Bill Wood Named ‘Man of the Year’ By Cypress College Foundation

Bill Wood will be honored tomorrow night as ‘Man of the Year’ for his humanitarianism and philanthropy efforts.

C. William “Bill” Wood, a man whose interest in helping others and whose involvement with nonprofit organizations spans more than 40 years, has been chosen Cypress College’s Man of the Year and will be honored at the 30th Anniversary Americana Awards February 26, in the Grand Ballroom of the Disneyland Hotel.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction and no-host cocktails. Doors to the Grand Ballroom will open at 7 p.m. with entertainment, dinner and the awards to follow.

Wood credits much of his success to his employer of 20 years, PacifiCare Health Systems. “PacifiCare has supported and encouraged me to be involved in the world of nonprofits. Without the encouragement and support of PacifiCare, my involvement would not have been so extensive.”

He has been active with local, state and national nonprofit organizations benefiting young and old, able-bodied and disabled. He was chosen for his longtime, outstanding contributions to our “Americana way of life” by the Cypress College Foundation Board of Directors.

“Being chosen as the Man of the Year for this prominent event is quite an honor; being chosen for the 30th anniversary is extremely special,” said Wood.

David Culberson, president of the Cypress College Foundation Board of Directors, said: “Since Bill was formerly active as a Cypress College Foundation Board member, he knows firsthand just how prestigious this award is. We are thrilled that Bill has accepted this honor. We appreciate everything he has done for Cypress College and know that every other organization with which he is involved surely feels the same.”

In November 1991, Wood, then PacifiCare Health Systems’ vice president of Human Resources, was appointed to the Cypress College Foundation’s board of directors. He had previous involvement with the Foundation as a result of PacifiCare’s sponsorship of the college’s annual Golf Classic. Wood went on to lead the Foundation as vice president of the board of directors from 1993-1995 and as president 1995-1997. He was also chairman of the 1994 Americana Awards.

While Wood has been involved with dozens of community organizations, his longest involvement has been with the Boys and Girls Club. He was chosen for his humanitarianism and philanthropy efforts.

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Knott’s Berry Farm Named College’s Distinguished Business Partner

Knott’s Berry Farm, the nation’s oldest themed amusement park, will be honored as Cypress College’s Distinguished Business Partner for its longtime commitment to the betterment of the community as part of the Cypress College Foundation’s 30th Annual Americana Awards.

Knott’s Berry Farm helps support various local and national charitable organizations. Knott’s is actively involved in supporting local community organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club of Buena Park, Speech and Language Development Center, Orange County Food Bank, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Give Kids the World, Toys for Tots, Cordelia Knott Wellness Foundation and, Cypress College and its Foundation. The company has been a major patron and sponsor of Cypress College. Furthering its deep-rooted commitment to the community, Knott’s Berry Farm is part of the Anaheim/Orange County Visitors and Convention Bureau, Orange County Tourism Council and Buena Park Chamber of Commerce.

Since Cypress College opened in 1966, Knott’s Berry Farm, a neighbor just east of the campus, has employed countless students. At one time, Knott’s provided a scholarship as a way to thank the college for assisting in locating employees for its workforce.

In the early 1980s Jack Scott, who was then Cypress College president, presented a copy of his just published book to Knott’s to be placed at Independence Hall. The book, entitled “An Annotated Edition of Lectures on Moral Philosophy by John Witherspoon,” was a compilation of writings by Witherspoon, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Knott family member Darrel Anderson joined the Cypress College Foundation Board of Directors in 1983, and became instrumental in the early success of the Foundation. Just months after his joining, Anderson and Knott’s hosted a reception to which key community members were invited to learn more about Cypress College.

For her service to the community Marion Knott, daughter of Walter and Cordelia Knott, has been honored twice as a “Woman of the Year” at Cypress College. She was honored in 1979 when the event was still on campus, and in 1992 along with Carl Karcher, founder of Carl’s Jr. In 1996, Steve Knott, then general partner of the farm, was named Cypress College’s Americana Awards. She was honored in 1979 when the event was still on campus, and in 1992 along with Carl Karcher, founder of Carl’s Jr. In 1996, Steve Knott, then general partner of the farm, was named Cypress College’s Americana Awards.

In order to make up time in the construction schedule, offices currently located on the first and second floor of the Library/Administration Building will be moving to swing space between now and June. The following are a list of the moves:

- February 17 – Assessment in Business 106A to Business 112 (completed).
- February 23 – Research Office to Business 106A (completed).
- March 3 – Production Center to Business 111
- March 21-24 – A&R and Bursar to move to Business 107,108,109 and 104
- May – Staff Development to Office between Business 111 and 112
- May – SI and PALs to move to Business 106
- May – Extended Day, adjunct faculty mailboxes, Evening Dean’s office to move to Business 111.
- June – Second floor administration to move to Gym II, Student Activities area after they move to their new location next to the pond where M&O and the Women’s Shower/Locker Room were located.

More updates on these temporary moves will be provided as they become available. There may be some interruptions in service, but please bear with us as we work through these construction issues.

The deadline for receiving purchase requisitions in the District Purchasing Department for the 2004-2005 budget year is Monday, April 18. In order for the requisitions to reach the Purchasing Department by April 18, the requisitions must receive final campus approval by Friday, April 15. All requisitions (excluding payment of invoices and memberships) for fiscal year 2004-2005 that are received after April 18 will be rejected. Requisitions for work to be done for summer need to reach the Purchasing Department by March 4.
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Clubs. While a young teen in Laguna Beach, he joined the Boys Club where he enjoyed board and outdoor games and attended professional sport games. “The Boys Club made a huge impact on my life. It was the place to go to play,” he said.

Wood’s parents moved from New Jersey to Laguna Beach in the early 40s. Later they moved to Santa Ana, where he attended elementary and junior high school and joined the YMCA.

One of Bill’s brothers, a bachelor 11 years his senior, continued to live in Laguna where he was a chef. As luck would have it, Bill moved back to Laguna to work for his brother during the summer months. He enjoyed the surf and sand and chose to stay, making Laguna his home and enrolling at Laguna Beach High School. “I believe that was a profound change — I was now with kids who were talking about attending college. It changed my outlook and put college in focus,” he said. He was also the first African-American to graduate from LBHS.

While some of his friends were heading to universities after graduation, Bill was thankful for the community colleges. “Without the community college, I would not have been able to get an education. I not only didn’t have the grades, but I lacked the finances. Even though community colleges were free in those days, we still had to buy books and pay some fees,” he said. It was here, too, that Bill learned how to study.

Although he preferred surfing, Bill did study and further developed classroom skills. Today he credits family and friends for mentoring him, people he fondly mentions and whom he credits for much of his success. “Not counting my mother, who was a very strong influence, there was my older brother, my best friend’s mother and two college instructors.”

His first non-family member mentor was Mary Andrus, a former teacher and his friend’s mother, who took him under her wing. “She tutored me while I was at Orange Coast College, showing me what it took to raise my grades from a D+ to As and B’s.” While at OCC, it was his anthropology/sociology instructor, Mr. Lloyd Thompson, who assisted in his progress. “He was one of the first teachers who had ever reinforced feelings that I could be a good student,” he said.

Wood then attended California State University, Long Beach. He praises Professor Marilyn Jensen, who inspired him and made him feel that he had something to give. “Just before graduation I received a job offer and went to tell her about it, as well as the fact that I was also changing careers,” he said. “She told me ‘I always knew you were destined for other things.’”

Included in the reasons he was chosen to be Man of the Year for this special 30th Anniversary Americana are a lengthy list of activities and accomplishments spanning more than 40 years.

In 1962, while a student at OCC, Bill was hired as athletic and program director at the Boys Club of Laguna Beach, which he first joined when he was 14. Today, 47 years later, Bill is still active as a member of the National Board of Trustees of the Boys and Girls Club of America. “It made a huge impact on my life. It was instrumental in my becoming the person I am today. It was and still is the place to go to play,” he said.

“Because the Boys Clubs were so instrumental in my becoming the person I am today, I recognized there were volunteers such as parents, board members and donors who helped support the programs. Through supporters’ generous donations of both time and money, generations of youth have had a better life thanks to the Boys and Girls Clubs,” he said.

“No they have computer labs and coordinate with schools to support academics. And, it’s one of the few places gang members can’t wear colors and where they play together in neutral territory. Boys and Girls Clubs have ‘morphed’ with the times.”

Realizing that his successes were much dependent on the generosity of others, Wood said: “Being a black American, fewer opportunities would have happened for me if people hadn’t given with their heart. So I knew I wanted to give back, especially to the black community. I grew from there. The more success I’ve gained, the more I realize how much others have supported my getting to the next level. I’ve placed a high importance on being active in the community where we live and work and a high value on the support of my wife and children.”

In addition to his support of the Cypress College Foundation Board, the Orange Coast College Foundation Board and the Boys and Girls Clubs, Wood serves on the American Cancer Society Division Board, Planned Parenthood Orange County, Goodwill Industries National Board, American Diabetes Association, Western Region Board, Orange County Human Relations Council and Commission and the American Diabetes Association’s Foundation Board. He also serves on the advisory boards for the Newport Beach Junior League and the Center for Nonprofit Research at California State University, Fullerton.

Previous honors for Wood include: honorary chair for the inaugural Father of the Year Orange County 2003; California State University, Long Beach, Distinguished Alumnus Award; and ADA Father’s Day Council and Father of the Year Award, both in 2002. In 2001, he was named the Outstanding Volunteer by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, and in 2000 he received the American Cancer Society Trail Blazing Award and the NAACP Citizen of Distinction Award.

In 1997, he was named the Orange County Volunteer of the Year, and in 1996 he received both the Civil Rights Leadership Award and the Black Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award. The United Way presented him with the Shining Star Award in 1994 and National Society of Fund Raising Executives gave him its Star Award in both 1993 and 1998.

Wood has three adult children, Van, Krista and Rachel - all married - and has four grandchildren, Roma, Luke, Ava and Ella. He resides in Laguna Beach with his wife Sharon McManus.

In recognition of the 30th Anniversary Americana, all former Distinguished Business Partners, Men and Women of the Year and Citizens of the Year honored during the past 29 years will be recognized.
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Buena Park “Citizen of the Year.”

Knott’s Berry Farm is an integral part of the community in Southern California. Founders Walter and Cordelia Knott settled in Buena Park farming on 20 acres of rented land in 1920. Knott began propagating and cultivating a new strain of berry, the boysenberry, developed by an Anaheim neighbor. Soon after Knott’s Berry Farm opened as a berry market and tea room, it expanded into a genuine restaurant where Cordelia served her golden fried chicken dinners on her wedding china.

Through the years, the growth continued as people stood in line for several hours for the berry stand and restaurant. To entertain the waiting patrons, Knott created a diversion with his first attraction, “The Covered Wagon Show.” Knott’s made the transition from farm into amusement park when Knott built an authentic Old West Ghost Town.

In 1997, Knott’s Berry Farm was acquired by Cedar Fair, a publicly traded limited partnership that owns and operates six amusement parks and five water parks. It also owns and operates the adjacent Radisson and Resort Hotel, a 321-room, full-service hotel. In 2000, Cedar Fair opened Soak City U.S.A., a separately gated water adventure park next to Knott’s. The 160-acre, year-round theme park offers rides, live shows, children’s activities, special attractions, restaurants and unique specialty shops. Knott’s Berry Farm serves a total market area of approximately 20 million people in Orange County and has become a national and international tourist destination. Since its inception, more than 200 million guests have visited the park grounds providing an economic boost to the local community.

Financial Aid Deadline Approaches

Most of the funds provided by the federal government for student aid come from four major programs:

• Federal Stafford Loans
• Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
• Federal Work-Study
• Federal Stafford Loans

Billions of dollars in financial aid come in the form of grants and low-interest loans. To get their share of this education money, students begin the process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (commonly known as the FAFSA). The best opportunity for timely and accurate submission is to go online and submit it electronically to the U.S. Department of Education via http://www.fafsa.ed.gov. Although applications are accepted through the end of June, students are encouraged to meet the March 2 priority deadline.

The FAFSA is used to determine the key element in any financial aid application: financial need. It’s not widely known, but there is state financial aid — administered by the California Student Aid Commission. State aid, for the most part, is reserved for California-resident students with financial need as determined by the information contained on their FAFSA. In addition, the well-funded Cal Grant programs require academic qualification as derived from the Student Aid Commission Grade Point Average (GPA) Verification Form. Both the FAFSA and GPA Verification must be postmarked by March 2 each year.

For continuing Cypress College students, GPA verification is automatically electronically submitted by the college.

The Financial Aid Office is located in Tech Ed II Building, Room 209. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with students.

One-Time Funding Request Deadline Near; Submissions are Due by March 4

The deadline for submitting requests for one-time funding is March 4.

The process allows for the campus-wide prioritization of requests to occur during spring 2005 in preparation for possible funding in the fall of 2005 when we know more about what funds can be identified to match with requests.

Ultimately, funding decisions will depend on the level of funding the college and the community college system receive in the final state budget. There are some indications that 2005-2006 may be a difficult year for education.

This spring the college will be working with a new Strategic Plan for 2004-2008.

Copies of the plan include the Vision, Mission, Core Values, the five Directions, and goals and objectives that have been developed for each of the five Directions.

The Strategic Plan can also be viewed by visiting the college Web site at http://www.cypresscollege.edu and clicking on the Campus News link and then on the word "docs" below the Cypress College logo.

The overriding criteria in this process will continue to be how closely the request ties to the Strategic Plan. Up to five requests may be submitted by each Budget Unit.

In recognition of the Program Review Process that has been under development the last two years for IQA, Student Support Services and Campus Support Services, a new form has been developed that allows for a connection between that review process, the Strategic Plan, and budget allocations.

As in the previous years the Planning and Budget Committee will honor the recommended prioritization of the Direction Committees whenever possible, but the prioritization may be changed by the Planning and Budget Committee if it determines there is reason to do so.

In addition to prioritizing budget requests this spring, the Direction Committees will continue to work on development of the Strategic Plan adding objectives and timelines that are identified. Any modifications made will not be implemented until the 2006-2007 allocation process.

For questions or additional information, please contact Nancy Byrnes or Karen Cant.
Contact Person: __________________________ Phone: ______________________

Dean/Manager: __________________________ Department: ____________________

Date: __________________________ Division/Area Priority ______ of ______

Participated in quality assessment (circle 1 if applicable): IQA  Student Services  Campus Services  in ____________________

(semester & year)

Description of Request: ____________________________________________________

1. Specify program goal and objective(s) that the budget request would support, and identify their relationship to college strategic directions and goals set forth in the Strategic Plan 2004-2008.

   Goal: Insert program or department goal statement here

   Supports Strategic Direction: ____________________________________________

   Supports the following goal(s) identified in the Strategic Plan: __________________________

   1. Objective: insert first objective here

      1.1. Person(s) responsible:

      1.2. Timeframe:

      1.3. Fiscal resources needed (total): $ ________

         Use the above outline format to add additional objectives as necessary.

2. Budget Request: Request one-time funds for next fiscal year.

Please provide a brief summary of the request (150 words or less). __________________________

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Dean/Manager: 

Name and Title: 

Signature: 

If budget request includes technology, obtain the signature of the Director of Academic Computing: 

Cost implication: $ 

Signature: 

Comments: 

If budget request includes installation, obtain the signature of the Director of Physical Plant: 

Cost implication: $ 

Signature: 

Comments: 
February 2, 2005

Dear Colleague:

In order to have another successful KinderCaminata, it is important for faculty, staff and students to participate. The KinderCaminata Committee would welcome your involvement in any of the following activities. Thank you for volunteering your valuable time.

Please keep this section as a reminder.

Activities for Friday March 18, 2005

- Decorations and Set-up 7:00 am – 8:30 am
- Bus Greeters 8:00 am – 9:30 am
- Career Station Attendants 8:30 am – 11:30 am
- Water Station 8:30 am – 11:30 am
- Lunch Assistants 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

To sign up to volunteer, please complete and return the bottom portion of this for to Becky Rojas, Student Activities Office by February 18, 2005. If you have any questions, Becky may be reached at Ext. 47199.

Hope you can join us!

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KinderCaminata 2005 Volunteer sign-up sheet

Name_____________________________ Dept.___________________ Ext.___________

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For your convenience, there will be two separate orientation sessions for volunteers. Please select one of the following:

- Tuesday, March 8, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 9, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Both sessions will be held at the Fine Arts Staff Conference Room.

Please return to Becky Rojas, Student Activities Office by February 18, 2005
30th Anniversary Americana Awards

Time flies when you’re hosting Americana. Saturday (February 26) is the 30th Anniversary Americana Awards Banquet in the Grand Ballroom at the Disneyland Hotel. The event honors all previous recipients of Americana Awards, including Citizens of the Year, Men and Women of the Year and Distinguished Business Partners. This year’s Distinguished Business Partner is Knott’s Berry Farm (see page 2) and the Man of the Year is Bill Wood (see page 1). For the latest from Americana, including photographs and a tribute video, click on the campus Web site beginning on Monday.