

President's Report to the Governing Board

May 19, 2010

🐾 Enrollment comparisons:

	Summer 2010	Summer 2009	Difference by #	Percentage +/-
Date	05/13/10	05/07/09		
Headcount	1,448	1,213	+235	+19.4
Units	5,462.0	4,750.0	+712.0	+15.0

🐾 Cuyamaca College Goes Global

Thanks to the unyielding drive of Rhonda Bauerlein, Frank Moore, Jerry Williamson, and Brian Nath, the Cuyamaca College iTunes University site has been fully approved and will be launched in the iTunes U site on May 4th. Once it is launched, anyone in the world can search for Cuyamaca College and find our site and content through an iTunes search.

🐾 College distributes record amount of financial aid

The Financial Aid office at Cuyamaca has awarded/dispensed over \$11 million so far this year, which represents an increase of over 50% of what was dispensed over all of the previous year, and is the highest the college has ever awarded - and that is still not counting the upcoming Summer! Additionally, FAFSA applications to date are up 35% compared to all of last year. In the past two years, the college has seen tremendous growth in the number of students served and awards issued. 2010-11 promises to see the same type of growth. At the end of April, the College started processing for 2010-11 and there is already a 52% increase in the number of FAFSA's received compared to this time last year.

🐾 College hosts Healthy Communication Conference

The Healthcare Interpreter Program to be offered by Continuing Education this summer was rolled out at the "Collaborating for Healthy Communication Conference" held at Cuyamaca College on April 9 and attended by 168 participants.

🐾 Cuyamaca College Athletics score again!

A big Coyote howl and congratulations are in order for the Cuyamaca College Men's and Women's Track and Field athletes and their coaches! The Men's Track and Field team won its record-setting fourth consecutive Foothill Conference Championship on Friday, April 30th and the Women's Track and Field Team placed second. Please take a few moments to give a "high five" to the coaches and ALL of the student athletes who



contributed to our outstanding runner-up and Championship seasons!!!!

- Head Coach – Patrick Thiss
- Assistant Coach – David Dominguez
- Assistant Coach – Lloyd Edwards
- Assistant Coach – Jimmy King
- Assistant Coach – Robert Claesson
- Assistant Coach – Lyle Barton

Women’s Individual Event Champions

- Fatima Gomez – Pole Vault
- Paula Saavedra – Shot Put
- Paula Saavedra – Hammer
- Chelsea Staub – Discus
- Chelsea Staub – Javelin

Men’s Team Individual Event Champions

- Keith Turner – 400m
- Derek Harrebomee – Hammer
- Derek Harrebomee – Shot Put
- Derek Harrebomee – Discus

🐾 Women’s Vocal Ensemble KITKA

On April 16, the Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Department hosted a concert by the world-renowned, Oakland-based women's vocal ensemble “*Kitka*.” The group performed a program of folk songs and choral arrangements from Eastern Europe to a rapt audience in the Performing Arts Theatre. This concert was made possible through support from the Cuyamaca College Foundation, with additional financial support from the San Diego Center for World Music. Cuyamaca College was able (and fortunate) to be able to host such a world-class performance primarily because one of the ensemble members is the daughter of Department Chair Pat Setzer.



🐾 Cuyamaca College Outreach Department

The Cuyamaca College Outreach Department has been busy throughout the month of April. The Outreach Department welcomed 16 students from Chaparral High School, 55 students from Monte Vista High School, and 51 students from El Cajon Valley High School. In addition, Outreach also worked in conjunction with the Child Development Center to offer a special focus campus tour to a group of 35 students from Granite Hills High School. Student Ambassadors conducted a total of 18 different peer-advising sessions within the Grossmont Union High School District. Additionally, Outreach conducted a total of 3 informative classroom presentations one at Granite Hills High School, another at Helix Charter High School and lastly a final presentation at San Diego High School.

The Outreach department also conducted the second installment (assessment exams) of its Cuyamaca Link program at 4 of the 5 participating high schools in the Grossmont Union High School District, and is currently preparing for the final stages of the program, which has 608 students. Grossmont High School invited Outreach to speak at their High School PDC class where students were given the opportunity to ask all their questions about what college life is

like, and was invited to Helix High School to conduct an application workshop where a total of 70 seniors were walked through the application process.

🐾 Cuyamaca College’s OnTrack (Basic Skills) Committee

On May 1st the OnTrack Committee hosted its second multi-disciplinary faculty training in “Myths, Trends and Effective Teaching Methodologies for Basic Skills students”.

Twenty-five faculty and staff from 11 disciplines / services areas, ranging from Geology to EOPS, turned out early Saturday morning for an eight-hour teacher extravaganza entitled “Getting OnTrack with your Basic Skills Students.” The workshop focused on improving student motivation, use of classroom assessment techniques to know exactly what students are “getting;” scaffolding of instruction, assignments and assessment to improve students’ success; and the power of unintentional messages sent through course structure and policies and instructor actions. The workshop was designed and led by Mary Graham (Basic Skills Coordinator) and Lauren Halsted.

🐾 ASGCC Elects New Officers

The ASGCC held it’s elections for its 2010-2011 Executive Board on April 26th - 28th. Congratulations to the following new elected officers:

Jacqueline Luis, President

Ana Jacobo, Executive Vice President

Darla Fox, Evening Vice President

Abdon (Leo) Padilla, Treasurer

And congratulations to the Cuyamaca College Student Trustee, ***Charles (Chuck) Taylor***

🐾 Coyote Music Festival

The 2nd Annual Coyote Music Festival was held on the Grand Lawn on May 1st from 12:00pm – 5:00pm. The free, all-ages concert featured nine performing groups on two stages, representing musical styles ranging from country to folk, alternative, and heavy metal. The event drew about 300 people. The Coyote Music Festival is the result of a



semester-long class project for the Music Industry Seminar; all of the planning, preparation and operations for this event were carried out by students under the direction of faculty members Pat Setzer and Taylor Smith, and Instructional Lab Aide, Chuck Walker.



🐾 Dr. Madelaine Wolfe elected as Vice President, San Diego / Imperial Region for California Community College Association for Occupational Education

Congratulations to Instructional Dean of Division I, Dr. Madelaine Wolfe for being elected as the Vice President, San Diego / Imperial Region. Dean Wolfe’s duties will include, among other things: assisting in the overall



leadership of the Association; assuring that statewide occupational education and economic development activities maintain sensitivity to local needs; facilitate communication among the Association leadership and coordinating activities within the region related top occupational education and economic development.

🐾 Transfer Achievement Celebration

On Friday May 7th, the transfer students, their families and friends were honored. During the ceremony, students received a transfer certificate and white cord which they will wear with their cap and gown during Commencement, identifying them as a transfer student. This energizing event was possible due to the generous financial support from the Cuyamaca College Foundation and ASGCC, as well as support from the Student Services' faculty and staff.



🐾 EOPS Student Recognition Ceremony

On Friday, May 7th, 2010, The Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) celebrated their annual Academic Recognition Ceremony honoring EOPS students graduating or transferring to four-year institutions. Approximately 110 students, staff, faculty and members of the administration and governing board attended the event. Students were presented with certificates of recognition for their program participation, EOPS Cuyamaca College graduation medallions, and vouchers for their graduation regalia. President Stuart Savin was in attendance and gave the graduates words of encouragement and support for their future endeavors. One of the highlights of the program was enjoying the comments of the guest speaker, Mr. Francisco Estrada, Chief of Staff for Mary Salas, Assembly member of the 79th District. Mr. Estrada emphasized the role of education in character-building, and building positive character traits such as honesty, integrity, determination, and discipline while holding onto one's dreams and making them realities. It was a perfect message for our students and many positive remarks were afterwards with Mr. Estrada for his presentation. EOPS wishes to thank all of those who attended and contributed to the success of this important event.

🐾 Dr. Tammi Marshall presents at SDSU's Student Success Colloquium

Congratulations to Cuyamaca College math instructor Dr. Tammi Marshall who, along with her two colleagues, Julianna Barnes and Randy Barnes from San Diego City College, was a presenter at the "MOVING THE NEEDLE: HELPING OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED" event on Friday, April 30th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Interwork Institute at SDSU. Topics included: (1) *Impact of a First Year Experience (FYE) Program on Developmental Education Students Success*, (2) *Learning Community Impacts on Student Success in Developmental Math*, and (3) *Learning Community Impacts on Student Success in Developmental English*.

🐾 Spring Garden Festival

This year's Spring Garden Festival was again another huge success. Attendance topped 6,400, making this 17th Annual Spring Garden Festival the largest community event of the year at Cuyamaca College.



🐾 Student Fine Arts Exhibition

On April 22, 2010, over 175 people were in attendance at the Annual Spring Student Fine Art Exhibition. The event was sponsored by the Cuyamaca College Foundation and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, whose funds will help with student monetary awards and the refreshments for the opening reception. A \$250 President Award was given to Rodrigo Maningas, for his work *Dark Background*, the Vice President of Instruction Award of \$150 went to Teodoro de Guzman, for *Himba Woman*, and the Dean's Award of \$100 went to Kira Martinez, for *In the Beginning*. Also, an additional \$25 was awarded to each of ten students in Watercolor, Painting, 2D Design, Figure Drawing, Drawing, Advance Drawing, 3D Design, Advance Painting and Advance Watercolor categories. The recipients were Norman Brown, Laura Lehman, Yvonne Trottier, Marta Juchan, Joanna Gutierrez, Francesca De. Giovanni, Jennifer Hart, Joshua Bayne, Oscar Mendoza, and Nancy Jacobson. A special thanks to Viejas Tribal Members Mr. Charlie Brown, Mr. Chuck Hanson, Vice President of Community Relations for Viejas, Mr. Henri Migala, Executive Dean of Institutional Advancement, and all of the art faculty for their enthusiastic and endless support of our program and students. Stop by the 3rd Floor in the Communication Arts Building and see - and even purchase - a fine art piece or two. The show will run through Wednesday, May 19th.

🐾 Cuyamaca Forensics Team's final performance

The college's final Speech Night, the annual on-campus performance by the Cuyamaca Forensics Team was held on Wednesday, May 12th from 6:30-9:00 pm in the Communication Arts Theater. There were well over 100 people in attendance and the team members performed excerpts from their favorite events from this past successful and memorable season. Humorous speeches as well as short programs of literature (including prose and poetry) were eloquently and artistically shared. The performances were entertaining, thought provoking and inspiring. Performers ranged from first-time presenters to 4-year veterans. President Savin, Chancellor Miles and Deans Soares and Wolfe attended the moving and memorable final event. Thanks to the expert mentorship of faculty member Nancy Jennings, the Cuyamaca Forensics Teams has enjoyed numerous successes, and travelled the world to compete and share their talents. The college and our forensics team will miss Nancy's irreplaceable talents as she steps aside after 20 years of heading up the forensics team in order to spend more time with her family. On behalf of all the many past and present students who have had the good fortune and great pleasure of learning from Nancy, we express our greatest appreciation for her selfless and tireless dedication to the forensics team.

🐾 Mexican Cultural Heritage Celebration

Approximately 500 guests, students, staff, faculty, community members and administrators gathered to celebrate Mexican Cultural Heritage Day on May 6th. Attendees assembled on the Grand Lawn were mesmerized by the impassioned vocal and musical arrangements of Mexican singer Beatriz Corral and Mariachi Real de San Diego. Keynote speaker Greg Gomez



delivered a meaningful speech that detailed the important roles of diversity and unity in our community. As in previous years, memories of this special occasion included authentic and delicious Mexican food provided by Sarita's Taco Shop in addition to the popular ASGCC-sponsored and free salsa bar which featured mild and hot salsas with fresh guacamole and chips. Over 30 students from the MEChA, ASGCC, EOPS and DSPS Clubs came together and worked with MEChA Club advisors/faculty members Lilia Pulido and Jesus Miranda to put on this celebration.

🐾 31st Automotive Skills Day

The Cuyamaca College Automotive Technology Department and the ASCCA (Automotive Service Councils of California), Chapter 24, have partnered to put together another successful Automotive Skills Day, arguably the best high school automotive competition in the state!

Started in 1980 by John Skinner, former ASCCA San Diego Chapter 24 Rite-Time Automotive of Spring Valley shop owner and Jim Custeau, Cuyamaca College Automotive Technology Program Coordinator, the event has evolved over the years from a single division with one student competing from each participating school, into a two division (basic and advanced) contest. The basic division students compete in teams of two students each, with up to three teams per school. On the advanced side, students compete individually with up to three students per school. This year, a total of 62 students competed from 8 schools.

The competition stations were selected from the eight ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certification areas and included: brakes, alignment, electrical, engine repair, engine repair, tool identification, automotive math and technical information look-up from an internet database. Program faculty and staff, including Lab Technician Will Lewon, plus instructors Chris Branton, Pat Garity, Jim Hannibal and Jim Custeau, designed and set up the competition areas. A special thanks to Patty Branton and Laci Misiano for their assistance with registration and scoring.

This year's winners were:

Advanced Division: 1st Place – Granite Hills, Kyle Warren;

2nd Place – Monte Vista, Gustavo Sanchez;

3rd Place – Ramona, Matt Tallman

Basic Division: 1st Place – Grossmont, Joe Marley and Mike Mc Ewen;

2nd Place – Granite Hills, Brandon Slysh and Dylan Miller-Sanchez;

3rd Place – Poway, Keri Cavender and Cameron Meyer.



Jim Custeau recently attended the Skills USA California State Finals and is happy to report that the thousands of dollars in prizes awarded at the Cuyamaca competition is more impressive than those given away at the statewide event.

Again, thank you to the independent automotive repair businesses of the ASCCA, San Diego Chapter 24, who have helped make this competition possible over the past 31 years.

🐾 **VPI Forums –**

Final interviews were conducted this month for the position of Vice President of Instruction. Each finalist met with selected committees, had a meet and greet with the President's Cabinet members followed by an all-campus forum where questions were asked of the candidate from those in attendance. References are being checked and we hope to make a decision soon.

🐾 **29th Annual Botanical Society Scholarship and Awards Banquet - May 13th**

The Cuyamaca College Botanical Society held its 29th Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 13th at the Crowne Plaza in Mission Valley. Over \$27,000 in scholarships were awarded to students in the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program. The dinner was attended by more than 150 faculty, staff, students, guests, donors and industry partners.

🐾 **Child Development Permit Celebration, May 12th**

On May 12, 2010, the Child Development program/Center and CalWORKs departments held the annual Permit Celebration. This event celebrates Child Development students who have obtained an Associate Teacher or Teacher permit from California Teacher Credentialing at the Department of Education during this past year. Students need to meet certain educational and experience requirements to receive the permit. Five students received an Associate Teacher permit and three students a Teacher permit. Congratulations to our students!!



🐾 **Men and Women Track and Field at Southern California Championships - Saturday, May 15th**

The Track and Field squad will be competing in the Southern California Community College Track and Field Championships at Saddleback College. Top finishers will qualify to the State Championships. The following athletes will be competing in the designated events:

Men's Hammer Throw - Derek Harrebomee

Men's 400m - Keith Turner

Men's High Jump - Khalil Henry

Women's Hammer Throw - Paula Saavedra

Women's Javelin Throw - Chelsea Staub

Women's Discus Throw - Chelsea Staub

🐾 **Women's Tennis Finals**

Post season 2010 Tennis results:

Katie Holley and Lauren Wells competed in singles at the Ojai Tennis Tournament. Katie and Shannon Foster played doubles as did Lauren and Ashley Wells.

Shannon and Ashley will be returning next season.

Katie Holley was named to the all conference team for the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference. She also qualified in both singles and doubles for the Southern California Regional Tournament.

Shannon Foster also qualified in Doubles for the Regional tournament. Both players competed in the Regional Tournament held at Long Beach City College.

🐾 Men's Golf in Las Serranos - Nate Dow

Student athlete Nate Dow qualified for Conference Finals with the Orange Empire Conference @ Los Serranos Golf Course. Nate missed qualifying for Regionals by only 2 points, and has been offered a scholarship @ CA State Dominguez Hills. Way to go, Nate!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 17-21 | Child Development Center's annual Children's Art Auction
Auction closes 4:30 p.m. on May 21. Stop by, enjoy the work of our young Picassos and bid on your favorite piece of art to help support our Child Development Center |
| May 21 | DSPS and Club Abled Graduate Recognition Ceremony (OH Lawn)
11:00am – 1:00pm |
| June 2 | Commencement
5:30 p.m. on the Athletic Track |

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