



President's Report to the Governing Board December 11, 2012



🐾 Ford ASSET Scholarships Awarded

On Wednesday, November 14th, five students in the Ford ASSET Program were honored at the regular meeting of the Early Ford V8 Club of San Diego. The Cuyamaca College students who received scholarships from the club were: Mr. **Erik Tyler**, Mr. **Tyler Shippy**, Mr. **Jake Jordan**, Mr. **Laith Allos** and Mr. **Chris Villa**. Each scholarship gift was between \$700 and \$1500. The students may use the monies for tuition, fees and textbooks. After the students have completed paying costs of their last semester (Summer 2013) they may use the remainder of funds for the purchase of tools of their trade. Automotive instructor Mr. **Pat Garity** serves as their advisor.

🐾 Students Win Laptop Computers

The John Burton Foundation awarded laptop computers to all three Cuyamaca College students who submitted essays as part of its Burton Scholars Laptop Challenge. This is the third year of the program, with its goal to provide foster youth attending higher education or career and vocational training with an important tool that is often cost-prohibitive for foster youth. The three deserving EOPS students, Mr. **William Felix**, Ms. **Lauren Wise**, and Ms. **Sarah Mugford**, will all receive new Dell laptop computers. The John Burton Foundation for Children Without Homes is a non-profit organization based in San Francisco dedicated to improving the quality of life for California's homeless children and developing policy solutions to prevent homelessness.

🐾 Congratulations to our Women's Soccer Team



Our women's soccer team, under the guidance of Coach **David Cordena**, has been selected as a Qualifier for 1st Round of Pacific Coast Conference Regionals. Go Coyotes!



🐾 Child Development Center Hosts Waffle Social

The Child Development Center at Cuyamaca College held their monthly Waffle Breakfast Social Fundraiser on December 3rd. This monthly activity is a time for families to have a warm and delicious waffle breakfast with their child before beginning their preschool program. With tables set up outside and in the adult classroom, families can sit together with their child and visit with other families whose children attend the center. The center raises a few fundraising dollars which was used for other family events at the center; but the real joy is seeing families connect with one another.

🐾 **Cuyamaca College – Friendly to Veterans**

The publication, *Military Times*, has included Cuyamaca College in its list of the top 23 community colleges in the nation that is friendly to veterans. Check out their website:

<http://fox5sandiego.com/2012/11/20/3-local-schools-ranked-as-friendly-to-veterans/>

🐾 **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 some of their recent activities:

- The Environmental Training Center submitted a proposal for \$15,000 to City College of San Francisco and the U.S. Department of Energy- Solar Instructor Training Network. The \$15,000 Solar Sales Estimation and Design grant was awarded to Cuyamaca College to be used in funding additional solar sales classes and provide state-wide best practices. A total of 60 individuals will receive training.
- Twenty-four (24) California Conservation Corps (CCC) students completed the Sustainable Green Building class on campus which was partially funded by SDG&E. Students will then participate in a work experience project with Grid Alternatives installing solar panel systems on low income housing in San Diego.
- Twenty-two (22) students successfully completed the California Waterworks grant funded backflow class and certification exam and are joining the workforce.
- The Solar Industry Advisory Board Meeting was held November 1st at Cuyamaca College with representatives in attendance from the business, non-profit, and education sectors within the region.
- Continued Education and Workforce Training is proud to welcome and introduce the following three new staff members who have recently joined the division:
 - Ms. **Renee Nasori** is the Program Coordinator for Project SHINE a new pilot program, grant funded by the County of San Diego, focused on helping limited English speaking immigrant elders prepare for citizenship, work, acquire health literacy skills, and engage in meaningful civic roles. Renee's education includes a Bachelor's degree in Social work from San Diego State University and a Master's degree in Organizational Management/ Human Resources Management from Ashford University. She has extensive work experience in the social service and education environments in San Diego County.
 - Operations Specialist, Ms. **Vanessa Murrell**, is responsible for all Continuing Education courses and sections, PREVIEW publication, website administration, and general data management. Vanessa joins the team with over 10 years of combined experience in both higher education and workforce development; having recently managed two small Workforce Investment Act contracts for a Workforce affiliate. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts-History Education degree from Olivet Nazarene University and a Master of Arts in Education-Counseling and Guidance from Point Loma Nazarene University.
 - Ms. **Tiffany Fernandez**, hourly Project Assistant, is studying towards a Business Administration degree and brings a strong office management and secretarial background to the department.

🐾 **Cuyamaca College Educator Receives Prestigious Adam’s Apple Award**



Mr. Anthony Zambelli, J.D. was honored with the California Council on Economic Education’s highest award for outstanding dedication to teaching economics. The California Council on Economic Education recently announced Anthony (Tony) Zambelli, JD the recipient of the 2012 Adam’s Apple Award. Tony accepted the award at the annual California Association of School Economics Teachers Conference on October 26, 2012 at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, CA.

🐾 **Native American Contemporary Dance Celebration**



The Cuyamaca College Library sponsored the second annual Native American Contemporary Dance Celebration on November 20th. Ms. **Maria Gearhart**, Multimedia Assistant Senior of the LTRC, once again coordinated this exceptional event. Mr. Richard DeCrane, a member of the San Diego Inter-Tribal Singers, served as the guest speaker and provided a historical perspective on the various dances and associated regalia. The handmade outfits were beautifully detailed with intricate bead work, elegant feathers, bright colors, and delicate stitching. The youngest dancer was only 4 years old but demonstrated the beat and rhythm of an old soul. Cuyamaca College’s own **Jim Hannibal**, Automotive instructor, contributed to the event this year by playing Native American flute music on his own hand-crafted flutes. Visit <http://www.cuyamaca.edu/photoevents/> to see more pictures from the event!



🐾 **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, and administrators were treated to gourmet faire provided by Sodexo. Those in the holiday spirit were also invited to participate in a new holiday party contest, decorating “live trees”, AKA President’s Cabinet members, a faculty member Ms. **Patricia Santana** and staff members **Ryan Shumaker** and **Ken Grimes**. Teams were given 5 minutes to create their best tree dress-up. Audience applause determined the winner. Mr. **Ken Grimes** of Counseling was the winner of what could become an annual holiday tradition.



~~ Upcoming Events ~~

A complete list of college activities can be found on our website, www.cuyamaca.edu

State of the College

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Communication Arts Theatre

10:00am morning coffee

Program: 10:30am to noon followed by lunch in the Student Center

Heritage of the Americas Museum 20th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Time TBA

Farmer's Market

The Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market is held at Cuyamaca College from 9:00am to 2:00pm each Saturday. Fresh fruits and vegetables, health and fitness sessions, live music and more! In a short period of time, this market has become extremely popular with the local community.

*The poinsettias that you received this evening are a gift from Cuyamaca College.
These plants are a product of Cuyamaca College's Ornamental Horticulture Department and were
beautifully wrapped and decorated by
Ms. **Diane Citrowske**, Ornamental Horticulture adjunct instructor.*





*On the occasion of the 20th
Anniversary of the
Heritage of the Americas Museum
At Cuyamaca College*

*The Heritage of the Americas Museum Board of Directors,
the Governing Board of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community
College District and the Cuyamaca College Administration*

*Request the pleasure of your company as an honored guest
at a reception*

- *to celebrate 20 years of educating learners of all ages*
 - *to honor those who made it all possible*
 - *to invest in the future*

*Featuring Western Artist Alfredo Rodríguez
View his paintings at: www.alfredoartist.com*

**Wednesday, January 23, 2013
4:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Heritage of the Americas Museum
12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West
hofam@sbcglobal.net ~ 619-670-5194**

*Join us for hors d'oeuvres, wine, and other beverages
An incredible silent auction*

*For reservations for yourself and an additional guest, please complete the
form below and mail it to the Museum, or email or call the Museum.*

**In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Heritage of the Americas Museum
01-23-1993 ~ 01-23-2013**

I request _____ complementary reservations.

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



The **Water Conservation Garden** invites the public to enjoy its 2012 Fall/Winter calendar of classes and events. Gardening classes help residents save water and money by focusing on water-smart landscaping techniques and plants. Classes are taught by professionals, with offerings for both adults and children. Pre-registration is required for all classes. To enroll call 619-660-0614 x 10, or online at www.thegarden.org.

FREE Garden Tours – Every Saturday at 10:30 am

Tour the lush, colorful and water-wise garden with a knowledgeable garden docent. Bring your questions and hear the secrets and stories that make our garden special.

FREE Special Access Tour – Every Third Sunday at 9:30am

Have trouble navigating the terrain of the Garden but no trouble appreciating its beauty? Let us take you for a ride! Explore the Garden from the comfortable Verbeck Shuttle with a Garden Guide. This tour seats only 4-5 people. For reservations call 619-660-6841. Advance reservations are required

Professional Landscape Design Consultations

Spend 45 minutes one-on-one with a professional landscape designer and you will leave with a complete design plan, and list of suggested plants for your own drought tolerant landscape. Bring a photo of your house and area you want to re-design, the dimensions of the space, and photos of design styles you love. Call 619-660-0614 x10 for appointment availability, designer information and reservations. \$60 Members, \$75 Non-Members

Ms. Smarty-Plants™ and the Magic of Water School Tours and Assembly Program

Calling all kid groups! Join Ms. Smarty-Plants™ as she magically takes you on a fun, interactive journey through plant adaptations, the water cycle, conservation and much more. Become a Smarty-Plants™ Earth Hero! To book an educational tour of the Garden or school assembly program contact Jillian Chu at 619-660-6841, ext. 16.