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



🐾 She's Got Talent!!

One of our very own floral designs students, Junko Yamamoto, won second place in the California State Floral Association's "California's Top Ten Floral Design Competition!" at the Flower Mart in San Francisco in late October. A huge honor and kudos for Ms. Yamamoto!!



🐾 Instructor Presents Dissertation at National Conference

Math instructor, Dr. Tammi Marshall, made a presentation at the AMATYC (American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges) annual conference regarding her dissertation results. Using data she collected from the prealgebra/PDC link at Cuyamaca College, her dissertation was on student success in learning communities. The focus of this year's conference was research. Dr. Marshall is planning to include additional data that she didn't have at the time of her dissertation.



🐾 Executive Dean Takes on New District Duties



Cuyamaca College Executive Dean Henri Migala has been transferred to the District Auxiliary to help create a comprehensive system for grants development and administration. In the coming years, Henri's move to the Auxiliary for full-time grants development and coordination will enable the District to develop a strategic approach for seeking the significant resources that are available through federal, state, and private foundations. In his new role, Executive Dean Migala will continue to work with faculty, staff, and administrators at Grossmont, Cuyamaca, and District Services to identify priorities, research, pursue, and secure grant funds to address our most critical needs over the coming years. Henri has

been instrumental in Cuyamaca College's grant seeking efforts and his skills and knowledge will now be an asset to the entire District. We look forward to his leadership and continued success in his new District role.



🐾 Instructor Receives Well Deserved Recognition

Mary Sessom, Paralegal Studies instructor (and Mayor of Lemon Grove), received the “Government Leader” award at the 8th Annual Women in Leadership Luncheon sponsored by the East County Chamber of Commerce. The event was recently held at the Doubletree San Diego-Mission Valley. This annual luncheon recognizes and honors dynamic women who demonstrate exemplary character, integrity and outstanding leadership qualities in their fields.



🐾 San Diego Robotics Education Expo

The San Diego Robotics Education Expo was held for the third year in a row at Cuyamaca College on Saturday, October 16. Approximately 350 visitors attended throughout the course of the day. Exhibitors included: University of San Diego, San Diego City College's robotics team, Wintress Technical Schools, High Tech High's robotics team, and of course Cuyamaca College's very own microcontroller and robotics classes. Also we had an exhibitor from SPAWAR's robotics program. Dave Massey from San Diego Science Alliance conducted a Sea Perch workshop. Sea Perch is a Navy sponsored program, first developed through a Sea Grant at MIT, to get kids of all ages building underwater robots which are a standard size, approximately the size of a breadbox. There will be a competition with these in November. Recognition goes out to faculty member Dr. Duncan McGehee who coordinates this event every year in cooperation with the San Diego Science Alliance.



🐾 The Halls Are Alive with the Sound of Music

In October, the Performing Arts Department presented an evening of instrumental and vocal music from the Renaissance, performed by San Diego ensemble Courtly Noyse on October 7th. The well attended program provided entertainment for aficionados of early music, but was also scheduled for around the time when music appreciation classes at both colleges would finish their units on Medieval and Renaissance music.

The department presented the first concert of its semester series for the Cuyamaca College Choir and Concert Band on October 12th. The Choir had its first performance under our new choral director, Merryl Nelson, and performed a program of American music that ranged from spirituals to showtunes. The concert band, under the stellar direction of Jeanne Christensen, presented a concert of autumn-themed music.

On October 18th, the department hosted their first concert of the season by the Grossmont College Concert Band, under the direction of Russ Sperling. And on October 21st, the department presented Amassi Al-Sharq (“Evening Nights”), an ensemble led by Luay Yousif that performed traditional music from the Middle East. This event was conceived as both an

enrichment activity for students in the Introduction to World Music class and an outreach activity to the Chaldean community.

🐾 Fine Arts Show Showcases Faculty Artwork



The Cuyamaca College art and graphic design faculty held their first Fine Arts Annual Faculty Art Show Opening Reception on Thursday, November 4th at the Communication Arts 3rd floor art space. Art works included many pieces from digital photography to watercolors. Over 75 people including students, family and the general public attended the opening event. The Fine Arts Annual Faculty Art Show dates runs through December 2, 2010. Visit the show and purchase a lovely art piece to grace your home or office.

🐾 Cuyamaca College Holds Its First Veteran’s Day Celebration

In recognition of Veteran’s Day, students, faculty, staff and administrators gathered in the Student Quad to remember and celebrate those who have served in the military and those who offered the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The short ceremony on November 10th included a moment of silence for our nation’s heroes, along with music and refreshments. The scheduled speaker, 89-year old WWII POW Sy Brenner was unable to attend due to emergency surgery.

🐾 College Hour: Chaldean Culture and Traditions

Despite the rainy weather, over 150 people came by and participated in the Chaldean Cultural and Traditions College Hour. There was plenty of good food available, and students, faculty and staff were encouraged to be involved in some of the cultural dancing.



🐾 ASGCC Now on Facebook

Student Government now has their own Facebook page. Their webmaster, Pat Ardilla, will be responsible for providing ASGCC and club updates. There will also be links to the 28 active clubs at Cuyamaca College.



🐾 Got Plans?

After months of planning, the 2010 Got Plans? event brought thousands of high school students, parents, and community members to Cuyamaca College’s campus. Over 5,000 students, parents, and community members attended the event which featured more than 90 colleges and universities as well as over 60 military, resource,

and career representatives for attendees to discover. There were a wide variety of activities to choose from on the night of Got Plans? from a Cuyamaca and Grossmont College Department Showcase, to workshops ranging from UC and CSU Admissions, Financial Aid, and finding the right job. Although the weather presented some challenges, it was a great night for Cuyamaca College and the Grossmont Union High School District. Cuyamaca College's collaboration and partnership with the GUHS District is truly valuable and we look forward to future partnerships.

🐾 ASGCC Officers Attend General Assembly

ASGCC Student Government students recently attended the General Assembly for college student government within Region X. The first day began by a general session where they listened to speakers and covered adoption of the procedures in between the general sessions. The first breakout session was legislative and budget updates. It provided information and overview of the budget process. Another breakout session was about running an effective meeting. Other topics of interest included sustainability issues, counseling, student fees, student involvement, student senate funding, student services, textbooks, and student senate. The fall 2010 General Assembly took place at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina October 29-31, 2010. It was the first time Student Government participated together as a group since 2006.

🐾 Blood Drive A Success

The San Diego Blood Bank registered 30 donors and successfully collected 25 pints of blood during their recent visit to Cuyamaca College. The pints college will go towards saving 50 lives. Future drives are scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2011 and Thursday, April 28, 2011.

🐾 Transfer Fair

This year's Transfer Fair proved to be another success. Several hundred students participated in the annual fair, held on October 18, 2010 on the Grand Lawn. Over 35 colleges and universities were represented, including many public and private institutions. Among the colleges and universities that attended included SDSU, UCSD, CSU San Marcos, Arizona State University, National University, and Point Loma Nazarene University.

🐾 Disabilities Awareness Week & Wheelchair Basketball Game



Cuyamaca College's DSPS Department along with Athletics, the San Diego Xpress, Club ABLED, ASGCC, and the LRC celebrated Disabilities Awareness Month October 25-29, 2010, culminating with our Lucky #13th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game held on October 27th.

The focus of Disabilities Awareness Month is to teach and increase awareness of how capable people with disabilities actually are. The San Diego Xpress team, a formal league wheelchair basketball team here in San Diego, comes out to Cuyamaca College each year for this event to face off with our Cuyamaca College athletes (most of which are from our men's college

basketball team) for a very exciting game! All players are put in the athletic wheelchairs and the teams are then mixed to equalize the playing field. Any spectators and students are welcome to play in the game. One of the highlights of this year's game was watching our Interim President, Robert Garber, participate and play in the game. What a sport! Our College Coyote tried his luck in the athletic chair too, playing in the game as well as various other students. This event is a great time of coming together and a wonderful experiential education that includes a lot of fun and excitement for students, faculty, staff, administrators, and Board Members.

14th Annual Aggie Open Golf Tournament

This is an annual fundraising event for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society and the Ornamental Horticulture Program. This year's event at the Bonita Golf Course attracted over 125 golfers with many industry leaders in attendance and sponsors of the event. CCBS officers and volunteers from the OH department kept the tournament running smoothly all day! A great deal of work was required both in preparation for the day and during the event. The generosity and number of participating sponsors this year was incredible. Horizon provided tremendous support as our corporate sponsor, and an impressive list of companies and individual sponsors made the fundraiser more successful than we ever could have expected. The tournament raised over \$10,000 for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society and Ornamental Horticulture Program.



🐾 Center for Innovation Activity

The Center for Innovation within the office of Continuing Education serves as the umbrella for many of the contract and grant-funded professional and vocational programs housed at Cuyamaca College. Many are regional programs funded to serve all of San Diego and Imperial counties. Below is a brief summary of their recent activities:

- The Green Building Program coordinated and delivered a 3-day Train the Trainer to eight instructors representing Cuyamaca, Southwestern, SDCCD Continuing Education, and Mira Costa's course facilitators for the Green Building Program.
- During the months of September and October, 35 individuals attended Building Performance Institute (BPI) training at Cuyamaca College. Staff is working with graduates on job search activities.
- Twenty-three students who recently completed the Water Conservation course took the American Water Works Association certification exam hosted at Vallecitos Water District.
- Continuing Education in partnership with the credit ESL program is offering a 150 hour intensive basic ESL pilot to prepare students to enter credit classes in the spring 2011 semester.
- As part of the BADGER (Border Area Development and Growth of Environmental Responsibility) project the Environmental Training Center, in conjunction with the County of San Diego, hosted an Automotive Compliance Workshop in National City. The event served over 45 small business owners and employees from the automotive industry.

- Jonathan Kropp recently wrote BP Solar’s competitive donation program and competed against many other organizations and training institutes for a limited number of solar panels. To our success, Cuyamaca’s solar program was picked to receive four state-of-the-art BP panels valued between \$650.00 and \$900.00 per unit. The panels will be utilized by our solar program to both benchmark efficiency and add to the hands-on curricula which makes up over 25% of our introduction course.
- On October 27th, Alan Ridley gave a presentation on the green training programs offered at Cuyamaca College at the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Workshops sponsored by Southern CA Tribal Chairmen’s Association.

🐾 Coyotes Run Well at Conference Meet

The Cuyamaca Women’s Cross Country Team qualified two for the Regional Meet, while the Men's team qualified with 3 All-Conference performances at the Pacific Coast Conference Championships held at Guajome Park on Thursday October 29th. Woman runners Kate Leidiger and Heather Mort qualified for the regional meet at the Pacific Coast Conference Meet, held in late October These two who have been leading the women’s team all year, narrowly miss making all conference, but are able to qualify for the regional meet.



The men's team was led by Nick Haimes who ran 21:59 for the 4-mile race, to place 9th over all. Next up was Mike Gorney who ran a superb race to place 11th in a time of 22:19. It was Mike's fastest time of the season, just in time for regional championships. Eddie Corvera, who placed 12th, ran a 22:22. All three, Nick, Mike and Eddie earned All-Conference with their performances.

🐾 Library’s Display: November is Native American Heritage Month

How much do *you* know about Native Americans? Visit the LTRC this month and test your knowledge of Native American history and culture. Check out the first floor display in our foyer for the focus on Native Americans from California including our local tribe, the Kumeyaay. Learn a little about Native American arts, crafts, and myths. Visit with the exhibit animals and check out the beautiful animal pelts on loan from Balboa Park’s Natural History Museum and discover more about Native American animal symbology. Travel to the second floor and gain a deeper understanding of Native American men, women and children and enjoy the wonderful cultural items on display. Want to learn even more about Native Americans? You’re in the right place! The reference librarian on the second floor will be more than happy to introduce you to more information!



Upcoming College Events

November 25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday		
December 3	EOPS/CARE Holiday Celebration	1:00 p.m.	Location TBA
December 8	College Hour: Holiday Celebration	11:30 a.m.	Student Center
December 9	President's Holiday Celebration	12:00 p.m.	Student Center
January 19, 2011	Spring Convocation	8:00 a.m.	Student Center

