Summer Class Schedule Now Available; Registration Begins May 10

➤ Students who have entered their e-mail address in WebStar will receive their registration time in their inbox.

Start spreading the news: the summer 2006 class schedule is now available for download from CypressCollege.edu. The printed version will be on campus by the end of next week.

Classes begin May 30, June 5 and July 10. Students can begin selecting their summer classes in WebStar when registration opens on May 10. Those students who have entered an e-mail address in WebStar will receive an e-mail with their registration date and time, along with other valuable information. Please share this news with students.

Instructions for adding an e-mail address are in the class schedule. The electronic version of the class schedule comes as an Adobe Acrobat file. It is complete with “bookmarks” that will help students navigate to specific sections. For instance, clicking on the “Class Listings” bookmark produces a list of individual programs that links to the appropriate page in the schedule.

Student services and WebStar instructions are linked in a similar fashion.

The cover represents the college’s growth. It was designed by Chris Spearman, a student in the college’s Art Computer Graphics program.

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Americana Awards Net Proceeds Top $125,000, a New Record and Up $33,000 from 2005

Thanks to significant increases in both attendees and sponsorships, the 2006 Americana Awards event appears to be the Foundation’s most successful effort since the fundraiser was established in 1976.

This year’s net proceeds are approximately $125,000 — an increase of nearly $33,000 from last year’s 30th anniversary Americana Awards. Sponsorships also increased by roughly 25%, and the jump in attendance — from 511 a year ago to 720 this year — was about 60%.

Americana is the college’s largest fundraiser each year. The event provides money for scholarships, the Title V matching grant and other campus priorities that wouldn't otherwise be funded. One example is the Foundation’s Mini-Grant program. Applications for Mini-Grants are currently being accepted.

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Landry’s Work Headed to Kennedy Center

Ten Dance students who represented Cypress College at the Southwest Regional American College Dance Festival earlier this month received wonderful feedback from the event’s professional adjudicators. Erin Landry, Chair of Theater and Dance, had her choreography “Tablas” selected to be performed in the 2006 American College Dance Festival Association National Gala at the Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Out of 50 submissions it was one of three selected from the region.
Mini-Grants Applications Now Being Accepted by the Foundation

The Cypress College Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2006 Faculty and Staff Mini-Grants program. A copy of the application is attached in the @Cypress “Extras” section.

The Mini-Grants program will make 10-20 awards of up to $500 to faculty and staff members. Funds may be used for any reasonable project, initiative or materials that support students.

Mini-Grants are intended to help fill a gap in the budget process, funding items that otherwise would not be possible.

The application, by design, is simple. For applications to be considered, each request must not exceed $500, including tax and delivery.

Applications are due to the Foundation office by 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2006. Awards will be announced the following week.

Please submit your application before the deadline — every year several applications are disqualified because they are late.

Money raised by the Foundation through events such as Americana and the “Pull for Cypress” campaign help fund the Mini-Grants program.

Social Science Students Receive Charles Pound Memorial Scholarships

The Charles Pound Memorial Scholarship — an award honoring the late husband of the Social Science Division’s Nancy Pound — was awarded to three students during a ceremony in Humanities on Wednesday evening. The students are: Nancy Ly Chou, Most Improved Student; Marietta DeJesus, Outstanding Achievement in Academic Excellence; and Melissa Weinberg, Outstanding Achievement in Academic Excellence.

Each of the women received a check for $250, a small plaque to take home, their name on the permanent Social Science Division Plaques hanging on the wall in the SS lobby, and a bouquet of flowers from the Pound family. The students will also be recognized at the campus-wide Scholarship and Awards Convocation which will be held in May.

The remaining nominees each received a framed certificate of recognition: Aaron Arnold, Jeff Allen, Yan Tae (Brian) Kim, and Melissa Morgan.

Blueprint

The Cypress College Complex’s first two floors are scheduled to become occupied during spring break.

Financial Aid, DSPS, EOPS, CARE, CalWorks and the dean’s offices for Student Support Services and Counseling and Student Development will be located on those floors. The expanded work area around the back of the building is to provide space for attaching a water line to feed the fire-suppression system.

Work on the elevator project is beginning to move quickly now. Concrete was poured on Thursday for the elevator being constructed between Gym 2 and Tech Ed 2. Under-ground utilities are being moved for the elevator that will connect to Tech Ed 1. The third elevator will service the Business Building. All three should be open by early June.

Construction of the Maintenance and Operations Building, located in what used to be Lot 6, is also progressing. Work should be completed in time for move-in to take place in May.

Progress on the piazza renovation isn’t being made as easily. Crews are behind schedule because of the recent rains, which has caused water damage in both the former Culinary Arts dining room and the Campus Safety Office, which has relocated to Continuing Education 7-8 while repairs are made.

CHARGERS

Faculty members Daniel Lind, Chair of the Ethnic Studies Department, and Regina Rhymes from the Sociology Department completed the 26.2-mile Los Angeles Marathon with three Cypress College students, Ashley Arreola, Oscar Cerezo, and Mayra Trejo. Each received a medal for their accomplishment.

A special thanks to Jeanne Higgins, Psychiatric Technology Department Coordinator, who purchased a slide projector with four carousels on eBay and donated them to the Dental Hygiene Department.

Dental Hygiene was in great need of slide projectors which are used to show dental x-rays and slides illustrating the oral differences in disease (all of which do not translate well to PowerPoint).

DSPS’s Deborah Michelle was honored with an “Outstanding Volunteer” award at this week’s Tech Ed conference. She has been on their Advisory Committee since 2000 and was initially in charge of Accessibility issues. While she still consults on ADA concerns, Deborah mostly works at the Communications Center helping attendees with questions.

BRIEFLY

The Office of Institutional Research is now administering the campus climate survey. This survey is conducted every two years to monitor college climate, identify strengths and determine areas that need improvement.

The survey includes many of the same questions asked previously, to help determine whether any progress has been made in certain areas. The survey also asks some new questions based on input and suggestions received from the campus community.

Those who wish to participate must complete the survey prior to April 21. It is available by clicking here. All employees are urged to participate. All responses are anonymous and the results will be presented in summary form only.

The deadline for submitting RQ’s to District Purchasing is April 18. To meet that deadline, Media Services/Academic Computing needs all information for technology purchases no later than Monday, April 10. All requests for purchases can be submitted to Beverly Harrington. Please make sure that a budget number accompanies the request. Please direct questions to Frank Smith, Director of Academic Computing, at ext. 47108.

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Cypress College Foundation
Faculty and Staff Mini-Grants Program
2006 Application

Item or Project Requested:

Description of Item or Project:

Justification (How will students and/or your department benefit?)

Budget Detail (If an item, please include manufacturer, make, model, part number etc., if applicable, and the total price, including tax and shipping)

Requesting Faculty or Staff Member (name and telephone)

Authorization - This authorization signifies the appropriate Dean’s or Director’s support for this request.

Dean or Director: _______________________________ date _______________________

Note: Applications are due to the Foundation office by 5 p.m., Wed, April 19, 2006. Request must not exceed $500, and there must be no additional related costs involved in the request, i.e., installation, wiring, etc. Projects must be completed within 90 days unless otherwise approved. Additional information may be attached.
Cypress College
Student Center

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Everyone is invited to attend the Groundbreaking for the new Student Center on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, from 1-2:00 pm on Lakeshore Drive in front of the Student Activities Center.
Cypress College mainstay Sonia Travers was honored by women’s basketball coach Margaret Mohr with a special “Die-Hard Award” for her support of the team.
Charles Pound Scholarships Awarded

Here are photos from the Charles Pound Memorial Scholarship reception held this week (see related story on page 2). Click anywhere to view the photos.
10th KinderCaminata Event Held

Cypress College’s 10th Annual KinderCaminata was held today (March 31, 2006). Thanks to the marvels of digital photography we don’t have to wait until next week’s @Cypress edition (or an even later one) to view the results. Enjoy the slideshow.