"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says ‘I’m possible!’"  
– Audrey Hepburn

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Smithsonian Air & Space to Exhibit Photo Faculty’s ‘Great Picture’

The photo is the work of Rob Johnson, Jerry Burchfield, and four others. It is recognized in the Guinness Book of World Records.

On Saturday, the Smithsonian opens an exhibit of a Cypress College-inspired, Guinness Book of World Records recognized photograph.

The photograph, known as The Great Picture, was created at the former Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, by turning an abandoned hanger into the world’s largest pinhole camera.

“I am very happy and proud of the (exhibit) and need to share it with the Cypress College family since the original impetus for the project started here in our Photography Department,” said Rob Johnson, one of six artists who spearheaded the project. “As many of you might recall, this image was originally created by The Legacy Project, a group of six photographic artists, of which I and three others who taught here at CC (including Jerry Burchfield) were charter members.”

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Six Cypress College Faculty Recognized with Tenure

Trustees of the North Orange County Community College District granted tenure to six Cypress College faculty at the April 22, 2014, NOCCCD Board of Trustees meeting. The faculty are: Maha Afra, Fine Arts; Kendra Contreras, Health Science; Michael Frianeza, Health Science; Craig Goralski, Social Science; Joyce Peacock, Library and Learning Resource Center; and Stephanie Rosati, Career Technical Education.

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Summer Schedule Available

The schedule of classes for the summer, 2014 session is now available on the College website and in print. Summer courses begin the week of June 23 and are completed on or before August 14, 2014. During the summer session, the College is closed July 3 and 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Registration via the myGateway portal begins on May 6. Students should begin seeing their registration dates and times posted to myGateway.

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Parent Night a ‘Huge Success’

Cypress College’s Parent Night was a huge success, drawing approximately 350 high school seniors and their parents on Wednesday night according to Dean Richard Rams.

“On behalf of the Parent Night Planning Team, thank you to those who made our 15th Annual Parent Night event a huge success,”

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Alan Reza is Classified Employee for 2013-14

Alan Reza, a member of the Financial Aid team at Cypress College, was named as the College’s Classified Staff Employee of the Year. Reza was described as an “energetic, well-organized professional who has demonstrated superior leadership and problem solving skills.”

Students describe Reza as “helpful, caring and friendly.” The nomination of Reza further read: “I find these comments to be

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State Senator Bob Huff Hosting Education Summit at Cypress College on Thursday, May 1

Cypress College will serve as the venue for an Education Summit hosted by California Senator Bob Huff. The event will take place on May 1, from 4-6 p.m., in HUM-131. The public is encouraged to attend.

RSVP to Senator Huff’s District Office at (714) 671-9474.

The Orange County Breeze reported on the event. From the publication:

Sen. Republican Leader Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar) will host an Education Summit on Thursday, May 1st at the Cypress College Campus. The Summit, which will feature a number of dynamic speakers, will focus on a new and exciting approach to education in California called Linked Learning. It transforms the traditional high school experience by bringing together strong academics, a demanding technical education and real-world experience to help students gain an advantage in high school, post-secondary education, and careers.

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Valid and truthful considering his multiple skill sets and positive demeanor. He is a leader in our division and, if given the opportunity to complete a routine or complex task, he will always shine. He is one of the most-sought-after members in our office because of his warm, caring personality and expertise. He is goal-oriented and able to handle multiple tasks while providing outstanding customer service. He is committed to the practice of student affairs and actively seeks training opportunities to advance his knowledge and preparation. He approaches his work with integrity, attention to detail and comprehensiveness. Our campus needs more passionate, innovative and ‘down to-earth’ leaders like him. He embodies the spirit of Cypress College and is well-deserving of this honor.

In addition to his primary role on campus, Reza has played a key role in facilitating effective outreach and recruitment coordination with local feeder high schools. Along with Reza, the following employees were also nominees for the award:

Stephanie Acosta
Melisa Barrios
Cindy Cao
Lu Cayabyab
Terry Carpenter
Lida Coman
Neil Do
Jennifer Franklin
Brian Gomber
Vanessa Gonzalez
Paul Hamblin
Tracey Heine

Louis Krebs
Rebeca Laveaga
Sharon Lauderback
Maureen Leopold
Anna Novisoff
Kevin Peery
Lili Perez-Stroud
Gail Smead
Dawn Sontag
Kim Tran
Scott Tucker
Manny Verdugo
Jennifer Wheeler
Employees Mark Peterson and his wife, Steve Auger, Pablo Trinidad, and Robert Burson all performed at the luncheon, as did Cypress College President Dr. Bob Simpson

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Ulity, and is now a full-time faculty member of Dance in the Theater and Dance Department. Her educational background includes a Bachelor's of Arts in Dance, a Master of Fine Arts in Dance, a Bachelor of Science in Biology, and a Master of Science in Morphology/Genetics.

Her campus activities and committees involve serving on the Diversity Committee, Black History Month activity, Kwanza, arranging for guest speakers and guest artists, Kindercaminata, and other campus activities. She is involved in a community college consortium and with building a partnership with the dance departments at California State University, Fullerton and the University of California, Irvine.

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For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Cypress College: Motivating Minds.
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The Smithsonian’s description of the exhibit reads, in part:

Come and see what is possibly the largest pinhole photograph in the world, The Great Picture, on display at the Udvar-Hazy Center April 26 through November 2014. This exhibit features a unique camera obscura black-and-white, gelatin silver photograph that measures 31 feet high and 107 feet wide. It was created in 2006 by a group of six artists and depicts the abandoned Marine Corps Air Station El Toro in Southern California.

Johnson, Clayton Spada, Mark Chamberlain, Jacques Garnier, Douglas McCulloh, and the late Mr. Burchfield are the co-creators of “The Great Picture” as part of the Legacy Project. All but Garnier have been on the faculty here at Cypress College. Garnier will present an artist’s discussion about the work on Saturday at the Smithsonian.

In the summer of 2006, the six well-known photographers and 400 volunteers first converted a hangar at El Toro into the largest pinhole camera ever created. The group hand-applied 80 liters of gelatin silver halide emulsion to a seamless canvas substrate — measuring 107 feet, 5 inches by 31 feet, 5 inches — custom-made in Germany. Development was done in a custom Olympic pool-sized developing tray using ten high-volume submersible pumps and 1,800 gallons of black and white chemistry.

A 35-minute exposure began at 11:30 a.m. on July 8, 2006 when a quarter-inch (6mm) pinhole was opened fifteen feet off the ground in the base’s Building #115 — a former F-18 fighter-plane hangar. The resulting 3,375-square-foot photograph shows the control tower, structures and runways at the heart of the closed 4,700-acre Marine base, as well as the surrounding foothills.

You can hear Johnson and Burchfield discuss the photograph in the October 23, 2006 edition of the Cypress College Podcast (beginning at the 3-minute, 40-second mark). In addition to technical and philosophical aspects of creating the photograph, the pair also describe the scene inside the world’s largest camera during that 35-minute picture-taking process.

Related:
• “The Great Picture” Opens at Udvar-Hazy Center
• Gizmodo Article Covers ‘The Great Picture’
• Five Years On, the World’s Largest Photo Is Still the World’s Largest Photo
• The Legacy Project
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said Rams, the dean responsible for the event. “This signature outreach event caters to prospective high school seniors interested in Cypress College.”

Those who staffed resource tables during the 5:30-6:30 p.m. portion of the program reported the highest level of engagement they’d ever experienced in the event’s history.

“Although Parent Night ‘officially’ marks the conclusion of major on-campus outreach for the 2013-14 academic year, it marks the beginning of the peak period of outreach for our prospective high school seniors who will likely enroll at Cypress,” Rams said.

The next steps are for student services staff and faculty to prepare for orientations, student education plans, and registration. Follow-up contacts will also be conducted with the attendees.

“On behalf of Student Services (both Student Support Services and Counseling & Student Development), I want to thank everyone at Cypress who supports and delivers outreach,” Rams said. “This year, faculty and staff played a significant role in helping facilitate events, activities and resources for our prospective and current students.”

Rams called the academic year “an extraordinary showcase for Cypress College” and thanked the Planning & Budget/Strategic Direction Committee members and the College’s executive leadership for endorsing outreach as a critical component of recruitment, retention, and student success of all students. During the year, outreach events have included New Student Welcome Night, Kindercaminata, Senior Day, Parent Night, and countless campus tours and divisional outreach activities across career technical education, STEM, and many other departments.

The $300 scholarship winner at Parent Night was Brandie Hartford of Cypress High School (right). About 350 high school seniors and their parents attended the event, which included a general session (above) and a resource fair (top right).
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Kendra Contreras, Health Science

Kendra Contreras joined Cypress College’s full-time faculty in 2010 after teaching here as an adjunct instructor. She brought to campus 18 years of experience as a registered dental hygienist with a strong background in new technologies and techniques of effective instrumentation. She studied at Cypress College and sister campus Fullerton College, earned her Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene from the University of Southern California, and her master’s degree at Kaplan University.

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The Staff Development Committee invites you to attend the

End of the Year Luau

Wednesday, May 7, 2014
11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Theater Lobby
Program will begin at 12:15 p.m.

We will be celebrating this year's Cypress College retirees and employees who will receive service pins.

This year we honor those with 25 years of service:
Joan Daniels, Betty Germanero, Daniel Kawahara,
Robert Simpson, Ambika Talwar

The $10.00 Luau lunch includes one free opportunity ticket for the Staff Development Basket Fundraiser.

Opportunity Drawing Gift Baskets

You can purchase additional Opportunity Tickets for the wonderful theme baskets designed and donated by members of our college community, during our pre-sale or the day of the Luau from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pre-Sale Opportunity Ticket sales will begin on Monday, April 28, 2014.

Winner need not be present to win.
The price is $1.00 per ticket or $10 for 15 tickets.

Yes, I will attend. Here is $10.00 for my Luau lunch and one free Opportunity Ticket.

Please send me additional Opportunity drawing tickets as indicated below.

Please make checks payable to “Cypress College” and return to Rhonda Kraft, CCCPLX, 3rd floor.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 30, 2014

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Call for Gift Baskets for the End of the Year Luau 2014

The Staff Development Committee is inviting interested divisions, groups, or clubs to prepare and donate a basket of selected items in a theme of your choice to be part of an Opportunity Drawing at our End of the Year Luau on May 7, 2014. All proceeds will be used for Staff Development events, such as the Classified Appreciation Luncheon and recognition awards for the End of the Year Celebration and Luau. No general funds are used for these events.

A ticket for the Opportunity Drawing will be included with the purchase of your luau lunch and additional tickets are available for sale before and at the event. At the luau, the opportunity tickets can be placed in a container next to the basket of choice by 12:45 pm. The drawings for the baskets will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m.

To donate a basket, contact Rebecca Gomez at ext. 47326 or email rgomez@cypresscollege.edu

Please plan to bring your basket to the Theater Lobby by 9:00 am on May 7, 2014.

Please provide the following information to Rebecca by Thursday, May 1, 2014:
1. The group, department or division represented
2. The theme of your basket
3. The name of the contact person for your group
4. The contact phone number and e-mail address
For Future Teachers Only!
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You may sign-up 30 days in advance
Appointments will be held in the Transfer Center

2/19 (Wed) 10:00am–1:00pm
3/13 (Thurs) 1:30pm–4:30pm
4/9 (Wed) 1:30pm–4:30pm
5/1 (Thurs) 10:00am–1:00pm

★ For Students seeking a Career in Teaching K-12 ★

Cypress College Transfer Center ~ Student Center 2nd Floor
Phone: (714) 484-7129
Monday-Thursday 8am-6pm ~ Friday 8am-12pm
Phone orders will be accepted with a credit card @ 800-952-7002.

Order forms are available in the Bookstore:
- Monday - Thursday: 7:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Friday: 7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Generic Graduation Announcements are available for purchase in the Bookstore.

Diploma

You will not receive your actual diploma on commencement evening. Instead, you will receive your diploma cover as you cross the stage.

The Admissions and Records Office will send you your diploma after verification that all requirements have been met.

Photographs

Audience members are requested to remain seated during the ceremony.

Photographs can be taken in the plaza after the ceremony. Students will have their photos taken as they graduate by a professional photographer from Grad Images. Cypress College President, Bob Simpson, will also be available for photos with students after the ceremony.

Proofs of photos will be sent to students soon after graduation. Promotional photos taken by college staff will be posted on the Web at http://www.cypresscollege.edu

For information on caps and gowns, and the graduation ceremony contact Student Activities Center @ 714-484-7199
- Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Friday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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A Message from
Cypress College’s
President Dr. Bob Simpson

Cypress College is a place where very special things happen. Graduation is the pinnacle of achievement for our college community and represents our most special activity. It is my honor to salute your success as a member of the Class of 2013. Each of you has completed this portion of your educational journey marked with sacrifices, academic and personal growth, and ultimately, excellence. UCLA Coach John Wooden, who is known for The Pyramid of Success, said: “Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to do the best of which you are capable.” I believe that the most special aspect of Cypress College is that each of you — our students — illustrate such success by demonstrating what is possible through your achievement in the classroom. You accepted the challenge to sacrifice, and to do the necessary work, while maintaining balance in your lives, whether you were able to pursue your studies full-time or took a longer route by combining work and family responsibilities. As you consider all the opportunities that are opening up to you, do not forget that — even during these difficult economic times — you excelled in your commitment and persistence, and it was your determination that led to the achievement of your goals and dreams. I sincerely believe that you are now equipped to build upon this foundation, to go out into the world, to accept any challenge and do whatever is necessary to achieve your continuing dreams. On May 23, as you approach the stage to accept your degree, you can have peace of mind that you have rightfully earned the respect of your family, friends, colleagues, and the community. Like you, I am a product of California’s system of public education, to which I owe a debt of gratitude and give credit for the success I have had in my life. It is important to remember that what now distinguishes you is the effort you have made and your commitment to your future. Being faithful to that vision will continue to guide your path. It is truly an honor for me to once again congratulate you on your achievement.

Schedule of events
5:00 p.m. Gathering in the theater
6:00 p.m. Commencement Ceremony begins

Reception - immediately following ceremony
The ceremony will feature faculty, special guests, and various speakers

Please plan to attend a reception for graduates, family and friends, as well as faculty and staff, immediately after the ceremony. Refreshments will be served compliments of the Associated Students.

CAPS and GOWNS
Caps and Gowns are required for the ceremony.

The commencement caps and gowns will be available for distribution at the Student Activities Center, located south of the pond in the center of campus, on the following dates and times:

May 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: You will be purchasing your cap & gown for $25 at the campus Bookstore. Checks, money orders, cash, and credit cards (Visa and/or Mastercard only) are accepted. Please take the enclosed card with you to the campus Bookstore for payment, then come to the Student Activities Center for pick-up.

Please be dressed in your cap and gown by 5:00 p.m. DO NOT BRING A HANDBAG or BACKPACK! (There is no one to watch your personal items. You can leave them with a family member.) You will be given final instructions for the line-up at that time, and you will be handed a 3 x 5 card to print your name on. As you walk toward the stage, you will hand the card to the reader so your name can be announced, and then you will be presented with your diploma cover.

No Assigned Seats
There is no assigned seating for students taking part in commencement. You’ll be able to sit next to special friends who are graduating with you.

Guests
Your family and friends are welcome at Commencement 2014. There is no limit to the number of guests you may invite. Your guests should park in lots 1 and 9 (easiest access to the Commencement Ceremony). The ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. It will last approximately 1.5 hours. Food will be sold, flowers, balloons, graduation memorabilia, etc., will be available for purchase before and after the ceremony (under the tent). Please show respect for the graduates - no bullhorns please.

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