

President's Report to the Governing Board May 17, 2011

4th Annual Children's Art Show



CDC's 4th Annual Children's Art Show & Silent

Auction - This year represents the 4th Annual Children's Art Show & Silent Auction. It consisted of 16 pieces of art work created by our children at the Child Development Center, and all pieces were mounted on canvas. Bidding began on April 11th and closed on April 29th. Because there were more art pieces than ever before, the CDC raised a record \$480! Many thanks to Aimee Hatfield who coordinates this effort every year.

CDC Student Receives Outstanding Achievement Scholarship

CDC student Wasan Albartolee has been selected as the recipient of the 2010-11 Ed Connolly Outstanding Achievement Scholarship Award through the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Supported, encouraged and guided by Linda Haar (CDC Director) and Sheryl Ashley (CalWORKs Specialist), Wasan's accomplishments, remarkable qualities and resilient spirit will ensure her a very bright future. This statewide award provided \$500 scholarship for Ms. Albartolee.



Transfer Achievement Celebration

Friday, May 6th, the University Transfer Center of Cuyamaca College held its Seventh Annual Transfer Achievement Celebration. Transfer students were presented with special awards, given a ceremonial white tassel, handed their certificates of transfer, and were also paid a surprise visit from the coyote! From the dazzling enthusiasm of all speakers at the podium to the pride and gratitude of the transfer students receiving their awards, the celebration was a great success. The University Transfer Center is grateful for the sponsorship of the Cuyamaca College Foundation and the ASGCC, and is looking forward to the next class of transfer students.

Men's Basketball Player Receives Scholarship



Cuyamaca College basketball player **Jywrell Wilson** has accepted a full basketball scholarship to attend Northern Arizona University. Jywrell, a 6'3" sophomore guard, led the Coyotes in scoring (18 ppg), rebounding (7 rpg) and assists (4.5 apg) this past season. Jywrell (Bishop's HS) was a First Team All-PCAC performer this season. Jywrell will be majoring in business/marketing. Congratulations, Jywrell!

Cuyamaca College's Math Dept Joins Community of Practice in Accelerated Curriculum & Pedagogy

The Math Department's application to participate in California Community Colleges' Success Network's (3CSN) Community of Practice in Accelerated Curriculum and Pedagogy was successful. The selection process was



competitive – 22 colleges from across California applied to participate, and spaces were limited. The review committee felt our application was not only a good fit, but that our college has a great deal to offer the larger acceleration movement and its goal of increasing the numbers of developmental students who complete college-level English and math. Team leaders are instructors Terrie Nichols and Daniel Curtis.

College Hour – "Mexican Cultural Heritage Celebration"

Cuyamaca College celebrated "Mexican Cultural Heritage Day" on May 9^{th.} This event was launched by



the VPSS, Dr. Julianna Barnes, who extended a cordial welcome to the college community. Dr. Barnes reminded attendees of the historical significance of the *Battle of Puebla* that culminated in Mexico's right for selfdetermination in selecting its own government and rejecting European Colonialism. Additional highlights also included a stirring speech by keynote speaker Dr. Martha Escobar, Chicano/a Studies Professor. She shared some passionate stories of individuals making a difference in

their communities and encouraged students to get involved in politics and assume a more active role in their education.

Quarterly Chancellor's Award recipient Maria Gearhart, of the LRC Multi Media staff, coordinated an educational display that included items on loan from the San Diego History Museum. A golden eagle display, a symbol of Mexican Independence, captured much attention. The event featured special performances from *Mariachi Real de San Diego* and Aztec Dancers *Calpulli Mexihca*. Faculty, students, staff, and college administrators enjoyed the unique sounds of the Mariachi and some brave attendees even participated with the Aztec Dancers as they performed their cultural dances. Cuyamaca's "Mexican Cultural Heritage Day" was coordinated by student leaders and MECHA Club faculty advisors Jesus Miranda and Lilia Pulido.

LTRC May Display

Although much of the current news about our neighbors to the south tends toward the negative, Mexico is an amazing country with a rich and fascinating culture and history. This month, the LTRC display will feature this remarkable country. Stop in to check out information on the ancient Indian tribes such as the Aztecs, Mayans and Olmecs, the origins of Cinco de Mayo, Mexico's mythology and legends, border issues, as well as travel information about our intriguing neighbor to the south.

CDC Recognition Celebration

On May 11th the Child Development Center held the annual permit celebration for students who have completed the requirements for a child development permit and have received a permit from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, State Department of Education. These students are part of a grant program, CDC Works, and the students are CalWORKs' recipients. Unfortunately, this is the last year of that grant, as it is not being funded next year. Way to go, Coyotes!

* 13th Annual Spring Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition and Sale



The 13th Annual Student Fine Art & Graphic Design Exhibition and Sale, coordinated by Dr. Marie Ramos, was held during the months of April and May. There were approximately 200 attendees at the Reception and Award Ceremony on Thursday, April 14th. Music was provided by music students and the Chuck Walker Band. There were 8 awards presented to Fine Arts and Graphic Design students. The Art exhibition is on display in the Communication Arts Center, B-350 until May 18th.

17th Annual Cuyamaca College East County Spring Career/Job Fair

This year's event drew in an estimated 750 students and members of the community. What made this outstanding event so successful were 44 employers in attendance ranging from Aerotek to Village Nursery, who came with positions to be filled. One could truly see who the real job searchers were, dressed professionally with updated resumes in hand and directing excellent questions to the employers.



This event shows us that there are jobs to be had with wonderful productive companies in the local area and beyond! The Career Center collected materials from the vendors. If your students, friends or family members were not able to attend and would like company information, ask them to visit the Career Center and we will be happy to assist them.

Cuyamaca College's Coyote Music Festival grows bigger every year –



Combine live bands with college students eager to learn the music business and what do you get? The Cuyamaca College Music Industry Studies program's third annual Coyote Music Festival that started at noon and played on until 5 p.m. Saturday, May 7, on the grand lawn of the Rancho San Diego campus. The free event for all ages showcased local bands on two stages playing original and covered music ranging from rock, pop, alternative and punk to acoustic jazz and folk. <u>http://www.coyotemusicfest.com/cmf/Home.html</u> For the students, the concert was the culmination of a semester-long project to put on a music festival, handling all aspects of production, including planning, auditions, promotions, staging and sound engineering. The music festival has grown from five bands the first year to seven in the second and nine this year. Music Industry Studies is a transfer degree program unique locally to Cuyamaca College that focuses on the practical aspects of developing careers in the music industry. The program combines classes in music theory, literature, and performance with studies in music technology and business.

April OPEN FORUM – Budget Realities and Other Things



On April 27th, President Garber and Vice Presidents Arleen Satele, Robin Steinback and Julianna Barnes led a second open discussion about the budget situation that the California Community Colleges find themselves in. Though it has been rather bleak, there is an optimistic sense that there may be more revenue forthcoming. More than 50 employees attended the forum and shared cost-saving ideas that the divisions are pursuing. As one staff member stated: "We are looking at other plans for serving students in different and better ways. We are successful because we have the support of the campus. We must do it together." A third forum is

planned for Wednesday, May 25th from 1:00 – 2:00pm in the Student Center, Room I-207. Folks have been asked to submit questions and suggestions ahead of time.

Cones Away



Now you see them, soon you won't. After years of trying to navigate the cones in front of the Communication Arts Building, a plan is now finalized to remove them and restore two-way traffic to the area. The plan which will be implemented over the summer, takes steps to provide for safe pedestrian flow along with limiting through traffic within the campus. RBF Engineering is preparing the construction documents in preparation for bidding. The project cost of less than \$100,000 will be funded through Prop R.

Publications

Lauren Halsted, faculty member in English, has had an article, based on her dissertation, entitled "Students' Perspectives about Success in Developmental English: Dreams of a Common Language" accepted for publication in a special issue of the *Journal of Applied Research in the Community College*. The issue is devoted to the dissertation research of Ed.D. graduates from the CSU system. In addition, Dr. Julianna Barnes has had an article, based on her dissertation, entitled "The First-Year Experience Impact on Student Success in Developmental Education" accepted for publication in a special issue of the *Journal of Applied Research in the Community College*. The issue is devoted to the dissertation research of Ed.D. graduates from the CSU system.

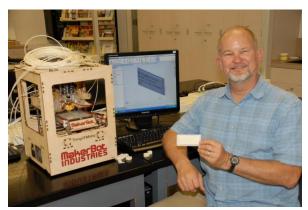
32nd Annual Automotive Skills Day

On May 7th, nearly 90 students from 12 area high schools competed in this year's Annual Auto Skills Day. Auto Skills Day is a competition for local high school students to compete against other students in automotive "hands on" repairs and tasks. The Automotive Service Council of California (ASCCA), Chapter 24, San Diego raised almost \$5000 from its member automotive repair shops to purchase tools and tools boxes for the winners. Participating high schools were: Borrego Springs,



Clairemont, El Camino, El Capitan, Grossmont, Madison, Mira Mesa, Monte Vista, Poway, Ramona, San Dieguito Academy and Valhalla.

New Graphic Design 3-D Printer from Cuyamaca College Foundation



Cuyamaca College's engineering program received 2 mini-grants this spring from the Cuyamaca College Foundation: The first was for a 3-D printer, and the second was for a materials tensile tester. Both will be used to give students direct hands-on experience with concepts previously experienced only through pictures. Both the printer and the tensile tester required assembly. The 3-D printer is now up and running, producing parts made of ABS plastic directly from computer files. If you have an object you'd like made that fits within the "build volume" of about 3 inches x 3

inches x 6 inches, please contact Engineering instructor Duncan McGehee. Duncan would like to express his deep appreciation for the Foundation's generosity, and urges other faculty to avail themselves of the mini-grant program.

18th Annual Spring Garden Festival 2011: "Conservation in Bloom"

On April 9th the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program, along with the Water Conservation Garden, hosted the 18th Annual Spring Garden Festival. Despite rain the previous night and the threat of rain on the day of the event, over 5,000 visitors enjoyed the many activities. We had the most kid-related activities to date with 4-H groups, insect fairs, face-painting and a petting zoo. Five O.H. classes and 8 other Cuyamaca College programs created elaborate exhibits to educate the public. The Music Department helped to entertain visitors with a free concert. Over 60 food, arts & craft vendors had spaces on the Grand Lawn. O.H. student interns planned and worked the entire semester to prepare for their biggest sale day of the year as eager gardeners lined up to take advantage of hundreds of beautiful plant types of all sorts. We thank the support of the college facilities, public safety, administration, the college Foundation and the GCCCD Governing Board for their wonderful support of this great event.

* Continuing Education and Workforce Training And The Center for Innovation

Continuing Education and Workforce Training provided education through non-credit, fee-based, contract education and grand funded programs. There were 4,594 students served during the 2010/2011 year. 2,181 certificates of attendance were awarded to students in short-term vocational programs.

The Center for Innovation managed nearly \$2.5M in grant funds during the 2010/2011 year. These state and federal funds allowed Continuing Education to develop courses in Solar



Photovoltaic Installation, Solar Thermal Installation, Energy Auditor, State Energy Efficiency Standards, Situational Self Leadership for College Students, Introduction to Green Careers, work readiness skills like Key Train and contextualized basic skills for the green industry, and the development and staffing of the Work Readiness Lab where people served under the grants can receive training in soft skill areas such as interviewing techniques, resume writing, how to apply for a job, computer skills, Microsoft Office suite, etc. Please join us for this exciting event:



Notable

Michael Aubry, Business faculty in his first year at Cuyamaca College, attended the Business Industry Collaborative/Business Education Statewide Advisory Committee (BIC/BESAC) conference and presented his curriculum in Business Social Media (three times). It was well received and he plans to submit to our curriculum committee this fall.

Michael is a member of BIC/BESAC which reviewed approximately 25 mini-grants, 10 of which were awarded. The main focus of the conference this year was Business Social Media. Michael oversaw two mini-grants during the past year - Best Practices in Social Media, and Creating Instructional Media (ADA Compliant). The second mini-grant received an award for the best content/presentation. This content could be used by all distance learning faculty. He plans to use these resources next semester.

Faculty Emeritus Dr. Marsha Fralick – Selected as Outstanding First-Year Advocate 2011

Dr. Marsha Fralick has been selected at the Outstanding First-Year Advocate 2011 by the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition sponsored by the University of South Carolina. She retired in 2007, but still works as an adjunct teaching one section of PDC 124 online. She is the author of *College and Career Success* which is used at over 60 colleges nationwide. **Upcoming College Events**

33rd Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, June 2nd, 5:30 p.m., Student Center Quad. Guest Speaker: Mr. Scott Himelstein, President, CCC Board of Governors.

3rd Annual After-Commencement Party

Thursday, June 2nd, following Commencement, at the Water Conservation Garden. All faculty and staff are invited to attend. Sponsored by Academic Senate and the Cuyamaca College Foundation

