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State of the College Address

“Focused on Success”

January 21, 2015
Student Center

Morning Agenda

Welcome

Dr. Mark J. Zacovic, Cuyamaca College President
Dr. Cindy L. Miles, GCCCD Chancellor
Mr. Bill Garrett, President, GCCCD Governing Board

Introduction of New Employees

Dr. Mark J. Zacovic

Academic and Classified Senate Programs

Ms. Alicia Munoz, Academic Senate President
Ms. Jodi Reed, Professional Development Coordinator
Ms. Valerie Peterson, Classified Senate Representative

Teaching Excellence Award Presentation

Ms. Alicia Munoz, Academic Senate President

Lunch and Raffle Drawing

Please join us for lunch in the Student Center
Must be present to win in the raffle drawing

Our Newest Employees

Ms. Sahar Abushaban, Interim Vice President, Administrative Services

Sahar comes to us having most recently served as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Business Services at the District Office. Sahar is well-known to many as she is on a number of committees throughout the district and the colleges and has supported the college well in her role as district controller. She has been with the district for more than a decade and is excited about coming to live on our campus for a while. Sahar earned her Master in Accountancy from National University and her B.S. in Business Administration from San Diego State University.

Mr. Manuel Mancillas-Gómez, Instructor, English as a Second Language (ESL)

Born in Tijuana, Baja California, Manuel attended Preparatoria Federal School, and later UCLA where he received a B.A. in Latin American Studies/Anthropology. He received an MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from Grand Canyon University in Arizona. He joins us full-time after having worked in the CBET program with the Cajon Valley School District and in the Continuing Education non-credit program and credit ESL department at Cuyamaca College.

Ms. Denise Blaha, Child Development Center Coordinator

Denise comes to Cuyamaca College with nearly 2 decades of experience in early childhood education including teaching and coordinating. This wasn't her first career though – she started in fashion design so watch for some new flair at the CDC! Denise's education began at Mesa College where she earned an AA in Fashion Merchandising but went back to school a few years later to earn a BS in Child Development from SDSU followed by an MS from Bank Street College of Education in New York. Most recently, Denise has been serving as the Preschool Director at St. Vincent's in San Diego. She is rightfully proud of the work she did there as the founding director and we are excited to have her as the new Coordinator of the Cuyamaca Child Development Center.