April 29, 2005 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

**Kathy Alvarez One of 6 in Nation Named as Pfizer Award Winner**

The faculty member will be honored in June with the award — described as the “Oscar” of dental hygiene — in Las Vegas.

Faculty member Kathy Alvarez has won what’s described as the “Oscar” of dental hygiene — the Pfizer Award for Excellence in Dental Hygiene.

The award, presented by the American Dental Hygienists’ Association and sponsored by Pfizer Inc., honors dental hygienists who exhibit excellence in dental hygiene through outstanding accomplishments that impact the practice and future of the dental hygiene profession.

The American Dental Hygienists’ Associations selected Alvarez as one of the six winners of the 2005 Pfizer Award because of her efforts to help underserved populations to both access dental hygiene care and to have avenues to becoming a dental hygienist.

She will be honored at the 82nd Annual Scientific Session of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association, on June 26, in Las Vegas, where she will receive a commemorative award and a gift of $2,500.

Alvarez has served as the president of the Hispanic Dental Association and as President of the American Dental Hygiene Association. In addition, Alvarez is also the former President of the California Dental Hygienists’ Association and South Bay Dental Hygienists’ Society. She has authored *Williams and Wilkens Dental Hygiene Handbook* and contributed to *Ethics and Law in Dental Hygiene*.

She is a practicing dental hygienist who has worked in Cypress College’s Dental Hygiene Department as an assistant professor since fall of 2000. She has been an adjunct faculty member in the dental hygiene program at West Los Angeles College since 1985 as well.

In addition, Alvarez is a national and international lecturer. She has served as the alumni coordinator for Dental Hygiene and on the Institutional Learning Outcomes committee. She is currently on the Instructional Quality Assessment committee.

Alvarez received her associate's degree in dental hygiene from Los Angeles City College, her bachelor's and master's degrees in health science from Cal State Dominguez Hills, and her community college teaching credential from UCLA.

ADHA is the largest national organization representing the professional interests of the more than 120,000 dental hygienists across the country. More information about ADHA is available on the association’s Web site at [http://www.adha.org](http://www.adha.org).

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**I Didn’t Know That!**

This week's building evacuations, part of the emergency drills, produced positive results. During the Tuesday-morning drill, all buildings were emptied in a stellar time of 6 minutes. The evening drill was completed in a great time of 15 minutes.

The drills were coordinated by Campus Safety as part of the campus plan to be prepared for an emergency. If you have ideas or concerns regarding this exercise, please contact Sheryl Smith, director of Campus Safety, at ssmith@cypresscollege.edu.

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**End-of-the-Year Celebration**

Please join the Staff Development office in celebrating at the End-of-the-Year Luau on Tuesday, May 17. The lunch will be held in the Theater lobby, beginning at 12:15 p.m. R.S.V.P. and send $7.50 to Staff Development by Thursday, May 5, for a lunch ticket. Purchase of a lunch entitles you to one free opportunity drawing ticket for a chance to win one of the fabulous gift baskets donated by various divisions and programs. Service pins will also be awarded to employees reaching milestones at the college.
Geri Jewell of ‘Facts of Life’ and ‘Deadwood’ is Alumna of the Year

Geri Jewell — perhaps best known to millions as “Cousin Jewell” from the ground-breaking NBC sitcom, “The Facts of Life” — has been selected as the Alumna of the Year and will speak at graduation on May 26.

Jewell started her acting career as the personal choice of famed producer Norman Lear for her role as Cousin Geri. With this role she became the first person with a visible disability to become a regular performer on a national television show. During her long run on the show she broke important new ground by addressing issues of disability awareness.

While it has been the role she’s been most closely associated with, that is now changing. She is featured as the character Jewel in the new HBO hit series, “Deadwood.” She has also secured a re-occurring role on the hit daytime show, “The Young and the Restless.”

Jewell is not only an exceptional actress and comedienne, but also a powerful motivational speaker and trainer. She is famous for her uncanny ability to captivate the hearts of audiences by using humor to facilitate attitude changes.

Jewell brings to her presentations personal experience of having her behavior and actions misunderstood because of her cerebral palsy. By sharing her disability as her greatest blessing, and revealing insights about the world, Jewell turns the focus from disabilities to a true celebration of ability, resulting in an inspiring, empowering and healing experience.

In addition to her on-going speaking tours to college campuses, associations, corporations and government agencies, Jewell performs on the comedy circuit and has appeared on VH 1 and A & E. She has opened for stars such as Robert Goulet, Paul Anka, and Judy Collins, and has appeared in several films and on many television shows. Recently she was the focus of an “Entertainment Tonight” special segment.

The Health Science area of the Tech Ed 3 Building is scheduled to be cleared out beginning May 25 for the first of the college’s remodel for efficiency projects. The division office will relocate to the first-floor classroom (TE3-101) for the summer while the renovation is completed. The building is scheduled to re-open for the fall semester.

Student Activities and the administrative offices will be moving two days later. The new Student Activities Center is nearing completion, and movers will begin setting up the new work spaces and student recreation areas inside the building. Opening of the center should take place around the time summer classes begin.

Most of the offices on the second floor of the Library/Administration Building will move to the space in Gym 2 that is being vacated by Student Activities. The move will allow renovation to progress in the Library/Administration Building — where the first two floors will be part of the new Student Center. The offices will remain in Gym 2 until the renovations of the third and fourth floors of the Library/Administration Building is completed in roughly 18 months. Extended Day will relocate to the first floor of Business.

There is currently a temporary closure on the piazza above the former Maintenance and Operations and former Women’s Shower Locker facility. Cracks in the surface are being repaired to waterproof the new Central Plant. It’s the first work to be done on the piazza. This summer a section of the second level will be removed near the canepaline to facilitate construction of the Student Center.

In conjunction with the construction work beginning this summer, new access maps have been developed to show available routes of travel across the campus. They will be distributed on campus and posted to the campus Web site.
Skeeter Sabin Family/Scholarship Fund

Name (Please Print):_________________________________________

Department:________________________________________________

Phone:____________________________________________________

Email:____________________________________________________

My contribution is _______________. Enclosed is my payment.

Signature:_________________________________________________

Date:_____________________________________________________
SEX, LOVE & CHOICES

Come hear Sherrie Smith, RN and a panel of our instructors talk about sexually transmitted diseases and other sexual issues!

Next Week!
Tuesday May 3  12 noon to 2:00pm
Library lecture Hall Room L 216

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Annual Student Art Exhibit
May 5-12, 2005
Reception and Open House: May 6, 6-8pm

Cypress College’s Annual Student Art Exhibit highlights student work created during the
2004/2005 academic year. Works in the show range from paintings to jewelry to graphic
design to ceramics to photography to computer graphics and so on.

The opening reception will be held on Thursday, May 5 from 6-8pm. Along with the
student art, the reception will feature a variety of food and music. Both the open house
and the reception are open to the public and admission is free.
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¿Están listos para celebrar?
Sign me up to attend the Classified Appreciation Fiesta:

Name: ________________________
Dept: _________________________

I prefer a Vegetarian Meal Yes □ No □

Sign me up for the following activities:
Mexican Hat Dance □
Salsa Dancing □
Pin the Tail on the Burro □
Pie Eating Contest □

Please return this portion of your invitation to the Staff Development Office by Wednesday, April 22, 2005.

You’ll receive your lunch ticket by return mail. This is a catered event; it is very important that you make a reservation!
Would you like some enchiladas?
Do you like to Salsa dance?
Then don’t miss a fiesta in your honor as Cypress College celebrates CLASSIFIED APPRECIATION DAY!

Friday, May 6, 2005
11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
in the Theater Lobby

Take a siesta
At the fiesta
As our administrators
Serve chicken and cheese
When you say “Please.”
They might give you more
If you say “por favor.”

Please respond before April 22, 2005. Return the completed RSVP form (see reverse) to the Staff Development Office.
You’re invited to attend the
End-of-the-Year Luau
Come celebrate with us!

Tuesday, May 17, 2005
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
(Program will begin at 12:15 p.m.)
Theater Lobby

We’ll be celebrating this year’s retirees and those employees with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of dedicated service to Cypress College & the District. This year’s honored guests for 25 years of dedicated service are Jane Boyce, Deann Burch, Kenneth Burnett, Patricia Dellinger, Rod Lusch, Therese Mosqueda-Ponce and Robert Parelli.

The $7.50 charge for the luau lunch includes one free opportunity ticket for the Staff Development Fundraiser.

You can purchase additional opportunity tickets for the wonderful theme baskets designed and donated by members of our college community. Some of the baskets available are “Back Yard Flamingo Fling,” “A Tour of Italy” and “Indulgence.”

Opportunity Tickets will be sold ONLY at the luau; you do not need to be present to win. The price of one ticket is $1.00 or 15 tickets for $10.00 so don’t forget to bring your wallet. Checks made out to Cypress College will also be accepted.

Clip and return the bottom portion of this form to the Staff Development Office.

Name________________________________Div/Dept _____________________________
Yes, I will attend. Here is $7.50 for my luau lunch and one free opportunity ticket. Checks should be made payable to Cypress College.

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Top Alumna

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Click on the image to the right to link to HBO’s site for the show.
World Fest

Tom Cooper in a sombrero? It must be World Fest. The Associated Students held the annual event — which, among other things, offered a taste of foods from a variety of locations on the globe — on Wednesday. It took place between the Library/Administration and Fine Arts buildings.
Construction Projects

Here's a quick tour of the current construction projects. We make stops at the Library/Learning Resource Center and the Library/Administration Building. Click anywhere to view the slideshow.