

## THIS WEEK

### Continuing

- » Black History Month Celebration

### 29 • Friday

- » “A Latin Evening IV” Concert & Recital, Theater, 7:30 p.m.

### 1 • Saturday

- » 2008 Americana Awards, Disneyland Hotel Grand Ballroom. [Click for additional information.](#)

### March

- » Woman’s Recognition Month

### 3 • Monday

- » The Commercial Viewpoint II, opens in the Photography Gallery (TE2, 2nd Floor)

### 6 • Thursday

- » Artist Reception for The Commercial Viewpoint II, Photography Gallery, 7-9 p.m.

## THEY SAID IT

“Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.”

– Elizabeth Bibesco

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February 29, 2008, Newsletter from President Michael J. Kasler

*Core Values:*

Excellence

Integrity

Collegiality

Inclusiveness

## Completion Nearing on Construction of New Campus Buildings

► **Move-in to new SCE Building takes place next week and the Student Center/Bookstore are set to receive residents in mid-April.**

The end is near for the construction projects that have brought new buildings to campus. The School of Continuing Education moves into its new home this weekend — while tenants will take up residence in the Student Center and Bookstore around Tax Day.

It is the last of the new construction spurred by the passage of the Measure X Bond in March of 2002.

The new Library/Learning Resource Center and Maintenance and Operations buildings were also prompted by the bond, though state funding was used for much of the L/LRC as well as on a number of other projects. At the same time, work on the major renovations also began with work eventually being done on the piazza, each of the three Technical Education buildings, Business, what is now the Cypress College Complex and the installation of four new elevators.

The new SCE Building is adjacent to Lot 4 and is the first permanent home for our sister institution on this campus. With admin-

istrative offices and classrooms in the primary building and additional classrooms on the second floor of Tech Ed 2, SCE will finally be able to move out of “temporary” buildings that are the first to have been placed on the campus nearly 42 years ago.

SCE and the Student Center/Bookstore have another common bond besides their genesis and the proximity of their completion and openings: architecture.

The SCE building will look like a smaller version of the Student Center, with a curved front that wraps around the flag pole. The Student Center/Bookstore wrap around the campanile.

The first employees are expected to move into the Student Center on April 14 and 15, with the building opening for service around the same time. Operation of the Bookstore, a smaller building which is adjacent to the new Student Center and to Business, will take place around the same time.

Completion of the buildings kicks off a complex series of moves that will provide swing space for both the Language Arts and Social Science divisions. The two divisions are vacating the Humanities Building, which will undergo an 18-month, top-to-bottom remodel starting this summer.

### Campus Climate Survey Launches

The Research Office has launched a Campus Climate Survey (see your e-mail for a link). The employee survey is conducted every two years to gather perceptions of the general working environment, diversity, decision-making and team spirit at Cypress College. All employees are invited to participate in the survey. Invitations and a link to the online survey will be sent next week to all campus e-mail accounts. Results of past climate surveys have been discussed at Leadership Team meetings, retreats, and included in reports to the Board of Trustees. A copy of the most recent climate survey report is posted on the [research office web page](#).

### Nominate Classified Employee of the Year

Cypress College is proud to announce its 9th Annual Classified Employee of the Year award — which is given to a permanent classified employee who represents the dedication and commitment to making Cypress College an outstanding learning environment for our students.

This award recognizes those people who consistently treat members of our college community with courtesy and respect, who respond in a timely way to our requests, and who regularly demonstrate acts of kindness.

Nominations are due by Wednesday, March 12 at 4 p.m.

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The Cypress College Court Reporting will celebrate 30 years of excellence on March 7, 2008. The program was originally offered as a transfer program in the early 1970's. As enrollment increased, the program applied for and received full recognition from the Court Reporter's Board in the spring of 1978.

Since that time, the program has successfully trained hundreds of students to work in the California court system, both as deposition reporters and as official court reporters in courtrooms across the state. Some of the program's graduates also work in other states and countries as court and deposition reporters.

The program has also been instrumental in training students to become scopists, proofreaders, CART providers, legal secretaries, and broadcast captionists.

In the spring of 2007, the program received recognition from the National Court Reporter's Association as a participating school offering quality education in the field of court reporting.

The program continues to offer an excellent community college education, along with a variety of career paths that lead to successful employment in court reporting and related paths.



## Total Lunar Eclipse on Wednesday February 20, 2008



If you missed this month's total lunar eclipse, here are a couple of images from the Astronomy and Physics Department. You can find more information on their website by clicking anywhere on this page.

# Cypress College 2008 Outstanding Faculty Awards

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

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

# CYPRESS COLLEGE FOUNDATION

**To:** All Staff & Faculty  
**From:** Raul Alvarez, Executive Director  
**Date:** February 25, 2008  
**Re:** **Nominations for "Outstanding Alumnus"**

Twelve years ago, the Cypress College Foundation initiated the "Alumnus of the Year" Award in celebration of the college's 30th anniversary.

Every year since 1996, the Alumnus of the Year has been honored at graduation. The award serves as recognition for the personal/professional achievements of our alumni and their contributions to the community and to society. Past recipients include:

- 1996 - **Stan Oftelie**, CEO, Orange County Business Council
- 1997 - **Dwayne Washington**, M.D., Emergency Care Physician
- 1998 - **David Holmquist**, Athletic Director, Biola University
- 1999 - **Robin Yaffe Tschumper**, Executive Director, Houston County Women's Resources
- 2000 - **Tom Stretz**, Executive Director, Los Alamitos Youth Center
- 2001 - **Nancy K. Smith**, Registered Nurse, Los Alamitos Medical Center
- 2002 - **Mike Sellers**, Chief Of Police, Laguna Beach
- 2003 - **Andy Fu**, Service Manager, Irvine Toyota
- 2004 - **Mark Eaton**, Retired NBA Basketball Player
- 2005 - **Geri Jewell**, Actress, Comedienne, and Advocate for the Disabled
- 2006 - **Walter K. Bowman**, Owner, Bowman Real Estate
- 2007 - **Mark Feitelson**, Ph.D., Professor and Director, Biotechnology Center, Temple University

As you can see, the group is as diverse as Cypress College, and includes men and women from business, entertainment, sports, education, healthcare, law enforcement, the non-profit world and more. What they have in common--in addition to having attended Cypress College--is a commitment to their profession, their community and to others.

As we begin the process of selecting this year's recipient, and we need your help to identify former students who are candidates for this distinction.

Anyone nominated in the past two years will automatically be considered this year, since we keep all nominations active for 3 years. However, *please provide any new information that may be relevant.*

***Please complete the attached form and return it to the foundation office by Friday March 14, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. (the more information you provide, the better the chances are of your nominee being selected).***

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*Please Return to Foundation Office by 5:00 pm, March 14, 2008*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name and Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding Alumnus Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of  
Alumnus \_\_\_\_\_

Address of  
Alumnus \_\_\_\_\_

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Alumnus Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email:  
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Years Nominee Attended Cypress College: (estimate if you are not sure):  
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Did he/she get a degree, certificate, and/or did they  
transfer? \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell us about their career/professional accomplishments,  
etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell us about their community  
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Tell us about their personal accomplishments:

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Other  
information:

*Additional information may be attached*



# CYPRESS COLLEGE OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

## Nomination Form and Guidelines

Cypress College is proud to announce its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Classified Employee of the Year award. This award will be given to a permanent classified employee who represents the dedication and commitment to making Cypress College an outstanding learning environment for our students.

This award offers the opportunity to you, our administrators, faculty, staff, and students, to recognize those people who consistently treat members of our college community with courtesy and respect, who respond in a timely way to our requests, and who regularly demonstrate acts of kindness.

The following additional criteria will be considered in the selection process:

- 9 service
- 9 enthusiasm
- 9 caring about students, colleagues, and the Cypress College community
- 9 campus involvement
- 9 special talents which contribute to the college
- 9 effectiveness of job skills
- 9 contributor to positive morale

### PROCESS

1. Nominations may be submitted by any member of the Cypress College community (students, staff, faculty, administrators).
2. Those making the nomination must fill out the nomination form (attached). The form must be typewritten and turned into the Staff Development Office by **Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. Hand-written nominations will not be considered.**
3. The selection will be based upon the information provided on this nomination form only.
4. The selection will be made by a subcommittee appointed by the Staff Development Committee, and will include representation from management, classified, students, and faculty.
5. The winner of the award will be announced at the Classified Appreciation Luncheon on **Friday, April 18.**

**CYPRESS COLLEGE  
2007-2008 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

**NOMINATION FORM**  
(Only typewritten nominations will be considered.)

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_, whose title is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, to be considered as  
Classified Employee of the Year for 2007-2008.

Using the criteria on the attached page, provide examples to support your nomination.

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
RETURN THIS FORM to the STAFF DEVELOPMENT OFFICE  
by **Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at 4 p.m.**

# 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**

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.