



President's Report to the Governing Board October 17, 2006

COLLEGE HONORS AND NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **GROSSMONT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT GRANT AWARDED TO CUYAMACA COLLEGE**

Cuyamaca College's Disabled Students Program and Services (DSP&S) Department received a \$10,000.00 grant from the Grossmont HealthCare District for adapted computer technology. The grant provides funds for: large screen monitors for low-vision students, personal FM loop systems for hearing impaired students, brailing software for the blind, specialized scanners for learning disabled students, one complete computer system for training faculty on assistive technology and web accessibility software. The adapted equipment will facilitate student access, ensure student retention and support academic excellence at Cuyamaca College. Kudos to Beth Viersen for initiating the grant request!

- **CUYAMACA COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBER PRESENTS AT LOCAL CONFERENCE**

On October 5th, Eric Preibisius, Chair of the mathematics department, was a presenter at the "Strengthening Student Success – What Counts" Conference. Several hundred educators attended the conference which was sponsored by Cal-PASS, the RP Group and CAI (California Assessment Institute). Mr. Preibisius' presentation was on a Basic Algebra Standards Deconstruction Project in which he has been participating with Cal-PASS.

- **ATHLETIC SHOES A MUST FOR RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON NEWLY RESURFACED ATHLETIC TRACK**

On October 5th, the Cuyamaca College Athletic Track was re-opened with a brand-new running surface! Thanks to both the Cuyamaca College Foundation's generous donation of \$50,000, and Prop R funds, Cuyamaca College now enjoys an NCAA-approved competition track, identical to the one used at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. A plaque was presented to Trustee Deanna Weeks in appreciation for the Board's support; and an identical plaque was accepted by David Meyer on behalf of the Cuyamaca College Foundation. Led by the Cuyamaca Coyote, event attendees participated in an inaugural lap around the track after the ceremony.

- **WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN UNVEILS THE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY TRAIL**

On September 22nd the Water Conservation Garden inaugurated the interactive Children's Discovery Trail, which is designed for children to explore nature and understand the importance of water conservation.

STUDENT SUCCESS

- **CHALDEAN CULTURE AND TRADITIONS COLLEGE HOUR AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!**

On October 5th, Over 1100 students, staff and community members celebrated "*Chaldean Culture and Traditions*" College Hour. A traditional Middle Eastern lunch, served on the Grand Lawn, was catered by *Ali Baba Restaurant* and sponsored by the Associated Students of Cuyamaca College. Guests from the Chaldean community included His Excellency Bishop Sarhad Jammo, Father Michael Bazzi from St. Peter Chaldean Church,

and Father Sabri Kejbo from St. Michael Chaldean Church. The Academic Senate President joined Chaldean students in traditional dances to the musical talents of Cuyamaca College Music Major Jalil Suwedi.

- **ATHLETICS UPDATE**

Women's Soccer: Stacy Nulton was awarded Athlete of the Week by the Pacific Coast Conference. The Women's Soccer team is 19th in the nation.

Women's Volleyball: Sara Strange and Kristin Wolfe have been selected as Athletes of the Week. Women's Volleyball takes third place at the SDCC Tournament.

COLLEGE EVENTS

- **THE GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY – LRC DISPLAY**

The Library is featuring books and materials on the variety and richness of San Diego County's Geology and Geography. The display runs from September 25 to October 20.

The Library is also proud to have on exhibit from the San Diego Natural History Museum, various life-size mammals, birds and insects that make up the County's biological diversity. On display is a Bobcat, Gopher Snake, Red-shouldered Hawk, Tarantulas and Tarantula Hawk Wasps, Brown Pelican and a California Gray Whale (model only, of course). Included in the display is a relief map of San Diego County. Also, soon to be on loan from the San Diego Natural History Museum—A Coyote!

- **9TH ANNUAL CUYAMACA COLLEGE WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL GAME**

The DSPS Program will be hosting the 9th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game on Wednesday, October 25th, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Cuyamaca College Gym. Admission is free. The game will pit a Cuyamaca team against SDXpress, a team of amateur athletes from the San Diego region. This basketball game is part of a week-long series of campus events organized to celebrate Disabilities Awareness Month. We hope you will join us to cheer for these teams of talented athletes.

UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

- High School Counselors' Luncheon
Friday, October 20th, 11:30 – 3:15 p.m., One-Stop Center Breezeway
- Transfer Fair
Monday, October 23rd, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Transfer Center
- College Hour – Festival of Americana
Monday, November 6th, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., One-Stop Center Breezeway
- Student Fine Art Exhibition
November 9 – December 7, LRC