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Celebration Time! Campus Honors Staff Today; More Next Week

The annual Classified Appreciation Luncheon flashed back to the ’60s while the Luau and Scholarship Convocation approach

It’s that time of year when Cypress College swings into celebration mode. Kicking things off was today’s Classified Staff Appreciation Luncheon, where campus support staff were served lunch by managers and the classified employee of the year is announced.

Other upcoming celebrations include the End of the Year Luau, also celebrating employee contributions to the campus, and the Scholarship Convocation, which will be held next week. Newly tenured faculty will be honored by the NOCCCD Board of Trustees the week of graduation.

Classified employee of the year, Dan Stephens, of Fine Arts, earned the distinction for his work in the Division and on committees such as Staff Development. Campuswide, the long-time employee may well be best known for his creativity with the Fine Arts Division entries in the basket competition at the End of the Year Luau. A visit to the temporary Administration area in Gym 2 earlier this semester resulted in Stephens deciding to mount several art pieces to brighten up the space.

As part of the award, he received a $500 check from funds donated by the college’s managers.

A special “Above and Beyond” award was granted to the staffs of Physical Plant and Facilities along with the employees in Academic Computing/Media Services. Both units have made that term synonymous with their efforts in all the campus moves during the past year, including opening up the Student Activities Center, the remodeled Tech Ed 3 Building, the temporary Administration area and the Library/Learning Resource Center.

Scholarships

Students will receive scholarships on Monday during the annual Scholarships Awards Convocation. The event will be held at 1 p.m. in the Theater Lobby. (See the May 5 edition of @Cypress for more information).

Additional Honors

Faculty attaining tenure will be recognized in next week’s edition. We’ll also profile the graduation speaker and the outstanding graduate.
The softball team is headed to the state championship tournament in Redding. Softball swept through the regional tournament here at Cypress College last weekend. The team posted three mercy-rule victories: 9-1 over Chaffey, 18-0 over College of the Canyons, and a 9-1 defeat of Pasadena City College. The Chargers enter the state tournament with a 49-4 record, their best since 1999 when they won their last state title. The eight-team championships open today at 2 p.m. with the Chargers facing Redwoods. Brackets are available online.

Also seeking a state championship is golfer Adam Frey, who tied for sixth out of those teams. In that field, Frey is tied for second. Frey shot rounds of 73 and 72, 1 over par. The top four teams at the regional tournament qualified to move on along with the next six individuals who are not on those teams. In that field, Frey is tied for second.

Baseball hosts the best two-out-of-three regional this weekend, starting Saturday at 1 p.m. The winner advances to the Super Regionals next weekend. The Chargers finished with a 35-8 regular-season record and were 20-4 in conference to earn the OEC championship. The Chargers facing Redwoods. Brackets are available online.

Dinner of Champions: Culinary Arts is Official Food for Team USA

Chef Michael Bird may not wind up on the cover of a Wheaties box. But he and the students in his Culinary Arts program are now serving up a dinner of champions to members of the USA Men’s National Volleyball Team.

The Olympic training program relocated to Anaheim on May 1 after reaching a six-year agreement with city officials earlier this year.

It’s part of an effort to turn Anaheim into a sports town. And part of the deal included providing food for players and other team officials following official team workouts.

The Cypress College Culinary Arts Program — which is now located at the Anaheim Campus — began providing evening meals to the team four nights per week starting May 1.

The food-service contract is a feather in the cap for one of the college’s most-recognized programs.

NASA’s Jet Propulsion Lab and ESL Scholarship Recipients Identified

Sung Hwang has been selected as the 2006 Cypress College JPLUS candidate. As the Jet Propulsion Laboratory Undergraduate Scholar, Hwang will receive two scholarships of $500 each over the next two years from NASA’s JPL. Hwang is also eligible for application to a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship at JPL or Caltech. The awards reception in JPL’s Von Kármán Auditorium is this afternoon (Friday, May 12).

Hwang, a resident of Cypress, is a sophomore Physics/Mathematics major who is planning to transfer to Harvey Mudd College in the fall.


The ESL Department announced two recipients of the Jewel Keusder ESL Scholarship. Bixia Loi and Naydn Kim will each receive a $500 cash award and have their names engraved on the perpetual plaque that is located in the trophy case on the second floor of the Humanities Building.

Awards were presented at the 2nd Annual ESL Potluck Celebration held on May 5.

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Celebrations Galore

A number of celebratory events took place this week. Among them were the Puente 10-Year Reunion, the annual A Night With Forensics and the UTAP Completion Ceremony. Click to view the slideshow.
Dan Stephens, of Fine Arts, was selected as the Classified Employee of the Year. He received the award at the Classified Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, May 12, 2006. Click anywhere to launch the slideshow.