

## President's Report to the Governing Board November 18, 2014

"LEARN TODAY, LEAD TOMORROW"

#### Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game

Together with Disabled Students Programs & Services, Club ABLED (a campus club that supports students with disabilities), Athletics, and the Learning Resource Center, we celebrated Disabilities Awareness Month with a Resource Fair that included various disability support agencies from the community and our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game. Featured in the game were various new and returning wheelchair athletes who play on the Hammer Wheelchair Basketball Team through the San Diego Adaptive Sports Foundation. Cuyamaca College Men's Basketball athletes sit in wheelchairs to equalize the playing field and a very exciting, tight-scoring game is played. Any student, college employee, or community member can try their hand playing basketball in a wheelchair. The purpose is to expand awareness, dispel myths, give information, and broaden knowledge regarding disabilities. This event creates a special magic that not only enlightens but transforms all those that participate.

#### Mole Day at Cuyamaca College

Celebrated annually on October 23 (10/23) from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m., *Mole Day* commemorates Avogadro's Number (6.02 x  $10^{23}$ ), which is a basic measuring unit in chemistry. *Mole Day* was created as a way to foster interest in chemistry. Schools throughout the United States and around the world celebrate *Mole Day* with various activities related to chemistry and/or moles. Cuyamaca College celebrated *Mole Day* with presentations of chemistry demonstrations and an overview of the mole, Avogadro's number, and scientific thought.

#### Fall Festival

The Unlimited Possibilities! (UP!) Program for former foster youth, students raised in guardianship, and homeless students held a Fall Holiday Event on Thursday November 13. Fifteen UP! students attended and were treated to a traditional holiday luncheon. Students received valuable information from former UP! students who led a panel discussion on their transfer





experiences. During the event five students were recognized as awardees of the John Burton Foundation Backpack to Success Laptop Essay contest. Two students in attendance, Ms. Kelly Larsen and Ms. Cassandra Luciano, were presented their new laptops. Making the presentation was Ms. Pam Fleming, Financial Aid Advisor & Foster Youth Liaison, Dr. Wendy Craig, Assistant Dean EOPS, Ms. Nora Hinsley, Adjunct Counselor EOPS/CARE/UP! & Foster Youth Liaison, and Mr. Ray Reyes, Financial Aid Director. Dr. Scott Thayer, Vice President

of Student Services, **Dr. Wendy Craig**, and **Mr. Ray Reyes** all provided encouragement and inspiring remarks to the students. Students were encouraged to network and utilize the campus and community resources available to them. UP! participants were given gift cards (donated by Cuyamaca College faculty, administrators, and staff) and goodie bags. **Mr. Michael Love**, Adjunct Counselor EOPS/CARE, also provided donated ties to UP! students.

### Cuyamaca College Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams Both Qualify for the State Championships

Coaches **Mr. Tim Seaman** and **Mr. Anthony Garcia** are extremely proud of each of their teams for qualifying for the state championships in both men's and women's cross country. After getting off to a great start in post-season competition, by placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the men's race and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the women's race, both teams qualified for the regional meet in Van Nuys, California. But they weren't done yet! Once again, both teams fought through a very competitive field to advance to the state championships at Woodward Park in Fresno on November 22! Best of luck to all of our runners as they compete for a state title! Go Coyotes!





#### Bone Marrow Drive

As a result of the successful donation drive, 28 individuals submitted a "cheek swab" and committed to becoming a donor for cancer patients looking for a bone marrow match. More than 200 students visited the information booth that was set up in the quad providing information on becoming a bone marrow donor.

#### Interim Vice President of Administrative Services



With the departure of **Dr. Arleen Satele**, Vice President of Administrative Services, we are pleased to announce that **Ms. Sahar Abushaban**, the Associate Vice Chancellor of Business Services, has agreed to come to Cuyamaca College as our full-time Interim Vice President of Administrative Services. Sahar is well-known to many as she is on a number of committees throughout the district and the colleges and she supports the college well in her role as controller for our district. She has been with the district for more than a decade and is excited about coming to live on our campus for a while. Her first day on the job here was Monday, October 27.

# Alpine Mountain Empire Chamber of Commerce Greets New and Renewing Members

New and renewing members of the Alpine Chamber received a warm welcome at the organization's monthly Hot Topics Business Networking Breakfast on September 9 at the Alpine Woman's Club. Chamber Ambassadors and Alpine's Honorary Mayor Bill Paskle, who is also Alpine's fire chief, helped with the official honors. One of the newest members is our college president, Dr. Mark J. Zacovic (third from the left).



#### 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:

#### AB86 Update—Adult Education

The San Diego East Region Adult Education Consortium (SDERAEC) has been diligently at work evaluating adult education services and programs provided by Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges and the Grossmont Union Adult School for adults in East County. Highlights from the draft plan submitted to the AB86 Workgroup (State Chancellor's Office/California Department of Education) on October 31 include:

- The Consortium has discovered that pathways between K-12, Adult School, Continuing Education and community college degree and certificates do not currently exist (with the exception of the ESL Link) and plans to evaluate labor market need and align the wide variety of coursework.
- Counseling/career advising is not currently available to Adult School students, and is a notable barrier for retention, persistence and completion.
- Common assessments, evaluation tools, shared student records via student services, and admissions and records data processes and systems, shared marketing, and articulation agreements have been identified as keys to future consortium success.
- Lack of student support services is a barrier to student success for both adult school and noncredit students and must be addressed.
- Collaborating with Workforce Investment Boards, the business community, and regional partners must be included in the plan.
- The Consortium has identified the lack of workforce development programs for disabled students over the age of 22 who are not prepared for community college degree or certificate programs.
- The Consortium has also identified the lack of pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs as an unmet gap in the region.
- Collaborative professional development options for instructors, counselors, staff in the adult school and community colleges are included as a major focus in the plan.
- The Consortium is considering a shared orientation and marketing strategy.
- The Consortium is considering developing an integrated policies and communication plan for both providers that includes adult school and community college policies.
- The Consortium has identified the lack of basic skills of incoming for-credit, non-credit, and adult school students who need remedial instruction in English and math.
- The Consortium plans on asking for a second year of funding for planning/development in 2015-16 and that implementation would begin in 2016-17 instead of 2015-16.

#### Prop 39 Update

The Region 9 and 10 Prop 39 Clean Energy Workforce Program, hosted by Cuyamaca College, is in the process of distributing \$518,166 to 13 colleges that have Career Technical Education (CTE) programs related to energy efficiency. Cuyamaca College will be the recipient of a total of \$71,109 in Prop 39 grant funds: \$29,680 to enhance CADD and water/wastewater credit programs and \$41,429 awarded to Continuing Education and Workforce Training to enhance their noncredit renewable energy and efficiency programs. Funds will be used for program improvement, equipment, or professional development.

#### 2014 Wellness Fair & Partnership Showcase

The County of San Diego hosted the 2014 Wellness Fair and Partnership Showcase on October 21, 2014 at the County Administration Center; the District's Get Well San Diego efforts were represented with a table highlighting the Cuyamaca College Intergenerational Garden.

#### Intergenerational Garden: Statewide Volunteer Day



On October 18, more than 70 California Conservation Corps and community volunteers rolled up their sleeves to winterize the Intergenerational Garden at Cuyamaca College. Volunteers completed raised planting beds, painted the tool shed, cleared debris, and prepared the garden for the fall harvest of pumpkins, squash, asparagus and much more.

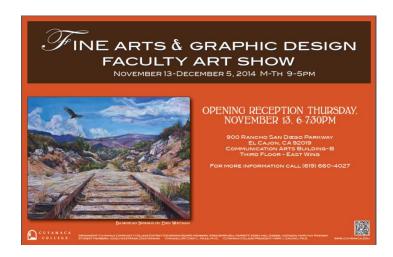


#### Library Display: Native American History Month

The Cuyamaca College Library is currently displaying Native American artifacts, art, and literature, including: bison and caribou hides; display boxes of a golden eagle, a coyote, and hummingbirds; and information on the culture of Native American families with a focus on our local Kumeyaay tribe. Colorful, traditional regalia are also on display throughout the month.

## **Upcoming Events**

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



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Gathering & Dance (in celebration of Native American History Month)

Tuesday, November 25 12:00 to 3:00pm Student Center

## **Gallery of Past Presidents Unveiling Reception**

Monday, December 8 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Performing Arts Theatre (Building B)



## President's Annual Holiday Party

Thursday, December 11 12:00 to 2:00pm Student Center I-207 & 208

#### Athletics' Home Games

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Women's Volleyball vs. Imperial Valley College
Men's Basketball vs. Santa Ana College
Men's Basketball vs. San Diego City College
Men's Basketball vs. San Diego Mesa College
Men's Basketball vs. Miramar College
Men's Basketball vs. Mt. San Jacinto College
Men's Basketball at Grossmont College
Men's Basketball vs. Southwestern College
Men's Basketball vs. Mira Costa College
Men's Basketball vs. Imperial Valley College

Wednesday, November 19	5:00pm
Friday, December 12	5:00pm
Wednesday, January 7	5:00pm
Friday, January 9	5:00pm
Wednesday, January 28	5:00pm
Friday, January 30	5:00pm
Wednesday, February 4	6:00pm
Friday, February 13	5:00pm
Wednesday, February 18	5:00pm
Friday, February 20	5:00pm



### 2014 Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Fall Concert Series

Thursday, November 20 Jonathan Davis, Guitar Recital

Friday, November 21 Cuyamaca College Rock, Pop and Soul Ensemble, The Dark Side of the Moon

Wednesday, December 3 Grossmont College Concert Band

Friday, December 5 Cuyamaca College Choir

Friday, December 12 Winter Wonder Jam, Local Pop Music (starts at 7:00 p.m.)

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 <a href="https://www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts">www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts</a>.

### State of the College Address

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 Communication Arts Theatre Coffee in the lobby at 10:00am Program begins at 10:30am

