Gibby is Teacher of the Year Nominee

Students select her as college’s best and nominate her for top OC honors.

Math Department Chair Cheryl Gibby has been selected by students as Cypress College’s nominee in the Orange County Teacher of the Year process.

In the 12 years she has been at Cypress College, Gibby has taught basic math, pre-algebra, elementary algebra, intermediate algebra, liberal arts mathematics and business calculus. She has been the department chair since October, 2000.

Gibby, an educator for 30-plus years, has also been a part-time faculty member at Fullerton College and at Cal State Fullerton.

She was a math teacher and department chair for a decade at Mission Viejo High School and taught math at Lake Forest’s Serrano Intermediate School and Hilton D. Bell Junior High in Garden Grove.

Gibby earned her bachelor’s degree at Cal State Long Beach and her master’s at Cal State Fullerton. She also completed a certificate program in computers at UCI.

In 1996, she received the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award and was recognized for being a California nominee for the “Presidential Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics.” Gibby was honored as the Southern California Edison Outstanding Teacher in 1988.

She is a member of several professional organizations, including the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

When she has time outside of work, Gibby enjoys traveling to see her daughters in Alaska and Petaluma. Fortunately, Gibby’s 6-year-old grandson is in the closer of the two destinations.

She and her husband also enjoy off road — a recreation that recently took them to the Mojave Desert.

Unique El Toro Photo Exhibit Goes on Display in Gallery

A unique look at the shuttered former El Toro Marine base is now on display in the campus Photography Gallery — what is likely the first stop on a tour of the county that will culminate in the works being donated to Orange County’s official historical archives.

Students in several photography courses conducted a two-day visit to the closed Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro earlier this month. It is the only such documentary project conducted at the base. The project, and the access needed to complete it, required official approval from the Orange County Board of Supervisors — something that was facilitated by Trustee Molly McClanahan and Cynthia Coad, a former trustee who now sits on the five-member county governing body.

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“This place offered an amazing opportunity because of its unique history,” Professor Jerry Burchfield told Orange County Register reporter Peter Larsen. “And the time was such that I figured if somebody didn’t do something here soon, a legacy would be lost. There’s something about right now, this modern-day ghost town, that seems to epitomize the state we’re in — society’s changing, the military’s changing, the battle over this specific land. In my view, photography gives us evidence of what was — and maybe what might be.”
**Student Creates Post 9/11 Fire Fighter Exhibit**

Student Nazgol Zandyazdani will install a photomural project to honor the firefighters who lost their lives on September 11 and those who risk their lives on a daily basis.

The work — done in conjunction with Fire Service Recognition Day — will be featured in an on-campus reception scheduled for May 6, from 6:30-7:30 on the Library Patio.

It is expected to draw a large con-

tingent of local firefighters, and their emergency vehicles, to the campus.

Zandyazdani has been extensively photographing members of the Orange County Fire Authority for the last several months. From those images, she is creating a mural depicting the now-famous image of New York firefighters raising the American flag over the rubble of the World Trade Center towers.

**Use Recycle Bins to Meet State Requirements**

By now, you may have noticed the new recyclable containers for soda cans which are located around campus. These containers are a direct result of our efforts to reduce waste — a state requirement.

In 1999, Gray Davis signed into law AB 75, which orders state agencies to meet waste diversion goals of 25% in 2002 and 50% in 2004. Cypress College submitted our plan to the state last year, and a report to the state updating our progress to reduce waste by 25% was filed on April 1.

Paper recycling containers are also more prevalent on campus and in offices. Use of double sided copies and new technology, such as e-mail and attachments, has also reduced the amount of paper used on campus.

One challenge before the next evaluation is complying with the green waste on campus.

It is important that every member of the campus use these containers to help the campus become compliant with the state regulation.

**Community College Grad Make More Money**

A recent report from AACC contained this interesting and somewhat startling information:

“Individuals who attain a two-year vocational or technical degree can expect to earn almost $1.5 million in career earnings over their lifetime, according to a new analysis of recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). ... The breakdown of 40-year, career earnings by educational level includes: No high school diploma — $852,577; high school diploma — $1,222,396; two-year college degree — $1,524,703; bachelor’s degree — $1,973,760; master’s degree — $2,307,025; professional or doctorate degree — $2,862,914.”

So a student who earns a two-year degree can expect to earn over $300,000 more than a person with just a high school diploma.

**Puente Program Schedules Orientations**

Puente Program orientations have been scheduled for this Tuesday, at 4 p.m., and Wednesday, May 15, at 11 a.m. Both will be held in the Humanities Lounge, near H-231.

Puente is a transfer program that assists students to acquire the writing skills and academic success skills they need to transfer to four-year universities and colleges. Students get tutoring assistance and mentoring and participate in many cultural activities. Puente is open to all students who qualify for English 60 and have a desire to make this year-long commitment.

Statistically, statewide only 7% of the students in community colleges transfer to four-year colleges and universities (even less than that for underrepresented minorities). With Puente, the statewide figures are 46%.

If you know a student who could benefit from such assistance, direct them to an orientation. For more information contact Mary Forman at ext. 47171 or Therese Mosqueda-Ponce at ext. 47180.