

# President's Report to the Governing Board

## June 15, 2010

### **🐾 Enrollment Comparisons**

The enrollment numbers reflect this year's reduced summer schedule.

	Summer 2010	Summer 2009	Difference by #	Percentage +/-
<b>Date</b>	06/09/10	06/03/09		
<b>Headcount</b>	2336	3108	-772	-24.8
<b>Units</b>	7873.5	11563.0	-3689.5	-31.9

### **🐾 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Commencement Ceremonies**

Under a bright summer evening sky, students looking forward to a bright future were encouraged to have hope and to persevere no matter the odds at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Cuyamaca College Commencement Ceremony on Wednesday, June 2. Hundreds of family members, friends, and colleagues cheered on the students who earned 378 associate's degrees and 128 certificates this year. Graduates ranged in age from 19 to 65. Hope was the theme of the remarks by this year's keynote speaker, Dr. Chris Chaves, Deputy Chief for Faculty and Staff Development, Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. Dr. Chaves began his own education at a community college and is a former San Diego resident. The Class of 2010 Valedictorian, Ms. Bushra Rezoqi, shared her own story of hope, optimism and persistence in her address. A Chaldean immigrant who fled her native Iraq in 2001, Ms. Rezoqi first lived in Colombia and Ecuador, learning Spanish as her third language before she came to San Diego. Cuyamaca College President Dr. Stuart Savin presided over his first commencement ceremony after coming to campus two months ago.

### **🐾 DSPS Graduate Recognition Ceremony**

On May 21, approximately 50 students, friends and family members attended the DSPS Graduate Recognition Ceremony which celebrated the disabled students graduating from Cuyamaca College with a degree or certificate. Club Abled (a college club to support students with disabilities) sponsored the event by providing food and refreshments.

### **🐾 Cuyamaca College 16<sup>th</sup> Annual East County Career Fair**

Approximately 500 students and community members attended the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Cuyamaca College Career Fair on May 4 in the Student Center. There were 48 employers, community agencies in attendance as well as Cuyamaca and Grossmont program representatives.

Employers and agencies offered job opportunities and career planning assistance. Volunteer agencies and businesses looking for interns were specifically invited, so that the students who have never had a job will have a place to go and learn before they actually earn.

Cuyamaca Dining Services served a continental breakfast and lunch for the employers and those who donated a raffle prize. In preparation of the fair the Career Center held over 7 resume workshops in advance. Tips were shared regarding how to dress for success and how to present oneself at a career fair. Over 1000 invitations and Career Fair posters were sent to San Diego County employers, agencies, libraries and schools. Advertisements were placed on several internet sites including: Jobing.com, the Events section of the UT and Facebook to reach those who increasingly use the internet to look for employment.

During the event staffers received many compliments on how “prepared” our students were from companies such as Cox Communications, CitiBank, and Aerotek. This year’s fair had the added feature of the Rockwall from the US Army and handmade native basketry from Martha Rodriguez from Kumeyaay Community College. Sponsors of the fair always receive publicity, their logo and link posted on our Career Services Website for one year.

Sponsors of the Fair:

U.S. Army  
The Brickman  
California Army National Guard  
Point Loma Credit Union  
SeaWorld San Diego  
Ace Parking  
Citibank  
Pizza Hut  
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

**Special thanks to Student Services Staff who volunteered their services (Counseling, Transfer Center) as well as Graphics, Operations, Duplicating, Public Safety, Workforce Development Committee (Carl Perkins VTEA IC Grant).**

**🐾 Cuyamaca College Foundation’s “SHINE ON”**

You cannot overstate the beauty and success of the College Foundation’s “Shine On” event held on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> here at the college. Co-Chairs Henri Migala, Gwen Nix, and Susan Butler, along with their band of energetic volunteers, performed an AMAZING transformation of the college’s Student Plaza into a spectacular, elegant and sophisticated setting for fine dining, great fun, and beautiful music! Our heartfelt thanks to each of the volunteers for the innumerable hours spent preparing for the festivities. The auction items were impressive and imaginative, the food was sensational and the company was stellar! We had a great turnout of guests and a special time with our honored guests, Cuyamaca College’s past presidents Doctors Wallace Cohen, Samuel Ciccati, Sherrill Amador and Geraldine Perri. Additionally The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians were honored by being the first community organization to be

inducted into the college's "Honor Court" to recognize Viejas' long-standing commitment and support to education and Cuyamaca College.

**🐾 Chemistry Instructor Invited to Speak at National Conference**

Chemistry Instructor Laurie LeBlanc has been invited to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial on Chemical Education in August to speak on "Student Learning Through Integrated Laboratory Modules Using a Case-Study Approach". She has been invited to speak in a symposium presented by Matthew Johll, the author of a forensic chemistry text that she uses in her classes.

**🐾 Math Instructor Receives Doctorate Degree**

This past May, Dr. Tammi Marshall, Math Instructor, received her Ed.D. in Leadership Studies with a Community College emphasis from San Diego State University. This new doctoral program is the only one of its kind in California, whereby a California State University can award a doctorate degree (without being in conjunction with a UC program).

**🐾 Modesto Junior College Visits PDC Program**

On May 12, 2010, a team from Modesto Junior College came to visit the college's Professional Development Course program. The Modesto College team included a Student Success administrator, three counselors, and an instructor for their guidance classes. The visiting team was interested in information on the college's PDC program, curriculum and how the program assists first-year students. Marsha Fralick, Paul Delys, and Raad Jerjis joined Cindy Morrin for various parts of the visit. The team viewed a PDC 124 class in progress, then Ms. Morrin reported on our persistence, success, and retention rates. The participants shared many best practices and everyone learned a great deal about each other's programs. MJC currently uses the same curriculum as Cuyamaca College and had lots of questions about the orientation, career, and educational advising components in Cuyamaca College's PDC courses.

**🐾 Economic and Workforce Programs Partners with Non-Profit Solar Company**

Cuyamaca College's Economic and Workforce Development grant programs have been working with Grid Alternatives ([www.gridalternatives.org](http://www.gridalternatives.org)), a non-profit solar company that installs free solar PV systems on low-income housing in San Diego. Grid Alternatives uses volunteers as installers and has partnered up with Cuyamaca College to allow 10-12 students from each of the college's solar installation classes to come out and install a full system on a low-income house. This is a wonderful and unique addition to the class as it allows the students to get on-the-job-experience just weeks after finishing the program. Grid Alternatives is equally excited about the partnership because most of their volunteers have no background in solar. There is no doubt that Cuyamaca College now has not only a unique but certainly the best Solar PV Installer program in the state!

**🐾 Cuyamaca College's Rock, Pop & Soul Ensemble**

Performed May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theater. The ensemble consists of adjunct faculty members who really rocked!

### **🐾 Cuyamaca College Concert Band**

Directed by Jeanne Christensen, the concert band performed their final concert of the semester on May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theater. Fifty-three students comprise the concert band.

### **🐾 Children's Art Silent Auction**

This year represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Children's Art Silent Auction. It consisted of 12 pieces of art work created by our children at the Child Development Center, and all pieces were mounted on canvas. Bidding began on May 17 and, due to the popularity of the event, was extended through Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. It was a record year for the auction which brought in over \$500, which will be used for children enrichment programs. Many thanks to Aimee Hatfield who coordinates this effort every year!

### **🐾 East County EDC's "Community Leaders Spotlight" – SDG&E**

East County Economic Development Council's Community Leaders Spotlight took place at the Student Center from 5:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. on May 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a great opportunity to meet SDG&E's new leadership team including Mr. Jessie Knight Jr., CEO and Mr. Mike Niggli, President & COO. Additionally, guests were able to learn about SDG&E's Energy Resource Plan and how it benefits East County communities; meet SDG&E experts in the areas of energy efficiency, the environment and emergency preparedness; receive information on programs and services available to residents and businesses; and lastly, attendees were able to nominate their local charity for SDG&E's Community Leadership Award.

### **🐾 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Finals: Men's, Women's Athletes of the Week**

It was quite a month for Cuyamaca College athletes! The Coyote Men's Team won its fourth consecutive Foothill Conference Championship, and took four Individual Foothill Conference event titles (Mr. Turner in the 400m, and Mr. Harrebomee won three events - Hammer Throw, Discus Throw, Shot Put). Additionally, three Coyote men athletes qualified for state championship: Mr. Derek Harrebomee - Hammer Throw (5th place); Mr. Keith Turner - 400m (6th place); Mr. Khalil Henry - High Jump (8th place).

The Coyote Women's Team took Second place at Foothill Conference Championship with five individual Foothill Conference Event Champions (Ms. Staub won two events - Javelin Throw, Discus Throw, Ms. Saavedra won two events - Hammer Throw, Shot Put, and Ms. Fatima Gomez won Pole Vault). Ms. Chelsea Staub was also a state championship qualifier and attained "All-American" status.

The Foothill Conference coaches named Mr. Derek Harrebomee the 2010 Field Event Athlete of the Year for Men, and Ms. Chelsea Staub was named the 2010 Field Event Athlete of the Year for Women.

### **🐾 Library's Summer Display "Come Read with Me"**

This summer, the Cuyamaca College LTRC would like to extend an invitation to all students, staff and faculty to share the enriching experience of reading with children. Read to your

children or grandchildren. Read to a neighbor, friend, niece or nephew, or how about your own inner-child? Studies show that “the most important thing adults can do in preparing young children for success in school and reading is to read aloud with them.” Stop by and visit the LTRC from Monday – Thursday, 8 am- 6 pm and check out our display of classics and Caldecott Award winners in addition to plenty of thematic literature perfect for sharing with children of all ages. Happy Reading!

A special recognition and appreciation is extended to the staff of the LTRC’s for May’s display on the history of ending educational discrimination. In conjunction with Cuyamaca College’s *Mexican Cultural Heritage Celebration*, which was held on Thursday, May 6, 2010, the library displayed items relating to the historic *Mendez v. Westminster* case, a class-action lawsuit which was instrumental to ending school segregation in California. This historical event also helped pave the way to the landmark court case *Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka* which resulted in the Supreme Court ruling that ended the school segregation of African-Americans.

#### **🐾 After Commencement Party**

Following commencement, the After Commencement Party took place at the Water Conservation Garden. Co-sponsored by Academic Senate and the Cuyamaca College Foundation, approximately 80 faculty, staff, administrators, and District personnel relaxed under twinkling lights, enjoying great refreshments, drinks, and music. Raffle tickets were distributed to all in attendance for many great door prizes. The Foundation distributed an engraved stemless wine glass to each person as an expression of gratitude for all the hard work our college employees do throughout the year.

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