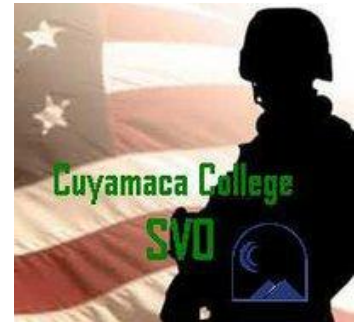


## President's Report to the Governing Board October 19, 2010

### **🐾 New Veterans' Club Forms on Campus**

The new Veterans' Club held its first meeting in the Student Center. This club is open to all veterans, including faculty and staff, and provides them an opportunity to connect with fellow veterans. The club will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Student Center. On November 10<sup>th</sup> the college is planning a festive event to honor and acknowledge our veteran students, faculty and staff. Check out our Facebook page: Cuyamaca College Student Veteran Organization: [http://www.facebook.com/?sk=2361831622#!/home.php?sk=group\\_138605156186852](http://www.facebook.com/?sk=2361831622#!/home.php?sk=group_138605156186852)



### **🐾 Community College League of California's (CCLC) 2020 Vision/Student Success Conference**

A team from Cuyamaca College along with representatives from Grossmont and the District attended the 2020 Conference recently held in downtown San Diego. Participation in the daylong workshop included setting goals for improving student outcomes by the year 2020 and addressed different strategies for succeeding in this endeavor. Along with the presentation by Scott Lay, CEO of the League for California Community Colleges, a panel of members from the 2020 visioning task force shared their perspectives and the background activities to this report. One activity led the college team to identify specific strategies to improve student success. These strategies are already instrumental in discussions regarding how staff development activities in the college will be modified in the coming months.



### **🐾 College Hosts Dutch Educators**



On Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, a group of thirty-nine educational visitors from the Netherlands interested in learning about our district and colleges came to Cuyamaca for an afternoon. Chancellor Miles along with representatives from California Partnership for Achieving Student Success (CalPASS), Distance Education and online teaching and learning, faculty from the English and Math departments, and Government Relations & Public Information were on hand to present information on district-wide and regional educational best practices. The Dutch delegation was given a tour of Cuyamaca's Business & Technology and the Science & Technology Buildings during their visit.

**🐾 Rice Family Foundation Awards College Ornamental Horticulture Program \$50,000**

We are pleased to announce that the Rice Family Foundation has awarded the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program \$50,000 for support of internships, the newsletter and scholarships in 2011. Program Coordinator Brad Monroe will provide quarterly reports to the Rice Family Foundation on the progress of the grant and their board members will be invited to the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual OH Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, May 12, 2011, to present their scholarships.

**🐾 College Foundation Planning meeting**

The Cuyamaca College Foundation had another exciting and productive meeting with Foundation consultant Glenn Kaufhold from Miami Dade College. The half-day meeting engaged the Foundation members to focus on their fundraising priorities, its case statement and a business plan to hire a dedicated Executive Director for the Foundation.



**🐾 Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Conference**



Executive Dean Henri Migala recently attended the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) to learn more about enhancing the college's efforts to reach out to our Hispanic community and about unique funding opportunities for supporting student success. Colleges which serve a student population of at least 25% Hispanic are officially considered "Hispanic Serving Institutions" (HSIs) and are eligible to access significant funding opportunities reserved specifically for such institutions. Currently, Cuyamaca College serves 2,451 Hispanic students, or 24.3% of our total population. The college expects to reach the 25% threshold and become an HIS within the next two years.

**🐾 Congressional Debate Held at the College**

The East County Chamber of Commerce hosted all 3 balloted candidates running for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional district in a debate held in the Communication Arts theatre this past Friday. This free event provided those in attendance an opportunity to hear from the candidates and how they can become engaged in our political process, just weeks before the November midterm elections.



**🐾 Regional Meeting Held at Cuyamaca College**



The San Diego and Imperial Counties Cal-SOAP (Student Opportunity Access Program) Board meeting was recently held at the Student Center. The collaboration was hosted by the Student Services Division Interim Assistant Dean of EOPS, Nanyamka Hill, who serves as a board member.

San Diego Cal-SOAP Director, Ms. Linda Doughty, oversees the largest region within the seventeen program consortia. Cal-SOAP provides information about postsecondary education and financial aid, and raises the achievement levels of students from low-income families. Working under the auspices of the California Student Aid Commission, Cal-SOAP represents the educational community: the University of California, California State University, California Community Colleges, independent colleges, public schools and local non-profit agencies.

#### **🐾 CARE Program Provides Food for Students**

The Student Services CARE Program Food Pantry concluded its' Food Hunger Month collection drive on September 29, 2010. For several weeks, the CARE program solicited food items from the campus community. The goal behind the drive is to provide the most basic necessity to any student experiencing hardship. The program received donations from faculty, staff and student organizations such as the DSPS Club and ASGCC. Generous donations of canned meats, fruits, sauces, beans, boxes of cereal and noodles were gathered – plenty for this year's needs.



#### **🐾 Personal Development Counseling 101 for Cuyamaca College CalWORKs Students**

In August 2010, Cuyamaca College CalWORKs and Personal Development Counseling (PDC) worked together to provide a PDC 101 Introduction to College course for new students on CalWORKs cash aid. PDC 101 instructors and CalWORKs counselors, Nada Grigsby and Reem Asfour, jointly taught two sections that totaled 120 students. This is the third time of offering this class that has been extremely popular with our new CalWORKs students. About 75 students on the wait list had to be turned away. Since the primary language of the students was Arabic, Arabic translators from Alliance for African Assistance and Arabic-speaking college students provided translation that helped students understand PDC 101 course material. Students participated in the course with great enthusiasm and had many questions for guest speakers from Financial Aid, ESL, American Civil Liberties Union, and CalWORKs. A three-hour tour of the Cuyamaca College campus included facilities for campus academic programs and support services. Major course content included education assessment, education planning, and use of WebAdvisor, CalWORKs support, and campus services. Students felt that this course was extremely informative, and helped them understand the importance of good education planning. This class will be offered again in January so those who were turned away this time will have a chance to take it then.

#### **🐾 College Now a National Weather Reporting Station**



A weather station on top of the science building is now sending real time weather data to the National Weather Service. In an agreement with the National Weather Service, the college's weather station now provides assistance with local forecasting. A monitor has been installed outside the Earth Science lab where weather data can be viewed. There is also a dedicated computer in the Earth Science lab that is linked to the station

that compiles data that can be used in the classroom. You can check the local weather out through the website: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sgx/obs/currenthrr.php?wfo=sgx&hrr=hrrRSC>

### **🐾 Coyote Athletes On the Move**

The Cuyamaca Men's Cross Country team placed 11th out of 20 teams at the Orange Coast Cross Country Classic at Fairview Park in Irvine, CA.

- 🐾 Co-Captain Nick Haines led the Coyotes with his 15th place finish out of 213 finishers, running his way to a new personal best time of 21:19.
- 🐾 Eddie Corvera was 2nd for the team, finishing up in 44th place with a time of 22:08.
- 🐾 Ryan Lawler ran his way to third place on the team with his time of 22:11 and placed 45th overall.
- 🐾 The come-back story of the day was Nick Christie whose 3-mile split time and his final finishing time of 23:31 were both PRs, as he placed 4th for the team. Nick has come a long way this season and is doing a great job for the team.
- 🐾 Tony Gonzalez placing 5th for the team, ran his way to a PR time of 23:37.
- 🐾 Johnny Williams ran strong finishing up in a season best time of 23:42.
- 🐾 Five of the 6 Coyotes ran personal best times on a course that had a tough uphill on the last mile.



The Men and Women's cross country teams competed on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Brubaker Invitational at Irvine Regional Park. The Coyote women were up first and competed in the 5km event. Unfortunately for the Coyotes, the team was set back significantly as the usual mid-season tweaks came into play. Only two of the Coyotes finished the race.

- 🐾 It was up to freshman Kate Leidiger to lead the way. She ran a solid time of 23:03 to place 16th, and earned the first medal of the season for the ladies!
- 🐾 Paige Mowrey ran 26:52 to place 31st.

Women's Soccer is currently 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Pacific Coast Conference standings, with a loss to Palomar 2:1 on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The team had a great come back with a win against Imperial Valley College on October 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:0.

Women's Volleyball lost to San Diego Mesa and Grossmont, although previously winning a match against Mt. San Antonio. The team hosted Palomar College last Friday night @ 5:00pm for another Pacific Coast Competition Game.

Men's Soccer tied 1:1 Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> while hosting San Diego City College, their record now is 1-1-2 in the Pacific Coast Conference. Last Friday the team traveled to Mira Costa College for a competition.

Men's Basketball Season started practice on October 1, 2010. They will begin competitions on November 5<sup>th</sup> in a tournament hosted @ College of the Canyons, and the team will be assisting the Club ABLED Wheelchair Basketball Game on October 27<sup>th</sup>.



### **🐾 News from Student Services**

For Constitution Day, student leaders distributed cookies and quizzes stretching people's knowledge of our country's Constitution throughout the campus. The Statue of Liberty also made her appearance around the college.

Student Affairs staff have been working with Linda Waring, Director of the Workplace Learning Resource Center, in researching and assessing leadership programs for our students and student government.



The Student Health Center reports that over 400 flu shots have been given to students, faculty and staff. The flu vaccine is available at no charge for those at the college. The recent blood drive netted over 24 pints for the San Diego Blood Bank.

### **🐾 Outreach Update**

Outreach continues to give classroom presentations, introducing high school students to our college, the application process, and providing information on transferring to a 4-year institution and financial aid. Outreach has been invited to present at Gateway West, Grossmont High School, and Mount Miguel High School. The Outreach Ambassadors also gave a modified presentation about Cuyamaca College using PowerPoint at Steele Canyon's and Valhalla's Parent College Night. Outreach also began tours of the campus with Valhalla High School and Chaparral High School. The students really seemed impressed by all of the changes to our beautiful college campus. Our special team of Student Ambassadors also participated in an El Cajon Fire Safety & Career Expo, Patrick Henry's College Fair, Our Lady of the Peace Coronado High's College Fair, Point Loma High School's College Night, and Cal SOAP's College Fair, where residents of San Diego County got to hear about the exciting educational opportunities available to them at Cuyamaca.

### **🐾 Library's Display ~ National Disabilities Awareness Month**



Come visit the LTRC (aka Library) this month and learn more about human disabilities and how our college assists and supports disabled students. The display contains books, information sheets on famous disabled individuals as well as five Paragrad Disability Awareness Posters. In addition, the display includes items on loan that are used to assist our disabled students such as assistive computer technology (both hardware and software) and alternate media from Cuyamaca College's Disabled Students Programs Services (DSPS). These items have been provided by the High Tech Center located in the LTRC in room C-102.

## Upcoming College Events

### **🐾 Annual Transfer Fair Coming to Cuyamaca College**

The Transfer Center will be hosting the Transfer Fair on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on the Grand Lawn area. Students will have the opportunity to meet up with representatives from over thirty-five colleges, including California and out of state universities.

October 20	“Got Plans?”	5:00 p.m.	Student Center Plaza
October 22	Aggie Golf Tournament	Noon	Bonita Golf Club
October 22	Child Development Center Fall Festival	5:30 p.m.	Child Development Center
October 26-29	Disabilities Awareness Week		
October 27	Wheelchair Basketball Game	12:15 p.m.	College Gym
November 10	Veterans’ Day Celebration	Day & Evening Celebrations	Student Center
November 11	Veterans’ Day Holiday	THANK YOU to all Veterans!	
November 16	College Hour: Native American Heritage	6:30 p.m.	Student Center
December 3	EOPS/CARE Holiday Celebration	1:00 p.m.	TBA
December 8	College Hour: ASGCC Holiday Party	11:30 a.m.	Student Center
December 9	President’s Holiday Celebration	12:00 p.m.	Student Center I-207 & I-208

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