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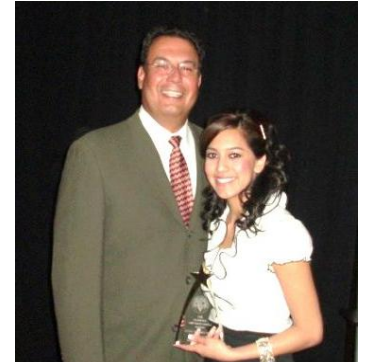
President's Report to the Governing Board April 17, 2012

Former Cuyamaca College ASG President Wins Latino Community Champions Award



Ms. Jacqueline Luis, currently a student at UCSD and working in the Cuyamaca College Counseling department, was the winner of the "Young Luminary Award" presented by the San Diego Latino Community Champions on March 29th. The inaugural event, sponsored by the *San Diego Union Tribune*, was held at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park, to

recognize and to honor individuals and business owners of Latino descent who have taken an active role in their communities. As the winner of the "Young Luminary Award," Jacqueline received several gift certificates from the event's sponsors in addition to two annual Sea World passes and two round-trip tickets from Southwest Airlines. We extend our hearty congratulations to our outstanding alumnus!



Jacqueline with Event Emcee, Vic Salazar, former news anchor

Empowering Cuyamaca Women: A Workshop in Honor of Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month, Student Affairs and the Associated Student Government sponsored a workshop during College Hour on March 14th. Facilitated by Ms. Lea Burgess-Carland, Director of the Women's Center at CSU San Marcos, the interactive workshop focused on developing skills for empowering women in higher education. Workshop participants explored the ways that gender socialization and culture impact women's leadership roles in academic and professional settings.

First Year Experience (FYE) Students Engage in Some Good Ol' Competition



Cuyamaca College FYE and Grossmont College FYE programs met head to head in the 1st Intra-District Kickball Extravaganza on Friday, March 23rd at the Grossmont College softball field. The participants enjoyed a fun and festive environment including music, barbeque and conversation. After the "meet and greet"

portion of the afternoon, the co-ed teams took to the field for the competition. Not to brag, BUT Cuyamaca College's FYE team prevailed with a 7-1 near shut-out over the cross-town Griffin rivals. We look forward to defending our title in next year's match-up. Way to go, Coyotes!

Engineering Club Launches Near Space Balloon

Members of the Cuyamaca College Engineering Club met recently at the college's soccer field and launched a Near Space Balloon of their own design. The launch was a success, with the balloon ascending 100,000 feet (18.94 miles!) into the stratosphere. Images of the launch and the space images provided by the balloon can be viewed on YouTube,

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL368A9CA73DF2DCF9>.

🐾 **“The Cuyamaca Way” Award Winners**



And the winner is . . . Mr. **Steve Gonzalez!** Steve, Custodial Supervisor, exhibits the qualities: *Dedicated, Welcoming, Collaborative, Friendly* and *Excellence* of The Cuyamaca Way, and was honored because of his enthusiasm, diligence, conscientiousness and graciousness. Steve is never without a smile, and his helpful attitude and can-do spirit benefit our college in innumerable ways. Congratulations, Steve!

Dr. **Tammi Marshall**, math instructor and co-chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee also was presented the award this month! Recognized in Tammi are the characteristics of *Teamwork, Integrity, Innovative, Passionate* and *Student-Centered*. Tammi’s inexhaustible zeal for her students and for our college is demonstrated in many ways. In particular, the leadership that Tammi has shown in her work as co-chair of our accreditation team’s self-study report is very impressive. Tammi’s passion for teaching and for mathematics, is evidenced in the outstanding student evaluations of her work in the classroom. You make us proud, Tammi!

🐾 **Faculty Member Inducted into Alma Mater’s Hall of Fame**



Paralegal Studies instructor and Lemon Grove’s Mayor, Ms. **Mary Sessom, J.D.**, recently received notice that she was selected as an inductee into the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Hall of Fame at UC San Bernardino for 2012. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Hall of Fame celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding alumni, retirees, friends and emeritus faculty of the college who make substantial and distinctive contributions to their field/profession or to the community at large. These contributions demonstrate leadership and vision and are widely recognized in local, national or international communities. We congratulate Mayor Sessom in receiving this honor and being recognized for her personal and professional accomplishments!

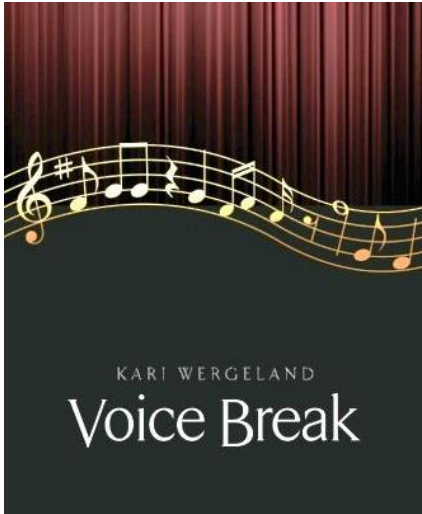
🐾 **Staff Member Completes Doctorate**

University Transfer Center Counselor, **Amaliya Blyumin**, recently completed her doctoral studies. Dr. Blyumin received her Ed.D. in Counseling Psychology from Argosy University, San Diego. Dr. Blyumin’s dissertation was on Russian-speaking immigrants’ attitude toward help-seeking behavior. We congratulate Dr. Blyumin on this milestone achievement!



🐾 **Performing Arts Department Offered Variety in its March Concert Schedule**

The performing arts theatre was alive with the sounds of music during the month of March thanks to the organizational efforts of Performing Arts Department Chair, **Pat Setzer**. On March 1st, the group Courtly Noyse, a period instrument ensemble, performed music from the Renaissance period. On March 14th, to the delight of the crowd, Cuyamaca College’s concert band joined forces with the Steele Canyon High School band to present a concert. The next day the Cuyamaca College Choir presented “A Tapestry of Folk Songs.” The last concert of the month featured Zimbeat, a program of traditional music from Zimbabwe.



🐾 Librarian's Works Published

Kari Wergeland, Cuyamaca College Librarian, has published her book, *Voice Break*.

Following the advice of a Lane Community College music instructor, Ms. Wergeland, at the age of 24, began taking individual voice lessons with a respected teacher. After roughly two years of study, "with dubious results," she decided to stop singing. She began working as a librarian and eventually turned to writing newspaper articles, fiction, and poetry. Twenty years later, and on something of a whim, Kari enrolled in a workshop called The Natural Singer, with vocal coach Claude Stein. Inspired to resume voice lessons, she enrolled in classes at



Grossmont College. It wasn't long before she discovered her singing had changed. Kari Wergeland's book *Voice Break*, available in a paperback edition, delivers a poetic story of promise and wholeness. She is currently finishing up an MFA in creative writing at Pacific University. Congratulations on hitting such a high note, Kari!

🐾 Counselor Delivers Diversity and Cultural Competency Workshops



Counselor **Raad Jerjis** has been conducting staff and faculty workshops on cultural diversity since last academic year. Mr. Jerjis was recently asked by Chancellor Miles to conduct his workshop on Diversity and Cultural Competency for supervisors, managers and district employees, and has completed two training workshops for district services staff. Mr. Jerjis also shared his expertise during a recent workshop for staff during the Classified Staff Appreciation Day. The purpose of these workshops is to promote intercultural awareness and understanding of the various aspects of diversity, and to understand the cultural influences related to conflict. An emphasis is placed on identifying behaviors that constitute prejudice or

discrimination against various culturally diverse groups and how to appropriately respond to allegations or potential violations. How this relates to a supervisor's or manager's responsibility is also examined during the workshop presentation.

🐾 Spring into the Library and Check out the April Display

In honor of the Spring Garden Festival on April 28th, the library is featuring a variety of gardening books with a focus on Xeriscape landscaping as well as gardening to attract the birds and butterflies that add to the beauty of the season. Thanks to the creative efforts of **Maria Gearhart**, books on flower arranging that are sure to awaken your inner creativity are part of her display! For our younger friends, we have a small selection of books about gardening, water and owls. Speaking of owls, our barn owl friends, Hoot and Holla, are back in the nesting box in the Water Conservation Garden, and babies have recently hatched! The display also includes animal specimens on loan from the San Diego Natural History Museum. Our thanks to the Museum.



🐾 Cuyamaca College Mourns the Passing of One of Our Own



It was with great sadness that we shared the news that Mr. **Lowell Knapp**, Professor of Business and Real Estate, passed away from complications associated with cancer on Sunday, March 18th. He had been on medical leave for the past semester. Professor Knapp, a tenured professor, joined the Cuyamaca College family 25 years ago. Over the years he taught business, economics, and was one of the initial founders of the Real Estate Program. He was well-known among his colleagues and students as the friendly gentleman professor who was generous in sharing his time, knowledge and expertise. He will be greatly missed by his students and colleagues. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Knapp family at this time.

Upcoming College Events

Student Government “Spring Social”

Tuesday, April 17, 2012
12:30pm, Grand Lawn

Student Government Elections

April 18 through April 20, 2012

Student Organization Involvement Fair

Thursday, April 19, 2012
12:00pm, 2nd floor of the Student Center

Annual Spring Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition

April 19 to May 9, 2012 on the 3rd floor of the Communication Arts Building, Art Gallery. A free public reception will be held Thursday, April 19, from 5:00 to 7:00pm, with the art awards ceremony beginning at 6:00 pm. The reception is being hosted by the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Department - Spring 2012 Concert Series

- April 19 Concert Band Festival featuring bands from Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Point Loma Nazarene University, and San Diego State University
- April 24 Kensington Trio – Chamber Music
- May 3 Son de San Diego – Mexican Folk Music and Dance
- May 15 Cuyamaca College Choir
- May 16 Cuyamaca College Concert Band
- May 18 Cuyamaca College Rock Pop and Soul Ensemble – *Rubber Soul*

All events start at 7:30pm and take place in the Performing Arts Theatre, Building B

To reserve tickets call (619) 660-4288

For more information visit www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts





19th Annual Spring Garden Festival

Saturday, April 28, 2012

9:00am to 4:00pm

East County Career/Job Fair

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Sponsored by Career Services

9:00am to 1:00pm, Student Center

33rd Annual Auto Skills Day

Saturday, May 5, 2012

8:00am to 1:00pm, Auto Technology Bays

Southern California high school programs will be competing in contests relating to auto skills from basic to advanced. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams.



Coyote Music Festival

Saturday, May 5, 2012

12:00 to 5:00pm, Grand Lawn

Free event

Ornamental Horticulture's 31st Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

6:00pm to 10:00pm, Estancia Hotel, La Jolla