TOYOTA SPONSORS AMERICANA FOR NEXT 2 YEARS

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Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., will continue its role as title sponsor of the Americana Awards for 2004 and 2005.

The company, a partner in the college’s T-TEN program, became the event’s first-ever title sponsor last year.

With $25,000 donations for each of the three years, Toyota’s commitment to the Cypress College Foundation now exceeds $75,000.

Toyota also was responsible for donating the highlight item of the live auction at 2003 Americana Awards — a three-year lease on a brand new Camry sedan.

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., was the recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Business Partner at Americana.

The Americana Awards recognize residents of the cities surrounding Cypress College who have made significant contributions to the community.

In 2004, Americana returns to the Grand Ballroom at the Disneyland Hotel. It will take place on February 28, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction and reception, followed by entertainment and dinner at 7 p.m.

All proceeds directly benefit Cypress College students by providing individual scholarships and funding for programs not covered in the general budget.

This year’s event will honor former Rams quarterback Vince Ferragamo as the Man of the Year in recognition of his numerous philanthropic activities throughout Orange County.

Members of the U.S. Military will be honored in lieu of a Distinguished Business Partner.

Citizen of the Year honorees for 2004 will be announced later this year.

Additional information is available from the Foundation. The office can be reached at ext. 47126.

Enrollment on Target; Budget Still a Big Question Mark

The college’s enrollment, while down about 8%, has been on track to meet the target established by the District. As a result of offering 10% fewer sections, the percentage of seats taken (compared to the total available) has jumped from 81% to 90%. However, earlier this week, an adjustment in the numbers analyzed by the state Chancellor’s office has resulted in the target being raised, potentially prompting the need to add classes later this semester or in the Spring.

California’s budget remains a huge question mark. Some answers may come as a result of the October 7 recall election — which could determine if we’re in for a second consecutive year of retroactive mid-year cuts. Analysis of the current California budget (which is unbalanced for the third straight year) indicates that there is no additional ability to solve the problem by moving money around on paper. That means that a repeal of the unpopular car-registration tax would have to be offset elsewhere in the state budget.

Lower-than-anticipated income from property tax (analysis indicates that the budget’s projections in that category are too rosy) could also result in additional budget losses for the community colleges. There also remains a lingering concern that community colleges will never actually receive their June, 2004 general fund and Partnership for Excellence allocations — which have already been pushed back to July, 2004.
CIU, Diversity Committees Join for the Year

The Diversity and Center for Intercultural committees will meet as one this year while the President’s Advisory Cabinet reviews the idea of merging them into one. The consideration is prompted by a realization that there has been some overlap in what the two committees were doing.

Dr. Lewis will chair the joint committee.

In the past, the CIU Committee has been involved with promoting intercultural activities among students, while the Diversity Committee was concerned with ensuring diversity in hiring practices. Because of budget reductions, there is a greater need for creative ways to promote diversity.

Litigation Adds Relevance to Computer Use Policy

The use of computers and e-mail has seen a tremendous increase in volume over the last couple of years. In order to abide by the Acceptable Use Policy, a board policy adopted in 1999, all employees are urged to read the policy on the campus Web site under Computer Use Policy linked from the main menu on each page. It is extremely important that everyone understand the policy so that they abide by its privileges and limitations.

Hollywood and the record industry are taking legal action against colleges and universities to halt illegal downloads. How serious is the threat of litigation? The recording industry recently sued a 12-year-old girl.

Please remind students, especially in labs, that downloading material belonging to others is not only against board policy, it is illegal.

This year the Campus Technology Committee will be addressing this issue.

Vision Care Deal Focus of Agreement with Clinic

Cypress College and the Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton have entered into an agreement that provides CC students, faculty, staff and their families the opportunity to receive vision services at the Eye Care Clinics in Fullerton and Los Angeles. Brochures and information are being distributed campus wide explaining fees and discounts.

Plans for the Library/Learning Resource Center have been at the Department of State Architecture since March 15. It has taken longer than normal to get plans through the approval process because of the high number of districts that passed bonds last year. Hopes are to have the L/LRC ground-breaking in early November so the noisy pile driving can be done over winter break.

Plans for the new Student Center are within budget and will soon be laid out into schematic design drawings. Planning meetings for the Remodel for Efficiency are being scheduled, with a need to complete them this semester.

The co-generation power project has been Board approved. The $7 million project will supplement energy purchased from Southern California Edison and enable the campus to keep the lights on during power outages. As an added benefit, the heat generated as a by-product of the power unit will be used to heat the swimming pool. NORESCO, which is putting up the money, will be paid back over time with savings derived from more efficient energy production.

The facility will also power the new L/LRC, creating a tight timeline for its construction. The plant is being built in a section of the Women’s Shower/Locker area adjacent to the pool. A new Women’s Shower/Locker will be constructed to occupy half of the space currently allocated to the Men’s Shower/Locker area. Student Activities will occupy the area of the Women’s Shower/Locker that fronts the pond area.
Top: Newly tenured faculty are honored for their achievement. Middle: New managers are introduced. Bottom left: John Uzzi, with his grandchildren, at his retirement party. Bottom right: That ’70s Uzzi.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2003
5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Administration Lobby

MEET THE PRES.

Co-sponsored by Cypress College Staff Development and the President’s Office

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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.
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.