



College President's Report to the Governing Board November 15, 2011

🐾 EOPS/CARE Program Says “Thank You!” to Our Cuyamaca College Family



During the Hunger Action Month of September, the CARE program set a goal to fill its on-campus Food Pantry. That goal was accomplished through donations from the campus community and the extraordinary efforts of concerned students in **Professor Racheal Horn's** Sociology 120 class. This generosity has enabled the CARE program to assist students who are homeless or students who have no funds to purchase food. Often these students are quietly going without eating. We would like to say “thank you” on behalf of our students who are unable to express their appreciation personally. Their hearts are filled with gratitude when they see the contributions that have been made available to support them with this most basic need. Any students that have an emergency need for food can go to the EOPS/CARE office in the Student Services One-Stop Center for assistance.

🐾 Unlimited Potential! (UP!) Program Students Participate in Laptop Competition

Students participating in Cuyamaca College's Unlimited Potential! (UP!) Program, sponsored by EOPS and Financial Aid, were recently awarded laptop computers from the John Burton Foundation. Two former foster youth students from Cuyamaca College participated in the Burton Scholars Essay Competition. Since the demand for the laptops far exceeded the supply from the Burton Foundation, the University of Phoenix donated refurbished computers so that all students who submitted entries were provided with a computer. These much needed laptops are welcome resources in helping the students complete their education goals.

🐾 College Hour Highlights Chaldean Culture



Associated Student Government recently sponsored a very special College Hour, “Chaldean Culture and Traditions” on Thursday, October 13th at 11:30am on the Grand Lawn. Activities included music and dance performances. Traditional Middle Eastern food was provided by Ali Baba Restaurant in El Cajon.

🐾 Halloween Festival—A Fun Way to Encourage Student Involvement

On October 31st it was all treats on campus when the Associated Student Government sponsored a Halloween Festival that not only included a costume contest, great food and games, but also live music from a local band. In addition to being a community-building event for students, faculty and staff, the Halloween Festival provided students with an excellent opportunity to learn more about ways to become involved in student activities and in the Associated Student Government.



🐾 Outreach Happens!

October is always a great month for the High School and Community Relations Department. They hosted Got Plans 2011 on Saturday, October 22nd, which was a great success! More than 75 colleges and universities, 45 CTE programs, 30 career and resource programs, 12 area high schools, and 8 Cuyamaca College programs participated. Over 5,000 people came to enjoy the fair that was held throughout the college campus. In addition, October marked the start of campus tours. Mount Miguel High School as well as Santana High School were welcomed for our first tours of the year.



The **High School and Community Relations Department** also hosted the 1st Annual First Year Experience (FYE) Pumpkin Carving Contest. There were 75 students in attendance and the pumpkins looked amazing. Twenty pumpkins were carved and were displayed along the Grand Lawn walkway at the ASGCC Halloween Festival event. The winning pumpkin portrayed a coyote howling at the moon. Go Coyotes!

🐾 University Transfer Fair



The University Transfer Center hosted their annual Transfer Fair on October 17th. The Grand Lawn was lined with tables of representatives from more than 35 schools to provide students an opportunity to meet university and college representatives and to discuss transfer requirements and degree options.

🐾 15th Annual Aggie Golf Tournament

The 15th Annual Aggie Open Golf Tournament teed off at noon on Friday, October 21st at the Bonita Golf Course. This annual event attracted more than 120 industry professionals from the landscape, golf and related green industries, along with students from the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Department. The event helped to raise over \$7,000 for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society and the Ornamental Horticulture Department. These funds go toward club activities, scholarships and general Ornamental Horticulture department support.



🐾 San Diego Robotics Education Expo



The San Diego Robotics Education Expo was held for the fourth year in a row at Cuyamaca College on Saturday, October 15th. Approximately 350 visitors attended throughout the course of the day. Exhibitors included: University of San Diego, San Diego City College's robotics team, Wintress Technical Schools, High Tech High's robotics team, and of course Cuyamaca College's very own microcontroller and

robotics classes. One of the highlights of the day was the Electric Giraffe which gave rides to the younger participants in the Student Center quad. Recognition goes out to faculty member, **Dr. Duncan McGehee**, who coordinates this event every year in cooperation with the San Diego Science Alliance.

🐾 College Participates in *The Great California Shake Out*



Cuyamaca College participated in The Great California Shake Out on Thursday October 20th, 2011. Over 7.9 million people state-wide participated in this event. The start of the Shake Out began with a college-wide announcement via the emergency phone system and

by activating the fire alarm system. Fire alarms sounded for 30 seconds, at which time faculty, staff and students were encouraged to participate by using the “Drop, Cover, and Hold ON” techniques.

🐾 Center for Innovation Activities

The Center for Innovation within the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Training 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:

- **Ms. Linda Waring**, Director of the Workplace Learning Resource Center, assisted the San Diego Workforce Partnership with analysis of regional career cluster and the alignment of workforce development planning and the Community College Continuing Education programs.
- **Mr. Jonathan Kropp**, Director of the Environmental Training Center, showcased Cuyamaca College’s Environmental Health and Safety programs at the recent 2011 Pacific Southwest Safety & Health Conference in San Diego.
- **Ms. Camille Currier** presented information on Cuyamaca College’s successful “Introduction to Green Building Careers Program” as part of a panel presentation at the Annual Bright Green Futures Conference. The conference was held at University of San Diego (USD), and co-presenters included UCSD, SDSU, and Point Loma Nazarene College.
- Continuing Education staff participated in the “Got Plans” event on October 22nd, in addition to participating in the 33rd Annual Grossmont College Career Expo on October 12th. At each event Continuing Education and Workforce Training opportunities were shared with the community.

🐾 Library Display -- National Native American Heritage Month



In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Library display for November will feature beautiful Native American items from various tribes from **Maria Gearhart’s** private collection. Exhibit animals such as the golden eagle and hummingbirds as well as bison, horse and caribou hides on loan from the San Diego Natural History Museum will also be on display. Additionally, Native American artwork will be on loan from our very own Heritage of the America’s Museum. Books that address Native American tribes, culture, social issues and myths will be featured. Our campus College Hour this month will celebrate Native American Heritage on November 15th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm in front of the Student Center. Be sure not to miss the Native American Contemporary Dancers on November 22nd at 12:30pm in front of the Library!

Upcoming College Events



Cuyamaca College Veterans Week Programs “Supporting Veterans”

November 1st - 10th (Community Service Project)

To help homeless veterans keep warm this winter, the college community will be collecting clothing, such as sweatshirts, jackets, pants, shoes, etc. from November 1st through November 10th in donation boxes at the following locations: ***Student Affairs Office, Room I-120; ASGCC Office, Room I-124; and the Counseling Office, Room A-200.*** All items will be donated to the Veterans Village of San Diego in support of their winter shelter programs.

Veterans Week Programs -- Wednesday, November 9th “Skype Session with the Troops in Afghanistan,” 10:00am to 11:00am, 1st Floor, Student Center—outside of Room I-124

Please take advantage of this opportunity to interact through Skype with our military forces in Afghanistan. Let’s show our support for our men and women so far from home.

Wednesday, November 9th Presentation by the Veterans Village of San Diego 1:30pm to 3:30pm, Student Center, Room I-207

This educational session will enlighten you on the challenges faced by veteran students as they adjust to campus life. Learn more not only about struggles some of them confront, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), but also how we can support our veteran students.

Thursday, November 10th Continental Breakfast for Our Veterans with Guest Speakers Todd Vance and Jacki Munchus, 11:00am to Noon, Student Center, Room I-208

Sponsored by the Associated Student Government, this breakfast will honor our Cuyamaca students, staff, and faculty veterans. Todd Vance’s life in the Army has been portrayed in two major books and a top box office movie. He was the inspiration for the fictional main character in the novel and hit movie, “Dear John.” He is now a professional MMA fighter, and he is also a full-time college student. Jacki received her degree from Cuyamaca College in 2000 while on active duty for the Navy. Jacki is currently attending Cuyamaca College in preparation for transfer as a Business major to San Diego State University in the fall of 2012.

For more information on the Veteran's activities, contact Nicole Jones at (619) 660-4427 or Lauren Weiner at (619) 660-4295.

College Hour – Tuesday, November 15th

Native American Heritage Celebration
4:00pm in front of the Student Center

Native American Contemporary Dancers – Tuesday, November 22nd

12:30pm in front of the Library

President's Holiday Party – Thursday, December 8th

12:00pm to 2:00pm, Student Center, Rooms I-207 and 208

