**Four Faculty to be Honored by Board on Tuesday for Attaining Tenure**

Joel Gober, Rebecca Gomez, Lenore Landis, Dave McCament and Keith Vescial will be recognized for earning tenure.

Five Cypress College faculty will be recognized on Tuesday evening by Trustees of the North Orange County Community College District for earning tenure.

The five professors are: Joel Gober, (Biology); Rebecca Gomez (Health Information Technology); Lenore Landis (Chemistry); Dave McCament (Mortuary Science); and Keith Vescial (Reading).

Rebecca Gomez

Health Information Technology (Health Science Division)

Rebecca Gomez began working in Cypress College's Health Information Technology Program in 1998 as an adjunct faculty member and has been employed here full-time since the fall of 2006. She has worked for several years in hospitals, ambulatory care and home health in various management positions. She was also a consultant who helped hospitals and clinics prepare for licensure surveys and the implementation of federal privacy laws. Gomez also developed software for release of information, electronic records and occupational health.

At Cypress College, Gomez has served as a member of the Staff Development Committee, the Distance Education Committee, and is a Standard Chair for Resources as part of the Accreditation Committee.

She earned her Bachelor's of Science from the School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles, her Master's of Science in Healthcare Administration, from California State University, Long Beach, and Master's of Arts in Sports Management from the University of San Francisco.

Dave McCament

Mortuary Science (Health Science Division)

Dave McCament is a Cypress College graduate who returned to teach in the program he completed back in 1978. He is a licensed embalmer, funeral director and crematory operator in California. Additional experience includes: mortuary management, cemetery plot sales, crematory operations, maintaining mortuary records, accounting, pre-need sales, extensive public speaking, interfacing with local coroner

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**Parent Night a Huge Draw in New Locations**

An estimated 450 people attended Cypress College's 11th Annual Parent Night, one of the campus' most-significant outreach events. Because of the event's growth, it was moved into the Theater and the Spanish-language breakout session moved from a conference room to CCCPLX-216 — which was filled to 75% capacity or better. Some 75 employees staffed more than 50 resource tables for potential students and their parents to explore. Read more in the @Cypress “Extras” section.

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**ACCJC Sets March, 2011 Dates for Site Visit**

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges has set March 14-17, 2011 as the date for Cypress College's Accreditation Site Visit.

The site visit is a schedule part of the comprehensive accreditation process. Additional information about accreditation is available on the campus website.

ACCJC confirmation letter is attached in the @Cypress “Extras” section.
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offices, and establishing both a grave marker retail business and a trade embalming service in Southern California.

While he has worked in the death care industry for 35 years, McCament has also worked in education; prior to accepting his current faculty position in the Mortuary Science department in 2006, he was a credentialed, vocational R.O.P. high school auto shop instructor.

His career in education started as an aide while he pursued his Bachelor's (Psychology) and Master's (Forensic Science) degrees through National University. He currently serves as the SLO Representative for his division. He resides with his wife, Lisa, in Escondido.

Keith Vescial
Reading (Language Arts Division)

Keith Vescial began teaching Reading at Cypress College in the Fall of 2006 after a varied educational background that prompts him to share that “I don’t think my wife will allow me to go back to school again!” His first Bachelor's of Arts degree was in Biology from Loma Linda University, which was followed with a Master's of Science in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Alabama, Birmingham. He later went back to school and completed a Bachelor's of Arts in History at the University of Maryland, University College and a Master's in History from University of California, Riverside. Vescial went back to school a third time to earn a Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Adult Literacy.

For most of his twenties, he worked as a civilian contractor for the United States Army in Europe. He returned to the United States and began working as a teacher — including five years as a high school teacher in the Paramount Unified School District as well as in the Continuing Education and History programs at Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College. “I always had a special love for community college teaching; so, four years ago when Cypress College hired me for my current full-time position, I was ecstatic,” he said. “I am just so happy and appreciative every single day to work at an amazing place like Cypress College.”

Vescial currently serves on the college’s Program Review Committee. In the past, he has served on the architectural review committee for the Humanities Building remodel.

Lenore Landis
Chemistry (Science/Engineering/Mathematics Division)

Lenore Landis started working at Cypress College in the Fall of 2006 as a full-time chemistry instructor. Her professional career began as a biochemist researching the role of various proteins involved in urological cancers. Landis started teaching in 2002 at the high school level after earning a teaching credential from California State University, Northridge. She was also an adjunct instructor at Los Angeles Pierce College, where she taught biology.

At Cypress College, she has taught General Chemistry for science majors, and she is currently teaching Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry for students entering allied health professions. She has written new laboratory assignments with updated biotechnology techniques for the Biochemistry program.

Landis has served for three years as the Science, Engineering and Math Division representative for the Expanded Student Learning Outcome Committee. She earned her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biochemistry with a minor in Biology from California State University, Long Beach and her Master's Degree in Biological Chemistry from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Joel Gober
Biology (Science/Engineering/Mathematics Division)

Joel Gober began teaching at Cypress College in August, 2006 after working as a part-time instructor of biology, anatomy, and physiology courses at other community colleges in Los Angeles. He previously was the Director of the Southern Illinois University Nuclear Magnetic Resonance facility. Gober also completed a post-doctoral National Institutes of Health Fellowship at the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of California, San Francisco, to develop whole human body nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy methods.

He also worked with Philips Medical Systems and the USC School of Medicine Department of Radiology developing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), angiography (MRA), and spectroscopy (MRS) techniques. He has published numerous scientific manuscripts in peer-reviewed scientific journals concerning MRI, MRA, and MRS applications in medicine.

Gober earned both his Bachelor's of Arts and Master's of Science in Physiology, and his Ph.D. in Molecular Science from Southern Illinois University, with specialization in enzyme kinetics observed by nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

At Cypress College, Gober has served on numerous hiring committees, is the faculty advisor of the Aquarium Club and co-advisor of the Biology Club. He is a member of the Accreditation Committee on Institutional Effectiveness and the SEM Division representative-elect on the Program Development Committee. He has revised the human anatomy laboratory curriculum, co-wrote a new customized human anatomy laboratory manual, and is the co-coordinator of the human anatomy and human physiology laboratories. He has developed online and hybrid curriculum and has produced various multimedia learning and self-assessment activities for students such as captioned videos and lecture recordings, and makes them available as DSPS compliant webcasts to on-campus and on-line students. He has recorded and webcasted every lecture he has presented at Cypress College.

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

Timely Warning

Today’s (4/20/2010) edition of The Orange County Register contains an article about the kidnapping and sexual assault of a student at nearby Golden West College. This terrible incident reminds us that it is highly important to keep our personal safety at the front of our minds.

Here are some personal safety tips that are important to follow so that we can continue to maintain a safe campus:

- Exercise caution when approaching or being approached by someone you don’t know.
- Guard your identification, personal information and possessions.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Travel in groups or pairs, and in well-lit areas at night.
- Report suspicious activity if you observe it.
- Report incidents immediately.
- Campus Safety is located in CCCE-3, at the northwest corner of campus.
- Escorts to and from your vehicle are available by contacting Campus Safety.
- Emergency phones are located in a number of places on campus; they ring directly to Campus Safety. Red emergency phones are located inside the buildings. Other “Code Blue” phones are outside and are identified with large blue lights (and on the campus map with a phone symbol).
- If you feel there is an immediate threat, dial 911.

Campus Safety can be reached at (714) 484-7387 or via e-mail to ssmith@CypressCollege.edu.

The Cypress College Student Health Center has produced an excellent document titled: “SEXUAL VIOLENCE EDUCATION VICTIM’S SURVIVAL GUIDE CAMPUS REPORTING PROTOCOL”

This guide provides additional valuable information. It can be viewed by selecting “Health Center” from the “Quicklinks” pull-down menu on the main page of the Cypress College website or by going directly to: http://www.cypresscollege.edu/Media/Website Resources/PDFs/healthCenter/SexualViolenceHandbook.pdf

Please post this information to share with students and employees.

April 20, 2010
Coffee with the Chancellor Set for April 28

Get the latest news, ask questions, and share ideas in a dialogue with Board Members and the Chancellor. Coffee and tea will be served.

The event will take place on Wednesday, April 28, from 3-5 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Cypress College Complex.
11th Annual Parent Night

On behalf of the 2010 Parent Night planning team, I want to thank our 75+ Resource Table participants (faculty, staff, administrators, and students) who made tonight the most successful in the eleven years we have held this event. The turnout from our departments, divisions, and services stretched out over 50 resource tables.

Parent Night serves as one of our most captive audiences each year. These are the students and families most eager to attend Cypress for Fall 2010. They serve as an important key to driving our future success and retention rates because they are starting EARLY with the support of their FAMILY (key factors in the student success formula).

Preliminary figures suggest that between 420-470 parents, high schools seniors and special guests attended our event tonight. Once finalized, this will surely be the largest Parent Night attendance on record. Marc Posner will be posting photos of a near capacity L-216 classroom for the Latino/a Family breakout session and a near capacity Theater for the General Session in the next @Cypress.

The turnout was amazing given the windy/cold weather. Luckily the rain held off for a strong turnout. Also, Carissa Barbour, a Cypress HS Senior was the winner of our $250 Parent Night Scholarship. It was the first time in four attempts the winner came from our top feeder school!

Finally, a huge thanks to our Parent Night planning committee for ensuring a great event and precision coordination:

Keith Cobb
Paul de Dios
Robert Grantham
Kelly Grimes
Avery Olson
Marion Shocklee
Lili Perez
Alfredo Perez (EdFund)

Thanks again for supporting the HS Senior Class of 2010 and making Cypress College a certain destination for their higher education endeavors.

Sincerely,

Rick Rams
Dean of Student Support Services
This year’s 2010 World Fest will be featuring America as it’s bearer of our theme. For those of you who don’t know, World Fest is a yearly event thrown by the Associated Students to promote diversity and cohesion on campus. It’s an excellent opportunity for students to experience and appreciate the wide variety of cultures the world has to offer, all within the Cypress College campus. Cypress College Clubs and Associated Students will be providing foods in theme of the cultures they choose to represent. Yet, what better theme to be chosen than the American theme? America, the veritable melting pot of the world, is a culture that lends its uniqueness to the gamut of cultures that helped to make it the country it is today.

The Associated Students plan to provide shish kabobs, corn on the cob, and cracker jacks; as well as entertainment such as a D.J., prizes, games, and pie eating contests. There are 13 active clubs in attendance, providing glimpses into cultures such as Chile, Argentina, The U.K., Italy, Columbia, Vietnam, France, Black American, Spain and much more. The event will be held Wednesday, April 28th from 11-1pm. We invite all students to come out and enjoy the atmosphere, as well as the free food (A.S. sticker required) offered by all organizations.
April 13, 2010

Dr. Michael Kasler  
President  
Cypress College  
9200 Valley View Street  
Cypress, CA 90630

Dear President Kasler:

This will confirm the date of the next evaluation visit as you requested. Cypress College is scheduled for a comprehensive visit on Monday, March 14-Thursday, March 17, 2011.

If you have questions feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Mr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay, Accreditation Liaison Officer