Five faculty have earned tenure and will be recognized by NOCCCD Trustees at the Tuesday Board meeting.

Five members of the Cypress College faculty will be honored on Tuesday night by Trustees of the North Orange County Community College District for attaining tenure.

The faculty are: Allison Gotoh, Chemistry; Richard Hock, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration; Jaime Ramos, Psychiatric Technician; Molly Schulps, Ceramics; and Craig Tomooka, Chemistry

Allison Gotoh – Chemistry

Allison Gotoh has been working at Cypress College since Fall 2004 as an instructor in the Chemistry Department. She earned all three of her degrees (B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.) in Chemistry at the University of California, Irvine — with undergraduate and graduate research projects in the field of Atmospheric Chemistry.

Gotoh primarily teaches introductory chemistry and general chemistry courses, along with an online chemistry course for non-science majors. In addition, she will be teaching a hybrid chemistry course starting in the Fall.

“My teaching goal is to become a good ‘catalyst’ for students’ learning process,” said Gotoh, who received recognition from the Associated Students with a nomination in the Orange County Teacher of the Year selection process in Spring 2007.

Gotoh is a faculty advisor for the Chemistry Club and has participated in various outreach activities with club members for local communities.

Richard Hock – Air Conditioning & Refrigeration

Richard Hock is a former Cypress College student who went back to the community college system for a technical skill after completing a bachelor’s of science in Business Administration. That technical skill was in air conditioning and refrigeration. From there, he has worked...
in food service refrigeration for over 20 years from design engineer, to sales, to administration. Earning an MBA in 2000, Richard has a different outlook on the business side of contracting.

“Traditional business school does not understand service contracting,” he said. “Service skills and principle foundations must consider business skills as well for success.”

Hock came to Cypress College as an adjunct faculty in 1996. He has taught 12 of the 15 classes offered by the air conditioning and refrigeration department, and he is HVAC Excellence Certified for a number of the classes he is currently teaching. Hock assumed the responsibilities of department coordinator and serves on the Student Learning Outcomes expanded committee as the vocational department representative.

“Vocational education in air conditioning and refrigeration is so very important in today’s economy,” Hock said. “We are all so dependent upon it each day of our lives. Just open the door of your refrigerator inside our air conditioned homes … and that just scratches the surface of this industry.”

Jaime Ramos — Psychiatric Technician

Jaime Ramos is an academic product of Cypress College. After serving five years of active duty in the U.N. Navy as Dental Technician, he joined Fairview Developmental Center as Pre-licensed Psychiatric Technician Candidate, a position which led him to enroll in the Psychiatric Technician Program at Cypress College. He completed the program, obtained his California LPT license and entered the Registered Nursing Program at Cypress College.

Ramos subsequently completed the RN program, obtained his RN license and continued working at Fairview as a RN. He completed his bachelor’s of science in nursing from University of Phoenix, and now is enrolled full time in the Master’s in Nursing Education program there.

Ramos started as an adjunct faculty in the Psychiatric Technician program in the fall of 2002, and was hired “to do what he loves” as a full-time faculty in Fall 2004. He has served as mentor in the Puente Program and currently is serving as the Department Coordinator/Program Director of the Psychiatric Technician Program.

Molly Schulp — Ceramics

Molly Schulp was exposed to clay at an early age by her father who is a successful production potter and well respected in the field, and has been, primarily, a ceramicist since 1995, although she also uses many other materials such as paint, wood, wax, wire, etc. She was a part-time lecturer at many different colleges and universities throughout Southern California.

Now the head of the Ceramics Program at Cypress College, she has exhibited her ceramic work nationally and has facilitated and presented at several ceramic workshops. Her work has always been somewhat figurative, whether it is the figure or anthropomorphic forms, which has led her to the current exploration of sculptural animals. This newer work delves into the world of science, kitsch, and creation with a humorous hand to create a narrative.

Schulp earned her master’s of fine arts, with distinction, from California State University, Northridge in 2001.

Schulp is also owner and operator of Scraffito Custom Ceramics, where she designs and fabricates architectural ceramics. In 2001, she co-organized a raku workshop for the California Arts Education Association, at California State University, Northridge. She also participated in Clay Day 2000, a multi-generational mentoring program among CSU, Northridge, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and The California Arts Education Association.

Craig Tomooka — Chemistry

Craig Tomooka was raised in the city of Cypress, where he attended elementary, junior high, and Cypress High schools. His first college credits were earned at Cypress College. Tomooka earned his bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from University of California, Irvine (summa cum laude), and his master’s and doctoral degrees in Organic Chemistry from the California Institute of Technology. After receiving his Ph.D., Tomooka was employed as a Medicinal Chemist involved in the design, synthesis, and evaluation of potential drug candidates.

When he began his teaching career it was — no surprise — at Cypress College. He started as an adjunct faculty member. Since being hired full-time, he has focused much of his attention on reducing student costs and improving the safety of Chemistry laboratories. He implemented the use of custom laboratory manuals, which now saves chemistry students over $25,000 each year. He is also responsible for procuring over $50,000 in one-time funding to be used for upgrading chemical safety in the laboratory. He served two years in the Academic Senate, including one year as Treasurer, and is currently the Chemistry Department Coordinator.

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From 1978-1987, Sen. Scott served as president of Cypress College — the third person to hold that post.

He remained at the helm of Cypress College longer than any other of the college’s seven presidents to this point.

Sen. Scott was most recently on campus to participate in the college’s 40th Anniversary Open House, as one of 600 guests to attend the October, 2006 event.

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From: Raúl Alvarez
Date: May 8, 2008
To: Foundation Board and Friends
Subject: $70 Million Gift to California Community Colleges

Good Afternoon,

In case you did not hear the news earlier this week (it was carried fairly widely in the media), on Tuesday a gift of $70 Million was made to the California Community College System.

I had the opportunity to be in Sacramento for the announcement, and at a reception at which the Governor spoke. Suffice it to say there is huge interest and excitement regarding the donation.

Below is the press release that went out. This is purely a Scholarship Endowment. Cypress (along with all of the other California Community Colleges) will receive some scholarships outright, and, will have the opportunity to access additional scholarships by way of a “match”.

It’s a wonderful program, not only because of the money, but because, as the largest-ever Community College donation in the nation, it is generating a great deal of publicity, and will for a time.

Thought you’d like to hear the good news!

Raul Alvarez
Scholarship Awards

The Foundation's Scholarship Awards Convocation was held on Monday. Click to launch a photo gallery of the event (seen at right).

End of the Year Luau

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Senate Concurrent Resolution 36, authored by Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco/San Mateo), declares May 11th as “California Community College Music Day” to celebrate and recognize all the music faculty teach and the students learn at California community college.

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Superintendent Jack O’Connell to Address California Community Colleges Board of Governors - May 2, 2008

Jack O’Connell, the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges at their meeting on Monday May 5, in Sacramento. Superintendent O’Connell will be discussing student achievement gaps and the impact of the pending budget cuts to education.

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Higher education leaders visit lawmakers to protest proposed budget cuts; cite devastating consequences for California, April 28, 2008

Citing the potential for serious harm to the state’s economy and future, the leaders of California’s three segments of public higher education – the California Community Colleges, the California State Universities and the University of California

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The Chancellor's Search Committee to meet in closed session on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 - Thursday, April 24, 2008

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“I am ecstatic that Senator Scott has been chosen as the next Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. There is nobody I know who has a better background and experience to be successful in this position. He has not only served in the Legislature for 11 years and knows everyone in the Capitol, but he also has been a California Community College President at two different colleges so he knows our system well. In addition, he is a wonderful person and a beloved figure in our system. His heart has never left the community colleges and we are all so happy to welcome him back. I look forward to working closely with him so we can have a seamless transition,” said Interim Chancellor Diane Woodruff.

As Chancellor, Dr. Scott will receive an annual salary of $198,500 plus a standard fringe benefit package afforded state employees. In addition, he will be provided a state-owned vehicle and reimbursement for reasonable and necessary business expenses.

Dr. Scott is currently the State Senator from the 21st District which includes Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank, a portion of the city of Los Angeles, and other surrounding cities and communities. He serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, which considers all legislative measures dealing with K-12 education and the state’s colleges and universities. His committee has legislative oversight for a wide range of issues dealing with education.

Senator Scott is also Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee on Education, which oversees approximately 48 percent of California’s state budget. Among his other committee assignments, Senator Scott is Vice Chair of the State Allocation Board for Education.

Senator Scott has been named Legislator of the Year by many organizations, including the California Federation of Teachers, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of California Community College Administrators, Association of California School
Boards, California State University, California Association of Health Facilities, California Trucking Association, and American Nursing Association.

Dr. Scott also received an honorary doctorate from Pepperdine University in 1991. In 1993 he received the Harry Buttiner Award, given annually to two distinguished administrators in the California Community Colleges. He was named Alumnus of the Year at Claremont Graduate University in 2000 and at Abilene Christian University in 2003. He was also presented Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges in 2008 and California Community Colleges in 2006.

Dr. Scott is a past president of the Association of California Community Colleges Administrators and the former chair of the Accrediting Commission of Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Prior to being elected to the State Legislature, Dr. Scott was President of Pasadena City College beginning in 1987. The hallmark of Dr. Scott’s presidency was the launching and completion of a $100 million master plan to meet the college’s needs into the 21st century. Although state funding declined during Dr. Scott’s presidency, the college balanced its budget, laid-off no members of its faculty or staff, and maintained an educational program of high quality. Pasadena City College had reserve funds of more than $6 million when he retired in 1995.

Dr. Scott is a Distinguished Professor of Higher Education at Pepperdine University and is the first person to be honored as President Emeritus of Pasadena City College.

Previously, Dr. Scott was a teacher and administrator at Pepperdine University for 10 years before he became the Dean of Instruction at Orange Coast College in 1973. Five years later, in 1978, he became the President of Cypress College.

Dr. Scott was born in Sweetwater, Texas, and graduated from high school there. He met his future wife, Lacreta, while they were students at Abilene Christian University. They were married after Dr. Scott received his Bachelor’s degree. He later earned a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University, as well as a Ph.D. in American history from Claremont Graduate University.

Senator Scott and Lacreta have five children: Sharon Mitchell; Sheila Head; Amy Schones; Greg Scott; and their fifth child, Adam, who died at the age of 27. They also have ten grandchildren.

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