

THIS WEEK

Ongoing

» “Against the Grain,” Art Gallery (through March 11)

9 • Tuesday

» NOCCCD Board of Trustees meeting, Anaheim Campus, 5:30 p.m.

11 • Thursday

» Senior Day, Gateway and Pond, 8 a.m.-noon.

» [STEM Lecture Series: Author Mary Roach](#), CCCPLX-216, 12:30-2 p.m.

» Academic Senate meeting, CCCPLX-419, 3-5 p.m.

12 • Friday

» “[West Side Story](#),” Campus Theater, 8 p.m.

Additional performances on March 13, 14, 19, 20, 21.

13 • Saturday

» “[West Side Story](#),” Campus Theater, 8 p.m.

Additional performances on March 14, 19, 20, 21.

14 • Sunday

» “[West Side Story](#),” Campus Theater, 4 p.m.

Additional performances on March 19, 20, 21.

[For additional events, visit the online listings.](#)

THEY SAID IT

“Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.”

– Sir Winston Churchill

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March 5, 2010, Newsletter from President Michael J. Kasler

Core Values:

[Excellence](#)

[Integrity](#)

[Collegiality](#)

[Inclusiveness](#)

Roughly 1,000 High School Students Expected for Senior Day on Thur.

► **Senior Day is the college’s largest outreach event, providing students from area high schools an opportunity to visit campus.**

Some 1,000 area high school seniors are expected to be here on Thursday (3/11/2010) morning for the annual Senior Day high school outreach event. It will be held from 8:30 a.m.-noon in the Gateway Plaza and pond area.

While here, students will have the opportunity to learn about Cypress College programs and services.

The event is the college’s largest outreach effort. It will feature exhibits from divisions, departments, clubs and other student organizations for the duration of the event.

Three workshops are also scheduled in the Student Activities Conference Room:

- “Getting Free Money to Fund Your College Education” at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- “Choosing a College Major” at 9:20 a.m.
- “Transfer Track” at 9:40 a.m.

In addition, students will be able to receive help completing the admissions application, participate in tours, and have some fun.

Distance Ed Team participates in Blackboard Exemplary Course Program

A Distance Education team recently completed the process of reviewing courses submitted to the 2010 Blackboard Exemplary Course Program. The team members included Elizabeth Hamman (SEM), Barbara Marshall (LA), Jessica Puma (Instructional Designer), and Jeanne Miller (Distance Ed Coordinator). The Blackboard Exemplary Course Program was created to identify and disseminate “effective practices for designing engaging online courses.” Standards were grouped by category: Course Design, Interaction & Collaboration, Assessment and Learner Support.

This volunteer activity permitted the team to gain knowledge in preparation for creating a Cypress College Distance Education Quality Rubric, which will be sent to administrators, faculty, and staff for review and approval this semester. The rubric will be used to create a new online teacher training course and provide documentation as to what we at Cypress College believe is an exemplary course. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., to collaborate and produce a review draft. Everyone is invited to attend. Please [email Jeanne Miller](#) for more information.

Digital Cinema Calling for Film Festival Entries

The college’s Digital Cinema program is seeking entries for its first-ever film festival. Selected films in the categories of Live Action and Animations will be screened on April 23 at 6 p.m. in CCCPLX-216. Deadline for entries is April 1.

Film Festival entrants must be currently enrolled in a college or high school and their work must have been completed within the 12 months prior to April 1, 2010.

Additional [requirements and an entry form](#) are available [here](#).

Faculty Cap and Gown Orders Due this Month

[Order forms for the rental of caps and gowns](#) for 2010 graduation are due to the Student Activities Office before the end of March.

Those who are attending graduation and using their own regalia are also asked to [contact Student Activities](#) to allow for an accurate participation count.

The rental cost is \$16 for a masters and \$25 for doctorate, the same as last year. Commencement is May 26, at 6 p.m.

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CARE PACKAGES!!!!

CARE PACKAGES FOR SOLDIERS!

If you would like to donate some items for troops overseas, Cypress College Veterans Dept is now putting together care packages and accepting donations Mon-Thurs 9am-6pm. Below are some suggestions that the troops would love to have.

- Granola bars
- Fruit Snacks
- Beef Jerky
- Assorted hard candies
- Toiletry items
- Playing cards or other entertainment items

The veterans department office is located in Admissions and Records

Cypress College

From: Christy Davis
Subject: Care Packages for Soldiers

Hello!

The Cypress College Veterans Organization is collecting items and making care packages to send over seas to our troops! Attached is a flyer and a list of items that the troops need. If you do not wish to donate items small cash donations would be appreciated to assist with postage and handling.

I do understand that these are hard times for everyone, and you may not have anything to give. Cards and letters to our troops would be appreciated as well. It is enough to let them know that we are thinking of them.

Collection Times: M-Th 9-6 p.m.

Collection Place: Veterans Dept located in Admissions and Records

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Cash Donation to help pay for postage. Each box costs \$12.50 to send

Chef Boyardee® Beef Ravioli	Peanuts
Campbells Chunky Soup®	Sunflower Seeds
packages of Tuna	Grandma's Cookies
Starkist® Tuna Lunch Kit	Assorted hard candies
Ramen Noodles	Plastic utensils
Protein Bar	Paperback novel (titles and author vary)
Granola Bar, crunchy	Pad of paper and/or envelopes
Chewy granola bar or cereal bar	Ink pen
Pop Tarts®	Boot Insoles
Nabisco® Fruit snacks (100% Vitamin C)	Socks, black or white
canned fruit	Toothbrush
pudding Snack Pack®	Small size shampoo
cheese or peanut butter crackers	Small size toothpaste
Chewing gum, blister pack	Toiletry: either deoderant, lotion, or body wash
Crystal Light® or Gatorade® drink mix	3 ShaveMate® razors w/ shaving cream in the handle
Baby wipes (large 80 count package)	5 Single-dose Bayer® aspirin packages
Chapstick® brand lip balm	Playing cards, single-use camera, DVD, or other entertainment item
Pepperoni or sausage stick	
Beef jerky strips	

From: Kathryn Sonne
Subject: Honors Club Shoe Drive

North Orange County Community College District
1830 W. Romneya Drive, Anaheim, CA 92801 – (714) 808-4778

INTRADISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE

The Honors Club is sponsoring a shoe drive on campus this week. Please bring any gently used shoes of all sizes to campus and deposit in the marked boxes in the 1st floor lobby of the Fine Arts, SEM, Student Center, Humanities, CCC and Business buildings.

To: Campus Distribution
From: Debbie Valentine – Manager, Environmental, Health and Safety
Date: 3/5/10
Subject: Fire Extinguisher Training

The shoes will be shipped to Soles4Souls a non-profit organization that facilitates donations of shoes worldwide. Over 1.5 billion shoes lay idle in American closets. Over 300 million people around the world are without shoes. Currently, there is a particular need in Haiti and Chile that needs to be addressed. Please help our students help others.

The campus annual Fire Extinguisher training will be presented by MARX Bros. Fire Extinguisher Service Co. The training session will be hands on training and will cover the proper use of the fire extinguisher along with fire safety in the work and home environment.

Thanks in advance for your generous donations.

Sincerely,
Cypress College Honors Club

Kathryn T. Sonne
Professor of English
Honors Program Director
Service Learning Director

Regulations regarding Fire Extinguisher Training are sited below:
29CFR 1910.157(g)(1): Where the employer has provided portable fire extinguishers for employee use In the workplace, the employer shall also provide an educational program to familiarize employee with the general principles of fire extinguisher use and the hazards involved with incipient stage fire fighting.
29CFR 1910.157(g)(2): The employer shall provide the education required in paragraph (g)(1) of this section upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter.

All pertinent staff members as listed in the regulations cited above are required to attend the annual fire extinguisher training.

The times and locations of the training are as follows:

Anaheim Campus – West parking lot.
March 9, 2010, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 2:00 p.m.
Sign up with Lucinda Wallis – via email @ lwallis@sce.edu

Cypress College – M & O yard.
March 18, 2010, Thursday at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 2:00 p.m.
Register on My Gateway under the new staff development website.

Fullerton College – Parking lot – north of the 700 Bldg. east of parking structure
March 4, 2010, Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Sign up with Sharon Kelly – Ext. 27073

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 808-4778 or (714) 412-9237.

Debbie Valentine
Manager, Environmental Health & Safety
Risk Management Department

BLACK COLLEGE FAIR

FEBRUARY 24, 2010



The Cypress College division of Student Support Services in cooperation with the Financial Aid Office hosted the 3rd Black College Fair at Cypress College on February 24, 2010. College affordability and access to the college opportunity were the key messages communicated to students as part of this event. A resource fair, campus tour, and print materials were provided to each participant to engage their thinking about postsecondary educational opportunities. Students began the day by working in groups to generate ideas and possible answers to the important question: *Why should I go to college?*



Approximately 100 high school students from Lakewood and Millikan High Schools were in attendance at this year's event. After the morning workshops and tours, students enjoyed lunch while having an opportunity to visit with over 30 representatives from various instructional and student services programs. Additionally, students were able to join the Cypress College community in celebration of our "Dancing through History" concert in the Main Theater as part of our campus Black History Month activities.



Attendees at our Black College Fair will receive a personalized invitation to our Parent Night event on April 21, 2010. Students and their parents will be encouraged to attend to receive additional information about our programs and services.

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Graduation 2010

May 26, 2010

Faculty Robe Information Sheet

Academic Cap and Gown

Please PRINT all information

Name : _____ (Male/Female): _____

Degree

Bachelor _____

Master _____

Doctor _____

Dress or Suit Size _____

Height ___ Ft. ___ In.

Hood Information

Major: _____

School Colors: (very important) _____

From: _____
 School Name City State

Order must be received by Student Activities Office attention: Becky Rojas by March 27, 2009 714-484-7199. If you have your own regalia and plan to attend please let me know.



Who says you can't get a break these days? **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act** may give you the break you're looking for – help paying for college.

The American Opportunity Credit is worth up to \$2,500 of the cost of tuition and related expenses. You can claim it on your 2009 and 2010 tax returns. The credit amount starts phasing out if you make more than \$80,000, or \$160,000 if you're filing a joint return. Even if you don't make enough money to file a return, file anyway because you may get up to \$1,000 back.

And if you have a section 529 college savings plan, you can spend those funds on a computer that's used for college.

You don't need a course in rocket science to learn how it pays to go to college.

Visit irs.gov/recovery.



icanaffordcollege.com



It Pays To Know About the American Opportunity Tax Credit

Did you know you may qualify for a tax credit to help pay for your college fees and expenses?

The American Opportunity Tax Credit is worth up to \$2,500 of the cost of fees and college expenses, and can be claimed on 2009 and 2010 tax returns. Don't forget, the last day to file your return is April 15. College expenses include books, supplies and equipment needed for a course of study – regardless of where they are purchased. You may even be able to claim your computer.

“With so many families struggling, we want students to know about their options to help pay for college and take advantage of all the tax breaks they can,” said California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association President Jacque Bradley.

The full credit is available to individuals whose gross annual income is \$80,000 or less, or \$160,000 or less for married couples. Even students who don't make enough money to file a return should do it anyway because they may get up to \$1,000 back.

To take advantage of this tax credit, you can contact the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at 1-800-829-1040. The VITA program offers **free** tax help to people with a gross annual income at or below \$49,000 who need assistance preparing their tax returns.

The California Community Colleges encourage students and parents to learn more about this important tax credit and other financial aid opportunities by visiting icanaffordcollege.com today.

Marketing Individual Programs

Background: At the most-recent colloquium there was a recommendation that the Public Information Office provide assistance with marketing of individual programs. In response, a workshop was held last academic year. Based on the success and interest, I will repeat the workshop on April 9, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the TLC on the first floor of the Library/Learning Resource Center.

Objective: Work with interested faculty, staff or managers from campus programs to participate in a partnership with the Public Information Office to develop promotional materials in support of expanding their enrollment. The workshop is intended to provide background so that foundational pieces can be created for a program-level marketing campaign.

Outcomes: Identification of target audiences and what to say to each audience. Creation of promotional text for use in brochures, flyers, the Web, student e-mails and podcasts will be completed outside the workshop hours.

Results: Participants will receive the following items, all produced in conjunction with the Public Information Office and from the PIO budget:

- Flyer
- Brochure
- Photos
- Text to use on Web site

Other potential promotional opportunities:

- Promotion on Podcast
- Promotion in all-student e-mail
- “Did you know?” feature
- “Why I teach” profile
- @Cypress

NOTE: These items will be created working in conjunction with participants following the completion of both workshop sessions.

Registration: Via the Staff Development site on MyGateway.

Contact: Marc Posner, Public Information Officer
mposner@CypressCollege.edu or ext. 47006

2010 Workshops

Stop by the Transfer Center
to sign up or call (714) 484-7129.
Hours: Mon.- Thurs. 8AM-6PM
& Fri. 8AM-12PM

Spring

Cypress College Scholarship Workshop

Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 1PM-2PM
@CC Complex 419

Pre-TAG Workshop

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 from 1PM-2PM
@ CC Complex 419

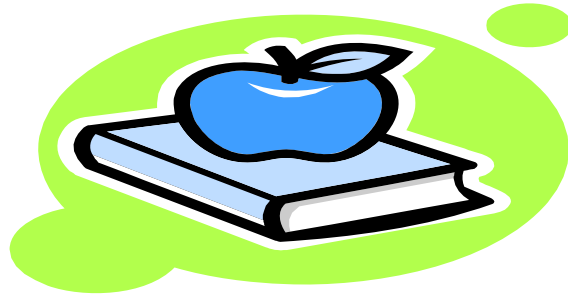
Pre-TAG Workshop

Monday, April 12, 2010 from 1PM-2PM
@ CC Complex 419

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Located in the
Student Center Bldg. 2nd Floor.*

California State University, Fullerton **Attention Future Teachers!**

Cal State Fullerton Center Careers in Teaching
Appointments in the Transfer Center



February 16, Tuesday 9:30 – 12:30

March 16, Tuesday 1:30 – 5:00

April 21, Wednesday 9:30 – 12:30

May 6, Thursday 11:00 – 2:00

You may sign-up 30 days in advance for an appointment.

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Student Center 2nd Floor

Phone Number: (714) 484-7129

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8am-6pm, Fri. 8am-12pm

