Physics and Engineering Student Johnson is Outstanding Graduate

After a decade-long break between high school and college, the single father with a 3.97 GPA is headed to Cal Berkeley in the fall.

The path from under-employed construction worker to undergraduate student at the University of California, Berkeley is a remarkable one. James Johnson, Cypress College’s 2014 Outstanding Graduate, did not take the traditional road to higher education that most students take. His journey includes being a single father to his 11-year-old son, and the loss of his home to foreclosure during the recent economic downturn. After deciding it was time to make a change, Johnson turned to Cypress College to pursue his interest in Engineering. Cypress College offered a flexible class schedule which allowed him to take classes in the evenings, work and care for his son. Today, he is graduating with an Associate’s of Science Transfer degree in Physics.

After nearly a decade-long break from education, Johnson enrolled here at Cypress College in 2010 and worked his way through classes while maintaining a 3.97 GPA — that’s A grades in 29 of his 30 classes. He received the Kathy Godshalk Memorial Scholarship and earned acceptance to California State University campuses in Long Beach and Fullerton, and University of California campuses in Irvine, Riverside, Berkeley and Los Angeles. Ultimately, he decided on UC Berkeley, where he will major in Mechanical Engineering.

The field of mechanical engineering utilizes his passion for building and creating, but is more cognitive — and less physical — than the construction industry he left behind. Johnson worked his way through the entire sequence of Cypress College math courses — starting at Math 20 and completing Math 250B — a unique and impressive accomplishment. Mathematics Professor Christina Plett notes that Johnson “demonstrates a willingness and an aptitude for learning new and sometimes difficult concepts.”

Physics and Engineering Professor Brinda Subramaniam also

Educator Rosas is Recipient of Outstanding Alumna Award

Reyna Rosas ended up at Cypress College because that is what she told a Los Angeles Superior Court judge her intention was. Her statement — and, the way Rosas tells the story, it was more declaration than promise — became reality thanks to the intervention of a stranger who paid Rosas’ tuition. In 1980, Rosas took a job working overnight in a fast food restaurant as employment and a safe haven for shelter. She showered in the campus locker room before morning classes. To supplement her income and help pay for classes, she also worked on campus.

That was her humble introduction to higher education.

Rosas has continued her education since earning her associate’s degree here at Cypress College in 1982. Four years later, she earned her bachelor of arts in Physical Education and Kinesiology at California State University, Long Beach. In 1998, she earned her master of arts in the same field, with an emphasis on Sports Management. She also earned a single-subject teaching credential.

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Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva, Member of Higher Ed Committee, to Deliver Commencement Address

Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva is a school teacher who was elected to the California State Assembly in 2012 to represent California’s 65th Assembly District. Prior to her election to the California Legislature, she was elected to the Fullerton City Council in November 2004, where she was selected by her peers in 2007 to serve as mayor for two terms.

Regionally, Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva has been active in organizations serving the entire 65th District, which includes Cypress, Stanton, La Palma, Buena Park, West Anaheim, and Fullerton. She has hosted service events in Cypress discussing Senior Scams at the Senior Center and a town hall meeting discussing legislation at the Cypress Community Center. She has participated in city events such as being a panelist at the Cypress Women’s Conference and attended the League of Women Voters of North Orange County Luncheon.

In the State Assembly, Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva is currently Chair of the California Committee on Veterans Affairs; additionally she sits on the Transportation, Higher Education, Accountability and Administrative Review, and Housing and Community Development committees.

Academic Senate Honors Three Faculty with Annual Awards

Three faculty have been selected by the Academic Senate for annual awards. The faculty will serve in honorary roles at commencement and be recognized during the ceremony.

Becky Floyd of the Anthropology Department, is the recipient of the Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award.

The Charger Award — or significant contributions to the educational community outside the classroom — was presented to Professor Randy Martinez, of the Psychology Department.

Finally, the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award was presented to Claudia Garcia, who also teaches in the Psychology Department.

CONTINUED: Johnson Selected as 2014 Outstanding Graduate

It was his intense interest in discovering how things work that brought him to this major. “As a child, I built my own toys because I enjoyed the process of building the toy more than actually playing with it,” he said. “This love of learning and passion for figuring out how things work still inspires me today.”

CONTINUED: Alumna Rosas to be Honored at Commencement

Four-term member of the union board of director for the Teachers Association of Long Beach. She has also coached community college basketball and worked as an adjunct faculty member at Southern California community colleges, including Cypress College.

She has one son, Aiden, who is 7.
2014 Cypress College Foundation Scholarship Awards Ceremony
Monday, May 12, 2014

Click to open the photo gallery
2014 Cypress College ESL Potluck and Scholarship Celebration
Friday, May 9, 2014.
Ed Giardina (Media Arts Design professor) and Nadia Afghani (Media Arts Design adjunct professor) had their work explored in a front-page article of The New York Times late last month.

According to Fine Arts Dean Joyce Carrigan, the pair worked on a participatory sculpture project titled “We Will Show You Fear In A Handful Of Dust” at Occidental College early March. The main project was a MQ-1B Predator Drone (UAV) replica sculpture. This sculpture piece is featured in the New York Times.

The Rise of the Drone Master: Pop Culture Recasts Obama

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR  APRIL 29, 2014

WASHINGTON □ In Marvel’s latest popcorn thriller, Captain America battles Hydra, a malevolent organization that has infiltrated the highest levels of the United States government. There are missile attacks, screeching car chases, enormous explosions, evil assassins, data-mining supercomputers and giant killer drones ready to obliterate millions of people.

Its inspiration?
President Obama, the optimistic candidate of hope and change.

Five and a half years into his presidency, Mr. Obama has had a powerful impact on the nation’s popular culture. But what many screenwriters, novelists and visual artists have seized on is not an inspirational story of the first black president. Instead they have found more compelling story lines in the bleaker, morally fraught parts of Mr. Obama’s legacy.

□We were trying to find a bridge to the same sort of questions that Barack Obama has to address,□ said Joe Russo, who with his brother, Anthony, directed □Captain America: The Winter Soldier.□□ You’re saying with a drone strike, we can eradicate an enemy of the state, what if you say with 100 drone strikes, we can eradicate 100? With 1,000, we can eradicate 1,000? At what point do you stop?□

Beyond □Captain America,□ a virtual arts festival of films, books, plays, comics, television shows and paintings have been using as their underlying premise the question: Can morality of Mr. Obama □
The Cypress College ESL program is ranked #2 of the 112 community colleges in California for successful completion from ESL to English 100.

*Based on the 2014 Student Success Scorecard for the California Community College Chancellor's Office Momentum Points for Remedial – ESL*
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A Summary of the Board Meeting of May 13, 2014

Swearing in of the Cypress College Student Trustee—Chidinma Okoroama was sworn in as the Student Trustee for Cypress College, completing the 2013-14 term which will end May 30, 2014.

Comments from the Chancellor

Innovation Grant Presentations—The two awardees of last year’s NOCCCD Innovations Grant program presented on their projects:

- Mat Stivers, SCE High School Diploma Faculty, Jorge Gamboa, SCE ESL Program Manager, Michael Sieck, SCE Research Analyst, Raine Hambly, SCE CTE Program Manager, and Valentina Purcell, SCE Dean of Instruction and Student Services, presented “School of Continuing Education’s Building Connections Project” to the Board.

- Carol Harvey, Cypress College Nursing Instructor/Assistant Director, Linda Azen Martin, Cypress College Clinical Simulation Coordinator, and Darlene Fishman, Cypress College Director of Nursing presented “Innovations in Patient Care Simulation: SimPad” to the Board.

Comments from the College Presidents and Provost

Dr. Rajen Vurdien, Fullerton College President; Dr. Bob Simpson, Cypress College President, and Dr. Greg Schulz, School of Continuing Education Provost, reported on activities from their respective campuses.

Comments from Members of the Resource Table

DMA Breakfast—District Management Association President Richard Fee announced that the association’s end-of-the-year breakfast will be held later this month. Next year’s officers will be announced then.

New SCE Senate President—SCE Academic Senate President Candace Lynch Thompson announced that she will not run for President next year. The new President will be elected in June.

Cypress College Awards—Gary Zager, President of Cypress College Academic Senate, announced that three faculty have been selected by the group for its annual awards: Becky Floyd is the recipient of the Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award, Professor Randy Martinez is the recipient of the Charger Award, and Claudia Garcia received the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member Award.

Dow Jones Multimedia Training Academy—Sam Foster, President of the Fullerton College Academic Senate, announced that journalism instructor Jay Seidel was one of twelve journalism instructors around the country to have been selected to participate in the fifth annual Dow Jones Multimedia Training Academy in early June at the University of Texas in El Paso.
United Faculty Elections—Dale Craig, President of the United Faculty, announced that the group’s elections are wrapping up, and the new officers will be announced at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

CSEA Breakfast—Classified School Employee Association President Rod Lusch announced that the annual CSEA breakfast will be held on May 20.

Comments from Members of the Board of Trustees

Administrative Assistants’ Day—In honor of Administrative Assistants’ Day, Trustee Barbara Dunsheath thanked Violet Ayon Executive Administrative Aide to the Chancellor & Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees, and Alba Recinos, Executive Assistant II, for their hard work and continued support.

Bachelor’s Degrees—Trustee Donna Miller reported on several sessions she attended at the recent Community College League of California’s Trustee Conference. She highlighted a session presented by Dr. Constance Carroll, the Chancellor of the San Diego Community College District, which examined the timely subject of community colleges offering bachelor’s degrees.

California Community College Trustees—Vice President M. Tony Ontiveros, who is also the outgoing California Community College Trustees (CCCT) President, announced that the new President of the CCCT is Santa Monica Trustee Louise Jaffe. Trustee Ontiveros reflected on his tenure as President, saying that his proudest accomplishment while in office was furthering the discussion on right-sizing the full-time faculty formula for community colleges.

Citizenship Fair—Trustee Leonard Lahtinen thanked SCE Provost Dr. Greg Schulz for his institution’s role in co-hosting the Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development (OCCORD) Citizenship Fair at the Anaheim Campus.

The Last Days of Judas Iscariot—Trustee Molly McClanahan praised Fullerton College’s recent performance of the play The Last Days of Judas Iscariot, calling the piece “profane and sophisticated.”

Public Hearing
A public hearing was held regarding the State Categorical Program Flexibility Transfer Resolution. After a brief discussion, the Board adopted the State Categorical Program Flexibility Transfer Resolution and authorized a transfer from the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program to the Disabled Students Program & Services (DSP&S) program.

A public hearing was held regarding the Education Protection Account proceeds. After a brief discussion, the Board approved the use of Education Protection Account proceeds resulting from the passage of Proposition 30 to partially fund instructional salaries and benefits.

Finance & Facilities

Anaheim Campus Facilities—Authorization was given to recognize the transfer to the Capital Outlay Fund for various Anaheim Campus projects. A resolution was also adopted to adjust budgets and authorize expenditures within the Capital Outlay Fund, pursuant to the California Code of Resolutions Title 5, §58308. (The Resolution is available for review in the District’s Business Office.)
Fullerton College Campus—Authorization was given to file the Notice of Completion for Equipment Moving and Anchoring at Fullerton College Technology & Engineering Complex with Lacy Construction and pay final retention payment when due.

Cypress College Campus—Authorization was given to award Bid #2014-04, Cypress College Tech Ed II, III, & Gym II HVAC Equipment Replacement, to Sea Pac Engineering, Inc. as the lowest overall responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of $2,015,000.

Instructional Resources
Curriculum—The Board approved Fullerton College’s summary of curriculum changes effective Fall 2014, and Cypress College’s summary curriculum deactivations, additions, and revisions, effective Fall 2014 and Fall 2015. The Board also approved the School of Continuing Education’s summary of curriculum additions, to be effective in Fall 2014.

Donations—The Board approved a variety of donations to Fullerton College, including donations to the Library and six divisions/departments.

Human Resources
Retirements—The Board approved the retirements of Nancy Bjorklund, Fullerton College History Instructor, effective May 25; Cheryl Duhme, Fullerton College Mathematics Instructor, effective July 29; Kathi Johnson, Fullerton College ESL Instructor, effective May 25; Antonio Oliveira, Cypress College Foreign Language Instructor, effective May 25; Debi Woelke, Fullerton College, Physical Education Instructor, effective May 31; Kenneth Giermek, Cypress College Facilities Custodian I, effective June 1; and Marion Shocklee, Cypress College Administrative Assistant II, effective May 1.

Appointment—The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Wenying “Cherry” Li-Bugg to the position of Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Technology.

General
Board Policy 6320—The Board re-adopted Board Policy 6320, investments.

Resolutions—The Board adopted Resolutions No. 13/14-21 and No. 13/14-22, Order of Biennial Trustee Election and Specifications of the Election Orders.

Next Regular Meeting
The next regular meeting of the NOCCCD Board of Trustees will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, in the first-floor Board Room, Anaheim Campus, 1830 W. Romneya Drive, Anaheim.

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