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Fall 2014 Convocation

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August 13, 2014

Student Center



Morning Agenda

Welcome

Dr. Mark J. Zacovic, Cuyamaca College President

Introduction of New Employees and Presentation of Service Awards

Dr. Mark J. Zacovic and Dr. Arleen Satele

Academic and Classified Senate Programs

Ms. Alicia Munoz, Academic Senate President

Ms. Jodi Reed, Professional Development Coordinator

Ms. Valerie Peterson, Classified Senate Representative

Student Success and Support Program Dialogue & Student Equity Plan

Dr. Scott W. Thayer, Dr. Marsha Gable, and

Ms. Nicole Jones

~ Break ~

Accreditation Follow-up Report Update

Dr. Wei Zhou, Mr. Pat Setzer, Ms. Alicia Munoz,
and Dr. Tammi Marshall

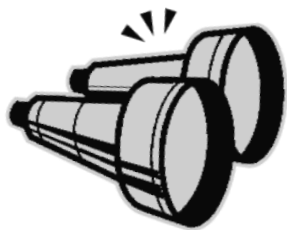
Institutional Dialogue on Student Learning Outcomes

Dr. David Marshall, Associate Professor of English
Assistant Dean, College of Arts & Letters
California State University, San Bernardino

Lunch and Raffle Drawing

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

College offices will re-open at 1:00pm



Our New Employees

Ms. Rachel Jacob-Almeida, Instructor, Sociology

Rachel Jacob-Almeida was born and raised in San Diego. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in Spanish from UC Berkeley, and her master's in sociology at UC San Diego. She is currently finishing her doctoral dissertation, a critical analysis of the current discourse about boys' purported academic disadvantage. She is currently a member of the La Jolla Playhouse Leadership Council. Rachel has been interested in issues of educational equity in both her work as an adjunct professor and her research in graduate school. She believes in the power of education to improve lives and is committed to providing all students with the opportunity to develop their skills to critically understand and positively contribute to their social, economic, and political contexts.

Ms. Rachelle Panganiban, Counselor, DSPS

Rachelle Panganiban graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology from UCLA and a master's degree in counseling from CSU Northridge. Rachelle has over eight years of experience working as an adjunct counselor for DSPS at both Cuyamaca and Miramar Colleges, while also working as an adjunct general counselor for City and Southwestern Colleges. She is also a certified Learning Disability Specialist, and has worked with active duty military personnel and veterans onsite at Naval Base San Diego. Rachelle comes with a wealth of experience and we are fortunate to have her expertise working with our students with disabilities. In her free time, Rachelle enjoys spending time with her family, reading comic books, and practicing yoga.



Ms. Miriam Simpson, Instructor, Physics

Miriam Simpson began her physics education at UC Berkeley, doing research in atomic physics and optics. After graduating with honors, she attended UCSD for her masters in physics continuing toward a PhD in physics/biophysics with a research emphasis on radiation transport for medical applications. A former gymnast and pole-vaulter (applied physics); she now dabbles in distance running, yoga and crossfit. She is a voracious reader, an experimental chef, and an amateur computer programmer. Her husband, Danny, is a physician specializing in Radiation Oncology at UCSD. They live in Ocean Beach and have an 18-month-old son named Tyler.



Ms. Violeta Casillas, Chemistry Technician

Violeta Casillas is our newest chemistry laboratory technician. She is a graduate of Cuyamaca College who then transferred to SDSU and earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry. After graduation, Violeta spent seven years working in the biotechnology industry in San Diego, first at Genentech where she was a quality control analyst and then at Valor Medical where she worked as a manufacturing/quality control chemist. Violeta returned to us last April, and has already become an indispensable member of the department. In her spare time, Violeta loves to do Zumba workouts, Salsa dancing and exploring all of the amazing varieties of food in San Diego.

Ms. Teresa Greenhalgh, Administrative Assistant, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Teresa Greenhalgh is a native San Diegan. She began her career at Cuyamaca College as a student in the fall of 1978. Teresa's husband, Darren, and their three children have all attended Cuyamaca College. Teresa brings to the college a zest for life and years of community connections. She is the program manager for the San Diego Rural Community Emergency Response Team under the Fire Department and holds several certifications in volunteer emergency response. She is excited to be joining Cuyamaca College and sharing her skill set with her new dean, Mr. Pat Setzer.

Ms. Cynthia Mendoza, Child Development Center Training Specialist

Cynthia Mendoza originally started working in the Child Development Center (CDC) in 2003 as a student worker. She completed all her early childhood education here at Cuyamaca, where she also plans to take classes toward her bachelor's degree. Cynthia says she has been privileged to work with many wonderful mentor teachers at the CDC and has learned much from them as well as the Child Development instructors. She believes every day contains teachable moments not just for the children, but for herself, as well. She looks forward to many more years of growing and learning here at Cuyamaca College.

Mr. Matthew O'Shea, Custodian

Matthew O'Shea has worked in custodial services for the past four years. Originally from Hawaii, he moved here when he was five years old. He's been married for three years, and has one-and-a-half-year-old twins, a boy and a girl. Matthew is a musician and plays the guitar, piano, and mandolin. He is in the process of learning to play the saxophone.

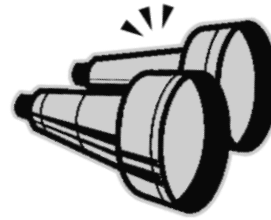


Ms. Arian Pole, Financial Aid Advisor

Arian Pole started working in financial aid 1994 while finishing her bachelor's degree. She took some time away in 1998 to work with a family business manufacturing college pet clothing. In 2005, Arian returned to the office of financial aid at Alliant International University, San Diego. After a stop in Las Vegas, and Los Angeles, she is happy to be back in San Diego County and working at Cuyamaca College in the Financial Aid Office. In her spare time, Arian enjoys bike rides with her dog Louis in the front basket, sewing projects with her mother, and being a Big Sister.

Ms. Sandra Ramos, Admissions & Records Specialist, Residency

Sandra Ramos was a student worker in the Admissions & Records office at Cuyamaca College and as a student ambassador in the counseling department while pursuing her education at Cuyamaca College. She completed her general associate of arts at Cuyamaca College in 1996. She was a part-time employee at Grossmont College in 2006 in the Admissions Office, and later that year was given the opportunity to become an Admissions & Records Assistant at Grossmont College for the next eight years. Sandra began her new position in February 2014 as the Admissions & Records Specialist-Residency. Sandra has been married for 17 years and has two beautiful daughters who are 12 and 10 years old. Her other great loves in life are baking and scrapbooking.



Employee Service Awards

Ms. Rieko Suto, Health Services Nurse

Rieko Suto, RN, became a classified employee at Cuyamaca College in January 2014 after two years as an hourly staff nurse with the Health and Wellness Center. Rieko received her nursing education in Japan and in the U.S. with a bachelor's of science in nursing (BSN) from the University of Maryland in 2008. Fluent in Japanese and English, Rieko brings an international and cultural sensitivity to the Center which complements the multi-national dynamics and diversity of students at Cuyamaca College.



Guest Speaker: Dr. David Marshall, Associate Professor of English, CSU, San Bernardino

Dr. David Marshall serves as Interim Assistant Dean and Assessment Coordinator for the College of Arts and Letters at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB), where he is an Associate Professor of English. He began work on student learning outcomes and curriculum design for writing programs at Indiana University a decade ago and has since worked on outcomes alignment initiatives in California, where he has worked extensively with community college faculty to develop common sense outcomes assessment strategies. Nationally, he serves as the Associate Director of Tuning USA, a student learning outcomes project funded by Lumina Foundation with projects active in more than half the country. Dr. Marshall holds an M.A. in medieval studies from the University of York, England, and a Ph.D. in medieval literature and philology from Indiana University. In his teaching and research, he examines the ways popular culture continues to recycle stories and imagery from the Middle Ages. As the Chair of CSUSB's Humanities program and part of the university's Freshman Seminar program, he works on developing strategies for meaningful and relevant integrative learning.

5 Years

Ms. Kelly Laggner, Physical & Natural Science
Mr. Aldrin Orena, Custodian

10 Years

Mr. Michael Allen, Financial Aid
Mr. David Burnett, Biology
Ms. Judith Fernandez, Child Development Center
Ms. Vanessa Saenz, Admissions & Records
Dr. Arleen Satele, Administrative Services

15 Years

Ms. Sherri Braaksma, Instructional Computer Lab
Mr. Ted Chandler, Computer & Information Science
Ms. Katherine Meek, Computer Lab
Ms. Barbara Modica, Administrative Services
Mr. Phu Nguyen, Instructional Media Services
Ms. Jodi Reed, Computer & Information Science
Ms. Judy Shinkan, Printing Operations
Dr. Peter Utgaard, History

25 Years

Mr. Ernest Costa, Custodian
Ms. Pamela Fleming, Financial Aid Advisor

30 Years

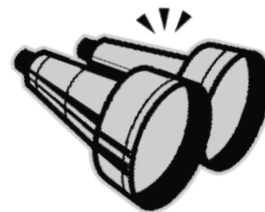
Mr. David Raney, Computer & Information Science

35 Years

Mr. Frank Sundstrom, Mail Processor

President's Award Recipients

<u>2000</u>	<u>2004 (cont.)</u>	<u>2009 (cont.)</u>
Jan Ford	Linda Harp	Barbara Takahashi
George Murphy	Judy Shinkan	Arleen Satele
Sam Turner	Beth Appenzeller	<u>2010</u>
Laurie Brown	<u>2005</u>	Michael Wangler
Carmen Solom	Michael Wangler	Patty Branton
Vangie Meneses	Maggie Gonzales	Susan Topham
<u>2001</u>	Maria Mendoza	<u>2011</u>
Kristen Zink	<u>2006</u>	Kathryn Nette
Kathryn Nette	Donna Riley	Jesus Miranda
Grounds Dept.	Debi Miller	Sherri Braaksma
Lisa DiBella	Al Taccone	Bruce Farnham
Madelaine Wolfe	<u>2007</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>2002</u>	Jan Ford	Patricia Santana
Paul Carmona	Patty Bailey	Sara Suter
Barbara Meese	Madelaine Wolfe	Lauren Vaknin
Marie Ramos	<u>2008</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>2003</u>	Brad Monroe	Tammi Marshall
Pat Setzer	Jennifer Able	Alicia Munoz
Steve To	Jennifer Lewis	Maria Gearhart
Cristina Chiraboga	<u>2009</u>	Frank Sundstrom
<u>2004</u>	Nancy Jennings	Victor DeVore
Automotive Tech.	Gwen Nix	Ryan Shumaker



Outstanding Faculty Award Recipients

2011

Dr. Teresa McNeil, Counselor, Articulation Officer

2012

Ms. Donna Hajj, Counselor

2013

Dr. Kathryn Nette, Instructor, Biology

Dr. Donna Riley, Instructor, Exercise Science

Ms. Kelley Nielsen, Part-time Instructor, American Sign Language

Notes

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

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Operations, Cuyamaca College
Ornamental Horticulture, Cuyamaca College
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Brian Cooper

Laci Diaz

Cindy Emerson

Maria Gearhart

Kimberly Gioscia

Cathy Long

Jane Lytle

Katherine Meek

Terri Noble

Gwen Nix

Valeri Wilson

