



## President's Report to the Governing Board April 19, 2005

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### 1. FACULTY RECOGNITIONS:

The *2005 Award for Teaching Excellence* was presented to Foreign Language Instructor **Dr. Ezequiel Cárdenas** at the Spring Convocation. The Academic Senate of Cuyamaca College, based primarily on recommendations from the students, presents this distinction annually to an instructor who has demonstrated teaching excellence in his or her discipline. "I am honored to receive this award, being recognized by the students means so much to me," said Dr. Cárdenas.

**Dr. Peter Utgaard**, History Instructor, was interviewed for the Voice of America radio program "Focus." Dr. Utgaard was asked to discuss postwar Austrian and German textbooks as well as political controversies surrounding the memory of the Second World War in Europe, Japan, and China. The program will air around the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. As well, **Dr. Utgaard's** book, "Remembering and Forgetting Nazism" (published in December 2003) also received a positive review in the journal *Contemporary Austrian Studies*. The reviewer was Heidemarie Uhl, of the University of Vienna. Ms. Uhl is the leading scholar in the field of postwar Austrian historical memory.

**Connie Elder**, CIS Department Coordinator, has been nominated for the prestigious UCSD Athena Pinnacle Award in Education for her efforts in recruiting and supporting women in technology areas of study. Athena is an organization that contributes to the vitality of women's roles in the San Diego technology community and nurtures the next generation of women executives. The Pinnacle Awards recognize women and men who support the Athena vision: *To foster personal and professional change through inclusion, risk taking, education, recognition and diversity of thought thereby enhancing competitiveness and opportunity in the San Diego business community.* The winner of this year's award will be announced at a fund raising luncheon on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Laurie Furry**, a part-time Child Development instructor, has an article in the San Diego Natural Pages "Supporting Businesses That are Creating a Healthier World" entitled *Imagine the Roar of a Butterfly* Spring/Summer 2005 issue. Ms. Furry is also an instructor for Cuyamaca's new Recreational Leadership Certificate.

### 2. CUYAMACA PREP COMMENCEMENT HOSTED AT THE WATER GARDEN

On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Cuyamaca College hosted the Cuyamaca Prep Program. The Cuyamaca Prep program piloted as an innovative, voluntary opportunity for high school, district-referred students to complete high school credits by attending college courses in 2003. The goal is to ensure the optimum combination of college and regular high school courses along with appropriate services to support students' progress toward graduation from high school. The target group consisted of students who were struggling with attendance problems and needed options for completing a diploma. Dr. Anthony Zambelli, Economics instructor, and Mr. Richard Strauss, lead high school instructor for Cuyamaca Prep, were instrumental in making the program a reality. At the commencement ceremony, ten graduates received their high school diplomas. Dr. Maruta Gardner, Executive Director of the S.D. County Dept. of Education, and Principal Kristen Richetti participated in the program as did Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, Vice President of Instruction.

### **3. 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MATH SCIENCE FIELD DAY**

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, sixty-six students from area high schools were treated to math lectures, tours of the math and science labs, workshops on career opportunities in math and science, t-shirts and lunch. In addition, a \$500 scholarship was made possible as part of the East County Economic Development Council grant. Kudos to Cuyamaca Instructors: Terrie Nichols, Jan Ford, Donna Troy and Bryan Elliot for their leadership in the day's events; and Eric Preibisius and Tammi Marshal for serving as event co-chairs.

### **4. ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE HOSTS CALIFORNIA LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION CERTIFIED TEST**

The Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program hosted the California Landscape Contractors Association's Certified Landscape Technician Test on April 9-10. Over 150 industry members were tested on more than 20 different landscape skills. The Certified Landscape Technician is a nationally recognized certificate of achievement for the landscape industry. Cuyamaca students participated in the test as both applicants and judges.

### **5. CUYAMACA COLLEGE BOTANICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON**

The Cuyamaca College Botanical Society (CCBS) held its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship and Awards Program on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Barona Golf Events Center. Scholarship awards totaling nearly \$20,000 were awarded to 24 students in the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program. Over \$250,000 has been raised and awarded to Cuyamaca College horticulture students in the past 24 years. Funds are raised by sponsoring seminars, golf tournaments and from donations by community members, industry and professional organizations.

### **6. NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER FOR HEALTH**

Cuyamaca College's Department of Exercise Science and Health Education, is involved in the Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH), a collaboration between SDSU, UCSD, the Indian Health Council and other local colleges and universities. The mission of the project is to study some of the chronic health issues of Native Americans and to train tribal members in health professions to benefit their respective communities. One aspect of this effort is overseen by a Student Development Committee, whose primary objective is to form a pipeline for students into higher education, particularly in the sciences.

Cuyamaca College hosted students from Sherman Indian School and Campo Education Center at the Math and Science Field Day, as well as provided tours and visits for students from local reservations through the American Indian Recruitment Program's (AIR) Academic Enrichment/Study Night project. Another goal of the Student Development committee is to support the self-identified Native American students who are currently enrolled at Cuyamaca College. A reception for these students will be held on April 21, 2005 from 2 to 4 pm at the Cuyamaca College Water Conservation Garden.

## **7. WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY CLUB SPONSORS THE FIRST ANNUAL PARENT DAUGHTER CAREER NIGHT**

On Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., the Women in Technology Club will sponsor a Parent Daughter Career Night focusing on careers in Trade, Technology and Science, in the Cuyamaca College gymnasium. Thirty accomplished women from a variety of professions will staff tables for informal interactions and hands-on “tinkering” opportunities. Dr. Karen Flammer, a research physicist at UCSD and one of the founders of Sally Ride Science will deliver the keynote address. This event is funded by the National Science Foundation.

## **8. CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER HOSTING “FIRST 5” PROGRAM**

The Cuyamaca College Child Development Center has been asked to host a conference sponsored by the First 5 Commission of San Diego County. This is an opportunity for the college and Child Development Center to be involved in a statewide effort to connect preschool teachers and kindergarten teachers for the purposes of curriculum and assessment. Cuyamaca will be teaming with City College Child Development to host the "94 Corridor" conference, the geographic region stretching from City College to Cuyamaca, plus the Cajon Valley, La Mesa/Spring Valley, Jamul, and Mt. Empire School Districts. The conference is scheduled for October 2005.

## **9. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT – LRC DISPLAY**

The Library will present an overview of the years between 1933 and 1945 that identify how FDR gave strength to the American people during trying times. The display will include biographical information and will run from Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **10. UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!**

- Student Fine Art Exhibition Reception  
Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 p.m., LRC
- EOPS Parenting Conference  
Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 a.m., LRC Patio
- Cuyamaca College Foundation Dinner Dance  
Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hyatt Islandia
- Parent & Daughter Career Night  
Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Cuyamaca College Gym
- Cuyamaca College’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Fair  
Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., LRC Patio
- Cinco de Mayo Celebration  
Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 a.m., LRC Patio
- EOPS Student Recognition Ceremony  
Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., LRC Patio
- Auto Skills Day  
Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m., Automotive Technology Complex

- Fall (& Summer) Schedule Debut & Registration Kick Off and Vice President's Annual BBQ  
Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., LRC Patio/Lawn Area
- Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony  
Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. – One-Stop Center
- PTK Induction Ceremony  
Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., Water Conservation Garden
- Student Transfer Celebration  
Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., One-Stop Center
- Spring Garden Festival  
Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Water Conservation Garden/O.H. Nursery