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## President's Report to the Governing Board April 16, 2013

### **🐾 Students Attend International Phi Theta Kappa Convention**

President **Mark Zacovic** accompanied 4 students to the annual international convention for Phi Theta Kappa, the community college honor society, in San Jose, CA. Students **Nathan O'Hare**, **Farah Al-Tahhan**, **Dustin Ransom** (from Cuyamaca College) and **Shirley Anduze** (from Grossmont College) joined more than 3,450 other Phi Theta Kappa members from 501 chapters from around the world to hear world-class speakers address the current Honors Study Topic, *The Culture of Competition*, and to honor and recognize excellence in chapters, members, and advisors.



### **🐾 California Destination Imagination**

Cuyamaca College hosted the *2013 California Destination Imagination State Tournament* on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event, coordinated by the non-profit organization *Destination Imagination*, works with elementary grades up through high school students to encourage and develop critical thinking skills in a fun and creative way. Destination Imagination teaches the creative process from imagination to innovation using "inquiry-guided group learning." Students use inquiry to find solutions for their selected challenge. Team managers provide the guidance and tools needed to facilitate the students' inquiry process. By working in teams of 2 to 7 members, students experience the advantages of teamwork. Team members learn to respect and build on the strengths and ideas of all team members. The competitions consisted of students presenting a Team Challenge as well as taking part in Instant Challenges in which they were faced with solving problems on the spot. 200 teams, approximately 1,500 students, from various schools throughout California participated in the competition competing for top honors. A record 61 teams qualified for the Global Finals in Knoxville, TN. A special shout out goes to **Mr. Bruce Farnham** and **Ms. Patty Branton** in Facilities who worked directly with the state tournament organizers for months prior to the event, along with our fantastic **Facilities and Operations staff** who made this college-wide event a huge success.

### **🐾 Diversity Dialogue**



The March College Hour program and Diversity Dialogue workshop focused on Women's History Month. There were more than 41 students who attended a workshop, which was presented by Ms. Marni Brooklo, Director of the Women's Center at UC San Diego. The workshop focused on gender issues and the material was connected back to many of the women's history movements.

*“Building Community on Campus”* presented by Dr. Shaila Mulholland was the focus of April’s Diversity Dialogue. 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 learned 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.

#### **🐾 Annual Spring Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Fine Art & Graphic Design Exhibition Opening Reception and Award Ceremony, coordinated by **Dr. Marie Ramos** and **Ms. Gini Gomez**, were held on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> with approximately 250 attendees. The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians provided the food and beverages for the reception. Eleven awards were presented to Fine Arts and Graphic Design students including the Caroline Cox Scholarship. This scholarship award of \$250 was presented to art student **Charlene Mosley** (pictured on the left with the Cox family). The art exhibition is on display on the third floor of the Communication Arts Building East Wing until May 8<sup>th</sup>.



#### **🐾 Student Health Fair**

The Annual Health Fair was held April 9<sup>th</sup> in the Student Center at Cuyamaca College. The nurses in the Health and Wellness Center organized the event to stimulate campus-wide awareness and participation in health-enhancing activities. Maintaining good health enhances each student’s capacity to do well academically and is a primary goal of our Health and Wellness Fair. 225 first aid packages were prepared and were given away to students. Thirty-five health related organizations from throughout the county were represented. Additionally, 42 pints of blood were collected by the San Diego Blood Bank.

#### **🐾 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:

*Continuing Education and Workforce Training Department:*

The Continuing Education and Workforce Training (CEWT) division ran a largely successful new Spring Break College for Kids program March 25-28 at Cuyamaca College; offering 7 half-day courses which served over 110 children (ages 8-14) and families in East County. CEWT will be expanding the summer College for Kids program with over 20 new and exciting courses offered from July 8<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>.



As part of the Workforce Development Committee’s work, selected CTE Department Chairs (Business Office Technology (BOT), Computer Information Sciences (CIS), Ornamental Horticulture (OH), Environmental Health and Safety Management (EHSM) and Automotive Technology) hosted a CTE Tour

and Counselor's Luncheon on March 13<sup>th</sup> at Cuyamaca College. 38 high school and college counselors from Grossmont Union High School District and Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges attended 20-minute presentations and facility tours hosted by Department Chairs during which counselors learned about career pathways, labor market information, certificates and degrees and much more. This annual event was a great success with the goal being to have high school and college counselors better informed about Cuyamaca College's exciting CTE programs.

### **🐾 Intergenerational Garden Begins to Take Shape**

The Intergenerational Garden site adjacent to the Child Development Center at Cuyamaca College was surveyed by students of the Advanced Surveying class, with instructors **Mr. John Butcher** and **Mr. Jaime Tanyor** guiding students through the real-world surveying experience. The site was graded, with special thanks to Ed Butts Grading, who imported soil, provided the equipment and manpower to level the site, and created the amphitheater and pumpkin hill. It was a week of bulldozers, dump trucks and bobcats working the site into its final grade. Cuyamaca College's own OH students will be installing the irrigation system with planting to quickly follow. Seven gardening enthusiasts, ages 60 and older, continue to share a little of their know-how with 60 preschoolers tending a small, practice garden of sorts as they await completion of the much larger Intergenerational Garden.

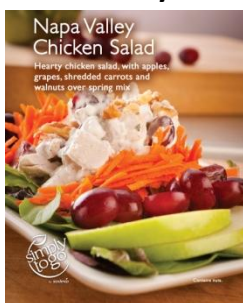


### **🐾 The Cuyamaca College Library Celebrates Springtime at Cuyamaca College**



This month's library display focuses on establishing solid foundations for a bright and cheerful future. In support of the upcoming Spring Garden Festival, a popular community affair here at Cuyamaca College, our displays feature a variety of gardening tips for the smallest spaces and containers to large acreage farms as well as resources like raising your own chickens. Stop by the library this month to get yourself ready for a healthy, blossom-filled "Swing Into Spring"!

### **🐾 New Coyote Salad Chosen**



On April 2, 2013, Sodexo held a salad tasting competition in the Student Center to determine which of five salads should be given the honor of being known as the "Coyote Salad." The taste test had 27 participants including students, faculty, staff, and administrators. The winner was the Napa Valley Chicken salad, a mix of chicken salad with apples, grapes, shredded carrots and walnuts over a spring mix. Here at Cuyamaca College, it will now be known as the "Coyote Salad."

## *Upcoming Events*

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

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

***Annual Spring Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition***

Third Floor East Wing, Communication Arts

**Saturday, April 27**

***20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Garden Festival*** sponsored by San Diego Home & Garden.

9:00am to 4:00pm, at the Grand Lawn, OH Nursery, and Water Conservation Garden

Coordinated through the Ornamental Horticulture department in conjunction with the Water

Conservation Garden. The theme for this year is "Celebrating Urban Farms & Gardens 1994-2013"

### Cuyamaca College

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

**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*

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 5:00pm**

*Coyote Music Festival*

Grand Lawn

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm**

*Son de San Diego*

Mexican folk music

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm**

*Cuyamaca College Concert Band*

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!