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# Cuyamaca Chronicle

*Cuyamaca College Laying Tracks in Our Community*

The theme for this academic year is “*Simply the Best*”. There are a myriad of reasons for us to celebrate Cuyamaca College in being simply the best. Simply the best programs and services; the best faculty and staff; and the best students work and go to school here at Cuyamaca College.

*Simply the Best*

Many of our college programs and services are recognized across the state for their innovation and success.

## *Sustainability Expo*

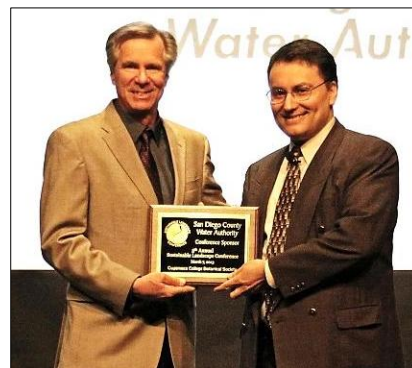
The Sustainability Committee at Cuyamaca hosted the Sustainability Expo on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, during staff development week. The expo featured information on sustainable programs, grants, and projects here at Cuyamaca College in the Science Department, Ornamental Horticulture, and Continuing Education. The Expo also presented information on how our facilities here are contributing to environmental sustainability, our green partners, and new student clubs dedicated to sustainability awareness. The Expo also provided a forum for college collaboration on the Sustainability Strategic Plan.



## *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Landscape Conference*

The Ornamental Horticulture department and the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society co-hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Landscape Conference on March 7 at the Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theater. This year’s theme was “Air, Earth, Water and Fire” as each of our speakers looked at the four important elements of sustainability in San Diego County and their relationship to landscapes. The conference provides several important benefits for the OH department and the college. It gives educational opportunities in a cutting edge topic for students and the landscape industry. It gives the department and the college important recognition as a leader in sustainability.

And it raises money for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society that is used to fund its Scholarship Banquet in May. Over 150 people attended, and approximately \$10,000 was raised for the club. Mr. Carlos Michelon of the San Diego County Water Authority was presented with a plaque that recognized the water authority's contribution as the conference sponsor from **Mr. Don Schultz**, OH Department Chair.



## *Annual Spring Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition*

The 15th Annual Student Fine Art & Graphic Design Exhibition Opening Reception and Award Ceremony, coordinated by **Dr. Marie Ramos** and **Ms. Gini Gomez**, were held in April with approximately 250 attendees. The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians provided the food and beverages for the reception. Eleven awards were presented to Fine Arts and Graphic Design students including the Caroline Cox Scholarship. This scholarship award of \$250 was presented to art student Ms. **Charlene Mosley** (pictured on the left with the Cox family).



## *Spring Garden Festival*



No one could have asked for a more beautiful day on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, for the 20th Annual Spring Garden Festival, sponsored this year by *San Diego Home and Garden* magazine. With over 7,000 in attendance, this was another record-breaking year. The event theme of "Celebrating Urban Farms & Gardens" also brought a record number of vendors, clubs, organizations, and other displays to the festival. Over 100 volunteers staffed the event.

Volunteers hailed from the Ornamental Horticulture Program, Boy Scouts, students from Biology classes, administrators, and faculty and staff from Operations, Music, American Sign Language, and Counseling department, and were joined by staff and volunteers at the Water Conservation Garden and the Heritage of the Americas Museum. This jointly sponsored event began with one Arboriculture class in 1993, growing to its current size as one of East County's largest public events. We thank the support of the college facilities, public safety, administration, and the GCCCD Governing Board for their wonderful support of this great event.

## *Friday FastTrack*



In May, Cuyamaca College hosted the first ever Friday FastTrack event. High school seniors from our local area high schools were invited to travel to Cuyamaca College, and take an assessment test proctored by our ever-energetic **Ms. Marcella Brown**; sit through an orientation presented by **Ms. Donna Hajj**; take part in a campus tour led by our

Outreach Student Ambassadors; and enjoy an early afternoon lunch. Over 750 high school

seniors from the Grossmont Union High School District RSVP'd for the event. The day proved successful as 633 students were introduced to the beauty offered by Cuyamaca College's amazing campus while simultaneously becoming fully matriculated. The students who fully participated in the event will enjoy a boost in their enrollment priority for the fall 2013 semester. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in the planning and execution of this ultra-successful event!

## *Coyote Music Festival*



The Coyote Music Festival took place on the first Saturday in May on a beautiful sunny day on the Grand Lawn of Cuyamaca College. The Festival was well received with 20 vendors and approximately 350 people in attendance. Nine bands alternating between two stages performed everything from pop, rock, folk, acoustic and easy listening tunes. Many attendees came equipped with picnics, umbrellas, blankets and lawn chairs as they leisurely kicked back and enjoyed the music. Children enjoyed the artistry of the face painters and ate kettle corn, while adults perused through the row of vendors offering many creative and unique items. Two iPods, gift cards and an exercise certificate were raffled off to the audience. The Festival is a culmination of the efforts of the Music Industry Seminar class where students plan, promote, and produce the event. Students apply skills they learned in class while working in teams specializing in marketing, graphics or sound. The students put on a wonderful show of support lending their talents to help host, photograph, and even perform on the day of the event to help make the Coyote Music Festival a success.

## *Automotive Skills Day was a Gas!*

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual *Skills Day* competition with the local high school automotive programs was held in May at the Cuyamaca College Automotive Department. High school students arrived at 7:00am to participate in the half-day event in a "Basic" area for beginning high school students, and an "Advanced" area for the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> year students. Prizes were purchased from donations from the Automotive Service Council of California (ASCCA) Local Chapter 24 and the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges (FGCC). Personal donations from Mr. James Justice from "James Justice Automotive" and Mr. Steve Vanlandingham from "Van's Automotive" (both ASCCA board members) were well appreciated and were used to purchase snacks for the participants. Wabco parts supplied the drinks. Many people from ASCCA, Napa Auto Parts, and faculty and staff from the college helped to judge, score, entertain, and feed the crowd. Matco and Snap-on tools provided prizes for the "pit crew challenge", and we are grateful for their ongoing support! Special thanks to Mr. Dave Newkirk of "Hontech Automotive" for supplying the lunch. This year's winners in the Basic Contest were Mr. Isaac Medina and Mr. Eric Layva from Ramona High School (1<sup>st</sup> place); Mr. David Taft and Mr. Mike Jones from Ramona High School (2<sup>nd</sup> place); and Mr. Eduarde Hermosillo and Mr. Daniel Medellin from Monte Vista High School (3<sup>rd</sup> place). In the Advanced Contest, the winners were: Mr. Tyler Pavlick, Ramona High School (1<sup>st</sup> place); Mr. Jonathan Mayeski, Ramona High School (2<sup>nd</sup> place); and Mr. Josue Lopez from Monte Vista High School (3<sup>rd</sup>





place). All the high school students and their instructors were given a goodie bag and socket sets that were provided from ASCCA and the FGCC. Setting up and organizing the event was no small task. Thanks to the automotive department staff, **Mr. Chris Branton**, **Mr. Jim Hannibal**, **Mr. Will Lewon**, our auto technology students, and our Cuyamaca College staff **Ms. Patty Branton**, **Ms. Laci Diaz** and our Facilities staff who contributed in making this another successful and meaningful event.

### *Senior High Math Field Day 2013*

The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior High Math Field Day for San Diego County for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year was held at Cuyamaca College on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Eighty-five students from ten high schools in the San Diego region competed in six different events. In all, 36 medals, three trophies for each of the top three schools, one perpetual trophy to the overall winning school, and five calculators donated by Texas Instruments and Casio were given away. The top scoring schools are as follows:

First Place: Canyon Crest High School

Second Place: Scripps Ranch High School

Third Place: Westview High School

Fourth Place (Tie): Christian High School and Rancho Buena Vista High School

It was a very close competition as first and second place were separated by only 10 points and the two fourth place teams missed third by only 10 points. Each of the events were organized, written, and run by over 20 volunteers (full-time, part-time and retired instructors) from Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Mesa College and Southwestern College. Co-chairs **Mr. Eric Preibisius** and **Dr. Tammi Marshall** are deeply indebted to the President of Cuyamaca College, Dr. Mark Zacovic, for providing the funds for both the lunches and t-shirts for this special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event! Thanks also go out to the Greater San Diego Mathematics Council, the California Mathematics Council, and the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca College for sponsoring and underwriting this event as well as Texas Instruments and Casio for providing calculators as prizes.

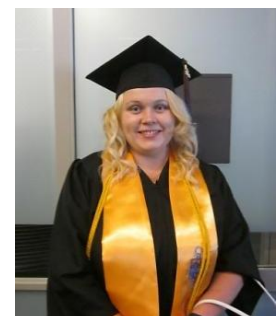
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## *Simply the Best*

We are very proud of the students we have here at Cuyamaca College. Many of them demonstrate being *Simply the Best* in and out of the classroom.

### *College Valedictorian 2013*

**Ms. Viktoriya Sinelnikov**, a science and mathematics major, graduated with a 4.0 grade point average and delivered the valedictory speech. When Viktoriya started at Cuyamaca College in 2007, the Ukrainian immigrant spoke little English. She had worked as a nurse in the Ukraine, and came to the United States in 2004 to marry a fellow countryman. She now plans to transfer to San Diego State University. "Cuyamaca College is a place where all professors, tutors, and other educational resources are ready to help everyone to succeed," she said.



## *Student Leaders Create Video of Welcome Activities*

Members of the Associated Students leadership team created a video, posted on YouTube, which highlights the activities of the first couple of weeks of the semester, including the student welcome back breakfast, Wii Wednesday, Thursday's sports kick-off day, and the first ASGCC meeting of the month. Also featured in the video is the student organizations involvement fair along with our college mascot, Kudapaw, cheering on our men's basketball team at one of their last home games. The link to the video is <http://youtu.be/SJFsvT9nZAw>.

## *Track Team Participates in State Championship*

Cuyamaca College's track team participated in the State Championships in late May. Cuyamaca College student **Mr. Leo Banales** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Men's Steeplechase and earned All-American status. **Mr. Ryan Maize** finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the same event and qualified for USATF Junior Nationals in June. He is only the 4<sup>th</sup> Cuyamaca College athlete to qualify for this prestigious meet! **Ms. Tia Knight** finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m hurdles and earned All-American status. We are proud of the continued success of our Track and Field program. A special thanks to our two head coaches, **Dr. Patrick Thiss** and **Mr. Tim Seaman**. They are outstanding!

## *Students Attend International Phi Theta Kappa Convention*



**President Mark Zacovic** accompanied 4 students to the annual international convention for Phi Theta Kappa, the community college honor society, in San Jose, CA. Students **Nathan O'Hare**, **Farah Al-Tahhan**, **Dustin Ransom** (from Cuyamaca College) and **Shirley Anduze** (from Grossmont College) joined more than 3,450 other Phi Theta Kappa members from 501 chapters from around the world to hear world-class speakers address the current Honors Study Topic, *The Culture of Competition*, and to honor and recognize excellence in chapters, members, and advisors.

## *Crowned Royalty at Cuyamaca College*



The newly crowned Miss La Mesa 2013 is currently a student at Cuyamaca College. **Ms. Cassandra Steppat** (Cassie) will graduate this year, and plans to transfer to SDSU. The Miss La Mesa Pageant has been a tradition since the late 1960's and is an outstanding mentoring program for young women. The pageant is sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce and focuses on community service.

Another Cuyamaca College student, **Ms. Kaci McCorkell**, was crowned Miss Rancho San Diego 2013 at the Miss El Cajon and Miss

Rancho San Diego Scholarship Pageant held at Cuyamaca College's Performing Arts Theatre. Both women will spend the year attending grand



openings, parades, summer concerts and chamber functions. Each of the contestants was scored on a personal interview, speech, poise and personality, sportswear, evening gown and an on-stage interview question.

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We are very proud of all our employees here at Cuyamaca College. Many of our faculty and staff excel in being Simply the Best!

*Simply the Best*

### *Teaching Excellence Award*



The Academic Senate of Cuyamaca College honored two faculty members with its Award for Teaching Excellence during the State of the College Address in January. Faculty member, **Ms. Debra Babylon**, from the Art Department, received the full-time Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.

**Judge Eddie Sturgeon** who teaches in the Paralegal program, received the part-time Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.

These two award recipients were among over 20 nominees from across the college. They all received rave reviews from their students who commented on their dedication and enthusiasm for teaching and learning. Congratulations to Ms. Babylon, Mr. Sturgeon, and all of the nominees who exemplify Cuyamaca College's commitment to academic excellence and student success.



### *Top Attorney*

Attorney **Jeff Bennion**, adjunct instructor in Cuyamaca College's paralegal program, was



recently presented the San Diego Daily Transcript 2012 Top Young Attorney award. Mr. Bennion teaches classes on e-discovery, evidence, litigation, criminal law and contracts. Outside of the regular curriculum, he teaches beginning and advanced Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) classes on the effective presentation of evidence and the use of technology in trial. Jeff was recently asked to speak at the annual Bridging the Gap MCLE seminar, and the 25th annual California Alliance of Paralegal Associations educational conference in Los Angeles on the

subject of trial preparation.

### *Outstanding Faculty Award from SDSU*

**Mr. Ghssan Zakaria**, Adjunct Faculty in World Languages, was selected to receive the Outstanding Faculty of the Year award from the College of Arts and Letters Student Council at San Diego State University. We are very proud of Mr. Zakaria who also teaches Arabic here in our World Languages department. He is an outstanding faculty member and we are so fortunate to have him on board here at Cuyamaca College.

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## *Cuyamaca Way Award*



**Ms. Jane Lytle**, who was the interim administrative assistant for the Office of the President, received the coveted Cuyamaca Way award for her “Friendly”, “Dedicated” and “Welcoming” spirit – all reflections of the Cuyamaca Way.

**Dr. Julianna Barnes** was presented the Cuyamaca Way award for her contributions made here while serving as the Vice President of Student Services. Julie is “Passionate”, “Student-centered”, “Collaborative”, and “Innovated”. Sadly, Julie began her new duties as the Vice President of Student Services at Mesa College this past February.



**Ms. Danene Brown** was also presented the Cuyamaca Way award for her role in stepping in as the interim Vice President of Instruction. Danene certainly exhibited the characteristics of “Teamwork”, “Collaborative”, “Friendly”, “Dedicated”, and “Teamwork.” Sadly, Danene also is no longer with us, having taken a new position at the Dean of Business, Computer Studies & Technology at Mesa College.

## *District Services Star Award*



**Ms. Patty Branton**, from Facilities, received the District Services Star Award. She was nominated for her service in assisting the Classified Senate with their planning of Classified Staff Appreciation Day. Her nominator commented, saying “Patty provided immense support during the planning and execution of the Classified Staff Appreciation Day on March 25, 2013. She worked tirelessly with Classified Senate, Cuyamaca Technology, and those in her department to make sure every class had the proper room. The day could not have been a success without the efforts of Patty.”



**Ms. Patty Tackett**, from the Grounds department, also received a District Services Star Award. She received this award for her service at the Classified Staff Appreciation Day. Her nominator said “As we were setting up for Classified Staff Appreciation Day, Patty came up and volunteered to help. She delivered water, sign-in sheets, and gave out presenter gifts to all the workshop classrooms. Her support that morning was an incredible selfless act, and we appreciated it immensely! Thank you Patty!” Ms. Branton and Ms. Tackett have once again shown us how they exemplify the *Cuyamaca Way*!

## *World Champion Track and Field Coach*



**Mr. Tim Seaman**, Cuyamaca College's track and field coach, won his 46th National title, and for the 7th time won the 20km race that were held in Des Moines, Iowa. He has now competed at the USATF Outdoor Nationals 21 years in a row! With the win, he qualified for the 2013 World Track and Field Championships in Moscow, which will be held in early August. This was the first time he qualified for the World Champs since Osaka in 2007. Overall, this is his 5th time qualifying for the World Champs. Mr. Seaman is an Olympian world champion track and field coach.

## *Counselor Receives National Award*

**Ms. Donna Hajj** was presented with the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award at the League for Innovation in the Community College conference in Dallas, TX. In recognition of the long tradition of excellence in community college teaching and leadership, the League established the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards in 2012. These awards are open to League Alliance member institutions to celebrate outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff. In her profile, Donna stated, "*Being a college counselor is an amazing responsibility. It is my daily actions that produce the climate that I live and work in. I have great power to make my life and work miserable or wonderful. I can be a tool of destruction or an instrument of encouragement, I can hurt or heal. In all circumstances, it is my response that illustrates my humanity. If we treat people as they are, we are just ordinary. If we treat people as they ought to be, we help them realize their extraordinary potential.*"



## *Seven New Employees Welcomed to the College*

During the State of the College program, seven new employees were welcomed into the Cuyamaca College family. Pictured with **President Zacovic** (left to right) is **Mr. Eddie Vasquez**, Student Services Specialist (EOPS); **Ms. Paulina Saucedo**, Admissions & Records Specialist; **Ms. Donna Marquez**, Spanish Instructor; **Ms. Virginia Gomez**, Instructional Lab Assistant, Art; **Mr. Curtis Gagnon**, Custodian; **Ms. Wendy Craig**, Associate Dean of EOPS; and **Dr. Marsha Gable**, Dean of Counseling.





## *Staff Member Displays Art Works*



**Mr. Frank Sundstrom**, Cuyamaca College's mail processor, hosted the opening reception of "Perfectly Frank", displaying his ceramic art creations at the Communications Arts building on Thursday, March 14. Frank's art will be on display in the Communications Art gallery from 9:00am to 5:00pm March 11 through March 22. His art has also been featured in art books specializing in dry glazes.

## *Faculty Emeritus Leads Economics Workshops*

The Director of the San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College, **Mr. Tony Zambelli**, recently conducted breakout sessions at the Western Business Educators Conference in Ogden, UT and at the California Council for the Social Studies Conference in Burlingame CA. Each conference brought together high school and college professionals to share good practices in their respective disciplines. Tony's presentation, "Using Music, Movies and YouTube to Teach Economics" was very well received.



## *35<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement Celebration*

Under a bright spring sky, students celebrated their achievements at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Cuyamaca College Commencement Ceremony held on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Hundreds of family members, friends, and colleagues filled the Student Center Plaza and cheered for all the students who earned associate's degrees and certificates this year. This year 620 Associate

degrees were awarded, along with 210 Certificates. Graduates ranged in age from 20 to 64 years old. This year's commencement keynote speaker was Mr. Alex Montoya, Manager of Latino Affairs with the San Diego Padres. After the ceremony, Mr. Montoya handed out an autographed copy of his book, "Swinging for the Fences" to each graduate.

Read Alex's inspiring commencement speech beginning on the next page.

# *7 Recommendations for Life*

Mr. Alex Montoya, Manager of Latino Affairs, San Diego Padres  
Commencement Keynote Speaker, June 2013



Graduates, staff, and families, what an enormous blessing to be here tonight! What an amazing night. What an amazing country we live in. What an amazing city, what an amazing campus! What an amazing time.

I say all this because this is YOUR time. You live in the most incredible time in our world's history. You can press a button on your phone, and talk to someone on the other side of the WORLD. Technology and communication are better than at ANY TIME in world HISTORY. And how far we will go, is determined by you. What our future holds, is determined by you. So tonight, we celebrate you.

But within every celebration is a story. Be mindful of your story. How you got here; what hurdles you overcame.

I know about hurdles and difficulties. I'll show you how. What if someone told you that you'd go through life missing those 3 limbs? What if you had to wear 3 prosthetics while at Cuyamaca College?

That was my situation. Due to a rare birth defect, I was born as a triple amputee. I wear 3 prosthetics and I'll show you how they work. Now what I've learned, in overcoming my disability, are lessons you can take as graduates. My favorite number is 7. So here are 7 pieces of advice:

**Number 1, Stay Connected.** Just as I need my cables and straps to stay connected, do the same with your values. When times get tough – and they will get tough – stay connected to your ideals, your beliefs, your convictions. Stay connected to YOUR reasons for pursuing an education. Stay connected to the people that love you, and the dreams you possess.

**Number 2, CHERISH your education.** Not just your degree, or what that degree may provide. But your EDUCATION. Where'd you go? What'd you learn? Who have you BECOME? In my life, being a triple amputee meant I had a harder road than most. I moved from my native Colombia to the United States when I was four. And I saw that my pathway to success would be education. A good education provides opportunity; and equality; and allows you to see promise, where the world sees challenges.

Which leads to my **third point, cherish your relationships.** As you leave Cuyamaca, know that the most important thing you have is your relationships. With your friends, your classmates, your professors, and your staff. Cherish them. It was Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski who said, after losing in the championship game several years ago, "I hurt, but not for me, for my players. Relationships are the most important aspect of my career." This from a man who has won national championships and Olympic gold medals. Make relationships the centerpiece of your life.

**Number 4, strive to leave a place better than how you found it.** In 2008 I was blessed to publish my first book, *Swinging for the Fences*. In it I talk about my friend Scott Delgadillo. Scotty was 14 and leukemia had him in and out of hospitals for a good 3 years. By his third stay, Scotty focused not on himself, but on others. In case I don't make it, he said, how can I improve the lives of others around me? And he did, visiting other kids, encouraging them, lifting their spirits. Telling them BEAT THIS THING and then go run this world. Scotty passed away in January 2001. And his friends encouraged his parents, Carmen and Eric, to create a group to help families battling cancer. Ten years later the Friends of Scott Foundation, of which I am a proud advisory board member, has raised millions to assist families. How can you, like Scotty, leave a place better? You can, here, and in future schools, and workplaces, and organizations, and relationships. You know, my mom used to ask me, "Alejandro Montoya Gonzalez..." – and you know you're in trouble when they say your whole name right? – "what do you want to do in life?" And I'd say, change my world. Because I knew how hard it was to change THE world. I recognized you change the world by changing YOUR world.

And that starts with my **fifth recommendation** for you. **Dare to be Different.** Turn on any TV; open any magazine. We are FLOODED with ads saying we need to look a certain way; dress a certain way; do what everybody else does. Why? Why? The great leaders in history have dared to be different, in their paths, and in their thinking. You too can dare to be different. Where there is cynicism, cast light. Where there is division, be a unifier. Where there is hate speech or bullying, be the brave one who stands up to it. Where there is a void, be a LEADER. Because ultimately, that is what you have been equipped with here at Cuyamaca College. Not just facts. Not just formulas. The ability to LEAD and be a leader.

And with that you need 2 final things, **numbers 6 and 7.** **Live with passion and live with humor.** You will never know your destiny until you resolve: what IS your true passion? Seek that passion because you were made to pursue it. My passion is sports and my career is to help the Padres connect with the Hispanic community. Your passion will become your calling. And never underestimate the power of humor as you pursue your goals. A good sense of humor is crucial in overcoming a disability. And it's crucial as you become a leader. Laugh. Poke fun at yourself. People ask me how much college was for me and I tell them: It cost me an arm and a leg. Show that humor. Show that joy. Because ultimately it's about setting the tone. With your challenges. With your peers. With the place you are leaving better.

You know, when I was invited to speak tonight, truly I say I was humbled. Not only is this a marvelous institution, but this is a significant date in my life. One year ago today, my family lost my sister, Elizabéth, to cancer. She was 42 and battled it for over a year. That, my friends, is strength and resilience, to see someone fighting for their life. I think about her every day and I know she would give ANYTHING to be where we are today.

Staying Connected; cherishing our education; treasuring relationships; leaving a place better; daring to be different; living with passion; and living with humor. If a young man from Colombia, South America, missing 3 limbs can do it, graduates, why can't you? Why can't you?

You can. Because these are the best times ever. And you're the best class ever. In baseball we have a saying. Don't get frustrated if, or when, you strike out. Pick up that bat. And Always, Always Keep Swinging. ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE! YOU CAN DO ANTHING! Thank you for listening, good night!





## College Happenings



Faculty and staff came out to the college gym on the evening of January 30<sup>th</sup> to cheer on the men's basketball team as they battled the #1 team in the league, Palomar College. Free popcorn and cracker jacks were provided for those in attendance; bottled water was sold for \$1.00/bottle.

All of the proceeds from the evening (\$209.00) were donated to a statewide initiative to support cancer research, Coaches vs. Cancer, through the American Cancer Society. Even with Palomar College's 7'1" center, our Coyotes played a great game, keeping the score close throughout the game, but unable to pull out a victory. We are proud of our team and their coaches! *Go Coyotes!!*



## Intergenerational Garden



Progress continues on the construction of the Intergenerational Garden site adjacent to the Child Development Center at Cuyamaca College. The Intergenerational Garden site was surveyed by students of the Advanced Surveying class, with instructors **Mr. John Butcher** and **Mr. Jaime Tanyor** guiding students through the real-world surveying experience. The site was graded, with special thanks to Ed Butts Grading, who imported soil, provided the equipment and manpower to level the site, and created the amphitheater and pumpkin hill. It was a week of bulldozers, dump trucks and bobcats working the site into its final grade.

Cuyamaca College's own OH students will be installing the irrigation system with planting to quickly follow. Seven gardening enthusiasts, ages 60 and older, continue to share a little of their know-how with 60 preschoolers tending a small, practice garden of sorts as they await completion of the much larger Intergenerational Garden.

## *Diversity Dialogues*

Students participated in this interactive workshop **“Be a Man/Act like a Lady”** in March. This workshop encouraged participants to reflect on their own experiences with gender, as well as learn from the experiences of their peers. The workshop was presented by Ms. Marnie Brookolo, a Campus Diversity Officer and Director of the Women’s Center at UCSD.

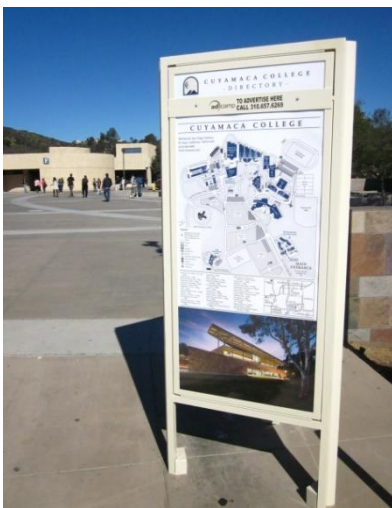
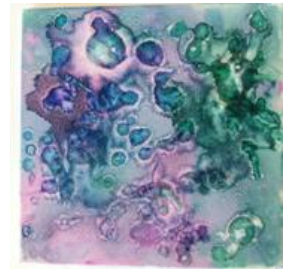


**“Building Community on Campus”** presented by Dr. Shaila Mulholland was the focus of April’s Diversity Dialogue. This informational workshop will provide participants with the tools needed to discover their own personal cultural narrative in addition to exploring the concept and impact of diversity on a college campus. Through guided exercises, participants learned how to enhance an inclusive environment on campus. Dr. Mulholland is an Assistant Professor in the College of Education at SDSU, and has conducted extensive research in the area of diversity.

## *Child Development Center Holds Silent Auction*



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Children’s Art Show Case and Silent Auction was held during the second week in May. This fundraiser helps provide funds for the Center to buy supplies for the classrooms and provides our families with enrichment programs and social events. This auction is open campus-wide. Many of our children’s art work from previous auctions are up in various offices all over campus. This event is quickly becoming something our parents look forward to on a yearly basis.



## *New Kiosks around the College*

Over the winter break, 6 new kiosks were installed around the college. Set up and maintained by AdCamp, these kiosks provide directional maps in strategic locations around the college, making it easier for students and college visitors to find their way around the college. In exchange for the placement of the kiosks on our campus, the college receives \$50 per month per kiosk, netting \$3,600 annually for the college.

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## *We Like Him*

### **LIKE President Zacovic**

President Zacovic has entered the social media age with a new Facebook page. You can **LIKE** President Zacovic by going to <http://www.facebook.com/DrMarkZacovic>. President Zacovic will be posting news and his musings on his Facebook page. Stayed tuned! President Zacovic is trying to achieve 200 likes by the end of the year, so please LIKE him today!



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## *Campus Events Calendar*

For a complete list of college events happening through the semester, please visit the Campus Calendar page at <http://www.cuyamaca.edu/events/>

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