Teacher Preparation Program All Set

Formal articulation agreement with Cal State Long Beach has been inked.

Cypress College’s new Teacher Preparation Program is now accepting applications from students who want to become educators.

A formal articulation agreement has been reached between the college and Cal State Long Beach’s Integrated Teacher Education Program. The partnership allows our students, after successfully completing their first two years of the program, to transfer into the ITEP program at CSULB as juniors.

Students who wish to join the program should contact Vanessa Musso, the Teacher Preparation Program coordinator, at ext. 47186.

Cypress College faculty, counselors and support staff are all part of the program — which, when completed, guarantees students a spot in the CSULB program.

At CSULB, the students will complete their bachelor’s degree and a preliminary teaching credential.

Students may also participate in Cypress College’s Teacher Preparation Program if they plan to complete their bachelor’s degree at a different university. Cal State Long Beach’s ITEP program is targeted for future K-8 teachers.

Students who plan on teaching in high school, will major in the subject they want to teach and complete the Single Subject Credential Program at CSULB.

In addition to preparing future teachers for their bachelor’s-degree program, the Cypress College Teacher Preparation Program provides an opportunity for students to:

- Prepare for, and take, the California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST) while enrolled at Cypress;
- Complete the foreign language component of the Cross-Cultural Language and Academic Development (CLAD); and
- Participate in professional development activities.

Teacher Preparation Program Admission Requirements

- Take Cypress College assessment test;
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better at Cypress College;
- Be eligible for English 60 or higher and Math 20 or higher;
- Submit unofficial copy of transcripts from high school and any other colleges; and
- Write a 1-2 page essay explaining why you want to become a teacher.

Campus Climate Survey Presented to NOCCCD Board

The Campus Climate Survey conducted last academic year has been presented in summary to the NOCCCD Board of Trustees, and further details will be made available on campus in the coming days.

Results of the student survey indicate that students are generally positive in their opinions about the campus, with more than half of the respondents rating the college high in terms of atmosphere, services, ethnic diversity among the faculty, and lack of prejudice on campus.

The campus was also rated high for safety, cleanliness, and opportunity to express opinions in class. Major reasons for students selecting Cypress College were cited as cost, location and availability of a desired major.

The survey also indicated that a large percentage of students have access to a computer, and about a third are over the age of 24, not natives of the United States, and work full time.

Results the faculty/staff survey were also largely positive, with most employees feeling a strong sense of job satisfaction.
Author Serros at CC for Hispanic Heritage Month

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, popular author Michelle Serros will present an on-campus reading.

The event will be held next Tuesday (Oct. 16) in H-131, at 7 p.m.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. No reservations are accepted.

Serros is the author of *Chicana Falsa* and *How to Be a Chicana Role Model.*

She is a Mexican-American writer and performer reared on both cultura Mexicana and American pop culture. Often hilarious, but never frivolous, her work describes what life is like as a hyphenated-American.

Her first book, *Chicana Falsa,* received wide acclaim and led to the release of her debut CD, *Selected Stories from Chicana Falsa.*

Her latest book, *How to Be a Chicana Role Model,* is broken up into thirteen “rules” — ranging from “never give up an opportunity to eat for free” to “answer all fan mail.”

Serros gained a strong following after a successful tour as the poet for Lollapalooza in 1994.

For more information, call ext. 47171.

Writing Center Here to Help; Please Tell Students

Tutors in the Writing Center (Hum-324) are available to help students Monday-Thursday, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. Expanded evening hours are coming soon.

The center asks that you please help students make use of this valuable resource by doing some or all of the following:

- List the program on your course syllabus.
- Send students to tutors for brainstorming or drafting.
- Require a tutor visit for a paper revision.
- Give extra credit for each tutor visit.
- Send assignments to tutors (Writing Center / Language Arts)
- Come by and meet the tutors.
- Schedule a Writing Center walk-through visit.
- Tell “techies” to e-mail a tutor from home: wctutor@cypress.cc.ca.us
- Refer students to the Writing Center web site: http://www.cypresscollege.org/languagearts/writing/writing.html

Program Participates in ‘Pennies for Prevention’

The Campus Children’s Center/Headstart Program is participating in the “Pennies for Prevention” fundraiser, which is run in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week.

Pennies for Prevention was developed in 1989 to support programs, activities and events to dissuade school children from taking illegal drugs.

In 2000, Orange County schools collected more than $56,000 in pennies.

Collection bottles will be placed in the Bursars Office, Roosevelt Center, Transfer Center, Health Center, Financial Aid, Workforce Prep Center, and Student Activities. Bottles may be requested by calling Gail Meinerz in the Children’s Center at (714) 821-5920.

The campaign runs through October 19.

RSVP for Strategic Conversation By October 15

Time is running short to RSVP for the upcoming Strategic Conversation #4, which will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Buena Park on October 23.

The RSVP deadline is October 15. Reservations may be made by calling or e-mailing Nancy Deutsch at ext. 47326 or ndeutsch@cypress.cc.ca.us.

The Strategic Conversation will focus on “The Challenge of Change: Ready or Not — Here it Comes!”

It runs from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

CHARGERS

Certificates of Commendation were presented by the NOCCCD Board of Trustees to Cypress College employees of the year. The presentations were made at the September 25 meeting. Honored were: Pat Boer ( Classified Employee of the Year); Betty Disney (Faculty Development Award); Jim Hormel (Outstanding Adjunct Faculty); and Susana Jianto (Outstanding Full-time Faculty).

Peter Matthews, who was the 1998 Democratic nominee for the 38th Congressional District seat now held by Steve Horn, will be a presenter at an upcoming seminar. Matthews will serve as a panelist during a session on political science and political activism, and will specifically talk about connecting theory with practice. He has not yet made up his mind into elective politics.

OPENINGS

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

Special Projects Coordinator/Economic Development Specialist (FC)
Director Institutional Research (CC)
Special Projects Director/Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) (SCE/YL)
Custodian (CC)
Instructional Assistant/High School Program (SCE/CC)
Senior Secretary (CC)

BRIEFLY

The “College Major? I Need to Choose a Major?” workshop will be presented on Wednesday, from 2-3:30 p.m., in TE2-204 by Renay Laguna. The workshop will be repeated on Oct. 15 and 23 with presenter Sharon Easton.

Orange County Supervisor James Silva will be giving a talk on current political issues in Orange County on Tuesday, from 9:30-10:50 a.m., in H-136. He will be reserving ample time to take questions from the audience about the issues that participants care about. Students, faculty, staff and the community are all invited to attend. For more information, call Lee Miller at ext. 78387.

The Unisys 2200 “legacy system” — a.k.a. the database that preceded Banner — has received a bit of a reprieve. The date District Information Services employees will pull the plug has been pushed back to the end of October. The extension is necessary to resolve some remaining transition issues. During October access to PEP, Mapper, Omnimal and TIP screens will be eliminated, and final backups of all data will be made. The last day of user access is Friday, October 26. Direct questions to Tom Wallace at 578-8420 or twallace@nocccd.cc.ca.us.