‘Spark New Ideas,’ Dr. Simpson Tells Employees at Opening Day

A summer trip to Yellowstone National Park results in “advice from nature” and inspirational messages shared by the President.

Opening Day featured a presentation by Cypress police officials about preparing for and responding to an active shooter situation. The sobering but important message was the centerpiece of the campus-wide meeting, which then closed with an inspirational tone as Dr. Simpson shared some “advice from nature.”

Prompted by a visit to a Yellowstone National Park gift shop, the “Advice from Nature” segment included suggestions from a bear — such as “look after your honey” — and other animals and features found in the park. A hummingbird advises to “keep your visits short and sweet,” a hot spring suggests “keep new ideas bubbling up,” and the campfire offers “spark new ideas.”

In that spirit, Dr. Simpson told employees that this period in the College’s history provides a unique opportunity for change, growth, and innovation. It is a time to consider ideas employees feel strongly about and to enact them.

While the meeting closed on this high note, the College was focused upon a presentation by Cypress Police Chief Jackie Gomez-Whiteley and Lead Police Officer Michael Wintersole about how the College’s employees need to react in the event that someone opens fire on the campus. Wintersole, a first responder to the 2011 shooting at Salon Meritage in Seal Beach, underscored a three-point response strategy: 1) get out; 2) if that’s not possible, hide out; and 3) if left with no other option, fight back.

On that last point, Wintersole emphasized that once you make that decision, it is critical to give it your all. He also informed employees of the critical need to comply instantly and fully with responding officers’ commands. Every second spent responding to questions from staff is another moment that the shooter is on the loose. Wintersole also told employees that it is important that their hands be visible and their fingers spread apart when approaching officers — a clear indication that there is no threat.

To begin the meeting, Dr. Simpson also introduced 30 new employees, the largest group since the same number were hired in the 2008-2009 academic year.

Executive Vice President Santanu Bandyopadhyay, Vice President Karen Cant, Director of Institutional Research and Planning Philip Dykstra, and Executive Director of the Foundation and Community Relations Raúl Alvarez also presented.

Chancellor Ned Doffoney and NOCCCD Board of Trustees President Jeff Brown gave greetings from the District.

Trustees Place ‘Measure J’ on November Ballot in Hopes of Campus Renovations, Including the Cypress College SEM Building

On July 22, trustees for the North Orange County Community College District voted unanimously to place a facilities bond measure on this November’s general election ballot. If approved by voters, Measure J would fund a variety of campus projects, including the complete renovation of the Science, Engineering, and Math Building.

The building, part of the original campus construction, is in need of substantial renovation to the instructional space, including what has affectionately become known as Dr. Frankenstein’s Lab.

In addition to SEM, Cypress College plans a veterans’ resource center, renovation of Fine Arts, and a number of other projects consistent with the vision expressed in the facilities master plan.

While public employees can share factual information about College needs or the specifics of what the bond would provide, campaigning — either for or against the measure — is strictly prohibited during work hours or with the use of any District-owned property. This restriction extends to College email accounts, phones, and physical workstations.

For additional upcoming events, visit the campus calendar.
Budget Outlook Brighter than 2013-14; M&O Projects Completed

Vice President Karen Cant delivered her most-upbeat Opening Day budget presentation since moving into her current role in 2007. The best news: there are no budget cuts for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Other highlights:
- Access (growth) 2.75% (NOCCCD target is 5%)
- COLA .85%
- Categoricals: $100m for SSSP, $70m for Student Equity, $30m for DSPS
- $30 million for Deferred Maintenance and Instructional Equipment
- Prop 39 Energy Grant — $47 million to be allocated to sites based on FTES

Concerns about the enacted budget include:
- Match requirements for categoricals are high
- Proposition 30 is temporary
- Sales tax increase ends 2016. Income tax increase ends 2018.

— Potential long-term loss to NOCCCD is approximately $24 million annually
— STRS obligation increase of 19.1% projected w/no resource ID’d

All of last year’s one-time budget requests were funded. This year, $1.7 million is planned for that program. The projected deficit in the Extended Day budget is approximately $900,000. Both of these will be funded from the College’s carryover balance of $8.5 million.

Facilities projects completed during the summer include: lighting retrofit project; parking lot repair and re-striping; re-finishing of the gym floors; HVAC projects in TE-II, TE-III, and Gym 2; and a fire alarm upgrade in Humanities. In addition, the new marquee should be installed by the end of the calendar year.

Cant also highlighted the conversion of all campus email to the Microsoft 365 platform, a project that was two years in the planning.

Accreditation, Strategic Plan Top IR & P Discussion List at Opening Day Meeting

Phil Dykstra, the College’s Director of Institutional Research and Planning, reported at Opening Day that Cypress College’s 201 mid-term accreditation report was accepted by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges this summer. Approval of the document closes the last accreditation cycle.

This semester, the campus will select a self study chair in preparation for the 2017 site visit. Among the changes to the accreditation process, site visits will now take place every seven years rather than six. The process now includes new standards for the self study. These include one on institutional integrity.

Dykstras also indicated that work on development of the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan is wrapping up. Comments on the draft document are due on Tuesday. Visit http://www.cypresscollege.edu/sp1417 and use your normal computer log-in information to access the draft version of the strategic plan, which was developed at last semester’s colloquium.

The plan and the comments will be presented to the Planning and Budget Committee on Thursday, September 4.

The new plan is streamlined — featuring three directions instead of five. They are: student success; organizational effectiveness and excellence; and strong community connections. The plan also features 13 objectives, down from 16, and has 36 objectives, an increase from 29 in the previous plan.

Questions should be directed to Dykstra at ext. 47311 or via email to pdykstra@cypresscollege.edu.

Planning in Progress for Celebration of College’s 50th Anniversary in 2015-2016

Cypress College’s 50th anniversary celebration will focus on three primary audiences: the campus community; alumni and retirees; and the local community.

Raúl Alvarez, the Executive Director of the Foundation and Community Relations, said during the Opening Day meeting that an initial list of activities related to the anniversary, which will be celebrated next academic year, has been developed.

The proposed activities include: A celebration incorporating the re-creation of the 1966 flag pole ceremony on the College’s very first day of operation; a two-part open house and reunion, with events in individual areas and a campus-wide gathering at the Pond; a “Where are they Now?” featuring the success stories of alumni; a historical display; and an anniversary theme for the 2017 Americana Awards.

Other activities will be announced as the anniversary approaches.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Cypress College: Motivating Minds.
Dr. Simpson Meets the ALS Ice-Bucket Challenge

Cypress College President, Dr. Bob Simpson was challenged to meet the famed ALS ice bucket by Chargers Women’s Basketball Head Coach Margaret Mohr. As the College prepared for the start of classes on Monday, Dr. Simpson stood up. He challenged his Fullerton College counterpart, Dr. Rajen Vurdien. #ALS #icebucket #icebucketchallenge #alsicebucketchallenge #mindsmotivated
Advice from Nature

Advice from a Bear:

- Live large
- Climb beyond your expectations
- When life gets hairy, grin and Bear it
- Eat well
- Live with the seasons
- Take a good, long nap
- Look after your honey!

Advice from an Eagle:

- Let your spirit soar
- See the big picture
- Cherish freedom
- Honor the earth and sky
- Keep your goals in sight
- Bald is beautiful
- Fly High!

Advice from a Bighorn Sheep:

- Stand tall and proud
- Climb to new heights
- Cherish wide open spaces
- Use your head!
- Make yourself herd
- Know when to hoof it
- Ewe are what ewe eat

Advice from a Geyser:

- Rise to the occasion
- Stay active
- Find your inner strength
- Vent when you need to
- Enjoy the quiet moments
- Be Faithful!
- Let off a little steam

Advice from a Bison:

- Know when to stand your ground
- Have a tough hide
- Keep moving
- Cherish wide open spaces
- Have a strong spirit
- Roam wild and free
- Let the chips fall where they may

Advice from a Hot Spring:

- Let your talents spring forth
- Refresh yourself in nature
- Keep new ideas bubbling up
- Stay active
- Have deep reservoirs
- Be warm and welcoming
- Let off a little steam now and then!

Advice from a Camp Fire:

- Bring people together
- Spark new ideas
- Kindle strong friendships
- Radiate warmth
- No Smoking!
- Be a good story teller
- Don’t go to bed all fired up

Advice from a Hummingbird:

- Sip the sweet moments
- Let your true colors glow
- Don’t let your feathers get ruffled over little things
- Just wing it
- Take yourself lightly
- Keep your visits short and sweet!
Advice from Lightening:

- Stay current
- Follow your flash of inspiration
- Spark new ideas
- Strike out on your own
- Light up the night
- Know when to bolt
- Charge ahead!

Advice from a Moose:

- Don’t be ashamed of your size
- Spend time in the woods
- Eat plenty of greens
- Hold your head up high
- Stay on track
- Keep your nose clean
- It’s O K to be a little wild!

Advice from a Porcupine:

- Spend quiet time in the woods
- Remember your good points
- Have a gentle spirit
- Don’t needle your friends too badly
- Sometimes it’s O K to be a slowpoke
- Stay sharp
- Sometimes you have to stick up for yourself!

Advice from a River:

- Sometimes you have to go with the flow
- Immerse yourself in nature
- Slow down and meander
- Find a way around the obstacles
- Be thoughtful of those downstream
- Stay current
- The beauty is in the journey!

Advice from a Trout:

- Show your true colors
- Be a good catch
- Don’t be lured by shiny objects
- Scale back
- Cherish clean, cold water
- Know when to keep your mouth shut
- Don’t give up without a fight!

Advice from a Wolf:

- Trust your instincts
- Be at home in nature
- Keep your den clean
- Stand fur what you believe
- Stay on track
- Howl with your friends
- Be a Leader
- Pack life with good memories!
North Orange County League of Women Voters

Register to Vote Campaign

Non partisan LWVNOC will be on campus to register students, staff, and faculty for the November 4th Election.

Be sure to Register to Vote if:
1. YOU ARE A NEW First Time Voter
2. YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR NAME
3. YOU HAVE MOVED AND CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS
4. YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR POLITICAL PARTY

Be informed by visiting nonpartisan www.smartvoter.org or www.lwvnoc.org for information about candidates and issues.

Register to vote online www.registertovote.ca.gov

Cypress College
9200 Valley View Street
Cypress, CA 90630

Tuesday, September 23, 2014
9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Location: In front of the Student Activities Center

Fullerton College
321 Chapman Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92832

Thursday, September 18, 2014
Wednesday
October 15, 2014
10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Location: In the Quad

SCE Anaheim Campus,
1830 W. Romneya Drive,
Anaheim, CA 92801

Tuesday, September 23, 2014
10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Location: 1st floor entryway
Information about Measure J

Q: What is Measure J?
A: On July 22nd, the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place Measure J – the Fullerton College, Cypress College Repair and Student/Veteran Job Training Measure – on the November 4, 2014 ballot to repair and update our District’s facilities to ensure quality, affordable education and job training for local students and veterans.

Fullerton and Cypress Colleges and our School of Continuing Education serve the communities of Anaheim, Fullerton, Yorba Linda, Cypress, Buena Park, Placentia, Brea, La Habra, La Habra Heights, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Placentia, Rossmoor, Garden Grove, La Mirada, Orange, Seal Beach, Stanton, and Whittier.

Q: Why was Measure J placed on the ballot?
A: With the cost of attending California’s public universities more than six times that of attending a community college, more local students, veterans, and their families are relying on Fullerton and Cypress Colleges. Measure J addresses critical needs at our Colleges, improving facilities to ensure opportunities for local students to earn college credits, certifications, and job skills at a reasonable price.

Q: How does Measure J impact job training?
A: It is very difficult to get a job in the current sluggish economy. Fullerton and Cypress Colleges provide the hands-on career training and workforce preparation skills students need to have any chance of succeeding in a very competitive job market. Measure J upgrades facilities and technology to improve training and education locally in nursing, science, technology, engineering and math to meet the needs of local employers, keep high-paying jobs in our area, and attract more high-tech jobs.

Q: Will Measure J address Veterans’ needs?
A: Yes. Fullerton and Cypress Colleges serve thousands of local military veterans and their families. Many of them have recently returned from war zones and face challenges including post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disabilities. Measure J upgrades and expands veterans’ facilities and services, improves access for disabled students, and expands job-placement facilities to train and re-train veterans as they re-enter the civilian workforce. Measure J allows our Colleges’ to give veterans the support they need to complete their education.
Q: **How does Measure J impact education?**
A: Fullerton College is one of the top transfer schools to four-year universities in California, with Cypress College students not far behind. Without community colleges, many students wouldn’t make it into a four-year university. Measure J allows us to invest in upgrading our local community colleges’ outdated technology, science labs and classrooms to continue to prepare students with the required knowledge and skills to successfully transfer to Cal State or UC schools in such high numbers.

Q: **What priorities would Measure J address?**
A: If adopted by voters, Measure J will address facilities needs relating to:

- Improving nursing, science, technology, engineering, math & technical job training facilities
- Improving educational resources and support services for veterans
- Preparing local students and returning veterans for university and jobs
- Training a qualified workforce to keep high paying jobs in our area and attract more high-tech jobs

Q: **What does Measure J cost, and is there accountability?**
A: Measure J is a $574 million education bond. It includes strict accountability requirements including a Citizens’ Oversight Committee and independent annual financial performance audits to ensure Measure J funds are spent only on voter authorized projects.

- By law, the Citizens’ Oversight Committee must include, among others, representation of a bona fide Taxpayers’ Association, a Business Organization, and a Senior Citizens’ Organization.
- No Measure J funds can go toward administrator salaries or pensions.
- All funds will be used locally and cannot be taken by Sacramento.

Q: **When is the election?**
A: Election Day is November 4, 2014. The last day to register to vote is October 20th. To register online visit: RegisterToVote.ca.gov.

Q: **How can I get more information about Measure J?**
A: For more Measure J information, visit www.nocccd.edu. If you have specific questions, please to contact Director of Public and Governmental Affairs Kai Stearns Moore by phone at 714-808-4831 or by email at ksteansmoore@nocccd.edu.
Welcome back Cypress Chargers!

Whether you’re new or returning to Cypress, we welcome you to our Free event!

Wednesday, Sept. 3
Thursday, Sept. 4
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
@ The Pond

Free food/drink, music, games, and more!
(no A.S. sticker required)

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/cypressassociatedstudents
Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the start of the Fall 2014 semester!

The Transfer Center September Calendar is now available and may be viewed at the following link:

http://www.cypresscollege.edu/Media/Website%20Resources/PDFs/transferCenter/cal/Calendar_201409.pdf

**CSU Application Deadline for Spring 2015 is August 31st!**

**CSU/UC Application Filing Periods can be viewed at the following link:**
http://www.cypresscollege.edu/Media/Website%20Resources/PDFs/transferCenter/cal/ApplFilingPeriod%2013-%2014.pdf

**Workshops:**

UC TAG (Transfer Admission Guarantee) Workshops:  September 4th, 9th, 15th, and 25th

**UC TAG submission deadline is September 30th**

Representatives from several universities, including CSU Fullerton, UCLA, Grand Canyon University, Ashford University will be coming for 1-on-1 appointments or table visits. Please contact the Transfer Center to reserve an individual appointment to meet with a representative or to sign-up for a workshop.

Students may sign up for Workshops and Advisor Appointments 30 days in advance.

No appointments are necessary for Table Visits.

Thank you,

Transfer Center
9200 Valley View
Student Center, 2nd Floor
Cypress, CA 90630
714-484-7129
CSU Application Deadline for Spring 2015

Application Filing Period for:

CSU Spring Semester/Quarter 2015 is
** August 1st- 31st **

For a current list of CSU campuses accepting transfers for Spring 2015 go to www.CSUmentor.edu

Note: The Golden 4 and 60 transferrable units must be completed by the end of Summer 2014. Please see an academic counselor to verify you are eligible to transfer.
Each semester, the financial aid office calculates the units you are enrolled in on the last day to add classes each semester to determine your eligibility for aid. The last day to add classes each semester is referred to as the “FREEZE DATE” in the financial aid office.

**Last Day to Add Classes/Financial Aid “Freeze Date”**

**Fall 2014:** September 8, 2014

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Financial Aid Office
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**Financial Aid Office**

**Q: What does the September 8, 2014 “FREEZE DATE” for financial aid mean?**

*A: Financial Aid will only pay for units you are enrolled in as of the “FREEZE DATE”. NO EXCEPTIONS! This includes waitlisted and short-term courses. You must be in all of your units for financial aid purposes by September 8, 2014. Students will not be paid for classes added after the “FREEZE DATE”.*

**Q: Enrolled in Late-Start Classes?**

*A: Your initial disbursement may be less if you are enrolled in any late-start classes. Please note that financial aid pays for your late-start units on the second Friday from the date the late-start class begins.*

**Q: How do I know if I am getting a Financial Aid Award?**

*A: In order to be considered for the first payment (the first Friday of classes, August 29, 2014), students must have a completed file with the financial aid office by August 20, 2014. If you are a continuing student and your file is already completed, check your myGateway account for your Fall 2014 eligibility. You must track your file in myGateway and submit all requested documents needed to complete your file. Any changes to the application or file may result in a delay in the awarding process, which would delay the disbursement. Only completed files can be guaranteed for the first disbursement.*

**Q: What is the North Orange Card?**

*A: Once your financial aid file is processed all funds are deposited to your North Orange Card. Once a student registers for classes and has a completed financial aid file, they will be mailed a North Orange Card. Current students who had aid in the past will continue to use their existing North Orange Card. Cards are mailed to the student’s address on record with Admissions and Records. Therefore, it is important that your current address is on file with the Admissions and Records Office. Students will be able to use their North Orange card without being charged the ATM fee at the Schools First ATM machines located on the Cypress College campus by the Business building in front of the bookstore, at the Anaheim campus, and at Fullerton College.*

**Q: What if I Withdraw?**

*A: Beginning the first Friday of the semester, disbursements are made weekly to eligible students. Awards will be calculated up and down based on your units enrolled through the freeze date. Your award is adjusted based on your actual units enrolled. Therefore, if you drop units prior to the freeze date, you may be required to repay back all or a portion of your aid received. If you drop units before the freeze date, you may not be eligible for second payment if you are receiving Pell grants. Students who are paid financial aid and fail to show-up to class will be dropped by the instructor and may be required to repay all aid received. Please note that holds may also be placed until repayment is made.*

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AGENDA

Coffee & Refreshments in the Theater Lobby ...................................................... 8:15-8:45 a.m.
All-Campus Meeting in the Theater ................................................................ 8:50-11:30 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions .................................................................................. Bob Simpson
Greetings from the NOCCCD Board President .......................................... Trustee Jeff Brown
Greetings from the Chancellor .......................................................................... Ned Doffoney
Constituency Greetings:
New Employees and Constituent Representatives ........................................ Bob Simpson, President
Students ................................................................................................................. Jocelyn Zaragoza, Associated Students President
Managers ................................................................................................................. Richard Fee, DMA President
Faculty and Faculty Awards ............................................................................. Jolena Grande, Academic Senate President
"Active Shooter" ................................................................................................... Jackie Gomez-Whiteley, Police Chief, City of Cypress
State of the College ............................................................................................. Bob Simpson
Enrollment/FTES ................................................................................................. Santanu Bandyopadhyay
Campus Support Services .................................................................................. Karen Cant
Accreditation / Strategic Plan ............................................................................. Phil Dykstra
Foundation and 50th Anniversary ..................................................................... Raul Alvarez
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As we enter the new academic year, I do so with the realization that these are great times for community colleges. This is a period of innovation. We may in fact see times better than this in the remainder of our careers. It is an honor to serve as President of Cypress College in this era. I also can’t begin the year without flashing back to graduation. The students who cross that stage do so because of your investment in their success. Like them, I am a product of public education which has provided me the foundation for every opportunity I have been afforded in my professional life. I would not be in the position I am today without people like you. Together we will inspire our students’ success.

Welcome back to campus for the 2014/15 academic year. I trust everyone enjoyed a very relaxing and rejuvenating summer, and are excited to begin the fall semester. As the representative body for all faculty on campus, the Academic Senate is your voice on academic and professional matters. Through participation on shared governance committees and consultation with campuses and district administration, the Senate helps us reach our collective vision of being “a premier learning community recognized for supporting student success and enriching society.” To learn more about the Academic Senate, join us on the second and fourth Thursdays, from 5-5:30 p.m., in room CC305LX-414.

On behalf of the United Faculty, welcome to the 2014-2015 academic year. As always, it will be filled with challenges for Faculty and Staff to meet the needs of our students and our institution in the face of uncertain budgets. I have taught in the NOCCCD, either part-time or full-time, for about 40 years. In that time each and every significant challenge to the College was solved through cooperation and teamwork. We can continue to do so if Faculty work together not only with each other but with both Administrators and Staff. The UF Board, with members from all three Colleges, will work to support our members and help them, and the Colleges, continue to offer our students outstanding educational opportunities. Have a good semester.

The District Management Association (DMA) strives to support the NOCCCD management team as they provide leadership to the district. This year, our theme is courageous leadership. Part of being a leader is being willing to engage in difficult conversations and having the courage to listen to people with whom we disagree. As we begin this academic year, I encourage all of us to spend more time listening and less time talking. Speaking from experience, I rarely learn anything while I am speaking. This year, let us show courage by making room in our lives for people who are different from us, be it a student, a colleague, or just a fellow traveler on life’s journey. Have a great year.

On behalf of the Associated Students, it is my true pleasure to welcome all Faculty and Administrators of Cypress College. We, as students, have been fortunate enough to be able to learn and work alongside an amazing group of faculty and administrators who truly express great care in aiding student success. This year, we are looking forward to many more opportunities in working alongside each other. Together, we will succeed in upholding the Mission Statement of Cypress College. Here is to another great year at this wonderful institution. Thank you.

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On behalf of the United Faculty, welcome to the 2014-2015 academic year. As always, it will be filled with challenges for Faculty and Staff to meet the needs of our students and our institution in the face of uncertain budgets. I have taught in the NOCCCD, either part-time or full-time, for about 40 years. In that time each and every significant challenge to the College was solved through cooperation and teamwork. We can continue to do so if Faculty work together not only with each other but with both Administrators and Staff. The UF Board, with members from all three Colleges, will work to support our members and help them, and the Colleges, continue to offer our students outstanding educational opportunities. Have a good semester.

The District Management Association (DMA) strives to support the NOCCCD management team as they provide leadership to the district. This year, our theme is courageous leadership. Part of being a leader is being willing to engage in difficult conversations and having the courage to listen to people with whom we disagree. As we begin this academic year, I encourage all of us to spend more time listening and less time talking. Speaking from experience, I rarely learn anything while I am speaking. This year, let us show courage by making room in our lives for people who are different from us, be it a student, a colleague, or just a fellow traveler on life’s journey. Have a great year.