Business and Community Leaders Forum Focuses on Energy Innovations

The campus event — co-sponsored by area Chambers of Commerce — also covered “green” energy efforts of Cypress College.

Cypress College’s 4th Annual Business and Community Leaders Forum for small- and medium-sized businesses was held on Thursday, focusing on “Energy & Resource Innovations That Save Money.”

As part of the event — which was hosted by the college and co-sponsored by area chambers of commerce — Dr. Kasler covered a number of initiatives undertaken by the college to both save money and be more friendly to the environment.

About 65 people attended the event, which took place in the Theater Lobby.

During the presentation, Dr. Kasler shared the results of campus conservation efforts that have produced savings of approximately $500,000 per year. By the time the co-generation plant is fully operational in the fall, the college will have reduced energy consumption by 75%.

Among the college’s energy-efficiency measures are:
• Buildings re-roofed with a “Cool Roof System” that deflects heat, thus reducing air conditioning usage and saving energy;
• Implementation of a computer-based energy management system that regulates energy use;
• Installation of a closed water-treatment system that reuses water for chillers and water towers;
• New and remodeled buildings have been fitted with energy-efficient systems;
• “Variable-frequency drive” motors eliminate an energy-wasting surge when AC, fans, etc. are started;
• Hot water is delivered to faucets with the aid of booster motors, eliminating the waste of cold water running down the drain; and
• Sensors on advanced vending machines reduce power when they are not being used by consumers.

The event was co-sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce of Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, La Palma, Los Alamitos and Stanton, as well as Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company and the Metropolitan Water District.

Steve Donley, the college’s Dean of Career Technical Education and Economic Development, moderated a panel of representatives from Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company, Metropolitan Water District and the campus’ own Marty Orozco, who spoke on advanced-transportation technology.

CyChron.com, Divergence Earn State Honors

The Cypress Chronicle’s Divergence Magazine earned three awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges annual convention in Sacramento March 26-28 by earning three awards.

CyChron.com, the daily news site of The Cypress Chronicle, won the general excellence award.

“The is the eleventh year in a row The Chronicle has won an award for online excellence,” adviser Robert Mercer said.

Photo Exhibit Highlights Learning in the Arts

A group photography exhibit from Jerry Burchfield’s Conceptual Photography class produced in conjunction with Michael Brydges’ students is catching eyes in the Library/Learning Resource Center. The exhibit will remain on display through April 17.

The exhibit, which is mounted on the building’s spiral staircase and in the rotunda, is intended to highlight life-long learning in the arts.
LEFT: Dr. Kasler and the Cypress College Foundation held the college’s 4th Annual Business and Community Leaders Forum, which focused on “Energy and Resource Innovations That Save Money.” See story on Page 1.

BOTTOM LEFT: Cypress College Airline & Travel Careers students enjoyed a day at the Long Beach Airport on March 31, meeting with representatives from all areas of JetBlue’s operation.

BELOW: Kindergarten students from area elementary schools visited Cypress College for their first day of college as part of the KinderCaminata program. The intent is to instill the expectation that the students will progress in their education beyond high school. Click to view more photos.
Life Long Learning within the Arts

This photographic installation celebrates life-long learning within the arts. We aim to illustrate the importance of participation in the arts in conjunction with more traditional learning. The attention on performing arts embraces the belief that music, dance, as well as other visual arts are vital to humanity’s growth.

In these times of dwindling public funding for education, arts programs seem to be the first upon the chopping block. We understand the growing importance of maintaining a solid performing and visual arts programs within educational institutions across the nation. The following photographs are of students who have seized the opportunities to pursue their creative passions, no matter which stage of life they have found themselves in.

We ask that you spend time focusing on these photographs and hope that they bring to you the same message they brought to us — it’s never too late to start.

Sincerely,

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Ja’Nien Barber
Sam Bowers
Michael Brydges
Gabby Campos

With special thanks to Jerry Burchfield, Professor, Conceptual Photography.