‘Meet the Pres.’ Schedule set for Semester

➤ Spend “60 Minutes” discussing anything at all with Dr. Lewis.

The schedule for this semester’s “Meet the Pres.” dialogues with Dr. Lewis has been set.

The “60 Minutes” of open forum with the college president will be held on September 16, October 20 and December 2. The later two meetings will be held from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

The semester’s first meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 16, from 5-6 p.m., in the lobby area on the second floor of the Library/Administration Building.

Participants may drop in at any time during the hour and should feel free to leave whenever they’d like.

There is no agenda for the meeting, which is intended for any member of the college community to discuss any issue of concern or interest with Dr. Lewis.

The budget, campus construction, conferences and status of the piazza are likely to be topics of discussion.

“Meet the Pres.” is held three times each semester. It is intended to be a part of an effort to provide accurate information as well as offer the opportunity for input on campus issues.

It is co-sponsored by the President’s Office and by Staff Development.

More information is available by calling Staff Development at ext. 47324 or by sending e-mail to staffdev@CypressCollege.edu.

Strategic Conversation #5 set for October 28

Strategic Conversation #5 — “Promoting Student Learning: What is your role?” — will be held on Tuesday, October 28, in the Multi-Purpose Room on the first floor of the Anaheim Campus. It will begin at 4 p.m. with a half-hour of refreshments, and will end at 6:30 p.m.

The strategic conversation is a roundtable discussion with the NOCCCD Board of Trustees focusing on the variety of ways in which each of us contributes to the learning of our students. A strategic conversation allows for discussion of a topic, distillation of some key points and challenges, and then the opportunity to brainstorm solutions to these challenges. Strategic conversations are not decision-making activities, but the Chancellor and members of the Board of Trustees come away with a better understanding of issues facing the District.

Strategic Conversation #5 will attempt to deal with the following questions:
• What do we want our students to learn?
• What is your role in student learning?
• How do we know what they have learned?
• How do we get the students themselves involved?
• How can we, as educators, maximize the resources that we have in order to provide the highest possible level of service to our students and community?
• How can we undertake this comprehensive examination of the role of ALL District employees in promoting student learning, in times of limited resources, curtailed class offerings, and increased workload?

Participants may earn two hours of flex credit.

RSVP by October 21 to Laurie Barrett at lbarrett@fullcoll.edu.
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Bill Baldwin
Science/Engineering/Math

Bill Baldwin’s teaching career began at Cal Poly Pomona in 1998 before he came to Cypress College four years ago. He currently serves as a computer science instructor in the Science/Engineering/Math division. Bill received his bachelor’s degree from Cal State Fullerton, and a master’s degree from National University. In addition to his courses, Bill stays busy revising the computer science curriculum.

Glenn Bower
Health Science Division

Glenn Bower came to Cypress College in 1999, though his career in the funeral industry began years ago. He currently serves as assistant professor in the Mortuary Science Department, and on July 1 he will add the duties of department coordinator. Glenn earned his bachelor’s degree in geology and theology from California Lutheran University before completing the Mortuary Science program here at Cypress College and earning his embalmer’s license. Glenn recently finished his master’s degree in education with a specialization in technology from National University. He has also had eight years of experience in the funeral industry. In addition to his teaching duties, Glenn is on the Scholarship Committee, the Mortuary Science Scholarship and Advisory committee, represents the college on the American Board of Funeral Service Education Curriculum Committee and serves as Mortuary Science Club Advisor.

Penny Chin
Health Science Division

Penny Chin taught nursing at Cal State Fullerton and numerous community colleges before coming to Cypress College in 1999. Over the past four years, she has taught a variety of courses in the Registered Nursing Program, including psychiatric mental health and medical-surgical nursing. Penny earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco, followed by a master’s degree from Texas Woman’s University in Houston, and a doctoral degree in higher education administration from the University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education. In addition to her teaching experience, she has served in various administration positions, including associate dean of the Allied Health and Nursing Program at Mt. San Jacinto College and assistant director of Nursing at Santa Ana College. Penny is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society, the National League for Nursing, Asian Pacific Americans for Higher Education and the Cypress College Campus Diversity Committee. Her favorite activities include family fun, traveling, reading and cooking — and of course, teaching.

Joe Gallo
Fine Arts

Joe Gallo had an illustrious career as a professional musician and songwriter beginning in 1978. In addition to authoring and co-writing hit songs for singers such as Gladys Knight and Regina Belle, Joe is the recipient of multiple gold records. His career in education includes serving as music director at Fremont Middle School and as seminar lecturer in the Music Department at Pasadena City College. He came to Cypress College in 1999, and for the past four years has served as coordinator of commercial music for the Music Department. Joe received his bachelor’s degree in music composition followed by a master’s degree in commercial music from Cal State Los Angeles. He also received his professional teacher’s credential from Cal Poly Pomona. Joe is a member of the 5% M.O.R.E. and Multimedia committees, as well as an American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, the American Federation of Musicians, Local 47, the Music Association of California Community Colleges, the National Educators Association, California Teachers Association and the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association.

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Brinda Subramaniam
Science/Engineering/Math Division

Brinda Subramaniam started teaching as a part-time instructor at Cypress College in the fall of 1991 and became a full-time instructor in 1999. For the last year, she has served as an IQ A representative for the Science/Engineering/Math Division. Brinda earned a Ph.D. in experimental condensed matter physics in India. She came to the United States in 1981 and worked as a research associate for two years at Oklahoma State and Emory universities, and was an instructor at Cal State Los Angeles and Cal State Fullerton. Brinda’s greatest challenge has been in developing physics courses for life science majors, and she is now working hard to increase enrollment and retention in these classes.

Gary Zager
Social Science Division

Gary Zager has served in the non-profit human services field since 1980, including a 10-year position as the clinical director of Casa Youth Shelter in Los Alamitos. He started teaching at Cypress College as an adjunct professor in 1997, and was hired full-time in 1999 as assistant professor in the Human Services Department. He started at Cypress College as a student back in 1971 went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in counseling from Cal State Fullerton. In addition to his teaching experience, Gary currently sits on the Campus Technology Committee, the new Campus Values Committee and is the advisor of the Human Services Club. He has also been an active participant on various hiring committees. Gary is also very much in demand as a guest lecturer throughout the state of California, speaking on topics such as coping with child abuse and adolescent suicide. Gary is married to a fellow marriage-and-family therapist. They have three children, two girls (ages 13 and 8), and one boy (age 10).
Science/Engineering/Math Division

Alex Mintzer

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From her first days as a student here on campus, Renay Laguana has found Cypress College to be an environment that truly cares about student success. Renay herself is a product of that success, completing her general education degree at Cypress before moving on to Cal State Dominguez Hills to attain her bachelor’s degree in human services and child development. Renay then went on to achieve her master’s degree in psychology from Pepperdine University, followed by a graduate certificate in career guidance from Cal State Long Beach.

Prior to her return to the Cypress College, Renay worked at Cal State Long Beach in the Upward Bound college preparation program for low-income, first generation college students. She has been a full-time employee in the Career Planning Center at Cypress College since 1999. She says that one of the things she enjoys most about working with international students is learning about other cultures and aiding the students in adjusting to American life.

Renay has worked with the Center for Intercultural Understanding Committee, and attended numerous workshops and conferences to enhance her professional services for the students. She is currently on maternity leave, following the birth of her second child, Noah. She also has a daughter, Isabella.

Debra S. McPherson

Language Arts

After receiving a master’s degree in linguistics from the University of Texas, Debra spent the next ten years as a field linguist among Africa’s unwritten languages. She returned to the U.S. and began teaching language learning and English as a Second Language in 1999. From 1994-1996, she was coordinator of the FYPSE curriculum development grant at M1 San Antonio College.

Since becoming a faculty member at Cypress College in 1999, Debra has been active in the Academic Senate, curriculum development, grant writing, and articulating with local high schools. She has been a speaker both on- and off campus in language learning and cross-cultural communication and has represented Cypress College at the Berkeley Colloquium for California Community Colleges. She is currently the coordinator for the English as a Second Language Department.

Debra enjoys language, horses, and her involvement in church.

Deborah Michelle

Counselor/ESL & S

Deborah Michelle has spent her career in the education field, serving as a part-time sign language interpreter and counseling assistant for the San Diego Community Colleges, and full-time as a Department of Rehabilitation Vocational Counselor. She came to Cypress College in 1999 and, for the last four years, has served as the Disabled Students Program and Students counselor and an instructor of computer classes for students with disabilities.

After receiving her bachelor’s degree in psychology from San Diego State University, Deborah went on to attain her master’s degree in rehabilitation counseling.

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Carol Green is a practicing dental hygienist who has worked with Cypress Colleges Dental Hygiene Department, both as an adjunct professor, beginning in 1995, and as a full-time instructor since 1999. Carol received her bachelors degree in Dental Hygiene from the University of Southern California, and her masters degree in Occupational Sciences from Cal State Long Beach — both with honors.

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As a native southern Californian, David was excited to begin his career at Cal State Fullerton doing research on native plants and teaching biology. After several years, he decided to switch to the community college system where he could devote all of his energy to teaching.

David loves teaching a variety of biology courses to both non-majors and majors students. He served on a committee of local community college biology departments working with biologists at Cal State Fullerton to coordinate curriculum and develop plans to increase successful transfer for biology majors. He recently became the Science/Engineering/Math Division representative on the Curriculum Committee.

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Language Arts/Library Divisions
TUESDAY, SEPT. 16, 2003
5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Administration Lobby

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An informal hour with College President, Margie Lewis.
Open to all staff and students—everyone is welcome.
There is no agenda.
Come and share ideas, agreements and disagreements.
Drop in anytime during the hour and stay as long as you want.

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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 $18 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.