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Cuyamaca College Laying Tracks in Our Community

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After a career spanning three decades in the California community college system, Cuyamaca College President Mark J. Zacovic

based on yearly themes such as *Learn Today-Lead Tomorrow* and *Graduation Starts Today*.

Last June the college awarded a record number of almost 900 degrees and certificates, the result of student success measures.

announced his retirement this spring. Dr. Wei Zhou accepted the assignment as interim president of Cuyamaca College effective May 21, 2015.

Last year, the college received the welcome news that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges had reaffirmed its accreditation for another six years.

Dr. Zhou is serving as interim president while the search for the permanent president continues. Candidate interviews occurred in mid-July; on-campus forums are expected to be held in August, and will be followed by chancellor and Governing Board interviews. Plans call for the new president to begin serving in early fall.

“Through some of the most trying times in the history of the college, Dr. Zacovic has been an energetic ambassador for Cuyamaca and the college district,” said Chancellor Cindy L. Miles. “Always a gracious host, he is recognized for his magnanimity and going above and beyond to assist a student or employee in need.”

Zacovic served as president of Cuyamaca College since July 2011. He led the college through some of the toughest budgetary challenges in the institution’s 37-year history, ensuring that students continued to receive a quality education while dealing with dramatic spending cuts from Sacramento.

“Cuyamaca College will always hold a very special place near and dear to my heart,” Zacovic said. “For 37 years, the college has done great work and that work will continue and thrive in the years to come.” As president of Cuyamaca College, Zacovic promoted a heightened focus on student success



Having served as Cuyamaca College’s vice president of instruction since 2013, Dr. Zhou, a familiar face around the campus, has been an outstanding administrator, participating in numerous major

initiatives and playing a key leadership role in moving this vibrant college forward.

During the transition, Dr. Scott Herrin will serve as Interim Vice President of Instruction and Dr. Donna Riley will serve as Interim Dean of Math, Science and Engineering.

College Submits State Mandated Plans

After months of meetings and collaborating with our sister college, each college presented its Student Success & Support Plan and Student Equity Plan to State Chancellor's Office. The goals of Student Success and Support Program (formerly matriculation) are to ensure that all students complete their college courses, persist to the next academic term, and achieve their educational objectives through the assistance of the student-direct components of the student success & support program process: admissions, orientation, assessment and testing, counseling, and student follow-up.

The College's student equity plan focuses on increasing access, course completion, ESL and basic skills completion, degrees, certificates and transfer for all students as measured by success indicators linked to the CCC Student Success Scorecard. Each college developed specific goals, outcomes and actions to address disparities that are discovered, disaggregating data for indicators by student demographics, preferably in program review. The plan describes the implementation of each indicator, as well as policies, activities and procedures as they relate to improving equity and success at the college.

Both the [Student Success & Support Plan](#) and the [Student Equity Plan](#) are posted online.

Cuyamaca College Student Honored as Top Scholar

Evelyn Gutierrez always excelled in her studies. When the single mother of an 8-year-old girl decided she needed something better in life than a series of low-paying jobs, going back to school was an obvious choice.

She opted for Cuyamaca College. "I've always been a good student and I've always been serious about school, and I was tired of working just for the sake of working," Gutierrez said. "I wasn't enjoying myself. I wanted to prepare for something more stable, and I wanted to set a good example for my daughter."

Mission accomplished. The straight-A student has impressed professors and has provided a strong role model for her daughter, Daisy, since she arrived at Cuyamaca College. In April, Gutierrez was named to the 2015 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Community College Academic 1st Team.



Phi Theta Kappa's mission is to recognize and encourage academic achievement at two-year colleges across the country, and just 30 community college students in California were named to the 1st Team. Requirements include a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA, being eligible to graduate with an associate degree, participation in honors programs, and academically rigorous coursework, awards, honors, and recognition for academic achievement, along with leadership and service to the college and community.

Gutierrez is the first in her family to go to college – and just getting to Cuyamaca College means a 65-mile, round-trip drive from her home in Tecate on the U.S. side of the border. Since enrolling three years ago, the 27-year-old has earned several scholarships, including an Osher Award, a grant from the Mountain Empire Homemakers Club, an award from the women's networking group Dimensions, and a Barnes and Noble Fall Scholarship.

Working two jobs at Cuyamaca while going to school, Gutierrez plans to graduate in the spring of 2016 with an associate degree in business administration and communication, along with a certificate in business office technology or computer informational science. She has her sights set on San Diego State

University after that, and is looking forward to a career working with the disabled, low-income families, and minorities. Daisy, who is wrapping up second grade, is Gutierrez's biggest fan. "She is so excited about me being in college and earning the Phi Theta Kappa award," Gutierrez said. It's really cool. She wants to go to Cuyamaca now. I've brought her here several times and she knows a lot of the people here and she tells me she wants the same instructors who have been teaching me to teach her."

Cuyamaca College's UP! Program Receives Grant

The El Cajon Elks Lodge donated school supplies and vouchers for books and transportation to students in the Cuyamaca College Unlimited Potential (UP!) program. Cuyamaca College Professor Emeritus Mr. Anthony Zambelli, who continues to work at the college, decided to put his longtime membership with the El Cajon Elks Lodge to good use to support former foster youth through the UP! program. A \$2,000 grant from the Elks National Foundation paid for backpacks, school supplies and vouchers, along with a barbecued pork luncheon for the UP! students who benefitted from the Elks' largesse. The guest speaker was Mr. Martin Barrios, California/Hawaii Elks Association vice president, who shared his life story as the first in his large family to graduate from college.



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Iraqi Cultural Presentation "Beyond the Impossible"



It was standing room only for the cultural event "Beyond the Impossible" which was held in the college theatre this past April. Evil witches, dark spells, and rescuing a lovely princess were part of one man's challenge as he took the journey to bring back hope and light to his people. Students enrolled in the Arabic 120, 250, and 251 classes took part in the performances which portrayed various scenes depicting battles between good and evil. Each scene was represented by traditional costumes, music, and dance reflecting the particular culture of that era of the Middle and Far East. Ms. Aklas Sheai, Arabic Instructor, created most of the costumes used in the production. Services were provided by Cuyamaca College's Student Affairs, Associated Student Government, World Languages Department, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council. The event was funded by the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges.



Coyote Music Festival

Cuyamaca College hosted the 6th annual Coyote Music Festival on May 30 after inclement weather postponed the event from its original April scheduling date. The free outdoor festival has retained its eclectic vibe, with a host of young talent playing everything from coffeehouse acoustic pop to Tejano rock.



The mostly young crew of volunteers working the festival is a reminder that the event is actually a class assignment for students enrolled in Music Industry Studies, a transfer degree program unique locally to Cuyamaca College that focuses on the practical aspects of developing careers in the music industry.

A combination of classes in music, technology, and business helps students develop as musicians, learn to operate and use the college's recording studios, work with bands to create demos and other promotional materials, and to plan and produce concerts and festivals with multiple stages.



The Coyote Music Festival is the culmination of a semester-long project that teaches students all the production aspects, including planning, auditions, promotions, staging and sound engineering. The class, called the Music Industry Seminar, is a course so rich in content that students are able to take it up to four times, each year learning a new aspect of putting on an event of the music festival's scale.

Native American Student Alliance Powwow



The Native American Student Alliance (NASA) at Cuyamaca College held their inaugural powwow in February inside the Cuyamaca College gymnasium. Native American participants represented various tribal nations throughout the United States and Canada. The event began with the Grand Entry, when all the dancers in colorfully adorned regalia showcased their unique dancing styles. In addition to dancing, there were arts and crafts booths, information booths, and food booth vendors such as Kumeyaay Fry Bread and Chamorro Grill. Information booths included participants from the San Miguel Fire Department, San Diego Indian Health Youth Center, the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, Kumeyaay Community College, Cuyamaca College Health & Wellness Center, and the EOPS program. The American Indian Recruitment (AIR) Program at San Diego State University was also at the event and handed out 45 backpacks filled with school supplies. The highlight of the event was the Kumeyaay Bird Singers from the Sycuan reservation. Since Cuyamaca College sits on Kumeyaay land and its name is Kumeyaay in origin, it was only fitting that the culture of our indigenous neighbors was celebrated. The powwow garnished recognition in the *San Diego Union Tribune*, *East County Gazette*, *Times of San Diego*, the Alpine Chamber of Commerce, and KUSI News. Many have already contacted NASA's advisors Ms. Nora Hinsley, EOPS Adjunct Counselor, and Ms. Maria Gearhart, Multimedia Technician, regarding next year's event which is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2016.



Cuyamaca College Wellness Walks



More than 100 students and 20 college employees gathered together on the Grand Lawn for the kickoff of the Cuyamaca College Wellness Walks. Sponsored by Student Health Services, and in celebration of the “Love Your Heart” campaign, employees and students set out on one of six routes around the college. The goal is for everyone to walk 10,000 steps a day, and for the college to log 1,000,000,000 steps a month. To view the various routes around the college, click <http://www.cuyamaca.edu/services/health/files/wellness-walks-brochure.pdf>.

The Wellness Walks will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. All the walks start from the Grand Lawn. Walks for the fall begin September 10. Participants receive goodie bags which included a bottle of water, pedometer, a pledge card, and a healthy snack.

A Job Fair that Works

The East County Career Expo, held at Cuyamaca College, resulted in at least 113 anticipated hires and lined up more than 80 interviews for jobseekers, according to a survey of employers who attended the May 20 event.

“I was blown away by the numbers,” said Kate Miller, a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Specialist at the college.

Miller joined forces with Cindy Morrin, director of the college’s career center, and Susan Roberts-Egley from the East County Career Center to organize the Expo. The event drew 52 employers and more than 160 jobseekers from both Cuyamaca and Grossmont colleges, as well as the public.



“This is an important part of what we do. Job seekers and employers -- this is a connection our college is obligated to make,” Wei Zhou, interim Cuyamaca College president, said about the college’s role in the event. “For many of our students, getting a job is the culmination of the hard work they’ve accomplished in the classroom, while for others, it’s an opportunity to gain work experience while attending college. For employers, it is a great way to find motivated, dependable workers.”

Kevin Crowley, a first-year psychology major at Cuyamaca College, said he was attending the expo to scope out the types of jobs available to young people with little work experience. “It’s helpful to students who may not otherwise know what opportunities are available and also a good way to discover a new career field,” said Crowley, who hopes to transfer to San Diego State University.



Among the companies, businesses and organizations at the expo was El Cajon-based Taylor Guitars, which employs more than 900 workers and produces about 500 guitars a day at its factories in El Cajon and in Tecate, Mexico. “Primarily we’re looking for eager workers who enjoy working with their hands,”

said company representative Lyndsey Craig, who attends about six job fairs a year. She said the primarily younger jobseekers at college job fairs are ideal, even if their job histories are meager.

Also represented at the career fair were government-sector employers such as the City and County of San Diego, the U.S. Army and U.S. Department of Justice. The public education sector was represented by the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, Cajon Valley Union School District, Grossmont Union High School District and UC San Diego. Private-sector employers included SeaWorld and PetSmart. Healthcare and financial services, as well as senior care providers, were also represented.

Lisa Rodriguez, a counselor at the college's career center, which provided staffing and other support to the career expo, said the job market is looking the best it has in years for community college graduates and students. "Employers are hiring in all sorts of areas," Rodriguez said.

Get Your Motor Running

Car enthusiasts were treated to a vintage auto show at the same time they watched teens turn wrenches during Cuyamaca College's annual High School Automotive Skills Day competition on May 2.

Now in its 36th year, the High School Automotive Skills Day competition is the longest running event at the Rancho San Diego campus. About 50 students from eight schools experienced the excitement of head-to-head competition, vying for thousands of dollars in cash and prizes, said Chris Branton, coordinator of the college's automotive technology program and co-chair of the event, along with instructor Jim Hannibal.



Organizers say the longevity of the event is due to the strong ties the college's auto tech faculty has forged with local industry, and the mutual benefit of the program to the college, automotive shops and dealerships. Because of the academic rigor and well-rounded education that graduates of the program receive, these future technicians are not only exceptionally trained, but have the critical thinking abilities to diagnose and repair today's computerized cars.

With technical skills well beyond those needed in the past, graduates of Cuyamaca's program who go on to get industry certification can expect an average annual salary of between \$40,000 and \$60,000. Entry-level salaries are typically in the mid-\$20- to \$30,000 range, and the pay of top earners in high-volume dealership shops can exceed \$100,000. Even so, industry analysts project a pronounced shortage of automotive technicians within the next five to 10 years as the crop of new employees steadily shrinks, due to a decreased emphasis on vocational training in high schools.

Garden Party: Annual Spring Garden Festival

The 22nd annual Spring Garden Festival took place on April 25. The event showcases the college's renowned Ornamental Horticulture program, as well as the Water Conservation Garden and the Heritage of the Americas Museum, both located on the Cuyamaca College campus. With more than 50 vendors, craftspeople, and artisans, the event featured a host of activities and demonstrations highlighting sustainable gardening and landscaping ideas that informed and entertained visitors of all ages.



The Ornamental Horticulture department's plant sale featured a large assortment of flowers, vegetables, and drought-tolerant plants. Plant sales from the nursery help supplement the Ornamental Horticulture program's regular funding, helping to pay for supplies, equipment, and funding for scholarships. The nursery is a learning lab for students on the production and sales of landscape plants.

Water Wise

As California continues to grapple with an unrelenting drought, Cuyamaca College continues to lead the way in taking creative approaches to water and energy conservation.

Cuyamaca College is widely known for its all-encompassing approach to water conservation, from specialized academic programs including ornamental horticulture and water/wastewater technology to an independently operated water conservation garden. The college applied for a baccalaureate program in water utilities management, which would educate students on the complexities of managing water and wastewater systems. Although Cuyamaca was not selected for a bachelor's degree program, another application may be submitted later if the statewide pilot program expands.

The drought that has gripped the Golden State was on the minds of water experts, landscape architects, golf course designers and others speaking at the 7th Annual Sustainable Turf & Landscape Seminar March 5 at Cuyamaca College. The seminar provides several important benefits for students by connecting them with leaders in the local landscape industry, plus it raises money for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society that is used to fund the Scholarship Banquet in May.

This year a record \$20,000 was raised. The event was coordinated by Don Schultz, Ornamental Horticulture instructor and chair of the department, along with his staff and a team of volunteers. The seminar also allows landscape professionals to obtain continuing education credits for professional certification and licensing.

A Friendly Place for Veterans

For the second year in a row, *U.S. Veterans Magazine* has ranked Cuyamaca College among the nation's "best of the best" veteran-friendly schools. Cuyamaca is the only community college in San Diego County to earn the distinction. The annual lists of the nation's Best of the Best top veteran-friendly companies, colleges, top government and law enforcement agencies and employers will be published in its upcoming issue of the magazine.

Students Shine at Awards Ceremony

Members of Cuyamaca College's student organization SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) were honored with the Student Chapter of the Year Award at their recent regional Scholarship & Awards banquet. Our students competed against local chapters at SDSU, UCSD, USD, San Diego City College, and Southwestern College to win this prestigious award.

In addition to winning the chapter award, four members received scholarships. Ivan Ruiz, Conyers Nelson, Minerva Munoz, and Ali Esparza were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements by winning these scholarships.



Pictured above are (from left) Victor Urbina, Carlos Olea, Ali Esparza, Lorena Garcia, Francisco Calderon, Luis Alberto, Chezwick Reynald-Morrison, Ivan Ruiz, Hien Nguyen, Conyers Nelson, Minerva Munoz, Jacqueline Tirado, Yessica Chavira Flores, and the Junior SHPE Monte Vista President Mayra Calderon.

Students Present Original Research

Nine students from Cuyamaca College were invited to present an original research poster at the 7th Annual Biological Sciences Student Research Showcase at UCSD. Their poster, entitled *Preservation and Study of the Biodiversity of the Cuyamaca College Nature Preserve through Insect DNA Barcoding*, afforded these students their first opportunity to present an authentic research publication based on their work done in their Bio 230 class. Students in the group presented their information to UCSD professors and to other UCSD graduate and undergraduate students; the students were highly encouraged by the positive comments from the UCSD faculty, staff and students. This annual showcase is where UCSD students



who have done research projects during the year get to present their work. This was the first time community college students were invited to be part of the event. The Cuyamaca students were invited to participate because Cuyamaca College has a joint National Science Foundation grant with UCSD and are participating in a research project with them. Students who presented included Lina Abdulnoor, Tamara Al Issa, Sandy Faraj, Moreen Hameed, Vincent Hanna, Magdelinda Leyva-Garcia, Brandon Linn, Jamie Trocke, and Quinn Truong.

Students Attend Industry Conference



The WWTR Department's Student Chapter of the American Water Works Association attended the national AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in Anaheim. Twelve members of the Chapter, along with their instructor and club advisor, Mr. Joseph Young, made the trek to Anaheim to experience this truly outstanding professional development opportunity. Students networked with other water industry young professionals, attended

technical sessions, connected with potential employers, and heard numerous speakers discuss current issues ranging from conservation, climate change, drought response, and potable reuse.

Cuyamaca College Alumnus Racing to Success



The first week of March was memorable for Cuyamaca College graduate and race walking champion Nick Christie. Christie, who transferred to Missouri Baptist University on an athletic scholarship, set a collegiate record with a time of 11:59.73 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Indoor Championships in the 3000-meters at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio, on March 6. That came just six days after the former Coyote won the 2-mile race walk in a time of 12:42.12 at the USA Track & Field Indoor Championship in Boston.

Now he is aiming for the 2016 U.S. Olympics. As a Cuyamaca College student, Christie finished third at the 2012 Olympic trials less than a year after taking up race walking, barely missing out on a bid for the U.S. team

at the London games. "I've been very fortunate, I couldn't ask for anything more, but it all begins with my time at Cuyamaca College and Coach Tim Seaman," Christie said. "His guidance has helped put me where I am today."

Indeed, Seaman – a two-time Olympics race walker – has built a race walking power at Cuyamaca College. Two of the top six top race walkers in the world are Cuyamaca College alumni, including San Diego State University standout Emmanuel Corvera. "I can honestly say that people across the world know about Cuyamaca College because of its race walking program," Seaman said. Christie is a big reason why. "His is an amazing story," Seaman said of Christie, whom he still coaches and talks to daily. "This is a kid who came from a community college that nobody had ever heard of, takes the bronze medal at the Olympic trials, and goes on to set records at the collegiate levels."

Christie, 23, said he wasn't even thinking about race walking when enrolling at Cuyamaca College after graduating from Grossmont High School. Christie, who described himself as an "O.K." track and field athlete at Grossmont, said he was urged by Grossmont High School coach Lyle Barton to pursue the pole vault at Cuyamaca. Barton, who has also served as a pole vault and decathlon coach at Cuyamaca College for the past 15 years, was named Assistant Coach of the Year for Men's Track and Field by the California Community College Cross Country and Track Coaches Association in 2014.

“I had initially just gone to Cuyamaca College because it was more affordable to get an education and I wasn’t really sure what I wanted to do,” Christie said. “I wanted to study anthropology and maybe go into academia and become a professor. Track and field was more of an afterthought.” With encouragement from Barton and Seaman, Christie spent his freshman year participating in various track and field events. Race walking was not one of them. “I really didn’t know anything about it,” Christie said.

Then Seaman suggested he compete in the sport. “I suppose he saw something and asked if I was interested in pursuing it,” Christie said. “I’m pretty versatile, so I gave it a shot. Initially it was difficult, but I picked up on it pretty fast.” A star was born. Christie, a pedestrian cross country runner and pole vaulter, was suddenly excelling in his new event. These days, his training includes up to 100 miles per week on the track.

“You’re basically running, but with some restrictions,” Christie said. “You have to have one foot on the ground at all times, and you’re using different muscles. It’s sort of like running but different.” Christie is now among the sport’s biggest boosters.

“He is very, very dedicated to the improvement and advancement of the popularity of race walking,” Seaman said. “He wants to make it a popular sport, and he is a great ambassador for the event.”

Christie credits the Cuyamaca College coaching staff for his success. “The coaches at Cuyamaca are among the best I’ve seen in my life, and they’re probably some of the best in the world. They are so willing to work with athletes who may not have a chance and they let them have an opportunity,” Christie said. “Right now, my focus is on the Olympics. And I could not have had this opportunity had Cuyamaca College not been there for me.”



Cuyamaca College Awards its First Honorary Degree



Entrepreneur and philanthropist Bill Verbeck, whose business acumen and decades of giving to East County institutions have ensured his spot in local history, now has an honorary degree from Cuyamaca College to add to his long list of tributes and recognitions.

As the late-afternoon sun began to set, the smiling octogenarian accepted the honorary associate of arts diploma from Governing Board President Bill Garrett during Cuyamaca College's commencement ceremony in June. It was the first conferred in the history of the college district. Wearing the customary cap and gown, Verbeck waved from his wheelchair to acknowledge the standing ovation given to him by the more than 600 Class of 2015 graduates and their family and friends.

Garrett said he was proud to bestow the award on the Spring Valley resident who inspired, mentored, and supported so many in the community. "I am pleased to honor his lifetime of work and dedication and how unselfishly he uses his gifts to serve the needs of others," Garrett said. Chancellor Cindy Miles cited Verbeck's professional accomplishments and outstanding service to students and the community.

A successful businessman, Verbeck is well known as the owner of Grossmont Escrow in La Mesa, an enterprise he took over after coming to San Diego from his native Nebraska to operate a printing business. "Mr. Verbeck has given back to East County and become an integral part in the success of many of our civic organizations, including the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca College, the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College, and the Boys & Girls Club of East County," Miles said.

"He has a strong passion for mentoring and unselfishly shares his talents in business with his staff members, who constantly praise his work in their testimonials. He is also generous with his time and expertise in providing internships and jobs for high school and college students interested in pursuing careers in business. Despite all of his success, Verbeck always regretted not getting a college degree," Miles said. "We want to recognize him today for his entrepreneurialism and social responsibility by presenting him with this honorary degree."

Verbeck said he had looked forward to the day with excitement. "I am grateful for this award. I am humbled and honored to receive it," he said. The 87-year-old widower, whose wife of 64 years, Norma Mae, died of cancer in April 2012, has donated or pledged a fortune to various East County causes. In addition to the college district's foundation, they include the Grossmont Hospital Foundation, Home of Guiding Hands, the Jarrett Meeker Foundation, the Boys & Girls Clubs of East County, and scores of local high school scholarships. "It's all about helping people. If you're in the position where you could help people, then you should help," he said.



Faculty Member Wins Award



Mr. Anthony Zambelli, part-time business instructor, was awarded the Roy Erickson Civic Education Leadership Award, presented by the California Council for the Social Studies. The Roy Erickson Civic Education Leadership Award is awarded to a California educational leader, legislator, or community/organization leader who has made notable contributions toward promoting or implementing civic learning in California schools to prepare students to be engaged and responsible citizens. As the winner, Anthony has demonstrated outstanding leadership in California by promoting and strengthening high quality civic education practices through instruction, programming, academia, advocacy, and/or legislation.

Part-time Faculty Member is "Judge of the Year"

The Honorable Eddie C. Sturgeon, a Superior Court Judge for the County of San Diego, was honored as "Judge of the Year" by the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego (CASD) at their 56th Annual Awards and Installation Dinner in February. Judge Sturgeon teaches part time in the Paralegal Studies Department. In 2013, Judge Sturgeon received the *Award for Teaching Excellence* for part-time faculty during the State-of-the-College Address.



Men's Soccer Coach Recognized as Coach of the Year



Cuyamaca College's Men's Soccer coach, Mr. Brian Hiatt-Aleu, who also coaches at Coronado High School, received the San Diego County High School Coach of the Year Award at the San Diego Hall of Champions on March 25. Coronado High won the Regional Championship in 2015. We are very proud of all our coaches.

Classified Staff Member Recognized for Her Work

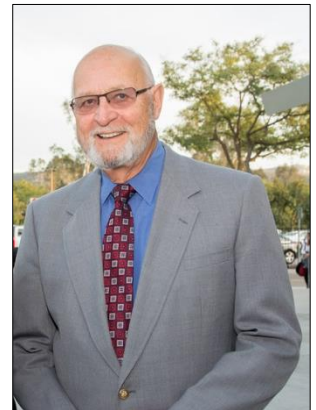


For her assistance and unwavering help, Ms. Cyndy Bourget, Instructional Media Services Coordinator, was honored at the recent SDICCCA Alumni reception with the “Classified Employee Contribution to Student Success Recognition Award.” This award was for a Classified Employee whose work directly or indirectly impacts student success. The award was presented to Cyndy by Dr. Bill Piland, Director of Doctoral Programs at San Diego State University. Those in attendance included College President Mark Zacovic, Vice Presidents Wei Zhou and Scott Thayer, and Classified Senate representative Valerie Peterson.

Here's Monty!

Retired Cuyamaca College President Dr. Samuel Ciccati, who received a bachelor's degree in industrial arts from SDSU in 1961 and a master's in teacher training in 1966, was recently honored with a Monty Award by the San Diego State University Alumni Association.

Monty Awards are given to alumni or friends of SDSU who have made significant contributions to the university, the San Diego community or California, nationally or internationally, according to the school.



Child Development Center Honors Garden Grannies

On June 26, the staff at the Child Development Center hosted a luncheon to honor and give thanks to the Intergenerational Garden volunteers -- the Garden Grannies. Not only do these women take care of the garden, they also teach the children at the CDC the importance of eating healthy and exercising regularly. To show appreciation, each Garden Granny received a personalized apron to wear while gardening.



Cuyamaca Events Calendar

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

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