



# President's Report to the Governing Board August 15, 2006

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## COLLEGE HONORS AND NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **CUYAMACA COLLEGE'S AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE PROGRAMS FEATURED ON LOCAL NEWS**

Cuyamaca College's Automotive Technology and Ornamental Horticulture Programs were featured on KUSI Channel 9 News on August 8<sup>th</sup>. KUSI's Rod Luck interviewed Brad Monroe, President Perri, Jim Custeau and students of the two programs. Rod's story stressed the benefits of the strong industry ties that the Automotive Technology program has with local dealerships and the opportunities for students to get immediate employment upon graduation. His component on the OH program featured the college nursery and the seven programs students can major in relating to Ornamental Horticulture. He further stressed Cuyamaca College's role in preparing students for transfer to the CSU and UC systems.

- **FORD ASSET GRADUATION**

The Ford ASSET Graduation was held on July 26. Thirteen graduating students, two students graduating December 2006 and approximately 150 friends and family members joined in the celebration. Two representatives from Ford Motor Company and a representative from Matco Tools presented four scholarships. All of the students in this year's graduating class have jobs at one of the ten Ford dealerships in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

- **CUYAMACA COLLEGE FITNESS FEATURED ON 10 NEWS "STAYING HEALTHY" REPORT**

Cuyamaca College's Fitness Center was featured on 10News on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carol LeBeau's *Staying Healthy* segment was filmed at the college's Fitness Center and highlighted the benefits and cost effectiveness of using the Fitness Center and available nutrition classes. Dr. Donna Riley, John Yasuda and Fitness Center students and staff provided encouraging comments during segment taping.

- **CUYAMACA PREP COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, Cuyamaca College hosted a commencement ceremony for ten high school graduates of the Cuyamaca Prep Program. The program provides an effective combination of college and standard-based high school courses with appropriate services to promote progress toward graduation for district-referred students who may be experiencing attendance problems and who are behind in earning credits. This innovative educational collaboration includes the San Diego County Office of Education, local high school districts, and the college. The event was a high-spirited celebration that involved not only students but their families and friends as well.

- **DR. PERRI ELECTED 2006-2007 SDICCCA PRESIDENT**

Congratulations to Dr. Perri who was elected President of the San Diego Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association (SDICCCA) for the 2006-2007 academic year. Dr. Perri also represents SDICCCA on the San Diego Workforce Investment Board (WIB), the San Diego Workforce Advance Committee (WAC) and the State Chancellor's Office Economic Development Committee.

- **CUYAMACA COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBER SELECTED FOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

Jim Custeau, Coordinator of the Automotive Technology Department, attended an intensive industry training during the week of July 31<sup>st</sup> at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. The selection of trainees took place on the basis of a nationally competitive process and was sponsored by four manufacturing leaders: Toyota, Honda, General Motors and Ford. The training focused on the design and maintenance of hybrid cars. It is, as always, the faculty's goal to update the program curriculum as needed to incorporate the latest in trends and training requirements in the industry.

- **CUSTEAU AND GARITY CO-ANNOUNCERS AT BARONA SPEEDWAY**

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, Cuyamaca automotive instructors Jim Custeau and Pat Garity made their debut as track announcers at Barona Speedway. Filling in for the regular announcer who was on vacation, Pat and Jim grabbed the microphone and "had a blast" calling the action. "It was great to see our former students out on the track having fun," Jim Custeau was heard to say. Pat and Jim were able to present a long "commercial" for the automotive programs at Cuyamaca College throughout the evening.

## **STUDENT SUCCESS**

- **PAUL LAFRENIERE WINS TOUGH TRUCK COMPETITION**

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, ASSET program student Paul Lafreniere dominated the field in the Tough Truck competition at the San Diego County Fair. In a field of over twenty trucks, Paul's smooth driving style garnered first place on the highly technical course. His flawless runs produced high flying jumps, rapid sprints and precise cornering that left the rest of the field lagging behind. The entire ASSET class was in attendance as a class field trip to root Paul on to victory.

- **EVA COLEMAN HIRED AS CONSULTANT FOR DEERING BANJO COMPANY**

Eva Coleman, a former Graphic Design student who completed an Internship at the Deering Banjo Company in the spring, made such a positive impression that she was hired as a consultant to continue to assist with their graphics needs. Ms. Coleman worked approximately eight hours a week, first doing product labels and eventually designing advertisements for magazines and creating a small product brochure. Deering Banjo is a supporter of the Foundation Dinner Dance and Auction.

## **COLLEGE EVENTS**

- **Globalization – LRC Display**

The Library will feature a display of books, e-books, magazines and information on Globalization. Also on display is *10 Flatteners* from Thomas L. Friedman's bestselling book on globalization, *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century*. The display will run from August 14 to September 8.

## **ENROLLMENT**

The following is an analysis of the fall 2006 enrollment compared with fall 2005 enrollment as of August 14.

	<b>Fall 2006</b>	<b>Fall 2005</b>	<b>Count Variance</b>	<b>% Variance</b>
<b>Headcount</b>	5,941	5,958	-17	-0.3%
<b>Continuing</b>	3,716	3,833	-117	-3.1%
<b>Units</b>	45,310	45,832	-521	-1.1%

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

- Fall 2006 Convocation  
Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast; 9:00 a.m. - Program Begins - Gym
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "First 15 Hours" Luncheon  
Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Grand Lawn