Student Casey Simpson a Finalist in ‘Nashville Star’ Competition

She is one of 10 remaining contestants on the reality TV show hosted by recording artist LeAnn Rimes on the USA Network.

Cypress College student Casey Simpson, of Cerritos, has been selected to compete in the finals of the 2005 Nashville Star competition. Simpson is among ten finalists, selected nationwide from thousands, who will compete during the third season of the Nashville Star show. Nashville Star is an original grassroots talent search series to find the next great country music star. Simpson first enrolled in classes in fall, 2003 and continued through last semester. According to interviews, she is taking this semester off and was planning to study in the Dental or Culinary Arts program.

“My first love is singing and I want to keep trying to develop a career as a singer. I also know that the music industry is very competitive. What I’ve learned this past year is that you don’t give up when the going gets tough. It may take some time to get there, but then again, I’m still young. What’s in my heart is the direction that I will follow, and right now, it’s my music. No matter how many obstacles are put in front of me, I will never give up my dream,” she said.

Simpson started her singing career with a National Anthem performance at the Perris Auto Speedway at the age of nine. She has had the privilege of singing the National Anthem on several occasions for the Los Angeles Lakers, the Los Angeles Kings and the Los Angeles Sparks at the Staples Center. She performs concerts for several charity events such as the Mickey Jones CHOC Ride & Blues Festival, Cruisin’ For A-Cure, Law Enforcement Motorcycle Association, Lupus Awareness Ride, and American Cruisers (Cruisers 4 Kids). She performs concerts at numerous events each year such as county fairs, LA Marathon, Jimmy Stewart Relay Marathon Race, Long Beach Marathon, and for In-N-Out Burger events.

She has had the honor of opening a Willie Nelson and Travis Tritt concert with the National Anthem. Casey also recorded a song for the Rugrats Movie which was released Christmas, 2002.

The Nashville Star, hosted by country music recording artist LeAnn Rimes, airs on the USA Network on Tuesdays at 10 p.m.

Hate Crime Awareness Forum

A Hate Crime Awareness Forum will be held on Tuesday, March 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the campus theater. The forum will cover a contemporary analysis on how hate impacts the community. The discussion will also address such questions as: Are there hate crimes in Orange County? Why would anyone commit a hate crime? Should I be worried? What can I do? The forum is being facilitated by Randa Wahbe, faculty member in Language Arts, under the auspices of the Campus Diversity Committee and in conjunction with the OC Human Relations and The National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ). For additional information, please call ext. 47171.
‘The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas’

The Theater and Dance Department has made available 50 free tickets for faculty and staff for “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas,” on Friday, March 11, at 8 p.m. To reserve tickets, call the box office at ext. 47200. Please include the name of your department in the message. Faculty and staff can also take advantage of the buy one and get one free discount offer that can be used for any Cypress College Theater and Dance performance this semester. Information on all of the shows is available through the department’s Web site at http://finearts.cypresscollege.edu/-theater/ or by calling the box office.
Evening Transfer Fair  
Tuesday, March 29, 2005  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
In front of Humanities  

**Over 20 university representatives will be here to give you the most up to date information...**

Listed below are some of the universities that will be participating:

~Alliant International University ~Biola University ~ Cal Poly Pomona ~

~Chapman University ~ Concordia University ~ CSU, Dominguez Hills

~CSU, Fullerton ~ CSU, Long Beach ~ Hope International University~

~National University ~ UC Irvine ~ Embry Riddle Aeronautical University~

~Pepperdine University, Graziado School of Business & Management ~

~ UC Riverside ~ Vanguard University ~ Webster University~

~Northern Michigan University~

~Southern California University of Health Sciences ~ College of Oceaneering ~

And more...
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 form 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 on 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
Student a Finalist on ‘Nashville Star’ TV Show

Student Casey Simpson is a finalist on the “Nashville Star” TV show, a competition to identify up and coming country artists. Simpson, a resident of Cerritos began taking classes here in the fall of 2003. This season's first episode aired this week and the season finale is scheduled for April 26. You can learn more about Simpson by visiting http://www.usanetwork.com/nashvillestar/ or her own Web site, http://www.CaseySimpson.com.
As part of the annual Read Across America event celebrating Dr. Seuss’ birthday, the Teacher Preparation Program visited Swain and King elementary schools in Cypress to read to students and to donate 900 books to each school. First Books, a non-profit organization that helps encourage students to read, donated the books to the college and Cal-Xpress trucking delivered the books pro-bono driving to Oakland and back. About 15 students and staff participated in reading to the elementary students.
Photographs and videos are available from last Saturday's Americana Awards. Click on the underlined links to visit the appropriate section of the Web site.
Construction! A Look at Multiple Projects

This week's construction gallery takes a look at the myriad projects underway. We start on the first floor of Business, move to the Student Activities Center/Central Plant project, hover over the classroom remodels, swing by the Library/Administration Building, and then go across the pond to the L/LRC. No jet lag involved. Click here or on the picture above to visit the gallery.