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Institutional Dialogue & State of the College Address

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Student Center

Presenters

Dr. Mark J. Zacovic, President, Cuyamaca College

Dr. Cindy L. Miles, Chancellor, GCCCD

Dr. Wei Zhou, Vice President of Instruction

Dr. Tammi Marshall, Student Learning Outcomes Coordinator

Dr. Arleen Satele, Vice President of Administrative Services

Mr. Eddie Vasquez, Classified Senate Vice President

Dr. Scott Thayer, Vice President of Student Services

Ms. Alicia Munoz, Academic Senate President

Ms. Jodi Reed, Professional Development Coordinator



Lunch and Raffle Drawing

Please join us for lunch in the Student Center.
Must be present to win in the raffle drawing.



Our New Employees

Dr. Wei Zhou, Vice President, Instruction

Dr. Zhou most recently served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Copper Mountain College, in Joshua Tree, California; he has also served as an Academic Dean at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, California. Dr. Zhou earned his Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, his M.S. in Genetics and his B.S. in Genetics and Genetic Engineering from Fudan University, Shanghai, China.

Dr. Scott W. Thayer, Vice President, Student Services

Dr. Thayer comes to us having most recently served as the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at Pasadena City College in Pasadena, California. He has also served as the Dean of Special Programs at Los Angeles Southwest College, and as the Director of Upward Bound Program at Pasadena City College. Dr. Thayer earned his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California; his M.A. in Counseling and Guidance at Point Loma Nazarene University; his B.A. in Psychology at Rollins College; and his A.A. in Liberal Education at Normandale Community College.



Mr. Pat Setzer, Dean, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Mr. Setzer is a long-time faculty member at our college and has served as Academic Senate President, Curriculum Committee co-chair and on a number of district and college committees. In the past year, he has served as Interim Dean of Division II (Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences) and Interim Vice President of Instruction. Mr. Setzer received the “Cuyamaca Way” award for his excellent service to the college. Congratulations to Pat on his new assignment, and to the college for having him!

Dr. Kate Alder, Dean, Career and Technical Education

Dr. Alder comes to us having most recently served as the CTE Grant Projects Director at Irvine Valley College. She has also served as the Special Projects Coordinator at Irvine Valley College, a business and office technology instructor at community colleges and regional occupational programs, and a business owner in California and Wisconsin. Dr. Alder received her M.S. and Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis with concentration in Career Technical Education at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Bachelor of Vocational Education at California State University, Long Beach.



Mr. Brad McCombs, Automotive Technology Instructor

Mr. McCombs achieved his Bachelor of Science at BYU. He is currently certified as a Bureau of Automotive Repair Training Instructor and Bosch Master Technician. Mr. McCombs’ experience includes managing a successful automotive business. His proudest achievement is being a husband and father with four daughters. He is excited to teach as well as learn and be involved with the Cuyamaca community. His interests include long distance ocean swimming, surfing, free diving, and cycling. He is an avid sports fan with limited ability to play golf.

Ms. Kristin McGregor, English Instructor

Ms. McGregor received her Master of Arts in American Literature and TEFL/TESL Certificate from San Diego State University. She completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature and Communication from Trinity University in Texas. Ms. McGregor has worked for the past six years as a part-time English instructor for Grossmont College and San Diego Miramar College and as a part-time ESL instructor for The American Language Institute and The International Rescue Committee.

Mr. Osvaldo Torres, Counselor, Veterans Services

Mr. Torres is originally from Coachella, California. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Riverside and eventually earned a master's degree in Counseling from San Diego State University. He has over ten years of experience as an academic advisor and has previously worked as an adjunct counselor at Southwestern, San Diego City and Miramar Colleges.



Ms. Ariane Ahmadian, Admissions & Records Assistant, Senior

Ms. Ahmadian has been working in the Cuyamaca College Admissions and Records Office since October 2009, beginning as an hourly employee. As a student she attended both Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges and received two Associates degrees in June 2013. Ms. Ahmadian plans to transfer to San Diego State University to finish her education and obtain a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. She loves being outdoors in nature, whether on a hike or sitting with her feet in the sand at the beach. She also loves to travel and has had the pleasure of traveling throughout Europe and the United States.

Mr. Casey Slocum, Music Instructional Lab Assistant

Mr. Slocum is an audio engineer who recently completed his B.A. in Audio Production at the Art Institute of California, San Diego. He is an aspiring sound designer, and has worked with Sony Online Entertainment in several game prototyping student mentorship programs.

Ms. Corina Trevino, Business Services Specialist

Ms. Trevino comes to us from working in the motorcycle off-road industry for 19 years as an Office Manager. She also has worked in the aerospace industry at General Dynamics, Space Systems Division and for Bank of America, both in office administration. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources from National University, San Diego. She is married with three grown children and enjoys going to the desert and spending time with her cats.

Ms. Courtney Williams, Counseling Services Supervisor

Ms. Williams comes to us from the Navy College Program Afloat College Education Program/Central Texas College as the Faculty Coordinator and Academic Skills Trainer in San Diego. She holds a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from the University of Washburn, and from Kansas State University, and she completed the ESL Endorsement Program along with receiving her Master's degree in Advising Administration.

Ms. Lori Senini, Health Services Supervisor

Ms. Senini, a registered nurse, joined Cuyamaca College as the Supervisor of the Health and Wellness Center. She has both civilian and military nursing experience. She was employed for more than 30 years with the County of San Diego Public Health Services and 25 years with the U.S. Army Nurse Corps Reserve attaining the rank of Major. Educational accomplishments include a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mount Saint Mary's College (Los Angeles), a Master of Science in Nursing from San Diego State University, and a Master of Business Administration from the Alliant International University (San Diego). Ms. Senini spends her free time traveling, playing the piano and gardening.





Mr. Mark Koenes, Grounds Maintenance Worker, Senior

Mr. Koenes was born and raised in upstate New York, moved to Michigan, and then went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI. He has spent most of his career working on golf courses and in sports turf and ultimately moved to San Diego for the warmer climate. Mr. Koenes enjoys running, weight lifting, hiking, mountain biking, and playing golf in his spare time.

Mr. Michael Crume, Grounds Maintenance Worker, Senior

Mr. Crume has been working in the landscape industry in San Diego for 27 years. Before coming to Cuyamaca College, he spent the last 17 years working as a supervisor for a local landscape construction company building custom residential landscapes.

Ms. Nancy Asbury, Administrative Assistant III

Ms. Asbury is serving as the Administrative Assistant to Dean Kerry Kilber Rebman in the division of Learning and Technology Resources. Previously, She worked at Cuyamaca College for 10 years before moving to our sister college where she has supported the Vice President of Student Services for the past 5 years.

Ms. Regina (Samantha) Sandoval, Financial Aid Assistant

Ms. Sandoval comes to us having worked 4+ years at Cuyamaca College in the Financial Aid office as a work-study student, student hourly, and classified substitute. She continues to be a welcoming addition to our Financial Aid family and a cheerful welcome to all that visit our office. She is a loving mother and wife and loves to help others and continues to pursue her education.



We wish to express our thanks to those who made this morning possible

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