

@Cypress

Core Values:

Excellence

Integrity

Collegiality

Inclusiveness

December 12, 2003 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

THIS WEEK

Ongoing

- » "Urban Jungle — Technological Reforestation" by Tom Lamb, Edouard DeMerlier Photography Gallery (through December 12)
- » "Tibet" by Tom Lamb, Edouard DeMerlier Photography Gallery and Library Gallery, (through December 12)
- » Final exams (through December 19)

13-14 • Saturday-Sunday

- » The Cypress Masterworks Chorale, Camerata & the Star Carolers present "The Season of Song," Campus Theater, 7:30 p.m. (Saturday) and 3 p.m. (Sunday)

16 • Tuesday

- » NOCCCD Board of Trustees special meeting, Anaheim Campus, 6 p.m.

19 • Friday

- » Fall semester ends

24 • Wednesday

- » Winter break begins

January

2 • Friday

- » Campus re-opens

16 • Friday

- » Spring Opening Day events

THEY SAID IT

"Remember, no man is a failure who has friends."

— Clarence the Angel in
It's a Wonderful Life

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Happy Holidays and Wishes for a Better 2004

► **Thank you for being devoted, hard-working, caring members of the college family.**

It is hard to believe that 2003 has come and nearly gone. In many ways, it won't be hard to say goodbye to a year as tough as this one.

We all remember that in 2003 we experienced significant financial challenges at the college and we watched with sadness events that unfolded beyond our walls. January brought mid-year budget cuts, February began with the destruction of the space shuttle Columbia and the death of its seven astronauts, and March saw the onset of the war in Iraq. There were budget cuts and some layoffs. Brush fires in the Southland were the worst in just about everyone's recollection.

It's so easy to lose the "good" when the bad was so powerful.

And yet, I'll remember 2003 not for an absence of "highs" — but, for an absence of the "mids." It was a year of peaks and valleys... and not much in between.

But the highs were there, and they were plentiful.

January featured Cypress College's first courses at the new Anaheim Campus. February brought the most successful Americana Awards banquet ever. The Theater renovation, the first Measure X project, was completed in March. In April, student James Chang, competing against university students, won the oldest speech contest in the nation. More than \$50,000 in scholarships was distributed to students and the baseball team won the state championship in May. In June the Bookstore relocated in preparation for construction of the new Library/Learning

Resource Center.

And there was more.

In July Dental Hygiene learned that it was the nation's best program for the second consecutive year. In August, Governor Gray Davis appointed Cypress College student Kristin Franklin to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. September brought news that Cypress College had earned a \$2.25 million Title V grant. In October, the college began accepting electronic admissions applications via the Web, learned of a tremendous success rate for students transferring to USC, and Cal State Long Beach President Bob Maxson called Cypress "a great college."

Last month, the college was featured in a book about the popular TV series "Six Feet Under." And this month we begin construction on our first new building in more than 25 years.

There are so many more stories of success from 2003. There are also successes we'll never know about — even though they were prompted by something we did for a student.

We are truly blessed to touch so many lives.

I recount all these successes because it's easy to take them for granted. But, that's what we do every day: we change people's lives for the better; we bring them opportunity; we create epiphanies.

I hope that in your year-end reflections you will remember these successes and take pride in our accomplishments.

Most of all, I want every one of you to know that I appreciate your hard work, dedication and professionalism. I am blessed to work in such a wonderful environment.

Enjoy your well-earned time off.

— Margie Lewis.

Scholarship Apps Available

Applications for scholarships are now available in the Foundation, in the Instruction Office and online as part of the Foundation's [re-designed Web site](#). Please share this news with students.

Change Voicemail Messages

Before leaving for winter break, employees should be sure to change phone voicemail messages to indicate that the college will be closed over the holidays.

CHARGERS

Our condolences to **Rebeca Sandoval** (Financial Aid) and **Olivia Veloz** (Title V) on the passing of their mother, Maria Garcia de Veloz. Mrs. Veloz was also the mother-in-law of **Fernando Bautista** (M&O). Details on services are available from Staff Development. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Cypress College Foundation in the name of the Maria Garcia de Veloz Memorial Fund, which will go to support the Cypress College Nursing Program.



Cynthia Pinkney and **Brooke Johns** scored goals for the Chargers — who blasted an impressive 34 shots on goal — but it wasn't enough to advance past the opening round of the state women's soccer championships last weekend. For the second straight year the Chargers suffered their only defeat of the season in the state's "Final Four" tournament. It is the ninth consecutive year that the Cypress women have participated in the four-team championship tournament. The Chargers finished the season with an 18-1-2 record.

With Cypress trailing 2-0 late in the first half, Pinkney cut the lead in half. Johns tied the score at the 68-minute mark.

But, with just two minutes remaining, Lassen College's Sophie LeChat headed the ball past Cypress netminder Jackie James for the winning goal.

Campus Climate Survey Coming in January

It has been a little more than two years since Cypress College conducted a survey of the campus. But, the sequel is coming in January — and this time it will reflect the technology the college has become accustomed to in that has elapsed.

On Opening Day, an all-users e-mail will be sent containing a link to the Web-based survey. Other than a small pilot to test the software, it will be the first use of an online survey by the college.

All employees will have two weeks to click into the survey site and check off responses to questions in the

survey.

The survey has links to the upcoming accreditation process and to ongoing research projects.

Results from the campus climate survey will be compared with the previous survey (conducted in 2001) and with results from the Noel-Levitz student satisfaction survey which was conducted this semester.

Student satisfaction survey results will be shared in an edition of *@Cypress* early next semester.

Results of the campus climate survey will also be shared once the analysis is completed.

Blueprint

A report on Cypress College's Construction Projects

Key milestones for the completion of the Library/Learning Resource Center have been established. They call for the college's first new building since 1976 to be opened at the start of the fall 2005 semester. "Milestones" are not as firm as deadlines, and the term is intended to connote some of the uncertainty inherent in construction.

The LLRC will be 62,500 square feet and will occupy the space from the north end of the old bookstore building across Lakeshore Drive to the far end of the handball courts, which will be removed.

Here are some of the milestones:

- December 18, 2003** — Construction crew will clean the area, remove the old bookstore, and fence off not only the building footprint but the staging area for materials and parking for the construction crew.
- December 19-January 13, 2004** — Design, fabricate and drive indicator piles.
- February 16-March 1** — Drive remaining piles.
- April 10-29** — Install underground utilities.
- April 30-May 27** — Pour the foundation.
- May 28-July 12** — Structural framework installed.
- July 13-October 15** — Rough in Elevator, rough in light-gauge framing, door and window frames, and exterior sheathing. At the same time, the light-weight flooring will be placed for the second floor; the roofing work will also be done during this time.
- October 26-December 9** — Drywall installation.
- December 10-January 8, 2005** — Painting and wallcovering.
- January 9-February 7** — Install ceramic tile and ceilings.
- January 17-26** — Install the elevator.
- February 8-February 22** — Install lighting fixtures and HVAC girls.
- February 15-March 16** — Finish the restrooms with installation of partitions and accessories.
- February 20-April 21** — Interior finishings.
- April 27-June 3** — Exterior finishings.
- June 27-July 17** — Final correction items.
- July 29** — "Substantial" completion of L/LRC Building.
- July 31-August 12** — Move in of Library and Learning Resource Center staffs.
- August 17-August 26** — Final clean up.
- September 27** — Project closeout.

Construction updates will continue next semester here in "Blueprint."

CHARGERS

Regina Ford has been selected as the college's new registrar and the board has approved the promotion. Congratulations to Regina, who has recently served in the position on an interim basis.

Three new employees have also been hired: **Jeanie Au**, Cypress clerical assistant; **Alex Bernal**, campus safety officer; and **Philip Dykstra**, research analyst.

BRIEFLY

The Job Placement office will close on December 19. The decision to discontinue the office's services is based on budgetary reductions. Businesses and vendors who regularly post jobs will be notified about the closing by mail. Student users of these services will also be notified by postcard of the closing with suggested options to help them with their job search. Any questions about this closing may be referred to Jorge Ramirez at ext. 47374.



The Associated Students passed along thanks to all Faculty and Staff who participated in the Fiesta Fund Raiser at El Torito Restaurant. The Associated Student Council was able to raise \$193.00 during the two day event.

This is the last edition of *@Cypress* for the semester and the calendar year. *@Cypress* will return with an Opening Day special edition on January 16. Happy Holidays!



Americana Kick Off

The Cypress College Foundation has started the countdown to the Americana Awards with the annual kick off event at the Disneyland Hotel. This year's recipients were introduced at the kick off. Shown above are Man of the Year Vince Ferragamo (right) with his wife, Jodi. Also pictured are Dr. Lewis and last year's Mand and Woman of the Year, Dixie and Ed Arnold.

The 2004 Americana Awards will be held on February 28 in the Grand Ballroom at the Disneyland Hotel. More information on Americana and this year's honorees is available on the Foundation's new Web site at <http://CypressCollege.edu/foundation.php>.



Happy Holidays

Sheridan Ball and his Star Carolers provided entertainment during the President's Annual Holiday Reception held on Tuesday. The Star Carolers — along with the Masterworks Chorale and Camerata present the "Season of Song" this weekend (see "This Week" on page 1 for more information).

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Core Values of Cypress College

Cypress College is committed to:

Excellence

Quality and high standards in instruction and student services, supported by professional growth for faculty and staff.

Integrity

An ethical standard that emphasizes honesty, fairness, accountability, and trust.

Collegiality

An environment that emphasizes teamwork, collaboration, communication, courtesy and respect both on campus and with the surrounding community.

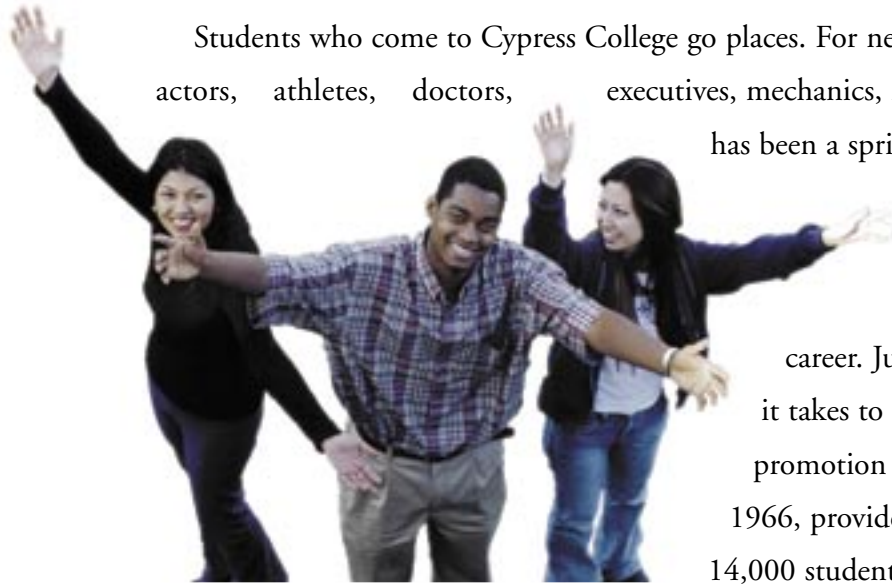
Inclusiveness

A community that embraces diverse individuals, provides an accessible, supportive climate and encourages a variety of perspectives and opinions.

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For nearly a half million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Come to Cypress College and **Go Places**



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 14,000 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, 122 career-certificate programs, and degrees in 48 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.

