(STEM)² Program Welcomes Diversity Speaker Dr. Efrain Talamantes

Dr. Talamantes will talk about the importance of underrepresented students entering the healthcare field to serve their communities.

Cypress College’s (STEM)² Program hosts Dr. Efrain Talamantes as the 2013 diversity speaker, along with the program’s Second Annual Fall Research Symposium. The event will be held on Friday, November 8, from 10 a.m.-noon in HUM-131.

Dr. Talamantes will provide an inspirational talk about the importance of an ever-growing healthcare system that is in need of more students from underrepresented backgrounds because they share a common language and culture with minority communities being served by the medical community.

A native of neighboring Norwalk, Dr. Talamantes is an internal medicine physician completing a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Fellowship at the University of California at Los Angeles, with a research focus on workforce diversity and migrant health.

The second half of this event will feature the (STEM)² summer 2013 research participants from California State University, Fullerton, the University of California at Irvine, and the University of Massachusetts. Learn about these students’ personal experiences and how they did it!

This event is sponsored by the Cypress College Diversity Committee.

Cypress College is in the third year of a five-year partnership with Cal State Fullerton designed to encourage students majoring in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (known collectively as STEM) to transfer to a four-year institution and ultimately, increase the number of Hispanic/Latino, and low-income students attaining STEM baccalaureate degrees. As of fall 2013, there are a total of 170 active STEM Scholars in the Cypress College (STEM)² Program.

The program’s newly launched website is full of resources for students going into STEM majors, and it includes information on upcoming STEM workshops, scholarships, summer research opportunities and much more.

For more information, please contact (STEM)² Program Director, Yanet García at ygarcia@cypresscollege.edu, or call her at (714) 484-7149.

High School Outreach Program in Full Swing During October, November

It is the peak time of year for high school seniors to visit with representatives of colleges they would like to attend.

Cypress College’s Student Support Services Division has primary responsibility for overseeing the campus Outreach Program.

During October, and the early part of this month, college representatives have been busy. They will participate in eight significant events covering the Anaheim, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Long Beach, Norwalk/La Mirada, and Tustin school districts, and the communities of Buena Park and La Habra.

Cypress College participation in an Anaheim Union High School District fair was especially robust.

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BRIEFLY

The first Accounting Career Day will be held on November 8, from 9 a.m.-noon, in CCCPLX-419. The event provides an opportunity for students to learn about the career that is ranked third for business jobs by U.S. News and World Report.

The event’s agenda includes a keynote presentation by Charles Hester, and international consultant and speaker, along with a panel of certified public accountants from the government, public, and corporate fields. A resume-preparation workshop will be presented by Viviana Villanueva, Cypress College’s career counselor, and Kristina Diaz, a staffing manager for Robert Half International. The event is sponsored by the Cypress College Accounting Department.

The next deadline for Conference and Workshop Funding requests is Friday, November 15, 2013 at noon. The revised 2013-2014 forms and directions may also be obtained from the Staff Development website. Questions should be directed to Rebecca Gomez via email or by calling ext. 47326. The next funding deadlines are February 13 and April 4, 2014.

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Americana Awards Honorees Include Alumni, NBA Players Swen Nater and Mark Eaton

The 2014 Americana Awards Men of the Year are a pair of Cypress College alumni — Swen Nater and Mark Eaton — who played in the NBA after being discovered and recruited by Tom Lubin.

After completing their studies at Cypress College, both played at the University of California at Los Angeles. Not only did both Nater and Eaton play in the National Basketball Association, each still holds league records.

Nater started playing basketball in 1969 as a freshman at Cypress College—thanks directly to the effort of Assistant Coach Lubin. When he first went out for the team he did not own a pair of tennis shoes. He didn't play much that first year but became an All-American in his second season and was recruited to play at UCLA for the legendary John Wooden. He went on to play in the American Basketball Association, where he was named Rookie of the Year, and then the NBA. He’s the only player to have led both the ABA and the NBA in rebounding. Nater lives in Issaquah, WA, where he is a buyer for Costco. He is also a much-sought-after speaker.

Eaton was 21 years old in 1978 and repairing automobiles in Orange County when he was spotted and persuaded by Cypress College Lubin to resume playing a sport he'd grown to dislike. After completing his time at Cypress College, Eaton also ended up with the UCLA Bruins, where he didn't play much but caught the eye of NBA scouts, primarily because he stood 7-foot-4. The Utah Jazz selected Eaton in the fourth round of the 1982 draft and, over the next 11 seasons, he became an invaluable part of a team that transitioned from laughingstock to championship contender. Now 56, Eaton resides in Park City, Utah, and is a partner in the popular Salt Lake City restaurant Tuscany. He is also a motivational speaker.

Our Citizens of the Year are: Anaheim, June C. Glenn; Buena Park, Christiane Salts; Cypress, Maria Sterk; Garden Grove, Bill and Sue Catlin; La Palma, Ralph and Dianna Rodriguez; Los Alamitos/ Rossmoor, Chrysteen and Larry Braun; Seal Beach, Seth Eaker; and Stanton, Allan and Yvonne Ansdel. The Distinguished Business Award will be presented to Care Ambulance. Two long-time College supporters will be honored with the President’s Distinguished Service Award. Between them, Mary Bouas and Irv Pickler have provided more than 50 years of service to Cypress College. Pickler joined the Foundation Board of Directors in 1983, while Bouas became active at the College in 1989. The President’s Distinguished Service Award — the most prestigious recognition the Cypress College Foundation bestows — has been conferred only twice before: in 2006 to Founding Cypress College Foundation Director, Reverend Ralph Juengel, and in 2012 to “Mr. Cypress College,” former President Don Bedard.

Associated Students’ Thanksgiving Food Drive Runs November 4-20

The Associated Students of Cypress College hold their annual Food Drive November 4-20. The student leaders are collecting canned food, dry goods, and other non-perishable foods. Baskets of food created from the donations, along with a turkey, will be distributed to a select number of students who are in need as the holidays approach. A.S. encourages participation from faculty, staff, and students.

New Workshop Available to Assist Students on Academic Probation

Students who have been placed on academic probation are receiving enhanced intervention this semester as part of a pilot program. These students recently received a letter from the Counseling and Student Development Division inviting them to participate in Student Success Workshops. These workshops are offered both on campus and online. On-campus workshops are available on November 12, 13, or 14, and the newly developed online workshop begins November 12.

Qualifying students were invited to sign up for the workshop in a letter emailed to them in October. Information about the workshops’ availability was also shared with students via the college’s social media sites.
Cypress College participates as the Anaheim Union High School District College Fair on October 22.
The (STEM)$^2$ Program Proudly Presents:

2013 Diversity Speaker, Dr. Efrain Talamantes and Our 2nd Annual Fall Research Symposium

Come join Dr. Talamantes and get inspired.

Hear about the importance of an ever growing healthcare system that is in need of more students from underrepresented backgrounds who share a common language and culture with minority communities

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Friday, November 8, 2013
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: HUM 131

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Accounting Career Day

November 8, 2013
9 A.M. to 12:00 PM
Cypress College Complex,
Room 419

A morning for students to learn about the career that is ranked #3 for business jobs by US News and World Reports!

Agenda:

- Keynote Speaker - Charles Hester, International Consultant & Speaker
- Panel of CPAs from the government, public, and corporate fields
- Resume Preparation Workshop - Viviana Villanueva, Career Counselor and Kristina Diaz, Staffing Manager for Robert Half International

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http://cypresscollege.edu/academics/academicPrograms/businessandcis/Accounting
Monday, November 4th through Thursday, November 7th

Please call to sign-up for a workshop and/or for representative appointment. Space is limited. Table Visits do not require appt.

Monday, Nov 4
10:00am-1:00pm: CSUF Table Visit (In front of CCCPLX)
2:30pm-3:30pm: UC Application Workshop (TXC)
3:30pm-4:30pm: Financial Aid Workshop (TXC)

Tuesday, Nov 5
1:00pm-4:00pm: CSUDH Rep Appointments (TXC)
1:30pm-2:30pm: How to Transfer to a UC/UCLA Workshop (CCCPLX #407)
1:30pm-2:30pm: How to Transfer to UCSB Workshop (CCCPLX #406)
1:30pm-2:30pm: How to Transfer to USC Workshop (CCCPLX #419)
1:30pm-5:00pm: Chapman University Rep Appointments (TXC)
1:30pm-3:00pm: UCI Rep Appointments (TXC)
2:00pm-3:00pm: Pre-Law Workshop (CCCPLX #405)
2:00pm-3:00pm: How to Transfer to a CSU/CSUF Workshop (CCCPLX #414)
3:00pm-5:00pm: UCSB Rep Appointments (TXC)

Wednesday, Nov 6
10:00am-1:00pm: Grand Canyon University Table Visit (In front of CCCPLX)
12:30pm-1:30pm: Scholarship Workshop (TXC)
1:00pm-4:30pm: CSUF Teachers Only Rep Appointments (TXC)
2:00pm-3:00pm: ADT (Associates Degree for Transfer) Workshop (TXC)

Thursday, Nov 7
10:00am-1:00pm: Hope International University Table Visit (In front of CCCPLX)
2:00pm-3:00pm: Personal Statement Workshop (TXC)

Location Legend
TXC: Transfer Center
CCCPLX: Cypress College Complex

When no workshops are scheduled, Walk-in Application Help is available at the Transfer Center!
Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Workshop

Why should I get one?

What is it?

Come find out at our workshop:
You may sign-up 30 days in advance
~ Seating is limited ~
ADT Workshop will be held in the Transfer Center
November 6th (Wed), 2:00pm-3:00pm

Earn priority admission to a CSU with junior standing once you earn an Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer (AA-T) or an Associate in Science Degree for Transfer (AS-T) at a California community college!

Cypress College Transfer Center  2nd Floor Student Center
714-484-7129
Monday-Thursday 8am-6pm  Friday 8am-12pm
Save the Date

Jeffrey O. Horsley
Vice Chancellor of Human Resources
North Orange County Community College District

Retirement Open House

Wednesday, December 4, 2013
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
NOCCCD - Anaheim Campus

To request an invitation or more information, please contact Sandy Cotter, Human Resources (714) 808-4826 or scotter@nocccd.edu
I watched with fascination this month as the Federal government of the United States shut down most of its functions as a result of value polarization and blatant self-interest on the part of a number of its legislators. The shutdown lasted 16 days, affected over 800,000 employees, and is estimated to have cost the U.S. economy over $24 billion. Increasingly, it seems to me, people who ought to know better are acting like stubborn children instead of performing the vital duties we have entrusted them with.

But as frustrated as I felt watching the shutdown events unfold, and as maddening as I sometimes find the posturing machinations of bureaucracy to be, I’ve also seen the governance process work to brilliant effect. For instance, the North Orange County Community College District recently experienced an important legislative success I’d like to tell you about, secured solely through the hard work, dedication, and principled judgment of our staff and partners.

In the spring, NOCCCD became aware of new legislation introduced by Senator Carol Liu (SB 173) which would have negatively affected the California community college system’s noncredit funding structure and commitment to access. As you well know, the School of Continuing Education is one the state’s largest noncredit providers and, as details concerning this bill came to light, we began to realize the disastrous effects it could have on our student population. SCE and NOCCCD staff, in conjunction with our advocacy consultants Townsend Public Affairs, developed a multi-tiered response designed to block the passage of SB 173. The team first built a lobbying coalition of likeminded organizations, agencies, and legislators, and then embarked on an educational campaign that outlined for lawmakers the realistic effects of the bill. The educational campaign consisted of the creation of informational materials, strategic visits with legislators, the Governor’s Office and other key influencers, coordinating the writing and delivery of over 4,000 letters from community members, and SCE staff testifying at Assembly and Senate committee meetings. We were successful in our endeavors, and SB 173 was stopped in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Though this legislation mainly affects Adult Education providers, the triumph is one that our whole District shares. It neatly illustrates the power of participatory governance at its best. The idea that citizens are able to use the resources of the State to influence decisions about matters that directly concern them is central to the ideals our Republic was built upon. Especially at this time of radical division, we need to see real examples of solidarity, understanding, and individual involvement creating significant solutions.

We know that higher education is under more scrutiny now than it has ever been. At the Federal level, President Obama has released an Education Agenda that is analyzing issues like paying schools and districts for performance, student debt affordability, and the promotion of
innovation. Within the state of California, the very organization that evaluates our colleges—the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges—is under significant scrutiny. And at our own District, we grapple with challenging questions like how to close the achievement gap and how to fund our retiree benefit liability. We should not have a few people making these decisions for us. What we need is engaged, knowledgeable individuals who can see the big picture and who can rise above self-interest to make the processes and governance structures better for everyone. I believe that NOCCCD is filled with such people. I have seen how our dedication to open dialogue and compromise has created a District at the top of its game—a leader in California and across the country. My hope is that this year we continue to positively impact the weighty higher education issues being discussed at all levels—from the classroom to the Capital. Unlike the Federal government, we have never shut our doors. Let us now light the way.