

President's Report to the Governing Board March 20, 2007

COLLEGE HONORS AND NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **Classified Staff Member Kari Crawford Receives State Scholarship**

Kari Crawford, an advisor in the Financial Aid Office, was recently selected by the California Community College Classified Senate as the recipient of their Classified Leadership Institute (CLI) scholarship for the Southern region. Only two scholarships are offered, and are awarded to classified employees with strong leadership skills and potentials. This scholarship will pay the way for Kari to attend the annual CLI conference in June 2007. We are very proud and honored that Kari was selected for this scholarship. Both she and Cuyamaca College will benefit greatly from her participation in this conference.

- **Marsha Fralick, Ed.D., Published**

Counselor Marsha Fralick's research article, "Comprehensive College Success Courses Increase Student Persistence, Self-Confidence and Satisfaction," will be published in The First-Year Experience Monograph series *Exploring the Evidence: Campus-Wide Initiative in the First College Year*, which is sponsored by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience. This national research publication features innovative campus-based programs that contribute to the first-year experience in college. Her article is based on findings from the 2005 Program Review of the Personal Development Department at Cuyamaca College and the Personal Development 124 "Lifelong Success" course. Dr. Fralick will present her research paper at the International Conference for the First-Year Experience to be held in Hawaii in July 2007.

- **College Program Receives Recognition**

At the annual conference of the First-Year Experience held in Dallas, Texas, Cuyamaca College was mentioned as "One of the Top Ten" notable examples of student success programs. The Cuyamaca College program was commended for having a college success course that was transferable to four-year universities and serves as a bridge between high schools, community colleges and universities. It was recognized for the significant finding that students who successfully completed Personal Development 124, "Lifelong Success," had increased persistence rates of 27%.

- **Henri Migala, Executive Dean, Invited to Give Lecture at UCSD**

Executive Dean Henri Migala gave a presentation on "International Health and Global Efforts to Eradicate Polio" at the UCSD Medical School on February 22nd. Henri was asked to help start the Division of International Health and Cross-Cultural Medicine within the UCSD medical school several years ago and continues to maintain a volunteer Adjunct Clinical Faculty position in the Division in return for an occasional lecture related to global health issues.

- **Online Courses**

Online courses continue to be a growing and successful component in the college schedule of classes. For fall 2007, a total 100 online courses have been scheduled—many simply providing an online option to existing classes. This represents an increase of 41 sections over last Fall. As well, 58 blended classes (part online/part face-to-face) are scheduled—an increase of 16 sections over last fall.

In addition to the expansion of online offerings, this delivery format is the focus of the Online Teaching and Learning Subcommittee. The committee explores strategies for supporting, improving and addressing instructional issues unique to online. This year the sub-committee is reviewing improved approaches to online course evaluation and methods for better “certifying” training levels for online instructors.

- **Recycling Rate Triples at Cuyamaca College**

According to the recent article in “The Californian”, **Recycling Rate Triples at Cuyamaca College**, the college “has become a regional archetype for single-stream recycling...”

Partnering with Allan Company, the region’s largest packer and exporter of recovered fiber, the Department of Public Works, and the California Resource Recovery Association, Cuyamaca College “now boasts an 88% recycling rate compared to just 27% in 2001. Also, the college annually diverts 1,500 tons of recycling material opposed to the mere 700 tons diverted from 2001-2003”.

According to the article, “The money saved from recycling goes toward scholarships, which are offered every semester to encourage participation [in the recycling program]. Special campus events including student pledges, beach clean-up projects, club expos and recycling awareness campaigns have increased awareness of the single-stream program. Cuyamaca also holds staff development workshops to train faculty and school officials on environmental responsibility including recycling, preservation and youth involvement.” The Waste Management Committee also hosts field trips to area recycling and eco centers to create greater awareness of recycling issues on campus and within the community.

- **Arbor Day at Cuyamaca College**

The 28th Annual Cuyamaca College Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony took place on Tuesday, March 6th. This year’s planting was in memory of Mr. Robert Tiglio who passed away last year. Mr. Tiglio was the founder of Hydro-Scape Products, an irrigation and horticulture supply distributor in El Cajon. His son, David Tiglio, was lost at sea in a boating tragedy several years ago. The Tiglio’s established a scholarship endowment for OH that now has over \$40,000 to which they add funds each year in addition to giving student scholarships independent from the endowment. After the father’s passing last year, the family set up a second endowment in his memory which now has over \$20,000.

- **Paralegal Studies Student to be Recognized**

Jeffrey Corcoran, a Cuyamaca College Paralegal Studies student, will be honored by the East County Economics Development Council at their Annual Dinner on May 18th as an outstanding student from a career/technical field. Jeffrey is not only outstanding academically but has contributed significantly towards the revitalization of the Cuyamaca Association for Paralegal Students (CAPS). He designed a new website and made it operational. He also maintains the

membership data base and monitors the list serve to which all CAPS members have access. We are grateful for his accomplishments and proud that he is being honored.

- **Forensics Team Receives Awards**

Cuyamaca College students from the Grossmont-Cuyamaca District Forensics Team won awards at two recent tournaments. Brandon Sunderman received 2nd place in the novice Prose Interpretation at the Tabor Venitsky Invitation Tournament held at Cerritos College. Jen Julius received 1st place in novice Programmed Oral Interpretation at the recent PSCFA Spring Championships Tournament, held at Los Angeles Valley College. Their coach, Speech Instructor, Nancy Jennings, is proud of all the participants who took part in these tournaments – as we all are.

- **Pepsi Scholar Athlete Honor Roll**

Amy Hoyt, team captain of the Cuyamaca College Women's Basketball team, was recently selected as one of the members of the 2006 Pepsi Scholar Athlete Honor Roll. With nearly 25,000 student athletes in the community college system, Amy is one of only 24 California athletes to receive this honor through the Community College League of California. The Commission on Athletics will be hosting a celebratory luncheon in April to honor the recipients. Amy attributes her success as a scholar and athlete to her family, coaches, and the Cuyamaca Athletic Staff.

- **Title III Updates**

The Summer Bridge program, ICE (I Choose Education!), is a Title III Retention Program designed to transition first year, 17-19 year-old college students, from high school to college. The program's summer 2007 session will include a 3-unit PDC 124 course, a 1-unit Intro to College course, study groups, personal academic advising, free textbooks, weekly social activities, job leads on campus and in the community, and a post-ICE program component that will consist of mentoring by staff, faculty, students. This program is specifically designed to successfully guide this cohort during their first semester of college. The Title III Project will collect evaluations and data in order to strengthen the next Summer Bridge (ICE program) for summer 2008.

- **Library Exhibit – Photography: Life Through a Lens**

Through the end of March, the library display turns its focus on photography. Besides books on photography in the library's collection, the display includes prints of well-known and famous photographers such as Ansel Adams, W. Eugene Smith, Ralph Eugene Meatyard, and Dorothea Lange.

The Library is also proud to have on display the photographic works of Cuyamaca College's own talented staff members Scott Riley and Laila Vejar.

The library's photography display is done in accompaniment with the San Diego Museum of Art exhibit of the world renowned woman photographer, Annie Leibovitz, which is showing from February 10th to April 22nd, 2007. Information about this exhibit is available in the library.

- **Women's History Month**

Women's History Month was celebrated at Cuyamaca College at the College Hour on March 6th. Dr. Peter Hanna, Health Educator for the Health and Wellness Center, presented an informative and timely workshop on the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer. Many students and staff attended and heard about the connection between HPV and cervical cancer, and how to protect themselves.

Members of the District Public Safety Office, Chief Joel Javines and Supervisor Frank Laveaga presented a workshop on Women's Safety at Cuyamaca College as well as outside the campus. Students and staff learned about safety on campus, locations of emergency call boxes, escort service availability to and from classes, and tips on how to be safe. Handouts were given to participants listing local and county agencies.

- **ACCCA Mentee To Shadow President Perri**

I am pleased to report that I have been selected to serve as a mentor for the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) Mentor Program. As a mentor, I will provide guidance to my mentee to support his career development and advancement. My mentee will have the opportunity to experience various regional, district and college committees, councils and boards which I serve on. As well, my mentee will have the opportunity to personally job shadow me in an effort to get a first hand sense of the role of a college president.

I am pleased to introduce you to my ACCCA mentee, Mr. Thomas Plotts. Tom has been serving for the last seven years as the Director of Public Safety Programs & Services at Palomar College. Tom, who holds a Masters of Art in Public Administration from National University, is a graduate of the American Association of Community Colleges' Future Leaders Institute.

Please join me in welcoming Tom Plotts who will be attending several of our district meetings over the course of the next year.

- **President Perri Selected to Serve on American Student Association of Community Colleges' National Advisory Council**

I am pleased to report that I have been selected to serve as one of the three state representatives to the American Student Association of Community Colleges' National Advisory Council. I will begin my three-year term this spring which will commence with the first meeting being held as part of the American Association of Community Colleges' (AACC) national session this April. As a member of the National Advisory Council, I will be representing issues and concerns from the Southern California region.

COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Outreach High School Visits**

Outreach is gearing up for their annual Joint Outreach with Grossmont College. Starting the end of March and through April, the two colleges will jointly visit all of the high schools in the Grossmont Union High School District. These visits will give senior students the opportunity to complete an application in the convenience of their own high school and with the assistance of our outreach staff.

- **Science and Technology Center Grand Opening Days**

Plans are well under way for the Grand Opening of the Science and Technology Center. The formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 19, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Later that same day, from 6:00-9:00 pm, there will be a community Open House, which will include a keynote speaker, tours of the facility, and numerous hands-on workshops – for adults and youth. The community is being invited to come and view the new building and participate in the planned evening events.

The High School and Community Relations Department is playing a large part in the coordination efforts for the Science and Technology Grand Opening. Outreach, along with other departments, programs, and staff, is planning to sponsor a Middle School Day focusing on 7th and 8th graders, and a High School Day focusing on 9th – 11th graders. Each day approximately 350 students from surrounding middle schools and high schools will take part in an exciting day filled with hands-on science and technology experiments and demonstrations in the brand new Science and Technology Center. Students will participate in a total of three 50-minute activities ranging from gigabytes to biotech, receive a tour of our growing campus, and finish the day with lunch at the Student Services One-Stop Center.

- **College Hour – Health Fair**

The annual Health and Wellness Fair entitled “*Sound Mind, Strong Body*” will be held on April 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Grand Lawn. Designed to promote confidence in one’s body, mind and spirit, an eclectic array of information will be available to participants, such as holistic health, nutrition, support groups, child care, lifelong health, community resources, and public safety. Massages and aroma therapy will be available to those in attendance. Health care providers, chiropractors and members of public safety will be there to answer questions. In addition, the San Diego Bloodmobile will be at the campus asking for donations in support of the San Diego Blood Bank. This event is co-sponsored by Peter Hanna, M.D. and Priscilla Bartholomew, R.N. staff members from the Health and Wellness Center, and Sharon Barrett, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. The public is invited and welcome to attend.