

THIS WEEK

Ongoing

» Fall Residency I exhibit, Cypress College Art Gallery (through October 28)

4 • Monday

» [Foundation Golf Classic](#), SeaCliff Country Club.

5 • Tuesday

» Reception for newly tenured faculty, CCCPLX-414, 3 p.m.

» Nursing Program public accreditation meeting, TE3-201, 4-5 p.m.

8 • Friday

» ["The Wiz,"](#) Campus Theater, 7:30 p.m. Additional performances on Oct. 9, 10, 15, 16, 17.

9 • Saturday

» ["The Wiz,"](#) Campus Theater, 7:30 p.m. Additional performances on Oct. 10, 15, 16, 17.

10 • Sunday

» ["The Wiz,"](#) Campus Theater, 7:30 p.m. Additional performances on Oct. 15, 16, 17.

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THEY SAID IT

"A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure."

— unknown

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October 1, 2010, Newsletter from President Michael J. Kasler

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Federal Government Awards \$3.25 Million Title V Grant to Cypress

► The college learned this week of its success in the five-year grant through the office of Congressman Ed Royce.

A \$3.25 million federal Title V grant is coming to Cypress College. Notification came through the office of Congressman Ed Royce on Tuesday that Cypress College's application through the U.S. Department of Education had been approved.

Cypress College is one of 25 awards, from more than 250 applicant colleges and universities across the nation.

The five-year grant will be used to enhance student success, including support services in math, English, ESL and reading, among other programs.

The \$3.25 million grant value is the maximum award for the grant, which was available to all public and private 2- and 4-year campuses that are designated Hispanic Serving Institutions.

The purposes of a Strengthening Hispanic Serving Institutions grant are not limited to assisting Hispanic students, but rather are intended to assist all Cypress College students.

The Grant proposal, which was written two years ago and submit-

ted in June, is based on proven need — low retention and success rates for basic skills students.

The federal government has awarded the grant for the new programs outlined in the application that are planned to address these needs. It should also be noted that this funding cannot be used to replace funding lost from recent budget cuts.

The college's Title V project is composed of three related components: Integrating Instruction & Student Services; Institutional Effectiveness; and Staff Development.

"We are also in the process of scheduling the first Title V Steering Committee meeting," said Steve Donley, the Dean of Career Technical Education and Economic Development.

Donley will serve as the project administrator for the grant and Nancy Deutsch will be the project manager.

"I would like to personally thank Nancy Deutsch who worked so diligently on this project, and all of you who so graciously helped in conceptualizing, designing, and developing this grant!!!" Donley said in an email to the campus.

This is the second time that the college has obtained one of these highly competitive grants. Cypress College previously was awarded a Title V grant in 2003.

Reception for Newly Tenured Faculty

Cypress College will honor the 2010 [newly tenured faculty members](#) on Tuesday, October 5 at 3 p.m. The reception will be held in the CCCPLX room 414. The faculty being honored are: Joel Gober, Biology; Rebecca Gomez, Health Information Technology; Lenore Landis, Chemistry; Dave McCament, Mortuary Science; and Keith Vescial, Reading, Language Arts Division. The five faculty officially received tenure from the NOCCCD Board of Trustees in May.

Nursing Accreditation Public Meeting on Tues.

A public meeting on Cypress College's Nursing Program is scheduled with a team from The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission in TE-3, Room 201, from 4-5 p.m., on Tuesday, October 5. While not required, this national accreditation makes the college eligible for federal grants, students eligible for federal loans and scholarships, and entrance to the military as nurses. Most universities and graduate schools require that students graduate from an NLN-accredited nursing school.

CHARGERS

Cypress College students **Marylynn Folau, Denise Talitiga, and Losa Tavake** are recipients of the 2010 Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance scholarship awards. They each will receive \$3,000 scholarships this year and next.



Doug Cooney, Cypress College theater adjunct faculty, was honored to receive the Charlotte B. Chorpenning Playwright Award, at the annual 2010 American Alliance for Theatre & Education (AATE) awards ceremony. It was held on Saturday, August 7, at the PARC 55 Hotel in San Francisco. Cooney was recognized as a nationally known writer of outstanding plays for children. He received the honor named after playwright Charlotte B. Chorpenning of the Goodman Theatre in Chicago.



Cypress College Women's 2010 Softball State Champions are currently running a fundraiser until October, 2010 in support of their team. Coach **Brad Pickler** said that they would like old or used clothing, shoes and handbags. Call Coach Pickler at (714) 484-7000 ext. 47359 to arrange for pick up or more information.

Community College Students Guaranteed Access to CSU in New Law

Community College students will gain guaranteed access to the campuses of the California State University System under legislation signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday.

The law will create a new "associate degree for transfer" to be implemented by the CSU and California Community College systems by fall 2011.

Guaranteed CSU admission comes through two pieces of legislation: SB 1440 by Senator Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima) and AB 2302 by Assemblymember Paul Fong (D-Cupertino).

"These two pieces of legislation are a historic victory for California's students, and I'm proud to sign both of them into law," said Schwarzenegger, a one-time community college student himself. "Guaranteeing admission into a CSU for any community college student who completes the newly established transfer degree under SB 1440 is a monumental step forward for California's higher education system. This legislation also strengthens our economy

by giving more students the necessary skills to enter the workforce, grow companies and create jobs in California. I commend both Senator Alex Padilla and Assemblymember Paul Fong for authoring legislation that provides such a fantastic opportunity to our community college students."

California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott called the legislation "a monumental step" in promising open access to the state's universities.

"Today marks a major victory for California Community College students pursuing their dream to receive a baccalaureate degree from the California State University," said Scott, who served as president of Cypress College from 1978-1987. "These two measures will tremendously streamline the transfer process, providing a clear pathway to transfer for tens of thousands of community college students each year."

The transfer agreement forged from this legislation will save students time and money, he said.

Strategic Conversation: 'Maintaining Excellence in Challenging Times'

The North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees will host the annual Strategic Conversation at Cypress College later this month.

Strategic Conversation #12: "Maintaining Excellence in Challenging Times," will take place on Tuesday, October 26, from 5 to 7:10 p.m., in the Cypress College Theatre Lobby.

A social hour with refreshments will be from 4 to 5 p.m.

To participate in the event, please email publicaffairs@nocccd.edu to RSVP by October 19.

Cypress College Counts Down to Participation in Great ShakeOut

Cypress College is counting down four weeks to prepare for the 2010 Great California ShakeOut event that will be happening on Thursday, October 21.

"There already more than 5.6 million Californians registered to participate," said Karen Cant, Vice President for Administrative Services. "The ShakeOut has grown because of people who see the value of practicing how to protect ourselves, and for being prepared".

Cypress College is a registered participant for the Great California ShakeOut drill, in which the entire campus will practice responding to an earthquake together during this event.

Cant emphasized the importance of participation

from the campus community — which is mandatory — because it illustrates the college's commitment to emergency preparation and for earthquake safety.

The statewide earthquake preparedness drill included participation from nearly 7 million Californians in 2009.

According to the state Chancellor's Office, the drill will provide community colleges with a central theme to launch their emergency notification systems and distribute useful earthquake safety information. The greatest threat to California's community colleges is an earthquake, according to Peter Wright, California Community Colleges Director of Emergency Preparedness.

BRIEFLY

Dr. Jill Biden is chairing the first-ever White House Summit on Community Colleges, which will take place on October 5. In support of the summit, The White House [posted a short video](#) on their website in which current students and alumni describe their experiences. To learn more, including viewing the video and a link to the summit page, check out "[@Cypress Online](#)."



Dr. Ned Doffoney, Chancellor of the North Orange County Community College District, was a co-recipient of the Aaron and Elijah Lovejoy Award from the Black Chamber of Orange County on September 23. The Aaron and Elijah Lovejoy Award is presented to individuals in the Southern California Community who have contributed to the freeing of African Americans either economically or educationally.



The Human Services Club has a team participating in the "Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk" on Sunday October 10, at the Orange County Performing Arts Center in Costa Mesa. Anyone interested in participating can join on online. There is no registration fee. For info, call Tiffany Walton at (714) 222-0104.

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BONUS



**North Orange County
Community College
Board of Trustees
Candidate Forum**



**Thursday, October 7
7:00-9:00 PM
Fullerton Union High School
District Board Room
1051 Bastanchury Road
(Corner of Euclid and Bastanchury)
Fullerton, CA 92833**

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2010 Students vs. Faculty/Staff Softball Game

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Location

Cypress College

Joel Gober
Biology



Dave McCament
Mortuary Science



Keith Vescial
Reading



Lenore Landis
Chemistry

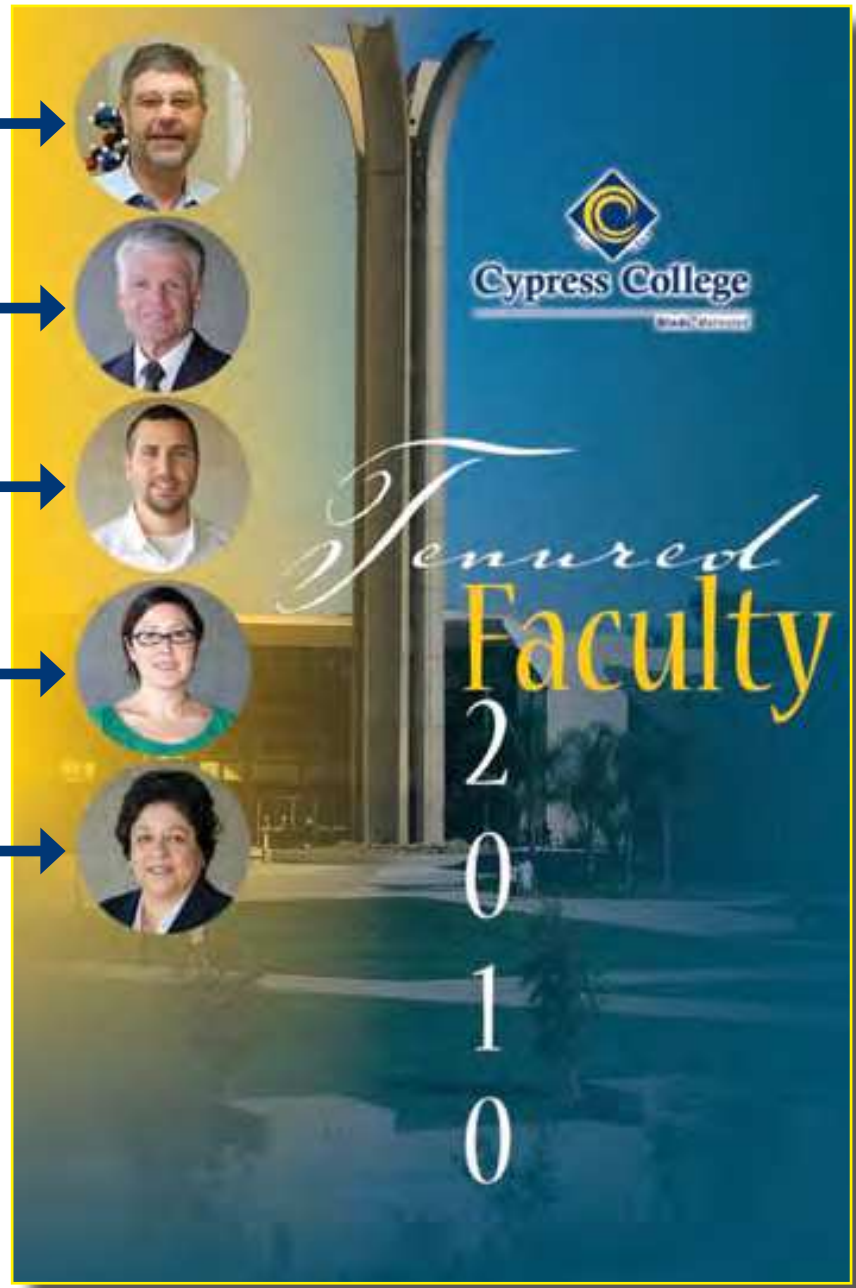


Rebecca Gomez
Health Information Technology



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Faculty

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Rebecca Gomez
Health Information Technology
Health Science Division

Rebecca Gomez began working in Cypress College's Health Information Technology Program in 1998 as an adjunct faculty member and has been employed here full-time since the fall of 2006. She has worked for several years in hospitals, ambulatory care and home health in various management positions. She was also a consultant who helped hospitals and clinics prepare for licensure surveys and the implementation of federal privacy laws. Gomez also developed software for release of information, electronic records and occupational health.

At Cypress College, Gomez has served as a member of the Staff Development Committee, the Distance Education Committee, and is a Standard Chair for Resources as part of the Accreditation Committee. Off campus, she is a volunteer in the Read OC adult literacy program and was recently elected as President-Elect for the Greater Orange County Health Information Association.

She earned her Bachelor's of Science from the School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles, her Master's of Science in Healthcare Administration, from California State University, Long Beach and Master's of Arts in Sports Management from the University of San Francisco.

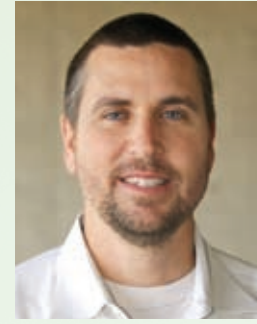


Dave McCament
Mortuary Science
Health Science Division

Dave McCament is a Cypress College graduate who returned to teach in the program he completed back in 1978. He is a licensed embalmer, funeral director and crematory operator in California. Additional experience includes: mortuary management, cemetery plot sales, crematory operations, maintaining mortuary records, accounting, pre-need sales, extensive public speaking, interfacing with local coroner offices, and establishing both a grave marker retail business and a trade embalming service in Southern California.

While he has worked in the death care industry for 35 years, McCament has also worked in education; prior to accepting his current faculty position in the Mortuary Science department in 2006, he was a credentialed, vocational R.O.P. high school auto shop instructor.

His career in education started as an aide while he pursued his Bachelor's (Psychology) and Master's (Forensic Science) degrees through National University. He currently serves as the SLO Representative for his division. He resides with his wife, Lisa, in Escondido.



Keith Vescial
Reading
Language Arts Division

Keith Vescial began teaching Reading at Cypress College in the Fall of 2006 after a varied educational background that prompts him to share that "I don't think my wife will allow me to go back to school again!" His first Bachelor's of Arts degree was in Biology from Loma Linda University, which was followed with a Master's of Science in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Alabama, Birmingham. He later went back to school and completed a Bachelor's of Arts in History at the University of Maryland University College and a Master's in History from University of

California, Riverside. Vescial went back to school a third time to earn a Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Adult Literacy.

For most of his twenties, he worked as a civilian contractor for the United States Army in Europe. He returned to the United States and began working as a teacher — including five years as a high school teacher in the Paramount Unified School District as well as in the Continuing Education and History programs at Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College. "I always had a special love for community college teaching; so, four years ago when Cypress College hired me for my current full-time position, I was ecstatic," he said. "I am just so happy and appreciative every single day to work at an amazing place like Cypress College."

Vescial currently serves on the college's Program Review Committee. In the past, he has served on the architectural review committee for the Humanities Building remodel.



Lenore Landis
Chemistry
Science/Engineering/Mathematics Division

Lenore Landis started working at Cypress College in the Fall of 2006 as a full-time chemistry instructor. Her professional career began as a biochemist researching the role of various proteins involved in urological cancers. Landis started teaching in 2002 at the high school level after earning a teaching credential from California State University, Northridge. She was also an adjunct instructor at Los Angeles Pierce College, where she taught biology.

At Cypress College, she has taught General Chemistry for science majors, and she is currently teaching Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry for students entering allied health professions. She has written new laboratory assignments with updated biotechnology techniques for the Biochemistry program.

Landis has served for three years as the Science, Engineering and Math Division representative for the Expanded Student Learning Outcome Committee. She earned her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biochemistry with a minor in Biology from California State University, Long Beach and her Master's Degree in Biological Chemistry from the University of California, Los Angeles.



Joel Gober

Biology

Science/Engineering/Mathematics Division

Joel Gober began teaching at Cypress College in August, 2006 after working as a part-time instructor of biology, anatomy, and physiology courses at other community colleges in Los Angeles. He previously was the Director of the Southern Illinois University Nuclear Magnetic Resonance facility. Gober also completed a post-doctoral National Institutes of Health Fellowship at the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of California, San Francisco to develop whole human body nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy methods.

He also worked with Philips Medical Systems and the USC School of Medicine Department of Radiology developing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), angiography (MRA), and spectroscopy (MRS) techniques. He has published numerous scientific manuscripts in peer-reviewed scientific journals concerning MRI, MRA, and MRS applications in medicine.

Gober earned both his Bachelor's of Arts and Master's of Science in Physiology, and his Ph.D. in Molecular Science from Southern Illinois University, with specialization in enzyme kinetics observed by nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy.

At Cypress College, Gober has served on numerous hiring committees, is the faculty advisor of the Aquarium Club and co-advisor of the Biology Club. He is a member of the Accreditation Committee on Institutional Effectiveness and the SEM Division representative-elect on the Program Development Committee. He has revised the human anatomy laboratory curriculum, co-wrote a new customized human anatomy laboratory manual, and is the co-coordinator of the human anatomy and human physiology laboratories. He has developed online and hybrid curriculum and has produced various multimedia learning and self-assessment activities for students, such as captioned videos and lecture recordings, and makes them available as DSPS compliant webcasts to on-campus and on-line students. Has recorded and webcasted every lecture he has presented at Cypress College.