Dance’s Arlene Brackett Selected as Campus Teacher of the Year

She is the first adjunct instructor selected for the award, which includes a nomination for Orange County Teacher of the Year.

Arlene Brackett, an adjunct instructor in the Fine Arts Division, has been honored as the Cypress College Teacher of the Year for 2009. As the recipient, she also becomes a nominee for Orange County Teacher of the Year award, which is sponsored by the James Hines Foundation. She has worked at Cypress for about 20 years.

Brackett is the first Cypress College adjunct instructor to be nominated for this honor, under recent rules changes by the Hines Foundation. She teaches dance and ballet and received high praise from her students on her organization, inspiration, creativity, and communication.

She was selected from a group of nominated instructors on campus who were observed by members of the Associated Students in their classrooms. She was then moved forward for consideration of this honor. A committee composed of students, faculty, and administration selected Brackett as the finalist from Cypress College.

“Arlene Brackett is a huge asset to this school and I recommend her class all the time,” student Carri Glen wrote in one nomination of Brackett. “Her skill as a professional as well as her ability to communicate her expertise makes her excel beyond her peers,” student J. Biles wrote. “She consistently challenges and gives students meaningful corrections. She is what others should be like.

Roughly 1,200 Area High School Students Attend Annual Senior Day Outreach Event

Approximately 1,200 students from area high schools were on campus on Thursday to participate in the annual Senior Day festivities. It is the largest single outreach event the college hosts each year.

This year brought something new — for the first time, visiting students entered the campus through Gateway Plaza, the newly designed “front door” to the college. With the Gateway open, students were treated to activities both at the front of the campus and near the pond. The Student Center hadn’t yet opened when last year’s event was held.

Visiting students were greeted near the Theater, where campus tours were available. The college’s arts programs were front and center with booths surrounding the sculpture that is adjacent to the Fine Arts Gallery. The various automotive programs were also on display near the campus.

At the pond, the high school guests were treated to music from radio stations KROQ-FM and KIIS-FM, fun, the annual visit from Commander Chuck Street and his KIIS helicopter, and a variety of booths representing Cypress College programs, departments and clubs.

In all, more than 40 booths and activities were represented. Students were also able to attend workshops and complete admissions applications. Paul Bottiaux, who chaired the planning committee, said the event was very successful, and he thanked the college community for their support in making Senior Day a high-caliber outreach endeavor.
Forensics Team Takes Third at Speech and Debate Tournament

The Cypress College Forensics Team took bronze-medal honors at the recent state tournament for speech and debate. One member of the team has qualified for the national competition.

The California Community College Forensics Association's State Championship Tournament was held in Woodland Hills, March 18-22, 2009.

There were 32 community colleges represented at the competition. Seven students represented Cypress College: Ana Bautista, David Beltran, Jessica Dances, Matthew Peters, Mathew “Mac” Walker, Aaron Weinstein and Elizabeth Wolf.

Students Utilizing Academic Support Services in Learning Resource Center

More than 1,200 students have utilized the various academic support programs available in the Learning Resource Center through the first month of the semester.

Those numbers include 294 students who made 1,094 visits to the Math Learning Center. In the center, those students spent a total of 1,348 hours, for an average visit time of 73.9 minutes. Data from last semester is not available for comparison.

Tutorial services in the LRC provided academic support to 259 students, who made a total of 456 visits. The total number of hours of these services was 284.7, for an average of 37 minutes. Because of the nature of the services, the number of visits and the length of each visit is restricted, according to Gilbert Contreras, the LRC Special Projects Director. Subjects covered under Tutorial Services include Biology, Chemistry, English, ESL, Math, Statistics and Writing Across the Curriculum. Last semester, 476 students made 1,125 visits, for a total of 661.1 hours, or an average visit of 35 minutes.

Supplemental Instruction (SI) served 628 students through the first month of the semester. SI subjects include Accounting Biology, Chemistry, English Transfer, Geography, History, Math, Physics, and Radiologic Technology. Last semester, SI served 853 students — an 11.8% increase over Fall 2007.

Parent’s Night Event Upcoming: Save the Date for April 28

Save the date for Parent’s Night, which will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009. The event will take place from 5:45 p.m.-8 p.m., in the Cypress College Complex-216.

This outreach effort targets graduating seniors and their parents. The college community will use this opportunity to inform high school seniors of the options (both academic and vocational) that Cypress College has to offer.

When they attend, parents and high school seniors will receive information regarding college admission and registration procedures, financial aid, programs and available classes offered.

Please join us in promoting this event at your events or when otherwise appropriate.

Counselors will be delivering copies of the flyer to high school counselors so that they too will be able to assist in getting the information to potential students.

If you would like to have a resource table, please contact Kelly Grimes at ext. 47240. The college plans to showcase our wonderful programs. Culinary Art students will be catering the event and staffing the refreshment table. Jazz students will be providing entertainment. Travel students will be guiding our guests to their seats.

If you have any ideas for including your students, please contact Rick Rams.
One Day . . . Two Events!
March 31st -- 11am-12pm
Please Let Students Know These Are Available for Them!

Financial Tips for College Students

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 31  
**TIME:** 11:00 am - 12:00 noon  
**LOCATION:** CC-Complex, CCC-414  
**PRESENTER:** Stella Song

and

Résumé Q&A

Hands-on Work Session

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 31  
**TIME:** 11:00 am - 12:00 noon  
**LOCATION:** Career Planning Center, 2nd Floor Student Center  
**Career Counselor:** Sharon Easton  
* Additional Résumé Q&A sessions scheduled on 4/29 from 2-3

Please refer students, family and friends who are:
*** unsure of how to start their résumé  
*** wanting their résumé to be reviewed by a qualified professional  
*** confused about what information to include or exclude from their résumé  
*** needing help effectively using the variety of résumé resources in our Career Center  
*** filled with specific questions about their unique circumstances and work history

These workshops are open to EVERYONE - FREE OF CHARGE.

Instructors and Program Managers:
If you have assigned your students extra-credit, **Attendance Verifications** will be given to workshop attendees at the end of the workshop.

For further information, please contact the Career Planning Center at (714) 484-7120
Hello everyone!

Over the course of the next few days, you may see and hear about potential virus problems that are set to occur on April 1st. This happens every year at this time and is generally publicized on local and national news services. The current threat you may hear about is the "Conflicker virus" which is staged for attack on April 1st.

We have as most campuses have, appliance hardware on our network whose sole purpose is to detect, catch, and block malicious annoyances like this day in and day out. Additionally, each PC on campus has McAfee Virus scan loaded and running as a second line of defense. The PC’s are set to look for the latest update files each time the system is powered on. However, there are instances, although rare, when something slips by.

In preparation for this coming "April Fools Day", Academic Computing would like you to view a short video tutorial which will walk you thru the process of manually verifying and/or updating your PC virus signature (DAT) files. The tutorial is less than a minute in length and you may "Start & Stop" it as necessary to complete the process. We will also spot check labs across campus to ensure automatic updating is indeed taking place.

The link for this tutorial is: J:\Academic Computing\Video Tutorials\Virus-update-procedure-032009.wmv

As of March 26th 2009, the current "DAT Version is 5565.000". Please call our HELPDESK if your system did not update to this DAT Version or above at extension 47157. We’ll be happy to come by to fix the problem and see that your system is current!

Thanks in advance!
Mike

Mike Kavanaugh
Manager Academic Computing
IT Technologies
The Cypress College Music Department

Proudly presents:

**Music of the Masters**

“Gloria” by Francis Poulenc

“Lord Nelson Mass” by Franz Joseph Haydn

Cypress Masterworks Chorale, Concert Choir, Golden State Pops Orchestra, and special guest ensemble, Meritáge

Dr. Sheridan Ball, Director

*** Featured Soloists ***

Sopranos: Grace Lee (Fullerton) & Maureen Lombardino (Long Beach)

Altos: Teresa Raridan (Brea) & Cynthia Navarro (Cerritos)

Tenors: Jerry Bartucciotto (Garden Grove) & Paul Shirts (Cypress)

Basses: Fred Crisafulli (Long Beach) & Randy Johnson (Long Beach)

**Sunday – March 29, 2009 - 4:00 PM**

Location: Cypress College Campus Theater    Address: 9200 Valley View Street – Cypress, CA 90630
South of the 91 Freeway – between Lincoln Avenue & Ball Road

The Cypress College Music Department invites you to revel in sacred chorale masterpieces from both the mid-twentieth century and the classic end of the eighteenth century. At 4:00 P.M. on the afternoon of March 29th the Cypress Masterworks Chorale joined by the Concert Choir and special guest ensemble, Meritáge, will proudly offer two works heralded as among their composers’ greatest creations.

Poulenc’s Gloria, composed in 1959 and first performed in Boston in 1961 in honor of Sergei Koussevitsky, is set to the Roman Catholic “Gloria in Excelsis Deo” text. Composed near the end of Poulenc’s life, it presents a wide range of emotions, a summation of all his life experiences and passions. The Gloria is enduringly appealing, sometimes pious but also reflecting a mischievous irreverence. Poulenc said, “I had in mind those frescoes by Gozzoli where the angels stick out their tongues; and also some serious Benedictine monks I had once seen reveling in a game of football.”

Haydn’s Mass was composed in 1798, a difficult period in Austria. Napoleon had defeated the country in a quartet of battles. This chorale work was originally titled “Missa in Angustiis” which translates to “Mass in Time of Distress.” But when it was premiered Napoleon had just been defeated in the Battle of the Nile by British forces led by Admiral Horatio Nelson. Because of this the Mass came to be known by the nickname “Lord Nelson Mass.” Written in a minor key, the work begins with a sense of fear and despair but throughout the six movements it soars upward to a jubilant conclusion. Haydn’s Masses are famed for their life-affirming vigor. You will depart with your spirits soaring.

The chorale singers accompanied by the Golden State Pops Orchestra will be directed by Dr. Sheridan Ball, conductor of all of the vocal groups.
Ticket Information “Hotline” (714) 484-7210
$12.00 - General Admission $8.00 - Senior Citizens & Students $6.00 - Groups of 10 or more

Dr. Sheridan Ball received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the University of Northern Colorado and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Southern California.

His choirs have toured internationally throughout England, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Israel, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, and Alaska.

They have performed for the California Music Educators Conference, the American Choral Directors Association and the Choral Conductors Guild, and have appeared at the Hollywood Bowl, the Orange County Performing Arts Center, the Vatican twice and Carnegie Hall on three occasions.

In June, 2008, Dr. Ball’s professional chorus, the Southern California Master Chorale, toured China, performing in Beijing, Tianjin and Xi’an. The group is comprised of vocal musicians with whom Dr. Ball has worked over the course of his 30 years of conducting in the Southern California region. They perform regularly with the Long Beach Symphony, the Golden State Pops Orchestra and the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony.

Dr. Ball has taught music in Salzburg, Austria, and Florence, Italy. In 2001 he made his conducting debut at Carnegie Hall. He is currently an Associate Conductor for MidAmerica Productions in New York City.
Senior Day 2009

To all of our Cypress College Community:

On behalf of the Student Activities Center and the Senior Day Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to extend a personal thanks to all of those individuals who were actively involved in making out annual HS Senior Day event another huge success. We welcomed approximately 1,200 high school seniors to campus today. We believe they left with a positive feeling about Cypress College - the beauty of the campus environment and the variety of programs that we offer both academically and in the extracurricular areas for students as well as the many student services that we provide.

Special thanks to our actively participating Committee members: Jean England, Denise Yo, Robert Grantham, Jose Recinos, Marc Posner, Alan Reza, Diane Henry, Jamie Buffehr (AS student), and of course Becky Rojas; for their time and effort in planning this major campus event. We would like to thanks all of those divisions and special programs and services who participated in this activity. To our workshop presenters: Alan Reza, Penny Gabourie, and Sharon Easton THANKS for the informative presentations you delivered today. This year campus tours were reinstalled under the direction of Alan Reza and many of our Travel Club members and Associated Students - GREAT JOB! Thanks to the A&R staff - Brian Dean, Tuan Nguyen, and Stephen Tom for their assistance in supervising the CCApply opportunities. Thanks to Campus Safety for their assistance. THANKS to all of the Counseling Division for your help today as bus greeters and hospitality hosts today. By the way I understand that PAUL DeDIOS has a special talent and calling!!! Also Aggie Martinez, Pat Naylor, and Temperance Dowdle with our check-in tables - THANKS!

SPECIAL THANKS to Jose Recinos and all of our M&O staff for ALL of the work that you do to put this event together - you guys are the BEST!!!! Angie Rios and our grounds crew thanks for how beautiful you make our campus look and how quickly you get it back to normal shape after the HS seniors leave.

And of course last but not least, OUR AS Student Leaders - Jamie Buffehr - Treasurer, Siavash Shakeri - Commissioner of Activities, Jeanette Vazquez - President, and all of them who work so diligently behind the scenes - THANK YOU!!

This activity provides all people on our campus an opportunity to come together for a common purpose and helps to make us a close COMMUNITY!!!

I understand that Arnette Edwards and LaQuita Jones conducted the Financial Aid workshop - I guess Alan Reza couldn't be in two places at one time and we thought he was young enough to handle that - Thanks ladies for your presentation!

— Paul Bottiaux

“I echo Paul’s gratitude to all of you for doing an outstanding job! I also want to thank Paul for the leadership he provided in organizing this event----Thanks Paul!

In walking around yesterday and talking to students and faculty from the high schools I was very proud and pleased to hear their comments. They were very appreciative of the work done in organizing this event and inviting them to our college. Thanks for all of the hard work and I know events like this pay-off. Visualize me patting all of you on the back for a job well done!!!!”

— Mike

ABOVE: Pictures from Cypress College’s annual Senior Day high school outreach program are available for public viewing on the photo-sharing site Flickr. Click to view. Photographs by Marc Posner/Public Information Office.

LEFT: Commander Chuck Street (KIIS-FM and KTLA) departs Cypress College following his participation in the campus Senior Day high school outreach event. Roughly 1,200 area students attended Senior Day, which was held on March 26, 2009. Video by Joanne Olimberio/EOPS.
To: ALL STAFF

From: Leonard Lahtinen
President, Board of Trustees

Date: March 26, 2009

Subject: Selection of New Provost of the School of Continuing Education

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce that Christine Terry has accepted the Board’s offer to serve as the next Provost of the School of Continuing Education in the North Orange County Community College District. The Board will formally approve Ms. Terry’s appointment at its regular meeting on April 14, 2009, and she will assume her duties as Provost, effective April 14, 2009.

The Board appreciates the diligence and time spent by each member of the Screening Committee in advancing the three well-qualified finalists to the Board.

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Terry.
March 26, 2009

As I cross the state this week--from Monday's Phi Theta Kappa luncheon to visits at Cuesta, Santa Barbara City, and Contra Costa Colleges--I am hearing increasing fear about what risks community colleges face as the state's economy and budget situation continue to crumble. Last night, I visited with education doctoral students at UCLA representing both public and private K-12 and higher education, and the fear was palpable as many of them worried about their jobs and the students they serve.

Meanwhile, many community college leaders are meeting now to talk about their 2009-10 budget, and wondering how to get a budget put together when so many uncertainties are present. It is impossible to provide exact guidance as many factors will drive the budget discussion, as revenues are clearly down, the fate of May 19 budget-related ballot measures is unclear, and case loads in public safety, health and human service programs are increasing, but nobody knows by how much. Nevertheless, I wanted to provide you with a little bit of information that can help you assess the risk to community colleges, so we can all prepare for what might be ahead.

Two weeks ago, the state's nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released its first comprehensive review of the spending plan. In it, the LAO cautioned lawmakers that the plan is already significantly out of balance. Specifically, the Legislative Analyst projects that revenues in 2009-10 will be $7.8 billion less than approved in the budget act, which creates a shortfall accounting for 8.0% of the overall budget. This is the result of the state's unemployment rate soaring to 10.1% in January -- a number that was previously expected to not be reached until the peak of the recession.

Unfortunately, many analysts now believe that even the LAO's disappointing forecast was too rosy. Budget-writers are now talking about a shortfall in revenues of $10-12 billion--even with the $12.5 billion increase in taxes over the 18-month spending plan. With economists now predicting the state's unemployment rate will reach 11.9% by 2010, this is likely a deeper and more prolonged budget problem than anyone imagined.

Additionally, the approval by the voters of three ballot measures that account for $5.8 billion of the state budget on the May 19 ballot is anything but certain. The Public Policy Institute of California poll released this morning shows an almost insurmountable political hurdle for Proposition 1C, the lottery securitization measure that the state is counting on for $5 billion in revenue in 2009-10. The measure has just 37% support and 50% of voters plan to vote "no" on the measure. The Proposition 10 (early childhood education) and Proposition 63 (mental health) redirects also trail, and they account for $800 million in the 18-month budget plan.

If the Legislative Analyst's Office is correct in its revenue projections and the ballot measures fail, there would be a $13.6 billion shortfall in the 2009-10 budget, with the possibility of a $15-17 billion shortfall if the latest rumored estimates prove true. (larger chart version)

Proposition 98

With the lower revenue projections, the Proposition 98 guarantee for community colleges will drop from between $3.6 billion (LAO) to over $5 billion (latest rumors). The Legislature
could backfill most of this drop on a one-time basis with federal funds, and significantly help the state's general fund. However, education advocates would likely oppose such a move, as it would create a huge Proposition 98 hole in 2010-11 and beyond. Nevertheless, legislators and the governor may have no choice. In summary, it's possible that funds could be cut significantly in 2009-10 for K-12 and community colleges, but the largest impact wouldn't be felt by community colleges until 2010-11 fiscal year. Under the larger revenue shortfall estimates, however, there wouldn't be enough federal funds to backfill the 2009-10 reduction, and between $100-200 million could be cut from community colleges.

Community College Revenues

In addition to the overall revenue picture, community colleges are likely to face apportionment shortfalls in 2009-10 from both an operational shortfall in our apportionment calculation ($40 million) and declining local property taxes. While property taxes have been extraordinarily difficult to project, the latest developments of the housing market picking up due to financial institutions bundling and selling loans at a huge discount to investors who can sell them for much less than their assessed valuation and realize a profit could lead to huge numbers of properties being reassessed lower, leading to lower property tax revenues. Unfortunately, there is no way to know what this impact will be until the situation transpires.

Districts should prepare for an apportionment shortfall of at least the 1.2% expected in the current year, and the number is likely to escalate depending on the property tax situation.

In closing, these are very difficult times for our state and its community colleges. While we have been treated comparatively well in the early budget debates, the situation is clearly worsening. Further, community colleges are on the front lines of this economic crisis. Nobody is left untouched—students, faculty, staff, administrators and trustees. Indeed, many of the people that put on a strong face to make this system work every day return home facing the same scary personal crises that our students face. This is a time for us to work together to be creative, find ways to continue serving students while our funding may indeed decline, and most importantly to treat people compassionately. We are all here for the same purpose, to serve students, and to bring our diverse backgrounds together to find solutions for the challenges we face.

Community colleges have weathered many crises before, and we will again this time.

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