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## *Teacher of the Year: Barbara Bennett*

Congratulations to **Barbara Bennett** for being named “Teacher of the Year 2018” by the Orange County Department of Education. The SCE Disabilities Support Services Instructor was one of six recipients of the prestigious “Golden Apple Award” announced on May 2, 2017.

Barbara Bennett is a pioneer in education. Dedicating her time to writing the curricula for her courses and teaching adult students with disabilities, and is a leader inside and outside the classroom. Her students describe her as hardworking and dedicated, saying she has wonderful heart.

Her accomplishments will be honored on October 24, 2017 at the Annual Banquet at the Disneyland Hotel.

Click [here](#) to read the official press release.



# Come Celebrate Leonard Lahtinen!



*"Mr. Anaheim"*



**CELEBRATE  
TRUSTEE  
LEONARD  
LAHTINEN**

Thursday, May 18, 1:30 p.m.  
Anaheim Campus

Tree Planting Ceremony  
in recognition of his years  
of service to NOCCCD

On Thursday, May 18, NOCCCD will be honoring retired Trustee Leonard Lahtinen for his years of service to the District. There will be a Tree Planting Ceremony at the Anaheim Campus at 1:30 p.m. Come celebrate "Mr. Anaheim" and his commitment to NOCCCD.

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## SCE Granted Full, Six-Year Accreditation Status



Congratulations to the School of Continuing Education! They were granted full, six-year accreditation status by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC), the longest cycle of accreditation, with no mid-cycle visit and no warnings. This notice comes one month prior to the anticipated June announcement date.

For more information on the accreditation news click [here](#).

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## Women in Politics Symposium

April 28, 2017 was an event to remember as students, faculty and staff came together to discuss what it takes to really be a woman in politics. Fifteen speakers addressed the realities of running for office and working in public service positions. This bi-partisan event allowed speakers to inform and inspire female NOCCCD students to get involved at all levels of government. Hosted by the OC Legislative Taskforce and California Women Lead, the event promoted political advocacy and an opportunity to socialize with the women who would help our students get a seat at the political table.



### Featured speakers and panelists included:

**Barbara Bagneris**, Orange County Fair Board vice chairwoman  
**Lisa Bartlett**, Orange County supervisor  
**Alicia Berhow**, Accountancy Board chairwoman  
**Cyd Brandvein**, State Board of Optometry member  
**Letitia Clark**, City of Tustin councilmember  
**April Lopez**, State Council on Developmental Disabilities member  
**Fiona Ma**, State Board of Equalization member  
**Dr. Cheryl Marshall**, NOCCCD Chancellor  
**Rachel Michelin**, chief executive officer of California Women Lead  
**Mona Pasquil**, Appointments Secretary to the Governor's Office  
**Sharon Quirk-Silva**, California State Assemblywoman  
**Jaqueline Rodarte**, NOCCCD trustee  
**Loretta Sanchez**, former member of Congress  
**Jeanette Vasquez**, Fullerton School Board Member  
**Betty Yee**, California State Controller

## KinderCaminata at Fullerton College



Each year kindergarten children, teachers and parents visit Fullerton College to learn about college and career opportunities. This event allows children and their families to get a head start on planning for their futures. On April 28, 2017 the Fullerton College faculty, students, staff, and administrators volunteered to ensure the event was a success. Together, the Fullerton community gave thousands of kindergartners an opportunity to look at the possibilities in store for their future.

For more information on the special event click [here](#).



## Charger Softball Headed to State Championships

Congratulations to the Cypress College softball team for qualifying for the State Championship! The Cypress athletes are the top-ranked team and will compete in the CCCAA State Championship in Bakersfield.

The Tournament will be held this Friday May, 19 until Sunday, May 21. The team has had an amazing undefeated record of 45-0, and we wish them luck going into the state finals!

To read more about the team's season, click [here](#).

# Cypress College Yom HaShoah Event



Over 1,000 people gathered at the pond at Cypress College on April 26 to honor the lives of the six million Jews killed by the Nazis during the Holocaust. Yom HaShoah is the Holocaust Day of Remembrance. In honor of this day, the Cypress College community created the event where faculty and Holocaust survivors could promote ideas of diversity, religion, race, and social justice. The Day of Remembrance was honored by a day full of moving speeches, photography, and musical and dance performances.

For more information on the event and biographies of Participating Holocaust Survivors, click [here](#).



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