

President's Report to the Governing Board December 9, 2008

Spring Enrollment Grows

The following is an analysis of Spring 2009 enrollment compared with Spring 2008 enrollment as of the same day of registration.

	Spring 2009	Spring 2008	Difference by #	Percentage +/-
Date	12/04/08	12/06/07	•	
Headcount	4368	3597	+771	+21.4
Units	35704.5	28817.5	+6887	+23.9

College Recycling Efforts Receives Statewide Award

The California Integrated Waste Management Board has recently notified Cuyamaca College that we have earned the distinction of becoming a 2008 Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP) winner. As a recipient of this



award, Cuyamaca College will be recognized locally and statewide for its efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle and buy recycled products. This recognition is the result of tremendous efforts on the part of students, faculty, staff and administrators who consistently support the recycling efforts on campus. These efforts were also orchestrated by the Environmental Sustainability Committee with Arleen Satele, Pam Lawless, Alan Ridley, Chuck Taylor, Rick Wilson, co-op work experience students, and many, many supporters. Thanks to everyone and congratulations on a job well done!

Cuyamaca College Declared an All-Steinway School

Greene Music in La Mesa recently notified Pat Setzer, Music Department Chair, that Cuyamaca College has been designated an All-Steinway School by Steinway Pianos. The Steinway website has a link for All Steinway Schools; you will find the college named in the list, with a link to the Performing Arts department web site. Cuyamaca College is one of only 6 California schools designated as an All-Steinway School.

Campus Concert Features Music of Zimbabwe & Latin America

An evening of music from Zimbabwe and Latin America was presented on campus by the San Diego Center for World Music on November 18th in the Communication Arts Theatre. Performances by Zimbeat and San Diego State University's Latin Music Ensemble were featured.

Faculty Bring Renaissance, Baroque Music to Campus Stage

Music from the Renaissance and early Baroque periods was performed by college faculty at the Communication Arts Theatre on November 23rd. The musical talents of Esther Jordan, Taylor Smith, and Pat Setzer, of the college Performing Arts department, dazzled the crowd. Vocal performances were joined by instrumentals featuring the lute and the viola da gamba, a vertically-bowed stringed instrument developed in the 15th Century by Spanish guitarists who began to play their instruments with violin-like bows used by North African musicians.

The Kruger Brothers Provide Seminars to Music Industry Program

On December 5th the Kruger Brothers, Deering Banjo's most celebrated band, performed at the Communication Arts Center on Friday, December 5th. In support of the college's educational mission, The Kruger Brothers worked with the College's music department to provide lectures and seminars throughout the day to students in the College's music industry program. Invitations to join the seminars were sent to Grossmont College and local high schools.

San Diego Center for Economic Education in the News

Rohn Trieglaff, a San Diego businessman, was honored by the California Council on Economic Education for his longtime work promoting financial literacy in schools at a conference at Cuyamaca College last month. Trieglaff, 56, a Helix High School graduate, is a member of the California Council's board and president of the EconEd Foundation of San Diego, the fundraising arm of the San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College. The center supports economic literacy, curriculum assistance and increased understanding of the global economy.

Coaches of the Year

Congratulations go out to Brett Williamson and Dan Codina for being selected as the 2008-2009 Pacific Coast Conference Men's & Women's Soccer Coaches of the Year. The two were honored by their colleagues at their Fellow Coaches Conference on November 17th, 2008.

Recession Proofing Your Business

Cuyamaca College, in partnership with the East County Chamber of Commerce and the East County Economic Development Center (ECEDC), hosted the First Annual Business Summit, with a focus on "Recession Proofing Your Business". The event was highlighted in an article in the December issue of the ECEDC's monthly newsletter "Primary Industry News December 2008". More than 200 professionals attended the networking breakfast, with half staying for three-hour workshops on management, website development, sales and customer service. Cuyamaca College provided instructors and the workshop space in an effort to partner with East County businesses during these difficult economic times.

Cuyamaca College Student and Past-Student Trustee Receives Recognition

Mr. Pat Ardilla, current Cuyamaca College student and past Student Trustee, was recently recognized by the El Cajon Community Development Corporation for his volunteer contributions to their "Lend a Hand" program. Not resting on his laurels, Mr. Ardilla volunteered with the Salvation Army's "Captain Mike Memorial Toy Drive"

held at the Channel 10 News station.

Book of the Year

Spanish instructor Patricia Santana's book, "Motorcycle Ride on the Sea of Tranquility" has been voted as the college 'book of the year' at Southwestern College for 2009.

Upcoming College Events

Dedicating the Wendell Cutting Center

Cuyamaca College will be honoring a great humanitarian by renaming the Science and Technology Center to "The Wendell Cutting Center". The dedication ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, December 12th, at Building H (the Science and Technology Center).

Guardian Scholars Luncheon

The EOPS and Financial Aid departments will be hosting an end-of-the-semester luncheon for our Guardian Scholars students (former foster youth) on Friday, December 12th. The luncheon will combine good food, friends, and information regarding scholarship opportunities and gifts from the campus community to these deserving students.

Rock, Pop and Soul

The Cuyamaca College Rock, Pop & Soul Ensemble, led by Aaron Irwin, will perform songs about war and peace on December 13th, at 3 pm.

Orchestra Concert

The East County Youth Symphony, led by conductor Olga Rezlsova, will perform a program of classical music in the Communication Arts Theatre on Saturday, December 13th, at 7 pm.

Band Concert

The Grossmont College Concert Band, under the direction of Russell Sperling, will join the Cuyamaca College Concert Band, under the direction of Jeanne Christensen, to perform a program of selected instrumental works in the Communication Arts Theatre on December 14th at 2 pm.

Professional Development Week

The Spring Professional Development will be held from January 19-23.

Convocation

The college's Spring Convocation will be held on Wednesday, January 21st at the Student Center. The focus of the Spring Convocation will be on furthering the college's Strategic Plan.

