

# President's Report to the Governing Board September 14, 2010

## Mr. Robert Garber Appointed as Interim President



The Chancellor recently announced the appointment of Robert "Bob" Garber as the Interim President for Cuyamaca College. Mr. Garber, also serving as the Interim Vice President, Student Services for Cuyamaca College, assumed the interim presidency September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Garber retired in 2009 from the presidency of Los Angeles Pierce College, a role he served in for 3 years. His 33-year career in California community colleges has included positions as instructor, counselor, chair, director, dean, vice president and president. His 24 years in community college administrative positions ranged from outreach and student services to the presidency of Pierce College, including 10 years as Vice President for

Student Services at San Diego Miramar College prior to returning to Pierce as president. Already charmed by the spirit that is Cuyamaca, and expressing appreciation for having personally experiencing "The Cuyamaca Way," Mr. Garber says he applied for the presidency as an opportunity to lead Cuyamaca as an advocate and partner, one who is meaningfully involved with campus colleagues and the collective work that helps the college prosper. Because he comes from experience in two multi-college districts, Mr. Garber knows the importance of both college and district-wide teamwork. He has a commitment to the community college mission and its focus on student success; a track record of moving programs and colleges forward; and a history of building leadership teams and working with faculty, staff and community partnerships. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from UC Berkeley and is a community college graduate (West Los Angeles College). Mr. Garber was born and raised in Seattle, Washington, moved to California as a teenager, and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970. Mr. Garber and his wife of 33 years, Rebecca, have two sons. One is in medical school and the other has just started a Master's degree in Sociology. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Vice President Arleen Satele for having served as Administrator-in-Charge over the summer, and to the entire Cuyamaca College community for their leadership.

# Enrollment Comparisons

The following is an analysis of the Fall 2010 enrollment compared with Fall 2009 enrollment as of the same day of registration:

|           | Fall 2010 | Fall 2009 | Difference by # | Percentage +/- |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|
| Date      | 08/31/10  | 09/01/09  |                 |                |
|           |           |           |                 |                |
| Headcount | 9873      | 9269      | +604            | +6.5           |
|           |           |           |                 |                |
| Units     | 71722.0   | 68662.5   | +3059.5         | +4.5           |

# Fall Convocation "Living The Cuyamaca Way"

The theme for this year's Fall 2010 Convocation was "Living the Cuyamaca Way." Administrator-in-Charge Arleen Satele addressed the packed crowd in the Student Center, welcoming everyone back to the college. Her State-of-the-College address highlighted and many ways the college faculty and staff demonstrate the 13 attributes of *The Cuyamaca Way* through their interaction with students, visitors to the college, and toward one another.



The annual President's Awards were presented to three Cuyamaca staff members "for outstanding dedication, service and leadership to Cuyamaca College and its students." The award for outstanding Administrator was presented to Dean Susan Topham of Admissions and Records; for Faculty to Academic Senate President Mr. Michael Wangler in Geography; and for Classified Staff the award was presented to Ms. Patty Branton from the Administrative Services' Facilities Department.

Years of Service Awards were awarded to 34 faculty and staff, representing a total of 370 years of cumulative service to the college. Additionally, five new staff members were welcomed into the Cuyamaca College family.

#### California State Chancellor Dr. Jack Scott Visits Cuyamaca College



Dr. Jack Scott with members of the GCCCD Classified Senate Executive Board.

The Student Center was the setting for the State Chancellor's Circle Luncheon that is held monthly throughout the State. Dr. Jack Scott, California State Chancellor, along with the Director and Executive Director of the Network of California Community Colleges Foundation, and 42 others regional community college CEOs, Academic and Classified Senate presidents and officers, and Foundation Executive Directors participated in the event. The luncheon allowed Dr. Scott the opportunity to meet with community college

leaders throughout the region and update them on legislative issue with regard to the community college system. While budget constraints throughout the state concern educators, community colleges are growing and working hard to meet the needs of the students. Dr. Scott praised those in attendance for working to meet the demands of students.

## Career Counseling Personality Type Training for Student Services Faculty and Staff



Thirty counselors, faculty and staff of various student services departments including Personal Development Counseling (PDC), Career Center, General Counseling, EOPS/Care, CalWORKs, DSPS, and even Community Learning participated in a full-day Career Counseling

Training on Personality Type and Vocational Assessment (based on the Myers Briggs Type Indicator-MBTI). Special thanks go to Career Technical Education (CTE), Career Center, Professional Development, and Personal Development Counseling (PDC) departments/committees for funding the curriculum materials and hire Patrick Kerwin, who is one of only 12 MBTI Certified Trainers in the United States, for the day. The day was a huge success and eye-opening to counselors and faculty.

Environmental Health & Safety Management Department
As part of the course opportunities that are provided in EHSM
230, Safety & Emergency Response, students are given the
option to earn multiple certificates, one of them being
Confined Space. Once the air in a storm drain was tested by
trained lab technicians, previous EHSM students Jim Lewis and
Cheryl VonHusen were lowered into a storm drain outside the
Student Center in front of the F building to get a taste of what
being in a confined space actually feels like. It was an
exhilarating experience for the students!



#### Successful Blood Drive at the Student Center

The recent blood drive held at the college during the first week of classes yielded 24 pints of donated blood. The location of the San Diego Blood Bank bus was changed from the staff parking lot near the Grand Lawn to the Student Center Plaza to take advantage of more faculty, staff and student traffic.

#### Library's Displays ~ U.S. Constitution Week and National Hispanic Heritage Month



During the month of September 2010, the library will have two concurrent displays! In honor of National Constitution Week, September 17-23, the first floor library display will contain items and books related to the September 17, 1787 signing of the Constitution of

the United States of America. On September 17, the ASGCC will sponsor an event from 9:15-9:45am to celebrate Constitution Day. In front of the LTRC, there will be a "live" Statue of Liberty, cookies and a brief, fun quiz where you can test your knowledge of the Constitution. Voter registration will even be available on the Grand Lawn. Please stop by, register to vote if you haven't already done so, grab a cookie, take the quiz, then visit the library to view the Constitution display.

September 15- October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month and this year, September 16 marks Mexico's 200th anniversary of its independence from Spain and the 100 year anniversary of its Revolution. The Mexican Heritage display will include books, information and materials, including a genuine piñata.

# **Upcoming College Events**

| October 16    | San Diego Robotics Expo                | 9:00 a.m.  | Student Center           |
|---------------|--|------------|--------------------------|
| October 15    | Congressional Debate                   | 6:00 p.m.  | Comm Arts Theatre        |
| October 18    | University Transfer Fair               | 10:00 a.m. | Grand Lawn               |
| October 20    | "Got Plans?"                           | 5:00 p.m.  | Student Center Plaza     |
| October 22    | Aggie Golf Tournament                  | Noon       | Bonita Golf Club         |
| October 22    | Child Development Center Fall Festival | 5:30 p.m.  | Child Development Center |
| October 26-29 | Disabilities Awareness Week            |            |                          |
| October 27    | Wheelchair Basketball Game             | 12:15 p.m. | College Gym              |

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