Americana Awards 2001 Honorees Named

Stanton’s Bishop Soto is person of the year and Forest Lawn is distinguished partner.

At age 44, he is the youngest bishop serving in the United States today.

The Distinguished Business Partner will be Forest Lawn in recognition 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.

Americana Awards 2001 will be on March 3 at Disneyland’s new Grand Californian Hotel. Be sure to put the new date and location on your calendars now!

Cypress College Student Videos Part of Festival in Florence

Nine videos produced as part of the “One-Minute Video Workshop” earlier this year appeared this past weekend (Sept. 23 and 24) as part of a film festival at the Museum of Modern Art in Florence, Italy.

The videos were created by art instructor Paul Paiement, Federico D’Orazio, the college’s first-ever artist in residence, and students who worked with the pair in April. Paiement and D’Orazio attended the festival, which was held in a 6,000-seat amphitheater.

“Festival Video Minuto” was broadcast throughout Europe and simulcast on the Internet. The festival featured three hours of one-minute videos.

Paiement said he has encountered many people who question the value of videos as art. But, there is no doubt in his mind about the artistic value of the work produced in the “One Minute Video Workshop.”

“I don’t see why it’s any different than canvas and paint,” he said. “The project opened up a lot of creativity. The videos are a reflection of the time and place in which the artists live. (They) reflect the concerns, ambitions, attitudes and points of view of Generation X in southern California at the end of the millennium.”

Here is a quick look at the videos: Luan Pham’s It Must Be Working sarcastically shows the extreme and desperate means that teenage girls will go to to achieve the perfect body; David Canseco’s Bailey opens with a golden retriever licking every centimeter of a teenage girl’s face and follows with the dog thirstily drinking from a, put mildly, dirty toilet bowl to produce an unmistakable message about germs; Bruce Sanborn’s Schizophrenic points out the dichotomy found in advertising by juxtaposing a Bowflex exercise commercial with one from Carl’s Jr; Rebecca Paiement’s Downtown is filmed from a car traveling through downtown LA’s Skid Row as Petula Clark’s carefree 1964 hit single Downtown bounces in the background; In Jennifer Choe’s Daddy, rapid-fire editing and ’60s jazz clash to create a sarcastic portrait of her father’s daily ritual of preparing freshly squeezed grapefruit juice; Mark Christensen’s Drive By features the confessions of a hitman shot in a documentary style; Mark Caneso’s Ready for School shows a teenage boy waking up and packing his backpack with books, a knife, a pistol and cigarettes; Sanborn’s second video, Untitled, shows a man walking his two greyhounds on a rainy afternoon. All three are dressed in matching yellow rain gear, in a jab at our over reaction to rainfall here in Southern California; and Paul Paiement’s video – in – is simply white movie credits on a black background, a deceptive attempt to lead viewers’ minds away from the 60-second cycle of videos to a Hollywood production.
Adjunct faculty member Sam Russo has been named the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) Part-time Faculty Member of the Year.

In addition to teaching here, Russo is also an instructor at El Camino, Long Beach City, Santa Ana and Santiago Canyon colleges.

According to the FACCC newsletter, students in the seven to 10 classes he teaches each semester love his sense of humor... which includes a rubber steak-and-pepper sandwich and a fake bottle of Jack Daniels placed on his desk as a measure of proof. Russo began his teaching career here at Cypress in the summer of 1988.

“I just thought (community colleges) would be a great level of education to work at,” he told the FACCC newsletter.

He says seeing students go on to four-year colleges, and knowing he helped, is among his greatest accomplishments.

Staff Development Proposals Due at Week’s End

You only have five more days to collect your thoughts and submit a travel/conference application or a project application for funding. All applications must be turned in to the Staff Development Office by 4 p.m. on Friday, September 29.

Here are some guidelines to remember:

1. The 2000-2001 application form has been updated this year and asks for new information and justifications, in order to be consistent with the new campus-wide funding policy. If you are using an old form or disk and do not include the current requested information, your application will be rejected.
2. Only complete 2000-2001 applications which include answers to all questions will be read. Incomplete, inaccurate, or obsolete applications will be immediately rejected.
3. Call the Staff Development Office at ext. 47324 for the current 2000-2001 applications to ensure that you are including all of the required information. Bring a disk to Connie Lowery and she will transfer all the information to your disk.
4. EXCITING NEWS: If you have a proposal that relates specifically to technology in education, please contact the Staff Development Office directly at ext. 47324. Because of an increase in TTIP money, you may not need to go through the proposal process to receive funding for technology-related projects and/or conferences.
5. The Staff Development Committee looks forward to reading your proposals. The next funding deadline will be February 23, 2001.

Viewing Diversity Film and Dialogue on Wednesday

The Center for Intercultural Understanding and Orange County Human Relations are sponsoring a presentation of “Fear and Learning at Hoover Elementary” on Wednesday, September 27.

The event will be held from noon to 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall (FA-304). It is open to all students, faculty, staff and community members.

The presentation deals with: immigration; Latino identity; internal racism; government policy and race; and education and race. For more information, call Susan Williams at ext. 47050.

‘District Comes to Cypress Campus’ This Friday

Forget forcing your way through all that traffic just to get to the District Educational Center.

On Friday, District is coming to the campus, as part of a day of building relationships between people here and those at the DEC.

Participants will learn the latest in how to work with the Purchasing, Accounting, Human Relations and Financial departments.

“District Comes to Cypress Campus” will be held in the Culinary Arts Dining Room from 9 a.m. to noon this Friday (September 29). Those interested should RSVP to Byna Stiehr at 47300.

New Scholarship Club

The new Cypress College Scholarship Club is holding its first organizational meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 3 p.m. in the Staff Conference Center.

Benefits of membership in the club will be discussed.

For more information, call Mary Forman at ext. 47171.

Reminder: Summer Hours are Outdated

Now that summer has passed, it’s a good time to review your personal and office voicemail messages.

Some still give summer hours to callers and are thus in need of an update.

For more information on the Cadillac Dinner, call Scott Pickler at 821-7870.

Would you like a Supplemental Instruction leader for your class next semester? Contact Carol Waechter, the activity/director in the Title II office, at ext. 47323.

Plan to attend Strategic Conversation #3 titled “Student Success: What’s our Consumer Report?” on Tuesday, October 24, in the main dining room at the Los Coyotes Country Club.

The roundtable discussion with the NOCCCD Board of Trustees is from 5-7:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served from 4:30-5. It is important to submit an RSVP form to Tom Parisi at SCE in advance.

“Going Back to School at My Age?” is the next Doorways to Discovery workshop. It will be held on Thursday (September 28) from 1-2:30 p.m. in TE-2, Room 204. The presenter is Gail Kolsky.

For more information, call Deann Burch in the Career Planning Center at ext. 47120.

The Center for Intercultural Understanding has scheduled Hispanic Day for October 17 from 6-8 p.m. The event will be held in the Administration Building, Room L-216. For information, contact Helene Mejia at ext. 47049.

For more information on these job openings, visit the NOCCCD Web site: Director, Campus Diversity (Fullerton) Library Technician, Senior (Cypress) Secretary (Fullerton) Library Assistant (Fullerton) Piano Accompanist (Cypress) Student Services Assistant/CalWORKS (Fullerton) Senior Secretary (SCE-Cypress)