Surveys Say … Results are in on Queries of Students, Employees

Student Satisfaction Survey shows higher satisfaction among students in majority of areas students were asked about.

The results of last semester’s Student Satisfaction Survey show higher levels of satisfaction, compared to the previous study, in a majority of the 12 areas students were queried about.

The survey, which was administered by Noel-Levitz, also compares results from Cypress College students to a national average. Cypress College students felt better than students across America in each of the 12 parameters measured.

Cypress College also scored particularly well compared to the Fall 2007 campus survey in the areas of: Overall campus maintenance, safety and signage; Admissions & Registration helpfulness; well-lighted, secure and more parking space; physically accessible to people with disabilities; and welcoming campus.

Areas where students were less satisfied than 2007 — though still

Results from the Campus Climate Survey — which measures employee satisfaction in a number of areas — were impressive. Some 436 employees responded to the survey, up from 320 in 2008.

The survey explored three broad areas: College Atmosphere; Diversity; and Decision-making, Team Spirit and Job Satisfaction.

The most impressive results came in the category of “College Atmosphere” — which was measured by 11 parameters. The 2009 results substantially outpaced the responses given in Spring 2008 in 10 of the categories and were measurably better in the remaining area.

College Atmosphere is comprised of these parameters: sincere; interested; harmonious; open; comfortable; tolerant; respectful; coop-

About the Surveys

The Student Satisfaction Survey and the Campus Climate Survey help inform the college about its strengths and areas that may require attention. They also will be helpful in the upcoming accreditation process. Results of the surveys can be found on the Institutional Research and Planning website.

THEY SAID IT

“Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I rise I rise I rise.”

— Maya Angelou

Black History Month Celebration Events Set to Begin on Thursday, February 11

Cypress College’s Black History Month celebration is set to begin on Thursday, February 11. All events are coordinated by the college’s Black Student Union.

The celebration kicks off on February 11 with an Open Mic/Talent Show in Humanities-131, from 3-5 p.m.

On Tuesday, February 16, Author Jenoyne Adams, the sister of faculty member Virgil Adams, will speak in H-131, from 3-5 p.m.

The following day, the musical “Unheard Voices” will be staged in H-131, from 3-5 p.m.

African-Americans in Classical Music is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Theater, February 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cypress College’s annual Black College Fair is scheduled to run in conjunction with the “Dancing Through History” performance on February 24. Approximately 80-100 Lakewood and Millikan high school students are scheduled to attend the show and informational sessions on campus.
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more satisfied than their peers across the nation — included the availability of classes, the class schedule and the online process for registering for classes.

The survey invitation was mailed to all students and the number of responses exceeded the required sample size by 500. In fact, 1,847 completed the survey, compared to 1,286 in 2007.

The Student Satisfaction Survey measured 12 parameters, covering a broad range of campus activities. Each factor was measured through multiple questions. Students were also asked to rank by the importance and satisfaction of each parameter.

An analysis of the results reveals Cypress College’s strengths as: quality of instruction; availability of faculty; efficient admissions and registration; safe, well-maintained and welcoming campus; variety of courses; and adequate Library, computer labs and study areas.

Five areas were identified as challenges: Inadequate class availability; insufficient academic advisement with respect to program/transfer requirements and goal setting; cleanliness of campus restrooms; insufficient parking; and lack of early alerts for students performing poorly.

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Cypress College also recorded both satisfaction and improvement in all four areas of “Diversity” in the most-recent study. The area of Diversity measured topics related to: diversity in general; sexual orientation; race/ethnicity; and gender. Each of the four areas ranked at 80% or higher.

In the final category of “Decision-making, Team Spirit and Job Satisfaction,” employees responded more favorable in 5 of 8 categories compared to the earlier survey. “Decision-making” showed a negligible decrease, while “satisfaction” and “participation” showed small declines. Areas of improvement were: collaboration; opportunity; employee opinion; pressure; and team spirit. The category also indicated disparate results for full-time employees versus part-time employees — with the latter group having been more impacted by the significant budget constraints experienced by the college.

A new category explored planning. Cypress will cover that in a future edition.

Cavin to Explore Resurrection of Jesus in Sabbatical Report

Greg Cavin will present his sabbatical report “Fact or Figment: Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?” He looks at the two most recent, scholarly arguments about the Resurrection of Jesus from 2-3:30 on Tuesday, February 16 in H-225. The two works are by Professor Richard Swinburne (Oxford University) in his book The Resurrection of God Incarnate, and the second by Professor Timothy McGrew (Western Michigan University) in his recent article “The Argument from Miracles: A Cumulative Case for the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.”

Humanities Building Re-dedication Set for February 24

The college’s Humanities Building will be re-dedicated on February 24, at 2 p.m. Humanities re-opened last month following an 18-month major renovation that included the full remodel of the interior, a new roof, replacement of existing stairwells and the addition of another.

An invitation to the re-dedication can be viewed online at: http://smilebox.com/play/fd5451324e6a41314d544a384d6a4d314d7a6b774d6a453d0d0a&sb=1.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Cypress College: Motivating Minds.
Got STEM?

Attention Students!
Are you still looking to add a class? Here is an easy 1 unit course.

Enroll in PHSC299 Physical Science Independent Study: STEM Seminar. Wednesday 4:30-5:45 PM in room SEM-124, CRN: 23876. 1 unit. Class starts week 4 Wednesday February 10th. 2010. This seminar course will introduce you to most areas of STEM:. We’ll have a different guest speaker each week. Your goal is to learn about STEM careers, and choose one.

You will develop a cohort group for peer support and classroom success.

You will learn how to enroll in our 2010 Summer Research Internship at CSUF, CSULB, and UCI.

For more information, contact:
Professor Ron Armale, 714-484-7000 Ext. 48638.
Office: SEM-259. Email: RArmale@CypressCollege.edu
www.CypressCollege.edu/academics/SpecialPrograms/STEMGrant

This Program is funded by the Federal College Cost Reduction and Access Act Hispanic-Serving Institutions (STEM) Grant awarded to Cypress College.
As 'Americana' as...Tommy Lasorda!

Good Afternoon,

First, I want to thank the campus community for its support of the Foundation over the years. As you know, the Cypress College Foundation’s 35th Annual Americana Awards are just around the corner (Saturday evening, February 20). With former Dodgers' Manager Tommy Lasorda as our Man of the Year, I promise you a fun evening! [click here to read the full press release]

Most importantly, the event will benefit our students, whose needs have never been greater.

Please join us at what has become Cypress College's signature event. I’m attaching an invitation and reservation information. The staff price is $200 per person.

I've also attached an opportunity drawing ticket, if that happens to be of interest to you. (For this drawing, we sell a maximum of 100 tickets for $100 apiece; one winner will receive $2,000, while two winners will get $500.)

Thanks for your consideration. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Raul Alvarez

Raul Alvarez
Executive Director
Foundation & Community Relations
Cypress College

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request the pleasure of your company

Saturday, February 20, 2010
Disneyland Hotel Grand Ballroom

in honoring

Tommy Lasorda
Man of the Year

and Citizens of the Year:

Anaheim - Dorothea M. Stephenson
Buena Park - Michael Davis
Cypress - Christy Schopp
Garden Grove - Lon and Linda Cahill
La Palma - Kenneth A. Blake
Los Alamitos/Rossmoor - Nancy Diane Kimber, M.D.
Seal Beach - William T. Ayres
Stanton - Nancy K. Heitman

No-Host Cocktails and Silent Auction - 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

$225 per person ★ $500 Star Sponsor (2 tickets)
$2,500 Benefactor Table Sponsor ★ $3,500 Founder Table Sponsor
$ 10,000 - Patriot Sponsor

Black Tie Encouraged
Advertising Reservation

Yes, I/we wish to place an ad in the Americana Commemorative Program in recognition of an honoree, and/or Cypress College.

Name ____________________________ Company ____________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip ____________________________________________________________________
Phone ____________________________________________________________________ Email ____________________________________________________________________

Enclosed is my check for an ad:

Full page (7' x 9') $550 _____
*Full page inside back cover $1000 _____
Half page (7' x 4½') $300 _____
Quarter page (3' x 4½') $175 _____

Advertising Deadline: January 27, 2010
* Call for space reservation

Make your checks payable to:
Cypress College Foundation
and send to:
Cypress College Foundation
9200 Valley View
Cypress, CA 90630-5897

For ad copy, please send block and white camera-ready art or disk in QuarkXpress, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, PDF or Illustrator. Please include all fonts and graphics used in ad. If need be, we can set your copy for you.

For advertising information, please call:
Gail Taylor at (714) 484-7127 or email at gtaylor@cypresscollege.edu

Attendance Reservation

☐ Please reserve ____ place/s at $225 each.
☐ Please reserve two place/s at a total of $500 as a Star Sponsor. Includes listing in program.
☐ Please reserve ____ table/s as an Americana Benefactor at $2,500 each. Includes preferred seating for ten and 1½ page ad in the commemorative program.
☐ Please reserve ____ table/s as an Americana Founder at $3,500. Includes ringside table of ten, full page ad in the commemorative program and champagne during dinner.
☐ Please reserve ____ sponsorship as an Americana Patriot at $10,000. Contact office.
☐ I wish to place an ad in the Americana commemorative program. See form above.
☐ I regret that I/we will be unable to attend. I/we wish to support the college with a contribution.

A check in the amount of $_____, payable to Cypress College Foundation is enclosed.

Bill my Visa/Mastercard for $________ Card # ____________________________ Exp. Date ________
Print name as it appears on credit card ____________________________ Billing Zip Code ________
Signature ____________________________

I/we are attending/supporting the event in honor of ____________________________

Make all checks payable to: Cypress College Foundation.
For reservation information, call: Laura Stephens at (714) 484-7126 or email at lstephens@cypresscollege.edu (Please complete other side)
EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING
THREE CASH WINNERS
ONE WINS $2,000
TWO WIN $500

Drawing Ticket Price $100
There are only 100 chances available
(only the first 100 tickets returned will qualify for the drawing)

Please return this response card by February 12, 2010
(need not be present to win)

Name__________________________________________________________
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___ Check enclosed - or - bill my ____ VISA ____ Mastercard (check one)

Signature _________________________________________________________

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Fact or Figment:
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A FLEX Sabbatical Presentation

2:00 – 3:30, Tuesday, February 16th
H-225

Robert Greg Cavin, Ph.D.,
Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

I will present and examine the two most recent, scholarly arguments for the historicity of the Resurrection of Jesus—the first by Professor Richard Swinburne (Oxford University) in his book *The Resurrection of God Incarnate*, and the second by Professor Timothy McGrew (Western Michigan University) in his recent article “The Argument from Miracles: A Cumulative Case for the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth” (in *The Blackwell Companion to Natural Theology*).

Is the Resurrection a fact or a myth? Come hear the pros and cons and decide for yourself—while earning FLEX credit!