Puente Program Has 4 University Grads

Four former students in the program have gone on to earn bachelor’s degrees.

Puente Program has resulted in matrimony for two pairs of students and produced a Puente baby.

Puente’s four university graduates all come from its first class of students in the 1995-96 academic year.

Luis Valencia earned his B.A. in history from UCLA; Joe Angel Zamora completed a B.A. in psychology at CSUF; Mary Vasquez’s bachelor’s degree is in human services from Hope University; and Maria Carillo de la Cruz has hers in business administration from CSUF.

Twenty-six students are currently enrolled in the program. Only three of them participated in the Puente Program while in high school.

President’s Holiday Reception Set for December 5 in Theater

Dr. Lewis will host the annual President’s Holiday Reception on Tuesday, December 5, from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Theater Lobby.

“The holiday season is a perfect time for me to thank the faculty and staff of Cypress College for their individual and collective contributions to the college and especially to our students,” Dr. Lewis said. “I hope you will attend the annual President’s Holiday Reception so that I can thank you personally for the important role you play in helping our students be successful.”

No RSVP is necessary.

Lapel Pins are in Thin Supply; Do You Have Extras?

Those attractive lapel pins that many Cypress College employees wear are in short supply and high demand.

The original order of pins is now gone, having been distributed to campus employees.

The President’s Office is hoping that those who have more than one lapel pin will part with the extras. You can simply drop off the lapel pin(s) in the President’s Office or place them in the campus mail. Thanks in advance.

NOCCCD Trustees Give OK to New Food Services Proposal

Cypress College’s new Food Services vendors should be on the job in January after the proposal was approved by NOCCCD trustees at their board meeting on November 14. The “Dugout” area should re-open when the college does on January 2, and service in Gym II and Humanities is scheduled to begin with classes on January 22.

@Cypress Takes a Break for Thanksgiving, Returns Dec. 4

As 1980s rock icon Boy George said: “Miss me, I know you’ll miss me!”

@Cypress takes a bit of a vacation next week because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

In case this bit of news produces separation anxiety, just hold onto this edition of @Cypress a bit longer. @Cypress returns on December 4.
Welcome Aboard to New Classified Employees

Cypress College has hired four new classified employees and promoted two others since Opening Day in August.

A hearty welcome aboard to:
- Dao Do, an accounting technician in the Business Office;
- Sheila Porras, an auto lab technician in Auto Technology;
- Sarah Turnbull, a student services technician in Counseling/Transfer Center; and
- Darla Turner, an administrative secretary II in Instruction and Campus Diversity.

While we’re at it, congratulations to Erica Bennett in the Library, who earned a promotion to library technician, senior and to Lenore “Lenny” Virgil, who earned a promotion from Food Services to custodian in Maintenance and Operations.

Who Will Create Leadership Development Program?

The Staff Development and Title III Steering committees are selecting a team of faculty, managers and classified staff who will be responsible for creating the Leadership Development Program at Cypress College.

Those selected will be expected to attend eight one-day workshops held on Fridays next spring. The workshops are jointly sponsored by the California Community College Council for Staff Development, the Company of Experts, and Boeing Corporation in Long Beach.

Participants will also conduct and/or facilitate, either individually or as a member of a training team, one or more campus leadership development or team-building workshops.

Typewritten letters of interest must be submitted to the Staff Development Office by November 21 at 4 p.m. For details on what the letter should include, please contact Staff Development at ext. 47324.

Second 16-Week Semester Surveys Due Today

A second survey soliciting feedback on the proposed 16-week semester is due today to either Barbara Marshall in Language Arts or to Jeff Horsley at the District Office.

The survey, which was distributed to all NOCCCD employees, seeks a "yes" or "no" opinion about the proposed change.

Holiday Art Sale Nov. 29-30 in Fine Arts Gallery

The college’s annual Holiday Art Sale will include hundreds of unique art objects in a wide range of styles and all at remarkably reasonable prices. Items on sale include paintings, prints, photographs, greeting cards, jewelry, ceramics, glass, clothing accessories, home accessories, and more.

Cypress College art students and professional artists form Orange and Los Angeles counties are participating in the event. The sale will be held in the Fine Arts Gallery on November 29, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on November 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale are used to support the Fine Arts Gallery and its educational programs.

For more information, contact Paul Paiment at ext. 47137.

Faculty, Staff Campus Climate Survey Due on Dec. 12

The campus climate survey will be distributed to all faculty and staff this week. It is due on December 12. The survey has already been distributed to a sample group of students. Faculty in those classes should remind students that the forms are due on December 1.