



President's Report to the Governing Board October 19, 2004

1. CUYAMACA COLLEGE AWARDED ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO LEAD SDICCCA REGION

Cuyamaca College, under the leadership of Business/Economics Instructor **Tony Zambelli**, was successful in garnering a State Chancellor's 2004-2005 Economic and Workforce Development Grant in the amount of \$375,874. This two-year project, in the area of *Industry Driven Regional Collaborative*, is a joint venture with Grossmont, Imperial Valley, MiraCosta, Palomar, San Diego City and Southwestern Colleges.

Cuyamaca College will serve as the point-of-contact providing public and private organizations access to a common curriculum. The Professional Development Academy will deliver uniform, affordable, employee-centered training through eighteen standardized courses. Qualified facilitators will deliver instructional hours to over thirty organizations using non-credit, fee-based, and contract education modalities.

Kudos to **Tony Zambelli** and to **Deans Ramos** and **Taccone** for their administrative support in this endeavor. Much thanks to **Donna Lee-Cristaldi** for all her efforts in facilitating the grant application.

2. CUYAMACA COLLEGE AWARDED FOUNDATION FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES GRANT

The CalWORKs and Child Development Programs of Cuyamaca College have recently been awarded a Child Development Careers Project Grant of \$28,260. by the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC). The goals of this TANF-CDC Project are to provide students with an integrated program of coursework, guidance, and work experience to meet the requirements for either the Child Development Associate Teacher or Teacher Permit levels and to assist students in becoming gainfully employed in a childcare/development setting.

Kudos to **David Rogers**, CalWorks Program Technician, who served as point person in securing this grant. Special thanks to **Linda Haar**, Director, Child Development Center; **Marie Ramos**, Dean Division III; and **Vangie Meneses**, Dean of Counseling & Matriculation who also collaborated on this effort.

3. CUYAMACA COLLEGE RECEIVES GRANT FROM GROSSMONT HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

Cuyamaca College received a grant for \$7,500.00 from the Grossmont Health Care District. The monies will be used to purchase equipment and software that will assist visually and hearing impaired students taking adaptive computer and learning strategies classes. DSPTS is confident that this software and hardware combination

will greatly assist our visually and hearing impaired students to access academic materials in alternate formats.

Congratulations to **Beth Viersen**, Alternate Media/High Tech Center Access Specialist for her efforts in garnering this award.

4. "STUDENTS FIRST" EVENT A SUCCESS!

The Third Annual "Students First" event (formerly known as Reality Bites) was held on October 6, 2004. Over 16 departments and programs participated in the event which showcased special programs and services available to assist students in meeting the challenge of balancing the demands of school, work, family, and personal obligations. Special recognition goes to **Jan Recktenwald**, who took the lead and the **Counseling Division** staff in organizing the event.

5. PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The Pacific Coast Conference has selected Cuyamaca College soccer player **Erika Samter** as its Women's Co-Athlete of the week. Samter, a sophomore defender from Granite Hills High School, led the Coyotes to a 2-0 shutout victory over MiraCosta College in their Pacific Coast Conference opener. Coach Sami Nedjar said, "She squelched all (MiraCosta's) counter attacks."

6. ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE "2004 AGGIE OPEN" BREAKS RECORDS!

The Aggie Open was held on October 8th at the Bonita Golf Club. The event was sold out for the third year in a row. This year, with a record number of sponsors, over \$10,000 was raised to support both the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Scholarship Fund and the Ornamental Horticulture Program.

Congratulations to **Brad Monroe** for all his efforts in organizing this event!

7. ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS' CONFERENCE A SUCCESS!

This semester has been extremely busy for the High School/Community Relations Department. Thirty-eight high school counselors recently attended the October 8th High School Counselors' Luncheon/Conference/Tour. This event provided counselors with many informational sessions and tours aimed at acquainting them with Cuyamaca College and the occupational programs and transfer options available to high school students.

In addition to this successful event, a series of Outreach activities have been conducted with more in the works.

- Local High Schools Visit Cuyamaca College - three large campus tours have already been conducted (6 more on the calendar!) - Mt. Miguel - 41 students, Granite Hills - 41 students, Valhalla High School - 82 students.

- Outreach participates in three large college fairs – Grossmont Union High School District, Cal Soap, and Gompers High School.
- Outreach is invited to St. Augustine High School to speak to seniors about attending a community college. (This is the first time they have ever included a community college to present to their seniors).
- Outreach Department develops a new educational PowerPoint, “Cuyamaca Jeopardy.”
- Over 1,160 high school students were part of an Outreach presentation during the months of September and October. The evaluations and comments have been excellent.

CONGRATULATIONS to our High School/Community Relations Coordinator – **Barbara Meese** and her wonderful team of ambassadors: **Jennifer Abel, Dalia Al-Shamas, Danielle Lake, Ronnie Simpson and Priscilla Leyva!!!**

8. 13TH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS

On September 28th, college and community wellness professionals filled the Cuyamaca College student quad with interactive activities designed to stimulate the five senses at the 13th annual Cuyamaca College Health Fair, entitled "Gather Your Senses." The Fair was sponsored by the Cuyamaca College Health and Wellness Center and featured aroma, herbal, massage, reflexology, fitness and musical therapies. Thanks to Health and Wellness RNs **Sandra Phoenix** and **Priscilla Bartholomew**, who organized the Fair, the Phi Theta Kappa student members who staffed the Breast Cancer Awareness booth; and the Associated Students of Cuyamaca College who assisted with coordination of the Fair's highly successful campus blood drive.

9. TRANSFER CENTER REPORTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE TRANSFER FAIR!

Attractive new banners welcomed 21 college representatives from six public and thirteen private institutions of higher learning at the annual College Transfer Fair on October 14th at Cuyamaca College. Browsing among the colorful tables, students, counselors, faculty and staff learned about the latest offerings at participating colleges and universities, while enjoying refreshments provided by the College. Kudos to **Donna Hajj** – Transfer Center Director, **Alan Ridley** - Student Services Specialist for organizing the event and to **Lesley Pinka**, a Cuyamaca College graduate, who designed the colorful and symbolic poster used at the Transfer Fair!

10. CAREER CENTER STATISTICS ON THE RISE!

The Career Services department continues to offer a variety of career services for students that include career and employment skills workshops, career assessment, resume appointments, and general career guidance. The department has experienced a 10.5% increase in the number of students served as compared with FY 2002-03. Our Student Employment Office also reported an increase of 11% in the number of students referred to jobs throughout San Diego County for the same time period. Kudos to **Laurie Brown**, Career and Job Development Supervisor,

Maggie Gonzales, Student Services Specialist and the staff at the Career Center for continuing to improve the services provided to our students.

11. DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH – LRC DISPLAY

In recognition of National Disabilities Awareness Month, the Learning Resource Center will display various items utilized in assisting Disabled Students. In addition information sheets on famous individuals and their disabilities will also be available. Individuals highlighted include: Harriet Tubman (epilepsy), Franklin D. Roosevelt (polio), Helen Keller (blind, deaf), and Beethoven (deaf) to name a few. Selected library books and video titles on disabilities will also be available.

12. UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

- Student Artwork Exhibition
November 15 – December 9th, LRC
- Cuyamaca College Foundation Dinner Dance
Saturday, April 23rd, Hyatt Islandia