New STEM Transfer Program Offers Admission to CSU Long Beach

Deadline for STEM students to sign-up for participation is November 30 for Fall 2012 admission.

Given the strong growth projections of career opportunities and demand in the field of Technology and Sciences, California State University, Long Beach, is offering for the first time a new pilot transfer program for Cypress College Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) students. Cypress College is one of nine community colleges participating in the CSULB STEM – TAP (Transfer Admission Pathway) Program.

Penny Gabourie, Transfer Center Director and Honors Counselor, said that there will be a push for STEM students to sign-up for the CSULB STEM – TAP Program. The deadline for Cypress STEM students to sign-up is November 30, 2011, for the CSULB Fall Semester 2012. The deadline to apply for the CSULB Spring Semester 2013 will be August 1, 2012. The only exception will be Biology students, who are not able to participate in this program.

“I am very excited about the CSULB STEM – TAP Program because Cypress STEM students who have a GPA of 2.5 or higher will be able to transfer to CSULB after meeting all of their course requirements,” Gabourie said.

Richard Fee, Dean of the Science, Engineering and Mathematics Division, added that the new program gives students who take Math and Sciences “great opportunities” without having to be overly concerned about their GPAs.

The CSULB STEM – TAP course requirements will prepare students for upper division course work by the time they transfer over to CSULB.

“Since Math and Science courses are harder than any other courses, CSULB knows that and it is the reason they have lowered the qualifying GPA to a minimum of 2.5,” Fee said, adding that CSULB is hoping to get the best Cypress College students to apply.

Students who enroll in, and meet all the requirements for CSULB STEM – TAP, are guaranteed admission to the STEM major. The CSULB STEM – TAP requires CSU minimum eligibility, and major-specific lower division preparation courses.

Those who are interested in receiving more information and/or making an appointment to apply for the CSULB STEM – TAP Program can contact Penny Gabourie at (714) 484-7129 or pgabourie@cypresscollege.edu.
Cypress College student Christian Petite-Johnson authored a song in honor of the victims of the Salon Meritage shooting in Seal Beach on October 11, according to an article in the Los Alamitos Patch. The song, which also features vocals by Petite-Johnson’s classmate David Durant, has nearly 3,000 views on YouTube and was performed at a memorial for shooting victim Christy Lynn Wilson.

Petite-Johnson, who grew up in Seal Beach, told Patch author Paige Austin that he wrote the song — named “Eight Birds” — and recorded it in his closet the day after the worst mass murder in Orange County history. Wilson’s family heard the song on YouTube and requested he play it at her memorial.

“Hello. My name is Paul Wilson,” reads a comment on Petite-Johnson’s YouTube page. “This email message is being sent with a very heavy heart, my wife of 27 years was Christy Wilson. She was one of the murder victims in the Seal Beach Massacre.

“This song was played to me yesterday by a friend while gathered at my house, it IMMEDIATELY touched my heart as it did to all in my house. It certainly was an uplifting moment.

“I would be honored if you would be able to play this song at my wife’s service next Saturday in HB. I know this will certainly touch my wife in heaven to have you play this in her memory.”

About 180 people attended this year’s Americana Awards Kick Off on Wednesday night at the Anaheim White House as the countdown to Cypress College’s largest fund-raising began with an official introduction of those who will be honored at the 37th annual event.

The White House is owned and operated by Bruno Serato, who will be recognized as Man of the Year. The 37th Annual Americana Awards, sponsored by Union Bank, N.A., will be held by the Cypress College Foundation on February 25.

The Citizens of the Year represent each of the eight cities in the college’s primary service areas. Citizens of the Year are: Paul and Carol Bostwick (Anaheim); Art Brown (Buena Park); Jeanne St. Clair (Cypress); Sandy Thomas (Garden Grove); George and Barbara Mast (La Palma); James and Shirley Bailey (Los Alamitos/ Rossmoor); Don Shoemaker (Seal Beach); and Andreas Psaras (Stanton).

Serato is a noted philanthropist, who is currently one of 10 finalists for the CNN Hero award, an international honor organized by the Cable News Network. He was the Americana Awards Citizen of the Year from Anaheim eight years ago.

The Bostwicks, representing Anaheim, are civic leaders active in YMCA, Assistance League, and the Cancer Society.

Brown, of Buena Park, is a former Buena Park Mayor and Council Member.

St. Clair, being honored for her work in Cypress, is a past Hotline president and past Cypress Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year.

Thomas, representing Garden Grove, is a Farmers & Merchants Bank executive and President, Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce.

The Masts, of La Palma, are volunteers with Kiwanis, scouting and the Cancer Society.

Cypress College Hosted “Career Day” for Back Bay High School

Cypress College hosted 35 students, from Back Bay High School, in Newport Beach, for a “Career Day” event on Thursday, October 27. Yvette Krebs, the Perkins Grant Counselor in Career Technical Education, facilitated the students’ tour around campus.

The Cypress College instructors, from different areas of study, and all others working on campus welcomed the students. Jane Jepson, Counselor in CTE, expressed appreciation and thanks to everyone who helped out.

Chef Jeremy Peters, Lisa Clark and Tracey Heine, in the Culinary Department, gave the students special attention along with a baking-and-pastry treat. John Alexander, Louis Krebs, Russ Cassela and Mike Klyde handled the Automotive Department tour. Mike Hannah did a presentation on Criminal Justice and Homeland Security.

Joyce Patti and Anna Novisoff made sure that the Fine Arts Gallery was open for the students. Rob Johnson and Ron Miller were able to meet the students’ impromptu visit in the Photography Department. The Public Safety Staff, especially Nahid Salkovitch and Carol O’Brien, were very helpful and accommodating to the students.
The Cypress College Veterans Organization (CCVO) & the Veterans Department hosted a Flag Raising Ceremony on Thursday, November 10, 2011, in observance of Veterans Day. Video by Derrick Coleman. Recorded on 11/10/11."
The Associated Students of Cypress College have been collecting food to prepare Thanksgiving meals for student families in need. On Friday, November 18, 2011, the AS began preparing baskets of food from the donations received. Video by Derrick Coleman. Recorded on 11/18/11."
“Cypress College faculty members Stuart Rosenberg and Adrienne Merlo discuss their experiences in the college’s Study Abroad Program as part of the celebration of International Education Week from November 14-18, 2011. Recorded on 11/16/11.”
The Kick Off for the 37th Annual Americana Awards was held at The Anaheim White House Restaurant on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. The event formally introduces the 2012 honorees and opens ’Americana Season’ and begins the countdown to the February 25, 2012 event.

Recorded on 11/16/11.