Spring 2010 Schedule Online — Including New Interactive Website

The traditional PDF version of the schedule and a new searchable website went online this week. Print versions are expected soon.

Visitors to the Cypress College website can now search an interactive version of the schedule of classes for the upcoming spring semester. The addition of this feature was made possible by the work of Academic Computing staff and members of the Website Redesign Subcommittee.

The Schedule of Classes for Spring 2010 is also available online as a PDF file that replicates the printed version [download 3.3 mb PDF file]. Physical copies of the schedule are due on campus prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Registration for the spring semester begins on December 1. To determine their registration appointment date and time, students are encouraged to log onto myGateway and click on “Check Registration Appointments” under Registration Tools.

Spring classes begin on January 19, 2010. Additional courses begin on February 1 and March 22. Because of the state budget situation, no Winter Intersession is planned.

H1N1 Vaccination Clinic Scheduled for Campus is Indefinitely Delayed Due to Supply Strain

The H1N1 flu clinic originally scheduled for Friday, November 13, from 1-6 p.m., has been delayed indefinitely. The delay is due to the very limited supply of H1N1 vaccine. As the situation progresses with vaccine availability, the Orange County Health Care Agency will re-examine clinic dates and times. For updates please visit http://www.ochealthinfo.com — where you will find the latest information.

Cypress College was to have been one of a number of host sites for clinics run by the Orange County Health Care Agency. Students from the Nursing Program were expected to provide a large number of the inoculations. Despite the delay, the planning efforts build on recent collaborative incident-response efforts with local authorities. The planning process has included leadership from the college, Cypress Police Department, the Orange County Fire Authority and the OC Health Care Agency. On the whole, the clinic is designed to run similarly to a POD drill hosted on campus in November, 2007. Additional information will be shared with the campus as it is learned.

Last Call: ‘Pull for Cypress’

The Cypress College Foundation has extended its Pull for Cypress campaign due to the number of donations continuing to arrive. Thus far, 162 faculty and staff have donated to the campaign, an increase of 22 people over last year. Contributions received prior to Tuesday, November 10 will be counted in the final report.

Campus Closed on Monday

The campus will be closed on Monday, November 9, in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday. Classes meeting on Saturday and Sunday will be held on November 7 and 8.

The campus will also be closed later this month with a four-day weekend November 26-29 celebrating Thanksgiving.
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Students Receive ASHRAE Scholarships

Members representing the Southern California Chapter of ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers) were on campus today to present scholarship awards to three Cypress College Air Conditioning & Refrigeration student recipients.

Mr. Clay Lampman and Mr. Ishtiag Chisti, of the ASHRAE Scholarship Committee with Ms. Christine Cloutier of ASHRAE and Dr. Steve Donley, Dean of Career Technical Education Division awarded Samuel McGunigale a $400.00 scholarship, Esther Woody a $300.00 scholarship and Jose Mora a $400.00 scholarship.

ASHRAE awards yearly scholarships to students who show a potential service to the HVAC and/or refrigeration profession, a financial need, leadership ability in activities and community service, a strong work ethic in industry summer and part-time jobs, with maintaining an accumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

Puente Celebrates Dia de los Muertos

By Therese Mosqueda-Ponce, Ph.D.
Humanities Counselor & Puente Program Co-Coordinator

The Puente Program and Puente Club has a beautiful display in the Student Center--2nd Floor between Counseling and Career Center.

The Puente students’ display of El Dia de los Muertos is a celebration of life. How many of us really new our grandparents? How about great grandparents? Do we know their names and what they loved about life? Come by and read about Dia de los Muertos and learn how this day is celebrated in the Latino culture.

Web Editor Training Still Available

There is still time to sign up for Web Editor Training.

The Web Editor is a system created by Academic Computing that allows editing of faculty and staff home pages, department, and special program home pages. You can choose from one of the following classes:

Wednesday, November 4th: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the TLC
Thursday, December 3rd: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the TLC

Please go to the following link to register for class:
http://www.cypresscollege.edu/reg/

Once you go to the registration site, you will also be able to look at the faculty web pages that have already been created.

Humanities Renovation Nearing End

By Karen Cant
Vice President, Administrative Services

We are in the final stretch for the completion of the Humanities building! Furniture installation is underway. The division offices and classrooms (Language Arts and Social Science) will have their “contents” moved into the new spaces beginning December 18, 2009.

The building will be officially open to the campus community and the public as of January 4, 2010.

Over the next few days you will see parking lot #8 get a new coat of slurry and be restriped. It will be reopened for faculty/staff parking by the middle of next week. Completion of the exterior landscaping will occur after the parking lot is done.

There is still a lot of activity inside the building as the last details are attended to and outside with the roof project but the end is now in sight.
**Mandatory AQMD Survey**

*By Maureen Leopold, ETC*

Dear employees:

It is that time of year again!

We are conducting our annual AQMD survey of employee commute modes for the week of October 26, 2009 to October 30, 2009 (this past week). In accord with Clean Air requirements, every employee must submit a survey, including all hourly and adjunct employees.

Please complete the survey and submit by Tuesday, November 10, 2009. The survey is web-based and is quite easy. The online survey takes only 2 minutes of your time. You will be asked to indicate your commute modes and “scheduled report times” for the Survey Week. Your personal information is confidential. Everyone who submits their survey by the deadline date of Tuesday, November 10, 2009, will be entered into a drawing for a prize valued at $100.00. Last year’s winner was Makisha Glover-Hill.

Instructors please note; if you work 3 or 4 days per week and take work home, please indicate day off in 3/36 or 4/40 category. Example; you work 4 days for 6 hours but take work home to complete your 10 hour day, note your day off in 4/40 category.

Also, you need to select the time you would normally begin work, even if you were out, or not scheduled to work that day.

Please click on the following link to complete your survey:


If you have any questions or experience difficulty completing your survey, please contact Maureen Leopold: Ext. 47318.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention!

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**Staff Development Holiday Fundraiser**

*By Nancy Deutsch*

Staff Development Coordinator

Looking for a unique holiday gift or decoration for $10?

The Staff Development Committee invites you to come to the Information Desk in the Student Center to view and purchase decorative Holiday Door Bells to give as gifts or to decorate your home.

We are raising funds to pay for the Classified Appreciation Luncheon and Awards and the End of the Year Awards. Thank you for considering us when you do your seasonal shopping.

We are not taking orders for evergreens this year.

The Staff Development Committee

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**Board Approved Holidays**

*By Terry Carpenter*

Just a reminder of the Board approved Holidays on the Academic Calendar.

Veteran’s Day Holiday - Nov. 9 (Sat/Sun Nov. 7-8 classes will meet)
Thanksgiving Holiday - Nov. 26-27 (Sat/Sun Nov. 28-29 classes will not meet)
Winter Holidays - Dec. 24 - Jan 1, 2010

Happy Holidays!
Cypress College Faculty and Staff,

The Associated Students will be hosting its annual Food Drive. We are collecting food for Cypress College students in need. The food drive is from **November 2nd thru November 19th**. Food Drive bins are located in every building. On November 17, a free BBQ lunch will be held from 10:30am to 1:30pm by the bridge for everyone who donated 2 cans of food on that day. The Associated Students are asking for your help and would like for you to inform your students about the food drive and post the attached flyer in your classroom. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact The Associated Students 714-484-7199.

Thank you in advance for all of your support
You're Invited!

What: President's Holiday Reception
When: December 1, 2009, 9:30 - 11:00 am
Where: Cypress College Theater Lobby
Join colleagues, retirees and friends to celebrate the season.

Happy Holidays!
Thursday, November 12th at 12:30-2:00 PM in CCComplex 216
Sandra Tsing Loh

The Loh Down on Science

Sandra Tsing Loh shares her personal experiences in the world of science education, from her experiences as the American daughter of an over-ambitious Shanghai engineer, to her adventures studying physics at Caltech, to the challenges and joys of producing a daily science radio show syndicated on over 160 stations worldwide. In an increasingly global world, where science education must start ever earlier for our next generation of scientists (meaning kids), Loh believes science education should be interesting, accurate and fun ... as will be this talk!

Talks are geared toward the general public. No science background is required and all are welcome! Sandra Tsing Loh, a writer and a performer, is the author most recently of "Mother on Fire." She has been a regular commentator on NPR's "Morning Edition" and Ira Glass' "This American Life." She is a contributing editor for The Atlantic Monthly and for KPCC radio in Los Angeles (89.3 FM).

For more information, contact Ron Armale: RArmale@CypressCollege.edu
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What is the difference between “blind” and “legally blind”?

Persons who are blind have no vision at all. They may be able to discern night from day, but that is all.

Persons who are legally blind have 20/200 visual acuity or worse. With assistive technology some may be able to read and even drive.

What kind of assistive technology is available for people who are blind or legally blind on our campuses?

Some people who are legally blind may benefit from magnification of text. A closed circuit television, also known as a CCTV, will enlarge printed material and change the background (e.g. white letters on a black background) to meet the needs of the user. Zoomtext, a screen magnification software, also enlarges print for computer users.

Some people who are blind utilize JAWS, a voice output software program. They may also get books on CD from Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic or by having their books scanned. Text can also be converted into Braille, a system of raised dots on paper that represent letters and symbols.
We do not have to be limited by challenges of the moment

By Ned Doffoney, Ed.D.
Chancellor
North Orange County Community College District

Yes, these definitely are the most difficult economic times most of us have ever seen. And yes, we all are hurting because of them. But no, we do not have to be limited by the challenges of the moment. We can move on.

We can even move ahead, if we choose. That, of course, will take more work and involvement from all of us. We can continue to do what we’re doing in the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) for a while. To keep up and to do more, we will need your help.

Are you encouraged by a “good challenge?”

Right now, we have plenty of inspiration among our 80,000-plus students who, time after time, have demonstrated the resolve to stay the course despite overwhelming odds in their personal lives. There is a different story for each of them at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and the School of Continuing Education.

One of these stories was shared before a crowd last spring at the School of Continuing Education commencement ceremony. One of the student speakers explained he wasn’t a bad kid when he was growing up in a nearby community in the 1980s. Then, gang members started chasing him home from middle school and, ultimately, he got tired of dodging trouble. He dropped out of high school in 11th grade, he said, his voice trailing off. Then, with a burst of new energy, he thanked his wife for encouraging him to return to school to obtain his diploma. Earlier that same day, he continued, their son also had received his high school diploma. I couldn’t help thinking, “What a day for them! What a day for all of us!”

These celebrations are being threatened, however. Because of unprecedented state funding cuts, our campuses are turning students away exactly at a time when our programs are needed most.

Our community colleges traditionally experience enrollment surges in tough economic times when people are pursuing new skills for new jobs. During the current deep recession, many more potential students are coming to us from several groups that all are growing: high school graduates, students from universities that have capped enrollments, returning veterans, newly unemployed, and those seeking new skills to stay employed. The demand for our programs was vividly portrayed during the first days of the fall term as prospective students flooded some class building hallways to petition for enrollment into individual classes. Many faculty members made exceptions and admitted additional students. But many students still were turned away.

The California Community Colleges System reports that funding cuts and student enrollment are at an all-time high in the state’s 72 community college districts. Besides cuts in per-student
funding, the major areas affected have been counseling, placement programs, and programs for poor and disabled students. Programs for the most needy have become the most at-risk.

In the NOCCCD, we have remained fiscally strong through the current economic recession. Initially, we used reserve funds to maintain a constant level of programming when the state was experiencing cash flow problems last year. Then, we made cuts to offset the unprecedented state funding cuts received by community colleges across the state this year. The spending cuts have included cancelling over 300 classes; delaying filling many vacant faculty, staff, and management positions; and indefinitely suspending a variety of operational expenses.

Remarkably, Cypress and Fullerton colleges are serving nearly 8% more students in 8% fewer classes this term than they did last fall. Faculty, staff, and managers are working together to serve as many students as possible while also maintaining the quality and integrity of our programming. We are managing but, as you might imagine, we can’t go on this way forever. A system can only operate on overload for so long. Then fuses start blowing.

For years, our community colleges have been regarded as the “work horses” of higher education. We always have been able to serve more students for less money than the four-year universities.

Well, fuses are beginning to get warm. There is a tremendous new demand for our programming. Our community colleges are part of the solution, the way for individuals to get on the road to economic recovery. We need to make sure that state and federal lawmakers know this. We need to make sure they place a high priority on adequate and consistent funding for community colleges.

Please join us in this challenge today. Encourage your state and federal legislators to put a high priority on funding for community colleges to serve our growing number of students. At the federal level, they have titled this “The American Graduation Initiative.”

Please make your voice heard soon. Students already are lining up for the next term, starting more than two months from now . . .
To:               All District Employees  
From:           Kenneth Robinson, District Director, Equity and Diversity 
Date:          October 15, 2009 
Subject:       Special Guest Lecturer – Tim Wise, “Race in the Age of Obama”

The District Office of Equity and Diversity is pleased to co-sponsor, along with the Cadena Cultural Center, Fullerton College, the speaking engagement of Mr. Tim Wise, a nationally known anti-racist writer and activist, on **Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** at the Fullerton College Campus Theater. Employees of the Anaheim Campus and Cypress College are also invited to attend.

Tim Wise is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and activists in the U.S., having spoken to over 300,000 people in 48 states, and on over 400 college campuses, including Harvard, Stanford, and the Law Schools at Yale, Columbia, and has spoken to community groups around the nation. He has provided anti-racism training to educators as well as corporate, government, media, entertainment, military and law enforcement officials on methods for dismantling racism in their institutions.


He has contributed chapters or essays to 20 books, and is one of several persons featured in *White Men Challenging Racism: Thirty-Five Personal Stories*, from Duke University Press. He received the 2001 British Diversity Award for best essay on race issues, and his writings have appeared in dozens of popular, professional and scholarly journals. Wise has been a guest on hundreds of radio and television programs, worldwide.

Wise has a B.A. in Political Science from Tulane University, where his anti-apartheid work received global attention and the thanks of Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He received training in methods for dismantling racism from the People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond, in New Orleans. He and his wife Kristy are the proud parents of two daughters.

There will be a book signing at the Cadena Cultural Center, Room 212 immediately following Mr. Wise’s Presentation.