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## College President's Report to the Governing Board December 13, 2011

### 🐾 Cuyamaca College Student Volunteer at National Conference for the American Society of Landscape Architects.



The Cuyamaca College Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) was chosen along with Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and the New School of Architecture to supply volunteers to the national ASLA Conference at the San Diego Convention Center October 29 – November 2, 2011. The student chapter was able to send fifteen volunteers to the conference. In exchange for their assistance, the students attended professional presentations during the conference. Michael Watts, club president, worked with the local ASLA chapter and the national ASLA office in Washington, D.C. to coordinate the volunteers' activities. Five of the fifteen student volunteers at the national ASLA Conference were Cuyamaca College students. They are (from left to right) **Louise Parks, Michael Watts, Hannah Murphy, John Hervan, and Barbara Bender.**

### 🐾 Student Government Community Service

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, students from the Associated Student Government Emerging Leaders Program volunteered at the Good Samaritan Retirement Center in El Cajon bringing holiday cheer to the residents by playing music and singing songs. The retirement home residents were very appreciative and asked our students to provide musical entertainment for them while they ate dinner, making the evening more festive for the residents.



### 🐾 Student Government Philanthropy: Walk for Suicide Prevention

The Associated Student Government reached out to help community members by creating a Cuyamaca College student team to participate in "Save a Life" Foundation's 5K Walk in Balboa Park on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Cuyamaca's students raised more than \$400 to support local suicide prevention programs. In addition to raising funds, several students participated in the Walk. Those students who participated in the walk were **Viviana Vasiu, John Hudson, Travis Gallegos, and Alejandro Arredondo.**

### 🐾 Cuyamaca College Supports Our Veterans

"Supporting Veterans" was the theme for this year's Veterans Week at Cuyamaca College. Below is a summary of the week's activities:

- **Clothing Drive**

To help homeless veterans keep warm this winter, the college community collected clothing such as sweatshirts, jackets, pants, shoes, etc. in donation boxes set up in Student Services and at the Counseling Office in the One-Stop. All items were donated to the Veterans Village of San Diego in support of their winter shelter programs.

- **“Skype Session with the Troops in Afghanistan”**

Students and staff had the opportunity to interact through Skype with our military forces in Afghanistan. Many came out to express their support for our men and women so far from home.

- **Presentation by the Veterans Village of San Diego**

This educational session enlightened participants on the challenges faced by veteran students as they adjust to campus life. Those in attendance were able to learn not only about the struggles some of our returning veterans confront, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), but also how we, as a college community, can support our veteran students.

- **Continental Breakfast for Our Veterans with Guest Speakers Todd Vance and Cuyamaca College Student Veteran Jacki Munchus**



**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 also a full-time college student.



**Ms. Jacki Munchus** received her degree from Cuyamaca College in 2000 while on active duty for the Navy. Ms. Munchus is currently attending Cuyamaca College in preparation for transfer as a Business major to San Diego State University.

**🐾 Enrollment Report**

The following is an analysis of the Spring 2012 enrollment compared with Spring 2011 enrollment as of the same day of registration.

Date	12/09/2011 (R+24)	12/07/2011 (R+23)	12/08/2011 (R+24)
<b>Headcount (Unduplicated)</b>	7,818	8,403	8,566
<b>Seat Count</b>	20,135	21,089	21,447
<b>Enrollment Fill Rate</b>	78.46%	85.80%	87.24%
<b>FTES* (Approx.)</b>	--	2,671.39	2,716.40
<b>Number of Sections**</b>	726	714	714
<b>WSCH (Maximum)</b>	95,555.61	93,406.59	93,406.59
<b>WSCH (Current)</b>	--	80,141.82	81,492.02

Source of Data: Colleague-generated reports, WSCH-FTEF-FTES Analysis Report, Daily Enrollment Report Report Prepared and Distributed by Admissions and Records

**2011-12 FTES Target: 5,534.26**

**Cuyamaca College Featured on Cover of East County Yellow Pages Phonebook**

The college's beautiful, and award-winning, Communication Arts building is the featured photograph for the 2012-2013 edition of the East County Yellow Pages phone book.

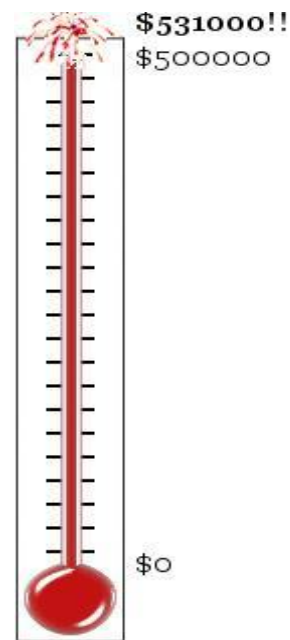


**Cuyamaca College's ESL Program Featured in KPBS News Story on Iraqi Refugees**

The local public television station, KPBS, recently overcrowding and need for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for Iraqi and other refugees at Cuyamaca College. "We had enough students on the wait list to double the program," said **Alicia Muñoz**, Cuyamaca College's ESL Coordinator. Over the past two years, the wait list for ESL classes has increased 14 fold. More than 8,000 Iraqis have relocated to San Diego County since 2005, making it one of the largest refugee communities in the country. For more information on this story, please see the website: <http://www.fronterasdesk.org/news/2011/nov/02/immigration-refugee-iraq-war-middle-east-resettle>.

**Rice Family Foundation Breaks the Half Million Dollar Barrier**

For 17 years the Rice Family Foundation has supported the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture program and our students with funding for internships, scholarships, and program outreach for a combined total of \$531,000. The faculty, staff and students of the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture program are forever indebted to the foundation's founder, Morgan Rice, and the board of directors for their continued support.



**November College Hour**



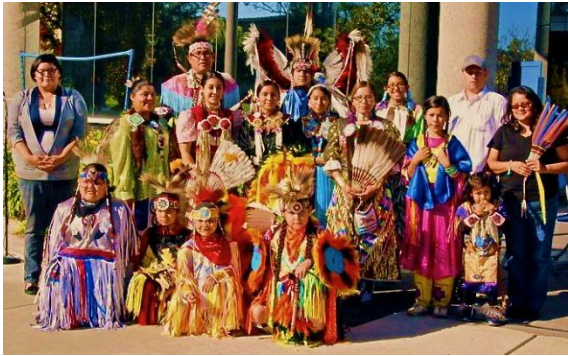
The November College Hour focused on Native American Heritage. The event showcased musical presentations, including a performance by Cuyamaca College instructor **Jim Hannibal**, and accompanied by **Roy Robinson**, Maggie

Gonzales' husband. Their music included contemporary Native American flute music combined with drum rhythms. They played some of their original songs from their CD in addition to Kumeyaay Bird songs.

**Brad Monroe Keynotes Irrigation Association's Pioneers of Irrigation Meeting**

**Mr. Brad Monroe**, Ornamental Horticulture instructor and department chair, was the keynote speaker at the Irrigation Association's Pioneers of Irrigation meeting. The meeting was a part of the national Irrigation Association Conference and Trade Show at the San Diego Convention Center, November 3-8, 2011. Mr. Monroe was previously recognized by the Irrigation Association as the Person of the Year in 2008.

🐾 **Cuyamaca College Celebrates Native American Heritage Month**



In honor of National Native American Heritage Month, the library sponsored a Contemporary American Indian Dancing Exhibition on November 22<sup>nd</sup> on the steps of the library. **Ms. Simone Robbins**, a first year student of Cuyamaca College, teamed up with **Maria Gearhart**, Multimedia Assistant Senior of Cuyamaca College's LTRC, to coordinate this exceptional first time event. During the exhibition, **Mr. Richard**

**DeCrane**, a member of the San Diego Inter-Tribal Singers, introduced each dancing group and provided rich cultural information about the significance of each performance. This experience allowed Cuyamaca College students, staff, faculty and the Contemporary American Indian Dancers to come together in a memorable moment of community.



🐾 **Annual President's Holiday Party – All is Merry and Bright**

The Student Center was alight with merriment at the annual President's Holiday Party. Faculty, staff, administrators and community members were treated to gourmet faire provided by Sodexo while participating in college holiday activities such as one-handed gift box wrapping competition and cookie decorating. A special highlight of the party was the beautiful mural created by the children in our Child Development Center and constructed by Aimee Hatfield. In addition, President Zacovic acknowledged Gloria Ensey's retirement and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Gloria is one of our founding instructors from the inception of the college in 1978. A good time was had by all.