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Holocaust Survivor to Speak at Cuesta's "No Place for Hate" Event

Cuesta College will celebrate its resolution to be "No Place for Hate" on Wednesday, October 13, with a banner presentation and featured guest speaker, Holocaust survivor Judy Meisel.

"No Place for Hate" is a campaign launched by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to "empower schools to create and/or implement programs that will actively promote respect for individual and group differences, while encouraging residents to speak out against hate and intolerance."

Cuesta College will commemorate the day by unveiling "No Place for Hate" banners across both campuses.

"This is something that doesn't just affect Cuesta College, this issue is about our community and the nation as a whole," said Amberlyn Storey, a Cuesta College student and the "No Place for Hate" event coordinator. "It is making the statement that Cuesta College cares about its faculty, staff and students and is willing to protect them and their future."

Meisel, a Lithuanian-born survivor of the Holocaust, will be the keynote speaker. She became impassioned by the Civil Rights Movement in America following her Holocaust experience. She helped organize the March on Washington and spoke with Dr. Martin Luther King. Her life story is detailed in the documentary, "Tak for Alt" (which means Thanks for Everything in Danish).

"I speak in memory of those who did not survive," Meisel said. "What I went through during the Holocaust empowered me to do something to make the world better. One person can do a lot. It all starts with one person."

The activity also coincides with the 12th anniversary of the murder of Matthew Shepard. His death led to state and national legislation regarding hate crimes. His life and death are chronicled in the noted play, *The Laramie Project*.

Cuesta Performing Arts faculty, Jen Martin and Marcy Irving, will also be performing the song, "Don't Laugh at Me."

The event will begin in Cuesta College's cafeteria in Building 5400 at noon. Following the banner unveiling, "Tak for Alt" will be shown in room 5401. Meisel will be available for questions following the documentary screening until 2 p.m.

“Cuesta College is making a commitment to have a safer environment for students no matter what their differences,” Storey said. “This will be an important legacy for Cuesta College and for those of us that worked so hard on this.”

Information about Judy Meisel is available at www.jewishsantabarbara.org/page.aspx?id=119663.

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Cuesta College is hosting a No Place for Hate® event on March 29, featuring a panel discussion on the Impacts and Effects of Bullying and a No Place for Hate® reception.

The panel discussion will be held from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Associated Students Auditorium Room 5401 on the San Luis Obispo campus and broadcast live to Room N2401 on the North County Campus in Paso Robles.

The panel will be moderated by Elie Axelroth. Axelroth has a doctorate in psychology and worked as a psychologist for Cal Poly Counseling Services for 26 years, retiring as the director of Counseling Services last summer. She chaired the Cal Poly Women's Safety Committee and co-authored Cal Poly's Sexual Assault Prevention Policy.

The discussion will include Anais Borg-Marks, assistant director of the Santa Barbara/Tri-Counties office of the Anti-Defamation League; Ryan Page, Cuesta College Gay-Straight Alliance president and founding member of the Five Cities Diversity Coalition; Al Nunez Jr., associate director of Multimedia communications at Cal Poly and playwright/director of "Hear Our Voices," a multi-media performance addressing the topic of bullying; and Jacob Lerner, a student at Cal Poly.

Following the panel, a reception honoring all participating San Luis Obispo county schools and after-school programs will be held in the Associated Students Auditorium Room 5401 from 5-6 p.m. To attend the reception, please RSVP at 564-6670.

Both events are sponsored by Cuesta College, the Associated Students of Cuesta College, the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education and the Anti-Defamation League.

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Cuesta College signed a No Place for Hate resolution in 2010. At the previous No Place for Hate® Event, Holocaust survivor Judy Meisel was the featured guest speaker.

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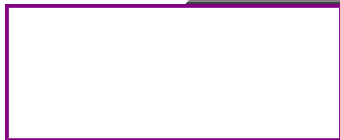
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Come to a Discussion on the Impacts and Effects of Bullying



*If we could end hatred,
IMAGINE
what more we could do...*



Thursday, March 29, 2012 • 3:00 - 4:30 pm

**Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, Room 5401
or watch at North County Campus, Room N2401**

Join us afterwards for

**The Anti-Defamation League's
No Place for Hate Reception**

**Thursday, March 29, 2012 • 5:00 pm
Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, Room 5401**



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