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## 2014 Americana Citizens of the Year Selected from Eight Cities Served by Cypress College

Citizens of the Year from the eight communities in Cypress College's primary service area will be honored at the Cypress College Foundation's 39th Annual Americana Awards. The Americana Awards, sponsored by Union Bank, N.A., will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 in the Disneyland Hotel's Grand Ballroom.

Citizens of the Year from the eight cities comprising Cypress College's primary service area are: Dr. June Glenn (Anaheim); Christiane Salts (Buena Park); Maria E. A. Sterk (Cypress); Bill and Sue Catlin (Garden Grove); Ralph D. and Dianna W. Rodriguez (La Palma), Chrysteen and Larry Braun (Los Alamitos/Rossmoor); Seth Eaker (Seal Beach); and Allan and Yvonne Ansdell (Stanton).

Care Ambulance will be honored with the Foundation's Distinguished Business Award, while Mary Bouas and Irv Pickler, both of Anaheim, will each be recognized with Cypress College President Dr. Bob Simpson's Distinguished Service Award.

Two Cypress College alumni — Swen Nater and Mark Eaton — will be honored as the 2014 Americana Awards Men of the Year. Both men played for legendary Cypress College basketball coaches Don Johnson (for whom the college's court is named) and Tom Lubin before continuing their education at the University of California, Los Angeles. Both also went on to successful careers in the National Basketball Association.

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**About the Citizens of the Year:**

*Dr. June Glenn, Anaheim* — Dr. June Glenn has an energy and passion for service, which she has contributed for more than fifty years to the community of Anaheim. Her desire to help others is evidenced by her service as a volunteer in many civic and philanthropic organizations. These include the City of Anaheim's Community Development Advisory Board and the Anaheim Community Service Board, the Anaheim Sister Cities Association, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim, the Anaheim Arts Council, Woman's Division of the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce, the KCGA Foundation, We Give Thanks, the Anaheim Public Library Foundation Board of Directors, and Sunkist Community Church.

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*Christiane Salts, Buena Park* — Christiane Salts has worked as a teacher and educator, counselor, and program director, and continues to substitute teach for the Norwalk-La Mirada School District. She is also active in her community with organizations such as the Buena Park Rotary Club, the Concerned Women for America the Fullerton Republican Women, Federated, and the Petra Woman's Circle. She also contributes time to faith-based organizations including the Care Ministry Team, a group that writes get-well cards to the ailing, and she is currently the Women's Spiritual Life Leader at Christ Community Church. She is a Life Member of the Girl Scouts of America, a member of the Orange County and Buena Park Historical Societies and of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, and an active member in the Buena Park Women's Club.

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*Maria E. A. Sterk, Cypress* — Maria Sterk is dedicated to helping improve the community and inspiring others to reach their personal best. For more than 30 years, she has been active in Cypress, including working with children to help them organize and present Eagle Scout project proposals and to raise funds for the summer reading program at the Cypress library. Sterk has volunteered with the California Federation of Women's Clubs, the Women's Club of Cypress, The Friends of the Cypress Library, the Cypress Festival Committee, the Servite High School Parents' Guild, and on the boards of the PTA, the PTSA, the AYSO, Little League and Cypress Pony Baseball.

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*Bill and Sue Catlin, Garden Grove* — Bill and Sue Catlin are known for their work with the Elks Lodge and the Strawberry Festival, among other organizations — and they consider their volunteer efforts in their community of 55 years as rewarding. Sue has donated many hours to the Emblem Club for the Lamplighter Guild of Children's Hospital of Orange County, the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, as a Bolsa Grande High School Band Booster Club, and on the Acacia Adult Day Services Board of Directors. Bill has also lent his efforts to the YMCA, the Southwest Little League from 1968-1970, and First Christian Church. Other community commitments include volunteering for the Garden Grove Gem Theater, donating their home for the Garden Grove Symphony Home Tour and Tea Fundraiser, acting on the committee for the Social and Community Welfare Committee, serving as judges for the Garden Grove Pride Awards, and acting as committee members for Garden Grove's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

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*Ralph D. and Dianna W. Rodriguez, La Palma* — Ralph and Dianna Rodriguez have been inspired to help support those in need in La Palma, something they each credit their upbringings. Ralph is an eighth generation American with deep Native American roots as a member of the Ohlone Tribe of the Costanoan Band of Carmel Mission Indians. Dianna comes from a multicultural background — her parents are Chinese and she was born and raised in Mexico City. The couple has been living in La Palma for 18 years, married for 19 years, and has been giving back to the community of La Palma for almost as long. They donate much of their time to Helping Other People Every day, an organization that runs bimonthly food banks held at St. Irenaeus Church. Both are also actively involved in the civic activities of La Palma.

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*Chrysteen and Larry Braun, Los Alamitos/Rossmoor* — Chrysteen and Larry Braun have made it their job to help non-profits achieve success in their goals to help others. Through their business, Aegean Designing Whims, they have hosted numerous charity fundraisers in Los Alamitos for years. The ongoing effort grew out of a single open house for their customers, who were asked to bring toys and canned

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foods for We Care of Los Alamitos, a charity that helps meet the emergency needs of the community. After that successful effort, the Brauns began inviting local charities to host events at their business, free of charge. The groups include Community Hospital of Long Beach, Hotline of Los Alamitos, the Rossmoor Women's Club and Christian Outreach and Action, Children with Diabetes, Soroptimists and Food Finders.

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*Seth Eaker, Seal Beach* — Seth Eaker is the founder of two boutique-consulting firms: Black Marble Consulting and Oceanus Life Management, and is a partner in Beach Fitness, a business that promotes personal fitness and wellness. He also believes that volunteerism is a responsibility that each of us must participate in for communities to thrive. Eaker has given his time to many organizations, such as the Sapphire Fund, the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce, Run Seal Beach, the Seal Beach Lions Club, and serving as one of five trustees for the Seal Beach Victims Fund, which established a trust fund that aided the victims of the Salon Meritage tragedy.

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*Allan and Yvonne Ansdell, Stanton* — Yvonne and Allan Ansdell's success in life can be traced to one word, family. Owners of the family-operated Adventure City, Yvonne says that "to this day the most enjoyable part of the business is all being together, laughing, and creating new ideas." One of the many rewarding aspects of running the theme park is being able to provide the opportunity for underprivileged families and children and adults from the Make a Wish Foundation to visit for a fun-filled day. They also enjoy writing and are the authors of a book currently in its third printing, "1001 Things You Should Know from the New Testament."

#### **About the Americana Awards:**

Tickets for the Americana Awards are available from the Cypress College Foundation for \$225 per person with various sponsorship levels also available. Information is available by calling (714) 484-7126 or at <http://www.CypressCollege.edu> or <http://www.Facebook.com/AmericanaAwards>. The evening begins at

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5:30 p.m. with no-host cocktails and a silent auction. Dinner is served at 7 p.m.

In July, 2010, Union Bank, N.A., strengthened its partnership with Cypress College, agreeing to serve as the title sponsor of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Americana Awards. Union Bank has twice since extended its sponsorship of Americana, now through 2018. Union Bank has a long-standing leadership role at the college with representation on the Cypress College Foundation Board of Directors. Union Bank's eight-year commitment to Cypress College is nearly a quarter-million dollars.

For more information about the Americana Awards, please call the Cypress College Foundation office at (714) 484-7126 or visit: <http://www.cypresscollege.edu/about/Foundation/>.

#### **About Cypress College:**

Cypress College has motivated the minds of students since 1966. For nearly a half-million people — including actors, athletes, doctors, executives, mechanics, nurses and teachers — Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. For some, Cypress College is the ticket into their university of choice and for others it provides essential training for a rewarding career. Just one Cypress College class is often all it takes to provide cutting-edge skills that lead to a promotion or a new job.

Cypress College's 16,000 students and the highly qualified teaching faculty are proud of the many excellent academic and vocational programs. Cypress College offers 50 university-transfer majors, 137 career-certificate programs, and degrees in 61 areas of study. The college's traditional semesters begin in February and September, while short-term courses start throughout the year. A Cypress College education costs \$46 per unit — \$138 for a typical, full-credit class — California's lowest tuition. Financial aid and scholarships also are available to qualifying students.

Cypress College is one of three campuses in the North Orange County Community College District and a member of the 110-campus California Community College System. The college primarily serves the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Stanton. Bob Simpson is the president.

Located at 9200 Valley View Street in Cypress, the college is easily accessible from several Southern

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California freeways, including the 5, 91, 605, 22 and 405. The campus is just a stone's-throw from Downtown Disney and Knott's Berry Farm.

More information about Cypress College is available by calling (714) 484-7000 or by visiting the campus Web site at <http://www.CypressCollege.edu>.

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***NOTE:** Thumbnail portraits and identifications are attached.*

## 2014 Americana Awards Citizens of the Year

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Below are portraits of the eight Americana Citizens of the Year. They will be honored at the 39th Annual Americana Awards on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the Disneyland Hotel. For more information about the Americana Awards, please call the Cypress College Foundation office at (714) 484-7126 or visit: <http://www.cypresscollege.edu/about/Foundation/>.



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**NOTE:** Full-resolution versions of these thumbnail portraits are available from the Cypress College Public Information Office. The photographs are also available via download at: [http://news.cypresscollege.edu/Photos/2014AmericanaAwards\\_portraits.zip](http://news.cypresscollege.edu/Photos/2014AmericanaAwards_portraits.zip).