



President's Report to the Governing Board *September 10, 2013*

Diversity Dialogue: Chaldean Traditions



Sponsored by the Associated Student Government, the August College Hour was an opportunity for students, staff, and faculty to join together to celebrate the Chaldean culture. In addition to learning more about Chaldean traditions, Cuyamaca College students enjoyed complimentary food from Ali Baba's. **Dr.**

Sami Jihad presented a workshop to students on the history of the Chaldean culture. This workshop kicked off the Diversity Dialogue for the fall semester, and was a wonderful educational opportunity for both students and staff.

One Stop Holds Open House

On Thursday, August 22nd, the Student Services One Stop held an Open House from 11:00am to 1:00pm for students during Welcome Week. Students had the opportunity to pick up information packets, brochures and academic supplies from departments within the Student Services One Stop that include General Counseling, CalWORKs, DSPS, EOPS/CARE, Admissions & Records and Financial Aid. The Open House offered cookies and lemonade, and students had the opportunity to win a \$25 iTunes gift card, donated by **Dr. Marsha Gable**, by guessing the number of blue and white gumballs in a glass jar – our Cuyamaca College colors. The tables were manned by Cuyamaca College Peer Ambassadors and Student Services staff. There were 78 students who participated in the gumball game, and well over 100 students who visited the table to obtain information. The Student Services One Stop Open House was a collaborative event with Counseling Services, Financial Aid, Admissions & Records, and Student Affairs who provided the peer ambassadors, cookies and lemonade.

A New Doctor is in the House

We are proud to announce that Ms. Wendy Craig has recently completed her doctorate degree. Wendy now has a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D) with an emphasis on community colleges from San Diego State University. Her dissertation was on Euro American Students as Solidarity Allies at Historically White Institutions: Principled Support of the Interests of African Students. **Dr. Wendy Craig** is the Assistant Dean in EOPS.



Intergenerational Garden Project Ribbon Cutting

On Tuesday, August 27th, Cuyamaca College and the County of San Diego celebrated the opening of the campus' Intergenerational Garden, a third of an acre plot between the Child Development Center and the Water Conservation Garden, with a "vine cutting" ceremony. Officiating at the garden's opening was San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob, **Chancellor Cindy L. Miles; President Mark J. Zacovic;** County Health and Human Services Agency Director Mr. Nick Macchione; and County Aging and Independence Services Director Ms. Ellen Schmeding. Media coverage included KUSI News, Channel 8,

and the *San Diego Union Tribune*. Funded in part by a \$25,000 grant from the county's Health and Human Services Agency, the garden has been a labor of love for scores of volunteers. The 1½-year project will soon be flourishing with an abundance of citrus and other fruit, a variety of vegetable and flower beds, vines with pumpkins and melons, ornamentals, herbs, and more. The harvest will be incorporated into the children's menus at the Child Development Center and the Intergenerational Garden will be a public attraction at Cuyamaca College for everyone to enjoy. Fundraising and corporate sponsorships have added \$40,000 to the garden's coffers; an adjacent community garden is planned with dozens of plots for public leasing, most likely by 2014. The County grant helped establish the garden and also paid the \$100 monthly stipend for the seniors, affectionately called the "Gardening Grannies" by the center's young inhabitants. The grant ended in June, but to keep the project going, the County has committed to providing an additional \$15,000 to cover the stipends starting this month and the college is recruiting more volunteers at community and gardening events.



🐾 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:

WaterWorks Grant: Cuyamaca College's two-year California WaterWorks IDRC Grant, which concludes this September, has produced shared curriculum, student and faculty resources, and collaboration between colleges and the water industry. The challenge for **Mr. Don Jones**, the grant's subject matter expert, and **Mr. Mike Uhrhammer**, the grant manager, is to assure that collaboration and use of the shared resources continue after September. On August 23rd, Cuyamaca College hosted Ms. Nancy Gutierrez, the California Community Colleges Sector Navigator Coordinator for Agriculture, Water and Environmental Technology to discuss funding the continued development of initiatives started through the California WaterWorks IDRC Grant. Gutierrez is with Reedley College, and Don and Mike would like to thank **President Mark Zacovic, Ms. Patty Branton, Mr. Manuel Lorenzo and Ms. Cynthia Bourget** for making Ms. Gutierrez's visit enjoyable and productive.

Workplace Learning Resource Center: The Workplace Learning Resource Center, hosted at Cuyamaca College, is conducting an environmental scan for hospitality/tourism/retail industries of Southern California. The scan received a big boost recently when the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation featured the study in their August "Good News of the Week" newsletter and sent a survey to their vast membership. The survey will conclude on August 30th, with the final report coming out in early October, 2013.

🐾 Environmental Strategic Plan Unveiled

The Environmental Sustainability Committee presented a workshop during the Fall 2013 Professional Development week, which unveiled the new Environmental Strategic Plan. This is the first strategic plan, environmentally, for the college. A sub-committee worked tirelessly for months to create the plan. They also addressed the "Tree Frog Presentation" which discussed the efforts of our Biology department's plans to return the nature preserve located between the college and the apartment

complex back to its natural state. The workshop keynote speaker was Dr. Geoff Chase from San Diego State University who presented a talk on “Education for Sustainability: Directions for Higher Education”.

Upcoming Events

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

9/11 Memorial

Wednesday, September 11th
10:30 to 11:00am, Grand Lawn

Constitution Day 2013: The Bill of Rights

Tuesday, September 17th
11:00am to noon, Student Center, I-207 and 208

Celebrate Constitution Day by welcoming the Honorable Louise DeCarl Adler, who is a Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California. She will provide insight into the Bill of Rights and its effect on your fundamental rights. This rare opportunity will make Constitution Day even more meaningful. There will be a question and answer period after her presentation.



Social Justice

September 26, 2013
11:30am to 12:30pm
Student Center, I-207

Presented by Ms. Grace Bagunu

In this highly interactive workshop, participants will experience diversity on a whole new level. Participants will learn about social justice related concepts as well as effective communication skills with working in diverse groups.



Standing in Solidarity: Supporting the Interests of Students on Campus

October 2, 2013
10:00 to 11:00am
Student Center, I-207

Presented by Dr. Wendy Craig

This workshop will explore the reasons why a campus environment may appear unwelcoming to some students. In addition, participants will discuss strategies to enhance student culture that may also include the formation of alliances.



Cultural Narratives

October 8, 2013
10:30 to 11:30am
Student Center, I-207

Presented by Dr. Shaila Mulholland

Participants will discover and reflect on their own cultural self-awareness and begin writing their personal cultural narrative. Participants will also explore the impact of diversity on a college campus.

Farmers Market at Cuyamaca College

The Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market is held at Cuyamaca College from 9:00am to 2:00pm each Saturday.



Constitution Day 2013: The Bill of Rights

The Honorable Federal Court Judge Adler

**September 17, 2013
11:00 AM to Noon
Student Center, I-207 & I-208**

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Appointed in 1984, Louise De Carl Adler is a Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California. A former Chief Judge, she served as the first female President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges from 1994-1995. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Adler was in private law practice in San Diego for 12 years, specializing in debtor and trustee representation and serving as a

trustee in bankruptcy. She is a co-author of "International Insolvency" (Federal Judicial Center, 2001) a reference book for bankruptcy judges, a contributing author to S. L. Bufford, "United States International Insolvency Law 2008-2009" (Oxford University Press, 2009), and the author of "Managing the Chapter 15 Cross-Border Insolvency Case: A Pocket Guide for Judges" (Federal Judicial Center, 2011).



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