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President's Report to the Governing Board February 16, 2010

🐾 **Spring 2010 Comparative Enrollment Report – Census Day (February 8th)**

The following is an analysis of the Spring 2010 enrollment compared with Spring 2009 enrollment as of the same day of registration: Please keep in mind that Spring 2010 registration started one day before Spring 2009 due to the Veterans Day holiday on a Monday. Numbers will adjust.

	Spring 2010	Spring 2009	Difference by #	Percentage +/-
Date	2/08/10	2/09/09		
Headcount	9940	9847	+93	+0.9
Units	69760.5	68983.0	+777.5	+1.1

🐾 **Spring Convocation**

The Communication Arts Theatre provided an elegant setting for this year's Spring Convocation. In addition to Chancellor Miles, Governing Board President Bill Garrett, and Interim College President Ron Manzoni, faculty and staff listened as Cuyamaca College's newest college president, Dr. Stuart Savin, addressed the crowd. Dr. Savin will begin his presidential duties April 12.

🐾 **Faculty Members Receive Award for Teaching Excellence**

At the annual Spring Convocation, Academic Senate President Michael Wangler presented Mr. Eric Preibisius, math instructor, the "Award for Teaching Excellence," for full-time faculty.



Mr. Wangler also presented Ms. Barbara Pescar, English instructor, the "Award for Teaching Excellence," for outstanding part-time faculty.

Ms. Pescar is a former student of Cuyamaca College who returned to complete her education as an adult.

Congratulations to both Mr. Preibisius and Ms. Pescar for their distinguished recognition by their colleagues and for their exemplary service to our students

🐾 **Faculty Member Awarded State-wide Academic Senate Award**

It was announced at Convocation that Mr. Pat Setzer, Chair, Performing Arts Department and music instructor, was selected as one of only four state-wide recipients of the Hayward Award, an Academic Senate state-wide achievement award for excellence in teaching. This award honors community college faculty members who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to their students, college, and profession. Recipients are nominated by their peers and selected as winners by representatives of the Academic Senate for California Community



Colleges. Four recipients, one from each area of the state, are chosen and will be honored at the Board of Governors' meeting in Sacramento. Each recipient is also eligible to be forwarded as a nominee for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Professor of the Year Award. Mr. Setzer is the first faculty member from Cuyamaca College and the District to win this exceedingly prestigious award.

🐾 2010 Spring Golden Coyote Awards



At Spring Convocation selected faculty, staff and community volunteers were recognized for their exceptional commitment in *Leading the Way* at Cuyamaca College. This year's winners are the last to receive awards related to the five key focus areas that made up the 2004-2010 Strategic Plan. The following is a list of the final winners for the Golden Coyote Awards in the five focus areas of 2004-2010 Strategic Plan:

Academic Excellence & Program Development

Award 1: **Dr. Lyn Neylon**, Humanities Instructor. In late September 2009, the SDICCCA Study Abroad program (sponsored by Cuyamaca College) was experiencing serious challenges. Not only had the program suddenly lost its lead faculty member, but the college was also experiencing significant challenges with the principal vendor for the program - who was responsible for all aspects of the coordination of student housing, transportation, educational tours, etc. Having only a matter of days to relocate for two months, enduring 20 hour work days, and remaining unfailingly supportive and upbeat with the 35 students involved, Dr. Neylon rescued the floundering program and brought it to a successful conclusion, providing the students with an educational experience of a lifetime.

Award 2: **Mary Graham**, English Instructor. Although Basic Skills suffered a decrease in funding comparable to that of other categorical programs, it still represented one of the few sources to which the college could turn to support needed and innovative activities designed to support our basic skills student population. Despite her existing full load of responsibilities, Ms. Graham, who was then co-chair of the Basic Skills Committee, agreed to take on the additional and demanding role of Basic Skills Coordinator. Under her guidance, the Basic Skills program has continued to operate effectively, supporting a myriad of activities (tutoring, counseling, assessment, curriculum development, On Course training, etc.) that have been vital to the program's ongoing success.

Student Success

Award 1: **Jesus Miranda**, Counseling. Mr. Miranda developed an unprecedented and innovative recruitment and matriculation program for Cuyamaca College that has significantly enhanced the Outreach Department. Thanks to the new *Cuyamaca Link* program, Cuyamaca College has formed successful working partnerships with five of our feeder high schools and has changed the way Cuyamaca does business when it comes to prospective students. Over 400 students were involved in Cuyamaca Link last year, and we can look forward to an even larger cohort of students this year.

Award 2: **Cindy Morrin**, Counseling. Ms. Morrin has overseen a "Personal Development Counseling Explosion" in both the quantity of classes, number of partnerships and the innovative methods used to

deliver the classes. Partnerships have been formed with every high school in the Cuyamaca service area, students can access the program online, in-class (at both high schools and at the college), and in a hybrid format. New courses, summer bridge programs, and other creative innovations are now part of the ever expanding and very successful PDC program.

Facilities and Physical Environment

Award 1: **Bruce Farnham**, Director of Facilities. Coming at a critical time when the college had just recently opened 3 new facilities and a 4th on the way, Mr. Farnham was able to step in and immediately address and respond to the seemingly endless list of challenges that come with opening and operating new facilities. Simultaneously, he has also been working on upgrading all the other existing facilities to meet the college's 21st century educational needs.

Award 2: **Cyndy Bourget**. Ms. Bourget's title is "Instructional Media Services Coordinator" but she is in fact the only full-time media services person serving everyone at Cuyamaca College. When it comes to technology support, she is literally 'everything to everyone!' In her year and a half at Cuyamaca College Ms. Bourget has rewired the A/V equipment for practically every one of the older buildings. She has ensured that the college's technology meets safety and health codes and increased the reliability of our smart classroom equipment dramatically.

Resource Development

Award 1: The team of **Sara Downs, Sara Grasmick and Pam Lawless** in Administrative Services for their selfless, timely and accurate grant and financial support services. During the past several years, the college has significantly increased the number of grants it has secured – without adding any additional support services to our Administrative Services – which provides all the contractual and financial support services to each of those programs. Additionally, this team must also be on top of the constantly changing state budget picture and its implications to the college. This college "finance team" is congratulated for their hard work and for always being ready and available to respond to the State's constant changes and meeting the district's and college's fiscal management needs.

Award 2: The **Cuyamaca College Foundation Board of Directors**. The Cuyamaca College Foundation is made up of a dedicated and selfless group of East County business and community leaders who volunteer their time, expertise and services to raise critically needed funds for the college. Thanks to the Foundation's efforts, the college has been able to resurface the track and tennis courts, offer mini-grants to faculty and staff, provided critically needed funds to Instruction (including Continuing Education), Student Services and Administrative Services to maintain services, and in some cases literally save entire programs, provide scholarships to students and much, much more.

Community Relations

Award 1: **Jennifer Abel**. The unprecedented growth of our Student Outreach Program in the Grossmont Union High School District is due in great part to the vision and leadership of Outreach Coordinator Ms. Jennifer Abel. The comprehensive outreach plan that has been implemented, coupled with exciting new partnerships such as the spectacularly successful Got Plans? program has significantly enhanced Cuyamaca College's reputation and prominence throughout the East County secondary school community.

Award 2: **Sheryl Ashley**, CalWORKs Program Specialist. Cuyamaca College, as has all of East San Diego County, has been significantly impacted by the dramatic increase in the refugee population and Ms. Sheryl Ashley has been on the forefront of Cuyamaca College's efforts to maximize our ability to successfully serve this population. Her regular and ongoing interactions with multiple local social service agencies has enhanced the image of the college and led to improvements in the day-to-day cooperation between the college's Student Services departments and the local refugee resettlement agencies.

🐾 Grand Opening of Business and Technology Building

There was excitement in the air as the college celebrated the grand opening of its newest facility – the Business and Technology Building. Faculty, staff, administrators, students, and a host of community leaders packed the hall in the east wing of the building to commemorate the building's "Initial Public Offering." With a Stock Market theme for the grand opening, it was a "Coyote Market" and stocks soared as the building opened with an IPO – Initial Public Offering, in Business, Business Office Technology, Economics, Computer & Information Science, Graphic Design, Paralegal Studies and Real Estate. On the day of the grand opening, the college registered a total of 3,509 students taking classes in this building alone, taking a total of 9,740 units for spring 2010. And now that classes have started, the numbers are even higher! This is a 15.77% increase over fall semester in the same disciplines – students certainly know a "good buy" when they see it.



🐾 Cuyamaca College Hosts Annual SDICCCA Trustees Dinner

The Student Center was the site for the San Diego Imperial County Community College Association (SDICCCA) Annual Trustees Dinner held on Wednesday, February 3rd. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Martha Kanter, Under Secretary of Education for the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Kanter was nominated by President Barack Obama last April and confirmed in June. She reports to the Secretary of Education and oversees policies, programs, and activities related to postsecondary education, vocational and adult education and federal student aid. Trustee Bill Garrett, GCCCD Governing Board President, is currently the SDICCCA Board Alliance President and served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Pat Setzer, Chair of the Performing Arts Department, provided the music for the evening.

🐾 Acting Associate Dean of Student Affairs Completes Doctoral Degree

Congratulations to Ms. Serene Pritchett, Acting Associate Dean of Student Affairs, who recently completed her Doctoral degree in Education, Leadership and Management from Alliant International University.

🐾 Grant Writing Workshop

Executive Dean Henri Migala conducted a grant writing workshop for college faculty and staff during Flex Week. Executive Dean Migala provided an overview of how to write a grant and provided a brief tutorial of the new FoundationSearch database recently purchased by the district and two colleges. During the workshop, Executive Dean Migala worked with the participants to identify funding sources for engineering, religion, Business Office Technologies, ESL and others.

🐾 **Instructor and Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Sessom Recognized**

The WalkSanDiego Board of Directors informed Ms. Mary Sessom that she has been selected for a Golden Footprints Special Achievement Award in recognition and appreciation of the major contribution she has made in successfully promoting and achieving more walkable communities both in the region and in Lemon Grove.

🐾 **Botball Competition Comes to Cuyamaca College**

The Botball Educational Robotics Program, coordinated through the San Diego Science Alliance, held their fall competition at Cuyamaca College in late January. Hosted by the college’s engineering department, the competition engaged middle and high school aged students in a team-oriented robotics competition based on national science education standards. By designing, building, programming, and documenting robots, students use science, engineering, technology, math, and writing skills in a hands-on project that reinforces their learning. Over 26 teams participated in the competition. The college will be hosting the regional competition on April 10th. Engineering instructor, Dr. Duncan McGehee, serves on the San Diego Science Alliance robotics council.



🐾 **CalWORKs Offers PDC Course in Arabic**

CalWORKs and PDC partnered again to offer the PDC 101 Introduction to College course for CalWORKs recipients. PDC instructors and CalWORKs counselors, Nada Grigsby and Reem Asfour, jointly taught two sections to specifically meet the needs of Arabic-speaking students on CalWORKs cash assistance. New college students who participated in this special class praised Cuyamaca College for developing this informative course. Cuyamaca College’s CalWORKs program arranged for Arabic-speaking translators from the El Cajon community and college student body. About 100 students met at the Student Center on the first Friday class and were treated to lunch, courtesy of the Ali Baba Family Restaurant. They met in the new B Building theatre on the second Friday. The participants were provided an overview of Financial Aid, ESL sequence, and a tour of the campus. Major course components addressed students’ immediate concerns about Education Assessment and Course Planning, CalWORKs support, WebAdvisor, and other campus services.



🐾 **Student Affairs Happenings**

The Cuyamaca College Outreach Department has had a busy start to the New Year. Outreach Ambassadors assisted close to 100 Cuyamaca ESL students who were enrolled in the PDC 101 course by giving them an interactive “high energy” campus tour. Student Ambassadors represented Cuyamaca College at the Mission Bay High School College Fair and the Lincoln High School College Fair. The Outreach department set up information tables at the A, B, E and F buildings during the first week of the Spring 2010 semester in order to assist new and returning Cuyamaca students. Many students needed assistance familiarizing themselves with the brand new Business and Technology Building and the Ambassadors were eager to help. Student Ambassadors conducted a total of 16 different peer-advising sessions within the Grossmont Union High School District. In addition to peer-advising, Outreach was asked to speak at Valhalla High School’s ELL Program Orientation for senior students and their families

whose first language is not English. Outreach Ambassadors promoted the *Cuyamaca Link* program and the ESL program at Cuyamaca College. Ambassadors welcomed 50 Steele Canyon High School seniors and Steele Canyon High School counselor Joe Schram for a large scale campus tour. During the campus tour, students participated in an all-you-need-to-know orientation, snack, tour, application workshop and lunch.

The Outreach Department has also begun marketing and promoting the *Cuyamaca Link* program which will begin in March at 5 participating high schools; Valhalla, Steele Canyon, Mt Miguel, Monte Vista and Granite Hills High Schools. Thanks to the support of the Cuyamaca College Foundation, the *Cuyamaca Link* program is able to continue to provide its very successful services.

🐾 News from Student Services

The **Health Center** has been hosting student health clinics providing students with information ranging from personal hygiene to healthy eating. Health Services will host the first of many blood drives on February 2nd. The Center is also providing H1N1/seasonal flu clinics to immunize the college community.

The ASCC has two new Vice Presidents. They are Bryant Dublow and Marlene Monge. Elections for a new AS president and student member for the Governing Board will be held this spring. The radio station 91X was on campus to help open the first week of classes.

Student Affairs presented two workshops during Professional Development Week, including sessions on the Disruptive Student and Emergency Preparedness Planning.

🐾 Library Display

Look How Far We've Come!



The theme for 2010's National African American History Month is Black Economic Empowerment. Visit Cuyamaca's LTRC for a display of posters, books and information on African American History. Display cases and wall hangings on both floors of the LTRC showcase materials on notable African Americans, topics such as slavery and civil rights and a historical timeline addressing major historical moments in the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.



UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS

February 18	College Hour – In celebration of Black History Month 6:30 p.m. Student Center	
February 25	Spring Concert Series – Sicilian Swing 7:30 p.m. Communication Arts Theatre	\$8 General / \$5 Students & Seniors
March 2	Spring Concert Series – Kembang Sunda 7:30 p.m. Communication Arts Theatre	\$8 General / \$5 Students & Seniors
March 3	Arbor Day Celebration 2:30 p.m. Ornamental Horticulture	

March 4	Spring Concert Series – Early Music Recital (Faculty Recital) 7:30 p.m. Communication Arts Theatre \$8 General / \$5 Students & Seniors
March 11-12	Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference, sponsored by Ornamental Horticulture 8:00 a.m. Communication Arts Center
March 13	Senior High Math Field Day 8:00 a.m. L Building
March 17	Spring Concert Series – Cuyamaca College Concert Band 7:30 p.m. Communication Arts Theatre \$8 General / \$5 Students & Seniors
March 23	Spring Concert Series – Chris Klich Jazz Quintet 7:30 p.m. Communication Arts Theatre \$8 General / \$5 Students & Seniors

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