

**Parents, Students Visit Cypress College**

**Senior Day attracts about 1,200 students and Parent Night is Tuesday.**

Cypress College’s second annual Parent Night will be held on Tuesday, with more than 200 parents of graduating high school seniors expected to attend. The event takes place in Humanities 131, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Parent Night provides an opportunity for the parents of potential students to meet with faculty, current students and administrators. Questions about applications, registration and Cypress College’s programs will be answered.

Other topics include financial aid, certificate programs and degrees, and student support services.

For the first time, the event will feature a session in Spanish.

Meanwhile, an estimated 1,200 area high school students visited the campus last Thursday as part of the annual Senior Day recruiting program.

More than 250 contact cards were collected from students desiring more information about Cypress College. Information booths were staffed by several campus entities, including Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, the Learning Communities, athletics, Disabled Students Programs and Services, academic and career programs, Workforce Prep, Teacher Prep, Honors Program, Puente, the Writing Center, Career Planning, Center for Intercultural Understanding and several clubs.

Radio station Power 106 provided entertainment, as did the journalism program’s Internet-based radio station, KCCW — which apparently became the first college in the nation to produce a remote audio stream live over the Web while setting up for Senior Day.

Upstaging both musical competitors was KIIS-FM, whose Commander Chuck Street buzzed the campus, before landing the station’s traffic helicopter on the lawn adjacent to the Bookstore. An inflatable rock-climbing wall, inflatable sumo wrestling outfits and the traditional Duck Pond Race added to the festive atmosphere.

But, the event wasn’t all fun and games.

The visiting students went on campus tours and many participated in workshops provided by the Counseling staff. The workshops were:

- “Learn How to Apply for Free Money for College”;
- “Ensuring Your Success as a College Student”;
- “Top 10 Reasons Why You Should Attend Cypress College”;
- “Introduction to Health Science Programs”;
- “Puente Program”;
- “Teaching as a Career”;
- “Smooth Transitions to Transfer” and;
- “Power-Up Your Career: An Overview of Vocational Programs.”

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**Major General Peter Gravett is Commencement Speaker**

Major General Peter Gravett has been selected as the commencement speaker for this year’s graduation ceremony on May 31.

General Gravett is the commander of the 40th Infantry Division, which is part of the National Guard, headquartered at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Center. He has been an enlisted man in the army, a long-time police officer in Los Angeles, a graduate of Officers Candidate School, and is now the highest-ranking military official at the JFTC. He has lived in Southern California for many years and is a graduate of Long Beach City College, so he is familiar with the community college mission and the students our college serves.

He has traveled extensively throughout the world and often serves as a representative of NATO in negotiations with officials of foreign countries.

General Gravett says he is very pleased to have this opportunity to speak to our graduates.
Nursing, 5% MORE hosting visitors this week

Cypress College will host two groups of visitors this week. The California Board of Registered Nursing is sending a two-person accreditation team as part of the site visit conducted every five years. In addition to the Nursing area, the pair will be visiting student-service areas which are frequented by the program’s students. The accreditation team will also visit the hospitals where our Nursing students perform their field work. Accreditation team members will be on campus Tuesday through Thursday. The 5% MORE group is also hosting two visitors, who will be conducting field research to help us better understand how we can meet our enrollment growth goal of 5% for fall and overall how Cypress College can become more effective at marketing, outreach, retention and enrollment management.

The consultants will conduct focus-group research with a variety of student groups — ranging from those enrolled in the Honors Program to those in ESL. They will meet with the Associated Students, first-year students, recent alumni, the staff in Admissions and Records, parents of current students and 5% MORE members. The consultants will be on campus on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mortuary Science Dedication Ceremony on April 17

Dedication ceremonies for the new Mortuary Science Department and Forest Lawn Center have been set for April 17. The event will take place at noon, with tours and a buffet lunch following from 12:30-2 p.m. Mortuary Science has recently moved into the revamped and expanded headquarters, located in the Tech Ed III Building. The program’s educational facility is officially being renamed as the “Forest Lawn Center” in honor of the mortuary’s contributions, which made the remodel possible.

Blackboard Online Courseware Class on April 18, 19

The dates have been changed for two Blackboard Online Courseware Training classes. April 4’s session will now take place on April 18, from 2-5 p.m. in the North Computer Lab (located in SEM). A second class will be held the following day, also from 2-5 p.m. in the North Computer Lab. The second session replaces the one originally set for May 1.

It’s Time to Nominate the Teacher of the Year

Nomination forms for Cypress College’s representative in the Orange County Teacher of the Year program have been distributed to all division offices, and are also available in the Student Activities area and in Extended Day. All faculty should encourage their students to submit a nomination. Students can only nominate an instructor if the student has taken a course with that faculty member before this semester. Instructors, counselors and administrators who are in a position to evaluate the effectiveness of a teacher may also submit nominations. This year, the Orange County Community College Teacher of the Year recipient could be bestowed with an award of up to $15,000. Both full- and part-time instructors may be nominated. For information, call Student Activities at ext. 47198.