September 2, 2011, Newsletter from President Michael J. Kasler

Tips to Help Reduce Theft of Personal and College Belongings

► As activity increases on campus, these tips are intended to help reduce the theft of both personal and college property.

With classes back in session for the fall, Cypress College is once again the size of a small city. While ours is a safe city, locations as large as ours also generate an increased risk of theft of both personal belongings and college property.

Often, this type of crime is easily prevented by through greater awareness of our surroundings. Common-sense prevention skills — such as locking doors and not leaving personal items unattended — can help us reduce theft.

The following are some tips for office security.

• Keep your purse, wallet, and other valuable items with you at all times or locked in a drawer or file cabinet.

• Do not leave personal belongings such as purses, etc. in public view. These items should be locked away.

• Don't keep a wallet in a jacket that is left on a chair or coat rack.

• Never leave your work or personal keys lying about.

• If you are responsible for college keys, don’t leave them on your desk or in the top drawer, where they could be easily taken and copied. Keep them with you or hide them in a secure place.

• Never leave change or cash on the desk or in a top drawer. Instead, place cash in an envelope, and put it in a drawer that is locked.

• Check the identity of any strangers, who are in your office - ask who they are visiting, and if you can help them find that person.

• If you notice suspicious persons or vehicles, notify someone - Campus Safety, or your supervisor.

• Any person in the wrong place at the wrong time is WRONG. Any suspicious behavior should be reported to a supervisor or to Campus Safety.

• Lock doors to areas that are unattended.

• Check the identification of any delivery or repair persons who want to enter an area restricted to employees. If you are uncomfortable, contact the parent company for verification.

• Be alert in buildings and offices after normal working hours. When you are working after normal working hours, be sure you have closed, and locked any exterior doors.

• Report any broken lights, doors that don’t lock properly to the Facilities Office and Campus Safety for repair.

Debate Set for Peter Mathews’ Oil Initiative

Political Science Professor Peter Mathews has spent the summer advocating for an Oil Extraction Initiative that he authored in an effort to “rescue education.” On Thursday, he will participate in an on-campus debate with a representative of the oil industry.

Mathews, who has appeared in a number of news articles and broadcasts in support of Prop 1481, the Oil Extraction Tax to Fund Education Initiative, will be debating Anita Mangel from the oil industry.

Dates Set for ‘Coffee with Trustees and Chancellor’ and Strategic Conversation

“Coffee with Trustees and the Chancellor” will be held on campus on November 1. Sessions are also scheduled at Fullerton College and at the Anaheim Campus for SCE. All three are open to any member of the District community.

The Cypress College coffee will take place on Tuesday, November 1, at 11 a.m., in CCCPLX-414.

They Said it

“Getting ahead in a difficult profession requires avid faith in yourself. That is why some people with mediocre talent, but with great inner drive, go much further than people with vastly superior talent.”

– Sophia Loren

“They say that time changes things, but actually you have to change them yourself.”

– Andy Warhol

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Alumnus Taylor Green Becomes 17th Charger to Make Major League Baseball Debut

Taylor Green last night became the seventeenth Cypress College alumnus to play in a Major League Baseball game. Green joins his former Chargers teammate, Brandon Laird, who made his MLB debut earlier this summer.

Both players began their Big League careers in pinch hitting roles, and both singled in their first official at bats.

On Wednesday night, Green was called upon by Milwaukee Brewers manager Ron Roenicke to hit for pitcher Randy Wolf in the bottom of the fifth inning. Green hit a line-drive single to right field in his first big league at-bat, and currently stands with a perfect 1.000 batting average, having not seen an additional at-bat, and currently stands with a perfect 1.000 batting average, two homers and 88 RBIs in 120 games.

As a Charger during the 2005 and 2006 seasons, Green was a standout middle infielder for Cypress baseball head coach Scott Pickler.

“I always thought Taylor had the tools to make it,” Pickler said. “He could hit, play defense and do the little things you need to do to make it to the next level.”

As a sophomore at Cypress, Green played in all 54 games at shortstop, where he racked up 190 assists. For his Charger career, Green played in 95 total games over two years, where he batted a combined .353, scored 90 runs, drove in 77 RBI, and hit 34 doubles which still has him ranked 6th in the all-time record book.

Also in the Chargers’ infield that season was Laird, who debuted with the New York Yankees on July 22 by pinch hitting for star Derek Jeter.

Other Chargers alumni to reach the Major Leagues are: Brian Downing; Trevor Hoffman; Jeff Patterson; Jason Bates; Augie Ojeda; Charles Gipson; David Newman; Keith McDonald; Steve Smyth; Keith Ginter; Gerald Laird; Cory Sullivan; Jason Vargas; Ben Francisco; and David Huff.

CONTINUOUS: Coffee with Trustees, Chancellor Scheduled for November

Fullerton College hosts the event on Thursday, September 15, 11 a.m., in the College Center Rooms 224-226.

The coffee at School of Continuing Education will be held on Thursday, October 20, at 3 p.m., in the Anaheim Campus Rooms 105/107.

In addition to “Coffee with Trustees and the Chancellor,” Cypress College is hosting this year’s Strategic Conversation. It is scheduled to be held prior to the Board meeting on Tuesday, October 25, in the Theater lobby. More information will be available in the near future.

CONTINUOUS: Mathews to Debate His Oil Tax on Campus Thursday

The Western States Petroleum Association. It will take place on Thursday, September 8, from 2:30-4:30 p.m., in the Humanities Lecture Hall H-131.

In a press release issued in support of the proposed legislation, Mathews says the initiative will raise $350 million for UC, $350 million for CSU, $1.09 billion for K-12, and $1.5 billion for community colleges annually.

“By providing this badly needed money annually for California education, Prop 1481 will help retain jobs and create thousands of new jobs in California and make California competitive in the new global economy, by fully educating our students who will create new technologies, products and services,” the release from Rescue Education California says.

Mathews and Rescue Education California intend this month to file petitions to place Prop 1481 on the California ballot.

According to Mathews, many organizations and individuals have endorsed the initiative officially. Those endorsements include the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, the United Faculty of the North Orange County Community College District, State Chancellor Jack Scott, and a number of others.

H ave you ever wondered who puts the stories in @Cypress, oversees campus media, interfaces with the local communities, and keeps the college Facebook and Twitter accounts updated? The wizard behind the curtain is Marc Posner, Cypress College’s Public Information Officer.

“This is a path I always wanted to pursue,” said Posner, who was inspired by a great journalism teacher — Julie Davey — at Fullerton College. Posner began his professional journalism career when he was still a student. His first job was as an editor on the Anaheim Bulletin. Later he worked for the Orange County Register and the Los Angeles Times on their community newspapers, including the Daily Pilot. After a stint in Public Relations at Golden West College, Posner came to Cypress College in July 2000.

Posner is involved with all aspects of journalism and public relations from researching and writing stories to the mechanics of digital media. He credits his educational training for giving him a solid foundation. “What I learned gave me every skill set that I needed to be successful,” explained Posner. “Now I relish every chance I get to connect a student to a faculty member, who can make a difference for them. And being on this campus is like dying and going to heaven. I am thoroughly blessed.”

Posner and his public information team of Rhonda Kraft and Sunny Magdaug are always on the go covering stories and helping to produce events and activities.

Kraft, Posner’s clerical assistant, has been working with him for six years. A multiple nominee for Classified Employee of the Year, she loves Cypress College…and working with Posner. She even gave him a “Boss of the Year” award.

If you want to find Kraft on campus, look for her at the information desk in the Student Center. She’s the first person to greet new students. When she’s at home she’s likely to be outside gardening or spending time with her dog Ace, who is “part lab-boxer and part sweetheart.” And, if it seems like Kraft is everywhere, even two-places at once, that’s because she has an identical twin sister, Robin.

Sunny Magdaug, a Communications graduate of Cypress College and California State University, Fullerton, is working as a student intern in the Public Information Office. A former sports reporter for International Gymnast magazine and Sea magazine, she also has public relations experience and started her own firm, Sunny Public Relations.

Magdaug returned to Cypress College and enrolled in management and marketing classes to gain additional business skills. Then she volunteered to help out in the PIO Office. “This gives me a great opportunity to give back to the College,” said Magdaug. “Marc has been a wonderful mentor and I really like the campus environment.” Magdaug can usually be spotted on campus with her reporter’s notebook, tape recorder, and camera.

Heading the Public Information Office and working on events from Opening Day to Graduation keeps Posner busy throughout the year. When he isn’t working, though, he enjoys watching his sons Jacob and Noah play hockey. This summer he took his wife Karen and the boys to Washington, D.C., and was thrilled to see all the historic sites.

Written by Patti Kishel, Cypress College Management and Marketing Professor
This is the first in a series of “Spotlight Articles” profiling members of the Cypress College campus community.
Career Assessment Interpretation Workshops – Fall 2011

Discover your Interests, Values, Skills and Personality!

It’s easy as 1-2-3

1 Purchase

Purchase the comprehensive $40 Career Assessment Packet from the Career Planning Center, 2nd floor of the Student Center Building. FYI: Cost at other institutions is $75 and up for these reliable and validated assessments!

2 Complete

Complete the Career Assessments from any place that has Internet access (home, work, Career Center, etc.)

3 Appointment

Make an appointment to attend one of the Career Assessment Interpretation Workshops. You must have an appointment to ensure your assessments results will be available at the workshop.

Explore your options, make decisions and set your goals!

It’s simple as A-B-C

Attend:

Attend the workshop to receive your MBTI and SII career assessment results.

Begin:

Begin your research at the Career Planning Center’s Resource Library and website which has valuable information including major-specific books, career files, labor market and salary information

Counselor:

Make a career or academic Counselor appointment to further explore your options, discuss your educational goals and develop an Educational Plan.
Career Counseling: (714) 484-7120 or Academic Counseling: (714) 484-7015.

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If you are unable to attend one of the Workshop Sessions or need additional help putting all this together, you can make a one-on-one appointment with the Career Counselor. Please be advised that individual appointment times are limited.

Career Planning Center – 2nd Floor Student Center – (714) 484-7120
8:00 am - 6:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Friday
www.CypressCollege.edu/services/cpc

Note: There is NO CHARGE for our services (counseling, use of the research library, career computers, etc.) but we must charge for the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and Strong Interest Inventory (SII) to cover our costs associated with the administration and interpretation reports for these valuable and beneficial assessments.
Unemployed and Looking for Answers
Date: Monday, September 19
Time: 1:00 pm—2:30 pm
Location: CC Complex, Room 419
Presented by: Kathleen High

Job Search Tips for Those with a Not-So-Hot Past
Date: Monday, October 3
Time: 1:00 pm—2:30 pm
Location: CC Complex, Room 419
Presented by: Kathleen High

Goal Setting and Decision Making
Date: Wednesday, September 14
Time: 4:30 pm—6:00 pm
Location: Career Planning Center, 2nd Floor Student Center Building
Presented by: Khanh Ninh

Are You in the Right Major?
Date: Wednesday, October 26
Time: 4:30 pm—6:00 pm
Location: Career Planning Center, 2nd Floor Student Center Building
Presented by: Khanh Ninh

School—Social Life—Work: Managing Conflicting Priorities
Date: Monday, November 7
Time: 1:00 pm—2:30 pm
Location: CC Complex, Room 419
Presented by: Kathleen High

Resume Writing Tips and Trends
Date: Wednesday, November 9
Time: 4:30 pm—6:00 pm
Location: Career Planning Center, 2nd Floor Student Center Building
Presented by: Khanh Ninh

Are you a Team Player? Problem Solver? Leader? Good Communicator?: Identifying Your Transferrable Skills
Date: Monday, November 14
Time: 1:00 pm—2:30 pm
Location: CC Complex, Room 419
Presented by: Kathleen High

Study Habits and Skills
Date: Monday, October 17
Time: 1:00 pm—2:30 pm
Location: CC Complex, Room 419
Presented by: Kathleen High

Time Management Tips and Tricks
Date: Wednesday, October 5
Time: 4:30 pm—6:00 pm
Location: Career Planning Center, 2nd Floor Student Center Building
Presented by: Khanh Ninh

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Student and Career Success Workshops

These Workshops are open to EVERYONE FREE OF CHARGE.
For further information, please contact the Cypress College Career Planning Center at (714) 484-7120 or visit our website at www.CypressCollege.edu/services/cpc
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