**Student Support Services Success Week Runs February 25-28**

The second annual event runs daily in front of the Library/Learning Resource Center, with a free lunch served at noon.

The Student Support Services Division is hosting the second annual Success Week, Monday through Thursday in front of the Library/Learning Resource Center, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. A Guitar Hero III Tournament and free lunch will serve as draws for the event.

The goal is to provide information to students about the myriad services offered at Cypress College to enhance their success. It is also scheduled just in advance of the March 2 priority deadline for Federal Financial Aid applications.

By taking their offices outdoors and placing staff in one of the college's highest pedestrian areas, Student Support Services employees will reach thousands of students during the four-day event.

Information on grants, fee waivers, financial aid, specialized counseling, free books, free tutoring and free child care will be available.

Workshops include: Financial Aid 101; Avoiding the Credit Card Crunch; EOPS Information Session; Characteristics of a Successful Student; Stress Management; Time Management; How to Apply for Scholarships; Case of the Missing Major; Achieving Your Financial Goals; and Learning Communities 101.

Staff from Financial Aid, EOPS, CARE and CalWORKs will all be represented among others.

The Guitar Hero III game used in the tournament will be utilized as one of several prizes for students who attend the workshops. Other prizes include a Trevor Hoffman autographed baseball, an iPod and gift from Walmart, El Torito Grill and Medieval Times.

Last year, the first-ever Student Support Services Success Week event reached more than 1,500 students.

In advance of the event, e-mails are being sent to all currently enrolled students. Messaging will also be shared in mygateway and on the marquee.

Faculty are also encouraged to share information about the event with students.

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**Nominations for Faculty Awards Available**

Nominations for the CC Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award, Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award, and the Charger Faculty Award (formerly Faculty Development Award) are being accepted by the Academic Senate.

“As the flyer says, please consider nominating a colleague for one of the awards,” said Robert Johnson, president-elect of the Academic Senate. “I am sure she/he would feel flattered and honored at the nomination and a bit wealthier if they won.”

All nomination materials will be retained for an additional two years for possible future consideration.

Additional information is in the @Cypress “Extras” section.

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**Trustees Review Midterm Accreditation Report**

Trustees of the North Orange County Community College District reviewed the Cypress College Accreditation Focused Midterm Report, which was presented by Karen Cant, Interim Vice President Educational Support & Planning. The current six-year accreditation cycle began in 2005 at Cypress College with the development of an Institutional Self Study. This was followed by a site visit of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (WASC/ACCJC). The Midterm Report includes college-identified planning agenda items and input from all campus constituencies and is due to the ACCJC by March 15.
Strategic Conversation with the Board of Trustees on Campus, Feb. 26

The next meeting of the NOCCCD Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, February 26, in the Cypress College Theatre Arts Lobby — and it will feature a Strategic Conversation with members of the Board.

Strategic Conversation #9: “Collaboration — Something for Everyone” will take place at 3 p.m.

The event will be held in four segments, beginning with a social hour from 3-4 p.m. and followed by a three-part conversation, from 4-7 p.m.

The Board meeting is at 7:15 p.m. in CCC-414.

State Chancellor’s Office Provides Update on Recent Budget Actions

The state Chancellor’s office has provided an update on recent budget actions. Here is an excerpt of the update from Erik Skinner, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Policy:

· The Governor signed a package of special session legislation making midyear reductions in funding for almost all sectors of the state budget. Reductions for the community colleges and K-12 schools total $506 million in current-year reductions to Proposition 98 spending. Of this amount, $31 million consists of reductions to the California Community Colleges.

· The $31 million is made up of an assortment of categorical funds from the current and prior two fiscal years that are unspent and have not been committed to districts. In addition, the $31 million also includes $10 million in SB 70 Career Technical Education projects that will be funded out of the 2008-09 State Budget rather than the current year budget. None of these reductions affect funding that has been allocated or promised to districts.

· With the enactment of the special session bills, action on the current-year budget comes to an end. While the special session certainly raised concerns, I think it is fair to say that we were able to avoid any actions that harmed community college districts. Quickly, the legislative budget process will turn to the more significant challenges of addressing the state’s budget-year shortfall.

On Wednesday, the Legislative Analyst’s Office released a thorough review of the Governor’s 2008-2009 budget proposal. The Analysis also provides updated revenue estimates and spending requirements, as well as other recommendations specific to community colleges. We are currently reviewing the LAO’s report.

A memorial bench will be established for SCE’s dear friend and colleague Lisa Serizawa, who passed away 19 months ago.

The bench with a plaque will be placed in the new SCE Cypress Continuing Education Center courtyard.

“Lisa was an enthusiastic, remarkably helpful, and an extremely funny individual who was there for so many of us,” was the statement from the SCE Cypress CEC office staff.

“Lisa’s passing has left a huge void in many of our lives and we are happy to initiate this tribute to her.”

Lisa worked as a tutor coordinator for the SCE Disabled Students Program.

Those interested in contributing to the Lisa Serizawa memorial bench fund, should write a check payable to the “Cypress College Foundation” and forward it to Renee Myles at SCE Cypress CEC.

Please write “SCE Bench Fund” on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Cypress College: Motivating Minds.
Please consider nominating a colleague for one of the following awards:

**Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award**
**Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award**

One full-time and one adjunct faculty member will be honored with these awards. The purpose of these awards is to honor someone who has demonstrated outstanding teaching abilities and made significant contributions above and beyond the norm to his or her students’ learning experience. The nominee should be an instructor who:

- Develops a creative and innovative learning environment
- Shows attention to the individual needs of students
- Demonstrates expertise in the subject matter
- Stimulates students’ interest in course content
- Makes learning a stimulating and enjoyable experience
- Demonstrates the ability to go the “extra mile” to motivate and encourage students to put forth their best effort

**Charger Faculty Award (formerly Faculty Development Award)**

The purpose of this award is to honor a faculty member (full-time or adjunct) who has made significant contributions to the educational community outside the classroom in any of the following ways:

- **Research** – should be related to one’s discipline or the larger field of education and should be in the form of papers, publications, etc.
- **Creative Endeavors** – should be related to one’s discipline and may take the form of exhibits, performances, writing, etc.
- **Leadership or Service** – should be at the campus, state or national level in one’s discipline or in the larger field of education.

(The Outstanding Full-Time Faculty award includes a cash award of $1,000, and the other two awards include cash awards of $500 each.)

To nominate someone, please fill out the form below, including your signature. Return it to Rob Johnson, Fine Arts Division, TE I, by Thursday, March 13, 2008

I nominate____________________________ of ______________________________
(name)                                                  (department/division)

for the    _  Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award
           _   Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award
           _   Charger Faculty Award

Three reasons why I believe that this person deserves the award are: Please provide as much specific information as possible. (*may use the back to elaborate*)

1.
2.
3.

Nominated by: (Print name)_____________________ (Signature)_______________________
(Date)_________________
You are invited to join the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees for Strategic Conversation #9: “Collaboration – Something for Everyone” beginning with a social hour and refreshments at 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, in the Cypress College Theatre Lobby, 9200 Valley View Street, Cypress.

Opportunities to Discuss What’s Important to You

Session I – Sharing Collaborative Activities
Participants will proceed to assigned tables and facilitators where they will share collaborative activities in which they have participated. They will then discuss – What was the goal, the process, the outcome? How did they feel about them, and what impact did they have on students?

Session II – Identifying Ways to Expand Collaborative Activities
After a short break during which the facilitators will categorize the activities shared in the first session, the participants will convene the second session by selecting one of the categories and sitting at its assigned table. They will address – How can this collaboration be expanded? What are the challenges and possible solutions?

Bonus Session – Open Microphone
Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions or discuss issues either related or unrelated to the planned topic of collaboration. Once again leading this bonus session, successfully initiated last year, will be:

 Dean Day, School of Continuing Education
 Pat Ganer, Cypress College
 Joe Carrithers, Fullerton College

RSVP by February 14, 2008

Your Name:

Your District/Campus Location:

Please respond with this information to:
NOCCCD Public Affairs, at cwallacenoring@nocccd.edu
or Anaheim Campus-Ninth Floor
Join Us in February to Celebrate Black History Month

At Cypress College

Special Appearance and Lecture by

KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR

Thursday, February 7th
Campus Theater:
11:00 AM to Noon


10 TO 11 AM
Panel of Speakers Representing Historical Black Colleges

1:00 TO 2:00 PM: STEP-SHOW
featuring the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

Black History Dance Concert:
“Dancing through History”

Thursday, February 21st
Campus Theater
Noon to 1:00 PM

Coordinated by Professors Erin Landry and Holly Lampe

Gospel Concert

Thursday, February 28th
Fine Arts 304 (Recital Hall)
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Featuring the Second Baptist Church of Santa Ana in conjunction with a presentation by Professor Daniel Lind on African American History in Southern California
FEB 25th - FEB 28th

Student Support Services
SUCCESS WEEK
IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY & LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

Do you qualify for grants or a fee waiver? FIND OUT!

Complete the 2008-2009 FAFSA on the web at the Financial Aid Office (1st Floor CCComplex) just in time for the March 2nd PRIORITY deadline!

Learn how to receive specialized counseling, FREE books and FREE tutoring as part of the EOPS program (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services)

Do you qualify for FREE childcare? LEARN HOW by meeting our CARE & CalWORKs staff!

Attend one of our workshops and get a chance to win one of many prizes, including a Trevor Hoffman autographed baseball, an IPod, Guitar Hero 3, and giftcards!

FREE LUNCH will be served daily at noon
First come - first served
NEED CASH FOR COLLEGE?  PLANNING TO TRANSFER?
DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE CHILDCARE?
WANT TO GET YOUR BOOKS PAID FOR FREE?

ATTEND A WORKSHOP AND GET THE ANSWERS YOU NEED!

Tuesday, February 26th
Financial Aid 101 - Laquita Jones, Financial Aid Clerical Assistant I
Avoiding the Credit Card Crunch - Alfredo Perez & Alan Reza, Financial Aid Specialist
EOPS Information Session - Andrea Mayberry, EOPS Point of Service Specialist
Characteristics of a Successful Student - Doreen Villasenor, EOPS Counselor

Wednesday, February 27th
Stress Management - Kimberly Taylor, CARE/CaWORKS Counselor
Time Management - Michele Dugan, EOPS Eligibility & Retention Specialist
How to Apply for Scholarships - Cheryl Lucero, Financial Aid Specialist
Case of the Missing Major - Deann Burch, Career Planning Center Coordinator

Thursday, February 28th
Achieving your Financial Goals - Alfredo Perez & Alan Reza, Financial Aid Specialist
EOPS Information Session - Avery Estabrook, EOPS Outreach & Recruitment Specialist
Learning Communities 101 - Michael Brydges, Learning Communities Coordinator

COMPLETE THE 2008-2009 FAFSA ON THE WEB IN OUR FULLY STAFFED OPEN ACCESS COMPUTER LAB IN THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE JUST IN TIME FOR THE MARCH 2ND DEADLINE!

EARN A TICKET FOR A DRAWING AND A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!

PLANNING TO CHILDCARE?

COMPLETE THE 2008-2009 FAfSA ON THE WEB IN OUR FULLY STAFFED OPEN ACCESS COMPUTER LAB IN THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE JUST IN TIME FOR THE MARCH 2ND DEADLINE!

1ST FLOOR CCComplex, 8:00AM-5:00PM MON - FRI
PLUS, COMPLETE A WORKSHOP AND EARN A FAST PASS TO FREE LUNCH!
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

10 am – 1 pm
Student Support Services Success Week

Friday, April 4, 2008
8 am – 1 pm
Kindercaminata

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.
Student Support Services Staff and Student Ambassadors sport their bright orange “I Can Afford College” t-shirts. College affordability and access to the college opportunity were the key messages communicated as part of the 2nd Annual Black College Fair event and activities. A resource fair, campus tours by interest area, and print materials were provided to each participant to help facilitate an exciting day at Cypress College.

Approximately 160 high school students from Lakewood, Mayfair, Millikan, and Wilson were in attendance at this year's event. This is double the amount of attendees compared to the inaugural Black College Fair in 2007. Perspectives from four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (center) were presented as part of a panel presentation to provide motivation and encouragement to our participants. The Cypress College Black Student Union and Legacy Program students and faculty (far right) share a photo opportunity with NBA Legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Basketball-great-turned-scholar Kareem Abdul-Jabbar impressed a capacity crowd with his account of the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s and '30s and with snippets of his life. Abdul-Jabbar told the audience about how professional basketball was once segregated, how you will come across obstacles and can overcome them, and how college basketball made him a better person by teaching him to balance his sport with his studies.
Click to View a full Photo Gallery of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's Visit to Cypress College