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President's Report to the Governing Board December 14, 2010

🐾 New Associate Dean for Athletics



Cuyamaca College announces the selection of Mr. Scott Herrin as the new Associate Dean, Athletics at Cuyamaca College. Scott brings a strong academic preparation, along with a wealth of valuable experiences to this new college leadership position. Scott's education includes both bachelors and masters degrees in sports administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. In addition, he is currently working toward his doctorate in the Educational Leadership program at SDSU. Scott has also served in a variety of athletics leadership and fundraising positions that make him an ideal candidate for his new position at Cuyamaca. Scott comes to us from MiraCosta College, having worked as a development officer. Prior to joining the staff at MiraCosta, Scott served as the Associate Athletic Director at Portland State University where he was responsible for fundraising, marketing and external affairs for the university's athletics department. In these roles, Scott has helped build strong connections between athletic programs and the alumni and corporate sponsors that support college athletics. Scott also has experience as a coach, instructor and counselor for athletes at the State University of New York, Cobleskill. Scott began his new assignment on December 1st. He will be a tremendous asset to the college, helping Cuyamaca's athletics department build resources and secure their reputation as a successful, high quality program.

🐾 CARE Food Pantry is Full

The CARE program would like to say "Thank you!" to our Cuyamaca family! Thanks to your generosity, the CARE Food Pantry has surpassed capacity and is already providing food to students in need. The response from the campus community has been so great that we now have enough food to meet the needs of our students through the end of the spring semester.

🐾 Annual President's Holiday Party – All is Merry and Bright

The Student Center was alight with merriment at the annual President's Holiday Party. Faculty, staff, administrators, and community members were treated to gourmet faire provided by Sodexo while participating in college holiday games/competitions such as one-handed gift box wrapping and snowflake creations. This festive event also included some face painting, spearheaded by Chancellor Miles. We are grateful to the Cuyamaca College Foundation for their ongoing support of this popular holiday tradition.



🐾 College Hosts President of California Community Colleges Board of Governors



🐾 Mr. Scott Himelstein, the new California Community Colleges Board of Governors president, visited Cuyamaca College on Friday, December 10, 2010 and met with college and district leadership to discuss his priorities and interests. Mr. Himelstein also toured the campus where he learned about Cuyamaca's music industry program, ESL-Link, the "crime scene investigation" assignment for chemistry and biology, CalPASS and workforce development grants through the Center for Innovation. He also visited the ornamental horticulture program and met with ASGC student leaders to talk about their goals and experiences in college. It was a great honor to host Mr. Himelstein and provide feedback on concurrent enrollment, transfer and student success as he assumes leadership of the Board of Governors.

🐾 2010 CARE Holiday Workshop

On Friday, December 3rd, the CARE program hosted its annual Holiday Workshop for single parent students at the Heritage of the Americas Museum. Toys were donated by the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program. In addition, CARE students received personal gifts and gift cards donated by ASGCC, administrators, faculty and staff from Cuyamaca College. The program began with a warm welcome from Julianna Barnes, Vice President of Student Development and Services and Interim President Robert Garber. Deborah Ferrin, Child Development Instructor, presented a fun and informative workshop on the developmental stages of children from birth to their teenage years. Following the workshop students enjoyed light snacks, the opportunity to gift wrap toys for their children, and a raffle led by Advisory Committee member Yvonne Powell and participants Ray Reyes, Director of Financial Aid, and Lilia Pulido, Counselor.



🐾 EOPS Staff Attend Regional Conference

Region X EOPS directors held their annual Region X EOPS Student Leadership Conference in November at the Mission Trails Regional Center. The theme for this year's conference was "Empower Our Future Leaders." Student attendees were nominated to attend the conference by counselors from each of the regional EOPS programs. This year conference topics included "Leaders and Diversity", lead by Tanis Stark from San Diego State University, Student Involvement, an ASG panel, lead by Larry Maxey, Associate Dean, Outreach from the San Diego Community College District, and Financial Literacy, lead by Mary Snyder from Palomar Community College. While EOPS directors were able to meet and share resources with other programs, students were able to network with representatives and build new friendships during the lunch and afternoon breaks. The Cuyamaca College EOPS program sent a total of six students to the event. The students were accompanied by Interim Assistant Dean, EOPS Nanyamka Hill.

🐾 Cuyamaca LINK Continues to be a Popular Program

Ambassadors with Student Outreach have successfully registered another 335 Cuyamaca LINK students for the Spring 2011 semester. The entire



current 449 LINK students were emailed and personally called to remind them to sign up and attend a registration workshop prior to the start of the semester.

🐾 Proposal Accepted for *Innovations 2011 Conference in San Diego*

ASL Adjunct Instructor and ASL Technology Coordinator, Jennifer Smith, submitted a proposal to the League of Innovation for the Innovations 2011 Conference in San Diego. Her proposal was accepted for the ASL presentation titled "They Have an App for That!" Led by Ms. Smith, the presenting team will include Kelley Nielsen, Jack Robertson, Lena Nakkash, Kelsey Martinez, and Dr. Therese Botz, of Social and Behavioral Sciences. They are all very excited about this opportunity and look forward to showcasing our college and their program.



🐾 Student Services Activities

In addition to the Cuyamaca Coyote, students and staff participated in the annual **Mother Goose Parade** in downtown El Cajon on November 21st. Rain did not dampen the spirits of the students, Ana Jacobo, Daniel Padelford, Julie Duong, Robert Briseno, Vanessa Vasques, Terri Aguir, and Casey Aquiar who participated in the parade by riding on the Classified Senate float. At the **November Native American Heritage College Hour**, students were treated to Native American music performed by Jim Hannibal and Roy Robinson while

students handed out s'mores to those that came by to listen to the music and learn about the Native Americans who were first to settle in the region. During the **December Holiday College Hour**, students, faculty and staff were encouraged to sign Christmas cards that will be sent to troops overseas that will not be able to be home with their families this holiday season. To celebrate the season, cookies and hot cocoa were served.

🐾 College Receives Whooping Cough Vaccine

Selected by the San Diego County Health Department, Cuyamaca College was the only college in the region to receive the whooping cough vaccine. Health Services Nurse Priscilla Bartholomew received 75 vials of the vaccine that were used here at the college.



🐾 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, 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. 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.



🐾 Men's Cross Country Team Keep Running into Victory

The Cuyamaca College Men's Cross Country team qualified for the Community College State Championships in Fresno for the second year in a row at the Southern California Regional Championships on Saturday November 6th, held at Mission Bay. The Coyotes placed 17th out of 28 teams, to secure their place in Woodward Park, where the State Championships were held on Saturday, November 20th. Coach Tim Seaman is pleased with the team qualifying for the State Meet in his first year coaching the Coyotes, but said that he expects the best is yet to come. "The guys are ready to run fast. They will run faster and be much stronger in Fresno." Congratulations to the running Coyotes!

🐾 Successful Season for Men's Soccer



Coach Brett Williams reports that the Men's Soccer team had a very successful season, tying for second place in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference. Four players, Kendal Colosimo, Dominic Del Rio, Richard Perez, and Andrew Sauls, were named first team All Conference. Kyle Milligan and Anthony Maldonado were named as honorable mentions. Some season highlights were tying San Diego City College, rated 4th in the southern region, with a late goal by Richard Perez, and coming away with a 1-0 victory against San Diego Mesa College with a goal from freshman Edwin Zuniga. There is a great nucleus of second year players that bring a lot of maturity and

experience for the freshman players. Look for the Cuyamaca's Men's Soccer team to be a very strong force to deal with for next year. Go Coyotes!

🐾 Center for Innovation Activity

The Center for Innovation within the office of Continuing Education serves as the umbrella for many of the contract and grant-funded professional and vocational programs housed at Cuyamaca College. Many are regional programs funded to serve all of San Diego and Imperial counties. Below is a brief summary of their recent activities:

- Eighty-six students completed the Solar, Building Performance Institute certification, Water Use Efficiency, and Green Building Performance courses supported by ARRA grant funds.
- The two pilot ESL (English as a Second Language) classes concluded on December 6th. The collaboration between continuing education and the credit ESL program was a success for the students served. There was a celebration held in the Student Center to recognize all the students' hard work and dedication. A total of 59 Certificates of Attendance were awarded to those students who successfully completed the requirements and are prepared to



enter the ESL 80 class. These pilot classes were such a success that we will be offering them again in the spring.

- Continuing Education has teamed up with the Math department to offer a “Gear up for Success” math academy program which will allow students who tested below college level credit courses an opportunity to attend non credit classes and improve their Math scores.
- There were 393 visits from students to the Workforce Training Resource Lab in November and 54 assessments for various continuing education programs.
- Jonathan Kropp attended the Brighter Green Futures on November 6th and sat on a panel promoting Cuyamaca’s Green Programs.
- As part of the BADGER project, Jennifer Lewis hosted a BADGER EMS Workshop in National City for the Automotive Industry.
- Directors and program managers attended the San Diego Workforce Partnership Workforce Summit on November 18th.

🐾 Library Display: Are You Prepared for an Earthquake?

Throughout the months of December and January the LTRC display will focus on EARTHQUAKES. Check out books addressing earthquake causes, magazine articles discussing historical quakes and additional information including fault-line maps as well as FREE earthquake preparedness materials. Stop by the LTRC and discover some excellent resources for up-to-date information on earthquakes and earthquake preparedness



Upcoming College Events

- 🐾 **Spring 2011 Convocation** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011, beginning with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the Student Center. Our guest speaker for the morning will be Jim Gaston, Associate Director of Information Technology at the South Orange County Community College District. Mr. Gaston’s presentation is titled “Connecting with the iPod Generation.”

