End of the Year Report for 2003-04 Presented to the Board of Trustees

Copies of the Annual End of the Year Report now available in the Public Information Office and on the campus Web site.

Cypress College’s End of the Year Report for 2003-2004 was presented by Dr. Lewis to the Board of Trustees at the October 27 meeting. Several members of the Board complimented the appearance and variety of information included in the report, while Trustee Leonard Lahtinen added his desire for the report to be widely distributed.

The Annual Report details the successes of students and alumni, employees and athletes, as well as reporting on the progress made in each of the six directions of the Strategic Plan.

Among the many notable accomplishments included in the report were: EOPS student Kristen Franklin’s appointment to the State Board of Governors; baseball, softball, and women’s soccer teams competed in state finals; the Dental Hygiene Program earned the nation’s top ranking for the second consecutive year; and selection of Cypress College for a $2.25 million federal Title V grant.

The report includes a timeline of major events throughout the year, a “Faces” feature and a listing of the “Ten Best” in each section. Copies of the End of the Year Report are available in the Public Information Office and at http://CypressCollege.edu.

Cypress College Kicks Off ‘Accelerated Associate in Arts’ Degree Program

Cypress College is kicking off an “Accelerated Associate in Arts” degree program. The Accelerated A.A. program offers courses that meet university requirements and nearly all classes are completed on weekends and online.

Students entering the “Accelerated A.A.” program are encouraged to attend the assessment testing and orientation.

The English assessment test will be administered on Friday, November 5, from 6-8 p.m, in the Business building in Room 319.

The orientation has been scheduled for November 19, from 6-8 p.m., at the same location. At that time, students will receive the results of their placement test.

Following the orientation, an informational session regarding Financial Aid and applications will take place from 8-10 p.m.

Please tell students with questions regarding the “Accelerated A.A.” program to call (714) 484-7150 or to send an email to acceleratedaa@CyressCollege.edu.

I Didn’t Know That!

There is a “back door” to voice mail, which allows you to transfer a caller into someone else’s voicemail to leave a message without causing the recipient’s phone to ring.

To do so, press the “Transfer” button and then dial ext. 48888.

When the greeting is played, enter the voice box number you wish to reach, and then press the “Transfer” button again.

The caller can now leave a message on the voicemail.

“Here and There” Master Chorale Concert

The Cypress Masterworks Chorale, Camerata and the Temecula Master Chorale — under the direction of Sheridan Ball — present “Here and There” on Saturday, October 30, at 7:30 p.m., in the Campus Theater. Tickets may be purchased by calling (714) 995–4832. Cost of admission is $10 for general admission, $8 for students and seniors, and $6 for children age 12 and under, and groups of 10 or more. For more information, contact the Music Department office or the Theater Box Office.
Free Smoking Cessation Class on Campus for Faculty and Staff

Want to quit smoking? Don't know how? Need help? The Health Center has an answer.

The Health Center, in cooperation with Tobacco Free Communities, is sponsoring a Smoking Cessation class free to all faculty and staff on Monday, November 8, from 5-7 p.m., in the Associated Students Conference Room, located on the second floor of Gym II.

The seminar will cover a cessation manual in an interactive group environment. Those in attendance will receive a free smoker's survival kit and movie ticket for their participation.

For registration or more information, contact the Health Center at ext. 47361.

Space is limited so please contact the Health Center and reserve a spot today.

‘Laugh for the Health of It!’ Workshop Set for November 3 and 11

Campaign promises got you down? Not enough daylight or hours in the day?

Take a sixty-minute break, bring your lunch or a snack, and join in on “Laugh for the Health of It!” Part 1 – Reprise workshop.

Sponsored by the Staff Development Committee and back by popular demand, the workshop is for anyone who missed it the first time around — or anyone needing a “booster dose.”

The workshops will be presented by Andrea Hannon and Mary Lou Giska on November 3 and 11, from noon–1 p.m., in L–216, located in the Administration Building.

Health Fair Scheduled for this Thursday, November 4

The Health Center is sponsoring a Health Fair on Thursday, November 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the quad adjacent to the Admissions and Records Office.

The Fair will feature information on cancer prevention, massag es, and a variety of other valuable information.

Nursing students will be on hand to conduct many types of screenings, including blood-pressure and blood-sugar.

Contact the Health Center for additional information.

A report on Cypress College’s Construction Projects

Did you see the L/LRC?

The college’s first major construction since America’s bicentennial is inching towards the November 15 “topping off” ceremony, which celebrates completion of the steel support structure. The ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. at Lakeshore Drive near the end of the pond.

Despite this week's rain, construction of the 62,500-square-foot Library/Learning Resource Center continues to be slightly ahead of schedule.

Ground was ceremonially broken on the Maintenance and Operations/Physical Plant Building last Friday. The facility will be constructed in Lot 6. Bids on the project came in higher than anticipated and the Board opted to reject them. Going out for bids again is not anticipated to slow the project at this point.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, the bids for the new Student Activities Center and the renovation work in the Library/Administration Building were slightly better than had been anticipated. Work will begin this semester on those two projects.

BRIEFLY

The board approved a recommendation at the October 12 meeting to rename the Cypress College north soccer field The Ray Haas Memorial Field in memory of Coach Ray Haas, who passed away in June.

For full-time faculty members contemplating a sabbatical leave during the 2005-2006 academic year, the deadline for submission of sabbatical proposals to the President’s office is Monday, November 1.

Please contact the Office of Human Resources at ext. 84816 to request an updated copy of the Sabbatical Handbook: Guidelines and Procedures for Sabbatical Applicants, which contains detailed information regarding sabbatical procedures, evaluation criteria, proposal format, content guidelines, and required application forms.

Samples of previous successful proposals are also available for review in the Office of Human Resources.

The college will host its annual Community Advisory Group meeting on Tuesday, November 2. Participating community leaders will be updated on events here and asked for their input on a variety of topics.

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

The Muslim Students Association at Cypress College and the CIU/Diversity Committee is sponsoring an event to recognize Ramadan on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd at 4:00pm. A guest Speaker, Dr. Muzammil H. Siddiqui has been invited to discuss the "Virtues of Ramadan". (A brief Bio is included below) Muslims and non-Muslims are welcome and there is no admission fee. Questions will be taken from the audience after the presentation. This will be followed by a dinner at 5pm at the Food for Thought Cafe. What better way to end the period of fasting than some hearty Persian Cuisine?

The Presentation will be held in the L216 Auditorium just in front of the Library Building, on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd at 4:00pm until about 5:00pm. The Auditorium is right in front of the Administration/Admissions/Library Complex. The stage should be entered from the 2nd level. At 5:00pm we will adjourn to the Food for Thought Cafe. Tickets for Persian Cuisine from Hatam Restaurant will be provided free to the first 100 in attendance at the presentation. Please arrive early as we will be unable to accommodate more than 100 for the dinner portion.

Feel free to contact Will Heusser at X47010 if you have any questions.

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Presenter Bio: Dr. Muzammil H. Siddiqi received his BA in Islamic & Arabic Studies from the Islamic University of Medina, Saudi Arabia in 1965. He later went on to complete a degree in Comparative Religion at Harvard University in 1978. Currently, Dr. Siddiqi works as an Educator and Religious Director of the Islamic Society of Orange County where he has served since 1981.

Presently, Dr. Siddiqi is serving as a member of the ISNA Majlis Ash-Shura and the Fiqh Council of North America. He has also served as chairman of the Religious Affairs Committee and has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the National American Islamic Trust (NAIT) for the past six years. As a member of the Executive Board of Majlis al-Shura of Southern California, Dr. Siddiqi has organized and participated in several national and international Islamic conferences on Sirah, Fiqh and Da’wah. Because of his devotion to the preservation of Islam in America, he has organized numerous training programs for Muslim adults and youth. He also lectures on Islam and interfaith dialogue in North America and abroad.

Dr. Siddiqi has authored books on Hajj & Umra and Ramadan. He has published many academic papers and articles in encyclopedias and journals as well as his weekly column in Pakistan Link. Since 1982, he has provided Qur’an commentary in a weekly radio program.

Dr. Siddiqi served as the President of ISNA from 1996 – 2000.

Dr. Siddiqi, originally from India, now resides in Fountain Valley California.

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A FACULTY EXHIBITION
October 20-November 11, 2004
Reception: Wednesday, October 20, 7:00pm

The Cypress College Visual Arts Department is comprised of a faculty of artists who work in a variety of media and express themselves with a rich mix of attitudes and techniques. This exhibition is a perfect venue to celebrate the labyrinth of artistic expression as it exists.

Faculty artists include: John Ahr, Hilda Baitoo, John Bilotta, Jerry Burchfield, Glenn Canigiani, Hilary Chartrand, Vonn Cummings-Sumner, Jacques du beaufort, Daniel DuPlessis, Margaret Griffith, Ian Holmes, Michael Johnson, Robert Johnson, Alexia Kutzner, Clifford Lester, Sharon McNeil, Robert Mercer, Hilary Norcliffe, Paul Paiement, Joyce Patti, Jay Sagen, Molly Schulps, Dan Stephens, Tracey Weiss

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A "topping off" ceremony for the new Library/Learning Resource Center will be held on Monday, November 15, 2004, from 9-10:00 am at the end of Lakeshore Drive near the fence at the L/LRC construction site. This age-old custom is a celebration of placing the last steel beam in the building's framework at its highest structural element. The topping off ceremony is symbolic of a job well done and good luck to future inhabitants of the building.

Mark your calendars now and plan to be there to witness this milestone event.