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President’s Report to the Governing Board October 20, 2009

🐾 Fall Enrollment

The following is the official analysis of the Fall 2009 enrollment compared with Fall 2008 enrollment as of the same day of registration. September 8th was Census Day:

	Fall 2009	Fall 2008	Difference by #	Percentage +/-
Date	09/07/09	09/08/08		
Headcount	9,228	8,763	+465	+5.3
Units	67,788.0	64,156.5	+3631.5	+5.7



🐾 Foundation Board Adds New Members

The Cuyamaca College Foundation voted in three new members to its Board during their September meeting. They include Mr. Jim Custeau, Automotive Tech instructor; Mr. Sam Turner, faculty emeritus of Cuyamaca College; and Mr. David Barka, CEO of Calbiotech, Inc. in El Cajon. Mr. Custeau was appointed to a two-year term through the Faculty Senate, and will be working with Mr. Turner to raise funds for the Osher matching grant program. Mr. Barka is a successful business leader in Rancho San Diego.

🐾 Cuyamaca College Hosts First San Diego and Imperial Valley Regional Basic Skills Coordinators’ Conference.

Cuyamaca College proudly hosted the First Official Regional Basic Skills Coordinators meeting on September 25th. Coordinators throughout the San Diego and Imperial Valley Region were trained in conducting focus groups and in coordinating with CalPASS to collect data for program evaluation. College-level Basic Skills Coordinators representing Cuyamaca, City, Grossmont, Imperial Valley, Mesa, Mira Costa, Miramar, and Southwestern Colleges met in the Communication Arts building for a day of leadership training. Mary Graham, English instructor, represented Cuyamaca College.



🐾 Cuyamaca College hosts another successful San Diego Robotics Expo



For the second time in two years Cuyamaca College hosted the San Diego Science Alliance's *Robotics Education Expo* on Saturday, October 10th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The crowd was larger than last year – approximately 250 visitors throughout the day, and there were many more exhibitors as well. Highlights included the Team X Robo Chess Team in a match against humans, Spawar's robotics program, and several schools including San Diego City College's underwater robotics club, Wintress Technical School, the University of San Diego, and of course our own Cuyamaca College

microcontroller and robotics classes. The Cuyamaca College Engineering Club was instrumental in hosting the event. Congratulations to Dr. Duncan McGehee to organizing and hosting yet another successful event.

🐾 Growing Green Collar Careers

On Friday, October 16th, Cuyamaca College hosted the "Growing Green Careers Symposium", a free event for faculty, administrators, and counselors to learn effective models for "greening" existing curricula. Expert speakers from industry and the classroom

discussed the impact of the emerging green economy on regional education and highlighted programs such

as renewable energy, automotive/transportation, environmental management, construction, landscaping, energy efficiency and water/wastewater. Throughout the day, interactive breakout sessions provided participants opportunities to explore best-practice models of green curricula that are in use across the state that are preparing students for careers of the future.

This event was sponsored by the Economic Workforce Development and Career Technical Education programs, and was funding by a grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Approximately 100 people participated in the day's activities. Special thanks go to Alan Ridley for his visionary programming of this event.



🐾 Patricia Santana Continues to be Recognized for Her Work

Patricia Santana, Spanish instructor and Department Chair for Foreign Languages, recently received word that her novel, *Ghosts of El Grullo*, is a recipient of the 2009 American Book Award presented by the Before Columbus Foundation.

🐾 Chemistry Student Accepted to Graduate Biomedical Sciences Summer Program

Alyssa Jimenez, Chemistry student at Cuyamaca College, was accepted as a member of the QP-SURF 2009 program at UT Southwestern in Dallas, Texas. UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences sponsors the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program. The goal of SURF is to give students an intensive, ten-week, research experience in a world class research environment. Students immerse themselves in the laboratory and work on

individual research projects with UT Southwestern Graduate School faculty. Most areas of modern cancer biology, cell biology, molecular biology, biochemistry, immunology, microbiology, neuroscience, and pharmacology are represented. In addition to research, SURF provides seminars, GRE prep, social events, and an end-of-program poster session. Nancy E. Street, PhD, Associate Dean at Southwestern Graduate School commended, "It was a delight having Alyssa in our program!"

🐾 ETC Compliance Workshop Supports National Pollution Prevention Week

In partnership with the County of San Diego, GKN Aerospace, and General Dynamics/NASSCO, the Environmental Training Center at Cuyamaca College hosted an important bilingual compliance workshop for East County automotive body and repair shops. Over 70 business owners and employees from companies as large as Firestone and Jiffy Lube, and as small as Bravos Engine Rebuilders and Duggan's Collision Center, learned about how to be in compliance with local, state and federal air pollution, hazardous materials and storm water regulations. The Environmental Training Center joined the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), governments, communities and citizens taking part in National Pollution Prevention Week by hosting this event on September 23, 2009 at Cuyamaca College. Pollution prevention measures can protect the environment before pollution even begins, save energy and natural resources, and leave our homes, schools and workplaces cleaner and safer.

🐾 New PDC 101 Classes Established

CalWORKs and PDC created a new version of the PDC 101 "Introduction to College" course. PDC instructors and CalWORKs counselors designed and jointly taught the two sections to specifically meet the needs of Arabic-speaking students on CalWORKs cash assistance. New college students who participated in this special class praised Cuyamaca College for developing this informative and helpful course. Cuyamaca College's CalWORKs program arranged for Arabic-speaking translators from the El Cajon community and college student body to assist in the classes. Approximately 70 students met at the Student Center where they enjoyed guest speakers and were treated to lunch. Major course components addressed students' immediate concerns about Education Assessment and Course Planning, CalWORKs support, Financial Aid, WebAdvisor, and campus services.

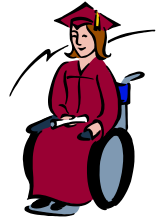


🐾 PDC for High School Program Proves to be Successful

The fall "PDC for HS" program is going strong. Two hundred and fifty high school juniors and seniors in GUHSD are taking PDC 124 at their campuses to plan and prepare for college. PDC Counselors/Instructors are assisting students with college options, post-secondary planning, career research, and choosing a major. In addition to learning valuable study skills to help them be successful in college, students earn both high school and college credit. GUHSD participating schools include El Capitan High School, Grossmont High School, Valhalla High School, Santana High School, West Hills High School, and Helix Charter School. This is an outreach partnership between Cuyamaca College and GUHSD.

🐾 Library Display

October is National Disabilities Awareness Month. Come visit the LTRC this month and learn more about human disabilities and how our college assists and supports disabled students. Our display contains books, information sheets on famous disabled individuals as well as five Paraquad Disability Awareness Posters. In addition, the display includes items on loan from Cuyamaca College's Disabled Students Programs Services (DSPS) that are used to assist our disabled students such as assistive computer technology (both hardware and software) and alternate media. These items have been provided by the High Tech Center located in the LTRC.



🐾 College Set to Pursue Even More Grants

Thanks to contributions from the Cuyamaca College Foundation, the Grossmont Foundation, the District Auxiliary and a private donor, the district and the college now has access to a very powerful grants and foundation search database. Cuyamaca College has raised over \$7,000,000 in new competitive grants since the creation of the Office of Institutional Advancement in 2006 and is now ready to raise even more!

UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS

🐾 Got Plans? 2009

Cuyamaca College will once again host the wildly successful GUHSD Got Plans? event on Wednesday, October 21st, in the Student Center and surrounding areas. The event will include college transfer and career activities.

🐾 13th Annual Aggie Golf Tournament

Sponsored by the Ornamental Horticulture Department, this annual golf tournament will be held at the Bonita Golf Club with funds raised going to the OH Scholarship program. Friday, October 23rd, 2009.

🐾 Disabilities Awareness Week & Wheelchair Basketball Game

Cuyamaca College celebrates Disabilities Awareness Week from October 26 thru October 30th. Our 12th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game will be held on October 28, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Cuyamaca College gym. For more information about Cuyamaca College's supportive services for disabled students or DSPS, please visit www.cuyamaca.edu/dsps.

🐾 Child Development Center Fall Festival

Friday, November 6, 2009 at the college's Child Development Center, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

🐾 College Hour "Native American Heritage"

Come celebrate our region's Native American Heritage on Thursday, November 18th, in the Student Center. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

🐾 **Faculty Member to Present at State-wide Convention**


Chemistry instructor Laurie LeBlanc will be presenting a workshop of Blood Spatter Analysis at the California Science Teachers' Association annual convention held in Palm Springs on October 24th.

🐾 **East County Community Summit: Spotlight on Refugee Education & Employment**

The GCCCD will be hosting a Community Summit to explore the issues related to refugee education and employment on Friday, November 6, 2009 in the Student Center. The event will begin at 9:10, immediately following the East County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Breakfast.



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East County Community Summit:

Spotlight on Refugee Education
and Employment

Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, 9 a.m. to noon

Join business, education, and community leaders for a working forum on serving the educational and employment needs of East County's growing refugee population.

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Student Center, Room I-207
900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, El Cajon, CA 92019
For further details, please call the GCCCD Chancellor's Office at 619-644-7569



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