



## President's Report to the Governing Board March 19, 2013

### **March in March**



Acting Associate Dean of Student Affairs **Mr. Ryan Shumaker** escorted three Cuyamaca College students to Sacramento to participate in the March in March event in Sacramento. Student leaders **Ms. Fatima Alyasini**, **Ms. Jocelyn Estrada**, and **Ms. Abrianna Gomez** participated in the student march at the State's capitol. There they were able to meet with various legislators to lobby for increased funding for higher education and specifically for community colleges.

### **Senior High Math Field Day 2013**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior High Math Field Day for San Diego County for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year was held at Cuyamaca College on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Eighty-five students from ten high schools in the San Diego region competed in six different events. In all, 36 medals, three trophies for



each of the top three schools, one perpetual trophy to the overall winning school, and five calculators donated by Texas Instruments and Casio were given away. The top scoring schools are as follows:

- First Place: Canyon Crest High School
- Second Place: Scripps Ranch High School
- Third Place: Westview High School
- Fourth Place (Tie): Christian High School and Rancho Buena Vista High School

It was a very close competition as first and second place were separated by only 10 points and the two fourth place teams missed third by only 10 points. Each of the events were organized, written, and run by over 20 volunteers (full-time, part-time and retired instructors) from Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Mesa College and Southwestern College. Co-chairs **Mr. Eric Preibisius** and **Dr. Tammi Marshall** are deeply indebted to the President of Cuyamaca College, Dr. Mark Zacovic, for providing the funds for both the lunches and t-shirts for this special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event! Thanks also go out to the Greater San Diego Mathematics Council, the California Mathematics Council, and the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca College for sponsoring and underwriting this event as well as Texas Instruments and Casio for providing calculators as prizes.

### **Diversity Dialogue "Be a Man/Act like a Lady"**



Students participated in this interactive workshop on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, which encouraged participants to reflect on their own experiences with gender, as well as learn from the experiences of their peers. The workshop was presented by Ms. Marnie Brookolo, a Campus Diversity Officer and Director of the Women's Center at UCSD.

🐾 **Two of Our Students have been Designated Royalty**



The newly crowned Miss La Mesa 2013 is currently a student at Cuyamaca College. **Ms. Cassandra Steppat** (Cassie) will graduate this semester, and plans to transfer to SDSU. The Miss La Mesa Pageant has been a tradition since the late 1960's and is an outstanding mentoring program for young women. The pageant is sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce and focuses on community service. The pageant was held on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. As Miss La Mesa, Cassie will serve as the official hostess for the City of La Mesa as well as receive scholarship prizes.

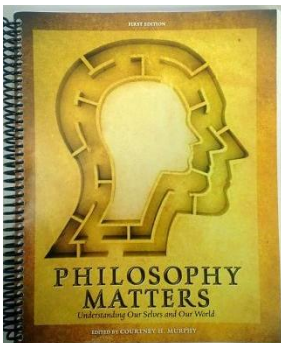


Another Cuyamaca College student, **Ms. Kaci McCorkell**, was recently crowned Miss Rancho San Diego 2013 at the Miss El Cajon and Miss Rancho San Diego Scholarship Pageant held at Cuyamaca College's Performing Arts theater in early March. Both women will spend the year attending grand openings, parades, summer concerts and chamber functions. Each of the contestants was scored on a personal interview, speech, poise and personality, sportswear, evening gown and an on-stage question.



🐾 **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Landscape Conference**

The Ornamental Horticulture department and the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society co-hosted the 5th Annual Sustainable Landscape Conference on March 7 at the Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theater. This year's theme was "Air, Earth, Water and Fire" as each of our speakers looked at the four important elements of sustainability in San Diego County and their relationship to landscapes. The conference provides several important benefits for the OH department and the college. It gives educational opportunities in a cutting edge topic for students and the landscape industry. It gives the department and the college important recognition as a leader in sustainability. And, it raises money for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society that is used to fund its Scholarship Banquet in May. Over 150 people attended, and approximately \$10,000 was raised for the club. Mr. Carlos Michelin of the San Diego County Water Authority was presented with a plaque that recognized the water authority's contribution as the conference sponsor from **Mr. Don Schultz**, OH Department Chair.



🐾 **Sabbatical Projects**

**Dr. Courtney (Murphy) Hammond**, Philosophy instructor, is the editor of "Philosophy Matters: Understanding Our Selves and Our World", a new anthology that introduces students to philosophical thinking. The textbook incorporates a wide variety of perspectives – from classical Greeks to current day feminists – while covering many quintessential philosophical themes.

**Mr. Stephen McCamman**, Political Science Instructor, also completed his sabbatical project, which focused on the need to reinvigate the classroom to

better meet the needs of today's media saturated student. His project included revamping the classroom methods used from one that is primarily teacher-centered to one that is student-centered with the use of case studies. Using the case study methods in his classes, Mr. McCamman is empowering his students to think for themselves. Students are better able to understand issues in a more nuances fashion and explore public policy issues via the application of theoretical knowledge that is applied to practical situations.



#### **🐾 Staff Member Displays Art Work**

**Mr. Frank Sundstrom**, Cuyamaca College's mail processor, hosted the opening reception of "Perfectly Frank", displaying his ceramic art at the Communications Arts building on Thursday, March 14. Frank's art will be on display in the Communications Art gallery from 9:00am to 5:00pm March 11 through March 22. His art has also been featured in art books specializing in dry glazes.

#### **🐾 Top Notch Instructor in Paralegal Program**

Attorney **Jeff Bennion**, adjunct instructor in Cuyamaca College's paralegal program, was recently presented the San Diego Daily Transcript 2012 Top Young Attorney award. Mr. Bennion teaches classes on e-discovery, evidence, litigation, criminal law and contracts. Outside of the regular curriculum, he teaches beginning and advanced Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) classes on the effective presentation of evidence and the use of technology in trial. Jeff was recently asked to speak at the annual Bridging the Gap MCLE seminar, and the 25th annual California Alliance of Paralegal Associations educational conference in Los Angeles on the subject of trial preparation.



#### **🐾 Counselor Receives National Award**



**Ms. Donna Hajj**, Counselor, was presented the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award at the recent League for Innovation in the Community College conference in Dallas, TX. In recognition of the long tradition of excellence in community college teaching and leadership, the League established the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards in 2012. These awards are open to League Alliance member institutions to celebrate outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff. In her profile, Donna stated, *"Being a college counselor is an amazing responsibility. It is my daily actions that produce the*

*climate that I live and work in. I have great power to make my life and work miserable or wonderful. I can be a tool of destruction or an instrument of encouragement, I can hurt or heal. In all circumstances, it is my response that illustrates my humanity. If we treat people as they are, we are just ordinary. If we treat people as they ought to be, we help them realize their extraordinary potential."*

#### **🐾 College Night at the Theatre**

Cuyamaca College's Performing Arts Spring Concert Series presented "College Night at the Theatre" on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, which featured *The JazzKatz Project*. The enthusiastic crowd enjoyed an hour of big band swing music à la the 1940s complete with a vocalist and dancers.



## **🐾 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:

### *Environmental Training Center/ California WaterWorks Project:*

Funded by a grant from the State Chancellor's Office, the Environmental Training Center hosted the first Statewide Water Skills Panel at Cuyamaca College on February 14th and 15th. The Skills Panel was well attended with representation from community colleges and universities, workforce development agencies, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, American Water Works Association, California Water Environment Association, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Orange County Sanitation District, Sweetwater Authority, San Diego County Water Authority, the City of San Diego, and Otay Water District. During the 2-day event participants discussed model training programs in the state, the water industry's workforce data and job market, confirmed the value of regional partnerships, and identified next steps to ensure workforce development training programs offered by California Community Colleges are meeting the water industry's needs.

### *Continued Education and Workforce Training Department:*

Based on the success of the summer College for Kids program, Continuing Education and Workforce Training is excited to launch the "FIRST" Spring Break College for Kids program on the Cuyamaca College campus March 25-28, 2013.

A variety of fun and interesting courses will be offered for youth ages 8-14, including CSI: Forensics for Kids, Get Animated: Flash Animation, Inventor's

Workshop and En Garde, Ready, Fence! You will find them at <http://www.cuyamaca.edu/cfk>.

### *Project SHINE:*

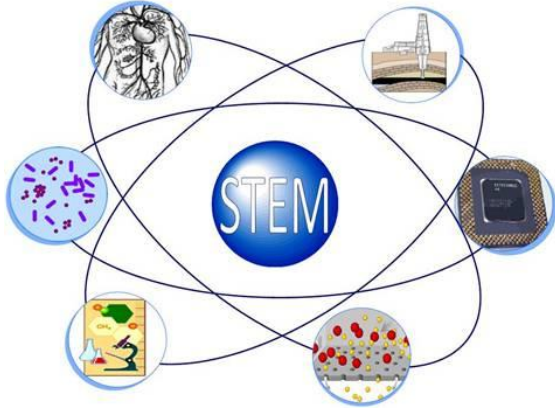
Program Manager, **Ms. Renee Nasori**, was interviewed for an article featured in the San Diego County News Center regarding Project SHINE's health literacy efforts in East County. Project SHINE is a pilot program, funded by the County of San Diego, which focuses on helping limited English speaking immigrant elders prepare for citizenship, work, acquire health literacy skills, and engage in meaningful civic roles. Current classes were highlighted in reaching the programs goal to teach refugees to manage their own preventative and ongoing healthcare, thus decreasing the strain on emergency departments and other healthcare resources.

### *Workforce Innovation Partnership Grants (Green Ventures):*

"Students Learn to Be Green and Help Lemon Grove Become Greener" was an article in the Lemon Grove Patch that featured the teaming of Cuyamaca College and the San Diego Center of the California Conservation Corps to foster an interest in "green careers" through a new Sustainable Green Building Pathway program. The program provided 24 corps members, ages 18 to 25, the chance to complete 116 hours of hands-on introduction to a variety of green jobs. The corps members also each received a \$200 stipend, personalized career counseling and three training certificates to enhance their resumes and boost their employability.



## 🐾 Library Display: National Women's History Month



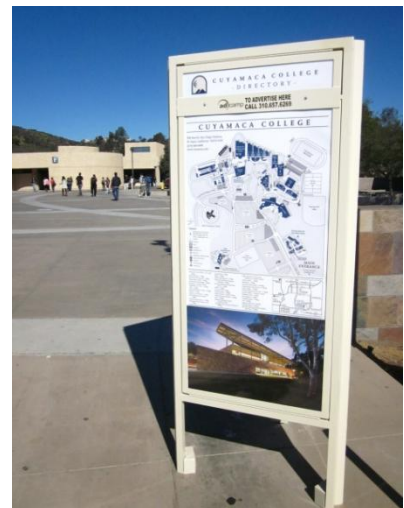
*Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)*

Throughout the month of March, the library will reflect upon the many achievements women have made over the years in the STEM fields. Once again **Ms. Maria Gearhart** has outdone herself designing and installing this month's display that features some of the women whose extraordinary accomplishments and amazing strength have significantly impacted our world, such as:

- Florence Bascom (1862-1945) – First woman scientist hired at the US Geological Survey.
- Maria Curie (1867-1934) – First woman to be awarded a Nobel Prize and the only woman to have won two Nobel Prizes, each in different fields, Physics and Chemistry.
- Rosalind Franklin (1920-1958) – Provided crucial evidence for the helical structure of DNA.
- Jane Goodall (1934-Present) – Notably the world's foremost primatologist.
- Grace Hopper (1906-1992) – Developed the first compiler for a computer programming language.
- Mae Jemison (1956-Present) – First African American woman to travel to space.
- Augusta Ada Lovelace (1815-1852) – The world's first computer programmer.
- Barbara McClintock (1902-1992) – First woman to receive the Nobel Prize in medicine for her work in genetics.
- Maria Mitchell (1818-1889) – Discovered a comet invisible to the naked eye in 1847.
- Emmy Noether (1882-1935) – A pioneer in the field of abstract (non-communicative) algebra.
- Rosalyn Yalow (1921-Present) – Helped discover how to use radioisotopes to measure levels of tiny amounts of hormones in the human blood system; received Nobel Prize in medicine in 1977.

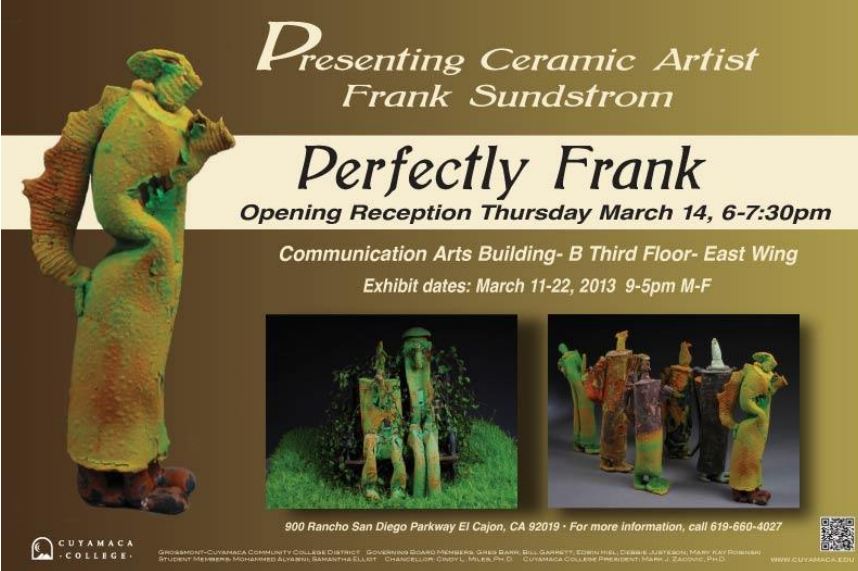
## 🐾 New Kiosks Around the College

Over the winter break, 6 new kiosks were installed around the college. Set up and maintained by AdCamp, these kiosks provide directional maps in strategic locations around the college, making it easier for students and college visitors to find their way around the college. In exchange for the placement of the kiosks on our campus, the college receives \$50 per month per kiosk, netting \$3,600 annually for the college.



## Upcoming Events

A complete list of college activities can be found on our website, [www.cuyamaca.edu](http://www.cuyamaca.edu)



*Presenting Ceramic Artist  
Frank Sundstrom*

### *Perfectly Frank*

*Opening Reception Thursday March 14, 6-7:30pm*

*Communication Arts Building- B Third Floor- East Wing*  
*Exhibit dates: March 11-22, 2013 9-5pm M-F*

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### Cuyamaca College

#### Performing Arts Spring Concert Series – Upcoming Concerts

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm**

*Cuyamaca College and Steele Canyon High School Concert Bands*

**Thursday, April 4, 7:30pm**

*Sene Africa: Traditional and African Pop Music*

**Thursday, April 11, 7:30pm**

*Danny Green Trio – Jazz Trio*

**Thursday, April 18, 7:30pm**

*Concert Band Festival featuring bands from Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Point Loma Nazarene University, and San Diego State University*

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm**

*John Mark Harris – piano recital*

All performances begin at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 students/seniors (12 and under free)

Performing Arts Theatre, Communication Arts

Concerts generally last one hour, providing an easy, affordable musical interlude for your week. Please join us!

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00pm**

Women's Tennis vs. San Diego City College

**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00pm**

Women's Tennis vs. Grossmont College

**Tuesday, April 9, 10:00am**

Student Health Fair

Student Center

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 1:30pm**

Student Center, room I-207

*"Building Community on Campus"* presented by Dr. Shaila Mulholland

This informational workshop will provide participants with the tools needed to discover their own personal cultural narrative in addition to exploring the concept and impact of diversity on a college campus.

Through guided exercises, participants will learn how to enhance an inclusive environment on campus.

Dr. Mulholland is an Assistant Professor in the College of Education at SDSU, and has conducted extensive research in the area of diversity.



**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm**

Spring Student Art & Graphic Expo Opening Reception

Third Floor East Wing, Communication Arts

Refreshments will be provided by Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

**Thursday, April 11 through Wednesday, May 8**

Annual Spring Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition

Third Floor East Wing, Communication Arts