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## President's Report to the Governing Board July 19, 2011

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### **🐾 Introduction of New Staff:**

#### **DR. LAUREN WEINER, Associate Dean, Student Affairs**



Lauren brings a strong academic background and a wealth of experience to the position of Associate Dean, Student Affairs. She possesses a BA in Liberal Arts/Spanish Concentration from Pepperdine University and also an MA in Educational Administration from Santa Clara University. Most recently she earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership, with a community college focus, from San Diego State University.

Most recently, Lauren served as the Director of the Associated Students Administration at the University of California, San Diego. Prior to that, she led the Student Organizations and Leadership program at the same college. In this capacity, she played a key role in providing leadership for student government, student clubs, and student life overall. Lauren also has experience working with EOP&S and GEAR UP at Palomar College, and has done some impressive work with learning outcomes in Student Affairs.

#### **MR. RYAN SHUMAKER, Student Success Coordinator**

Ryan will coordinate high school & community relations and will assist in the coordination of student success initiatives with a focus on first-year students.

Ryan is no stranger to Cuyamaca College, having been a student at the college several years ago. During that time he was involved with athletics and also served as a student ambassador. In 2007, he graduated with honors from Cuyamaca College, earning an Associate of Arts in University Transfer Studies. From there he went on to transfer to Southern Illinois University Carbondale where he earned both a Bachelor of Science in Management and a Master of Business Administration.



Most recently, Ryan served in an interim capacity as the Coordinator of High School and Community Relations for Cuyamaca College. During that time he played a key role in the coordination of a variety of outreach and success initiatives including "Got Plans" and "Cuyamaca Link." Additionally, Ryan was successful in establishing strong partnership with local area high schools. We wish Ryan and his fiancée well as they marry this coming weekend!

### 🐾 **Building the Water Industry Workforce Pipeline**

Since moving from Mesa College to Cuyamaca College in 2003, the Water and Wastewater Technology Program has grown by leaps and bounds.

There are currently over 400 students working in the program toward obtaining certificates and/or AS degrees in five different areas of specialization:

- Water Treatment Plant Operations
- Water Distribution Systems
- Wastewater Collection Systems
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations
- Cross-Connection Control

All courses are taught at night by a cadre of working industry professionals. The Water and Wastewater Technology Program is the seventh largest major on campus overall, and the third largest subject-specific major among the recent graduating class. During this past semester, despite the dismal job market, at least 12 students in the program have successfully landed full time jobs in the industry.



### 🐾 **Fall 2011 Comparative Enrollment Report – July 14, 2011**

	<b>Fall 2011</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>	<b>Difference by #</b>	<b>Percentage +/-</b>
<b>Date</b>	07/13/11	07/14/10		
<b>Headcount</b>	2,039	2,008	+31	+1.5
<b>Units</b>	17,851.0	19,314.5	-1,463.5	-7.6

### 🐾 **First Funds Pledged for the Tree Frog Project**

Dr. Suzanne Michel, adjunct faculty for the Geography Department, has been working to secure a \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) among local high and middle school students through a project called "The Tree Frog Project."

Since the NSF does not fund equipment, Dr. Michel will be raising \$20,000 to purchase the necessary equipment needed. Dr. Michel and Kim Dudzik, Cuyamaca College Biology faculty, met with the El Capitan High School's Environmental Club (Roots and Shoots) in June to present the proposed project. Dr. Michel and Ms. Dudzik shared their knowledge about the





amphibian crises, and were pleased with how excited the students were about the possibility of participating in the project, and asked "when can we start?"

**🐾 Administrative Services' Great American BBQ!**

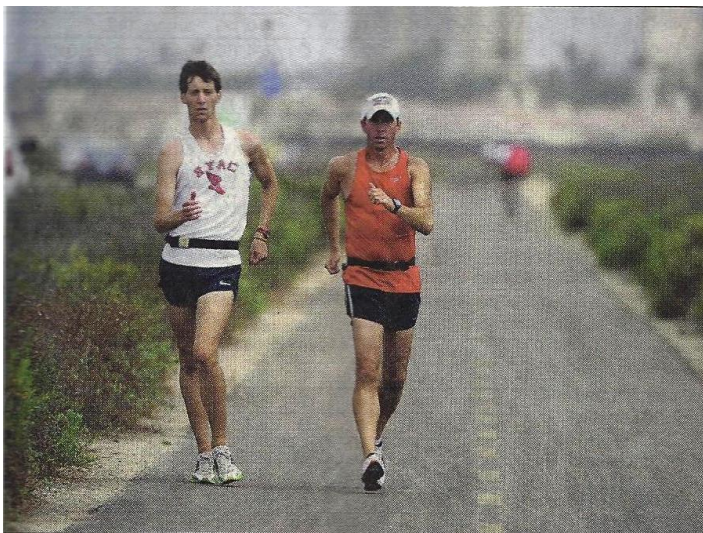


On June 30th, Administrative Services held its annual appreciation potluck in the Student Center. The theme this year was "All American BBQ" and "We Salute You," in honor of all the hardworking employees who serve the department and college. Special guest speakers Bob Garber and Sue Rearic helped to distribute over 45 T-Shirts and Certificates of Appreciation to the Administrative Services department members. Some of the highlights included the "BBQ Throw-down" and "Chili Cook-Off" with first prizes awarded to Alvin Salvanera for his delectable BBQ creation, and

Sara Grasmick for her savory chili recipe. Games and contests included a rousing "Minute To Win It" cup stacking race, ping-pong catch, and Patriotic Bingo. The festivities concluded with the traditional water balloon toss in the Student Center Quad. Administrative Services would like to thank the Cuyamaca College Foundation for sponsoring the event, and everyone who participated, helping make this year's celebration a fun and delicious success.



**🐾 CC Men's Cross Country Coach Tim Seaman coaches Racewalker Champion Trevor Barron**



Cuyamaca College's Tim Seaman is coaching Trevor Barron, 18 years. Trevor Barron won the men's title in the 20-kilometer event run at the USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The 18-year-old Barron clocked a personal best of 1:23:25.10 on the course.

By Robert Hanashiro, USA TODAY

**Training walk:** Trevor Barron, left, and his coach, Tim Seaman, work out near San Diego.

**🐾 Faculty Member Marie Ramos – Art Award, San Diego County Fair**

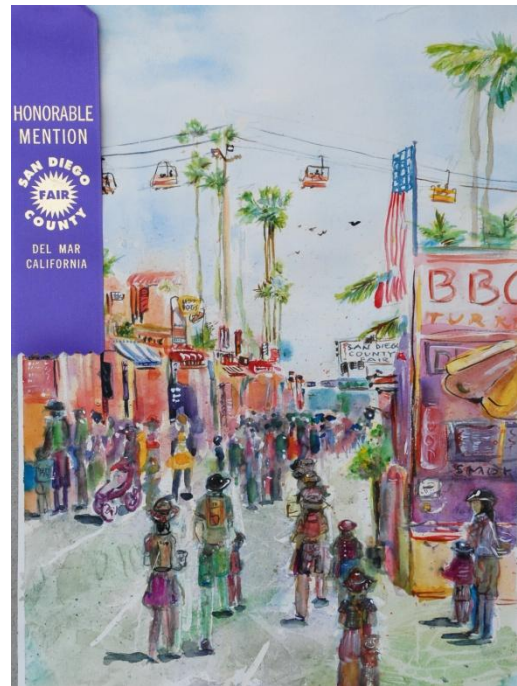


Our very talented art instructor, Dr. Marie Ramos, entered the “Plein Air” watercolor contest at the San Diego County Fair on June 26, 2011. “Plein Air” rules consist of painting from life, in the open air, anywhere on fairground site. Contestants are to capture a moment in time of some transitory aspect of the landscape, and had approximately 5 hours to

complete their painting.

The contest judge was from Riverside Community College, and commented that the highlight of Dr. Ramos’ painting was that it exuded the excitement and color of the fair. Dr.

Ramos was pleased to receive an Honorable Mention award at this one-day event. Congratulations!



**UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS:**

**🐾 Fall Convocation**

Convocation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning with lunch at 12:00pm. This annual event will be held in the Student Center.

