

President's Report to the Governing Board June 19, 2007

COLLEGE NOTEWORTHY NEWS

SUMMER ENROLLMENT SOARS!!!

- **Enrollment Increases for Summer 2007**

The following is an analysis of Summer 2007 enrollment compared with Summer 2006 enrollment as of the same day of registration.

	<u>Summer 2007</u>	<u>Summer 2006</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Date	06/14/2007	06/15/2006		
Students	3063	2689	+374	+13.9
Continuing Students	1773	1619	+154	+9.5
Units	10,657.5	9,074.0	+1,583.5	+17.5

- **Susan Haber Presents at Women's Health Conference**

Susan Haber, Department Chair for History, Social and Behavioral Sciences, along with her lifelong friend, Carol LeBeau, KGTV's 10 News weeknight anchor, presented their talk "Friends Forever" at the Palomar Pomerado Women's Health Conference recently held at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. Susan and Carol presented to a standing room only crowd and their topic focused on discovering the important ingredients in making and keeping a friend, why friendship is vital for good health and well-being, and the spiritual dimensions of a successful relationship.

Joan Lunden from Good Morning America served as the keynote at the sold-out event.

- **Executive Dean Henri Migala Participates in Military Medical Course**

Executive Dean Henri Migala was invited to be part of the Military Medical Humanitarian Assistance Course, offered by the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, School of Medicine, held at the San Diego Submarine Base on May 21st and 23rd. Forty-eight naval officers from throughout the Navy's west coast medical and operational commands attended the two 2-day course. Executive Dean Migala was invited to make presentations on the interaction between military and humanitarian aid agencies during complex humanitarian emergencies (either natural or man-made). Previously, Executive Dean Migala has been invited by the Congressionally Mandated Center for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster

Management (at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii) to help develop and coordinate complex humanitarian scenarios for international military exercises in Thailand and India.

- **David Detwiler Serves as Master of Ceremonies**

Spanish instructor, David Detwiler, served as Master of Ceremonies for the Rotary International District 5340 Conference held in Ensenada, Mexico, held from May 18th-20th. The 250 people in attendance, including representatives from 21 countries, gave the conference very high marks regarding the program, cultural events, and quality of participants. Señor Detwiler's bilingual skills were very beneficial due to the large number of Spanish-only speakers as presenters and in the audience. We are very proud of his contribution to this important international conference.

- **Spring Garden Festival**

On Saturday, May 19th Cuyamaca College hosted the popular 13th Annual Spring Garden Festival. It took 9 months of planning by a committee of volunteers from the OH Program, the Museum and the Water Conservation Garden to make the 13th Annual Spring Garden Festival the most successful EVER!!! With 5,700 guests, the event topped last year's total attendance figures and set a new record. Nursery sales also reached a record total of over \$16,000 which represented a 10% increase over previous record sales. Also, the Water Conservation Garden garnered more sponsors than ever to support their effort. This year's event also included a new venue – the Grand Lawn – as well as more exhibitors and vendors, (nearly 100 between, OH, the Grand Lawn, the Plaza, the Museum and the Garden) than ever in the previous thirteen years of the event. To coordinate and host the event, it took over 100 volunteers to staff registration, information, nursery sales and student display booths. The 14th Annual Spring Garden Festival will be held on Saturday, April 26th, 2008.

- **Ornamental Horticulture Chair Completes Series of Teaching Modules**

Brad Monroe, Coordinator and Chair for Ornamental Horticulture, just completed writing the third in a series of teaching modules for the Irrigation Association Education Foundation (IAEF). The three modules completed to date included pipe sizing, design capacity, and precipitation rate. Brad will be presenting two of the modules at the IAEF Academy in conjunction with the Center on Irrigation Technology on June 27th and 28th at CSU Fresno.

- **Financial Aid Department Open House**

The Financial Aid Department hosted a fun, inviting and successful open house on Wednesday, May 23rd. This was an opportunity to meet and thank our colleagues in the Financial Aid Department, find out what they do and how they do it, and how we can all collaboratively contribute to the success of the students at Cuyamaca College.

- **Commencement**

Cuyamaca College held its 29th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 31st. It was held on the upper athletic field during a beautiful Spring evening. Four hundred and eighty-six (486) students received their associates degrees or certificates. Commencement valedictorian Trevor Dougherty graduated with a double major. Keynote speakers, Dr. Jose Villarreal and Dr. Marsha Fralick, shared pivotal stories from their lifelong teaching journeys at Cuyamaca College.

- **Title III Project Has New Assistant**

Mr. Brian Hash, former Associate Student Government President, has accepted a position as the new Title III Project Assistant. Brian recently graduated from Cuyamaca College and will be pursuing his undergraduate degree in the field of Psychology from San Diego State University. After graduating from SDSU, Brian plans to attend law school or further his studies in psychology. We welcome Brian as a new member of the Cuyamaca family.

- **Science and Engineering Department Adds to Their Staff**

The Science and Engineering Department welcomes Mr. Kiet Tran as the new Chemistry Technician Intermediate. Kiet joins the team having worked as a Chemistry Technician at UCSD and Bioserv Corporation and as a Research Assistant at Veteran's Medical Research Foundation. Kiet also volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association helping families maintain a quality of life while caring for family members. Kiet's "can do" attitude around the department typifies the "Cuyamaca Way."

- **Outreach Effort to Borrego Springs a Huge Success**

The Outreach Department recently completed a successful visit to Borrego Springs High School. They made their presentation to 20 high school students and their parents. The participants were very interested in the opportunities presented at Cuyamaca College, especially the HS/CC program and online courses. As a result of the visit, Borrego Springs High School will bring a group of students and their parents to the college for a day of activities with the Outreach Ambassadors. The principal also expressed interest in having a PDC 124 course offered at their school next year. We applaud the efforts of our Outreach Team in reaching out and making these new connections.

- **Cuyamaca College Bids Farewell to Dr. Al Taccone, Dean of Division II**

A farewell reception was held in honor of Al Taccone who will be leaving Cuyamaca College at the end of June. Dr. Taccone recently accepted a position as Dean of Career and Technical Education at MiraCosta Community College. While we congratulate Dr. Taccone on his new position, he will be sorely missed. We wish him well.

- **Basketball Players Receive Full Scholarships**

Sophomore Coyote basketball players Clinton Shelton and JR Griffin have both earned full basketball scholarships for the upcoming year. Clinton will be attending Northern Montana University while JR will be attending Northeastern State Oklahoma University. Both young men graduated from local high schools. Go Coyotes!

- **Cuyamaca Sports Heat Up the Track, Courts, and Green**

The men's and women's track and field teams not only qualified for the State Championships held at Merced College on May 18th, but many of our Coyotes excelled at the event.

- Michelle Thompson was the champion in the Javelin with a throw of 153'2", and also finished 2nd in Discus and 4th in Shot Put.
- Cassie Insel finished 3rd in Discus and 8th Medal Hammer
- Leslie Noiseaux finished 2nd in High Jump.
- Ryan Shumaker finished 3rd in Discus and 4th in Shot.
- Karlin Stewart finished 4th in Triple Jump.

In tennis, the Lady Coyotes took 3rd place in the Pacific Coast Conference. Our Lady Coyote, Jovita Sanders, was honored as the PCC Athlete of the Year. She was selected by all the coaches for her skill, sportsmanship and decorum as a player. Krista De Lille won Team MVP.

In men's golf, Trent Castro advanced to the State Championships on May 14th. Trent is the first Cuyamaca golfer to advance to State in seven years.

We congratulate all our student athletes and their coaches for representing Cuyamaca College so admirably at these sporting events.

- **Coyote Sports Athletes of the Year**

The Cuyamaca College Coyotes honored their student athletes at the end of the year. Those students included Ryan Shumaker as Cuyamaca College's Men's Athlete of the Year. Ryan is also Cuyamaca College's nominee for 2006-07 Pacific Coast Conference Scholar Athlete of the Year. He has been awarded a full track and field scholarship to the University of Southern Illinois (renowned for developing Olympians).

Sarah Strange is Cuyamaca College's Women's Athlete of the Year. Sarah is on the Dean's and President's lists, with an overall GPA of 3.77. Sarah is a dual-athlete, having served on the women's soccer and volleyball teams. She was awarded All-Conference and MVP both of her seasons.

Michelle Thompson is Cuyamaca College's Field Athlete of the Year. She is also the State Champion Javelin Thrower for 2006 and 2007. The University of Georgia has awarded Michelle a full athletic scholarship where she will major in business.

- **California Motor Car Dealers Scholarship Foundation Awards**

Two Cuyamaca College students, Andres Aguilar and Jeffrey Neal, both enrolled in the Automotive Technology ASSET program, have each been awarded \$1,000 Scholarships from the California Motor Car Dealers Scholarship Foundation. The California Motor Car Dealers Scholarship Foundation was established by the California Motor Car Dealers Association in 1993 to encourage and support California students interested in careers in the automobile industry. The CMCD Scholarship Foundation exists through the generous donations of franchised new car dealers and friends of the industry. Scholarship funds are available for tuition, fees, books, tools and other eligible educational expenses.

- **College Faculty and Administrator Support Foster Youth**

Adjunct Faculty member Mechelle Du'Monde, who teaches Personal Development Courses for Cuyamaca College, volunteered her time on Saturday, June 2nd, to teach, share and work with 15 foster youth from throughout East County. Mechelle provided a condensed and focused program to help the foster children realize they are cared for and not alone, and to help them work through their feelings and encourage and challenge them to not only survive, but to excel and succeed. The program was organized and sponsored by the East County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class of 2007, which is currently being attended by Executive Dean Henri Migala. The Saturday program was funded by a generous donation from Stoney's Children.

COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fall Convocation**

Convocation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th. Beginning with breakfast at 8:00 a.m., the Fall Convocation will launch Cuyamaca College's 30th Anniversary celebration, with events being held throughout the year to commemorate this milestone in our college's history.

- **Library Display for Summer: Alternate Fuels**

Gas Prices—each summer they go up and this year have gone up sooner and higher than ever before. So the time seems right to present information about alterations on or alternatives to the gasoline engine. For this summer semester, the library has on display books, e-books, magazine articles, and posters on Alternative Fuels. Besides the library display, there are also interactive slides, video clips, and websites available for further information on this topic.