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President's Report to the Governing Board December 10, 2013

President's Holiday Luncheon

All was merry and bright at the annual President's Holiday Luncheon. The festivities were held on Thursday, December 5th, from noon to 2:00pm in the Student Center. There were games, prizes, gift basket giveaways as well as a delicious luncheon. The highlight of the afternoon festivities was the second annual "Human Christmas Tree" decorating contest. Human trees **Dr. Wei Zhou, Dr. Scott Thayer, Dr. Arleen Satele, Dr. Kathryn Nette, Dean Jennifer Lewis, and Mr. Eddie Vasquez** each had a team of three who had just minutes to do their best decorating job. Each "tree" was judged by audience applause with **Chancellor Cindy Miles, and Ms. Alicia Munoz** (Academic Senate President) serving as the final judges. In a clap-off, **Dr. Kathryn Nette**, was determined to be the best tree of the season.



🐾 **Former UP! Student a Featured Success**

Former UP! student **Ms. Maria Brown**, who transferred to SDSU, was featured as a success story for the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) program. Maria will be majoring in Sociology after graduating from Cuyamaca College. California Community Colleges are now offering associate degrees for transfer to the CSU system. These include Associate in Arts (AA-T) and Associate in Science (AS-T) degrees, which are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. Students who are awarded an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program deemed similar to their community college major. Students are able to complete their remaining requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60 semester or 90 quarter units. Brown said she is writing a book about her experiences and her goal is to graduate from law school and become a family law attorney. Her sociology degree will go a long way in supporting that goal. Maria's story is featured on the California State University system's website regarding the ADT program, at: <http://www.adegreewithaguarantee.com/AboutTheProgram/SuccessStories.aspx?aid=27>.

🐾 **The Cuyamaca Way Award Presentation**

For the first time the coveted "Cuyamaca Way" award was presented to a student. **Ms. Simone Robbins**, an EOPS/CARE/UP! student, was presented the award by **Dr. Scott Thayer**, Vice President of Student Services, during the Native American Dance Event. Simone is the founder of the Native American Student Alliance and has been instrumental in organizing this cultural event.

🐾 **High School Counselor's Breakfast – Operation: Matriculation**

Coordinated by **Mr. Ryan Shumaker**, Student Success Coordinator, Outreach hosted the High School Counselor Breakfast on November 22nd which was attended by 19 counselors from the Grossmont Union High School District. The theme of the event was *Operation: Matriculation*, in which the changes and adjustments in enrollment priorities were discussed that will take place in the coming year that will affect both them and their students alike. Outreach facts and figures, as well as future projections of student contacts, were also shared with the high school counselors. This was an amazing event that we look forward to continuing in the future.

🐾 **EOPS Student Leadership Conference Brings Together Students from Region X**

The annual Region X EOPS Student Leadership Conference was an unquestionable success this year. Hosted by Grossmont College, the conference was planned and implemented by EOPS students from Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges with the assistance of Mr. Michael Perez and his EOPS staff, and **Mr. Eddie Vasquez**, Cuyamaca EOPS Student Services Specialist, the Cuyamaca EOPS Club and Mr. Xavier McGregor, a community activist and student at both Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges who was the keynote speaker for the program. Part of his speech can be viewed with the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c46D5IDc-w>. Eddie and others created a dynamic promo called "[I am EOPS](#)" to promote the event. EOPS students emceed the event, showing their confidence and leadership. Students listened to speakers including **Ms. Avelina Mitchell**, Classified Senate President and Mr. Michael Perez, who coordinates Grossmont's EOPS program. Chancellor Cindy Miles and Grossmont College President Sunny Cooke both provided a welcome, and Grossmont College's Dean of Counseling, Dr. Howard Irvin, closed out the event. In addition, students learned more about the EOPS history and struggle for social justice and participated in team-building activities. Thanks to everyone who made this event a success!

🐾 Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Honored

The Phi Theta Kappa's Center for Excellence owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to chapter advisors whose dedicated service is responsible for the success of their local chapters. Advisors are truly the lifeblood of the organization, and delight to recognize them for their years of service. We are proud to honor **Ms. Lisa Chaddock** for her 5 years of service as advisor of the Alpha Pi Omicron Chapter. Lisa will be presented an honorary PTK Advisor pin by President Zacovic on behalf of the Phi Theta Kappa's Center of Excellence. Please convey to Lisa your sincere appreciation for the service and time she has given to further the ideals of Phi Theta Kappa at our college.

🐾 3rd Annual Native American Dance



Approximately 200 people gathered on the Grand Lawn to witness the Native American cultural event and College Hour on

Tuesday, November 26th which was hosted by the Cuyamaca College Library and the Native American Student Alliance. The Native American dancers, dressed in traditional regalia, demonstrated their dancing talents. The youngest dancer was only 14 months old. Many of the dancers were members of the Soaring Eagles dance troupe. Mr. Richard DeCrane, a member of the Navajo/Crow tribe, was the guest speaker for the event, providing a historical background for each of the unique dance styles. The afternoon also included Mr. Ral Christman, a professional bird singer from Viejas, along with 5 other trained bird singers. Mr. Christman, who has also taught history at Cuyamaca College, discussed the contribution of the Kumeyaay people in this region. Music for the afternoon was provided by Mr. Terry Hinsley, lead singer of the Green River drum group. Terry is the husband of EOPS Adjunct Counselor, **Ms. Nora Hinsley**.



🐾 Art Students Complete Mural



Three art students completed a wall mural for the new Goddard Pre-School in Carlsbad. Cuyamaca College art students **Ms. Charlene Mosley, Ms. Ashley Soto** and **Mr. Mat Cruz** designed and painted the main entrance and three very long hallways with an underwater and jungle theme. Several parents were so impressed with the mural that they commissioned Charlene and Ashley to paint their children's rooms.



🐾 Faculty Member Leads Breakout Sessions at Two Conferences

The Director of the San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College, **Mr. Tony Zambelli**, recently attended the California Association of School Economics Teachers (CASSET) conference at the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank and the California Business Educators Association (CBEA)

conference at the W Hotel in San Diego. CASET was a one-day conference where high school economics teachers come together to share and learn about best practices in economics instruction. CBEA was a three-day conference where best practices in business education are shared with hundreds of in-service and pre-service public and private school teachers. Tony conducted breakout sessions at both conferences on “Using Music, Movies and YouTube to Teach Economics” and on “Economics and the Common Core.”

🐾 Faculty Art Show

On Thursday, November 14th, the Art Department hosted a reception for the “Fine Arts & Graphic Design Art show.” Several art students, including alumni, welcomed guests and served mock cocktails and special appetizers. Over 80 visitors attended the opening premier of the show where several art works were sold. The art show runs until December 11th, Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 5:00pm. This piece was designed and painted by Department Chair, **Dr. Marie Ramos**. Artwork is also available for purchase.



Upcoming Events

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

De-Stress Fest Activities

The Associated Student Government leaders are sponsoring a series of “De-Stress Fest” activities to help students feel energized during the stressful week of finals. The events include:

Wednesday, December 11: Therapy dogs from the San Diego Humane Society at the Student Center Quad. There will also be information tables providing information from the Health Center and Health & Human Services/Up2SD.

Thursday, December 12: Students can enjoy a free catered pancake breakfast with all the works in I-207 & I-208 beginning at 10:30am. During the event students will receive free bluebooks and scantrons and can receive a free neck massage compliments of Joel’s Holistic Center.

Wednesday, January 15

Men’s Basketball vs. Southwestern College

First Pacific Athletic Conference home game

5:00pm

Cuyamaca College Gym

Professional Development Week

Tuesday, January 21 through Friday, January 24

Wednesday, January 22

State of the College

8:30am

Student Center

Wednesday, January 22

Men’s Basketball vs. Imperial Valley College

5:00pm

Cuyamaca College Gym

Rancho San Diego



Farmer's Market

The Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market is held at Cuyamaca College from 9:00am to 2:00pm each Saturday in the parking lot across from OH. The market offers a wide variety of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, organic beef, locally made cheese, locally caught seafood, hot foods and a variety of crafters and other goodies.