

President's Report to the Governing Board April 20, 2004

1. 9/11 VICTIMS MEMORIAL QUILT BOASTS RECORD ATTENDANCE

The 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt display (March 24-28) hosted by the college in collaboration with the Heritage of the Americas Museum was a huge success. Over 10,000 members of the community, more than double the New York City attendance, turned out for the event.



Kudos to Deans Wolfe and Ramos and Museum Director Cheryl Minshew for their extraordinary efforts and leadership in planning and coordinating the event. Congratulations to Della Elliot for sensing the magnitude of the event and planning a comprehensive media program inclusive of radio, and television coverage and varied print media. Much thanks to Director Quittner for her support of the event.

2. COME TO THE CABARET - CUYAMACA COLLEGE FOUNDATION DINNER DANCE A SUCCESS

On April 17th, the Cuyamaca College Foundation held its annual dinner dance at the Radisson Hotel in Mission Valley. Over 150 people were in attendance for the silent auction, dinner, live auction, raffle and dancing until almost 11:30 p.m. Decorations and Auction packages were, once again, a spectacular collaborative effort of college staff. The college Ornamental Horticulture Program designed beautiful floral arrangements which served both as decorations and auction items. Thanks to the support of Taylor Guitars, a beautifully-made acoustic guitar was auctioned for \$2,800 to Mary Sessom, Chair of the Business and Professional Studies Department. Overall, the Foundation expects to have raised approximately \$20,000 at the Dinner Dance.



The college and Foundation extend a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Madelaine Wolfe, Dinner Dance Committee Chairperson, and to the members of the Dinner Dance Committee – David Agosto, Susan Butler, Leonita Cole, Ken Grimes, Sharron Hamlett, Cheryl Houston, Diane Kew, Donna Lee-Cristaldi, Yvonne Powell, Scott Riley, and Barbara Takahashi.

3. ENVIRONMENT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM LAUDED STATEWIDE

Kudos to Vivian Bogue, Director of San Diego REBRAC, for her recent article entitled, "Environmental Technology Program at Cuyamaca College Means Success," which was published in the State Economic Workforce and Development Newsletter. This

article notes the merits of both the Cuyamaca College Environmental Technology Program and training available through the Cuyamaca College San Diego Regional Environmental Business Resources Assistance Center (REBRAC) directed by Vivian Bogue.

4. STUDENTS AWARDED SAN FRANCISCO ART INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS (SFAI)

Two Cuyamaca College fine arts students have been accepted to the San Francisco Art Institute for fall 2004. Nan Taylor was accepted and her portfolio earned her an \$8,000 annual and renewable scholarship at SFAI. International student Masako Kuroda was also accepted to SFAI and is an alternate candidate to receive a scholarship.

5. CUYAMACA COLLEGE FORENSICS TEAM MEMBER WINS SILVER AWARD!

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Forensics Team member and Cuyamaca College student, Reyna Velarde, won the Silver Award in prose at the 2004 Phi Rho Pi National Speech and Debate Tournament held April 12-17 in Woodland Hills, CA. The District Team won the Bronze Team Award for Parliamentary Debate at the same tournament finishing 5th out of a total 45 college/district teams that participated.

6. COLLEGE HOSTS THE INSTITUTE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Institute for Telecommunications Technology (IT²) held its first Advisory Committee meeting on March 5, 2004. Members in attendance represented the National Center for Telecommunications Technology in Massachusetts, Mid-Atlantic Institute for Telecommunications Technology in New Jersey, California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology at UCSD, Grossmont Union High School District, Microsoft Corporation, Network Insights, San Diego Workforce Partnership, The Sutherland Group, and Grossmont Cuyamaca Community College Districts' Information Systems Department.

7. HIGH SCHOOLS TURN OUT FOR MATH FIELD DAY

The 41st Annual Senior High School Math Field Day was once again held at Cuyamaca Community College on March 13th. Teams from Helix, Patrick Henry, Francis Parker, La Costa Canyon, La Jolla High, and Scripps Ranch High Schools participated in a pleasurable and rewarding mathematical competition. Over sixty team members and coaches enjoyed lunch and received a t-shirt commemorating the event. In addition, thanks to the generosity of Texas Instruments, each participating school received a free TI 83 Plus, Silver Edition, graphing calculator and a Graph Link, just for taking part in this year's event.

8. FITNESS CENTER ENROLLMENT SOARS

The Exercise Science program is pleased to report that the Fitness Center has witnessed an increase of over 500 student hours over the same period of time from spring semester of 2003. The Center credits the increase in part to the tee shirt competition sponsored by the President's Office, which has motivated students to increase their individual level of fitness through added exercise.

9. OUTREACH EFFORTS WAY UP!!!

Activities of the Outreach Department have included the following:

- Information Tables in front of Target during spring break.
- Morse High School – Senior Exhibition Day on April 14.
- East Lake High School Parent Night on April 19.
- Valhalla High School tour of Cuyamaca College on April, 20.

Upcoming Activities Include:

- San Diego National College Fair on April 22.
- West Hills High School students will tour Cuyamaca College on May 7.
- Parent Expo at UCSD on May 8.

10. UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

- Student Fine Art Exhibition Opening and Awards Ceremony
Thursday, April 22, 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., LRC
- Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Scholarship and Awards banquet
Thursday, April 22, 6:00 p.m., Cottonwood Golf Club
- 14th Annual Parenting Conference
Friday, April 23, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Quad area
- Cuyamaca College Career Services 10th Annual Career Fair
Wednesday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m., Quad area
- Automotive Skills Day
Saturday, May 1, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., P Building
- Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony
Thursday, May 6, 6:00 p.m., Student Services One Stop Center