Net proceeds from Saturday night’s 37th Annual Americana Awards are in the top three in the event’s history, according to projections.

A buzz remains in the air as community members, employees and others who attended recount what appears to be one of the most-successful Americana Awards in the event’s 37-year history.

“We will net over $115,000 — a wonderful outcome,” said Raúl Alvarez, executive director of the Foundation and Community Relations at Cypress College. “When it’s all said and done, I expect our net to be one of the two highest in our 37 years — and this in an economy that, to say the least, is challenging.”

More than 75 people “invested their time, energy and substance into the event” through work on various planning committees, Alvarez said.

The Orange County premiere performance of Tony-award-winning show Hairspray — the “blast from the past” musical production set in the 1960s — opens on the Cypress College stage on Friday, March 16.

Additional performances are on Fridays and Saturdays, March 17, 23, and 24, at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees on March 18 and 25 at 4 p.m. Tickets are $20 for general admission and seniors and students are $15.

A special dinner-theater performance is also scheduled for March 17, hosted by the Cypress College Patrons of the Arts. The dinner-theater performance package includes the show, dinner, dessert, beverages and parking. The cost is $40 and all proceeds go to Fine Arts scholarships.

With music by Marc Shaiman, lyrics by Shaiman and Scott Wittman, and a book by Mark O’Donnell and Thomas Meehan, the show has a cast of 40 Cypress College students, according to Director Jim Hormel.

“We’re the first college in the area to get the 60s environment” Hormel said. “This is about more than the music as it contains a strong civil rights statement. The ‘pleasantly plump’ teen Tracy Turnblad not only competes on the Corny Collins Dance Show, but overturns its pro-segregation format.”

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Hormel praised the work of set designer Barbara Braden Meyer and stage theater technician Steve Banneck.

“I am delighted at the results,” he said.

Delight seemed to be a common sentiment, as honorees and guests indicated how much they enjoyed the event.

The 37th Annual Americana Awards, again sponsored by Union Bank, honored Citizens of the Year from the eight communities in Cypress College’s primary service area, as well as Bruno Serato as Man of the Year. Serato, owner of the Anaheim White House restaurant, feeds more than 300 children a day — a total of more than 380,000 free meals to kids living in motels. He was honored late last year as one of 10 CNN Heroes of 2011.

Citizens of the Year are: Paul and Carol Ann 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); Pastor Donald Shoemaker (Seal Beach); and Andreas Psaras (Stanton).
Police Chief Jackie Gomez-Whiteley, from the Cypress Police Department, speaks to Virgil Adams’ Careers in Criminal Justice Class on Thursday, March 1, 2012. The chief is also a member of the college’s Foundation Board of Directors.
Bruno Serato received the Americana Awards Man of the Year for 2012 during the 37th annual event, on Saturday, February 25, 2012. The owner of the Anaheim White House — and a 2011 CNN Hero — feeds more than 300 “motel children” every day for free. Recorded at the Disneyland Hotel on 2/25/12.
Cypress College Classified Employees are invited to participate in Spring 2012 workshops presented by CSEA’s Paul Boehm.

Culture Through Someone Else’s Eyes
This workshop provides a view of conflict and team dynamics through the lens of culture, with hands-on activities. Participants leave with an appreciation for all cultures. Registration is limited to 25 participants in each session.

February 8 or March 23, (CCC 414) from 1-4 pm

Dealing with Difficult People
Are there people in your life who push your buttons? Get the tools you need to survive and thrive when dealing with difficult people. Up to 80 participants.

March 2 or March 14 (CCC 414) from 1-4 pm

Participants must register on MyGateway Staff Development Calendar

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Paul Bottiaux steps down as head coach of Cypress College men's basketball

Cypress, Calif. – Cypress College men’s basketball head coach Paul Bottiaux has announced that he is stepping down as coach of the Chargers after 15 seasons in charge of the program.

“As I’m getting closer to my retirement years, I wanted to get out at the right time to make sure that I don’t short change the players, and look out for their best interests,” Bottiaux said.

Cypress College Dean of Physical Education and Athletic Director, Diane Henry, is currently accepting applications to fill the vacant men’s basketball head coaching position.

Bottiaux began his career at Cypress in 1988 when he joined the coaching staff of legendary Cypress men’s basketball coach, Don Johnson. That’s a position he held for the next six years where he worked alongside another Cypress coaching legend, Jack Long, as an assistant on Johnson’s staff. When Johnson and Long retired after the 1993-94 campaign, Bottiaux was named the second head coach in school history.
“We’ve had a good run here over the years,” Bottiaux said. “One of the things I’ll miss the most is player development and helping them get to that next level.”

After moving to California from Michigan, Bottiaux – a Michigan State alumnus - began his teaching and coaching career at Wilshire Junior High school in 1969. After coaching just about everything you can think of at Wilshire for the next five years, Bottiaux moved over to Sunny Hills High School where he became an assistant coach for the men’s basketball team.

By 1978, Bottiaux had earned his Master’s Degree from California State University, Fullerton and for the next 11 years he ran a very successful high school men’s basketball program at Sonora High School in the city of La Habra, where he guided his team to a CIF championship in 1983, and a trip to the finals the following year in 1984.

While Bottiaux won’t be patrolling the sideline for the Chargers next season, he has decided to continue teaching, and working with the Associated Students at Cypress College.

"Many things have changed over the years," Bottiaux said. "I would just like to see the program do good in the future, and give these kids a chance to move on."

Bottiaux plans to use the extra free-time he’ll have to spend more time with his family.

• **Official Job Announcement Flyer**

  Cypress College is currently accepting applications for the vacant men’s basketball head coaching position. If interested, please forward your resume, letter of interest and three references to Cypress College Dean of Physical Education and Director of Athletics, Diane Henry at:

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