26th Americana Awards on Saturday

Event will honor Bishop Soto, Forest Lawn and seven community leaders

The Cypress College Foundation will host the 26th Annual Americana Awards Banquet at Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel this Saturday. Americana’s silent auction and reception hour begin at 6 p.m., and dinner is served at 7:30 p.m.

Bishop Jaime Soto, of Orange, will receive the 2001 Americana Man of the Year award. Forest Lawn Memorial Parks and Mortuaries will be named Distinguished Business Partner for their significant financial support of nearly a half million dollars to remodel the Mortuary Science area and for generously donating flower arrangements for the Americana Awards and other college events.

The seven honorees for Citizen of the Year are Vince Taormina of Anaheim; Ruth Walp of Buena Park; Gary Tekeley of Cypress; Jack Wallin of Garden Grove; Brian O’Neal of La Palma; Dixie Fried of Los Alamitos and Bea DeArmond of Stanton.

Americana Awards are presented to a citizen selected from each of the seven cities served by Cypress College, a distinguished business partner and a man or woman -- the honorees are recognized for humanitarianism, philanthropy and partnership efforts demonstrated with their communities.

The Americana Awards traces its history to 1976—America’s Bicentennial. It was designed to highlight celebrities and local citizens for their contributions to American culture and local communities.

This year Dr. George Beloz will be featured on the piano and the Young Americans will provide entertainment for the black-tie-optional event. Cypress College employees and their spouses may attend the event for half price, $100 each.

For more information contact the Cypress College Foundation at (714) 484-7126.

35th Anniversary Brainstorming Session Set for March 9

A brainstorming session to generate ideas for the 35th anniversary celebration next fall has been set for March 9, from 2-4 p.m., in the Staff Conference Center (1st Floor of Fine Arts). Those with a long history at the college are especially encouraged to attend the meeting.

It is hoped that those attending the meeting will be able to share stories about Cypress College’s formative years and the evolution to the modern-day campus.

There is a need to identify events that the 35th anniversary celebration will be linked to as well as any special events that may be created. For information, call ext. 47006.
Dennis Doran, from Admissions and Records, will have his photography featured in another exhibition. This one, called “Exposure 2001,” runs from March 10-31 in the East Village Arts District in Long Beach. More than 20 venues will display artworks of amateur and professional photographers. The show also features outdoor slide shows projected onto nearby buildings. For more information, give Dennis a call at ext. 47348, or e-mail the coordinating art gallery at helladagallery@hotmail.com.

Congratulations to Jessica Puma, one of our Spanish instructors. She was awarded a grant from the California Virtual Campus to develop an online class in Basic Spoken Spanish. The course, Spanish 53, will be offered for the first time as a 9-week course this coming fall semester.

One of our graduates — Gary Alan Scott — has recently published a book called “Plato’s Socrates as Educator.” Gary is an assistant professor of philosophy at Saint Peter’s College in New York. Gary keeps in contact with Cypress College through instructor Neil Cooney.

**One-Time Budget Process Replaces Block Grants**

The new process for one-time budget requests for 2001-02 is now underway.

The Budget and Planning Committee, in consultation with the various campus constituencies, spent the fall semester working to expand the process for one-time budget requests. This process replaces the previous Block Grant funding process.

The new budget process allows the integration of the Strategic Plan with resource allocation, versus considering requests based on the criteria of a single funding source.

Both Nancy Byrnes, vice president of Educational Support and Planning, and Karen Cant, budget director, are available for division and department meetings to describe the new process.

Information packets, which include detailed information about the process, procedures, timelines, a list of budget units, and the request form, have been distributed to campus managers. Please contact your manager/dean for information and submit all requests through your manager following the shared governance process established in your area.

For information call Cant at ext. 47266 or Byrnes at ext. 47313.

**Black History Month Cultural Events Upcoming**

Three events remain as part of the college’s robust Black History Month celebration. Each of the performances promises a rich cultural experience.

“An African Dance Spectacular” — February 27, 1 p.m., Studio Theater: The Lula Washington Contemporary Dance Foundation will perform a range of cultural dances which will raise the spirits of everyone in attendance. The performance includes a variety of dance techniques from many African nations.

“The Meeting: A Conversation Between Malcolm X and Martin Luther King” — February 28, 1 p.m., Studio Theater: Staff Development sponsors a production by Adelene Hunter, director of Louie and Ophelia. This powerful presentation is an intimate production that will empower you forever.

“From Rags to Riches” — March 1, 1 p.m., Fine Arts Recital Hall, Room 304: The Black Studies Learning Community sponsors Cecil Lytle, pianist and Provost of the Thurgood Marshall College at UCSD. Dr. Lytle will share a musical extravaganza that includes the contributions of African Americans to music from ragtime to hip hop.

Note: Each of the presentations can be used for Flex Credit under the Independent Activity category on the Flex contract. However, faculty cannot claim flex credit if they are scheduled for a class at the same time as the presentation or workshop.

**Supplemental Instruction Program Going Strong**

The campus SI or Supplemental Instruction Program has some successful numbers to report.

SI is a voluntary program on the part of both faculty and students. The philosophy is that students working with a group of their peers outside of class hours helps spur student success. Unlike tutoring, the program is designed to run the entire semester, thus it works to prevent students from falling behind.

Currently, 23 sections are covered by 18 SI leaders, and the early indication is that the program is working as intended.

For example, last semester 100% of English 60 students involved in the SI program successfully completed their course with a “C” or better compared to an 82% success rate for those not participating in the program; Economics 105 students involved in the program completed the course with a “C” grade or better at an 89% rate versus 64% for those not participating.

Faculty who participate in the program are asked to identify students who have the skills and responsibility to be an SI leader.

To join the program, or for more information, call Carol Waechter, the SI supervisor, at ext. 48234 or send an e-mail to TitleIII@cypress.cc.ca.us.

Former Clinton Administration official Janna Sidley will be visiting Lee Miller’s class on Tuesday, from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m., in H-136. Sidley is currently an assistant U.S. Attorney responsible for civil rights issues. As part of the Clinton White House, she organized domestic and foreign trips for President and Mrs. Clinton, and provided briefings for them. Sidley also supervised the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act, and helped organize presidential debates and an inauguration.

Also on Tuesday, from 1-2:30 p.m., the Doorways to Discovery Workshop Series presents “Time Management: How to Succeed in School and Still Have a Life.” It is being held in TE2-204. Susan Klein is the presenter.

February is National Children’s Dental Health Month. As such, it is a great time to focus on improving oral health care for children who suffer from serious oral health diseases. A special emphasis is aimed at increasing awareness on the impact of oral health on children’s overall health and well being. The month also highlights the value of preventive oral health care. For more information, or to make an appointment for dental services, call the Dental Hygiene Clinic here on campus at ext. 47296.

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