Campus-wide Participation in Great California ShakeOut on Thursday

Cypress College will participate along with more than 8.8 million people across the state on 10/18 at 10:18 a.m.

We live in “Earthquake Country” and experts warn that “the Big One” is coming. With that in mind, along with over 8.8 million people in California, Cypress College will be participating in The Great California ShakeOut on October 18, 2012 at 10:18 a.m.

Participation in the ShakeOut will serve as the College’s emergency drill for this fall semester (no drill will be held at night).

The drill will begin promptly at 10:18 a.m. without the sounding of any alarms. A video, produced by ShakeOut organizers will be broadcast on campus via the website. The video can be previewed on the College website at http://www.cypresscollege.edu/news/drill.htm any time prior to the drill. On October 18 at 10:18 a.m. the video will be a synchronized broadcast across campus via the website. This six-minute presentation talks about what to do during an earthquake.

We have added some specific campus information.

Following the video you should evacuate to your assigned Assembly Point. Assembly Points are located on the lawn adjacent to the parking lots (indicated on the attached map) or in the lots themselves. Please follow the instructions of emergency responders who will direct you to the safest location. Always go to the Assembly Point first. The Evacuation Zones are utilized only if the situation requires. Emergency responders will request that people move if it is necessary.

It is also important to note that while we have tools available and staff trained, we will not be evacuating students with special mobility needs who are located on the upper floors of buildings. This decision is made to diminish the unnecessary risk of injury.

Instructions on the drill, including viewing the video, have been included in the attached packet. Talking points for faculty to share with students, and for college staff to review, are also included.

Participation in this drill is not optional.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

— Karen Cant, Vice President of Administrative Services

Ongoing
» The Figure in Contemporary Art exhibit through November 1. Gallery hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
» “Making it Happen” exhibit, Photography Gallery, TE-1

16 • Tuesday
» Club Rush, pond, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

17 • Wednesday
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18 • Thursday
» The Great California ShakeOut, 10:18 a.m.

19 • Friday
» “The Sound of Music” opens, Campus Theater, 7:30 p.m. Additional performances on Oct. 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

For additional upcoming events, visit the campus calendar.

President’s Office Hours
» Tuesday, October 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
» Thursday, October 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

“THEY SAID IT”

“It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.”
— Howard Ruff

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Budget Central: Investment in Education Pays Off; Voter-Registration Deadline Approaching

For every $1 California invests in college students, it gets back $4.50 in additional revenue for the state.

The last day to register to vote in the November 6 election is next Monday, October 22. Register online at http://registertovote.ca.gov. Learn more at www.nocccd.edu/BudgetNews.htm.

Briefly: Transfer Fair; Blood Drive Results

A Transfer Fair will be held October 15, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., behind the student center near the pond. Representatives from Cal State Dominguez Hills and Chapman University will be available, and a UC application workshop will be held.

The Associated Students collected 231 units of blood during their drive on October 3-4, and expressed their gratitude for the broad support.
Reception for Newly Tenured Faculty and New Managers

“On Monday, October 8, 2012, Cypress College hosted a reception for newly tenured faculty. Congratulations to Nancy Corrales, Sarah Jaffray, Elizabeth-Ann Pacheco, Parwinder Sidhu, and Carlos Urquidi. New manager Marla McBride was also introduced. For more information, including biographies of the newly tenured faculty, visit: http://news.cypresscollege.edu/blog/201210.htm#TenuredFaculty.

Recorded on 10/8/2012.”
3rd Annual Day of Service

Wednesday’s 3rd Annual Cypress College Donate a Day of Service, was sponsored by Associated Students and The Honors and Service Learning Program. The event, held at the pond between 11 am-1 p.m., provided a chance for students to learn about service opportunities on and off campus. Photo by Derrick Coleman.
Solera Holdings, Inc. Awards Cypress College with $25,000 Makeover Grant

Written by staff

Cypress College in Cypress, CA has been awarded a portion of Solera’s Matching Makeover grant through the Collision Repair Education Foundation. The Solera grant was made available exclusively to California secondary and/or post-secondary schools, and Cypress College will have its $50,000 wish list of needed tools, equipment, and supplies fulfilled to benefit its collision program. This $25,000 grant is a portion of the $100,000 donation made to the Collision Repair Education Foundation in 2010 by Solera, Holdings, Inc. and its CEO, Tony Aquila, and is the largest cash donation ever received by the not-for-profit organization. Current industry supporters of the California Matching Makeover grant program for Cypress College that will fulfill the second $25,000 of the grant include: 1-800-Radiator & A/C, ALLDATA, Assured Performance Network, Chilton Auto Body, Collision Services, Crockett’s Premier Autobody, FIX Auto, Hobart, Matco Tools and Oakland Autobody.

“Solera is truly pleased to provide and sponsor the Matching Makeover grant program for Cypress College through the Collision Repair Education Foundation,” said Rick Tuuri, VP of Industry Relations for Audatex, a Solera Company. “It is important to Tony Aquila that we make a lasting difference for collision repair students, and transforming Cypress College helps to achieve that goal. At Solera, we believe that Life Is Full of Transformation. As a result, we have developed our L.I.F.T. program, to help others succeed through their life changes. We would also like to thank the additional industry partners that have come on board to participate in this Matching Makeover grant program for Cypress College. Only through industry members coming together to support its future professionals will we have the greatest impact.”

Cypress College Auto Collision Instructor Dan Snook said, “As the recipients of the 2011 California Matching Makeover grant sponsored by Solera and Tony Aquila, the Cypress College Collision Repair Technology Department staff and students express their appreciation. Collision technical schools, ours included, are dependent upon industry partnerships such as this. It is the support of partnerships and educational grants that make it possible to train students at the highest level. Future technicians receive hands-on training using the latest equipment and products provided by our industry partners, ensuring students will be trained to the highest level before entering the automotive collision repair industry.”
Aggie Martinez, an Administrative Assistant II in Counseling and Student Development, is one of the first people that Cypress College students meet. Helping them to navigate the academic process, Martinez is eager to answer students’ questions and assist them in reaching their goals.

“Working at the college is exciting for me because of the diversity of the students,” said Martinez. “Their majors and goals are in all areas…and can vary from one meeting to the next as they explore their different options.”

Martinez, who has been at Cypress College since 1990, focuses on “making new students feel comfortable.” She knows firsthand how important this is because her younger son Scott is a Cypress College student majoring in Kinesiology. Remembering one young woman who came to her desk for help, Martinez recounted how nervous and anxious the new student was and that she managed to calm her down and reassure her that everything would work out fine.

Counseling and Student Development does more than advise students on what classes to take, Martinez explained. It helps them to make important decisions. To ensure that students get off to a good start and are aware of the programs and services available to them, she emphasized that everyone in Counseling “works together. It’s a team effort.”

Whether she is talking to a student on the phone or face-to-face in the Counseling Office it’s clear that Martinez is a people person. Deftly and courteously she finds out what each student’s situation is and determines the resource or person that can best provide assistance. Martinez’s smile comes naturally, but her ability to communicate so well has had some help – from a trip to Ireland where she visited Blarney Castle and kissed the famed Blarney Stone, known for giving people “the gift of gab.”

Martinez, who is of Irish descent, loves to travel and says, “Dublin is my favorite place. The Irish people are so friendly.” She likes everything about Ireland, including the shops, pubs and beautiful, green countryside. Even the damp weather has its appeal because it gives her an excuse to stop and have a cup of tea.

In addition to traveling, Martinez likes to sew and is an avid reader, especially of biographies and mysteries. She and husband Gil, who have been married for 31 years, like to go to rock concerts, musicals, and comedies, too. “I like anything that makes me laugh,” said Martinez.

On weekends when she has the time Martinez likes to get in the car and go for a drive. But, not just to anywhere. “I like to go to the Indian casinos and play the penny slots,” she says with a laugh. Some of her favorite destinations are Pala, Pechanga and Rincon. And, as it turns out, Martinez doesn’t just have a way with words like the Irish, but the luck of the Irish, too. “One time I won $1,100. I was thrilled!” she exclaimed.

Martinez mentioned how glad she is to be a part of Cypress College and that the school is giving her son Scott the tools he needs to transfer to California State University, Fullerton. Older son Matt is currently serving as a lieutenant in the Navy.

Along with traveling, reading and her many interests, Martinez likes to “walk on the beach at the Huntington Beach wetlands.” And there is one other thing that gives her much joy — Iggy, her 12-year-old cat, a male tabby that she describes as “a lover.” Quite the charmer, Iggy is always ready to greet her when she comes in the door.
CYPRESS CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Cypress College, Humanities Building #131
9200 Valley View, Cypress

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens. To be better informed, join us at the Cypress City Council Candidates Forum where you can meet and ask questions of the candidates.

Free parking in Lots 7 and 8 from 6 to 9 PM

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