

THIS WEEK

Ongoing

» Recent Landscape Work & “emerging (I) 2” black-and-white photography exhibit (through Dec. 15)

7-8 • Friday-Saturday

» Faculty Dance Concert, Theater, 8 p.m.

9 • Sunday

» Jazz Band Concert, Theater, 4 p.m.

10 • Monday

» Kwanzaa Event, Theater Lobby, 3-5 p.m.

16 • Sunday

» “Welcome Yule” annual holiday concert, Theater, 4 p.m.

12-20 • Wednesday-Thursday

» Final exams

20 • Thursday

» Last day of fall semester

24-1 • Monday-Tuesday

» Winter break (campus closed)

THEY SAID IT

“The good thing about flying solo is it’s never boring.”

– Steve Fossett

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December 7, 2007, Newsletter from President Michael J. Kasler

Holiday Greetings from Dr. Kasler

► **As the semester nears an end, Dr. Kasler shares season’s greetings and reflections on the past few months.**

The fall semester is coming to a close, as another winter break and New Year’s approach. The end of this semester is personally significant, because it is the first of my presidency here at Cypress College.

In retrospect, it has been a smooth semester — one in which construction projects progressed, people transitioned into new roles, positive strides were made in addressing the Basic Skills Initiative, and our enrollment continued to grow.

That last point — enrollment growth — is one I want to address a bit more deeply. More accurately, I want to say “THANK YOU!”

It is the hard work, dedication and compassion of our employees

that has resulted in an increased number of students selecting and staying at Cypress College.

Faculty, staff and administrators are all working with great effort on a daily basis to make this happen. And, while everyone should feel good about their participation, I particularly want to thank: the outreach staff and the team of student ambassadors; our counselors; and the members of 5% MORE, who will make even more progress next semester as we focus on marketing at an individual program level and on retention of current students.

I also want to take the opportunity to wish each of you the best during your time off. I hope you are able to spend time with family and friends — and participate in activities that bring you joy.

ENJOY YOUR WELL-DESERVED BREAK! HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

— Mike

Kwanzaa Creator Headlines Campus Celebration on Monday Afternoon

Cypress College’s 3rd Annual Kwanzaa Celebration will take place Monday (December 10), from 3-5 p.m. in the theater lobby. Dr. Maulana Karenga, the founder of Kwanzaa will be the guest lecturer. We encourage all to attend this event. Also, faculty members please announce to your classes the upcoming event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Infant & Pre-Schooler Checks Scheduled

On Friday, December 14, from 9 a.m.-noon, the Cypress College Nursing Department & Family Support Network will be holding a Developmental Assessment for Infants & Pre-School Children. It will take place in the lobby near the Health Science Division office, on the second floor of the Tech Ed III Building. For additional information or questions about the event, contact Dr. Noreen O’Brien, Cypress Nursing instructor, at the Health Science Division Office at ext. 47283.

Nursing Students Hold ‘Toys for Tots’ Drive

Nursing Students are collecting toys (\$10 value or more) for the Toys for Toys Drive. The effort runs through December 10. Collection Boxes are located in the Tech Ed III (a.k.a. Health Science) Building, on the second and third floors. Donations must be a new, unwrapped toy, valued at a minimum of \$10.

Questions can be directed to Dawn J. Sontag in the Health Science Division office, at ext. 47283, or via e-mail to:

DSontag@cypresscollege.edu.

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Online

Save the Dates!

Cypress College Outreach and Recruitment Events Spring 2008

Thursday, February 7, 2008

8 am – 1 pm

Black College Fair and Black History
Month Celebration



Monday, Feb. 25 – Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008

10 am – 1 pm

Student Support Services Success Week



Friday, April 4, 2008

8 am – 1 pm

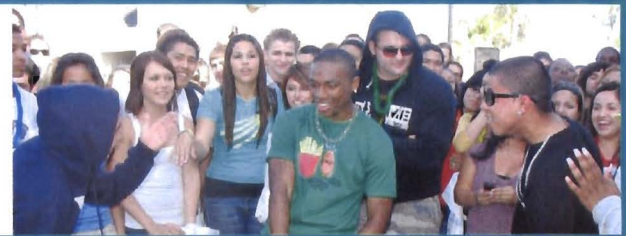
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Thursday, April 17, 2008

8 am – 1 pm

Senior Day



Tuesday, May 6, 2008

5 pm – 8 pm

Parent Night



For more information regarding these events and/or participation, please contact Marion Shocklee at (714) 484-7371. More information, including locations and agendas, will be available soon.

HOURS FOR STUDENT SERVICES

January 7 – 12	M – Th	F	Sat
Admissions and Records	8am – 7pm	8am – 7pm	
Assessment Center	8am – 7pm	8am – 5pm	
Bookstore	7:45am – 8pm	7:45am – 5pm	8:30am – 1pm
Bursar Office	8am – 5pm	8am – 5pm	
Campus Safety Office	8:30am – 10pm	8:30am – 5pm	
Campus Security	24 hrs Monday – Sunday	24 hrs Monday - Sunday	
Career Planning Center	8am – 5pm	8am – 5pm	
Counseling	8am – 7pm	8am – 7pm	
DSPS	8am – 7pm	8am – 7pm	
EOPS	8am – 7pm	8am – 5pm	
Financial Aid	8am – 7pm	8am – 7pm	
Health Services	8am – 5pm	8am – 5pm	
International Students	8am – 7pm	8am – 5pm	
LLRC	10am – 3pm	1pm – 5pm	
Student Activities (&Photo ID)	8am – 5pm	8am – 5pm	
Transfer Center	8am – 5pm	8am – 5pm	

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LLRC	8am – 9pm	8am – 5pm	
Student Activities (&Photo ID)	8am – 7pm M – W	8am – 5pm Th & F	
Transfer Center	8am – 7pm	8am – 5pm	



LEARNING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Cypress College Title V Learning Community Development Program (LCDP) is an opportunity for you to partner with a faculty member from another department in order to help students make meaningful connections in both your courses. You will build a supportive relationship with your partner as you create integrated curriculum that promotes active learning and increased student achievement.

In the LCDP you will collaborate with a colleague, expand your repertoire of teaching approaches, rethink course content, and earn a \$1000 stipend or 2 equivalent units.

The Paired LCDP Model: Two courses for which students co-register. Faculty coordinate syllabi and interdisciplinary assignments, but teach their classes separately.

3 STEPS TO APPLY

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 17, 2007

STEP 1 Find a partner! You must sign up with a partner to enroll.

STEP 2 Apply by email to Michael Brydges and include the following:

- Your name
- The class you will teach
- Your partner's name
- Why you want to participate
- Your availability for all the Wednesday meetings

STEP 3 Have your Department Chair and Division Dean send a letter of support for your application in the Program to Michael Brydges, mbrydges@cypresscollege.edu

What?

Successfully complete the LCDP to qualify to teach in a 2-faculty learning community and earn \$1,000 or 2 equivalent units.

Why?

- Improve student retention
- Increase student achievement
- Broaden your pedagogical repertoire
- Collaborate meaningfully with a faculty partner
- Create coherent linkages for students through interdisciplinary study

When?

Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m., from February 6 to April 9 in the LLRC and online

How?

Apply today!

For more information or help with any part of the application process, please contact:

Michael Brydges, LC Coordinator
mbrydges@cypresscollege.edu
or

Jessica Puma, LCDP Facilitator
jpuma@cypresscollege.edu

CONCERT - PRESS RELEASE

“Welcome Yule”

featuring the
Cypress Masterworks Chorale & Chamber Singers

Dr. Sheridan J. Ball, Director

With “Special Guest” appearances by the
Los Alamitos High School Concert Choir

Dr. Randi Carp, Director

Plus the *a cappella* vocal ensembles

Crescendo* - and - *Anon & Beyond

Date/Time: **Sunday - December 16** - 4:00 PM

Location: Cypress College Campus Theater Address: 9200 Valley View - Cypress, CA
South of the 91 freeway - between Lincoln Avenue & Ball Road

This concert will feature the Cypress Masterworks Chorale and Chamber Singers in a wide range of holiday favorites such as *Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire* (The Christmas Song) and *Christmas Time is Here* from the perennially popular “Charlie Brown Christmas” television special.

Also included in this year’s program is the delightfully rhythmic “Haitian Noel” which features French Creole influences from the Caribbean. John William’s energetic “Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas” from the movie *Home Alone* will be another program highlight in addition to the powerful “Glory to God” by Randol Bass.

As a special holiday treat, Dr. Ball has invited one of Orange County’s finest high school choirs to appear on this year’s program. Under the direction of Dr. Randi Carp for the past 16 years, the Los Alamitos High School choral program is acknowledged as one of the most successful choral programs in the region with more than 250 singers involved in six different ensembles. Numbering over 80 singers, the Los Alamitos High School Concert Choir is certain to make a glorious addition to this holiday event.

Coincidentally, the Los Alamitos choirs and Dr. Ball’s professional chorus, the *Southern California Master Chorale*, will both be touring China later this year. The Los Alamitos singers will perform in Shanghai and Beijing in the Spring and the *Southern California Master Chorale* will be in Beijing and Hong Kong this summer, so Southern California will be well represented in the orient in 2008.

As icing on our holiday concert treat, two of Orange County’s favorite *a cappella* ensembles, ***Crescendo*** and ***Anon & Beyond***, will provide their own special mix of vocal artistry to this diverse program. And, in accordance with years of tradition, the audience will also be encouraged to indulge their seasonal spirit by joining the ***Cypress Master Chorale*** in singing several favorite holiday carols.

(Pssst We also have it on good authority that a visit from **Santa** is highly likely.)

From lighthearted carols and festive seasonal gems to splendid holiday selections from some of the world’s finest composers, this concert is certain to delight the ear and charm the musical senses. For many regional families, this annual holiday concert with the Cypress Masterworks Chorale has become a treasured seasonal tradition, so patrons are encouraged to order tickets in advance and arrive at least thirty minutes prior to concert time for preferred seating.

Ticket Information “Hotline” (714) 484-7210

\$12.00 - General Admission \$8.00 - Senior Citizens & Students
\$6.00 - Goups of 10 or more

* * * **Additional Holiday Events** * * *

With the
Southern California Master Chorale
directed by Dr. Sheridan Ball

Concerts with Regional Orchestras and a Televised Performance

Dr. Ball's professional ensemble, the *Southern California Master Chorale* (SCMC), will be featured on the **Long Beach Symphony's** "Holiday Celebration" concerts at the Terrace Theater on Saturday, December 8 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 PM.

The SCMC singers will also be featured in the **Golden State Pops Orchestra's** "Holiday Pops Spectacular" at the Warner Grand Theater in San Pedro on Saturday, December 15 at 8:00 PM.

The choir's holiday concert season will conclude on Christmas Eve with a televised appearance at the *48th Annual Holiday Celebration*, where they will again perform with the *Golden State Pops Orchestra*, at the Los Angeles Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

The Southern California Master Chorale is a professional chorus of 80 to 100 singers comprised of vocal musicians with whom Dr. Ball has worked over the course of his 30 years of conducting in the Southern California region. The *Chorale* made it's concert debut last summer with the *Marina del Rey Orchestra*, performing Vaughan Williams' *Serenade to Music*, *These Things Shall Be* by John Ireland, and Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. The chorus now has a variety of concert bookings up through 2009.

Dr. Sheridan Ball received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Northern Colorado and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Southern California.

His choirs have toured internationally throughout England, Ireland, Scotland, Italy Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Israel, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Alaska, and will travel to China this summer.

They have performed for the California Music Educators Conference, the American Choral Directors Association and the Choral Conductors Guild, and have appeared at the Hollywood Bowl, the Orange County Performing Arts Center, the Vatican (twice) and Carnegie Hall (thrice).

Dr. Ball has taught music in Salzburg, Austria and Florence, Italy and, in 2001, he made his conducting debut at Carnegie Hall. He is currently an Associate Conductor for MidAmerica Productions in New York City and plans to take his singers back to Carnegie Hall in the Spring of 2009.