Dental Programs Partnerships Provide Service to Those in Need

The Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting efforts include a free dental clinic held on campus in October.

Cypress College Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene students participate with the Orange County Dental Hygiene Society each fall semester in partnerships to provide a free dental clinic for women and children from Collette’s Homeless Shelter in Orange County. Earlier this semester, on Saturday, October 27, 2012, community dentists and dental hygienists came to Cypress College to work alongside the Cypress College Dental Assisting and Hygiene students.

The community dental professionals, with Cypress Dental Assisting and Hygiene students, provided much needed dental care and education to the homeless shelter residents. The women and children were provided with preventative and restorative dental care, which equated to thousands of dollars worth of dental work.

Cypress College Dental Hygiene students partner in other community programs as well.

These include a partnership to provide screening for dental disease to the Buena Park School District first graders. Other partnership programs present oral health lessons to such community groups as single mothers, individuals with special needs, and Vietnamese senior citizens. Services are also provided for people at the Long Beach Rescue Mission, and at a community Drug Intervention/Rehabilitation facility.

Such community partnerships provide service and education to those in need. They also promote Cypress College Dental Assisting and Hygiene student success by providing them with valuable experience and the opportunity to learn the value of community partnerships and service.

MyGateway to Drop Ability to Use Social Security Number for Login to Reduce Potential for Identity Theft

Identify theft is a real issue in today’s technology-engaged environment. Chances are that if you personally haven’t been affected, you probably know someone who has.

The staff at the North Orange County Community College District’s Information Services Department take the risks of identity theft very seriously, and have taken many steps in the protection of your personal information.

One key piece of personal information is the Social Security Number (SSN), which is used to identify you for many types of transactions. Currently an SSN can be used as a User ID for logging into MyGateway. Although this provides convenience for logging in, it is not a good security practice. Therefore, starting July 1, 2013, NOCCCD will be changing the login process to preclude users from being able to use their SSN as a User ID to sign into MyGateway.

Instead, users will need to sign in using their unique, 8-digit student, faculty or employee ID number.

To find this number, go to the “Personal Information” box, and click on the link “What is my ID?” Please direct questions via email to ishelpdesk@nocccd.edu.

Innovation Fund Workshop on Dec. 12

The Innovation Fund informational workshop for December 5, 2012 has been rescheduled for December 12, 2012, from 3-4:30 p.m. at Cypress College.

Graduation to be Held on Friday, May 31

Commencement ceremonies for both Cypress and Fullerton colleges will be held on the same date — Friday, May 31, 2013, at 6 p.m. Chancellor’s Staff and Trustees will split attendance.
Sonography Students Record 100% Pass Rate on National Exam

Cypress College Sonography students from the Class of 2011 recorded a 100% pass rate for the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) exam. It was the first time this has happened in the history of Cypress College.

Lynn Mitts, Cypress College RDMS Program Director, said, “This is absolutely outstanding! Congratulations to the students for working so hard.” She will present these 2011 student ARDMS exam class results at the Advisory meeting in the Spring.

John Sciaccia, Cypress College Dean of Health Sciences Division, said, “Wow! Even better results than the past excellent results. A 100% pass rate for ALL areas reflects the excellence of our program and instructors and the quality of these students and clinical facilities. Congratulations on this impressive achievement.”

“This is fabulous!!! Congratulations to Lynn, our outstanding faculty, and excellent students for this accomplishment!! You represent the college well!” said Dr. Steve Donley, Cypress College Interim Executive Vice President.

Auditions Upcoming for Theater & Dance Department Productions

Cypress College will be conducting its Theater & Dance Department Auditions for Spring 2013. The auditions will be for “Pride and Prejudice,” “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” and “People in Motion Dance Concert.”

“Pride and Prejudice” auditions will be held on December 10, 2012, at 7 p.m., and December 11, 2012, at 8 p.m., in TA-220. Those who are auditioning are asked to bring a prepared one-minute monologue. Please contact Mark Majarian at mmajarian@cypresscollege.edu or (714) 484-7205 for further information.

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” auditions will be held on December 11 and 12, 2012, at 7 p.m., in the Studio Theater. Please bring 16 bars of a prepared song from musical theater and come dressed to dance. The women wear character shoes and the men wear jazz shoes. Please contact director Jim Hormel at jhormel@cypresscollege.edu or (714) 484-7206 for further information.

“People In Motion Dance Concert” auditions will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 6 p.m., in the Campus Theater. Please wear appropriate dance attire. You do not need to have a prepared audition. Be prepared to move! Contact co-directors Erin Landry at elandry@cypresscollege.edu or (714) 484-7202 and Maha Afra Haddad at mhaddad@cypresscollege.edu or (714) 484-7207 for further information.

Please call the Cypress College Theater and Dance Department Office at (714) 484-7201 for further information.

Across the District, Proposition 30 Funding to Add 330 FTES

With the passage of Proposition 30, California Community Colleges will not endure a mid-year trigger cut — a $10 million impact to North Orange County Community College District.

Instead, the community colleges will receive $50 million in restoration funding, and specifically, NOCCCD will receive $1.2 million. This equates to 330 full-time equivalent students (FTES) added in the 2012-2013 fiscal year:

- Cypress College — 106 FTES
- Fullerton College — 168 FTES
- School of Continuing Education — 56 FTES

More than 120 people attended the 8th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration, held on Tuesday in Gym 2. The keynote speaker was Dr. S.N. Elaine Folayan, an adjunct faculty member who teaches English. The event was planned by the By Us, For Us Kwanzaa and Black History planning committee, the Black Student Legacy Union and the Diversity committee.

@Cypress will resume publication in February 2013. Enjoy your holidays and the time off.
This is a tale about black sand.

But then again, it is a story about so much more than just sand.

Russ Flynn, 66, collects it. So many people know this. And he has stories.

He has collected it from almost every corner of the globe. On each trip he takes, he makes sure to pack at least a gallon bag's worth of it in his suitcase.

"But since Sept. 11, it's not so easy bringing sand back anymore," he laments. "Homeland Security always thinks it is plastic explosives, for whatever reason."

He teaches physical oceanography at Cypress College, a job he performed for 41 years until retiring last year. The school brought him back to continue teaching the course on a part-time basis this year. One of the sections of his course is on beaches. That explains the sand.

Now that he is essentially retired, he stashes the sand in the rooms of his two grown children in his Santa Ana home. Every year during "beach week" he passes it around the classroom, believing that if his students touch the sand, "they can make it their own."

The tale of the black sand goes back almost six years, Flynn said.

He had a young man, a Marine, taking his class on the GI Bill. And one day, knowing his professor was an avid fan of sand, the Marine brought a gallon-size zip-close bag of it to class. It was black sand. Did he know, the Marine asked him while holding up the bag, what kind it was?

Flynn almost stammered. He knew it was volcanic sand from the Pacific.

The sand was from the island of Iwo Jima, site of the monthlong battle between Americans and Japanese that featured some of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting of the war in the Pacific during World War II.

Flynn knew the sand was fluffy, the residue of volcanic ash, and had sent the invading soldiers plummeting nearly to their hips in sand that simply shreded their uniforms to pieces.

"You have to respect this," Flynn told the Marine. "There was a heavy price paid. And I told the students, and still do today, that this is some of the most sacred sand in the world. A lot of blood was shed where this sand came from."

The Marine, whose name Flynn has long since forgotten, had gotten permission from the Japanese
government for his reconnaissance unit, which was stationed on Okinawa, to visit the island – not an easy thing to do in the decades following the war.

Flynn thanked the Marine, and took the bag of sand to his office on campus. It was then he realized how precious the contents of that plastic bag were.

He had an office partner back then – Bob, a professor since retired. Bob took one look at the bag and, remembering Flynn's love of beach sand, came up to him and held the bag.

"That's not from Iwo?" Bob said, questioning. Flynn nodded.

"Can I possibly have a sample?" his office partner said almost reverentially. Sure, Flynn replied. Why?

Bob, it turned out, had an uncle he had never met who served in the Marines during World War II. He had seen pictures of his uncle and heard his family tell stories about him, he said. During the invasion of Iwo Jima, the uncle was at the wheel of a landing craft that took a direct hit from Japanese artillery, killing him and everyone onboard.

Flynn poured out a bit of his black sand for Bob.

And then, two weeks ago, it was beach week. Flynn, as always, was passing around the black sand to show the students in his classroom. After the class, a young Japanese woman lingered until everyone had left.

"That, in my experience, is rarely a good thing," Flynn said. "They always have a sad story, someone has died or there is a problem where they will have to miss class for awhile. I readied myself."

She was very solemn as she approached. She stared for long moments at the bag of black sand on his desk.

"Would you consider honoring my family," the young woman finally said, "by letting me have a bit of that sand?"

She had a great-great-uncle, she told him, who had served on Iwo Jima during the war. That was all the family knew, she said, and they never heard from him again.

After the war, the family never received anything back from the Japanese military. She assumes her uncle was placed in a mass grave somewhere on the island.

For years her family had sought permission to go to Iwo Jima, but every time they had been turned down, she explained.

Flynn went to an adjoining room. He found a little bag, poured half of his black sand into it and gave it to her.

He will not identify the girl. That is not the point of the story, he said. "I suppose what really struck me is what a waste war is," he said. "The way we work so hard to demonize our enemies, an exercise that serves only to make it easier to go to war.

"But the reality is killing is killing. It devastates families like Bob's, as much as it did that young woman's.

"No matter which side you are on, you still bleed; you still die. In the end, we are all humans."

Contact the writer: bjohnson@ocregister.com or 714-796-2265.
Bookstore Holiday Sale

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students and Administration:

The Bookstore Holiday sale is going on now until December 14th. Come in and take advantage of some great gift items at reduced prices. Shop early for best selection!

Holiday Sale items are:

Drink ware 30% off
Clothing, Backpacks, Gifts are 20% off
Bargain Books, Children's, Fiction, Novels as much as 70% off full retail.

Believe it or not for all you Hello Kitty Fans 20% off all Hello Kitty gift items. That includes purses, wallets & handbags.

Take advantage of the prices and take advantage of the convenience. No major lines or parking problems.

Stop by and see us for some great gifts for the holidays!

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December 5th Innovation Fund Workshop Rescheduled

TO: District-wide Staff:

The Innovation Fund Informational Workshop for Wednesday, December 5, 2012 is canceled, and has been rescheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2012, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Cypress College. This date/location change will better accommodate our Cypress College faculty and staff.

The Innovation Fund workshop, scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., will be held at the Anaheim Campus, room 105, as planned.

These workshops are designed to provide potential applicants with information on the Innovation Fund, as well as provide the opportunity to review the guidelines and processes of the Innovation Fund.

To register, please access the District Staff Development Calendar via myGateway on the "Employee" tab, or contact me should you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Decorating Nurses' Float, December 8

Nursing faculty (current and retired) as well as soon to graduate senior students will be volunteering this Saturday to decorate the first ever Nurses' float.

"We were fortunate to reserve a spot last May and will spend the day preparing and gluing dry materials like seeds, leaves, straw flowers and coffee grounds to the float surface," reported Janet Winckler. "In all, there are 52 of us spending the day in Pasadena representing the profession. This year's President of the Tournament of Roses is a Registered Nurse. We hope to have some pictures to share. Be sure to check out our efforts on January 1, 2013."
Hi Everyone -

Just wanted to let you all know that the Cypress College Foundation scholarship applications are available beginning Friday, December 7, 2012 at 8 am. They can be picked up at the Foundation office, located on the third floor of the Cypress Complex building, or in the Financial Aid office, on the first floor of the same building. They are also available at the Cypress College website, with a link to the applications posted on the front page of the site.

We have two different applications again this year: The Bernard Osher scholarship and the Foundation scholarships. While the due-date for each is February 20, 2013, the Osher scholarship is awarded, at least partially, on a first-come, first-served basis. I would encourage those of your students who qualify to get the Osher application completed and returned to the Financial Aid office as soon as possible.

Minimum qualifications for each of the two scholarships differ, and are listed in detail on the applications.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like for me to send an electronic copy of the applications for distribution to your classes (after tomorrow at 8 am, of course).

Sincerely,

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Former PSA airlines flight attendant Kathleen Reiland brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Cypress College Aviation/Airline and Travel Careers Program. When Reiland started at the college in 2000 there were just seven students in her first class, and less than 50 students in the entire travel program.

Now the program she heads has grown to 1,500 enrollments. What’s more, in the 2011-12 year 90 students received certificates or degrees.

Using Perkins Grants, Reiland hopes to expand the program even more and to encourage non-traditional students to pursue higher-paying positions in the travel industry. Helping women to succeed is especially important to her. “This really means a lot to me,” Reiland said, “because when I started out most women didn’t have those options.”

The Aviation Program is one that Reiland says is particularly needed because of looming shortages of commercial pilots due to upcoming retirements and federal mandates for increased flight hours. “The Wall Street Journal is predicting a severe airline pilots shortage throughout the world in coming years,” she noted, adding that Cypress College is not only well positioned to help train pilots, but at an affordable cost.

Reiland, who is focused on student success, emphasized that “I’m not only a teacher to my students, but a mentor.” In this regard, she stays in touch with students throughout their careers and hears from them frequently…from all around the globe. She has received calls and emails from students working in Dubai on the Arabian Peninsula, from Sendai, Japan, when the tsunami went through, Hawaii, Alaska, and other far-flung outposts. One student even contacted her from an aircraft carrier.

Reiland, who has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of San Francisco and a Master of Arts degree from California State University, San Marcos, has extensive airline experience as a flight attendant, instructor, supervisor and manager. She was the Director of Flight Attendant and Pilot Scheduling when PSA merged with US Airways, eventually becoming the Director of Customer Services, a position that had her commuting back and forth between Pennsylvania and her family’s home in California.

Two recent additions to the travel program created by Reiland are the Cruise Line Sales and Operations Certificate and the Homeland Transportation Security Certificate. Reiland, who worked as an emergency response coordinator at US Airways, has firsthand knowledge of security issues. Not surprisingly, one of her favorite TV shows is “Homeland.”

Never one to limit her horizons, Reiland says that she is interested in astronomy and “would go into space if I could. I’m fascinated by what private industry is doing to explore outer space.” She’s also interested in the idea of other universes beyond our own. Currently she is reading physicist Brian Greene’s book “The Hidden Reality: Parallel Universes and the Deep Laws of the Cosmos,” which talks of “multiverses” and an “endless series of Big Bangs.”

Closer to home, but still a world away, Reiland would like to visit Antarctica, the only continent she hasn’t been to yet.

With winter break coming up soon and many of her colleagues bound for travel adventures of their own, Reiland suggests taking a look at these two Web sites: kayak.com and vacationstogo.com. Kayak.com provides an easy way to compare hundreds of travel sites at once. Vacationstogo.com offers deals on cruises with discounts up to 80%.

Along with this, Reiland offered these Travel Tips:

1) Email a copy of your passport to yourself in case you lose it.

2) Wear inner pockets under your clothes (to protect valuables) that are held in place with wires so they can’t be snipped by pickpockets.

3) Make sure you carry your medicines and prescription forms with you along with basic sundry items, which can be hard to find in foreign countries.

As a former flight attendant, Kathleen Reiland knows how to pack light…and can pack fast. Noting that she always has a bag packed and ready to go, she said, “I have an open suitcase on my bed now.”

Sunny Magdaug is a student volunteer in the Cypress College Public Information Office and Patti Kishel is a Cypress College Management and Marketing Professor. This is part of a series of “Spotlight Articles” profiling members of the Cypress College campus community.
The Cypress College Foundation’s Alumnus of the Year Selection Committee, which includes retirees Don Bedard, Don Tyrrell, Donna Freiss, Pat O’Brien, Jim Phillips, Gail Taylor and Tom Cooper (along with our 2006 Alumnus of the Year, Walt Bowman), is charged with selecting our 2013 Outstanding Alumnus. The Committee asked me to request the help of current faculty and staff to expand our pool of candidates.

This program, established in 1996, has previously recognized the following alumni:

1996 – Stan Oftelie, CEO, Orange County Business Council
1997 – Dwayne Washington, M.D., Emergency Care Physician
1998 – David Holmquist, Athletic Director, Biola University
1999 – Robin Yaffe Tschumper, Executive Director, Houston County Women’s Resources
2000 – Tom Stretz, Executive Director, Los Alamitos Youth Center
2001 – Nancy K. Smith, Registered Nurse, Los Alamitos Medical Center
2002 – Mike Sellers, Chief of Police, City of Fullerton
2003 – Andy Fu, Service Manager, Irvine Toyota
2004 – Mark Eaton, Retired NBA Basketball Player
2005 – Geri Jewell, Actress, Comedienne, and Advocate for
Please help us identify former students who would be strong candidates for this distinction.

*Complete and return the Nomination Form, along with any collateral materials, to the Foundation Office by Tuesday, February 26, 5:00 PM. The more information that you can provide, the more helpful it is for the committee and the better the chances of the nominee being selecting.*

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Spectacular Kwanzaa Celebration

Hello Everyone,
On behalf of the By Us, For Us Kwanzaa and Black History planning committee, the Black Student Legacy Union and the Diversity committee, I would like to extend gratitude and appreciation to those who attended and participated in the 8th Annual Kwanzaa celebration.
"Thank You" to our wonderful speaker Dr. S.N. Elaine Folayan. "Thank You" to Chancellor Dr. Doffoney, President Dr. Bob Simpson, Interim EVP Dr. Steve Donley, Deans, Paul de Dios, Eldon Young, Dr. Rick Rams, and EOPS Manager Dr. Gil Contreras and all the other NOCCCD administrators for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend.

"Thank You" to the committee members, Dr. Shirley Smith, Daniel Lind, Joseph Melodia, Arnette Edwards, Deidre Porter, and Legacy Ambassador Danielle Dancer. Erin Landry, and Maha Afra Haddad for coordinating the Cypress College dancers.

"Thank You" to faculty members Michael Brydges, Renay Laguana-Ferinac, and Dr. Bede Ssensalo for bringing your students.

"Thank You" to our student leaders, Josh Rosado BSLU President, Tailer Boone, Chidinma Okoroama and the Legacy students and Associated students, and Becky Rojas.

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"Thank You" Divergence and Cypress Chronicle, Emily Hartman and Deyana Ortiz, for your support and publicity.
If I left anyone out "Thank You" for your time and support.

It truly does take a village and I am glad to be part of this Cypress College family/village. It was a historical event and a pleasure having all of you there! I hope to see you next year!

Asante Sana, (Thank you in Kiswahili)
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