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## President's Report to the Governing Board April 5, 2011

### **🐾 District staff present at Statewide CalWORKs Training Institute**

Congratulation to Sheryl Ashley, CalWORKs Program Coordinator, Nada Grigsby, CalWORKs Counselor, and Henri Migala, Grant Development Administrator, for their presentation at the California Community Colleges CalWORKs Association Statewide Training Institute titled **"Impacts of Refugees on College Programs."** With East San Diego County being a major settlement area for Iraqi refugees, the Grossmont Cuyamaca College District has been challenged to meet the educational needs of the growing local refugee population. The workshop provided an overview of the planning and collaborative efforts of Cuyamaca College CalWORKs to help refugee CalWORKs English Language Learners succeed as students and prepare them for employment.



### **🐾 Student Success Story – Filmmaker Dustin Kahia**

Kudos to Part-Time English Instructor Barbara Pescar and her student, Dustin Kahia. Ms. Pescar shared the success story about Dustin Kahia, who began as a student in English 110 in 2007, then returned to English 120 in 2008. While attending the English 110 course he told Ms. Pescar that his dream was to be a filmmaker. After meeting numerous times with counselors here at Cuyamaca, Dustin decided he was ready to transfer to SDSU, and prepared himself by seeking a film internship with the Morgan Freeman Internship Program in Los Angeles. Recently, Ms. Pescar received an email from Dustin, with a link to his first short film 'Masterpieces,' <http://www.vimeo.com/14875862>, which debuted at the Newport Beach Film Festival. Ms. Pescar states: "often we focus on what we need to do which is important, but I wanted to share with you the success of what we have accomplished, because this often goes unnoticed." Dustin is working hard on a second film, titled 'Valediction' <http://www.indiegogo.com/Valediction-1>. Congratulations to both Dustin Kahia and his instructor, Barbara Pescar!



### **🐾 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. A brief summary

of their recent activities includes: (a) students are being recruited for the upcoming Leadership Academy Workshops in May; (b) Continuing Education will offer new and exciting fee-based classes for adults as well as a comprehensive College for Kids Program; (c) The Clean Energy and Workforce Training Program (CEWTP) grant has provided training to 251 students; and (d) CEWTP staff, in partnership with San Diego Workforce Partnership and the California Center for Sustainable Energy are meeting weekly to coordinate a Green Business Symposium to benefit employers and CEWTP graduates.

### **🐾 Coyote Burger Taste Test!**



Our burger tasting contest was a success! We had 12 judges comprised of faculty, staff, administrators and of course, our students! Together, they determined the burger worthy of becoming our “Coyote Burger.” The two most popular burgers were the BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger and the Chipotle Pico de Gallo Burger.

With 9 out of 12 votes, the big winner was the **"Chipotle Aioli with Pico de Gallo, Sliced Avocado and Pepper Jack Burger!"**

This delicious burger is a fusion concept which combines flavors of Southern California and South of the Border creating a hamburger with a “blast” of flavor. Thank you to everyone who participated in the tasting!

### **🐾 Outreach**

March marked another great month for Outreach. Cuyamaca College Ambassadors conducted classroom presentations at Mount Miguel, Monte Vista, and West Hills High Schools. They also guided full scale campus tours for Grossmont, Steele Canyon, Santana, and San Diego Unified High Schools. In addition, Outreach arranged a “College Talk” with Grossmont High School and put together an assessment test at El Capitan High School. Outreach was also busy with six application workshops at Mount Miguel, Granite Hills, El Cajon Valley, West Hills, Chaparral, and El Capitan High Schools. Ambassadors also attended the Hoover High School College Fair, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual College Expo at SDSU, and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing College Fair at Madison High School. This was all in addition to the consistent one-on-one advising sessions held at each of the twelve area high schools. In addition to the routine Outreach activities, ambassadors also dove right into Cuyamaca Link activities. Outreach has conducted Link 1 (orientation to the program) at Mount Miguel, Monte Vista, Valhalla, and Steele Canyon, as well as parent orientations at each of the schools. At Mount Miguel, Monte Vista, and Valhalla, we offered parent orientations in multiple languages. Go Coyotes!

### **🐾 ASGCC**

ASGCC attended the Spring General Assembly in Sacramento from April 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. The theme was: “Keepers of the Dream, Moving Forward in Solidarity.” Students voted on proposals and received effective training on advocacy, shared governance, state and federal legislative updates, as well as the opportunity to share information and network with students from 112 community colleges. We want to preserve higher education for future generations.

### **🐾 Senior High Math Field Day**

Cuyamaca College hosted the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior High Math Field Day on March 12, 2011. This is an event where high schools around the San Diego area participated in a friendly math competition for awards and prizes. The event was coordinated by faculty members Tammi Marshall and Eric Preibisius, who were assisted by other part-time and full-time faculty, including Donnie Tran, Helen Noble, Ryan Moore, Robert Fury, Dan Curtis, Terrie Nichols, and Chris O'Byrne. One-hundred high school students from 10 different high schools participated in the event. The top four high schools in this year's competition were: Canyon Crest Academy (first place), Scripps Ranch (second), La Jolla (third), and Mira Mesa (fourth).



### **🐾 College Hour – “Women’s History College Hour”**

On March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 12 noon students were encouraged to visit the Student Center for “Rate Your Shake,” testing their handshake for interviews and enhancing their job-seeking interviewing skills. Resume help was also offered, and students were encouraged to bring their resumes for review. Additionally, to support Breast Cancer Awareness, information was distributed to every woman about performing self tests for breast cancer. Lastly, at 11:00am ASGCC President Jacqueline Luis moderated the “Women’s Business Attire Fashion Show.”

### **🐾 Library Display: Springtime @ Cuyamaca College!**

The LTRC features beautiful fresh and silk floral arrangements generously donated by Diane Citrowske and Susan Butler from our very own Ornamental Horticulture program. And did you know that our amazing Water Conservation Garden is home to a family of fine-looking Barn Owls? Hoot and Holla (father and mother barn owls) set up residence in the garden’s owl box on February 16 and Holla immediately laid her eggs. Some of those eggs have already hatched! Check out the Owl Cam! To get an



even closer look at barn owls, stop by the LTRC and check out the display specimen barn owls on loan from the San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. And speaking of owls, we’ve recently discovered that great horned owls are nesting on our campus. A very lost and confused fledgling great horned owl appeared behind the library one morning and Project Wildlife came to the rescue. Stay tuned; we may have a guest speaker from Project Wildlife visit our library in the very near future.

### **Upcoming College Events**

#### **🐾 Children’s Art Auction**

March 24 through April 15, Child Development Center



🐾 **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Garden Festival 2011** “Conservation in Bloom”  
Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 4:00pm

🐾 **Student Fine Art Exhibition and Sale**  
April 14 through May 18, Communication Arts Center, B-350

🐾 **College Hour – “Health Fair”**  
Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Student Center, front patio

🐾 **Career Fair**  
Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Student Center

🐾 **College Hour – “Mexican Cultural Heritage Celebration”**  
Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Student Center Quad

🐾 **Transfer Achievement Celebration**  
Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Communication Arts Theatre

🐾 **Automotive Skills Day**  
Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Auto Tech Complex

🐾 **Coyote Music Festival**  
Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., Grand Lawn

🐾 **EOPS Student Recognition**  
Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Location TBA

🐾 **Foundation Celebration “There’s No Place Like Home”**  
Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Student Center  
Special price for faculty, staff and their guests: \$75.00 each.

🐾 **33<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Ceremony**  
Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Student Center Quad

🐾 **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual After Commencement Party**  
Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, following Commencement, at the Water Conservation Garden. All faculty and staff are invited to attend. Sponsored by Academic Senate and the Cuyamaca College Foundation

