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President's Report to the Governing Board January 18, 2011

Happy New Year!

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

ASL Adjunct Instructor and ASL Technology Coordinator, Jennifer Smith, submitted a proposal to the League for 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.

🐾 Engineering Students Selected as National Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS)

Christopher Allan and Damon Vinsant, students from Dr. Duncan McGehee's Microcontrollers and Robotics (engineering) class, were recently accepted into the scholars program for this semester. The National Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) is a program funded by NASA's Exploration Systems Mission Directorate (ESMD) and the Minority University Research and Education Program (MUREP) and administered by NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC). Community college students selected from across the nation interested in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics will travel to NASA for a three-day experience. This opportunity will provide a hands-on project featuring engineering career possibilities. Christopher and Damon will begin the semester commitment with Web-based preparation prior to their onsite visit. NCAS is an interactive, online learning experience where students complete Web-based lessons during the spring and travel to NASA for a three-day experience in May where they work with NASA engineers and scientists developing a proposal for a fictitious Martian rover. Congratulations!



🐾 Performing Arts Performances

December was a busy month for the Performing Arts Department. On December 2nd adjunct instructor and concert pianist John Mark Harris performed in a solo concert that celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birth of composer Frederic Chopin. Harris played works by Chopin as well as selections from a number of American composers including Charles Ives, Philip Glass and Henry Cowell. On December 6th, the department kicked off a week of concerts with the Rock Pop and Soul Ensemble, under the direction of Aaron Irwin.

The group performed a program entitled "The Gnarly Nineties" that ranged from grunge to rhythm and blues and included works by Nirvana, Radiohead, Salt 'n' Pepa, and Mariah Carey. On December 7th, the Cuyamaca College Choir concluded its first semester under new director Merryl Nelson with a holiday themed concert that featured the "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi as well as a carol singalong and several contemporary choral works. On December 8th, the

concert bands of Cuyamaca College and Grossmont College, directed respectively by Jeanne Christensen and Russell Sperling, gave a joint concert. After each band played its program they joined on stage for two numbers that brought down the house. And finally, on Friday, December 10th, the students in the Music Industry Seminar produced the first annual Winter Wonder Jam, a concert that featured four local bands that play original pop, rock, and reggae music. This event was entirely produced and run by students in the Music Industry program, and was featured in a story on Patch.com. You may view the news item at www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts.

🐾 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:

- Linda Waring, Director of the Workplace Learning Resource Center (WpLRC), developed a report on the alignment of certificate programs with workforce and economic development efforts in Region 10. This will be distributed to local colleges, workforce development and economic development partners, community organizations, WpLRC Advisory group members, and other interested parties.
- The pilot non-credit ESL class offered through Continuing Ed ended with a celebration and certificate awards ceremony on December 6th. Sixty-six students completed the program and are prepared to enter ESL 80 credit class this semester.
- The presence of Cuyamaca College and The Center for Innovation at the Green Industries and Career Fair at the California Center for Sustainable Energy Conference (CCSE) on December 10, 2010 was facilitated by Alan Ridley.
- *Exciting news!!* California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program enrolled 156 students in the Solar PhotoVoltaic, Title 24, and OSHA 510 classes for unemployed or underemployed people in the construction and building field.
- Continuing Ed finished the fall semester offering 146 class sections and served 3, 122 students through non-credit and fee-based offerings.

🐾 Greetings from Student Outreach!

December was a very busy month for the student ambassadors as we welcomed Mountain Empire and Mount Miguel High Schools to our wonderful campus for full-scale campus tours. Ambassadors visited Steele Canyon High School for an application workshop. January has been a great month for Outreach as we welcomed in the New Year with campus tours with West Hills, Mount Miguel and Steele Canyon High Schools. We also enjoyed showing 100 students from the PDC department around campus. We will be providing information tables staffed with ambassadors for the first week of school. These tables will help orient students to their college campus and assist with any questions they may have. Outreach has maintained a presence at each of our 11 feeder schools with one-on-one advising sessions. Student Outreach will visit each school twice a month throughout the school year.

🐾 ASGCC Activities

Below is a brief summary of student government and student services' recent activities:

- Cuyamaca College recently hosted the Region X meeting for all associated student government members. Ana Jacobo, ASGCC Vice President, was selected as the new Region X Treasurer.
- ASGCC students supported the City of El Cajon by volunteering at the city-wide “Lend-A-Hand” event in early December.
- During the college hour in December, students signed 355 Christmas cards for people serving in the armed forces and away from their loved ones.
- ASGCC students are selling the new Student Benefit Card/Passport. The passport offers over \$300 in values, offering more places and services than last semester, including car washes, haircuts, nail care and so much more.
- In addition to the new ASGCC webpage and Facebook page, student government staff is working on a fan page through Facebook for the Cuyamaca Coyote. The fan page was requested by the Cuyamaca College Soccer team.
- Student Services will be purchasing Executive T-shirts that will be worn by the Executive members at college and community events for easier identification.
- We continue to support our Men’s Basketball team with our Coyote mascot and having the snack bar open during the game.



Library Display: Are You Prepared for an Earthquake?



Throughout 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 2010 Convocation** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011, beginning with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in Student Services. 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."

🐾 **College Hour – "Black History Month"**

Thursday, February 17th, 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center

🐾 **32nd Annual Arbor Day Celebration**

Tuesday, March 1st, 2:30 p.m. in the OH Nursery

🐾 **3rd Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference**

Thursday, March 10th, 7:30 a.m. in the Communication Arts Center.

The Cuyamaca College Horticulture Program in conjunction with the University of California Cooperative Extension Service and the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society is proud to present the Third Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference. The theme for this year's conference is Sustainable Landscapes in Action.

🐾 **Senior High Math Field Day**

Saturday, March 12th, 8:00 a.m., L Building

🐾 **College Hour – "Women's History Month"**

Wednesday, March 16th, 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center

🐾 **Children's Art Auction**

March 24 through April 15, Child Development Center

