



*President's Report to the Governing Board  
October 21, 2014*

*"LEARN TODAY, LEAD TOMORROW"*

**🐾 Cuyamaca College Remembers 9/11**

Our college community took time to remember the events from 9/11. Student leaders from ASGCC and interns from Senator Joel Anderson's office placed 2,977 flags on the Grand Lawn, each representing a life that was lost on that horrific day. **Dr. Mark Zacovic**, Cuyamaca College President, served as the Master of Ceremonies of the event. We were privileged to hear from Colonel John Farnham, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar, CAL Fire Battalion Chief Jeff Lannon, and retired Marine Corps Chaplain **Sean Johnson**, from our college's veterans services, share their memories and thoughts of 9/11. In addition, **Ms. Elsa Hernandez**, President of the Associated Student Government of Cuyamaca College, Mr. Mark Arabo, President of the Neighborhood Market Association, and Senator Joel Anderson spoke during the morning memorial. After the ceremony, attendees were invited to tie a yellow ribbon around one of the flags planted on the Grand Lawn. It was a very touching memorial event as we took time to remember and reflect on 9/11/01.



**🐾 Latino Heritage Month**

Cuyamaca College administrators, faculty, staff and students participated at two well attended events to embrace "Latino Heritage" in our college community. The first event was the "Latino Film Festival" which showcased a collection of powerful short films relevant to the Latino experience. The second event was the Latino Heritage College Hour which featured **Ms. Patricia Santana**, Department Chair of World Languages, as the keynote speaker. The event included Mariachi Music by Tanya Montellan, Folkloric dancers by "Fiesta de Colores," and a food fest by Sarita's Taco Shop. Both events were possible thanks to the coordination of **Dr. Lauren Vaknin**, **Dr. Pamela Wright**, **Ms. Lilia Pulido**, and the sponsorship of the Latino MEChA Club organization on campus. Their student members, **Ms. Paloma Herbert** and **Mr. Randy Herbert**, served in the role of event MCs. There was also a wonderful display of cultural artifacts presented by **Ms. Maria Gearhart** from the library. It was an enjoyable educational opportunity for students.



## 🐾 Got Plans? Career/College Fair



In conjunction with Cuyamaca College's High School & Community Outreach office, Grossmont Union High School District held the 11<sup>th</sup> annual *Got Plans?* college and career fair at Cuyamaca College on Saturday, October 11. Approximately 4,000 attendees came to learn about various prospective paths for the future. More than 100 groups offering information for students on options for life-after-high school were on hand to answer questions and provide information on their various

programs and services. Representatives from public and private colleges and universities from California and across the nation, plus vocational schools and the military were on hand to answer questions and assist with help on career opportunities, financial assistance and more. Over 20 departments from Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges participated in the event. Community agencies such as Cal Fire and the San Diego County Sheriff's Departments were also present.



Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs set up a showcase area near the Grand Lawn. Visitors to the CTE area explored how a GM electrical system operates, learned how art and graphic design drive marketing, and discovered the wide applications of CADD Technology for manufacturing, building, and interior design. The day concluded with an interactive student panel facilitated by CTE Dean **Dr. Kate Alder**. Students from Graphic Design, Ornamental Horticulture, Water/Wastewater Technology, Automotive Technology, Environmental Health and Safety Management, and Computer & Information Science gave inspiring perspectives of how their experiences as CTE students have enhanced their lives while preparing them for workforce entry and advancement.

## 🐾 Women's Cross Country Team Outruns the Competition



The women's cross country team is off to a great 2014 season. Despite not being ranked in either California or Southern California, the Coyote women went into the Foothill Invitational at Glen Helen Park in San Bernardino ready to take on some of the best women athletes in the state. The goal was to compete with #10 ranked San Bernardino and #13 East Los Angeles. At the end of the 3.1 mile race the Cuyamaca College women not only competed with these teams, but came away as the Foothill Invitational champions! The team was led by **Ms. Nikki Buck** and recent Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) athlete of the week **Ms. Miranda Fisher**, who placed 2nd and 3rd overall in the

meet, followed closely by **Ms. Nanci Romero** in 11th place. Rounding out the exceptional team performance were **Ms. Emily Nerat**, **Ms. Sylvia Longworth**, **Ms. Ericka Gutierrez**, and **Ms. Breanna Ball**. Congratulations on an awesome performance!

## 🐾 Women's Soccer Scores Big Wins

Women's soccer has enjoyed a successful run, winning their first two games of Pacific Coast Conference play. Teammates **Ms. Elizabeth Nerat**, **Ms. Jennifer Ibrahim**, and **Ms. Claire Dierdorff** all contributed a goal apiece in the games, both against Imperial Valley College. Going forward in Conference they hope to continue their recent success!



### 🐾 **Volleyball Team Wins Their First Conference Match in Three Years**

The Cuyamaca College Women's Volleyball team has had their fair share ups and downs over the past few years, but last Wednesday night was definitely one of the biggest ups of them all! The women Coyotes fought hard and defeated Southwestern College in 4 games (25-23, 27-25, 25-23, 25-21), garnering the program's first conference match victory in three years! Congratulations to **Coach Renate Armstrong** and the team for their momentum building win. *Go Coyotes!*

### 🐾 **New Water/Wastewater Technology Club Formed on Campus**

In September Cuyamaca College officially became the first California Community College with an American Water Works Association (AWWA) student chapter on campus. Chapter officers were elected and a chapter constitution and by-laws were adopted by the new group. Faculty member **Mr. Joe Young** will serve as the chapter's faculty advisor and Mr. Larry Lyford from Helix Water District and Ms. Sue Mosburg from Sweetwater Authority will serve as the AWWA/Water Industry Liaisons. Through the generous support from AWWA and its industry sponsors, each member of the new student chapter received a one year complimentary student membership in AWWA. The group is already moving forward with plans for bringing guest speakers from the water industry to their meetings, sponsoring field trips to water and wastewater facilities in our area, and attending water industry sponsored conferences and events. Twenty-five to 30 students have participated in each of the first two chapter meetings.

### 🐾 **Two New Cuyamaca Way Award Recipients**



President **Mark Zacovic** and Vice President **Arleen Satele** were on hand to present the *Cuyamaca Way Award* to two classified employees. **Ms. Corina Trevino** and **Mr. Michael Erickson** were each presented the award. Corina started serving the college as a contracted employee in



October 2013. Corina was hired as a Business Services Specialist working as the

college switchboard operator and performing various other duties in the Business Office. Just recently she agreed to step in as the interim Athletics Operations Specialist. Taking on this huge task requires the attributes of Dedicated, Welcoming, Teamwork and Student-centered, which are characteristics of "The Cuyamaca Way." Michael has been serving the college since May 2008 as a Printing Assistant in Duplicating Services. Just recently Mike agreed to step in as the Interim Business Services Specialist, which includes working in the College Cashier's Office, as the college switchboard operator, and various other duties in the Business Office. In his multiple roles Mike displays "The Cuyamaca Way" attributes of Collaborative, Integrity, Excellence, and Friendly. Since 2012, President Zacovic has presented only 23 of these coveted awards.

### 🐾 **Assistant Dean Presents Dissertation**



**Dr. Wendy Craig**, Assistant Dean of EOPS, presented on her recently completed dissertation topic at the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Administrators Association (EOPSAA) annual statewide conference on October 6. Her presentation, entitled "*White Solidarity or White Opportunism?: When Good Intentions Go Bad,*" discussed how oftentimes Euro Americans want to support the struggles and interests of minoritized students and colleagues on campus, but do not know how to do so appropriately, leading to opportunism and defeating the purpose of being an ally.

Through the revolutionary theory of African Internationalism, Dr. Craig provided ways in which white faculty and staff can provide support in a genuine manner on their campuses.

### **🐾 Classified Staff Member Recognized for Her Work**

For her assistance and unwavering help, **Ms. Cyndy Bourget**, Instructional Media Services Coordinator, was honored at the recent SDICCCA Alumni reception with the “Classified Employee Contribution to Student Success Recognition Award.” This award was for a Classified Employee whose work directly or indirectly impacts student success. The award was presented to Cyndy by Dr. Bill Piland, Director of Doctoral Programs at San Diego State University. Those in attendance included College President **Mark Zacovic**, Vice Presidents **Wei Zhou** and **Scott Thayer**, and Classified Senate representative **Valerie Peterson**.



### **🐾 Fine Arts Department Receives FGCC Grant**

**Ms. Gini Gomez**, Instructional Lab Assistant, is happy to report that the Fine Arts Department was recently awarded a grant of \$941 from the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges to purchase arts tools for students in class. The department will be purchasing a much needed band saw and drills for their 3-Dimensional Design classes.

### **🐾 Continuing Education & Workforce Training**

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:

**Mr. Jonathan Kropp**, Grant Director, has earned a seat on the State Chancellor's Office Economic Workforce Development Program Advisory Committee (EDPAC) due to his dedication and expertise as our Regional Vice President for California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCAOE) and his work on the Prop 39 Initiative.

*Workforce Innovation Partnership Grant:* Program Manager **Ms. Molly Ash** attended the Santee School District Board Meeting on September 2 along with instructors and students from the Green Ventures STEAM Summer Programs at Chet F. Harritt Elementary School. Cuyamaca College was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for the successes created through the partnership on the following projects:

- *STEAM Sustainable Garden:* 7th and 8th grade students collaborated to design and build a school farm utilizing concepts of ecofriendly crop development. In addition to sustainable farming, participating students also explored future careers in the industry and visited the Cuyamaca Water Conservation Garden.
- *Introduction to STEAM Careers:* 5th and 6th grade students participated in this summer program designed to introduce the diverse opportunities of STEAM careers via hands-on activities, guest speakers, and a field trip to the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College.

### **🐾 100% Compliant**

**Dr. Wei Zhou**, Vice President of Instruction, reports that Cuyamaca College has achieved 100% compliance with the Associate Degree for Transfer state requirement, also referred to as SB 1440.

### **🐾 Design Meetings for Cuyamaca College's New Student Services Building Underway**

Design meetings are underway for a new two-story Student Services Building that will replace the existing One Stop complex at Cuyamaca College. HMC Architects have conducted several design meetings with the Leads Group, a small group of Cuyamaca Student Services' department leaders, and the Design Council, a larger group that includes additional Student Services' staff. The meetings included discussions on the

vision of the building, project goals, and departmental functions. The Leads Group and Design Council also identified which functions and departments should be located together within the building to improve services, and then further organized the groups by floor. HMC also facilitated tours of nearby college Student Services facilities on August 20 to assist Student Services staff with ideas of what they would like to include in the building's design. The group visited Southwestern, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges. Design meetings will continue through September and October to complete the programming phase of the design.

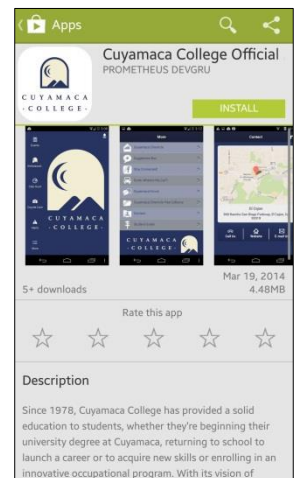
### **Library Display: October is Disabilities Awareness Month**



Cuyamaca College Library invites you to learn about the resources offered for disabled students. Our college offers classes, equipment, and tutoring support to help students succeed. The library is displaying a variety of equipment on loan from Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS). Please stop by to learn more!

### **We Have an App for That**

Cuyamaca College now has a free app available through the online App Store. The app was created to keep students informed of events and happenings at the college. A collaborative effort with Student Services, the app was piloted through the high school visitations with the help of our student ambassadors. It can be used to keep up-to-date with the latest news from the college. The Cuyamaca College app is available for download on both Apple and Android devices.



### **Executive Departments Develop Program Review**

The College President, Vice Presidents, and their assistants recently met together to develop a comprehensive program review for their respective executive offices. The first Executive Program Review & Planning Committee met in October. The committee will be responsible for ensuring the effectiveness, achievement of outcomes, linkages with resource allocations, and continuous quality improvements for all executive units.

### **Retiree Returns to College**

Cuyamaca College's EOPS is lucky to see the return of retired employee **Ms. Judi Reyes-Smith**, who voluntarily returned because of her dedication to EOPS students. Judi stepped up to train **Mr. Jesus Gaytan**, who is replacing **Mr. Heriberto Vasquez** while he is completing his fellowship in South America. Judi served as an adjunct counselor for EOPS and as the EOPS Student Service Specialist. She worked for the district for 25 years prior to her retirement. At present, she is an active leader at Shadow Mountain Church and volunteers at Sharp Grossmont Hospital in La Mesa.

### **Thunderstorm Packed a Punch**

Cuyamaca College was walloped by a strong and sudden thunderstorm on Tuesday, September 16. While there was quite a bit of damage on campus, it was mostly minor in detail. Most importantly, there were no injuries as a result of the storm. We lost dozens of trees, four cars were damaged by fallen tree branches in the student parking lot, no umbrella was left unscathed, several sections of fencing around the tennis courts were flattened, a section of awning on the B Building blew off, a few light fixtures were damaged, an out-of-control car took out a section of wrought iron fencing on Cuyamaca College Drive West, and there were a few reports of minor flooding at the doorways of a couple of buildings. All in all, it could have been a lot worse. We want to compliment and thank the Maintenance, Operations and Grounds staffs, led by Director **Bruce Farnham**; Sheriffs Deputies **Aaron Bailey** and **Jerry Jimenez**, led by Sergeant **Vic Perry**;

and the CAPS officers, led by **Mr. Frank Laveaga**, for the instantaneous and highly professional response to this situation. Because of the good work of all, further damage to the college was averted. The staff parking lot in front the Grand Lawn was temporarily closed as Facilities staff brought in equipment to clear away the fallen trees and debris. According to the National Weather Service, the brief thunderstorm produced hail the size of pennies and wind gusts up to 50 mph.



#### **🐾 San Diego Sheriffs Making a Difference**

**Sergeant Vic Perry** has reported that since the beginning of the semester, only two questionable minor theft reports have been filed on the Cuyamaca College campus since August. We are grateful for the presence of our college San Diego Sheriff Officers. They are making a difference here at the college, making it a safe place for our students and employees.

#### **🐾 Cuyamaca College Hosts Congressional Debate**

Cuyamaca College hosted the only debate between Republican Duncan Hunter and challenger James Kimber in the campaign for the 50<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat. The sprawling 50<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat includes most of eastern and northern San Diego County and stretches as far north as Temecula. The debate was held on Friday, September 26, at the Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theater, and was sponsored by Veterans Campaign, a nonpartisan, non-ideological organization whose mission is to train veterans to run for public office. Kimber, a Democrat who works as a physician assistant, is a Navy veteran who spent 20 years in the service; Hunter, a Republican who has been a Congressman representing the area since 2009, served in the Marine Corps and continues to serve in the Marine Corps Reserve. Debate moderators were Mr. Seth Lynn, executive director of Veterans Campaign and an adjunct professor at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and Dr. Carl Luna, a political science professor at San Diego Mesa College and a visiting professor at the University of San Diego who also heads the Institute for Civil Civic Engagement.

#### **🐾 Cuyamaca College Alumna Nominated for Distinguished Alumni Award**

El Cajon Councilmember **Star Bales** was recently nominated for the Distinguished Alumni Award, an annual award presented by the Community College League of California. President **Mark J. Zacovic** presented Ms. Bales her certificate of recognition at a recent council



meeting. Star graduated from Cuyamaca College with an associate degree in visual arts in 2006. She joined El Cajon's Arts and Culture Commission, and then was appointed to the city's Planning Commission in 2008. When a vacancy opened on the El Cajon City Council, Bales was selected by council members in December 2013 from among 27 applicants for the three-year term. In an area that is home to the nation's second-largest population of Iraqis, Ms. Bales will be the first Iraqi to serve on the El Cajon City Council.

#### **🐾 Art on Display**

The latest work of part-time faculty member and artist **Ms. Xuchi Naungayan Eggleton** was recently on display at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center. The display, *Wish I Were There: Imagined Geographie*, maps the backbreaking journeys of Naungayan Eggleton's grandparents to the United States. The display was in conjunction with San Francisco's Asian Contemporary Art Week, and was sponsored by the Asian Contemporary Art Consortium (ACAC). The complete article can be found at [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/carla-escoda/mapping-the-world-as-she\\_b\\_5930910.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=arts&ir=Arts](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/carla-escoda/mapping-the-world-as-she_b_5930910.html?utm_hp_ref=arts&ir=Arts). Cuyamaca College's Fine Arts department and our students are fortunate to have Xuchi as a faculty member.

#### **🐾 Farmer's Market Closes at College**

The Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market has decided to close down their Saturday market here at the college. Their last day on campus was at the end of September. They hope to resume in the spring.



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# Upcoming Events

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

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game

Wednesday, October 29

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Cuyamaca College Gym

- Historical display of Wheelchair Basketball Games since 1998
- Lunch provided for all participants
- Opportunity drawings



## Leadership & Diversity

Thursday, November 6

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Student Center, I-207

Presented by Dr. Davalos, Special Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, UCSD

## Differences Are Delightful: How to Talk with Your Children about Diversity

Wednesday, November 12

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Student Center, I-207

Presented by Ms. Kristin Zink, Department Chair, Child Development at Cuyamaca College

## Athletics' Home Games

<b>Women's Volleyball</b> vs. Mira Costa College	Wednesday, October 29	5:00pm
<b>Women's Soccer</b> vs. San Diego Mesa College	Friday, October 31	3:00pm
<b>Men's Basketball</b> vs. College of the Desert	Saturday, November 1	5:00pm
<b>Women's Volleyball</b> vs. San Diego Mesa College	Wednesday, November 5	5:00pm
<b>Women's Soccer</b> vs. San Diego City College	Friday, November 7	1:00pm
<b>Men's Soccer</b> vs. Southwestern College	Friday, November 7	3:00pm
<b>Men's Soccer</b> vs. San Diego City College	Tuesday, November 11	3:00pm
<b>Women's Volleyball</b> vs. Palomar College	Wednesday, November 12	5:00pm
<b>Women's Volleyball</b> vs. Imperial Valley College	Wednesday, November 19	5:00pm
<b>Men's Basketball</b> vs. Santa Ana College	Friday, December 12	5:00pm



## 2014 Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Fall Concert Series

Wednesday, October 22	<b>Luay Yousif</b>	<i>Music from the Middle East</i>
Friday, October 31	<b>Quatuor Mosaïques</b>	<i>Classical String Quartets (\$10 student tickets)</i>
Monday, November 10	<b>Workshop &amp; Performance by Sofia Rei Trio</b>	<i>Contemporary Music from Argentina (12:30-2:30pm)</i>
Thursday, November 13	<b>Faculty Lecture-Recital</b>	<i>Exploring Modernism</i>



Thursday, November 20	<b>Jonathan Davis</b>	<i>Guitar Recital</i>
Friday, November 21	<b>Cuyamaca College Rock, Pop and Soul Ensemble</b>	<i>The Dark Side of the Moon</i>
Friday, December 5	<b>Cuyamaca College Choir</b>	
Friday, December 12	<b>Winter Wonder Jam</b>	<i>Local Pop Music (starts at 7:00pm)</i>

Unless otherwise noted, all concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre. To reserve tickets, call 619-660-4288. \$8.00 general admission, \$5.00 students/seniors.  
For more information visit [www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts).

