



President's Report to the Governing Board November 14, 2006

COLLEGE HONORS AND NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **COLLEGE RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FOR GENE SEQUENCING EQUIPMENT**

Congratulations are in order to the visionary Science faculty led by Chairperson **Kathryn Nette**. Thanks to their good work and the support of Dr. Madelaine Wolfe, Dean of Instruction for Division I, and Executive Dean Henri Migala, Cuyamaca College has been selected to receive a grant from LI-COR's Genomics Education Matching Funds program in the amount of \$47,601.50 toward the Gene Sequencing and AFLP® Package. This package will enable faculty and students to do innovative research on DNA sequencing, AFLP genotyping on selected organisms for biodiversity and mapping research and studies.

Science and Engineering faculty are to be commended for their commitment to training the next generation of genomics researchers. It is progressive accomplishments such as this that ensures that the college's Science and Engineering Department will continue to provide state-of-the-art instruction well into the future.

- **POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES GLOBAL AWARENESS AND DIVERSITY**

On October 25th, the Cuyamaca College Political Science Department presented the Emmy nominated film "Lost Boys of Sudan." "Lost Boys of Sudan" author, Judy Bernstein offered insight into her book and the film and Sudanese students at Cuyamaca College shared their American experiences with those in attendance. The film series is coordinated by Stephen McCamman, Political Science Instructor, and is sponsored by the Cuyamaca College Political Science Program and the History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences Department.

On November 8th, the Political Science Department showed "Invisible Children", a film about child soldiers in Uganda.

The final movie in the series is "Motorcycle Diaries", about Che Guevara, to be shown on Wednesday, November 15, at 2:00 pm in room D114. All are invited to attend!

- **ALICIA MUNOZ CONFERENCE PRESENTER**

Alicia Munoz, Instructor of English-as-a-Second-Language at Cuyamaca College, presented a workshop titled, "Linguistics on the Border Region" at the 6th Annual Bi-national Border Pedagogy Conference that was held on October 26th to 29th at the University of San Diego.

STUDENT SUCCESS

- **SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM OFF TO A GREAT START!**

Congratulations to Griffins/Coyotes Speech & Debate Team! On October 8th, at the Mesa College Olympic Tournament, Antonio Salinas won 1st place in Novice Poetry; and Jessica Williams-Holt won 1st place in Novice Informative. At the Azusa Pacific Tournament on October 20th, Antonio Salinas once again took 1st place in Novice Poetry.

- **SENIORS4KIDS COMES TO CUYAMACA**

The Child Development Center is expanding its Seniors4Kids program. This program takes advantage of the knowledge, caring, patience and compassion of seniors to help the kids with literacy and early learning. Volunteers interact with individual children and small groups, doing puzzles, reading books and having conversations with the children. Seniors are trained, TB tested and fingerprinted by the Seniors4Kids program. There are currently three seniors volunteering at the Center.

- **ATHLETICS UPDATE**

Men's Soccer – Daniel Craig, Goal Keeper, was awarded "Athlete of the Week" by the Pacific Coast Conference.

COLLEGE EVENTS

- **22ND ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS' CONFERENCE A TRUE SUCCESS!**

The 22nd Annual Cuyamaca College High School Counselors Conference was held on October 20th. The focus of this year's conference was our vocational programs. High school counselors heard from Dr. Joe Marron, Vice President of Student Development & Services and Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, Vice President of Instruction. Breakout sessions for vocational programs as well as transfer information highlighted the afternoon. Attendees were treated to lunch prepared and served by the Grossmont Union High School ROP class.

- **ANNUAL UNIVERSITY TRANSFER FAIR GETS STUDENTS THINKING!**

On October 23rd, Cuyamaca College held its Annual Transfer Fair. Twenty-eight four-year colleges and universities were present and close to 800 student contacts were made. Kudos to Donna Hajj, Alan Ridley and the Cuyamaca College Transfer Center staff for their leadership in coordinating this event.

- **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH – LRC DISPLAY**

In recognition of National Native American Heritage Month, the Library is displaying posters, maps, artifacts and books related to Native Americans from different regions in North America. Also on display is a Bison skin on loan from the San Diego Natural History Museum. The display runs from November 6th through November 22nd.

UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

- Student Fine Art Exhibition
November 9 – December 7, LRC
- College Hour – Holiday Celebration
Tuesday, December 5th, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., One-Stop Center Breezeway
- President's Holiday Celebration
Thursday, December 7th, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Museum
- EOPS/CARE Holiday Celebration
Friday, December 8th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Water Conservation Garden