Cypress College Mourns Passing of Dr. Kim Bartlett, Director of DSPS

Dr. Bartlett was director of Disabled Student Programs and Services on campus and for the School of Continuing Education since 2000.

Dr. Kim Bartlett, who headed the Disabled Student Programs and Services for both Cypress College and the School of Continuing Education since 2000, passed away at her home on Wednesday.

She had been hospitalized with pneumonia last weekend, but appeared to have recuperated enough to be discharged on Wednesday.

“Kim was a vital member of the Cypress College leadership team,” Dr. Bob Simpson said in an email to the campus community. “Her passing is a profound loss for the Cypress College community.”

In addition to her DSPS duties, she served on the Diversity Committee, the Staff Development Committee, and chaired the Student Equity Committee.

Described as “patient and understanding” by her staff, Dr. Bartlett was a tireless advocate for students with disabilities. She worked tirelessly to highlight the needs of students with “invisible disabilities” to ensure their educational needs were being met.

“Dr. Bartlett was a genuine person who cared about people,” said Paul de Dios, Cypress College’s Dean of Counseling and Student Development, and Dr. Bartlett’s dean. “I was fortunate to have worked with her during the last six years and can attest to the significant impact she has made in my life, and — most importantly — the students at Cypress and SCE. She truly made a difference! My thoughts and prayers are with her husband Tom and the entire Bartlett family.”

Before she joined Cypress College’s management team, Dr. Bartlett was the director of the Disability Resource Center at San Francisco State University, where she was responsible for providing academic accommodations for the college’s students with disabilities.

Prior to that, Dr. Bartlett served as the acting executive director of the Access Center of San Diego for a year and coordinated a program to create an independent lifestyle for people with disabilities. She also coordinated support groups for adolescents and adults with disabilities at the Access Center of San Diego.

Dr. Bartlett was a postdoctoral fellow in clinical psychology at the Center for Independent Living in Washington, D.C., and the Access Center of San Diego.

She had been inducted into the National Association of Schools for the Deaf’s Academic Honor Society and had been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the California Association of Rehabilitation Counselors.

She received her doctorate in psychology from San Francisco State University and had previously served as the director of the Disability Resource Center at San Francisco State University.

Dr. Bartlett’s death is mourned by the Cypress College community.

Student Success Scorecard Unveiled as Accountability Tool for Community Colleges

The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office yesterday unveiled its new Student Success Scorecard, an accountability tool making Cypress College and the state’s entire 112-campus system perhaps the most-transparent and accountable system of public higher education in the country. The performance metrics in the scorecard are designed to help more students achieve their educational goals on time.

Release of the scorecard is one of several actions taken by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to increase the number of students who earn certificates and degrees or transfer to a four-year institution.

The Student Success Scorecard measures student performance at each community college in a clear and concise way. It will help concentrate the focus of educational leaders on improving student success.

Each of the objectives related to the state’s effort closely align with the directions articu-
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Mental Health Systems in San Diego and a postdoctoral fellow in pediatric clinical psychology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

Dr. Bartlett earned her Ph.D. in developmental psychology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and her bachelor's degree at Arizona State University. Her research has been published in the Merrill-Palmer Quarterly and the Journal of Social Issues. A native of San Diego, Dr. Bartlett resided in Anaheim since coming to Cypress College. She is survived by her husband, Tom, and her cat, Gretl. Memorial service information will be shared with everyone as soon as it is available.

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lated in the Strategic Plan for both Cypress College and the North Orange County Community College District. Specifically, we are committed to improving the rates of completion, progressing toward elimination of the achievement gap, improving success rates in basic skills, and implementing best practices related to planning and transparent decision-making processes.

The Student Success Scorecard for Cypress College can be viewed on the state chancellor’s website by clicking here.

Cypress College Presents Information About its Environmental Efforts to NOCCCDD Board of Trustees

Cypress College Vice President Karen Cant, and Albert Miranda, the college’s Director, Physical Plant and Facilities, presented information to Trustees for the North Orange County Community College District about the campus’ efforts to reduce its carbon footprint and make environmentally sound facilities decisions.

The presentation took place at Tuesday night’s meeting. We’ll have more on these impressive efforts in @Cypress Online and next’ week’s edition of @Cypress.

BUDGET CENTRAL: ‘May Revise’ is State’s Next Budget Milestone

This is a quiet period in the development of California’s 2013-2014 budget. Talk about budget proposals may be subdued because Democrats now hold a supermajority in both houses of the state’s government — which means no Republican votes are needed to approve the next budget, and so there is no need for the two parties to negotiate details.

The next milestone in the finalization of the state budget is the Governor’s Revised Budget proposal — commonly referred to as the “May Revise” because of its mid-May availability.

The May Revise is in essence a second draft of the governor’s proposed budget (typically available each January). It incorporates changes based on feedback from the initial budget proposal.

The California Constitution requires that the Legislature approve the final budget bill by June 15. In the past, this date was frequently circumvented; however, recent legal changes have made passage of the budget in June a strong likelihood.

Learn more at http://www.nocccd.edu/BudgetNews.htm.
Cypress College Jazz professor Kate Reid has been performing most of her life, from early childhood singing with her parents and brother in a gospel quartet, The Family Affair, to the Newport Beach West Coast Jazz Party. She and her jazz ensemble students have even performed in Carnegie Hall.

Reid, who is amazingly versatile, has done practically everything in the music world, performing in jazz clubs and restaurants, the Cedar Point theme park, recording jingles and doing movie soundtracks. Currently she is the voice of the Ace Hardware store TV commercials and can be heard on the movie soundtracks for Epic, Star Trek, Men in Black III, The Lorax and Oz – the Great and Powerful.

Reid’s heart was always set on teaching. “I knew that teaching was the way to get better as a performer,” she explained…and she loves working with her students. “The student community at Cypress College is why I’m here.

It’s amazing the energy and commitment that the students have.”

Reid, who began playing the piano in third grade, has her B.A. in Music – Jazz Performance from Western Michigan University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Music – Jazz Performance from the University of Miami. Before coming to Cypress College in 2002 she taught at Miami-Dade Community College.

Working with the students at Cypress College is an enriching experience for Reid, who said, “I love turning kids on to jazz and seeing them develop their skills as they begin their journey.”

Having collegial faculty on campus is a big plus for Reid, as well. “It’s also special that the faculty in other disciplines are very supportive and work with us if a student needs to be at a performance.”

Reid has been married to her husband Steve, a trumpet player for Prince, for 17 years. The couple has two cats - Bix and Bessie, Russian Blues, who are named after jazz legends Bix Beiderbecke and Bessie Smith.

When Reid isn’t making music, she can likely be found in the kitchen baking, another passion of hers. “My father worked at Nabisco for 26-years and my mother baked…so we had cookies around the house all the time.” Not surprisingly, Reid developed an affinity for cookies and baked goods. “I make a pretty mean apple pie and my sugar cookies are hard to beat.”

When Steve was in France working with music group Earth, Wind and Fire, Kate went along and “I took baking and pastry classes in Paris. We stayed a month and I learned to make croissants.”

One of the influences on Reid’s music style is the years she spent in Japan. “I spent five summers in Tokyo performing at a little jazz club six nights a week,” she recalled. In addition to teaching and performing, Reid has made two CD’s – Sentimental Mood and The Love I’m In.

In the future Reid wants to play at more jazz festivals. “I would love to do the Monterey Jazz Festival,” she said. And, one day she hopes to perform with drummer Jeff Hamilton and bass player John Clayton.

“Jazz is what I think of when I wake up and when I go to sleep,” Reid said. “It’s like an old friend. It’s very comforting.”

Story by Sunny Magdaug and Patti Kishel.
This is part of a series of “Spotlight Articles” profiling members of the Cypress College campus community.

Cypress College music professor Kate Reid sits at the piano in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Dr. Kate Reid
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