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President's Report to the Governing Board June 21, 2011

🐾 Cuyamaca College Meets Its Osher Challenge!

Two years ago the college was given the challenge by the Network of California Community Colleges and the Bernard Osher Foundation to raise \$239,291 for permanent, endowed scholarships. Thanks to the faculty, staff and administrators who did monthly payroll deductions, generous and gracious donations by individuals and several local businesses, and the fundraising efforts by the Cuyamaca College Foundation, the college has met its goal! Not only have we met the goal, but have exceeded the goal by \$27,000!! Every dollar contributed to the Osher scholarship endowment will be matched 50% by the Bernard Osher Foundation creating a permanent fund for scholarships. As a result the college will be able to offer 25 permanent perpetual scholarships to students in financial need, making a dream of an education possible for hundreds of students in the years to come.



🐾 33rd Commencement Ceremony

Under a clear spring sky, students looking forward to a bright future were encouraged to have hope and to persevere at the 33rd annual Cuyamaca College Commencement Ceremony held on Thursday, June 2nd. Hundreds of family members, friends, and colleagues filled the Student Center Plaza and cheered on the students who earned 450 associate's degrees and 169 certificates this year. Graduates ranged in age from 19



to 66 years old. This year's keynote speaker was Mr. Scott Himelstein, president of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. The Valedictorian for the Class of 2011 was Mr. Tyler Uhlig, a native San Diegan, who was born and raised in Spring Valley.



🐾 3rd Annual After Commencement Party

Following commencement, the After Commencement Party took place at the Water Conservation Garden. Co-sponsored by Academic Senate and the Cuyamaca College Foundation, approximately 80 faculty, staff, administrators, and District personnel relaxed under twinkling lights, enjoying great

refreshments, drinks, and music. Raffle tickets were distributed to all in attendance for great door prizes. The Foundation distributed an engraved stemless wine glass to each person as an expression of gratitude for all the hard work our college employees do throughout the year.

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

The College Foundation once again hosted the annual gala/auction. This year's event, "There's No Place Like Home" was held on Saturday, May 14th here at the college. Co-Chairs Gwen Nix and Susan Butler, along with their band of energetic volunteers, performed a transformation of the college's



Student Plaza into a spectacular and sophisticated setting for fine dining, great fun, and wonderful music! Our heartfelt thanks to each of the volunteers for the innumerable hours spent preparing for the festivities. Special thanks also



go to the dedicated staff in Facilities who worked so diligently in setting up the Student Center and the Plaza for all the festivities. The auction items were impressive and imaginative, the food was sensational and the company was stellar! New this year was an online auction hosted by McCormack Auction. The online auction provided everyone and anyone an opportunity to bid on items provided for this annual event. A portion of the funds raised during the evening went towards meeting the college's Osher fundraising goal.

🐾 Water/WasteWater Technology Students Complete Internship Program



Eight Cuyamaca College Water & Wastewater Technology students recently completed a 33-week San Diego Regional Water Agency Internship Program. This program, a joint partnership between Cuyamaca and Palomar Colleges and the San Diego County Water Authority, affords interns the opportunity to get "hands on" experience working in the water and wastewater field.

Following one week of orientation training, each intern rotates through four different agencies, doing four different types of work in either a water or wastewater plant or operation. Cuyamaca instructor Don Jones was invited to speak during their graduation ceremony at the end of the program.

🐾 Community Colleges Track & Field State Championships @ American River College

The Cuyamaca College Track and Field program has a proud tradition of excellence. And, that excellence continued at the Track and Field State Championships which were held at American River College on May 20-21. Kahil Henry finished 6th in the Men's High Jump. Nick Haynes finished 4th in the 3000 meter Steeple Chase, which was a school record and earned All-America honors. Finally, Roland Brooks won the state championship in the 400 meter with a school record of 46.77 seconds. His performance also earned All-America honors. Go, Coyotes!

🐾 SDCEE History Day

Debate and Diplomacy in History was the theme for this year's History Day, Saturday, March 19, at the San Diego County Office of Education. Approximately 25 teachers brought 240 K-12 students to the highly regarded academic program for elementary and secondary school students. The San Diego Center for Economic Education (SDCEE), located at Cuyamaca College, provides cash awards to students who incorporate economics into their projects and are able to articulate how their topic relates to the economic concepts they identified. The San Diego County History Day Awards Ceremony was held at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. Rohn Trieglaff and Tony Zambelli were there to present the Economics Awards to the following students:



1. 2-Dimensional Display - Brandon Moore (Award: \$50.00) "The Stamp Act of 1765: The Act that Sparked a Revolution"
2. Junior Exhibit - Pedro Gallard, Mary Soren Hansen, and Sarah Ogle (Awarded: sharing \$150.00) "The Zimmerman Telegram: Diplomatic Note that Changed World War One"
3. Senior Exhibit - Emily Bohl (Awarded: \$250.00) "Between the Rock and a Hard Place: The American Indian Occupation of Alcatraz"

🐾 Cuyamaca College Advanced Survey Class

Cuyamaca College Advanced Surveying Class uses a Trimble R8/TSC2 RTK GPS survey system and correction software/signal to complete a retracement of the College boundary. A boundary of this size can be compared to many major subdivisions located within California or the Southwest. This is the



second year that the class has performed this lab taught by Jaime Taynor and John Butcher, part time faculty and licensed surveyors. We are fortunate to be able to introduce the equipment to the future surveyors and engineers that take the class.

What you see pictured is the GPS equipment that you would find in the hands of most mainstream private surveying companies and agencies. With the support

we receive from Trimble Navigation, Allen Instruments, and Arizona GPS broadcast over the internet received on a 4G portable wifi device provided by Alyson Consulting, our students can walk into any firm or agency having been exposed to the tools that professionals throughout the world are using today.

🐾 Cuyamaca College Botanical Society 30th Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet

The Cuyamaca College Botanical Society held its 30th Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn Embarcadero and awarded \$29,500 in scholarships to forty-six recipients. This year's event brought the total for amount of scholarships awarded to just under \$400,000 during the thirty years of the event.

The Cuyamaca College Botanical Society raises scholarship funds through their fundraising efforts at the annual Aggie Open Golf Tournament and the Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference. These funds, along with donations from industry and community members, professional organizations and garden clubs, assist students enrolled in the Ornamental Horticulture program to continue their career studies and move into successful positions in the industry.



Scholarship Recipients at the CCBS 30th Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet

🐾 CSEA Area K Unsung Heroes Awards Dinner

Ms. Debi Miller and Ms. Jan Recktenwald, both Chapter 707 members, received an Area K Unsung Heroes Award. The awards were presented at the "Annual Unsung Heroes Dinner" on Saturday, June 4th, 6:00 pm at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. This dinner was held to recognize and honor the many chapter members who labor diligently and selflessly to strengthen and advance their Association.

🐾 Terri Nichols Appointed Student Learning Outcomes Coordinator, 2011-2013

Math instructor Terrie Nichols will serve as the Student Learning Outcomes Coordinator for the next two-year term, 2011-2013. The Academic Senate Executive Committee made the recommendation for appointment following an open application process. In accordance with college procedures, the appointment is being made through a process of collegial consultation between the Academic Senate and the President's Office.

🐾 Faculty Member Recognized for His Work in Auto Technology

Chris Branton, Auto Technology instructor, was presented the 2011 Award of Merit for the Western Region by the International Association of General Motors Automotive Service Educational Programs. The award was presented to Mr. Branton for his “dedication, commitment, and excellence in support of the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program”.



🐾 EOPS/DSP&S Student Recognition Ceremony

The annual Cuyamaca College EOPS/DSP&S Student Recognition Ceremony was held on May 13th. This collaborative event honored 30 EOPS and 39 DSP&S students who completed their educational goals during the 2010-2011 academic



year. Faculty, staff, and students gathered on the beautiful lawn in OH to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of the student graduates. Robert Garber, Cuyamaca College Interim President, and Julianna Barnes, Vice President of Student

Development and Services, congratulated the students on achieving their educational goals. The students were honored with certificate awards, guest student speakers, opportunity drawings, and a special appearance by the college Coyote. The event was supported by Club ABLED and the EOPS Club. Students from both clubs staffed registration tables and assisted with set up and promotion of the event.

🐾 Counseling’s Web Advisor Now Offered in Arabic

The Counseling Department now has a Web Advisor tutorial in Arabic. Arabic instructor Aklas Sheai worked with counseling staff to record and produce a Web Advisor tutorial in Arabic. The tutorial also includes closed captioning in Arabic. To view the tutorial, go to the home page of Web Advisor, and click on the bottom left link, “Need help logging in? Click here for Tutorial.” At the bottom of the window, you will see the link to the Arabic translation. The video includes all the same information as the English version. Ms. Sheai has been working several hours each week in the Counseling Center assisting Arabic speaking students with a variety of issues, including assistance with Web Advisor.

🐾 Outreach

Outreach hosted three campus tours this month, serving a total of 97 students. They conducted a classroom presentation to 56 students at Mountain Empire High School. Additionally, Outreach wrapped up the Cuyamaca Link program at Valhalla, Steele Canyon, and Granite Hills High Schools. With the generous help of the Counseling department, Outreach completed their First Year Experience (FYE) advising sessions at Mount Miguel and Monte Vista High Schools.

🐾 Green Business Symposium



In partnership with California Center for Sustainable Energy and the San Diego Workforce Partnership, Cuyamaca College formed the San Diego Green Coalition which hosted a Green Business Symposium at Cuyamaca College on May 26th. The Symposium brought over 200 industry leaders, green employers, and graduates of the Clean Energy Workforce Training Program (CEWTP) together to discuss opportunities and challenges for the green economy in San Diego County.

Speakers at the event included Greg Koch, co-founder of Stone Brewing Company, a local green business that is a leader in sustainable business practices; Philip Jordan, President and founder of Green LMI Consulting and author of numerous national and regional reports related to green economies; Jason Anderson, Vice President of CleanTech San Diego, who has led several critical initiatives advocating for sustainable business development in San Diego; Mark Cafferty, President and CEO of San Diego Workforce

Partnership (local WIB) whose mission is to foster economic growth and prosperity through education, training, and lifelong learning. Several industry experts such as Suzanne Rey, Division Manager of Green Talent Staffing and Jose Betancourt, co-founder and CEO of Global Source Energy Corporation participated in panel discussions.

In addition, Jo Marie Diamond, President and CEO of the San Diego East County Economic Development Council unveiled the California Green Portal on Connectory.com network, a web-based resource containing profiles of products, services, capabilities, and capacities and is a nationwide network with the intention of connecting business to business, business to job-seeker and job-seeker to business.

UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS:



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Continuing Education



College for Kids

From July 11th –August 11th, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District's Community Learning Program is offering College for Kids, a series of weeklong summer day camps featuring a wide variety of

workshops in everything from Flash Animation to Basketball Camp. Held at Cuyamaca College, the classes are open to youngsters ages 8-14 or 10-14, depending on the subject, and can be taken as half- or full-day sessions.

<http://www.cuyamaca.edu/cfk/schedule.asp>

🐾 Fall Convocation

Convocation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th, beginning with breakfast at 8:00am. This annual event will be held in the Student Center.

