

May 22, 2002 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

THIS WEEK

- 22 • Wednesday**
 - » Classified appreciation luncheon, Buena Park Holiday Inn, 11:30 a.m.
 - 27 • Monday**
 - » Memorial Day Holiday (campus closed)
 - 28 • Tuesday**
 - » NOCCCD Board Meeting, DEC, 5:30 p.m.
 - 29 • Wednesday**
 - » Graduation, East Lawn, 6 p.m.
 - 30 • Thursday**
 - » End of the semester
- Ongoing**
- » "The Creative Spirit in Portraits" — a tribute to the career of Professor David Drake featuring his work and items from the artists he photographed. Photography Gallery (through May 25)
 - » "Ambrotypes." Library Gallery (through May 25)
 - » "El Toro Documentary Project." Floating Wall Gallery (through May 25)
 - » "13th Annual Juried Student Photography Exhibition," Anaheim Museum (through May 25)

The next edition of @Cypress will be published on August 16.

“THEY SAID IT”

“The fireworks begin today. Each diploma is a lighted match. Each one of you is a fuse.”

— Ed Koch

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Gibby: ‘I Just Do What I Love’

► Math Chair Cheryl Gibby is Orange County’s Teacher of the Year.

Cheryl Gibby has been selected as Orange County’s community college teacher of the year by the Orange County Department of Education. Gibby is the Math Department Chair at Cypress College.

The award — which includes a \$15,000 cash gift — is sponsored by the James Hines Foundation, and William and Sue Gross of Laguna Beach. Additional sponsors include the Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union, Disneyland and the Orange County Register.

“I just do what I love,” Gibby told Orange County Superintendent of Schools William Habermehl when he informed her of the honor at a small ceremony held on Friday, May 17.

Gibby’s dean, Larry Mercadante, added, “She asked to teach entry-level math courses so students could have a foundation for all the classes that follow. She is a dedicated teacher who is admired and respected by her students.”

Dr. Lewis agreed.



Cheryl Gibby is applauded by Orange County Superintendent of Schools William Habermehl. He had just surprised Gibby by presenting her with the county Teacher of the Year Award.

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.

Student Christy Montenegro has enrolled in two of Gibby’s classes. Montenegro says that math is not her strong

subject, but Gibby gives her opportunities to excel.

“She has taught me that math is not always about numbers, it is a process,” Montenegro said, in an essay nominating Gibby for the award. “I now understand why they teach math you think you won’t use later.”

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.

“Cheryl is a role model for her students,” Dr. Lewis said. “Several of them have gone on to become teachers because of her obvious passion for what she does. We are all elated for her.”

CHARGERS

The Cypress College Dental Hygiene graduating class is smiling, but not about their great teeth. The class scored higher than the national average on the National Board Exam for Dental Hygiene in all categories tested. Sixteen students took the exam and 16 passed it. One student, **Debbi McIntosh**, had a perfect score and 10 other students scored in the ninetieth percentile.



Eighteen students from Cypress College have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and will appear in the 2002 edition of *WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES*. The students were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, and leadership in extracurricular activities. They are: **Lyubov Bazyuk, Frank Chiono, Marion Cruz, Cindy Chung, Margie Durkee, Leonardo Garcia, Jean Gee, Yelena Gladnikov, Ryan Godfrey, Lisa Jones, Debra McIntosh, Dan Perry, Faith Perry, Lauren Shinto, Colleen Stebbins, Grace Supharnak, Ivana Taylor, and Clint Wofford.**

OPENINGS

For more information on these job openings, visit the NOCCCD Web site:

Special Projects Director (DEC/Anaheim)
Account Clerk, Senior (FC)
Administrative Secretary II (FC)
Senior Secretary (FC)
Secretary (CC)
Campus Safety Officer/Citation (FC)
Research Analyst (CC)

Graduate of the Year is Sarah Bitle

Sarah Bitle, this year's Outstanding Graduate, has maintained a 4.0 GPA while holding two jobs, volunteering, and participating in college athletics.

Bitle received the MVP award for the swim team in 2001 and this year she is in the running for the MVP award and the Scholar Athlete award.

After graduation, Bitle plans to attend UC Santa Barbara and aspires to be a teacher of the humanities.

Bitle says her goal is to become bilingual in order to reach more students and share the joy of learning with the next generation.

Bitle worked on campus as a Supplemental Instruction Leader and is a member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma club.

After witnessing teachers so dedicated to their courses of study, Bitle says she cannot help but follow in their footsteps.

Chief Sellers is Alumnus of the Year

Chief Michael Sellers has a 25-plus-year record of distinguished service to the community. For the last five years he has headed of the Seal Beach Police Department. He is the 2002 Alumnus of the Year.

Chief Sellers has been a captain in the Los Alamitos and La Palma police departments and is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy and the California Command College. He also was recently selected to be the next president of the Orange County Chief's and Sheriff's Association and was recruited to teach at Cal State Long Beach, where he also is a mentor to police and fire majors at Cal State Long Beach.

"I have always held the time I spent at Cypress College as an educational turning point in my life," Chief Sellers said. "It was because of caring staff members and faculty at Cypress College that I was able to turn around a very meager high school academic record. If someone had asked me, when I finished high school, if I would go on to college and get an A.A. degree, I would have downplayed the thought. Now, many years later, with two master's degrees and a great career, I point to Cypress College as the school that helped me realize the importance of higher education."

Hortensia Modregon is Apple of Gold Nominee

Twenty-five years after enrolling as a student, Hortensia Modregon is the Cypress College nominee for the Hispanic Education Endowment Fund 2002 Apple of Gold Award.

Modregon began her career in the EOPS office in 1981. She is currently the program supervisor, who coordinates peer programs while reaching out into the community to recruit students.

Modregon is heavily involved

within the community, encouraging Hispanic students and their families to pursue higher education.

"In English and Spanish, she talks to these students and to their parents, helping them navigate the confusing world of college admissions and financial aid applications," Dr. Lewis said. "Countless students are college graduates because of her efforts on their behalf."

\$45,000 in Scholarships Granted to 180 Students

More than 180 students were given scholarships Monday at the 2002 Scholarships Awards Presentation.

During the presentation, \$45,000 was given to students representing divisions across the campus. Throughout the year, \$150,000 is given to students to assist them in furthering their education. Dr. Lewis told students that the best way to pay back the favor is to become a donor in the future.

Employees of the Year Selected for 2001-2002

Jose Siordia — "the ultimate co-worker, always kind, considerate and hard working," according to the nominating committee — is the Classified Employee of the Year.

The Academic Senate selected

Ellen Berger, Fine Arts, as the Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award recipient. Joan King, Health Science, is the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty member. Tony Jones, Vo Tech, earned the Faculty Development Award.

BRIEFLY

Be on the lookout for an invitation to Opening Day as part of the fall mailer that goes out during the summer. Those who RSVP will get a free lunch at the event. Those who don't will be charged \$5 for lunch — assuming there are lunches still available. The change is being made to reduce the amount of food wasted each year at Opening Day.



All tenure-track faculty members in their second, third, or fourth years are invited to share their expertise at the New Faculty Seminar for 2002-2003. Seminar participants will earn flex credit or equivalent units towards advancement on the pay scale and can help create the curriculum and schedule at the beginning of the year. Call Nancy Deutsch at ext. 47326.



The Cypress College Photography Department will be hosting a contemporary photo exhibition at BC Space Gallery in Laguna Beach. The exhibition, called PRISMA, will open on May 25 and end on June 15. Call (949) 497-1880 for more information.



In the May 13 edition, several employees were shorted many years of service. The following have been employed at the college for 20 years: Shirley Ashburn, Tom Buckeebee, Nancy Byrnes, Michael Capsuto, Nancy Childers, Diane Henry, Marcelino Sousa, and Ronald VonSoosten.