Forensics Student Wins National Contest

James Chang tops best orators from universities and colleges across the country.

Forensics student James Chang took top honors at the Interstate Oratory Contest, held at Rice University, in Houston TX, April 25-26, 2003.

James is the first Cypress College student to win the contest, and he is believed to be the first California Community College student to go on to take top honors.

Simply qualifying for this tournament is a tremendous honor and accomplishment as the Interstate Oratory Contest is the oldest intercollegiate competition in the nation. This year’s competition was the 131st and was attended by 34 schools from 23 states for a total of 44 contestants.

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Other participating students came from Florida State University, Bradley University, Northern Illinois University, Indiana University, Kansas State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Oklahoma, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and George Mason University to name a few.

These major universities represent the best in intercollegiate forensics competition.

“The entire tournament was a wonderful experience and to have James win the whole thing is tremendous,” said Liana Koeppel, Director of Forensics. “I can’t begin to express what a thrill it was. We were both rather numb by the whole thing.”

James has just learned of his acceptance to the Rhetoric Program at UC Berkeley.

The winning speeches will be published in the 2003 edition of “Winning Orations.”

James will be performing his speech on “Sustainable Giving” at the Annual Night with Forensics on May 6 at 7 p.m. in H-136.

May 12 Meeting on Possible Removal of Piazza’s ‘Pier’

A meeting has been scheduled for May 12 where the campus community can hear plans about the piazza repair. Of particular note is the possibility of the “pier” being taken down. The “pier” is the term of endearment chosen by architects to describe the section of the piazza running along the south side of the Science/Engineering/Math Building, adjacent to the pond.

The meeting — which features a presentation by representatives of tBP/Architecture — will be held in SEM-124 from 4-4:30 p.m. It is open to the entire campus.

‘Meet the Pres.’ Semester Finale Today in Gym II

This semester’s final session of “Meet the Pres.” will be held today in Student Activities, located in Gym II. The open forum with Dr. Lewis will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

All members of the campus are invited to join the discussion — and, because there is no formal agenda — faculty, staff and students can drop in and leave as their schedule permits.

“Meet the Pres.” provides an ideal opportunity to talk about such items as the current budget situation and the construction projects.

Bring you lunch. Snacks and drinks are provided.

‘Values Statement’ Draft to be Distributed

A draft of the Cypress College “values statement” will be distributed to all campus e-mail boxes this week.

Comments and suggestions about the draft will be welcomed. This draft-version “values statement” was developed based on discussions held at the recent colloquium. It has been compiled by a committee of colloquium participants.

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CyChron.Com, Students Awarded at Convention

CyChron.Com and the Cypress Chronicle staffers were awarded honors at the annual Journalism Association of Community Colleges banquet in Sacramento on April 5.

CyChron.Com won the general excellence award for online news sites, photographer Grace Supamark was awarded an honorable mention for her color photo story on the Burning Man Festival, volunteer design advisor Edgard Aguilar was named JACC Volunteer of the Year for 2002, and student media advisor Robert Mercier was one of 12 state journalism instructors to be awarded an “Extra Mile” award for his outstanding efforts on behalf of the JACC, both regionally and on a statewide level.

Reminder from Admissions & Records

On May 6, Admissions and Records will roll grades that are on the web for Spring 2003. That means all “W’s” will be rolled to academic history. Once these grades are rolled to academic history, instructors cannot restate a student who was dropped in error. In order to assign a grade to a student who was dropped by the instructor, the instructor must fill out a supplemental grade form and submit it along with end-of-term rosters.

End-of-Year Barbecue Set for May 13

The End-of-the-Year Barbecue, in celebration of Cypress College’s employees with 25 years of service, will be held Tuesday, May 13 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on the pool deck.

Also honored will be this year’s retirees and those employees with 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of continuous service.

This year’s 25-year honorees include Dick Bettendorf, Darlene Fishman, Andrea Hannon, Tony Jones, Pam Kennedy, Russell Sandore, Janet Winckler and Carol Zakala.

There will be a $7 charge for lunch, which can be paid when you return your RSVP form to the Staff Development Office by May 6.

WorldFest, Iraq Forum Encourage Awareness

The Cypress College community celebrated diversity and cultural awareness last Wednesday with the WorldFest and an afternoon forum on the varying viewpoints surrounding the war in Iraq. Co-sponsored by the Center for Intercultural Understanding and the Associated Students, WorldFest brought together students and staff from all backgrounds in recognition of multiculturalism through dance, presentations, and food.

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Student-Athletes Continue Success Beyond Campus

Soccer – Sophomore Shannon Leslie has signed a letter of intent to play soccer for San Jose State University next fall. Leslie was a two-time Orange Empire Conference All-Star at midfield, and a prolific goal scorer. Her Cypress career point total of 53 included 30 goals and 23 assists.

Basketball – Abe Lorenzana has received a scholarship to continue his athletic/academic career at Cal State Bakersfield next season. Lorenzana, who is a member of the Cypress College Hall of Fame, averaged 13.8 points a game in his sophomore season (2001-2002) for the Chargers.

Golf – Former Charger standout Charles Gipson (1991-1992) was recalled on April 22 by the New York Yankees. He has appeared in one game, producing a sacrifice bunt.
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Moderated by Social Sciences faculty member Gary Zager, the forum was designed as an open and safe place for students, faculty, and staff alike to share their views and ideas surrounding the recent military action in Iraq.

Political Science adjunct faculty member David Phillips took a moment before his speech on “Historical Political Perspective” to acknowledge the efforts behind the event: “CIU should be thanked for developing this forum and allowing students a place to develop an appreciation for differing views on actions that occur in the global society.”

Flags, Friends, Food and Free Speech —
WorldFest was held on campus last week. In addition to the traditional exposure to a variety of cultures, this year’s event featured a forum on the war in Iraq. Faculty members David Phillips and Pat Ganer (left) were among those who participated.
Dolores Huerta is the most prominent Chicana (Mexican American woman) labor leader in the United States. She is cofounder and first vice president of the United Farm Workers union. For more than thirty years she has dedicated her life to the struggle for justice and dignity for migrant farm workers.

(Source: HISPANIC AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY, 1995.)

For further information, contact Randa Wahbe, Ext. 48441.
Educational Excellence

Students and staff are proud of the many top-quality academic and vocational programs at Cypress College. Our students say Cypress College is a good place to build skills and connect with others. Many feel their confidence grow. Graduates say that after completing a program at Cypress College, they feel well prepared for their next step, whether that’s a career or the university.

A Great Environment

Students often comment about the warm, personal and friendly experience at Cypress College. They say they feel safe at the college and enjoy the atmosphere. Students like that teachers remember their first names and say “hi” on campus. They also enjoy the casual environment, beautiful grounds and ample parking. And they rave about the relaxing duck pond.

Personal Attention

Cypress College classes are always taught by highly qualified faculty members. Students think their teachers are excellent and willing to go the extra mile for them. Faculty members like Cypress College because they love to teach. The result is personal attention and one-on-one interaction between students and their instructors. Many students say they came to Cypress College for that reason alone.

Value and Quality

Ask a Cypress College student if they’re getting a good deal and you’re likely to hear this response: “My friends are paying a fortune for the same education.” It’s not only the exceptionally low cost of just $11 per unit, either. Students say they know they’re getting a top-quality education and transfer credits, too.

A Fun Experience

You can’t quite call Cypress College a party school. At least not in an official publication. But students say they find lots of opportunity for involvement. The campus has a vibrant arts community and several top-notch athletic programs. Not to mention all the attractions — like Downtown Disney and Knott’s Berry Farm — that are just a stone’s-throw from the campus.
Students who come to Cypress College go places. For nearly a half-million people — including actors, athletes, doctors, executives, mechanics, nurses and teachers — Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. For some, Cypress College is the ticket into their university of choice and for others it provides essential training for a rewarding career. Just one Cypress College class is often all it takes to provide cutting-edge skills that lead to a promotion or a new job. Cypress College, founded in 1966, provides a quality higher education to more than 16,000 students of diverse backgrounds each semester. More than 25% of Cypress College’s students are Latinos, 18% are Asian, 7% are Filipino, 5% are African American, 38% are Caucasian, and 7% are from other ethnicities or are unidentified. The college serves the Orange County cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, La Palma, Los Alamitos and Stanton, although residents of any city are welcome.

Cypress College is committed to promoting student success and contributing to intercultural understanding, in a student-centered learning environment. Offering 58 university-transfer majors, 107 career-certificate programs, and degrees in 46 areas of study, Cypress College has traditional semesters beginning in January and August, while short-term courses start throughout the year. A Cypress College education costs just $11 per unit, California's lowest tuition. Financial aid and scholarships also are available to qualifying students.

Cypress College, in sunny Southern California, is in the shadow of major tourist attractions such as Disney’s theme parks and Downtown Disney (about six miles), Knott’s Berry Farm (less than five miles), and The Block entertainment complex (about 10 miles). The campus is 12 miles from the beach and provides quick access to Long Beach and Los Angeles. Located at 9200 Valley View Street in Cypress, the college is easily accessible from several Southern California freeways, including the 5, 91, 605, 22 and 405.

The 110-acre Cypress College campus features a lake, park-like study areas and beautiful weather year-round.