



*Mini Edition*

**April 10, 2015, Newsletter from Cypress College President Bob Simpson**

## **A New Voice**

Please join me in welcoming Tracy Bassett to Cypress College as the Campus Communications Office expands our ability to share news and events and formalizes communications efforts to support enrollment management and foster greater student success. Tracy comes to Cypress College most recently from the NOCCCD Public Affairs Office where she played a critical role in preparing the District to move forward with a bond measure last year. Tracy also worked directly on the Measure J campaign on a variety of communications and community relations projects. She earned her bachelor's degree at Wellesley College (where she was also an All American athlete) and her master's at Oxford. She is a Fulbright Scholar, speaks multiple languages, and has lived in 11 countries. Tracy is in a new position, officially a Marketing/Outreach Assistant, which was filled after Rhonda Kraft was promoted last fall as an Administrative Assistant I in the Language Arts and Social Science Division offices. I am very happy for Rhonda and also thrilled to add Tracy's voice to our storytelling to help celebrate our successes here at Cypress College.

## **President's Office Hours**

- Wednesday, April 15, 4- 5 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

## This week's headlines:



### Flash Mobs Open Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month kicked off at Cypress College on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, with a series of flash mobs roving the campus to increase awareness about the topic.

On Tuesday (April 14), community partners will highlight resources available and a panel discussion on Title IX and the SaVE Act will be held in HUM-131, from 2-3:30 p.m. The panel includes participation by Paloma Bustos, Dr. Shirley Smith, and Donna Friess, a nationally recognized victims' advocate, a retired Cypress College faculty member, and author of "[Cry the Darkness](#)."

[More About Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#) | [Photo Gallery](#)

## **Faculty and Staff Mini-Grants Funding Available**

Could you use \$500 for your classroom, program, or office?

The Cypress College Foundation will award select faculty and staff up to \$500 (including tax and delivery costs) for any reasonable project, initiative or materials that support student success. The application is simple by design — only a single page, and is due to the Foundation Office by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 1. Awards will be announced the following week. Late applications will not be considered; limit one application per individual. A copy of the application is attached.

## **Language Arts Book Sale: April 13-April 16**

Support an important cause while filling out your summer reading wish list! Each year, the Language Arts Division awards scholarships to deserving students; funds are raised through an annual book sale.

This year's sale will be held next week, April 13-16, on the second floor of the Humanities Building. Great finds at great prices: paperbacks — 50 cents; hardbacks — \$1; textbooks — \$1.50.

Please also consider donating your “gently” used books. Donation boxes can be found in the lobby of the LLRC, the Fine Arts lobby, the Student Center, the second floor of the Humanities building, and the first and second floors of SEM.

This event is a service learning activity, providing Honors Program students with an opportunity to volunteer their time and energies to an important campus endeavor.

## **Sundance Network's Tiphany Adams to Speak on**

## **Diversity: April 22, 1:30 p.m.**

The Diversity Committee is hosting a Conversation with Tiphany Adams of the Sundance Network's "Push Girls" television series. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 22, in the Theater Lobby, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., and will address issues of ability awareness, LGBTQ, race, ethnicity, and gender, as well as the overcoming of personal/professional obstacles. Photographs and autographs will be available following the 1 1/2 hour conversation and Q&A period.

## **Reminder:**

- Be sure to visit @Cypress Online for new content added during the week. <http://news.CypressCollege.edu>
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