January 12, 2006 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

President’s Welcome Back Message for Spring, 2006

“Together we have accomplished a great deal,” the campus president notes as the college’s 40th anniversary is set to begin.

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring 2006 semester! I hope that you found time to relax over the winter break and are now ready to resume the important work of helping students learn.

As I write this, anniversaries are on my mind. January 11 marks the anniversary of the day I became president of Cypress College seven years ago. Since the average tenure for college presidents is something like four years, being here for seven is somewhat noteworthy. In fact, of the nine community colleges in Orange County, I am the most “senior” president. (I refuse to say that I’m the “oldest,” but that may be true as well.)

Together we have accomplished a great deal in these seven years. We have revamped curriculum and teaching methodologies; we have hired nearly 80 new faculty members; we have hosted two accrediting team visits; we have developed two strategic plans; we have survived a serious budget crisis; we have embraced technology in instruction and in our everyday work lives; we have embarked on a major facilities improvement plan that is transforming the campus; and, most importantly, we have changed the lives of thousands of students by helping them make their dreams of educational achievement come true.

We have continued the Cypress College tradition of collegial relationships and a cooperative, “can do” spirit that has helped us through the very difficult times that we have faced. We are known as a friendly campus where people go out of their way to help students and colleagues alike.

We are also known as a place that likes to celebrate and have fun, a fact that leads me to thoughts of another anniversary—the college’s fortieth—which we are celebrating in 2006.

The college opened its doors on September 12, 1966, after having been “constructed” in just 74 days. Over the next few years buildings were completed, faculty and staff were hired, programs were developed—the college grew to become one of California’s comprehensive community colleges.

Now, here we are 40 years later, and it’s time to celebrate our founding.

Throughout this year there will be various celebrations as different departments plan events, but the big event will be the campus-wide open house scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, October 21. We will invite back former students and retirees so that we can show them the changes the campus is undergoing and so that we all can share memories that make up the history of Cypress College.

I encourage everyone to mark their calendars now and plan to be part of the anniversary celebration on October 21.

Have a wonderful spring semester!

Art Student Selected as Winner in 40th Anniversary Logo Contest

A submission by art student Elliot Bolado has been selected as the winner in last-semester’s contest to design a logo for use during the college’s 40th anniversary celebration. Cypress College opened in September, 1966, and the milestone will be celebrated at various events throughout the coming year.

Bolado’s concept was a modernized version of the current logo. The two “Cs” remain. However, they are placed into a diamond shape, rather than the familiar circle. A variation of the college’s slogan — “40 Years of Going Places” — is used in conjunction with the logo. More about Bolado’s work and variations of the logo are in the “extras” section.
Campus Update: A Recap of Changes on Campus Since Last Semester

➤ Welcome Aboard:

Three new managers and 19 new classified employees are being introduced at Opening Day. Kelly Grimes is the interim Dean of Student Support Services while Yongmi Han has been hired as the Special Projects Manager for the International Students Program and Carol Welsh is the college’s inaugural Dean of the Library/Learning Resource Center.

The new and newly promoted classified staff are: Michelle Bandak, Accounting Technician in the Business Office; Leslie Caddick, Facilities Custodian I; Cindy Cao, Administrative Assistant II in Title V; Norma Cruz, Administrative Assistant I in Maintenance and Operations; Jennifer Franklin, Administrative Assistant III in Health Science; Kenneth Giemek, Facilities Custodian I; Rhonda Kraft, Clerical Assistant I in the Public Information Office; Donna Landis, the Catalog and Schedule Coordinator; Salvador Martinez, Facilities Custodian I; Lela Nguyen, Administrative Assistant III in the Counseling and Student Development Division; Joanne Olimberio, EOPS Program Coordinator; Miguel Rodriguez, Facilities Custodian I; Catherine Rose, Instructional Aide in the Learning Center; Nahid Salkovitch, Clerical Assistant I in Campus Safety; Laura Stephens, Grants and Special Projects Assistant in the Foundation; Samuelu Vaeoso, Facilities Custodian I; Olivia Veloz, Administrative Assistant III in the Vocational/Technical Division; Teresa Wang, Sports Information/Marketing Representative; and Gary Xie, IT Specialist, Systems Applications in Academic Computing.

➤ 40th Anniversary:

It’s hard to believe, but the 40th anniversary of Cypress College is upon us. Dubbed an instant campus because instruction began just 74 days after construction started, the first classes were offered on September 12, 1966. Various events throughout 2006 will mark the anniversary. However, a campus-wide open house is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, October 21.

Former students and retirees will be invited to return to campus to participate in the event. The open house is an opportunity to show off the changes the campus is undergoing and so that we all can share memories that make up the history of Cypress College.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to be part of the anniversary celebration on October 21.

Additional information will be available throughout the semester.

➤ Budget:

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger unveiled his budget proposal this week — the first look seems pretty encouraging for community colleges and the students we serve.

Specific details aren't yet available for the District and the campus; they will be shared in a future edition of @Cypress.
According to the Community College League of California’s analysis of the proposal, the governor’s budget would increase per-student funding by $383, a 7.7% hike.

Other important points include:
• Student fees remain at $26. Over the last three years, fees have increased 131%;
• A cost-of-living adjustment of 5.18% is proposed;
• Equalization funds totalling $130,000,000 are recommended.

Equalization is an important concern in the District since the NOCCCD receives less money per student from the state than many other districts in the state;
• $148,800,000, or 3%, funding was proposed for enrollment growth.

The Governor and lawmakers will now begin to negotiate the details of the budget proposal.

Swap Meet:
The college’s new swap meet vendor just completed a successful first weekend on campus. California Open Air Markets is the new vendor selected by the Board late last year. The last day under the old vendor was December 31, and the swap meet was closed on January 1.

Already, some significant changes have been noticed. California Open Air Markets had a staff member in every parking lot to better control parking. Their staff was in radio contact with each other, sharing information such as knowing how many spaces remained available in each lot.

The swap meet staff also had cross training guards to better handle traffic on circle drive.

While it was a good first effort (and a dramatic increase in support to the campus compared to the previous vendor), California Open Air Markets isn’t yet satisfied with the changes.

They are looking at two sites for potential additional parking for vendors (and, perhaps, overflow for shoppers) with a shuttle service as a long term goal.

Their efforts thus far have relieved a burden on our security to a great degree.

The contract with the new vendor is expected to roughly double the swap meet revenue that the college has earned in recent years.

Americana:
The 31st Annual Americana Awards, sponsored by Bowman Real Estate, take place on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at the Disneyland Hotel Grand Ballroom.

The Americana Awards honor citizens of the year from the eight cities that form Cypress College’s primary service area. In addition, Americana salutes a person of the year and a distinguished business or community partner.

This year’s recipients are:
Irv Pickler — Man of the Year
Tiger Woods Foundation and Learning Center — Distinguished Community Partner
Reverend Ralph Juengel — President’s Distinguished Service Award
Citizens of the Year:
Shirley McCracken — Anaheim
Ellyn Clark — Buena Park
Chris and Tammy Sherrin — Cypress
Ruth Smith — Garden Grove
Ulla Herman — La Palma
Michael R. McCrory — Los Alamitos/Rossmoor
Chuck Feenstra — Seal Beach
Dave and Debbie Morse — Stanton
Employees can purchase tickets for themselves and a guest to Americana for the discounted rate of $150. Tickets are normally $200 per person, $2,000 per table, and $3,000 for a founder’s table. A variety of sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Pickler is the father of Baseball Coach Scott Pickler and Softball Coach Brad Pickler. He is also a long-time member of the Foundation Board.

The event’s Title Sponsor — Bowman Real Estate — is headed by Walter Bowman, an alumnus who also serves on the Foundation Board.

For more information, contact the Foundation at ext. 47126 or visit http://www.CypressCollege.edu/foundation.

Scholarships Apps:
Scholarship applications are currently available for download from the main page of the college Web site at http://www.CypressCollege.edu. The application can be completed and submitted entirely online.

Throughout the 2004-2005 school year, a total exceeding $150,000 was given to students to assist them in furthering their education.

Senior Day:
The college’s annual Senior Day has been set for March 23.

In recent years, the event has been transformed to include booths from campus programs, divisions and student services. A series of workshops has also been added to the half-day event.

Traditionally, some 800-1,200 students from area high schools have visited the campus to have a look and to explore our many educational programs.

The workshops include: “Choosing a College Major” — presented by Sharon Easton; “Smooth Transitions to Transfer” — presented by Stacey Howard; and “Getting Free Money to Fund Your College Education” — presented by Alan Reza and Lizzy Maicas.

Each of the workshops will be held in the new Student Activities Center, which opened last semester.

This is the first year that visiting students will be able to enjoy the new construction, since both the Cypress College Complex and the Library/Learning Resource Center will be open, in addition to the Student Activities Center.
**Donna Friess Appointed by Governor to Victim Advisory Council**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently appointed Donna L. Friess, a faculty member in the Speech Department, to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Victim Advisory Council.

The council meets twice a year and has the job of developing victim services and departmental policies and practices that are victim sensitive.

“I am honored to be appointed,” she said.

As the California Co-chairman for Force 100, a grassroots group with a goal of getting a constitutional amendment passed for victim’s rights.

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**T-TEN Program One of Six Recipients of Inaugural Toyota Award**

Cypress College's Toyota T-TEN program has been selected as one of six recipients of the inaugural T-TEN School Recognition Award.

The School Recognition Program is being established to recognize Toyota's highest-performing T-TEN schools across the country.

"Your program has earned this recognition through its excellent implementation of our T-TEN training model," Roger Foss, national field support manager, wrote to Dr. Lewis. "The operation of a high-performing T-TEN program requires the adherence to many guidelines and policies."

Schools were judged on graduate objectives, placements at Toyota dealerships, the maintenance of instructor and program certifications, and compliance with Toyota training requirements.

"This award is being given in recognition of your program's outstanding work in these areas,” Foss said.

I would like to thank you for your support of our T-TEN program and for being a leader in workforce development initiatives within your community. Throughout the country, Toyota and Lexus dealers are in need of qualified automotive service technicians. Thank you for helping us to achieve the goal of filling this need.”

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, has been a strong supporter of Cypress College over the years. The company completed a three-year, title sponsorship agreement of the Foundation's Americana Awards last February.

In addition, the college's T-TEN program has been ranked annually as one of the most successful educational enterprises as measured by success statistics.

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**District to Begin Transition to nocccd.edu from nocccd.cc.ca.us**

The District's Internet domain name will be changed from @nocccd.cc.ca.us to @nocccd.edu effective February 6. This means that all of the e-mail addresses for District staff at the Anaheim Campus will start using the domain of @nocccd.edu.

This change will not affect School of Continuing Education staff located at the Anaheim Campus.

At the same time, the District Web site address will change from www.nocccd.cc.ca.us to www.nocccd.edu.

The change essentially means that when sending e-mail to staff who had an e-mail address that ended in "nocccd.cc.ca.us,” you will need to start using the ending “nocccd.edu” instead.

Example: eridley@nocccd.cc.ca.us will become eridley@nocccd.edu.

While this change will take effect on February 6, e-mail sent to old addresses and visits to the old Web address will continue to function for at least six months.

There will be no changes to Banner or WebStar at this time.
From the artist ...

My design of the Cypress College logo is an illusionary-dimensional look. I chose to break away from the current gradient appearance and instead showcased detail by texturing the background plane, followed by a floating foreground with a casting shadow onto the background. I aspired for a modern simplistic look for both the entire image and the typography to convey the message that Cypress College is a strong, elegant, and sophisticated facility. The type is a manipulation of the Myriad family.

Aside from the Cypress College colors (yellow and dark blue) i also included many bold variants of color which (as an option) can be used to color symbolize the many organizations of the school. i.e. faculty, students, admissions, security, library, athletics, health, financial aid, etc.

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Thank you for this opportunity.
"Hire Me!" Workshops

Designed for Individuals Seeking Full-Time Faculty Positions with the North Orange County Community College District.

Part I: Perspectives on Hiring: Application, Letter of Interest, & Resume Writing
Workshop presented by Kelly Carter, Cypress College Counselor

Saturday, January 28, 2006
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
NOCCCD Board Room, 1st floor, Anaheim Campus, 1830 W. Romneya Dr., Anaheim, CA

Part II: Perspectives on Hiring: The Interview
Workshop facilitated by Kelly Carter, Counselor, featuring...
Dr. Margie Lewis, President of Cypress College
Diane Henry, Dean of Physical Education, Cypress College
Michael Brydges, Speech Communication Faculty, Cypress College

Saturday, February 4, 2006, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
NOCCCD Board Room, 1st floor, Anaheim Campus, 1830 W. Romneya Dr., Anaheim, CA 92801

Please call 714-484-7324 for reservations.
For information, contact Nancy Deutsch, Cypress College Staff Development Office: 714-484-7326 or ndeutsch@cypresscollege.edu

Directions: From 91 Freeway, take Euclid exit and drive south to Romneya Dr. Turn right on Romneya. Turn left into second entrance of NOCCCD Anaheim Campus. Park in any unmarked parking stall. Parking permit is required.
Purchase $2 daily parking permit at yellow dispensers on site, if you are non-NOCCCD employee.

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Extreme Campus Makeover in Progress
January 12, 2006

Construction Area (closed)
Open Pathway
Cross-Campus Route
S=Stairs  E=Elevator

Path “A” is subject to intermittent closures. Please use Path “B” as an alternate as needed.
Temporary parking areas as needed for overflow.

Note:
Elevator access is available on the south side of campus through Tech Ed III (located under the main staircase).

For updated information, visit the campus Web site at http://CypressCollege.edu.

See reverse for ground-level closures.
Extreme Campus Makeover in Progress

January 12, 2006

The college’s new Library/Learning Resource Center, the large building at the end of the pond, opens at the end of this month. The L/LRC is depicted on the front cover of the spring class schedule and the top of this page.

The new Student Activities Center, located along the south side of the pond, opened last summer. These two buildings, along with the new Student Center (shown below), will make the pond the central gathering spot on campus.

In addition, a Maintenance and Operations building is being constructed in parking lot 6, a complete renovation of piazza began during the winter break, and new elevators are being installed.

During the next two years, construction work will present a significant challenge to pedestrian travel across campus. We appreciate your support and flexibility during this period as we build a more efficient campus.

For additional and updated information, please visit CypressCollege.edu and click on the construction icon.
Opening Day
Spring 2006
January 13, 2006

Featuring the...

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40 YEARS of GOING PLACES
New Managers

Kelly Grimes
Dean,
Student Support Services
(interim)

Yongmi Han
Special Projects Manager/
International Students Program

Carol Welsh
Dean,
Library/Learning Resource Center

Joanne Olimberio
EOPS Program Coordinator,
EOPS

Laura Stephens
Grants and Special Projects Assistant,
Foundation

Nahid Salkoview
Clerical Assistant I,
Campus Safety

Olivia Veloz
Administrative Assistant III,
Vocational/Technical Division

Not Pictured

Leslie Caddick
Facilities Custodian I,
Maintenance & Operations

Cindy Cao
Administrative Asst. II,
Title V
(promotion)

Kenneth Giemek
Facilities Custodian I,
Maintenance & Operations

Salvador Martinez
Facilities Custodian I,
Maintenance & Operations

Miguel Rodriguez
Facilities Custodian I,
Maintenance & Operations

Catherine Rose
Instructional Aide,
Learning Center

Samuelu Vaeso,
Facilities Custodian I,
Maintenance & Operations

Teresa Wang
Sports Information/Marketing Representative,
PE/Athletics

Zifeng Xie
IT Specialist, Systems Applications,
Academic Computing

Core Values: Excellence • Integrity • Collegiality • Inclusiveness

Save the Date

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Cypress College
Opening Day Agenda
January 13, 2006
Campus Theater

Refreshments, outside theater ................................................................. 8:30-9 a.m.

General Session .................................................................................. 9 a.m.-9:55 a.m.
  Greetings from the Board
  Greetings from the District
  Introduction of New Staff
  State of the College
  Construction/Facilities Update
  Educational Master Plan

SLO-CAT’s Presentation, Break-out Group Discussions
and SLO-CAT’s Fever ........................................................................... 9:55 a.m.-Noon

Lunch, Theater Lobby ......................................................................... Noon-1 p.m.
  Featuring special guest entertainment
  (Lunches available for those who pre-paid.)

Division Meetings ............................................................................ 1 p.m.