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President's Report to the Governing Board March 15, 2011

College Hosts East County Career Fair



On Friday, February 25th, the Student Center was the place to be to search for a new job. The East County Career Center in conjunction with Congressman Duncan D. Hunter's office held their annual career fair here at the college. Over 60 businesses from throughout the community, as well as local and state agencies were represented. Congressman Hunter stopped by to thank those whose businesses were represented. Job seekers lined up early to preview the various

job opportunities. An estimated 1,500 job seekers filled the Student Center for the morning. It was reported that some of this year's recruiters attended the job fair just last year, and are now working for their respective companies.



Cuyamaca College Well Represented at Innovations 2011 Conference in San Diego

The League for Innovation held its annual national conference at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel February 27th through March 2nd. Faculty, administrators, and staff from both colleges and the District office volunteered their time and talents for this national conference, and attended the myriad of workshops dedicated to improving student and organizational learning through innovation, experimentation, and institutional transformation. The ASL Choir, under the direction of Kelley Nielson, performed Monday evening prior to the evening reception. Of the dozens of workshops offered, five were presented by our own faculty and administrators:

Diet for a Small Budget: Thriving on PIE (Purpose, Inquiry, Entrepreneurship)

- Presented by: Cindy Miles, Sunita Cooke, Robert Garber and Sue Rearic

They Have an App for That!

- Presented by: Jennifer Smith, Therese Botz and Kelley Nielsen

Learning Communities and the First-Year Experience: Promoting Success in Basic Skills

- Presented by: Julianna Barnes and Tammi Marshall

Inquiry in Action: A Faculty Inquiry Group at Cuyamaca College

- Presented by: Lauren Halsted and Mary Beth Graham

Facilitating Student Learning in the Sciences Through Interdisciplinary Case Studies

- Presented by: Kathryn Nette, Laurie LeBlanc, Diane Kew and Glenn Thurman

🐾 Cuyamaca Prep Holds Graduation Ceremony

Cuyamaca Prep began in 2003 through the San Diego County Office of Education as an innovative, voluntary opportunity for district-referred students. Students who are behind in credits can progress more rapidly toward graduation by enrolling concurrently in Cuyamaca College and high school. The program is designed to provide individualized attention to students as they begin their college careers and complete their high school diplomas. Due to the leadership and collaborative spirit of Cuyamaca College and the San Diego County Office of Education's Juvenile Court and Community Schools, East Region, we had several unique and worthy graduates in February 2011. Pictured from left to right are Ali Madinah, Christopher Toomey (Program Counselor), Danene Brown (Dean of Division II), Juan Barraza, Ellen De La Cruz (Program Director) and Jose Mendoza-Santana. All three students are continuing their studies at Cuyamaca Community College. Congratulations!



🐾 Men's and Women's Track Teams Attend First Invitational Meet of the Year



Cuyamaca's men's and women's track teams competed in their first invitational of the year at Cerritos College on February 18th and 19th. Some big winners led the way for the Coyotes, including Nick Haines and Khalil Henry, who won their respective events. Nick Haines won the 3,000m steeplechase in a time of 9:39.88 to break the school record by more than 3 seconds. Haines, running in torrential rain and wind, led from start to finish taking the lead and becoming the fastest steeplechaser in the state thus far. Khalil Henry won the high jump in a height of 6'8". It was the highest jump of his career so far, and the 3rd highest in the history of the school. In the men's pole vault, sophomore Shane Hoagland placed 5th with his vault of 14' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Leading the ladies was freshman Kimberly Gossmeier. Kim ran both the 100m hurdles as well as the 400m hurdles. Kim placed 5th in the 400m hurdles in a time of 1:08.77 and she placed 8th in the 100m hurdles in a time of 15.77. Both times were personal bests for Kim. In the women's discus, Carolina Toledo placed 15th with her toss of 33.32 meters, while her teammate Tashiya Harris threw 33.38 meters in the hammer throw to place 11th overall. Not to be outdone was freshman sensation Jonathan Demus who placed 2nd in the men's 100m dash in a time of 11.14.

🐾 Men's Basketball Players Make All League



Two of our college's men's basketball players were recently recognized by the PCAC League. Jywrell Wilson was selected First team all-PCAC. Mr. Wilson, a San Diego native and a graduate of Bishop, played guard.

Kendrick Alejandre was recognized as Honorable mention all-PCAC. The 6'10" starting forward attended Hilltop High in San Diego.



🐾 31st Annual Arbor Day Celebration



On Tuesday, March 1st the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Department celebrated its 31st Annual Arbor Day Planting. A Western Redbud was planted on the slope just west of the OH center to commemorate California native trees. In the next few years this slope will be planted with a variety of native plants to provide a showpiece for local flora. Approximately 30 students and other visitors joined in the proceedings that included stories about Arbor Day history along with the planting of new redbud.

🐾 3rd Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference

On Thursday, March 10th the Cuyamaca College Horticulture Program in conjunction with the University of California Cooperative Extension Service and the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society hosted the 3rd annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference at the college's Performing Arts Theater. The theme for this year's conference is Sustainable Landscapes in Action. Over 260 landscape industry professionals and OH students attended the event which featured presentations by 10 landscape and storm water professionals speaking on landscape sustainability issues. The Cuyamaca College Botanical Society, Ornamental Horticulture staff and instructors, college theater production staff and facilities maintenance staff had been planning this event since the summer of 2010 and all their hard work was rewarded with what many attendees called "a fantastic conference." Many thanks to all of the people whose dedication contributed to another successful conference.



🐾 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:

- Workplace Learning Resource Center provided a Train-the-Trainer for 9 GCCCD faculty and staff which certified them to offer *Ken Blanchard Situational Self Leadership* for community college students. The efforts of the Workplace Learning Resource Center in bringing this certification to district employees saved over \$60,000 in training costs.

- Jennifer Lewis, Acting Dean for Continuing Education, is working with SDICCA colleges on the development of a Department of Labor (DOL) – Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Community College and Career Training Proposals, up to \$20 million.
- The Workforce Training Resource Lab is planning an exciting series of Green Career Readiness Workshops in March, April, May and June.
- Planning efforts are ongoing for a county-wide Green Business Symposium at Cuyamaca College on May 26th in partnership with California Center for Sustainable Energy and the San Diego Workforce Partnership. This event will be funded by the Clean Energy grant at Cuyamaca.

🐾 New Grants Awarded

The Center for Innovation recently received two grants. A grant of \$450,000 in Workforce Innovation Partnership Grants (WIP) was awarded. This project works in concert with Santana High School to create clear pathways for high school students pursuing green training at Cuyamaca College. A \$5,000 Mini Grant from the Regional Consortium was given to certify Region 10 Community College faculty, staff and administrators as LEED Green Associates through the US Green Building Council.

🐾 Environmental Training Center Receives Award

Jennifer Lewis, Director of the Environmental Training Center, traveled to Garden Grove with Brett Baker, Cuyamaca College BADGER Student Intern to present at the 13th Annual California Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) Training Conference in Garden Grove. The San Diego Environmental Training Center, as part of the Negocio Verde Task Force, was asked to co-present a breakout session on the exciting BADGER Project (Border Area Development and Growth of Environmental Responsibility). As a special honor, the group was presented with a prestigious Community Development Award from the CUPA Forum.



The intent of the BADGER Project is to educate and inform automotive business owners and operators of environmental regulations, laws and pollution prevention measures that they can incorporate in their day-to-day practices through bilingual workshops and support provided by bilingual community college interns currently enrolled in Environmental Health and Safety programs at Cuyamaca and Southwestern Colleges.

🐾 A Busy Month for Student Outreach



February was a fun filled month in the Outreach Department! In addition to our routine advising sessions, Outreach held PDC workshops at West Hills, Grossmont, and Valhalla High Schools. We had students visit our college from all over East County with Pine Valley, Granite Hills, and El Capitan all venturing out for campus tours. Outreach also helped three prospective students become familiar with our campus while conducting individual campus tours. Workshops were conducted for college applications at Monte Vista High School and Valhalla High School. In addition, the Outreach team attended many community events such as Valhalla High School's "Got Questions?" parent night, the Education Expo sponsored by

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Skyline Church, Steele Canyon's Employment Fair, and the Youth Resource Fair held at the South County Regional Education Center in National City. Two hundred nineteen students were provided with information about Cuyamaca College while conducting classroom presentations at Mount Miguel High School, Monte Vista High School, and El Cajon Valley High School. All in all, during the month of February, Outreach assisted 880 students in their quest for knowledge of Cuyamaca College. The month of March marks the start of the Cuyamaca Link program. We expect great things from this year's Cuyamaca Link program! Go Coyotes!

🐾 ASGCC Activities

Members of ASGCC will be attending the MARCH IN MARCH in Sacramento on the 14th to continue the fight for lower fees and more tax money for colleges. Students will be marching from the California Auto Museum to the State Capital where they will hold a rally. Students from across the state are coming together to show their support for California Community Colleges and to keep college accessible for all students. The Election Committee for next year's elections has been formed for ASGCC elections, to be held May 16th through 19th.

Several new student clubs are forming at the college. They include:

- The One Organization -- for charity fundraisers and activism;
- Art Club – to promote and enhance student interest, learning, and involvement in the Arts on campus and in the community;
- BEAT (Bringing Education and Activism Together) - to raise awareness and encourage activism; and
- The Creative Writing Club – to provide an environment where Cuyamaca students will feel encouraged and inspired to write creatively.

🐾 Library Display: Our History is Our Strength!



March is Women's History Month! This month's display in the LTRC features the women leadership of Cuyamaca College's campus and the District Office. Our campus deans and vice presidents, Dr. Julianna Barnes, Danene Brown, Connie Elder, Dr. Serene Pritchett, Arleen Satele, Dr. Darlene Spoor, Dr. Robin Steinbeck, and Dr. Madelaine Wolfe as well as the District Vice Chancellor, Sue Rearic and our Chancellor, Dr. Cindy Miles are introduced through photographs and short bios in our 1st floor display case. The 2nd floor cases focus on our

powerful and courageous *she-roes*, those who've paved the way for women to overcome oppression and discrimination and set out on their own personal paths of empowerment. Our collection in the Cuyamaca College LTRC contains excellent literature that highlights the extraordinary accomplishments and amazing strength of many influential women such as Wilma Mankiller, Emily Dickinson, Susan B.

Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Charlotte E. Ray and many others. Stop by the LTRC this month and join in our celebration of our ***SHE-ROES!***

Upcoming College Events

🐾 Senior High Math Field Day

Saturday, March 12th, 8:00 a.m., L Building

🐾 Children's Art Auction

March 24 through April 15, Child Development Center

🐾 18th Annual Spring Garden Festival

Saturday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

🐾 Student Fine Art Exhibition and Sale

April 14 through May 18, Communication Arts Center, B-350

🐾 College Hour – "Health Fair"

Tuesday, April 19th, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Student Center, front patio

🐾 Career Fair

Tuesday, May 3rd, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Student Center

🐾 College Hour – "Mexican Cultural Heritage Celebration"

Friday, May 6th, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Student Center Quad

🐾 Transfer Achievement Celebration

Friday, May 6th, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Communication Arts Theatre

🐾 Automotive Skills Day

Saturday, May 7th, 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Auto Tech Complex

🐾 Coyote Music Festival

Saturday, May 7th, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., Grand Lawn

🐾 EOPS Student Recognition

Friday, May 13th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Location TBA

🐾 Foundation Celebration "There's No Place Like Home"

Saturday, May 14th, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Student Center

🐾 ASGCC Student Elections

Monday, May 16th through Thursday, May 19th, 2011.

