southern California who pose aesthetic inquiries that express a unique logic, ecological reasoning, or discourse.

Cypress College Art Gallery
January 28–February 29, 2009
Opening reception January 28, 6–8 p.m.

Artists include: Calvin Abe, Kim Abeles, Samantha Fields, Sant Khalsa, Manfred Menz, Kathryn Miller, Lothar Schmitz, Glen Small, and Joel Tauber.

Curated by Patricia Watts, ecoartspace

Environmentalists often find it hard not to be sarcastic, or even angry, when working with individuals, organizations, and institutions that are ignorant of opportunities to protect the environment. The use of humor and metaphors is often employed by activists to point out playfully what is obvious to some, a way to open minds to new ideas. Artists have long pointed out the not-so-obvious through visual imagery, offering up symbols that can lead cultures to a new awareness. The following artists share this practice. Their work displays a type of logic that questions its viewers to think deeper and harder, and to make sense of what they present. An ecoLOGIC, if you will.

Calvin Abe: ah’bé www.ahbe.com

ah’bé landscape architects, an award-winning, Culver City–based firm renowned for creating artful and ecologically sustainable urban infrastructure spaces, began a series of indoor art installations entitled Shreddings in 2003. Questioning our assumptions about what we do, this fourth iteration of recycled paper towers, or an abstract forest, furthers the dialogue on our current methods of waste disposal.

Kim Abeles www.kimabeles.com

Abeles creates poignant or apt signifiers of environmental conditions. In her Signs of Life series, which she started in 2004, she uses satellite photographs to pinpoint or map plant life as sculptural objects. Using model trees, she creates a magnified landscape of what little nature exists in urban areas.

Samantha Fields

Fields’s paintings depict nature’s extreme, environmental drama, unrestrained atmospheric landscapes, the sublime. She documents devastation from wildfires that questions our
understanding of natural cycles and human impacts on the land. These dreamy, apocalyptic works remind us of our ability to forget that we live in a precarious, temporal world.

Sant Khalsa www.santkhalsa.com

Khalsa creates typologies of nature, as in her Western Waters series artworks, which describe the proliferation of water stores in the Southwest. Consisting of over two hundred stores to date, these black-and-white photographs of store facades and signage signal a trend: clean water is either a limited resource, or it is an economically driven commercial product.

Manfred Menz www.manfredmenz.com

Since 2004, Menz has created an ongoing body of work entitled Invisible Project. Documenting famous sites around the world where snapshots are usually taken by tourists, his digitally enhanced large-scale photographs reveal only the locations’ plant life. By removing the built environment, the artist shows us the evidence of nature’s role in today’s world.

Kathryn Miller

Miller’s work is deeply rooted in environmental issues, concepts, questions, and concerns. As a keen observer of the natural world, she combines knowledge of art and biology to illuminate human impacts on ecological systems and native habitat. With her dry sense of humor and sense of the absurd, she invents advertisements of green denial.

Glen Small www.glenhowardsmallarchitect.com

Small, a visionary “outsider” architect and founding member of SCI-Arc in Los Angeles, developed a socially and environmentally responsible sensibility with his early projects in the 1970s, when he conceived of the Biomorphic Biosphere and Green Machine. His designs were inspired by his goal to transform the Los Angeles basin into a futuristic ecological region.

Lothar Schmitz

Through sci-fi like laboratory dioramas and sculptural systems, Schmitz shows how we shape nature with our desire to bring order or progress to our lives. With coiffed domestic settings, interiorized gardens, we have sealed off the natural world and have become psychologically immune to its unrestrained aesthetic.

Joel Tauber www.joeltauber.com

In his video work entitled Sick-Amour, Tauber falls in love with a sycamore tree, an emblem of our fragmented relationship with nature. Struggling to assist the sycamore to survive in the middle of a parking lot, the artist becomes an eco-warrior, a guerilla gardener, a fake civic worker—all to save the tree.

Closing Reception: Saturday, February 29, 2009, 7–9 p.m.
Gallery Hours: Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; Tuesday–Wednesday, 6–8 p.m. The gallery is closed Friday, except by appointment

For more information, please contact gallery director Paul Paiement at 714.484.7134
The School of Continuing Education
Disabled Student Programs & Services
Presents the First Annual

Student Art Show
Featuring the work of DSPS PhotoShop students
Debra Barrett-Instructor

Monday, January 26 – Thursday,
February 5, 2009

Cypress College Theater Lobby
Reception Wednesday, January 28, 2009 5-7PM
Refreshments will be served

For more information contact SCE DSPS
714-484-7057
From: "Mary Lou Giska" <Mlgiska@cypresscollege.edu>
Date: January 28, 2009 4:52:25 PM PST
Subject: Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCI) is a skill set that is used whenever an individual sees the potential for a situation escalating to a potentially explosive encounter. By employing specific techniques, a person trained in NVCI can keep a situation at it's lowest level, hopefully preventing any further type of escalation.

This training is beneficial to everyone on campus.

Cypress College will be offering free training in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention. Class size will be limited to 20 people per session. This class is open to all managers, faculty and staff. Classes will be taught by Mary Lou Giska, Penny Gabourie, Paul De Dios & Shirley Smith.

There is no cost to attend, and flex credit will be offered.

Classes will be offered as either a one day class for 6 hours, or two 3 hour classes. Dates are as follows:

Friday, February 20 from 9 am - 4 pm (the 6 hour class)
Friday, March 20 9 am - 12 pm
Friday, March 27 9 am - 12 pm (two 3 hour classes totaling 6 hours)

This is a wonderful course and the four of us (Penny, Shirley, Paul and I) hope that you will join us for this important program.

Please RSVP no later than Thursday, February 12.

If you cannot attend either of these two classes, more will be offered later in the spring and early summer, dates and times to be announced.

Thanks so much and hope to see you soon!

Mary Lou Giska, FNP
Director of Health Services
Tips & Tricks for Career and Student Success!

RÉSUMÉ Q & A
Hands-on Work Sessions
Open to One and All

Are you...
- Unsure of how to start your résumé?
- Wanting your résumé to be reviewed?
- Confused about what to include in your résumé?
- Needing help with using the variety of resources in our Center effectively?
- Filled with specific questions about your circumstances and work history?

If YES to any of these... join the Career Counselor, Sharon Easton for one or all of these Hands-on Work Sessions to help you develop YOUR résumé.

All three Resume Q&A Sessions will meet at the Career Planning Center on the 2nd floor of the Student Center.

DATES/TIMES:
- February 10 (Tues) from 12:00—1:00 pm
- March 31 (Tues) from 11:00—12:00 pm
- April 29 (Wed) from 2:00—3:00 pm

Student Success Week Workshops

2/24/09 (Tue) — Quick Résumé Tips
2/25/09 (Wed) — Case of the Missing Major

Both workshops will be presented by Sharon Easton from 11:00—11:30 am in the CC Complex, 2nd Floor Conference Room

FEBRUARY 25

JOB SEARCH SUCCESS
Date: Wed, 2/25/09
Time: 12:30 pm—1:30 pm
Location: CC Complex, Room 414
Presenter: Sharon Easton

MARCH 18

BUILDING A WINNING RÉSUMÉ
Date: Wed, 3/18/09
Time: 12:30 pm—1:30 pm
Location: CC Complex, Room 414
Presenter: Sharon Easton

MARCH 31

FINANCIAL TIPS for COLLEGE STUDENTS
Date: Tue, 3/31/09
Time: 11:00 am—12:00 pm
Location: CC Complex, Room 414
Presenter: Stella Song

APRIL 15

YOU'RE HIRED!
INTERVIEW SKILLS THAT WORK
Date: Wed, 4/15/09
Time: 12:30 pm—1:30 pm
Location: CC Complex, Room 414
Presenter: Sharon Easton

Workshops are open to everyone free of charge.
For further information, please contact the Cypress College Career Planning Center at (714) 484-7120 or visit our website at www.CypressCollege.edu/services/cpc
To All Division Deans, Faculty & Staff

Senior Day is coming

25th. Anniversary

March 26, 2009

We need volunteers

Please help us to make this a meaningful experience for potential future students of Cypress College

Please fill out the bottom and return to: Becky Rojas, Student Activities Office by March 6, 2009 714-484-7199

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My Division / Department would like to set up a

table____________________________

I will need power___________________

How many tables___________________

Hours will be 8:00 am – 12:00 pm exhibits must be set up by 7:30 am

Division/Department

Name:___________________________Telephone#:___________________________

Email address:___________________________________________________________

We need students to give campus tours and help with food service.

Student volunteer:________________________________________

Email address:__________________________Phone #:_____________________

Time Available:_______________________________________________________