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May 7, 2010, Newsletter from President Michael J. Kasler

Academic Senate Selects Freer, Koeppel and Pinkowitz for Honors

The three teachers will be honored at graduation for their extraordinary work at Cypress College.

Carolee Freer, Liana Koeppel and Barb Pinkowitz have been honored by their peers as the Academic Senate has selected them, respectively, for the Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award, Charger Award and Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Award.

Freer is the department coordinator for the Court Reporting Program in the Business Division, which consistently has one of the highest pass rates for students taking the state licensing exam.

She is known nationally for her textbooks and involvement in the National Court Reporting Association. On campus, she is recognized for developing new curriculum to meet state licensing standards and for moving in new directions for emerging careers — a recent example being the development of a Closed Captioning component of the program.

Koeppel is the department coordinator for Communication Studies in the Language Arts Division. She is known for her research, creative endeavors and in the areas of leadership and service.

She is active in the National Communication Association and the Western States Communication Association, where she has regularly presented papers.

Her works have been published in the National Forensics Journal, and she is the author or co-author of three published books. Koeppel has served as president of the California Community College Forensics Association and has served as either the Tournament Director or Event Director at virtually every tournament Cypress College attends.

Pinkowitz has multiple responsibilities on campus. In addition to teaching in the Health Information Technology Program, she also serves as the college’s Tech Prep Coordinator.

“Barb is an extraordinary adjunct faculty member in that her level of campus engagement is equivalent to that of a full-time faculty member,” said Steve Donley in a letter supporting her nomination. “Barb has come to be one of those individuals that I can count on to go the ‘extra mile’ in the performance of her responsibilities.”

The three join John Payne, who was selected by an Associated Students-led committee as the Cypress College Teacher of the Year, and Cindy Risow, the Classified Employee of the Year, in receiving end-of-the-year honors.

The four faculty will be recognized at graduation later this month.

THEY SAID IT

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

– Henry Ford

“The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.”

– Margaret Carty

End-of-the-Year Luau Set for Tuesday

Cypress College’s annual End-of-the-Year Luau will be held on Tuesday (May 11, 2010), from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. on the Library/Learning Resource Center Patio. The program begins at 12:15 p.m.

The event celebrates this year’s retirees and employees who are receiving service pins (see “Chargers” column on Page 2).

Tickets for the Opportunity Drawing for Gift Baskets will be available at the event.

Summer Schedules Now in Bookstore

The Summer 2010 Class Schedule is now available in print at the Cypress College Bookstore, where it can be purchased for $1.

It has bee available online April 19. The Fall 2010 Class Schedule is also online. Both documents can be found by clicking here or by following the links on the front page of the college website.

Summer courses begin the week of June 21.

Ongoing

» Student Art Exhibition, Art Gallery (through May 13)
» Student Photo Exhibition, Photography Gallery (through May 18)
» Teacher Appreciation Week — May 2-8

8 • Saturday
» Cypress College Piano Competition 2010, Fine Arts Building second and third floors, 1-5 p.m.

11 • Tuesday
» End-of-the-Year Luau, L/LRC Patio, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. (program begins at 12:15 p.m.)
» NOCCCD Board of Trustees meeting, Anaheim Campus, 5:30 p.m.

13 • Thursday
» Academic Senate meeting, CCPLX-419, 3-5 p.m.

For additional events, visit the online listings.
Former Dodgers Manager Lasorda to Give Commencement Address

Legendary Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda will deliver the Commencement Address at Cypress College on Wednesday, May 26. The college’s 43rd Commencement begins at 6 p.m. in the Gateway Plaza.

Lasorda is known world-wide for his career in baseball as well as his contributions to all mankind. The admiration that he receives from around the world has made him not only an ambassador for baseball, but a good-will ambassador for our country.

During the graduation ceremony, Lasorda will be recognized with an honorary degree from Cypress College — the first such tribute in the college’s history.

Lasorda has been involved with major league baseball since 1954 — as a pitcher, manager, scout and director.

As he continues his 60-plus years with the Dodger organization, Lasorda makes more than 100 speeches and appearances each year to various charities, youth organizations, schools, hospitals and private organizations.

Especially close to his big heart are his visits with military personnel overseas, as well as at home. Just last year, he joined Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on a visit to Iraq and Afghanistan on a USO tour to motivate and inspire troops.

At home, Lasorda has talked numerous times at the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, West Point, the Naval War College, and at 40 military bases across the country.

This past fall, on the occasion of his 82nd birthday, Lasorda’s portrait was unveiled in the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., this in recognition of his contributions to American culture and history.

The recipient of countless honors, Lasorda recently had the distinction of receiving the Emperor Award of the Rising Sun, the highest award given in Japan. And, while the Japanese wanted him to come to their country for the presentation, he requested the award be presented here so his family could attend.

In February, Lasorda was honored by the Cypress College Foundation as the Americana Man of the Year.

CC Participating in The Great California ShakeOut for Fall 2010 Drill

Cypress College will be participating in The Great California ShakeOut on Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 10:21 a.m. The college’s participation in the event will serve as the semester’s campus-wide emergency drill.

Please do not plan any special events, interviews, tests, etc. for this date and time.

The Great California ShakeOut is a chance for all Californians to prepare themselves for major earthquakes. It is estimated that more than 6.9 million Californians participated in the 2009 drill, practicing Drop, Cover, and Hold On and other aspects of family, school, and organizational emergency plans.

The Easter-Day quake in Northern Mexico is a reminder that we all must get better prepared for major earthquakes, and also practice how to protect ourselves when they happen. The purpose of the ShakeOut is to help people and organizations do both.

Schools/colleges have many key roles during disasters, and when we are well prepared all Californians benefit. Also, by holding earthquake drills on the same day, we inspire the participation of many other Californians.

For additional information about this drill please go to: http://www.shakeout.org.

Watch for periodic email updates as we draw closer to October 21, 2010.

“Thank you for your participation in Cypress College’s preparations for disaster response,” said Karen Cant, Cypress College’s Vice President of Administrative Services.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Cypress College: Motivating Minds.
How Fullerton resident Alex Bernal’s 1943 battle against housing discrimination helped change the course of American civil rights

By GUSTAVO ARELLANO
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Resolution No. 09/10-23, Teacher Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, an accessible, effective system of public education is essential to our democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, the quality of public education is dependent upon the skill, dedication, and commitment of the people who teach; and

WHEREAS, the people of the state of California receive many direct benefits from their system of public higher education, particularly the community colleges; and

WHEREAS, the North Orange County Community College District is known for offering high quality education, focused on student learning and success; and

WHEREAS, faculty of Cypress College, Fullerton College, and the School of Continuing Education make a significant impact on the experience of students attending these institutions; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the contributions of faculty members to their students, their colleges and learning centers, and to the people in the community who benefit from their endeavors, be acknowledged; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the North Orange County Community College District does hereby declare the week of May 2-8, 2010, be observed as Teacher Appreciation Week and urges all members of our community to acknowledge the important work of our teachers.

Dated:  April 27, 2010

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Item No.
McPhail began her career in higher education in 1969 at California State University, where she collaborated to launch its ethnic studies program. She began her career in the community college movement at Contra Costa College (California) in 1973, where she served on the counseling faculty staff.

She later served as dean of students at the College of Alameda (California). There, she advocated for strong academic support and transfer programs for community college students.

As a member of the California Community College State Athletic Commission, she worked to establish academic standards for community college student athletes. Her efforts resulted in major changes in the state athletic code.

McPhail then moved to the State Center Community College District and served as director of grants. She tripled the district’s external grant dollars and raised support for innovative programs focused on student retention and success.

McPhail then served as dean of students at Kings River Community College (now Reedley College). At Kings River, she established a prototype program for the retention of African-American males in community college. She also established procedures to include staff and students in shared governance activities at all levels of the college.

In 1995, McPhail became the fifth president of Cypress College, where she restored fiscal and structural stability. A well-known fundraiser, she worked with colleagues to enhance the college’s foundation resources and substantially increased the amount of dollars received annually by the college.

Her commitment to equity in higher education led her to work with faculty and staff to establish the Puente program at Cypress to increase the number of Mexican-American and Latino community college students transferring to four-year colleges and universities.

In 1998, she was named the founding professor and director of the Community College Leadership Doctoral Program (CCLDP) at MSU. It was the first community college leadership doctoral program to be developed at a historically black institution.