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## President's Report to the Governing Board February 22, 2011



### **Governing Board and Student Leadership Trip to Washington, D.C.**



Cuyamaca College student leaders Jacqueline Luis, Ana Jacobo, Leo Padilla and Student Trustee Chuck Taylor III were privileged to accompany members of the GCCCD Governing Board attending the National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. from February 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. Top federal priorities for community colleges which our students learned about were: Federal Pell Grants, Perkins Career and Technical Training Programs; legislative priorities such as Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), Dream Act, and Veteran Help for Students. Students were privileged

to meet with members of Congress Duncan Hunter, Bob Filner and Susan Davis. The students told of their struggles with immigration, the need for services for military veterans, refugees and financial aid for students needing assistance in order to remain in college.



### **Professor Emeritus Kathy McWilliams Honored**

On Tuesday, January 18, 2011 the memory of Professor Emeritus Kathy McWilliams was honored at the George Anderson Honor Court in the Student Center Plaza. Mrs. McWilliams was a founding Cuyamaca College faculty member actively teaching at the time of her death in July 2010. Tied to this occasion was the Honor Court Dedication Ceremony where the Academic Senate will honor professors emeriti with engraved commemorative bricks placed in the Court. Speakers at the ceremony included Chancellor Cindy Miles; Brad Monroe, Ornamental Horticulture Program Coordinator; Michael Wangler, Academic Senate President; and Nancy Jennings, Academic Senate Vice-President. Those attending the ceremony included Trustees Bill Garrett, Greg Barr, Mary Kay Rosinski, Edwin Hiel and Student Trustee Charles Taylor III. College administrators, current and retired Cuyamaca College faculty and staff, along with Kathy's husband, Bill McWilliams, joined President Bob Garber at the ceremony. The Cuyamaca College American Sign Language Choir movingly performed *You Raise Me Up* by Josh Groban. A Reception in Tribute to Professor McWilliams was held immediately following the dedication.



### **Spring 2011 Convocation**

The Spring Convocation, with its theme of "Connecting With Students," kicked off with the traditional breakfast in the Student Center. For the first time in many years, the college hosted a guest speaker

for the Convocation program. President Garber introduced Mr. Jim Gaston, Associate Director of Information Technology at the South Orange County Community College District. Mr. Gaston's presentation titled "Connecting with the iPod Generation" resonated with the faculty and staff in attendance.

### **🐾 Golden Coyote Awards**

One of the highlights of Convocation is the recognition of faculty, staff and administrators who have personified the characteristics of *The Cuyamaca Way* as it relates to the mission and values of the college. Awards were presented in 5 categories.

#### **Student Access**

**Award 1: Marcella Brown**, Assessment

Coordinator, Counseling. Facing a tremendous influx of Middle Eastern refugees, Marcella and her team managed and assessed over 1,000 students at the beginning of the semester, maintaining our mission and exemplifying *The Cuyamaca Way*.

**Award 2: Connie Sterling**, Multi-Media Technician, LTRC. Connie has worked tirelessly with librarians and a wide range of faculty to assure that the library reserve collection has as many textbooks as possible to serve our students who either cannot afford a text or are awaiting financial aid to purchase a book.

#### **Learning and Student Success**

**Award 1: Karen Knox**, Counseling. The Department has been without several full time people. Karen works hard to ensure that the office is running smoothly, and that students are served in a polite and efficient manner. She singlehandedly supervises and trains the student hourly employees. Her goal has always been to ensure that the frontline staff is courteous and provides accurate information.

**Award 2: Terrie Nichols**, Math Instructor/SLO Coordinator. Terrie has devoted an incredible amount of hours and energy to developing a comprehensive SLO Assessment Plan for the college in preparation for an Accreditation site visit. She has developed a Wiki page where colleagues can write, edit and share their assessment plans, and has worked closely with her colleagues to help them create their plans.

**Award 3: Kelley Nielson**, ASL Instructor. Kelley has developed a comprehensive free tutoring program that begins the second week of classes and runs to the start of final projects. A team of supervised senior ASL students and ASL teaching assistants voluntarily work with students individually and groups covering all aspects of the curriculum. Ms. Nielsen recruits, trains, and mentors all of the tutors as well as supervising the tutoring sessions.

**Award 4: Jennifer Smith**, ASL Instructor. Jennifer pioneered the use of iTunesU as a tool for student learning and success in the American Sign Language Program. Ms. Smith created vodcasts for all of the vocabulary lessons for ASL 120 and ASL 121 using student performers. Ms. Smith reviews ASL student final projects for posting while overseeing the quality and quantity of vodcasts posted to the site. iTunesU is an invaluable review resource for ASL students who can download the vodcasts to their computers and portable devices for study and review.



### **Value and Support of Employees**

**Award 1: Danene Brown**, Dean, Division II. Through word and deed, Danene has always demonstrated that she values and supports the employees who work in her division. She is supportive of new ideas and is always willing to offer any assistance when needed. She listens to faculty and classified staff alike and does everything in her power to honor those who work for her.

**Award 2: David DeHaven**, Facilities. David has been the “go to” man for many college and community facilities set-up needs. With the increased use of the beautiful college facilities, David has consistently taken the initiative and shown leadership in ensuring that any room is set up and ready to go for any event. Mr. DeHaven demonstrates a collaborative spirit and a friendly and passionate commitment to his work.

### **Economic and Community Development**

**Award 1: Jennifer Lewis**, ETC Director. Within the past five years that Jennifer has been with Cuyamaca College, she has brought in more than \$3 million of revenue as a result of partnership development for this region.

**Award 2: Sandy Beasley, Mark Cossano, Angela Nesta, and Terri Noble**, LTRC. These outstanding individuals established a publications and media lending library with materials supplied by the San Diego Center for Economic Education (SDCEE) at Cuyamaca College. The library contains a wide array of materials to assist K-12+ instructors in teaching about economics. From books to booklets, to leaflets and pamphlets, the SDCEE resource library covers information on the Federal Reserve, finance, money, entrepreneurship, trade and much, much more.

### **Fiscal and Physical Resources**

**Award 1: Mark Cossano**, Multi-Media Tech, LTRC. Mark helped save the college money by helping reupholster all the chairs in the LRC.

**Award 2: Maria Gearhart**, Multi Media Assistant, LTRC. To date Maria has reupholstered 205 library chairs and some footstools. Maria is also responsible for implementing the monthly Library displays and spends evenings and weekends visiting thrift shops or monitoring Craig’s List to locate appropriate items that cost little. She once found four glass display cases on Craig’s List that were free; she picked them up on her own time, had the frames spray painted, put contact paper around the bases, and cleaned up the glass. They are now used throughout the Library as display cases.

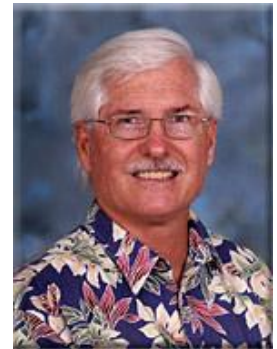
**Award 3: Arleen Satele**, Vice President, Administrative Services. Arleen served the college tirelessly as the campus Administrator in Charge while still maintaining her Vice Presidential duties. The college owes Arleen a HUGE thank you!

### **🐾 Automotive Technology Program Rated One of the Top in the Nation**

*Tomorrow’s Technician* staff has selected the Top 20 schools in the fourth annual Automotive School of the Year competition, with Cuyamaca College’s Automotive Technology Program being rated one of the highest in the nation. Contest entries were received from 301 students, instructors and other industry representatives nominating nearly 100 high schools, technical schools and colleges. Ed Sunkin, editor of *Tomorrow’s Technician*, said the Top 20 schools now have the opportunity to vie for the title of 2011 School of the Year by putting together a promotional binder that highlights their automotive program. The Top 20 list will be narrowed down to the final four schools, one from each region of the country. The four finalists will be announced in April. Congratulations to the Cuyamaca College Auto Tech faculty for the superb job!

**🐾 Jim Custeau Receives the CCCAOE AWARD for EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP**

The California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE) will be honoring our own Jim Custeau with their Excellence in Leadership Award. As the longstanding chairperson of one of the college's first CTE programs established over 30 years ago, Mr. Custeau has been instrumental in building and maintaining long-running industry partnerships that have made this program one of the most successful industry-linked programs in the region. He motivates and inspires his students to achieve their dreams, and is a role model for all of us who aspire to be the best in what we do. Mr. Custeau was nominated for this award by Dr. Madelaine Wolfe, Dean of Instruction, and will be presented his award on March 23, 2011 at the Marriott Oakland City Center Hotel.



**🐾 Olympian Champion Teaches Track at Cuyamaca**

Two-time Olympian and adjunct faculty member Tim Seaman led the field Sunday, January 23, at the 2011 USA 50 km Race Walk Championships in Tustin, California. Seaman, who is a six-time U.S. 20 km champion, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in his race, which qualified him for his 5<sup>th</sup> Olympic trials. As U.S. outdoor record holder in every distance from 3,000m to 20 km, and U.S. 5,000m indoor record holder, Seaman has won 12 of the last 13 USA Indoor Men's 5,000m Walk Championships. He made history with his victory in that event at the 2009 USA Indoor Championships in Boston, which gave him the all-time lead in national titles in that event, garnering 11 titles!



**🐾 Instructor Serves as Judge for Literary Prize**

Patricia Santana, Spanish instructor and chair of foreign languages at Cuyamaca College, will be one of the judges for The Premio Aztlán Literary Prize, a national literary award established to encourage and reward emerging Chicana and Chicano authors. The literary prize of \$1,000 is for a work of fiction (novels and collections of short stories) published in the 2010 calendar year.

**🐾 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:

- Jennifer Lewis, Director of the Environmental Training Center presented Green Training Programs to over 30 faculty and staff during Professional Development Week.
- Jennifer Lewis met with Safety, HR and Environmental managers at GKN Aerospace that resulted in work experience and internship opportunities for EHS students.
- ETC received \$70,000 in advanced electrical control system training boards and components.
- Linda Waring, Jennifer Lewis and Jonathan Kropp arranged a partnership with Santana High School and Cuyamaca College as part of the Workforce Innovation Partnership (WIP) Grant application to develop a green entrepreneur pathway for students.
- Cuyamaca College and the California Center for Sustainable Energy (CCSE) hosted a



4 day Solar Thermal Train-the-Trainer to train Southern California Community College instructors in the newly developed Solar Thermal curriculum.

### **🐾 College Hosts Botball Contest**

Cuyamaca College hosted a Botball Training Workshop all day Friday and Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Student Center. Thirty-three middle school and high school teams from Southern California and Mexico came to learn about robots and the rules for this year's Botball contest. This is the third year in a row the college has hosted this event. Last spring the college hosted the Southern California Regional Botball Tournament which was held in our gymnasium.



### **🐾 Busy Time for Outreach**

Cuyamaca College Outreach activities accomplished for January/February 2011:

- Conducting classroom presentations introducing high school students to our college, the application process, and showing students how to transfer to universities and receive financial aid.
- Conducted two campus tours during January with West Hills High School and Mount Miguel High School. Sixty-eight students toured our beautiful campus and learned of the many opportunities the college has to offer. During these tours, the student ambassadors assisted 56 students in completing their application to the college.
- Conducted a PDC 101 tour for 100 students. Translators were provided for this tour to ensure full and proper understanding of the material for all students.
- An International Students Tour was held for four international students visiting the college learning the basics about becoming a Cuyamaca College student.
- Information tables were also staffed on the high school campuses throughout our district, guiding and helping 817 students in two days.
- Throughout January, our Outreach staff and student ambassadors reached out to 1,165 prospective students, and assisted individuals in completing 211 college applications.

### **🐾 College Hour – “Black History Month”**

This month we are celebrating Black History Month with a College Hour in the Student Center on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The ASGCC has put together a DVD presentation on African American Achievers throughout our history. The committee has been working on the hour-long DVD presentation for over a month. The ASGCC committee hosting our College Hour will be on hand to meet and greet students and all who attend. Students were welcomed by enjoying hot cocoa, hot apple cider and cookies for a rainy wet evening. All were encouraged to stop by, listen and warm up while learning about the many contributions that have been made to our country and the world.

### **🐾 Library Display: Civil War to Civil Rights and Beyond . . .**

This year's Black History Month theme addresses “the efforts of people of African descent to destroy slavery and inaugurate universal freedom in the United States.” African Americans served as recruiters, soldiers, nurses and spies during the Civil War which Frederick Douglass believed would bring an



end to America's "peculiar institution," slavery. He was proven correct! In honor of this year's theme, the LTRC display for the month of February celebrates African Americans and the Civil War. The display cases contain books and photographs addressing slavery and emancipation, African American Civil War issues, and autobiographies and narratives of slaves.

### **Upcoming College Events**

**🐾 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arbor Day Celebration**

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:30 p.m. in the OH Nursery

**🐾 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference**

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. in the Communication Arts Center.

The Cuyamaca College Horticulture Program in conjunction with the University of California Cooperative Extension Service and the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society is proud to present the Third Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference. The theme for this year's conference is Sustainable Landscapes in Action.

**🐾 Senior High Math Field Day**

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m., L Building

**🐾 College Hour – "Women's History Month"**

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center

**🐾 Children's Art Auction**

March 24 through April 15, Child Development Center

**🐾 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Garden Festival**

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

