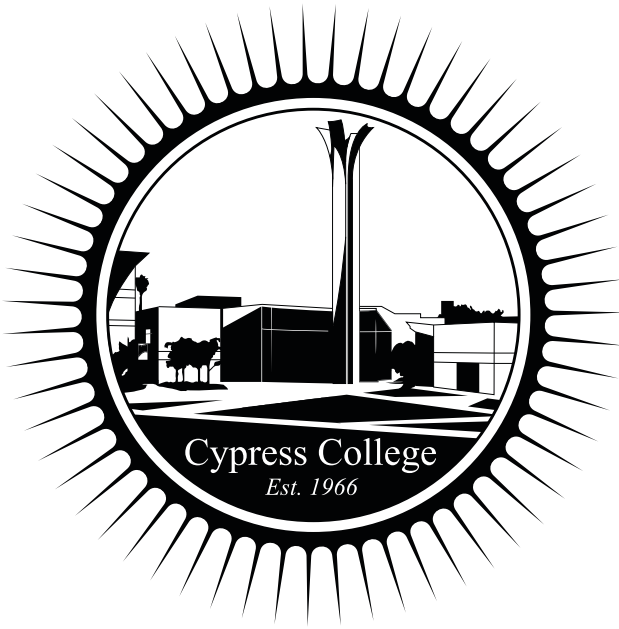


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PROGRAM

Music.....	Cypress College Commencement Winds <i>Director, Gary Gopar</i>
Introduction.....	JoAnna Schilling, Ph.D. <i>President, Cypress College</i>
National Anthem	Cypress College Vocal Arts Students
Welcome	JoAnna Schilling, Ph.D.
Greetings	Cheryl A. Marshall, Ed.D. <i>Chancellor, NOCCCD</i>
Outstanding Faculty Awards.....	Craig Goralski, Ph.D. <i>President, Academic Senate</i>
Presidential Scholars of Distinction and Outstanding Graduate	Paul de Dios, Ed.D. <i>Vice President, Student Services</i>
Presentation of Outstanding Graduate	Paul de Dios, Ed.D.
Conferral of Degrees.....	Jacqueline Rodarte <i>Vice President, NOCCCD Board of Trustees</i>
Congratulations to Graduates	JoAnna Schilling, Ph.D.
Recessional.....	The Graduates of 2021 and Faculty

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JoAnna Schilling, Ph.D.
President, Cypress College

This year, we celebrate the achievements of our graduating Class of 2021 in unique fashion because it is important to recognize your excellence. As many of you know, Cypress College was named the #1 community college in California in both 2018 and 2020 by Niche.com and we were just ranked the #3 community college in the nation in 2020 by College Consensus.

These acknowledgements reflect the excellence that our students, our staff, our faculty, and all who represent us here at the college exhibit each and every day. And, after you leave, you will become our ambassadors in your communities, at your jobs, and at your next educational institution. We are proud of you and grateful that you have shared your academic journey with us here at Cypress College.

I am fully aware that this is another historic commencement, and that for many, this is a bittersweet time as you celebrate this important moment with your friends and loved ones at home. We are aware that nothing can substitute for the ceremonial pageantry of seeing you walk across our commencement stage, but your faculty, your peers, and all of us at Cypress College are with you in this moment, and we are so proud of your accomplishments.

Each of you will be taking home a degree tonight, and each of you has earned it. It represents a milestone in your life and is a symbol of your hard work and what you have learned. It is your gateway to the world. I hope the things you have discovered here at Cypress College will continue to cultivate a curiosity for knowledge, a desire to continue learning, and keep your mind active and open. Mostly, I hope that this achievement will fuel your dreams, broaden your cultural experiences, and will help you live a life of hope and gratitude.

My very best wishes to you for a bright and fulfilling future as you continue your education, pursue a career, and take your place in the community. We wish you every success in life and your continued academic endeavors. Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

Fall 2020

Jennifer Carrillo
Katie Michele Glaue
Yvonne Marie Moser
Connie Poon *

Spring 2021

Juana Contreras Rivera
Margo A Malone
Christian Perez *
Taryn M Thornton *

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SUMMER GRADUATES 2020

Associate in Arts, Arts and Humanities

Alexis Goncalves
Christian A Kech-Mercer
Michael Kenneth Solomon
Heather Jean Sommerhauser *
Madi Myat Su
Thada Myat Su

Associate in Arts, Math and Science

Trung Duc Bui *
Shanell Covarrubias-Tosc
Lynneth Alexandra Guzman
Helbert Manzanero Marquez
Thy Duong Minh Nguyen
Mai Thanh Thi Ta *

Associate in Arts, Social & Behavioral Science

Ashley C Baker
Benn Christopher Bostic
Deanna Lynn Bradley
Karl Heindrick Bueno
Shela Bui
Catalina Veronica Cunningham
Allie Moon Dart **
Aaron Edison
Allan Rafael Hernandez
Yoon Deok Ko *
Stephanie Ann Kugler
Jasmine Gabriella Marquez
Kimberly Overly
Jose A Suarez *
Sara Weber
Sarah Arum Woo *

Associate in Arts Transfer, Communication Studies

Michelle Marie Kallon
Brayan Jesus Mejorada
Garrett Morgan Nichols

Associate in Arts Transfer, Elementary Teacher Education

Natalie Rose Campbell

Associate in Arts Transfer, English

Jaxson Jeffrey Brashier *
Christian A Kech-Mercer

Associate in Arts Transfer, Geography

Jose Andrew Chuela

Associate in Arts Transfer, Kinesiology

Karl Heindrick Bueno
Audree Alixis Campos
Justin V Phan
Isabel Jestyne Sakulpongyuenyong

Associate in Arts Transfer, Political Science

Pressila Blanco *
Taylor N Velarde *

Associate in Arts Transfer, Psychology

Elizabeth Campos *
Catalina Veronica Cunningham
Rosalia Marie Di Matteo
Antoinette Monique Gutierrez *
Avery Cristal O'Campo
Leslie D Sanchez *

Associate in Arts Transfer, Sociology

Jonathan Ray Amasio
Ashley C Baker
Allan Rafael Hernandez
Kimberly Overly

Associate in Arts Transfer, Studio Arts

Rachel A Nguyen
Madi Myat Su
Thada Myat Su

Associate in Arts Transfer, Theater Arts

Melissa Marian Villegas

Associate in Science, Aviation Management

Deanna L Rosales
Anissa Raeann Califano
Alehi Yazmin Mendoza *
Rhonda Slade

Associate in Science, Food & Beverage Management

Elizabeth Anh Vo

SUMMER GRADUATES 2020

Associate in Science, Health Information Technology

Lucia Hoble *

Associate in Science, Hospitality Management

Kahoko Kono

Associate in Science, Marketing

Pavel W Rodriguez

Associate in Science, Mortuary Science

Ross M Halvorson

Cynthia E Heineman

Associate in Science, Radiologic Technology

Danh Cong Tran

Associate in Science, Small Business Management

Rhonda Slade

Associate in Science Transfer, Administration of Justice

Jason Vince Torreon Maceren

Alisha Renee Ormond

Associate in Science Transfer, Biology

Toan T Lam *

Associate in Science Transfer, Business Administration

Nidal Abu Higley

Ronnic N Jaimes Cacique *

Lois Jisoo Kim

Ian MacDonald Morris

Tien Tram Ai Nguyen *

Bruce Pamela Velasco Ong

Jennifer Ashley Ordonez

John Salvador Pantoja

Yvette Salgado

Associate in Science Transfer, Hospitality Management

Elizabeth Anh Vo

Associate in Science Transfer, Mathematics

Trung Duc Bui *

Elaine Anh-Thao Vo

Associate in Science Transfer, Physics

Trung Duc Bui *

Elaine Anh-Thao Vo

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FALL GRADUATES 2020

Associate in Arts, Art

Ashley Ann Fackiner

Associate in Arts, Arts and Humanities

Tina Azizi

Marisela Barriga

Judith Beltran

Madison Marie Bogdanovich

Lydia Chiying Cheng

Micah Andrew Diaz

Ana V Garnica *

Jennifer Gomez *

Jacinda E Gonzales

Amanda Blaine Hamelinck

Sierra M Jackson *

Anthony Q Meza *

Luis Miramontes

Katelyn Anne Riojas *

Alyn Stephanie Rios

Michael John Rodriguez

Cameron Jacob Sherman

Rhonda Slade

Arlene Ruby Veliz

Phuc Thien Vo **

Associate in Arts, Dance

Eunwoo Lee *

Associate in Arts, General Studies Health Science

Amro M Alpeck **

Vanesa Ivette Orozco

Associate in Arts, Human Services

Shaylee Jean Hendrickson

Alexis Dell Quijano

Associate in Arts, Math and Science

Karina Acevedo

Alexandra Mae Alvarez *

Rochelle Yanira Arrecis

Thanh Truc Au **

Tina Azizi

Kayla Marie Bogdanoff

Kortnee Nicole Bogdanoff

Katelyn Latrice Bomar *

Jose Victor Corpuz Castillo *

Francisco Chavolla *

Paul Minh Choi

Carolina Cortes Anguiano **

Gustavo Angel Diaz **

Brianna Nicole Egurrola *

Michael Alexander Franco

Ana V Garnica *

Areyon Elise Grubbs

Cindy Guan **

Paula Guerra

Andrew M Hernandez

Israel Jaramillo *

Abhishek Jasti

Yasmin Jimenez *

Yasmin Juarez

Patricia Danielle Ubas Lizardo *

Rosemarie Ubas Lizardo *

Eka Ikawanti Mok

Joey A Munguia

Saba Naseem **

Dakota Nolen Nering **

Ngoc Thao Uyen Nguyen *

Nhi Thi Yen Nguyen **

Vinh Thanh Nguyen *

Benjamin Novisoff

Chung Thi Phan *

Makenzie L Pittenger

Mariem R Rizk *

Griselda Isabel Sequeira Cordobas

Dev Raj Subedi **

Victoria Anna Truong

Alexis Basiliki Varonos **

Arlene Ruby Veliz

Genner Eduardo Veliz *

Ismael Hanton Zamudio *

Associate in Arts, Philosophy

Anthony Q Meza *

Associate in Arts, Social & Behavioral Science

Alondra Marie Ayala

Linda Patricia Bahena

Marisela Barriga

Lillian Josephine Bates *

Edith Araceli Beltran *

Adeline Carmona

Samantha Ceja Mendez *

Yvette D Chavez *

Nyna Choe

Gilcilene Cochran *

Jumela Mae De La Cruz *

Jasmine G Diaz

Connor Joseph Fitzgerald

Michael Alexander Franco

Daisy Deyanira Galeana *

Janet Garcia *

Brianna Guadarrama

FALL GRADUATES 2020

Cindy Guan **
Alejandra Geraldine Guzman
Bianca Natalie Hernandez
Jocelyn Juliet Hernandez
Yanet Hernandez *
Launa Anne Houpt **
Moises Jimenez
Yasmin Juarez
Hanna A Kemp *
Nhat Kieu *
Paola I Larrain
Jacqueline Lemus
Rosemarie Ubas Lizardo *
Michaella Rose Macasohot
Genevieve Ashley Maya *
Katelyn Nerine Mercado *
Anthony Q Meza *
Frankie Miguel Munoz *
Kin Duc Nghiem
Joseph Nguyen
Abdul Rahman Nooristani *
Bayron Eduardo Orquera
Stephanie Pineda
Vanessa Anthea Poloa
Charity Elizabeth Racaniello
Adrian A Rayon
Dionicia Resendiz
Leslie Reyes *
Veronica Reyes
Lidia Aracely Rios *
Diana Engracia Rodriguez
Julie Rodriguez
Randy Rodriguez *
Valerie Y Rodriguez
Mary Carmen Salas **
Marcela Stephanie Sanchez Lopez
Alejandra Sanchez-Urquiza
Mirwais Jan Saqeb **
Evelin Azalia Solis
Cali A Thornton
Adrian Darlene Towns
Paola Trejo
Victoria Anna Truong
Israel Frank Valencia
Bianka J Vargas Guzman
Alexis Basiliki Varonos **
Mary E Viveros
Phuc Thien Vo **
Emmarae P Waldo
Jil Carlo Bernal Zalameda **
Emely Zavala

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Anthropology**
Katelyn Anne Riojas *
Randy Rodriguez *

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Art History**
Maggie M Tieu **

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Communication Studies**
Grace Chin
Nicole Suzanne Garcia *
Claudia Evelyn Munsell
Adam Parra
Matthew Pastelin
Valerie Y Rodriguez
Ysan Taing
Paola Trejo
Emelia Ann Valter
Ivette Zamora

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Economics**
Jesse Daniel Chavarin **
Edwin D Contreras *
Anh Thuy Doan **
Seongeun Lee *
Michaella Rose Macasohot
Diana Oseguera-Flores
Vanessa Anthea Poloa *
David Albert Rosales
Joyzella Dolorez Velasquez

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Elementary Teacher Education**
Yessica Michelle Cardoza Molina
Hanna A Kemp *
Mayra Lopez
Tanya Martin
Genevieve Ashley Maya *

Associate in Arts Transfer, English
Sierra M Jackson *
Akira Mcdonough-Sieben *
Karen Louise Moore
Colleen Mount *

Associate in Arts Transfer, History
Noah R Diaz *
Celena J Estevez

FALL GRADUATES 2020

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Journalism**
Zachary A Jacobson
Paola Trejo

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Kinesiology**
Michael Francis Alejo *
Jason Alvarez
Micah Andrew Diaz
Griselda Monserrat Gonzalez *
Frankie R Islas
Janeth M Madrigal *
Morgan N McShea
Anthony E Moreno *
Yesun Park *
Michael Anthony Rosales
Alyanna Louise Paz Soriano
Julian Carlo Cantre Yjares *

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Philosophy**
John Vuongdao Daiviet Tranquang *

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Political Science**
Frank Ho Thien Dang-Tran *
Michael William Davidson
Joe Geminiano
Jacob Michael Holl **
Gabraeel Nabeel Jibrael
Lidia Aracely Rios *

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Psychology**
Ayesha Akbar
Alondra Marie Ayala
Linda Patricia Bahena
Marisela Barriga
Lillian Josephine Bates *
Juliana Bello *
Samantha Ceja Mendez *
Yvette D Chavez *
Kylie Susanne Christensen *
Jennifer Cruz
Mariam S El Dick *
Edgar Zamael Eldin **
Daisy Deyanira Galeana *
Jacinda E Gonzales
Brianna Guadarrama
Cindy Guan **
Kassandra Paula Hawkins **
Jocelyn Juliet Hernandez

Natalie Evelyn Hooker **
Moises Jimenez
Erik Luna
Katelyn Nerine Mercado *
Frankie Miguel Munoz *
Angelena M Ornelas
Yunjun Park **
Esli Pinto *
Cassandra Ramirez
Tasneem Riched **
Lillian Grace Robidoux
Ashley Briana Ruiz
Sarah Michelle Crystal Salazar
Marcela Stephanie Sanchez Lopez
Alejandra Sanchez-Urquiza
Cali A Thornton
Adrian Darlene Towns
Bianka J Vargas Guzman
Ernesto Velasco

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Sociology**
Shayne Altar Abuyen
Lillian Josephine Bates *
Adeline Carmona
Grace Chin
Nyna Choe
Alexia Esparza
Eulalio Benito Lopez
Kin Duc Nghiem
Bayron Eduardo Orquera
Carmen S Philip
Zoe Mercedes Quinonez
Dionicia Resendiz *
Tasneem Riched **
Jennifer Robles *
Diana Engracia Rodriguez
Rachel Elizabeth Ross
Emely Zavala

Associate in Arts Transfer, Spanish
Judith Beltran

**Associate in Arts Transfer,
Studio Arts**
Keren Castellon *
Mayra Flores
Jennifer Gomez *
Julie L Miyashiro
Troy A Soriano **

SPRING GRADUATES 2021

Phuc H Vu *
Gavin Matthew Wolfe *
Chia Yuan Wu
Minglin Yang *
Joshua Jaehoon Yoo **

**Associate in Science Transfer,
Nutrition and Dietetics**
Jessica Victoria Morales *

**Associate in Science Transfer,
Physics**

Mario Alberto Abarca
Warnakulasuriya Shelard R.
Fernando **

Peter John Ferra
Nicole Gonzalez Ceballos *
Vanessa Guzman
Talia Rose Kester *
Loc Van Le **

Grace Grace Lewis
Matthew R Mcdougall *
Delvin Duc Nguyen *
Vo Dai Nguyen **
Vo Van Anh Nguyen **
Nhi Ngoc Pham **

Byungjun Soh
Amal Tabban
Nguyen Huy Tran **
Jonathan Yu-Jang Tu *
Gavin Matthew Wolfe *
Chia Yuan Wu *
Joshua Jaehoon Yoo **

**Associate in Science Transfer,
Public Health**

Megha Bagga *
Faith Nicole Edmond
Nicole Guzman *
Kathryn Leah Holt **
Simarjit Kaur Johal
Rudy Guzman Ortiz *
Caitlin D Truong *
Tammy T Vo

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE FOR 2021



Nicolette Garcia

2021 Outstanding Graduate
of the Year

Nicolette Garcia studies anthropology to learn about the diverse cultures around her. This discipline has led to her graduating from Cypress College with high honors and three associate degrees this May.

Nicolette has been heavily involved in campus organizations. She belonged to student government, eventually becoming the Associated Students president. She also served as president of the Anthropology Club, which had languished until she helmed the group. Finally, she created the American Sign Language Club. Nicolette was diagnosed with bilateral cookie bite hearing loss in kindergarten, and it has affected her life to some extent throughout her education. She established the club to support students with hearing loss and educate others.

This fall, Nicolette will transfer to Pepperdine University where she will continue her studies by majoring in international studies with a specialization in global politics. Eventually, she plans to forge a career in international diplomacy. She hopes to intern at the White House and Smithsonian someday, and, with the motivation that has earned her so many leadership roles so far, her goals seem close at hand.

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CANDIDATES FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE FOR 2021

All graduating students who earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 and above during their college career, are eligible to be named the Outstanding Graduate. Final selection is determined by a campus committee based on applications submitted by the students.

Yoon Deok Ko	Tiffany Ting Ching
Allie Moon Dart	Yvette D. Chavez
Jil Carlo Bernal Zalameda	Jesse Daniel Chavarin
Phuc Thien Vo	Michael Marcos Cabanilla
Alexis Vasiliki Varonos	Thanh Truc Au
Maggie M. Tieu	Amro M. Alpeck
Kaitlin T.C Terry	Aleny Aguilar
Dev Raj Subedi	Isaac Samuel Cosand
Troy A. Soriano	Hannah You
Michael R. Schaub	Joshua Jaehoon Yoo
Mirwais Jan Saqeb	Joann Ye Eun Yoo
Mary Carmen Salas	Aubrey Nicole Wilson
Tasneem Riched	Jacklyn Marie Williamson
Chung Thi Phan	Caterina Sun Vivirito
Marissa Lauren Rodrigo	Abigail Sheila Villegas
Perez-Sanchez	Lisette Ilse Villa
Joseph Perez	Frank Joseph Velasquez
Gisselle Perez	Andy Vazquez
Yunjun Park	Anyssa Loraine Valen
Katrina Flores Oba	Johana Valdivia
Nhi Thi Yen Nguyen	Cindy Valdez
Dakota Nolen Nering	Alexandra Cora Vaccarella
Saba Naseem	Laralyn Pineda Umpar
Ming-En Kung	Andy Truong
Akari Ishizuka	Thien Nhan Tran
Launa Anne Houpt	Nguyen Huy Tran
Natalie Evelyn Hooker	Summer Rose Tiner
Jacob Michael Holl	Jordan Rose Thompson
Tuan Khoa Ho	Andrea Liz Thomas
Tho My Ho	Troy Jonathan Taylor
Kassandra Paula Hawkins	Amal Tabban
Cindy Guan	Ahja A. Stewart
Hiroki Funahashi	Tara Marie Stadel
Edgar Zamael Eldin	Ryan William Smith
Anh Thuy Doan	Rika Skullr
Phuong Hoa Do	Camryn C. Sievers
Jasmine G. Diaz	Ian Jonathan Sid
Brianna Isabella Debucquois	Seungyong Shin
Jocelyn Jemeniz DeBacker	Cheonwoo Seo
Franchesca Edralin Dalusung	Anisah Binti-Husain Saucedo
Carolina Cortes Anguiano	Alessandra Y. Santiago
Francisco Cornejo-Garcia	Sasha Sanchez
Emily Haewon Chun	Ayah A. Said

CANDIDATES FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE FOR 2021

A diba Saher Safiri	Stephani C. Newton
Nidal Nasri Tawfiq Saed	Isaac Nam
Caitlyn Abigail Ryan	Alyssa Joy Murray
Elsa Marie Ruiz	Guadalupe Muniz Resendiz
Jason Romero	Areej Mousa
Noemi G. Rodriguez	Rukmini Anne Deinla Morillo
Ann Marie Anaya Rienzo	Jonathan Tae Hwan Moon
Hunter Nicole Richmond	Faizah Fathima Mohamed
Gregory Louis Richmond	Vince Allen De Vera Mercado
Stephen Andrew Reading	Ashley Jayne Mendez
Shreeva Rana	Isaac Membreno
Macy Christine Ramirez	Marcela Martinez
Ray Nonna L. Ramirez	Jose Miguel Martinez
Elsa Amanda Quesada-Garcia	Jovanna Gia-Tinh Mai
Lisa Michelle Plechner	Quan Hue Luu
Yongjie Piao	Xiaolinyi Luo
Thy T. Phan	Carter James Low
Helen Khanh Phan	Alina Guerrero Lopez
Nhi Ngoc Pham	Andres Licea
Joann Ngoc Hanh Pham	Alexandra Licea
Doanh D. Pham	Vivian Leung
Roy C. Pham	Kayla Renee Lesaca
Tiffanie Michelle Perry	Youngwoong Lee
Matthew Richard Perez	U-Min Lee
Brianna Aileen Perez	Prada Whijae Lee
Shreedeeep S. Patel	Bryan D. Lee
Riddhi Jaydev Patel	Alex Lee
Omni Mahesh Patel	Victoria T. Le
Hyesu (Hannah) Park	Loc Van Le
Rebecca Wu Pahlia	Destiny Rachel Krause
Rudy Guzman Ortiz	Kameron Jade Kohlwey
Martina Mahinay Ortiz	Rachel Kim
Miriam Ojeda	Daebeom Kim
Breanna J. O'Hearn	Caitlin A. Kelliher
Melissa Ochoa Perez	Kristina Elizabeth Keller
Henna Suhale Noor	Kathleen Ann Kay
Thi Thanh Dan Ninh	Krista Nicole Kappe
Vo Van Anh Nguyen	Daein Kang
Vo Dai Nguyen	Clara J. Ju
Thi Ngoc Tram Nguyen	Tanisha Jordan
Thao Thao Thi Nguyen	Alex Mackenzie Jones
Quan Pham Huy Nguyen	Lindsay Gissellene Jimenez
Khanh Le Nguyen	Julio Jimenez
Duc Trung Nguyen	Candace Joan Jelaco
Chelsey Huy Nguyen	Chukwuma Samuel Iweka
Anna Nguyen	Zahraa Oussama Issa
Kenneth Phi Hai Ngo	Chandler T. Huynh

CANDIDATES FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE FOR 2021

Kathryn Leah Holt
 Nghia Dinh Ho
 Jessica L. Hizon
 Sofia Marie Haro-Arguello
 Eric Minhduy Ha
 Suzette Lorena Gonzalez
 Jazmin Celeste Gonzalez
 Alyssa Gima
 Nicolette Elise Garcia
 Lizette Garcia
 Donna Rose Garcia
 Kexin Gao
 Jonathan Gamil Gad
 Janna Kumiko Fukushima
 Juan Mario Flores
 Isabelle Natalia Fishman
 Rafiq Filopos
 Warnakulasuriya Shelard R.
 Fernando
 Jose G. Evangelista
 Ashley Corpus Estrada
 Elizabeth H. Estolonia
 Jazmine Molina Espiritu
 Jaileene Espinosa
 Aaron Paolo Espinosa
 Sarah Janelle Duran
 Lori Ann Donovan
 Christian P. Donlon
 Tran Pham Bao Doan
 Brandon Minh Doan
 Raymond T. Dinh
 Son Tran Thuan Dinh
 Valeria Diaz
 Ariana Diaz
 Pragma Nilesh Dhoot
 Thuy T. Dao
 Tran My Linh Dang
 Mindy Dang
 Reianne Ruth Balagtas Custodio
 Catherine Josephine Cueva
 Lori M. Cowle
 Emily Diane Costello
 Josh Hy Cohen-Doron
 Andrew Sangyeop Chung
 Mario Soo Heon Cho
 James Ceimet
 Justin Andrew Castillo

Wilfredo B. Carrasco
 Alexandria Carranza
 Eileen Isabel Cardenas
 Jayson Long Cao
 Clay Stephen Byrens
 Rachel Lynn Burney
 Claudia Demi Kairan Bueno
 Joshua Michael Boynton
 Sophanika Boroath
 Arman Vasken Boghossian
 Nandini NJ Bhakta
 Lorenzo Jordan Bettencourt
 Alyssa Mariah Berridge
 Alexis Zimon Berridge
 Gesselle Benitez
 Jorge Beltran
 Jennifer S. Bell
 Justice Batiste
 Emily Rose Batiste
 Kyla A. Basiana
 Jowie Lorein Bartolata
 Eveline Amisadai Baltazar
 Summer Lee Balistreri
 Anna Karen Andrade
 Mary Louise Dieron Andaya
 Gabriella Sophia Alonso
 Alexis Brianna Alonso
 Lauren Victoria Adamo
 Joy Joseph Kostandy Abousief

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS OF DISTINCTION CLASS OF 2021

The Presidential Scholars of Distinction Program celebrates Cypress College students as they complete their studies. Each of the college's academic pathways is represented through their students. These scholars were nominated by their faculty, selected by members of their division, and affirmed by President JoAnna Schilling.

Jacklyn Marie Williamson Business/CIS
 Alexandra Camacho Career Technical Education
 Paul Scott Fine Arts
 Abigail Villegas Health Science
 Jonathan Gad Kinesiology
 Hiroki Funahashi Language Arts
 Lia Thompson Science, Engineering, Mathematics
 Wilfredo Carrasco Social Sciences
 Ayah Said We Journey Together/Counseling
 & Student Development



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR 2021



Nancy Matsui
Alumna of the year 2021

Nancy Matsui is Cypress College's 2021 Alumna of the Year, and the first Asian woman to receive this award. Nancy's career in aviation and travel began in 1972 after graduating from Cypress College with an associate degree.

Her airline industry career included many managerial positions with three major airlines; however, her most cherished role was national account sales manager for American Airlines. Nancy's sales territory included top national travel agencies and she secured over \$45 million in annual revenue for American Airlines. For Nancy, the most fulfilling part of the job was the opportunity to participate in community and national organizations that promote diversity and awareness in Asian communities. Some of this involvement includes board of director or advisory board positions at the Japanese American National Museum, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Little Tokyo Service Center, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, and U.S.-Japan Council (based in Washington, D.C.). Nancy recently retired from American Airlines just after celebrating her 40th service anniversary.

Nancy has paid her successful career forward through her commitment to Cypress College and its Aviation and Travel Careers (ATC) Program. She has taught Travel Sales and Tourism Marketing as an adjunct professor at Cypress College for the past ten years, as well as serves on the ATC Executive Advisory Board.

CYPRESS COLLEGE 2021 PROFESSORS EMERITI

Larry BeidlerKinesiology
Denise BernsteinRegistered Nursing
James Dedic.....Sociology
Bill Pinkham..... Athletics

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS 2021 HONOREES

Each year, the Academic Senate conducts a nomination and selection process for three faculty awards: the Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award; Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award; and the Charger Award, presented to the faculty member who goes above the call of duty for professional duties outside the classroom.

Thu Pham, Registered Nursing Outstanding Full-Time Faculty
Nzuji DeMagalhaes, Art Outstanding Adjunct Faculty
Ruth Gutierrez, English..... Charger Award



From left to right: JoAnna Schilling, Cypress College President; Thu Pham, Full-Time Faculty Award recipient; Nzuji DeMagalhaes, Adjunct Faculty Award recipient; Ruth Gutierrez, Charger Award recipient; Craig Goralski, Academic Senate President.

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JoAnna Schilling, Ph.D., President, Cypress College
Greg Schulz, Ed.D., President, Fullerton College
Valentina Purtell, President, North Orange Continuing Education

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Oh, say! can you see, by the
dawn's early light*

*What so proudly we hailed at
the twilight's last gleaming;*

*Whose broad stripes and
bright stars, through
the perilous fight,*

*O'er the ramparts we watched
were so gallantly streaming?*

*And the rocket's red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,*

*Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there:*

*Oh, say! does that Star-spangled
banner yet wave*

*O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave?*

ALMA MATER

*O Alma Mater, Hail with
pride and loyalty,
So sing we now with hearts
uplifted to thy glory.*

*O Cypress, Thee we love,
Thy spires shall rise above,
Ennobled through the years
with splendor,
Cypress, hail to thee.*

*- Dr. Clifton Stout -
(1934 - 1974)*

THE MEANING OF ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress, which includes a gown, a hood, and a mortarboard cap, originated in the oldest universities and colleges. In fourteenth century England, the statutes of most colleges and universities forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown which provided warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. The tailoring of gowns was strictly governed. In the early days of Oxford University, any tailor who departed from the authorized design of the gown, “even by a nail’s breadth,” was to be punished by the vice chancellor of the university or college. The four basic kinds of degrees awarded by the colleges and universities are the associate, the bachelor of arts, the master of arts, and the doctorate. The holders of those degrees are distinguished by their gowns and the hoods. The associate degree, awarded by community colleges, signifies completion of two years of specific work.

The Gowns

Most academic gowns are black. The cut of the robe and sleeves, as well as the trimming, indicates various academic degrees. No trimmings are permitted on the gowns for the associate, bachelor of arts, or master of arts degrees. However, the gown worn by those who have earned their doctorate has a front facing of velvet and three bars of the same velvet across the sleeves.

Mortarboard Caps

There is no general rule for the position of the tassel on a mortarboard. However, numerous institutions have required candidates to wear their tassels on the right side during commencement exercises and to shift them to the left side at the moment the degrees are conferred. This custom replaces individual hooding which was practiced many years ago and still remains in effect at some universities.

The Hoods

Hoods fasten around the neck, drape over the shoulder, and fall down the back. Historically, hoods had several uses. They were used as a head covering; a cape; a receptacle for carrying books and other personal items; and as a bag to collect alms, since most medieval scholars were quite poor. Hoods are worn by those who have earned the master’s degree or doctorate. The colors on the hood represent the field of study and indicate from which college or university the individual received the degree.

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SILVER – HONORS

* Honors: Indicates students who have maintained an overall grade point average of 3.3 – 3.74 during their college career.

GOLD – HONORS

** High Honors: Indicates students who have maintained an overall grade point average of 3.75 – 4.0 during their college career.

THE MEANING OF ACADEMIC DRESS

Sashes

WHITE WITH BLACK TRIM — EOPS

Students who participated in Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) can be identified by the white sash with black trim and the words “I am EOPS Strong.” This sash celebrates their achievements as many EOPS students are the first in their families to attend college and graduate. Many will continue their studies as they transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

NAVY BLUE WITH GOLD — FUNERAL SERVICE

The funeral service industry holds the completion of the Bachelor of Science in Funeral Service curriculum as a noteworthy achievement for licensed practitioners. The navy blue sash represents the student’s hard work and commitment to academic excellence and advancement of their chosen profession — being of service while a client family grieves the tremendous loss of a loved one. The gold lettering signifies the highly held academic level that the funeral industry expects from our graduates.

BLUE WITH GOLD TRIM — GUARDIAN SCHOLARS

Guardian Scholars are former foster youth who enrolled at Cypress College after being emancipated from the foster care system. This sash celebrates their academic achievement. Many Guardian Scholars are the first in their families to attend college and graduate. Many will continue their studies as they transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

BLUE AND GOLD CHORDS — CHARGER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

The Charger Experience Program is designed to encourage talent and ability in highly motivated students as they begin their academic studies and prepare to transfer to a four-year college or university. Students who complete the Charger Experience Program and meet all major transfer requirements will have priority consideration for admission to specific four-year institutions.

KENTE — LEGACY PROGRAM

The Legacy Program is a one-year program open to all students who have a desire to learn about Black culture. The mission of the program is to increase graduation and transfer rates among the students enrolled. The courses offered in the Legacy Program are general education courses taught from the Black perspective and required for graduation and transfer. To accomplish these goals, there are five components to this program: English, ethnic studies, sociology, counseling, and cultural enrichment activities.

BURGUNDY — MORTUARY SCIENCE

The Mortuary Science Program faculty have held the completion of the rigorous Associate in Science — Mortuary Science curriculum as a noteworthy achievement. The burgundy sash represents the student’s hard work and commitment to academic excellence. The gold lettering signifies the highly held academic level that the funeral industry expects from our graduates. The program’s medallion has the Mortuary Science logo engraved on the front with the name of the award inscribed on the back. There are seven awards selected by the faculty which have been created to honor academic and industry excellence in memory of past alumni and instructors. The burgundy ribbon and gold lettering match the sash.

WHITE — NURSING

The Cypress College Nursing Program educates students for patient/client services in a variety of healthcare settings. At the satisfactory completion of all courses and the specified general education requirements at Cypress College, the individual will receive an Associate in Science degree and will be eligible to write the Registered Nursing State Licensing Examination. The white sash represents the nursing field and the royal blue “RN” letters represent one of Cypress College’s school colors.

SERAPE — THE PUENTE PROGRAM

The Puente Program is a university transfer program open to all students interested in celebrating the Latino experience while taking English and counseling courses needed for graduation and transfer. Co-sponsored by the University of California Office of the President and the California Community College Chancellor’s Office, the mission of the one-year program is to strengthen students’ academic success through three main components: English, Counseling, and Mentoring. Puente: Creating Leaders for California’s Future.

HOOD TRIM COLORS

Agriculture.....	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business.....	Drab
Dentistry.....	Lilac
Economics.....	Copper
Education.....	Light Blue
Engineering.....	Orange
Fine Arts, including Architecture.....	Brown
Forestry.....	Russet
Law.....	Purple
Library Science.....	Lemon
Medicine.....	Green
Music.....	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Optometry.....	Aquamarine
Oratory (speech).....	Silver Grey
Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Administration, including Foreign Service.....	Peacock Blue
Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Work.....	Citron
Theology.....	Scarlet
Veterinary Science.....	Grey

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