

## THIS WEEK

### Ongoing

» The Sleep of Reason, Art Gallery

### 2-5 • Sunday-Wednesday

» [2014 Innovations Conference](#)

### • Tuesday

» “The Affordable Care Act: Obamacare, for You,”  
CCCPLX-414, 11 a.m.

### 7 • Friday

» [Big River](#), Campus Theater, 8 p.m. Additional performances on March 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16

### 8 • Saturday

» [Big River](#), Campus Theater, 8 p.m. Additional performances on March 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16

### 9 • Sunday

» [Big River](#), Campus Theater, 8 p.m. Additional performances on March 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16

For additional upcoming events, [visit the campus calendar](#).

### President's Office Hours

» Monday, March 3, 4-5 p.m.  
» Thursday, March 6, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

## “THEY SAID IT”

**“Innovation is this amazing intersection between someone’s imagination and the reality in which they live.”**

— Ron Johnson

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February 28, 2014, Newsletter from President Bob Simpson

Core Values:

Excellence

Integrity

Collegiality

Inclusiveness

## Americana Awards a ‘Rousing Success’; Honorees Wow Hoops Crowd

► **Americana Awards Men of the Year, a pair of NBA record holders and Chargers alums, help raise money and thrill basketball audience.**

Cypress College’s 39th Annual Americana Awards appear to be one of the most-successful events on record — thanks in large part to the participation of Chargers alumni Swen Nater and Mark Eaton. They were honored as the Men of the Year at the ceremony, which were held on Saturday, February 22, at the Disneyland Hotel.

The previous night, the pair of NBA record holders stood with their former coach on Don Johnson Court to see their jerseys retired at our first “Legends of Hoops Night.” Coach Johnson was also recognized for his recent induction into the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame.

Both events highlighted the success of the two alumni, as well as the efforts of their coaches to help them fulfill their potential. Neither Nater nor Eaton were playing basketball when Chemistry Professor Tom Lubin spotted and recruited them to the team, on which he was an assistant to Johnson. Nater, an immigrant from Holland, had never played the sport, while Eaton gave it up after becoming disillusioned

in high school. Before becoming standouts in the National Basketball Association, both men furthered their education at UCLA as a direct result of Johnson’s efforts, with Nater playing for the legendary John Wooden.

Also honored at Americana were Irv Pickler and Mary Bouas who both received the President’s Distinguished Service Awards. Both are long-time Foundation Board Members. Pickler is the father of Scott and Brad, the College’s baseball and softball coaches, respectively.

In closing the awards, Nater delivered highlight lines, referring to the “Spirit of Cypress” while lauding employees, classmates, and recalling significant events during his time here at the College.

It was a fitting bookend for an evening that opened with a rousing salute to first responders, and honored eight Citizens of the Year from the cities in the college’s pri-

mary service area.

Initial projections show that the event will generate a net outcome of approximately \$125,000 — a 9.6% increase over last year’s event. If the projection holds, it would be the second-highest net revenue in



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## Strategic Conversation #15 Set for March 25 in Theater Lobby

The North Orange County Community College District is hosting Strategic Conversation #15, The Changing Role of Faculty, Staff, Administrators, and Students. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25 in the Theatre Lobby and will begin with refreshments at 3:30 p.m. The conversation

itself starts at 4:30 p.m.

Strategic Conversations are planned but informal, with discussions conducted in a democratic and conversational style. The goal of this effort is to help our Board of Trustees thoughtfully examine what drives our policy decisions by involving everyone who wishes to

express a point of view and gathering information in a relaxed setting rather than the traditional Board meeting.

For article topics pertaining to Strategic Conversation #15, and to RSVP, click here: <http://www.nocccd.edu/StrategicConversation.htm>.

## Nominations for Classified Employee of the Year Open, Due March 5

Cypress College's Staff Development Office is proud to announce its 15th Annual Classified Employee of the Year award to recognize exemplary service to the Cypress College community. This award will be presented to a permanent classified employee who represents the dedication and commitment to making Cypress College an outstanding learning environment for our students.

The deadline for submission of the nomination is Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at 4 p.m., to the Staff Development Office.

The award offers the opportunity for administrators, faculty, staff, and students, to recognize those people who consistently treat members of our college community with courtesy and respect, respond in a timely way to requests, and regularly demonstrate acts of kindness. Please consider nominating individuals who have provided exemplary service to the college this year or for several years.

To nominate a classified employee, please submit one letter for each nominee. Letters nominating two or more people will not be considered. All nominations must be individual and personal. Please include as much information and specific examples as possible to address the following selection criteria: Service; enthusiasm; caring about students, colleagues, and the Cypress College community; campus involvement; special talents which contribute to the college; effectiveness of job skills; and contributor to positive morale.

All nominations should provide 1-2 examples of outstanding service. The linked Nomination Process and the Nomination Form provide additional detail.

Please direct questions and submissions to Rebecca R. Gomez, the Staff Development coordinator. She can be reached at (714) 484-7326 or [rgomez@cypresscollege.edu](mailto:rgomez@cypresscollege.edu).

## Strategic Planning Colloquium Scheduled for April 3-4, Participation Sought from All Groups

The Strategic Planning Colloquium is scheduled to be held at the Anaheim Campus Thursday and Friday, April 3-4. The purpose of the Colloquium is to identify the major issues facing the campus and prioritize the directions the college will take in the immediate future. During the Colloquium, the goals and objectives the college wants to pursue in the next three years will also be identified. The program for the Colloquium is as follows:

The Colloquium is the first step towards developing the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan. Space is limited. Therefore, all individuals who RSVP will be considered and selected on the basis of the following three criteria:

- Representation — all areas of the institution are represented (instruction, student services, campus support services);
- Broadening participation — those who are not on shared governance committees are encouraged to participate; and
- Functional knowledge — committee chairs/members such as program review, curriculum, Title V to integrate their functional areas into the Strategic Plan

Participation is critical for success of the Colloquium. Please confirm your interest to [Pat Humpres](#) or [Louella Nelson](#) at ext. 47308. In your response, please indicate the department in which you work.

## CONTINUED: 39th Americana Awards, Hoops Night Honor Alumni, Faculty, Community Volunteers

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Americana's 39-year history.

Also of note was Union Bank's announcement that they are extending their title sponsorship of Americana an additional three years. The company's commitment comes largely through the work of two executive leaders who are both Cypress College alumni. In addition to Union Bank, the College also received generous support from the event's three Patriot sponsors: Forest Lawn Memorial-Parks and Mortuaries, Disneyland Resort, and Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA.

"I could not have been prouder of our



achievement in bringing this most extraordinary event together," Dr. Simpson said. "I especially want to thank (Americana co-chairs) Jenelle

Godges and Dave Shawver for setting the standard of excellence so high with their leadership and support of Americana. To those whose efforts are not so obvious but equally important, from soliciting donations to making the phone calls to coordinating silent and live auctions, to... THANK YOU. An event of this magnitude, quality and significance can only happen when each member of the team contributes to the fullest."

Additional photographs from the Americana Awards are available in a gallery, and video will be added throughout the coming week and [linked on the Americana website](#).

## BRIEFLY

All staff and faculty are invited to attend one of the upcoming Coffees with the Board of Trustees and Chancellor. The coffees are informal gatherings for staff, faculty and students to ask questions, and have a dialogue with Board members and the Chancellor. Each campus hosts one Coffee per semester, and employees are welcome to attend any or all of the three Coffees at their convenience.

Coffees will be held:

- Monday, March 31  
Cypress College  
CCCPLX Room 414  
1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 29  
School of Continuing Education  
Anaheim Campus  
3:30-5 p.m.
- Thursday, May 1  
Fullerton College  
Rooms 224-226  
9:30-11 a.m.



The [Transfer Fair](#) will be held on Tuesday, March 11, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., under the piazza between the Complex and Fine Arts buildings. In addition to representation at the fair from a number of universities and colleges, three workshops are being offered. Appointments are also available with reps from Chapman University and from Cal Poly Pomona.

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Bonus







***Americana Awards***  
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***Legends of Hoops***  
***Click to view photo gallery***



# Transfer Fair

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?



**Tuesday, March 11th  
10am-1pm  
under the Piazza**

*(Near CComplex & Theater Arts Buildings)*

## Workshops

Transferring to a UC 1:30pm - 2:30pm @ CComplex Room 406

Pre-Law Workshop 1:30pm - 2:30pm @ CComplex Room 405

Next Steps for Transferring to CSUF Workshop 2:30pm-3:30pm @ CComplex Room 414

## Representative Appointments

Chapman University 1:30pm-3:00pm @ the Transfer Center

Cal Poly Pomona 1:30pm-4:30pm @ the Transfer Center



***Please contact the Transfer Center at (714) 484-7129 to schedule an appointment for a workshop or to meet with a university representative.***

# The North Orange County Community College District **DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES**

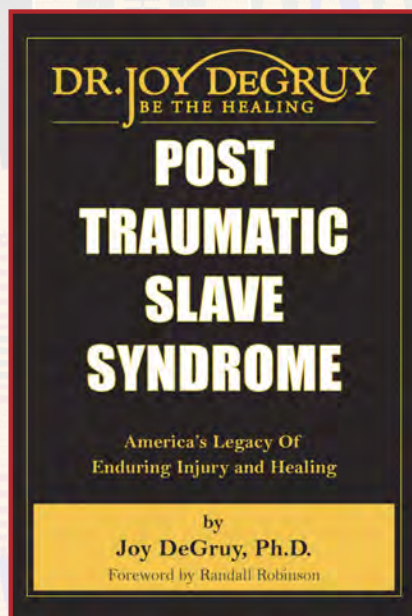
## **Dr. Joy DeGruy**

**A nationally and internationally renowned researcher, educator, author and presenter**

Dr. DeGruy, is a tell-it-like it –is ambassador who's seminars have been lauded as the most dynamic and inspirational currently being presented on the topics of culture, race relations and cultural models of service delivery and academic practice.



### **Her latest book:**



Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing. Dr. DeGruy's 12 years of research lays the groundwork for understanding how the past has influenced the many adaptive survival behaviors of African Americans.

### **The Workshop:**

This workshop couples evidence-based models and culturally responsive intervention approaches. Thus, the values, customs and traditions that characterize and distinguish different groups of people, become the tools through which to proceed in assisting, supporting and strengthening students towards academic success.

### **"Culturally Specific Models of Service Delivery and Academic Practice"**

**Friday, March 28, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Fullerton College Center, 2nd Floor**

**321 E. Chapman Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832**

**Dr. DeGruy will be available for book signing**

**Attendees:** Faculty, Staff, Administrators, Students and Community Leaders

### **Presented by:**

The District Staff Development Committee, in collaboration with  
The NOCCCD Black Faculty and Staff Association

**For more information:** Office of Equity and Diversity, Phone: (714) 808-4830

**Lunch and Refreshments will be served**



**Where:** Cypress College  
Room CC Complex 414

**This is a free  
student event**



# The "Affordable Care Act," **Obamacare, for You**

**OBAMACARE IS THE LAW, BUT HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU  
AND YOUR LOVED ONES?**

**STUDENTS:** You May Be Eligible for Medi-Cal  
or Tax Subsidies Through Covered CA!

- *Learn how to get covered through the Affordable Care Act (ACA).*

**YOU ARE NOT AS INVINCIBLE AS YOU THINK! GET  
COVERED!**

- *Learn about the new marketplace where you or your loved ones can buy  
insurance with financial assistance from the government*

**Presented by:**

\*Michelle Le, Health  
Advocate;  
\*Manohar Sukumar, Esq.;  
\*Sara Lee, Attorney at Law

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Mar. 4 at  
11 AM  
& Mon., Mar. 10,  
2014 at 5 PM

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# Innovation Fund

## *What is the Innovation Fund?*

The NOCCCD Innovation Fund is designed to support proposals that cultivate a climate of innovation and creativity. Proposals supported by this endeavor will complement the District's Vision and Mission Statements and Strategic Directions, and initiatives may range in focus from primary classroom support, to student success or research, or any function of the District. The Fund is designed to support new ideas, methods or practices to promote excellence in all aspects of the NOCCCD.

## *Who Should/Can Apply?*

All permanent employees of the NOCCCD who require primary or supplemental funding to support an innovative initiative or project are encouraged to apply for funding from the NOCCCD Innovation Fund. **Application submission begins December 1, 2013, through March 1, 2014, for projects commencing the following academic year.**

## *Where can I get more information about the Innovation fund?*

Contact: Kenneth Robinson, District Director, Equity and Diversity at [krobinson@noccdd.edu](mailto:krobinson@noccdd.edu) or visit: [www.noccdd.edu](http://www.noccdd.edu), myGateway / District Forms

