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President’s Report to the Governing Board July 21, 2009

🐾 Fall Enrollment Starts Big

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

	Fall 2009	Fall 2008	Difference by #	Percentage +/-
Date	07/15/09	07/16/08		
Headcount	1,338	646	+692	+107.1
Units	11,975	4,933.5	+7,041.5	+142.7

🐾 Cuyamaca College Represented at the San Diego County Fair

Thanks to coordinator Maggie Gonzales and volunteers from various departments, the College and District were well represented this year at the San Diego County Fair – which experienced record-breaking attendance! Not only did they meet and greet over 1,000 future students and their parents, they had the honor of meeting alumni from the ‘80s and even the ‘70s, who were amazed at the changes the college has gone through.



A special thanks to Vice President Arleen Satele for providing the “give-aways” for our visitors! A super special thanks to those who volunteered, especially Gwen Nix, Almira Henson, Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick and Cindy Morrin, who sat in fair traffic for hours just so that they could be of service! Their enthusiasm and willingness to serve is beyond commendable! The awesomely talented Jim Hannibal (Auto Tech) and Roy Robinson (Maggie’s husband), from the group Four Winds, entertained the crowd with flute and drum music on Saturday -- one of several fair highlights!

🐾 Cuyamaca College Student’s Photos Displayed at the San Diego County Fair

Five students from Ian Cummings’ spring semester photography class and two former students had work chosen for display at the Del Mar Fair this year. In total, 23 images by Cuyamaca College photography students were displayed. This is no small feat, since acceptance is

competitive and open to professional and amateur photographers throughout the country and internationally.

🐾 Faculty Member Appointment

Dr. Kathryn Nette, Chair of Science and Engineering, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the San Diego Science Alliance. The San Diego Science Alliance is the catalyst for improving K-12 science education in San Diego County. The Alliance delivers quality experiential programs, builds bridges between the region's diverse business, education and scientific research communities, and fosters public and private partnerships to increase science literacy among all children. Dr. Nette is the only community college representative serving on the Board of Directors.



🐾 Cuyamaca Author Wins Award

Accolades continue to pour in as Ms. Patricia Santana, Cuyamaca College Spanish Department, was awarded the San Diego Book Award for General Literature for her novel *Ghosts of el Grullo*.

🐾 Faculty Presentation

Susan Haber, history instructor, recently attended the Organization of American Historians 2009 workshop on teaching history in the Community College that was held in Warwick, Rhode Island. Susan presented a workshop to the entire group on "*Designing and Evaluating Online History Survey Courses*". She shared strategies on how to maintain academic quality and rigor as well as how to encourage critical thinking in a history online course environment.

🐾 Counselor Now Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

The Counseling Department is pleased to announce that counselor Raad Jerjis has completed the required licensing requirements, and is now a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

🐾 Instructor's Photographic Art Featured in Downtown Hotel

The Hotel Indigo in the San Diego Gaslamp District opened this week, and features Digital Photography instructor Ian Cummings' photography throughout the hotel. The Hotel Indigo is San Diego's first 100% LEED certified hotel. Each of the 210 guest rooms feature a wall sized photographic mural shot by Mr. Cummings. He also shot and produced large scale photographs for display throughout the public areas including the lobby, business center, meeting rooms, restaurant, fitness room, restrooms and more. Some of the images are more than twenty feet wide and 10 feet tall, spanning entire walls. An article highlighting his work can be found at <http://www.greenlodgingnews.com/content.aspx?id=3598>.

🐾 Water/Wastewater Program Presents at National Conference

Don Jones and Victoria Hankins, Program Specialists for Project Water Works, conducted a presentation at the American Water Works Association (AWWA) National Conference on the role of Community Colleges in workforce development for the water industry. They were also asked to serve on the national AWWA workforce development committee. The success of the

Project: WaterWorks for the Water/Wastewater training program at the college has brought nation-wide attention to Cuyamaca College.

🐾 Project Waterworks Receives National Award

Cuyamaca College’s Project: WaterWorks from the Water/Wastewater training program also received a national award from Diversity Solutions for their commitment to diversity in the workplace by recruiting under-represented students for their program. Diversity Solutions is a non-profit organization promoting job fairs with a diverse population of prepared job seekers.

🐾 CalWORKs Hosts Regional Workshops

Cuyamaca was host to two recent Region X CalWORKs events. On June 12th, CalWORKs regional college staff, along with staff from the County of San Diego CalWORKs, attended a workshop with Carolyn Kalil. Carolyn is the author of “Follow Your True Colors to the Work You Love.” She offered an interactive workshop that helped attendees understand their natural strengths and talents based on a color interpretation of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. The second event on June 26th targeted CalWORKs students from all over the county for a presentation by Nu Usaha of the Western Center on Law and Poverty. Students and staff from Cuyamaca, Grossmont, Southwestern, City, Palomar, Miramar and Imperial Valley Colleges were there to learn and ask questions about the rights of a student as a CalWORKs recipient. A regional grant from the State Chancellor’s Office paid for lunch, the speakers, and materials for attendees.

🐾 New Executive Board for Cuyamaca College Foundation



The Cuyamaca College Foundation Board held elections during its June Board meeting. The results are as follows:

President: Sharon Bullard, Branch Manager and Vice President, San Diego National Bank

Vice President: Judy Garrett, retired (Sponsor Relations Director, City of El Cajon)

Treasurer: Karen Lanning, CPA, Lanning & Owens

Secretary: Patty McCormack, retired (McCormack Auction Company)

The new Executive Board began their official duties July 1, 2009.

🐾 “Cuyamaca Link” a Success in Local High Schools

Outreach reports that the Cuyamaca Link program piloted at Valhalla, Mount Miguel, Monte Vista, and Granite Hills high schools was a true success during the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year. A total of 400 students initially enrolled in the program and of those 400 students, 304 students successfully completed the program and will be enrolled at Cuyamaca College for the Fall 2009 semester. Cuyamaca Link was designed to provide local high school seniors the resources and services they needed to experience a seamless transition from their high school to Cuyamaca College. In the convenience of their own high school, students:

- Applied for admission to Cuyamaca College
- Participated in a college orientation
- Completed the Math and English Assessments
- Selected and registered for their first semester courses

Due to the unyielding success of the program this past year, Steele Canyon, El Cajon Valley and El Capitan have requested that Cuyamaca Link be implemented as a part of their Post Secondary Educational Plan. The success of Cuyamaca Link coupled with its increasing popularity and the prospect of adding additional schools will surely double the program's numbers for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year.

🐾 Cuyamaca College Grads Excel

Human Resources officials at the County Water Authority reported that they had well over 100 applications this year for only 20 internship opportunities, pending Livescan, reference & background checks, DMV clearances, etc. The candidates were excellent this year and of the 20 selected, 17 are from Cuyamaca College's Water/Wastewater Program, with the other 3 from the Palomar Program. It just goes to show how far our program has come and how strong we are!

🐾 College Welcomes New Faces in New Places



A Congratulations and Welcome Aboard reception was held for our new Admissions and Records Supervisor, Serene Pritchett; the new Director of Financial Aid, Ray Reyes; and our new Assistant Dean, EOPS/CARE, Dr. Frank Gonzales.



🐾 Administrative Services Hosts "Thank You" Luau

On July 2nd, Administrative Services held its annual Team Building Luau in the beautiful OH garden. Over 60 Cuyamaca staff from Business Services, Grounds, Maintenance, Operations, Cashier's, Duplicating, and Mailroom came together to celebrate another successful year. The event was attended by college administration who offered their praise towards the ongoing efforts of Administrative Services staff to maintain and support the college with its growing student population. The celebration included a chili cook-off and BBQ "throw down" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the Cuyamaca College Foundation for sponsoring the event. Congratulations to all the staff within Administrative Services for their undying efforts to keep Cuyamaca functioning!

🐾 College for Kids

Through July 31, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District's Community Learning Program is offering College for Kids, a series of weeklong summer day camps featuring a wide variety of workshops in everything from acting classes to influencing public policy in the community. Held at both Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges, the 30 classes are open to youngsters ages 8-14 or 10-14, depending on the subject, and can be taken as half- or full-day sessions.



🐾 Retiree Luncheon Held at the College

Eight recent retirees were individually recognized at the District-wide Retiree Recognition event held on May 22nd at Cuyamaca College. District leaders included a representative from the Governing Board (Rick Alexander), Chancellor Cindy Miles, Cuyamaca College Interim President Cristina Chiriboga, Grossmont College President Sunita Cooke, President of the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate Mike Wrangler, and District and College administrators. Following personal remarks about each retiree, Chancellor Miles presented each retiree a beautiful clock with a plaque displaying their name and years of service. An excellent lunch was catered by Sodexo, the GCCCD food service provider. Beautiful keyboard music was provided by Cuyamaca College student Rebecca Schwendinger. The event was co-sponsored by GCCCD, the Grossmont Schools Federal Credit Union, and the GCCCD Auxiliary.

UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS



🐾 GM ASEP Graduation

Cuyamaca College, General Motors Corporation, San Diego-area GM Dealers and the Automotive Technology program will host the graduation ceremony for the Automotive Student Education Program (ASEP) graduating class of 2009 Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Center, Room I-209. There will be a reception following the ceremony.

🐾 Water Grant to Sponsor Strategic Planning Conference

Working with American Water Works Association, Cuyamaca College is hosting a strategic planning conference for the 21st Century workforce, scheduled for August 6 & 7 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego. Approximately 75-100 attendees from all over the state of California, including community colleges, water utility industry, and workforce development recruiters are scheduled to attend. Interim College President Cristina Chiriboga has been invited to present the welcome address.

🐾 Fall Convocation

Convocation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th, beginning with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. This annual event will be held in the Student Center.

🐾 Fall Semester 2009 in Paris, France

September 30th – November 30th

Includes 61 days, plus 3 weeks of instruction at Cuyamaca College prior to departure.

🐾 Grand Opening of the Business/CIS Building

Coming in Spring 2010.

