Parent Night Event Serves More Than 200 Interested in Cypress

The outreach event is intended to involve parents in their children’s search for the right college to attend.

Another successful Parent Night event took place on Tuesday evening, with approximately 215 guests visiting the college in support of their children’s selection process.

The event includes a resource fair — held for the first time in the completed Gateway Plaza — that featured information booths from a wide number of programs at the college. Refreshments were catered by the college’s Culinary Arts Program.

The Latino family session drew more than 30 people to a Spanish-language workshop held on the second floor of the Complex. Approximately 200 people attended the main presentation in CCCPLX-216, which featured counselors Robert Grantham and Diedre Porter.

“In the three years I have chaired Parent Night, I would consider this event the most successful,” said Rick Rams, dean of Student Support Services. “We did it on less funding than ever and we had a huge turnout from our campus departments.”

Kyle Scott, who will attend Cypress College in the fall, received a $250 scholarship provided by the Foundation for his participation in the event.

Fall Class Schedule Now Available Online; Please Tell Students to Register as Soon as Possible

Cypress College’s fall class schedule is now available online, joining the summer schedule in cyberspace. The printed version should be available in the Bookstore in the coming days.

Given the current state economic situation, it is important to remind students of the benefits of utilizing their early registration dates and times. Classes are again expected to fill up quickly.

Students receive e-mails from the college with their registration dates and times. They can also find the information inside their MyGateway accounts.

The fall class schedule can be viewed here; the summer schedule is here (or visit the schedule page for both). The summer schedule is also available in print in the Bookstore.

Plan Ahead: Fall Drill Between Sept. 14-18

The Fall semester disaster drill will take place the week of September 14-18, 2009. The actual time of the drill is not being announced. Please plan student exams, interviews, etc. around these dates. Reminder notices and additional information will be distributed regarding the drill as we get closer to the dates. These are important training exercises for all staff and students so that we can be better respond to emergencies that may arise in the future. Thank you for your cooperation and participation.
**Associated Students Announce Results of Recent Elections**

The Associated Students have announced the results of the elections held on April 21 and 22.

Those who were selected are:
- President: Jose Gonzalez
- Executive Vice President: Wei-Sheng Peng
- Vice President of External Affairs: Anthony Ignacio
- Vice President of Campus Activities: Jamie Buffehr
- Vice President of Student Organizations: Ryan Ayers
- Vice President of Fiscal Affairs: Kristine Macalma
- Vice President of Public Relations: Daniel Park
- Executive Secretary: Keyrrese Flamer
- Webmaster: Nassir Azieh
- Student Trustee: Cindy Garcia
- Activities Coordinator: Michelle Abboud, Duy Huynh and Sarkis Tatarian
- Senator: Javier Melgarajo and Ken Vialva

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**Speech and Debate’s ‘Night with Forensics’ to be Held on Tuesday, May 5**

The Cypress College Forensics Team will be holding our annual “Night with Forensics” on Tuesday, May 5, at 7pm in H-131.

This event is an evening that showcases the award-winning speeches that our forensics students have been working on all year. It is a great opportunity to introduce your students to the forensics team. We will be performing persuasive and informative speeches, oral interpretation of literature and even our “Reader’s Theater.”

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**Softball has ‘Octo-peat’ as Team Captures 8th Consecutive OEC Title**

It’s an Octo-peat for the Cypress College softball team — which recorded an eighth consecutive Orange Empire Conference championship.

As part of the accolades for a successful season, two players were selected to the All-State team while two more were picked for All-Region honors.

Freshman third baseman Kimberly Frazier made her way to the All-State Team leading the state in runs (63). She was also in the top five in Hits (69), RBI (52), homeruns (16), walks (31), and slugging percentage (.942).

She was joined by sophomore pitcher Natasha Ruiz who earned all-state honors for the first time.

Ruiz leads the state in wins (29) and appearances (41). Ruiz was also the Orange Empire Conference Pitcher of the Year and 1 of 5 Chargers to make the First Team All-Conference.

Freshman shortstop Roni Alvarado and sophomore center fielder Kayla Van Dieren were honored with All-Southern California Team selections.

The Chargers are preparing for the first round of playoffs which begin Saturday at 1 p.m. on campus against Mt. San Jacinto.

Coach Brad Pickler was named Orange Empire Conference Coach of the Year — his 4th consecutive — following his 14th conference championship.

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**Swimmers Place in State Tournament; Beidler is OEC Coach of the Year**

Cypress College’s head swimming coach Larry Beidler was named the Orange Empire Conference Coach of the Year by his colleagues, and team members Sam Fandrich and Jeff Tsim competed in the State Championships at Belmont Shore over the past weekend.

Tsim competed in two events finishing in the top ten in both. He swam Friday in the 100 yard butterfly and finished fourth in the state with a 50.61 time. He then competed Saturday in the 200 yard butterfly finishing sixth with a time of 1:54.61. Tsim, a freshman, earlier led Cypress with a first place finish in the 200 yard butterfly at the OEC championships.

Fandrich competed in three events over the weekend. He started in the 500 yard freestyle in the consolation swim with a 10th place overall finish. On Friday, Fandrich swam in the consolation swim for the 200 yard freestyle finishing 11th. He closed the weekend with the long distance 1650 yard freestyle finishing 11th.

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Fall 2009
Class Schedule

Classes Begin:
August 17
August 31
October 19
3rd Annual Transfer Celebration!

May 7, 2009
2 pm - 4 pm
In the CC Complex, Room 414

Break Out Session
with your University Representative

Certificates, Refreshments & Gifts will be provided

Please RSVP By May 1, 2009
by bringing a copy of your acceptance letter to the Transfer Center.

If have any questions, call (714) 484-7129
Cypress College Piano Competition 2009

Romantic Era

Saturday May 9, 2009

Applications available online now at cypresscollege.edu, Fine Arts Division, or call the number below to obtain an application by mail.

Call LaVaun Beyer, Director (714)637-7080 with questions or email lbeyer@cypresscollege.edu

Application deadline: April 10, 2009

Applications may be faxed, mailed or emailed.

www.cypresscollege.edu
Photo Galleries

LEFT: Parent Night was held on Tuesday, April 28. See story on Page 1. Click to view photos.

BOTTOM LEFT: WorldFest took place this week. Click to view photos.

BELOW: The CalWORKS and CARE programs took time out to laud their honors students (and their families) this week. Click to view more photos. Click to listen to Rick Rams, dean of Student Support Services, describe the event and its significance.
Orange County's Vietnamese immigrants reflect on historic moment

Liem Thanh Nguyen, a former Vietnamese refugee, stands in front of an exhibit at Cypress College about the history of Vietnamese refugees and the fall of Saigon.

Every April, as the anniversary of the communist takeover of their homeland approaches, they look back -- and try to make sure their descendants know and appreciate their history.

By My-Thuan Tran
April 30, 2009

Thirty-four years after tanks smashed through the gates of Saigon's Presidential Palace, marking a symbolic end to the Vietnam War, the bitter memories still burn.