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President's Report to the Governing Board December 12, 2006

A SEASON TO CELEBRATE: COLLEGE HONORS AND NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **PAT GARITY RECOGNIZED BY FORD MOTOR COMPANY**

Pat Garity, automotive instructor and coordinator of the Ford ASSET Program, received recognition from Ford Motor Company for having met the ASSET Certification Standard requirement to be 100% fully trained. To be "fully trained" in the latest automotive technologies is difficult because of the rapid change of these technologies and is especially challenging for a faculty member teaching a full load. Having achieved the "100% fully trained" status allows our faculty to offer the most updated instruction to our students and, in turn, continues to provide the highest quality technicians trained in the most state-of-the-art technologies for Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury dealerships.

Ford Motor Company is providing Integrated Diagnostic System (IDS) Equipment, the latest in diagnostic equipment, valued at over \$11,000.00 to those schools that are diligent in maintaining 100% fully trained and certified instructors in the ever-changing environment of technology. Congratulations and thank you to Pat Garity for his outstanding dedication to our students.

- **SUSAN HABER, NEH GRANT PARTICIPANT WITH FIVE COMMUNITY COLLEGES,
NATIONWIDE**

Susan Haber is a participant on a grant called "Shays' Rebellion and the Making of a Nation: From Revolution to Constitution." Cuyamaca College will be one of only five community college partners in the nation on this project. The lead on the NEH grant is Springfield Technical Community College which is located at the site of Shays' Rebellion. The grant is to develop an interpretive website on Shays' Rebellion and the Constitution.

The project has been selected for designation as one of five "We the People" projects throughout the U.S. The participating Community Colleges will develop meaningful web-based promotional materials and programs related to Shay's Rebellion for the public and educators. These materials will also be connected to Constitution Days for September 2008. The project's aim is to help educators and the general public better understand United States history and the Constitution. One of the grant's goals is to bring "recognition to the importance of community colleges in preparing our students for active citizenship."



- **CUYAMACA COLLEGE RECOGNIZED IN TOP TEN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM USERS**

Cuyamaca College was recently recognized by the Coordinating Committee for Automotive Repair (CCAR) as one of the TOP TEN users of S/P2 Safety courses in the automotive curriculum. Department Coordinator Jim Custeau and ASEP Coordinator Chris Branton were presented with the award at the annual GM Automotive Service Educational Program Conference in November in Portland, OR.

- **SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK DEGREE APPROVED**

The State Chancellor's Office has approved Cuyamaca College's associate degree in Social Work Degree, which includes new transfer courses in social work. The new program will appear in the 2007-2008 college catalog and will be housed in the History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences Department. Kudos to Al Taccone and Susan Haber for their efforts to provide additional academic options for students.

- **HENRI MIGALA, RECENTLY PUBLISHED AUTHOR**

The San Diego Museum of Man at Balboa Park hosted the 12th Latin American Symposium titled "Mesas & Cosmologies in the Central Andes." Henri Migala, Executive Dean of Institutional Advancement, was invited to be a presenter at the symposium and presented a paper titled *Social Organization as Ritual: The Chipaya Andeans of the Bolivian Altiplano*. Henri's paper was recently published by the Museum of Man in a collection of scholarly papers from the symposium.

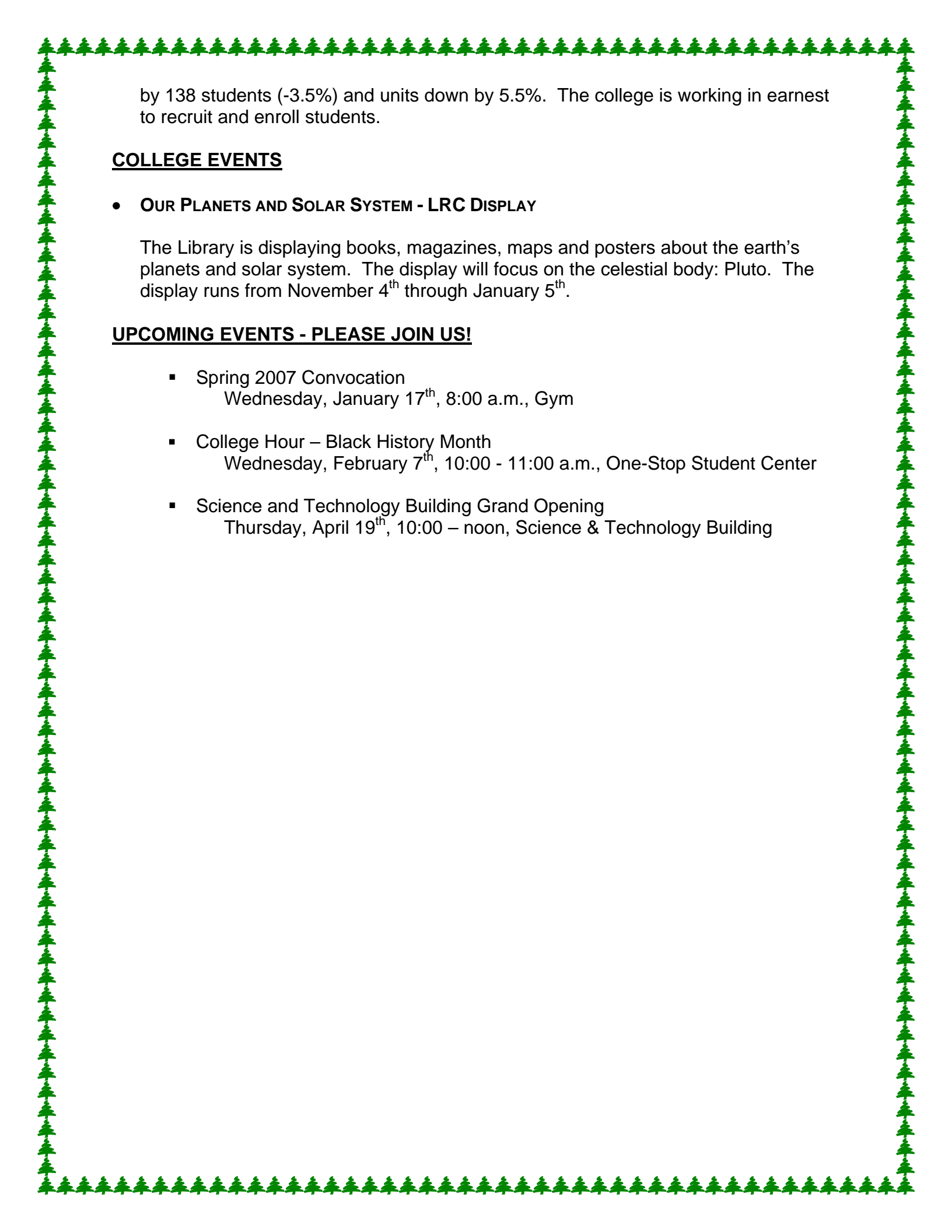
STUDENT SUCCESS

- **14TH ANNUAL GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA INVITATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT – LARGEST EVER**

On November 11 and 12th, the Communication Departments of Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges hosted the 14th Annual Griffin/Coyote Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament. Representatives from twenty-eight colleges and universities competed at the tournament. The event was the largest parliamentary debate tournament this year in Southern California, with 119 debate teams competing. Congratulations to Cuyamaca College student, Nathan Henry, who finished as a finalist in Novice Speech to Entertain. The tournament was directed by Nancy Jennings and Roxanne Tuscany.

- **SPRING SCHEDULE DEBUT DAY HELD!**

On November 28th, close to 600 students attended Cuyamaca College's Spring 2007 Class Schedule Debut & Enrollment Kick-Off. This fun and informative event has become a Cuyamaca College tradition. The Office of Instruction and Student Development & Services provided students with information regarding the upcoming semester's class offerings and services, in an effort to encourage students to be informed about the opportunities awaiting them at Cuyamaca College. To date, spring enrollments are tracking in lower than last year with overall headcount down



by 138 students (-3.5%) and units down by 5.5%. The college is working in earnest to recruit and enroll students.

COLLEGE EVENTS

- **OUR PLANETS AND SOLAR SYSTEM - LRC DISPLAY**

The Library is displaying books, magazines, maps and posters about the earth's planets and solar system. The display will focus on the celestial body: Pluto. The display runs from November 4th through January 5th.

UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

- Spring 2007 Convocation
Wednesday, January 17th, 8:00 a.m., Gym
- College Hour – Black History Month
Wednesday, February 7th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., One-Stop Student Center
- Science and Technology Building Grand Opening
Thursday, April 19th, 10:00 – noon, Science & Technology Building