Dottie Stout Gets International Award

She’s the first woman so honored by the American Geophysical Union.

Recently retired geology faculty member Dottie Stout has been awarded the Excellence in Geophysical Education Award by the American Geophysical Union. She is the first woman and only the fourth individual to ever receive this international award.

The award is given each year to recognize and honor an individual, team or group of individuals who have exhibited a sustained commitment to excellence in geophysical education, according to the Washington, DC-based AGU.

Stout will receive the award in Boston on May 31 in a ceremony scheduled as part of the organization’s spring meeting.

Renowned oceanographer Robert D. Ballard was the award’s first recipient in 1997. Two university professors are the only other individual recipients of the AGU Excellence in Geophysical Education Award.

The American Geophysical Union is an international scientific society with more than 35,000 members in over 115 countries. For more than 75 years, AGU researchers, teachers, and science administrators have dedicated themselves to advancing the understanding of Earth and its environment in space and making the results available to the public.

Several Students Honored with Awards and Scholarships

Several Cypress College students have recently been honored with prestigious awards and scholarships.

Jimmy Dao has recently been notified that he’s the recipient of the Association of American Geographers’ Community College Student Academic Paper Award. It is the most prestigious academic award for his area of study, according to his psychology instructor, Robert Kelly. Kelly described Dao as “an excellent student, with a bright future ahead of him.”

Tiffany Thao Le received the Ed Walsh Service Award at the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society spring convention. As part of the award, Le received a $350 scholarship. According to club advisor Ron Armale, 53 community colleges were represented by 550 students and instructors, including a six-member Cypress College delegation.

Two Cypress College students — Jamie Ocampo and Mark Caneso — finished second and third, respectively, in a poster design contest to promote the Orange County New Media Center to businesses in the county. Their winning submissions will be included on a multimedia CD-ROM and posters that will be distributed by the Orange County New Media Center.

Former photography student Michael Finn has won a first place, national award. Finn’s photo of his niece, submitted as part of her entry in a beauty contest, was judged the best in the portrait category.

Change of Date, Location for ‘Meet the Pres.’ Semester Finale

The date for this semester’s final “Meet the Pres.” session has been changed to April 30, a week later than originally planned. The time (noon-1 p.m.) remains the same. A new location will be selected and reported in next week’s edition of @Cypress.

The change is being made because Dr. Lewis must travel to Sacramento on the original meeting date.

“Meet the Pres.” is a series of open forums between Dr. Lewis and the campus community. The sessions are held three times each semester and do not have an agenda. Faculty, staff and students are invited to join and depart the informal 60-minute sessions as their schedules allow.
Newly Tenured Faculty to be Honored by the Board

Ten faculty members will be honored at the May 22 board meeting for their newly attained tenure.


Paul Bottiaux began his career at Cypress as a part-time instructor and assistant basketball coach in Spring, 1988. He has been the men’s basketball coach since 1994 and physical education instructor since 1997. He is in the Physical Education Division.

Les Doak began teaching part time at Cypress College, in the Department of Geography, in 1991. He wrote and was awarded several major grants, leading to the development and expansion of the new Geographic Information Systems certificate program.

Mary Forman joined the Language Arts Division four years ago. She began teaching as an adjunct professor at Golden West College and Long Beach City College in 1990. In addition to serving as a substitute teacher for the Long Beach Unified School District, she taught creative writing for four years at a summer Young Writer’s Camp sponsored by California State University, Long Beach.

Kathy Godshalk worked as a software engineer at Hughes Aircraft, where she met her husband Ron. She then took a sabbatical to raise their two children, before embarking on a teaching career here in the Science/Engineering/Math Division.

Kathy Hess has been a full-time faculty member in the Science/Engineering/Math Division for more than four years, and was a part-time chemistry instructor at Cypress College for three semesters before obtaining her tenure-track position.

Jane Jepson has more than 15-years in higher education experiences, working at private and four-year public institutions, and now, the community college. She has been with the Counseling Division since fall 1994, working primarily in the Vocational/Technical division, but also in both the Transfer and Counseling Centers.

Fernando Oliveira has been part of the staff at Cypress College since 1997. Fernando attended the Univeridade Católica de Minas Gerais in Brazil, where he studied English and Portugese. Before joining the Language Arts Division faculty at Cypress College, Fernando taught Spanish and Portugese in the Laguna Beach School District, Los Angeles County High School for the Arts and Irvine Valley College.

Daniel Pelletier has served as a community college counselor for 12 years at Irvine Valley, Saddleback, Cerritos and Cypress colleges. He has been part of the Cypress team for four years serving as Online Counseling Coordinator, Humanities Counseling Coordinator and Career Counselor with the Career Center.

Stuart Rosenberg began teaching English part-time at Cypress College in the fall of 1992. He has taught composition, literature, creative writing, film, and screenwriting. He advises both the Creative Guild and the Recording and Entertainment Club and serves on the Instructional Quality Assessment committee.

Technology Training Workshops This Week

Three technology training workshops will be held this week, but four other upcoming sessions have been canceled.

Two sessions of Blackboard Online Courseware Training will be held in the North Computer Lab on Wednesday and Thursday, both from 2-5 p.m. Also this week is MS Word 2000, Part I, from 9 a.m.-noon in the North Lab. Part II is on April 27. Canceled sessions are Wednesday’s Intermediate PowerPoint, Friday’s Intermediate Excel, Advanced Excel (April 27) and FrontPage (May 4). Call ext. 47324 for information and other upcoming workshops.

The End-of-the-Year Barbecue is set for May 8. Look for details next week or call ext. 47324.