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Cuyamaca College Making its Mark in Our Community

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President's State of the College Address

The Spring 2012 State of the College Address, formerly known as Convocation, was held on Wednesday, January 18th, in the Communication Arts Theatre. President Mark Zacovic updated the college community on various topics affecting Cuyamaca College and welcomed new staff to the college family.

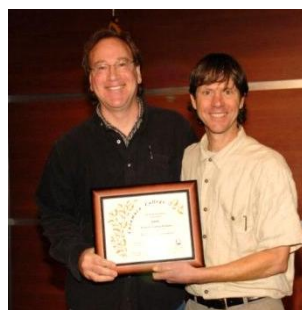
On behalf of Academic Senate, Academic Senate President Michael Wangler recognized two faculty members with the *Award for Teaching Excellence* during the State of the College Awards Ceremony. **Mr. Steve Schlichtenmyer** from the Art Department received the Part-time Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence; and **Mr. Chris O'Byrne**,

Accounting Instructor in the Business & Professional Studies Department, received the Full-time Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. These two award recipients were among 25 nominees from across the college. They received rave reviews from their students who commented on their dedication and enthusiasm for teaching and learning. Congratulations to Steve, Chris, and all of the nominees who exemplify Cuyamaca College's commitment to academic excellence and student success.

A new Cuyamaca College award, *The Cuyamaca Way*, was launched during

the morning events. This award, presented by the college president, recognizes college employees who exemplify the traits of the Cuyamaca College culture. The inaugural recipients of The Cuyamaca Way Award were **Ms. Cynthia Bourget**, Instructional Media Services Coordinator, **Ms. Connie Elder**, Dean of Learning and Technology Resources, and **Mr. Michael Wangler**, Professor of Geography and President of the Academic Senate. Each is now in possession of a coveted *Cuyamaca Way* coffee mug.

The morning was capped off with lunch served in the Student Center dining area.



Teaching Excellence Awardee Mr. Steve Schlichtenmyer with Academic Senate President Michael Wangler



The Cuyamaca Way awardees (left to right): Michael Wangler, Connie Elder, Cyndi Bourget



Teaching Excellence Awardee Chris O'Byrne



Cuyamaca College Athletics Program Full of Champions

At the recent State of the College Address, President Zacovic highlighted the achievements of our athletic coaches. Here is a sampling of what he uncovered in our Athletics Department at Cuyamaca College.



Tim Seaman is our Men's Cross Country Coach and Women's Track Coach. *He is the most decorated US race walker in history.* He has won over 43 national championships and currently holds 10 American records. He has competed on 2 Olympic Teams and on January 22nd will attempt to qualify for his 3rd Olympic team. Additionally, Tim is a world class coach. He has coached 3 individuals to the 2011 World Championships and will have at least one of his race-walkers in the London Olympics and potentially a third!

Louise Parks is our Men's and Women's Golf Coach. She just reached lifetime membership status with the LPGA. To early this distinction, one must be a LPGA member for at least 40 years. She played on the LPGA tour for 10 years and perennially finished in the top 40 on the money list. She finished 6th in the US Open one year and her best finish for the year was 26th in the world! She won the Junior World title twice and was ranked as high as the #4 golfer in America.

Our women's soccer coach, **Dan Codina**, has *twice coached our team to top 15 finishes in the nation.*



Pam Farmer is our women's tennis coach. Pam played for many years on the WTA Tour. She holds the distinction of winning 3 national titles on 3 different surfaces: clay, grass, and hard court. Not many people have accomplished this. Pam was ranked in the top 10 in the world rankings for women's doubles. While in college she won the NCAA doubles title and team title and was a member of the Junior Wightman Cup Team.



Patrick Thiss is our Men's Track Coach. He was a California Community College State Champion in the Hammer Throw. He was also a two-time NCAA National Qualifier and competed at the Olympic Trials and US Championships in 1992.

Patrick has been the Conference Coach of the Year EIGHT times. He was also the California State Coach of the Year in 2001.



Rob Wojtkowski is our men's basketball coach. In his time here he has sent more than 30 players on to participate at the 4-year university level. Most community colleges are lucky to send one player every two years. Rob has been the President of the California Community College Men's Basketball Coaches Association from 2005-2007 and been the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference representative for the past 10 years.

Our former women's cross country coach, **Milena Glusac**, finished 9th in the New York City Marathon and 8th in the Boston Marathon. She held the most half marathon championships in America and was an 8 time All-American at the University of Oregon.

Automotive Technology Program Recognized in Top 20 in the Nation

The San Diego Imperial Counties Region 10 presented the **Automotive Technology Program** at Cuyamaca College an award for being one of the Top Automotive Training Program in the United States for 2011. The nomination for this award was made through *Tomorrow's Technician Magazine*, a publication that seeks nominations for top automotive training programs in the nation. Based on nominations from the automotive industry and an extensive evaluation of each program, the top 20 training programs in the nation were identified. The top award winners were announced in the May 2011 edition. Given the number of excellent CTE programs and faculty across San Diego and Imperial Counties, being chosen to represent our Region to the State Chancellor's Office is indeed an honor.



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

Cuyamaca College Student, Viviana Vasiu, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Scholarship Winner



The President of the Cuyamaca College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, **Viviana Vasiu**, was recently awarded a Phi Theta Kappa scholarship for academic excellence. Ms. Vasiu was also selected for the All-California Academic Team. Ms. Vasiu, a Paralegal Studies major, was honored along with the other recipients at the Phi Theta Kappa Luncheon in Sacramento on March 7th. College President Mark Zacovic accompanied her at the luncheon. Ms. Vasiu, who is studying Paralegal Studies at Cuyamaca College, has a 4.0 GPA. She has been actively involved with the Associated Student Government as a member and serves as the Publicity Coordinator. Ms. Vasiu was responsible for the marketing for the "Welcome Back Involvement Fair" to student clubs and organizations and promoting the fair within the college community.

Phi Theta Kappa traces its beginnings to a Society that originated with six charter members under the name of Kappa Phi Omicron at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, in 1910. The Society continued to grow and in the spring of 1918 was one of many honorary groups in Missouri. At a meeting of the presidents of the Missouri junior colleges for women in 1918, it was decided to organize a new honorary society, chapters of which would have a common character, stand and similarity of organization. The name Phi Theta Kappa was chosen, and the Society was incorporated in Missouri as a national organization. Founders modeled many aspects of the new Society after the prestigious senior college honorary society, Phi Beta Kappa.

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

The Cuyamaca College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa currently has close to 60 active members. For more information regarding Phi Theta Kappa, contact the college advisor, Lisa Chaddock at lisa.chaddock@gcccd.edu.

Sheriff's Department Trains at Cuyamaca College

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department hosted a mock shooting scenario to practice a response to a gunman on the loose at Cuyamaca College. The drills were held throughout the day on January 10th and 12th.

The purpose of the exercise was to "evaluate emergency management procedures involving multiple local agencies in cooperation with GCCCD Police," according to a press release issued by the Sheriff Department. The objectives were to address Communications, Response Procedures, and Incident Command protocol between local law enforcement and fire agencies. Sheriff's Deputies held the exercise in cooperation with officers from the Grossmont Cuyamaca Community College Police, El Cajon Police, La Mesa Police,

California Highway Patrol (CHP) and personnel from San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District.

Deputies and officers entered as teams to stop and eliminate the threat as well as locate the suspect and victim(s). Each scenario took 45-minutes. A host of seasoned police veterans served as evaluators to watch the exercise.

The goal was to expose first responders to a variety of active shooter scenarios and practice tactics, movements, positions in entering and clearing a room, communication via radio or hand and arm signals, locating and removing victims, providing security for paramedics, finding evacuation routes, establishing a rescue plan

and what to do when a team member is down. While classes were not in session for the winter break, "Training in Progress" signs and crime scene tape were placed around the site warning people to avoid the area. Mannequins played the role of the victims.

To see more on the Active Shooter exercise, check out the UTube video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJ0huL7CSWo>.



Cuyamaca College Ranks Highest in its Peer Group in the State's Accountability Report for Community Colleges



Early in February, the California Community Colleges State Chancellor's Office released a draft of the "Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges" (ARCC) report. The report compares Cuyamaca College with other California Community Colleges of similar size and scope in the areas of key college performance indicators such as Student Progress and Achievement, Basic Skills, and ESL. The ARCC report is submitted to

the Governor's office each year as required by AB 1417. AB 1417 requires the California Community College Chancellor's Office to submit an annual accountability report that serves as the annual evaluation of college-level performance in meeting statewide educational priorities.

Overall, Cuyamaca College had the highest overall performance rating among its peer group in the area of

Student Program and Achievement Rates.

The college has 30 days in which to write a 500-word response to the ARCC report and submit it to the State Chancellor's Office.

You can view the entire ARCC report on the college intranet site.

Cuyamaca College to Participate in Two National Surveys

National surveys for students and faculty to be administered by the college on student engagement

Both Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges will be participating in two surveys directed at the topic of student engagement. We are partnering with the Center for Community College Engagement.

Partnering with the Center for Community College engagement, the student survey, the **Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)**, will be administered by a percentage of faculty teaching credit classes. The faculty who will be asked to proctor the survey are selected by the Center staff in order to provide a representative sample of Cuyamaca College students. Of the 705 sections offered during the spring semester, approximately 89 sections (classes) will be selected to participate in the survey.

The second opportunity to participate in this project is open to all full and part-time faculty. The **Community College Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (CCFSSE)** is designed to mirror the student survey in an effort to facilitate discussion about faculty perceptions of student engagement.

It is vital that Cuyamaca College faculty have a voice in these efforts to promote institutional improvement. We feel that being able to view faculty expectations and perceptions of student engagement alongside student responses will not only help us identify areas of strength, but will also enable us to recognize challenges or gaps that may require further consideration.

President Zacovic requests that each faculty member participate in CCFSSSE. The Center for Community College Student Engagement will send all faculty members who are teaching credit courses during the spring term an email containing a link to the online survey. The window of opportunity to complete the survey is from Monday, March 12th to Monday, April 30th.

The Center is committed to protecting the anonymity of all respondents, and it is Center policy not to provide colleges with information that could result in an individual faculty member being identified. Therefore, only aggregate faculty responses will be compared with aggregate student responses for institution-wide improvement purposes. All survey participants are encouraged to be completely candid in their responses.

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District is a leader in higher education, and this survey can assist us in improving course completion rates, as well as the rate of student persistence to the completion of their educational goals. We expect to receive the results of the studies by August 1st. 2012.

For more information about CCSSE or CCFSSSE visit www.ccsse.org or email your questions to the Center at info@ccsse.org or contact your Dean or Vice President.

Kruger Brothers Perform at Cuyamaca College

The internationally-known group, the Kruger Brothers, performed at the Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theatre to an enthusiastic crowd on Tuesday, January 24th. The concert, sponsored by Deering Banjo, was hosted here at the college at the request of the Kruger Brothers. Concert goers were entertained by various banjo music and song genres, including blues, jazz, country, folk, and rock. Several members of the audience traveled from out of the area and state to come to the Kruger Brothers performance.





Did You Know that Cuyamaca College Has These Spring Sports?



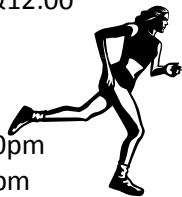
Women's Tennis Pacific Coast Conference Schedule ~ Spring 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 1 st	2:00pm	San Diego City College	Cuyamaca College
March 6 th	2:00pm	Grossmont College	Cuyamaca College
March 8 th	2:00pm	Palomar College	Palomar College
March 15 th	2:00pm	Imperial Valley College	Imperial Valley College
March 22 nd	2:00pm	San Diego Mesa College	Cuyamaca College
March 27 th	2:00pm	San Diego City College	San Diego City College
March 29 th	2:00pm	Grossmont College	Grossmont College
April 10 th	2:00pm	Palomar College	Cuyamaca College
April 19 th to 21 st	8:00 – 5:00	Pacific Coast Athletic Conference	TBA
April 26 th to 29 th	8:00 – 5:00	Ojai Tournament	Ventura
May 3 rd to 5 th	8:00 – 5:00	Regionals Tournament	Palm Springs
May 10 th to 12 th	8:00 – 5:00	State Championships	Balboa Tennis Club



Men's Golf Schedule ~ 2012 Season

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 5 th	7:00am	Saddleback College	Tijeras Creek Golf Course
March 12 th	11:00am	Cuyamaca College	Sycuan Golf Course
March 21 st	9:00am	Orange Coast College	Santa Ana Golf Course
March 26 th	11:00am	Palomar College	Twin Oaks Golf Course
April 2 nd	12:00noon	Riverside College	Victoria Golf Club
April 9 th	12:00noon	Santiago Canyon College	El Prado Golf Course
April 18 th	12:00noon	Irvine Valley College	Oak Creek Golf Course
April 30 th	7:00&12:00	OEC Tournament (36 Holes)	TBA
May 7 th	7:00&12:00	Southern California Regionals	TBA
May 14 th	7:00&12:00	State Championships – (36 Holes)	TBA



Track & Field ~ 2012 Season

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 10	12:00pm	City Championships	U.C.S.D.
March 16	5:00pm	Oxy Distance Carnival	Occidental College
March 16 – 17	9:00am	Aztec Invitational	S.D.S.U.
March 23	2:00pm	Prairie War vs. Saddleback	Saddleback College
March 3	1:00pm	San Diego Mesa, Palomar, Southwestern College	Cuyamaca College
April 6	10:00am	Coast Classic Invitational	Orange Coast College
April 10 – 11	9:00am	SoCal Heptathlon & Decathlon	Cerritos College
April 18	1:00pm	Foothill Conference Prelims	Antelope Valley College
April 21	1:00pm	Foothill Conference Finals	San Diego Mesa College
May 5	10:00am	So California Championships Prelims	San Diego Mesa College
May 12	10:00am	So California Championships Finals	Mt. San Antonio College
May 18 - 19	10:00am	California State Community College Championships	Cerritos College

Upcoming College Events

Be sure to check out the college calendar posted on Cuyamaca College's homepage for regular updates and news



4th Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference

Thursday, March 8, 2012
8:00am to 5:00pm
Cuyamaca College Theater

49th Annual Math Field Day

Saturday, March 10
8:00am to 1:00pm
Sponsored by the
Greater San Diego Math Council



19th Annual Spring Garden Festival

Saturday, April 28, 2012
9:00am to 4:00pm

33rd Annual Auto Skills Day

Saturday, May 5
8:00am to 1:00pm
Automotive Department

Ornamental Horticulture's 31st Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner

Wednesday, May 16, 2012
6:00pm to 10:00pm
Estancia Hotel, La Jolla

Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Department Spring 2012 Concert Series

- March 1 Courtly Noyse – Music from the Renaissance
- March 14 Cuyamaca College and Steele Canyon High School Concert Bands
- March 15 Cuyamaca College Choir
- March 22 Zimbeat – Traditional Music from Zimbabwe
- April 12 Chris Klich Jazz Quintet
- April 19 Concert Band Festival featuring Bands from Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Point Loma Nazarene University, and San Diego State University
- April 24 Kensington Trio – Chamber Music
- May 3 Son de San Diego – Mexican Folk Music and Dance
- May 5* Coyote Music Festival – Original Pop and Rock Music
- May 15 Cuyamaca College Choir
- May 16 Cuyamaca College Concert Band
- May 18 Cuyamaca College Rock Pop and Soul Ensemble – *Rubber Soul*

All events start at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre, Building B
To reserve tickets call (619) 660-4288

*12:00 noon-5:00 pm on the Grand Lawn (free event open to the public)

For more information visit www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts

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