Cypress College Hosting Strategic Conversation #13 on Oct. 25

The Strategic Conversation topic will be “Student's Road to Success.” It is an opportunity for discussion with the Board.

“Strategic Conversation #13: Student’s Road to Success” will be host in the Cypress College Campus Theater on October 25. Social Hour will begin at 4 p.m. that will include refreshments. The introduction and sessions will begin at 5 p.m.

The Strategic Conversation is open to the entire District-wide community. Its purpose is to facilitate open dialogue among all members of the District community including students.

Recorded discussions of Strategic Conversation #13 will not be put on a shelf to collect dust, to become — as it were — a dead-end street.

“Diamond Lanes” will discuss how research has shown that if first-time community college students can successfully complete the first 30 units of coursework, they are much more likely to complete degrees or certificates. This is the starting point for Strategic Conversation #13.

“A Look in the Rearview Mirror” will present the “Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges” (ARCC) that provides Management Information System (MIS) data for each college and the School of Education to analyze performance. This will show how colleges can provide opportunities for an open and honest dialogue to evaluate results and suggest action plans for improvement.

“Current Barrier to Student Success” will open up Strategic Conversation Session One. It will provide opportunities to identify barriers that prevent students from reaching their goal. “Promising Practices and Proven Strategies” will present topics regarding “What is the Road Map for the Future?” In Fall 2011, the two most important resources that can be utilized are: 1) the collective ability to analyze and replicate or adapt promising practices for student populations; and 2) the belief that as individuals, and as a District community, a positive difference can be made in the lives of the students.

When President Barack Obama called upon community colleges nationwide to increase degree and certificate completions to 5 million by 2020, California’s severe educational budget crisis was underway. Experts say that the worst is still yet to come. Deep budget cuts to the UC, CSU, and CCC systems have greatly reduced the number of students that California can educate.

At the same time, the 2020 Vision "Report of the Commission on the Future of the Community College League of California” was created, focusing on issues of teaching, learning, and student success.

Mohr Named to CSULB Hall of Fame

Cypress College head women’s basketball coach Margaret Mohr has been named to the 2011 Cal State Long Beach Hall of Fame Class for her memorable career as a 49er during the 1983-87 seasons. The induction ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Long Beach Hotel & Executive Meeting Center.

Other inductees to this year’s CSULB athletic department Hall of Fame Class include current Angels pitcher Jared Weaver.

Associated Students’ Blood Drive on Oct. 5, 6

The Associated Students host this semester’s blood drive on October 5 and 6 in conjunction with the American Red Cross. Be the Match — the National Marrow Donor Program — will also participate. The drive takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., both days, in the Student Activities Center and at a Bloodmobile, which will be stationed in Lot #7, between SEM and the L/LRC. Schedule an appointment by calling (714) 484-7199 or online using sponsor code “CypressCollege.”

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“One step at a time is all that’s possible — even when those steps are taken on the run.”
— Anne W. Schaef