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President's Report to the Governing Board March 18, 2014

🐾 ASL Rocks

The Cuyamaca College American Sign Language Association proudly hosted the seventh consecutive production of the annual ASL Rocks performance given by the Deaf students enrolled at Helix High School. Well over six hundred people attended the pair of performances presented on Saturday, February 22.



Diversity Dialogue Workshops

The Diversity Dialogue workshops for Spring Semester kicked off on February 19 with a workshop titled, *"Out of the Closet, Into Power."* Dr. Davina Kotulski discussed her own personal journey, and how she was able to use her experiences to help change laws in California and become an author on marriage equality.

The second workshop of the semester, *"Our Diverse Communities,"* was facilitated by Mr. Floyd Lai, an Associate Director of Multicultural Programs at CSU, San Marcos. Floyd's workshop focused on various types of social group memberships and interactions students experience on campus.

The third workshop in the series, *"Facilitating Student Success for Men of Color in Community Colleges,"* was presented by Dr. Frank Harris and Dr. Luke Wood, Professors at San Diego State University. They discussed research, issues and trends that impact student success for men of color in community colleges.

🐾 Black History Month -- College Hour Programs



On February 11, the Black History Month College Hour featured **Dr. Marsha Gable**, Dean of Counseling, who conducted an in-depth workshop on "Our Roots are Deep – Living Life from the Core." This session not only highlighted research from her dissertation, but also gave each participant the opportunity to learn how to identify their own personal values to "live life from the core."

On February 25, San Diego State University's Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority performed a step show that not only combined music and exciting dance steps, but also integrated cultural history into the choreography.

🐾 Students Participate in National Summit

Four EOPS students recently attended the national African American Male Education Network & Development (A²MEND) Summit in Los Angeles on March 6 and 7. Two students are also participants in the UP! program for former foster youth. The participants were Mr. Lawrance Ayers, Mr. Antwane Collier, Mr. Ferreon Meferia, and Mr. Shiloh Cloyd. EOPS Counselor, Mr. Michael Love, along with **Dr. Wendy Craig**, Associate Dean of EOPS, and **Dr. Marsha Gable**, Dean of Counseling, also participated in the conference along with **Dr. Scott Thayer**, Vice President of Student Services and a founding board member of A²MEND.



🐾 **Debra Babylon's Sabbatical Art Exhibition Opening Reception**
"Global Citizens and Collateral Damage"

Debra Babylon's Sabbatical Art Exhibition opening reception took place February 27 with 100 guests in attendance. *Global Citizens and Collateral Damage* large-scale canvases evoke strong emotions surrounding children, war and loss of innocence. The exhibition is on display through March 19 on the third floor of the Communication Arts Building East Wing.

🐾 **Vice President Serves as Master of Ceremonies**

Dr. Scott Thayer, Vice President of Student Services, was invited to serve as the Master of Ceremonies at the annual conference of the Western Association of Educational Opportunity in Personnel (WESTOP) 2014 Conference here in San Diego. WESTOP was privileged to have Dr. Thayer on their Board during the time he worked in the TRiO programs while serving as an Assistant Dean at Pasadena City College and as a Dean at Los Angeles Southwest College.



🐾 **John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award Winner**



In recognition of the long tradition of excellence in community college teaching and leadership, the League for Innovations established the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards in 2012. These awards celebrate outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff throughout the nation. This year **Dr. Kathryn Nette**, Department Chair and Professor of Biology, was presented the John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award at the recent annual Innovations 2014 conference held in Anaheim. In her profile, Dr. Nette stated: *"I am humbled that Cuyamaca College chose to recognize my contributions out of the many deserving colleagues with whom it is*

my honor to work. My goal is to impart a passion for science to my students and to ensure that they will be well prepared to continue their education and achieve their goals in their field of study. For me, there is nothing more rewarding than to have a student come back to see me months or years later to let me know how the challenges we provided them made such a great difference in their life. This would not be possible but for the exceptional, student-centered support provided to the science disciplines by the faculty, staff and administrators at Cuyamaca College. I am proud to be a part of 'The Cuyamaca Way'." The honorary medallion was bestowed upon Kathryn by **Dr. Mark Zacovic** during the final session of the recent League for Innovation in the Community College's *Innovations 2014* conference in Anaheim. **Dr. Chris Hill** of Grossmont College and **Mr. Tim Corcoran** of District Services also had medals bestowed by **Dr. Sunny Cooke** and **Dr. Cindy Miles**, respectively. Congratulations to all!

🐾 **The Cuyamaca Way Award**

Mr. Bruce Farnham, Director of Facilities, was honored with the Cuyamaca Way Award during a recent President's Cabinet meeting. Bruce works tirelessly, 24/7, to ensure the effective operation of the college and its many infrastructure systems, and has responded effectively during times of crisis such as the recent blackout and power outage. We commend Bruce, a five-year employee, on his dedication, innovation, collaboration and sense of teamwork – all virtues of "The Cuyamaca Way." We could not do it without you!



🐾 Sustainable Turf and Landscape Conference



On Thursday, March 6, the Ornamental Horticulture hosted its 6th Annual Sustainable Turf and Landscape Conference at the Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theater. This year's seminar featured details of how the golf course and turf industry has adapted to regional sustainability goals. The seminar provides several important benefits for the OH department and the college. It offers an important link between the OH Department and its students with leaders in the local landscape industry, plus it raises money for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society that is used to fund the Scholarship Banquet in May. Over 220 people participated in this year's conference, and approximately \$12,000 was raised in support of the OH Department.

🐾 Continuing Education & Workforce Training

Below is a brief summary of some of the recent activities within the office of Continuing Education & Workforce Training:

Prop 39 Workforce Grant Awarded

Cuyamaca College has been awarded the Prop 39 Clean Energy Workforce Training Program grant for an initial funding allocation of \$350,000 to be utilized as Operational Funding for the planning and development of program improvements for energy efficiency and related programs throughout Region 9 and 10. Additionally, the program will receive another \$518,000 in Program Improvement Funding which will be allocated to participating colleges in both regions. **Mr. Jonathan Kropp**, former Director for the Environmental Training Center (ETC) and author of the grant, will be managing the bi-regional project. Further information can be found featured in the following *Union Tribune* article:

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/mar/03/cuyamaca-grant-clean-energy-program/>

AB86 Grant Awarded

GCCCD has been awarded a one year \$307,205 statewide planning grant (March 5, 2014 to June 30, 2015) by the State Chancellor's Office to better align adult education programs and services at the regional level. Our funded consortium consists of GCCCD and Grossmont Union High School District (Grossmont Adult School). The focus of this new project will be: Adult Basic Education (English and Math eighth grade and below), English as a Second Language, Career Technical Education, and Apprenticeship.

New CCCAOE Vice President Elected

Mr. Jonathan Kropp has been elected for a 2-year term as Vice President of the San Diego/ Imperial region for the California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE).

College for Kids: Spring 2014

Back by popular demand - the second annual Spring Break College for Kids program at Cuyamaca College is in full swing! Continuing Education and Workforce Training is excited to offer 10 morning and afternoon courses, April 14-17, for children ages 8-14. Some of the fun and interesting courses include: Video Game Design, Martial Arts, Mosaic, Culinary, Photoshop, Golf and Children's Theatre Workshop.



Intergenerational Garden

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency produced a video story about the Garden Grandmas at the Cuyamaca College Child Development Center. These "Garden Grandmas" helped implement the Five and Fit Program as part of the Intergenerational Garden project at Cuyamaca College. The link to the story is: <http://countynewscenter.com/video?v=153808>

🐾 **Library Display: March is Women's History Month**

"Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment"

Cuyamaca College's Library has posters, books, and information on both floors of the library highlighting the lives of some of the extraordinary women throughout history: Rosa Parks, Sally Ride, Helen Keller, Chipeta (American Indian leader), Malala Yousafzai, and more.

Upcoming Events

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

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Dorcas E. Utter Butterfly Pavilion at The Water Conservation Garden

Friday, March 21

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College

Diversity Dialogue Workshops

Leader versus Leadership

Wednesday, March 26

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Student Center, I-207

Presenter: Ms. Grace Bagunu

Understanding Your Identity in a Diverse Society

Tuesday, April 8

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Student Center, I-207

Presenter: Mr. Freddie Sanchez

Understanding Social Justice & Diversity as a Means to Build Community

Thursday, May 8

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Student Center, I-207

Presenter: Mr. Kenyon Whitman



Thursday, March 20: **Cuyamaca College Choir**, 8:00 p.m., Student Center (A musical night at the coffee house)

Thursday, March 27: **Eastern Melodies – Music from the Middle East**

Wednesday, April 2: **Cuyamaca College Wind Ensemble & Steele Canyon High School Concert Band**

Thursday, April 24: **Quyamaca Quartet – Music for Strings by Brahms & Others**

Unless otherwise noted, all concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre. To reserve tickets, call 619-660-4288. For more information, visit: www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts.

Career Workshops

Work Experience and Internships

Tuesday, March 25
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
One Stop, A-221

Networking for your Future Job

Sponsored by the East County Career Center
Thursday March 27
2:00 to 3:00pm
One Stop, A-221



Women's Tennis vs Mt. San Jacinto College

Thursday, March 20, 2:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs Imperial Valley College

Tuesday, March 25, 2:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs San Diego Mesa College

Thursday, April 3, 2:00 p.m.



Rancho San Diego



Farmer's Market

The Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market is held at Cuyamaca College from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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.

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SPRING Garden Festival

Share the Future
Help support Cuyamaca College students and programs!

Save the Date! Saturday, May 3, 2014
9am - 4pm at Cuyamaca College
www.facebook.com/SpringGardenFestival

- Plant Sale (Cuyamaca College's biggest plant sale of the year)
- Farmer's Market (expanded Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market)
- Fashion in Bloom (fashion show and clothing sale)
- Safety Corner (County Sheriff police car and helicopter on display)
- Heritage of the Americas Museum (tours & events)
- Talks/Displays/Vendors/Food/Entertainment