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## College President's Report to the Governing Board September 13, 2011

### Fall Convocation 2011



The theme for this year's Fall Semester's Convocation was "It's Getting Better All The Time". Convocation began in the afternoon with lunch in the Student Center, followed by the official program. President Zacovic participated in his first Cuyamaca College Convocation and addressed the packed crowd in the Student Center, welcoming everyone back to the college for the upcoming academic year. In keeping with

the theme of Convocation, administrators, faculty, and staff participated in presentations that highlighted the changes coming to the college in the shared governance process and meetings schedule. The annual President's Awards were presented to four Cuyamaca staff members "for outstanding dedication, service and leadership to Cuyamaca College and its students."

The award for outstanding Administrator was presented to **Mr. Bruce Farnham**, Director of Facilities; for Faculty to **Dr. Kathryn Nette**, Department Chair for Science, and to **Mr. Jesus Miranda**, Counselor; and for Classified Staff the award was presented to **Ms. Sherri Braaksma**, Instructional Computer Lab Technician.

The first annual Outstanding Faculty Member Award was presented to **Dr. Teresa McNeil** from Counseling. The Outstanding Faculty Member Award was created to honor Cuyamaca College faculty members who have distinguished themselves in service to the college and its students outside of the classroom. Mr. Michael Wangler, Academic Senate President, presented the award. It was said of Dr. McNeil that "Teresa exemplifies the dedication, professionalism and spirit of a true faculty leader. Teresa has touched countless lives, inspiring students and colleagues alike to excel in what they do and achieve their educational and life goals."

Years of Service Awards were awarded to 45 faculty and staff, representing a total of 515 years of cumulative service to the college. The leadership of the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges were introduced. Five new staff members were also recognized and welcomed into the Cuyamaca College family.



### 🐾 Faculty Emeriti Ceremony

Immediately following Convocation, the Cuyamaca College Foundation and Academic Senate sponsored a ceremony honoring the Cuyamaca College Emeritus faculty. The event was attended by President Mark Zacovic, Chancellor Cindy Miles and Cuyamaca College faculty and staff. The Cuyamaca College Foundation provided the funds to engrave 9 bricks with the names, titles, and dates of service of the 9 emeritus faculty who have been awarded that status in the history of Cuyamaca College. The bricks were installed over the summer in the Anderson Honor Court. As part of the ceremony, Academic Senate President Michael Wangler described the history of the honor court, the process for being awarded the status of “Faculty Emeritus” and read the names of the 9 faculty. Academic Senate Vice President, Nancy Jennings, then honored the faculty by presenting the poem “Teaching” by Farrell Foreman. Five of the seven living Emeriti faculty attended the ceremony and were introduced. They included Mr. Sam Turner, Dr. Marsha Fralick, Mr. Charlie Hyde, Mr. George Murphy and Mr. Pete Larson. Faculty Emeritus Mr. Sam Turner spoke about his experiences and fond memories of his time at Cuyamaca College. A reception, hosted by President and Mrs. Zacovic, followed the ceremony at the Water Conservation Garden.

### 🐾 Grossmont College’s Financial Aid Office Lends a Hand

The Cuyamaca College Financial Aid Department received some much needed staffing assistance this fall from Grossmont College Financial Aid to help process financial aid files. **Daniel Hernandez**, former Cuyamaca College Financial Aid Advisor and now current Grossmont College Financial Aid Front Office Supervisor, is temporarily working at Cuyamaca Financial Aid on Thursdays to clear files for awarding. Although there is a lot of work to be done, Daniel’s assistance has helped tremendously with the processing of financial aid files. A big “THANK YOU” goes out to **Michael Copenhaver**, Grossmont College Financial Aid Director, and his staff for their generosity and for taking action to help us during this busy time of the year.

### 🐾 DSPS Receives Free Computers

Disabled Student Programs and Services has teamed up with Adaptive Computer Empowerment Services (ACES) to offer “free” refurbished computers for students with disabilities at Cuyamaca College. ACES, a California public benefit non-profit corporation established in 1995, is a volunteer-driven organization that provides donated refurbished computer equipment and software for distribution to low-income San Diegans with disabilities and to seniors. In order to receive a free computer one must have a verifiable disability, low income, and internet access. DSPS and ACES encourages students to be enrolled in a computer course at the time they receive their desk-top computer, such as the PDSS 085 or 087 Adaptive Computer Class *OR* ACES offers a free computer training course so students become familiar with general software and hardware applications. During these difficult economic times it is wonderful to be a community partner with a local business in East County that provides a quality service to students with disabilities and who are pursuing their educational goals. ACES, in collaboration with the San Diego Broadband Initiative (SDBI), addresses the five factors for disadvantaged populations to get connected and adopt broadband use. The factors are known as the Five “A”s: Access + Applications + Accessibility + Affordability + Assistance = Changing Lives Through Technology.



### **🐾 Center for Innovation Activities**

The Center for Innovation within the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Training 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:

- Dr. Darlene Spoor, Dean of Continuing Education, was elected Chair for the Region 10 Workforce Development Council in June 2011.
- Jennifer Lewis, Director of the Environmental Training Center, was appointed to the San Diego Workforce Partnership's Youth Council. She will be fulfilling a seat on the council reserved for Community College representation. The mission of the Youth Council is to build and support a regional youth workforce system and to manage state and federal workforce development funds on behalf of the vulnerable youth throughout San Diego County.
- Cuyamaca College was awarded \$113,000 in State Energy Sector Partnership funds through the San Diego Workforce Partnership to continue the exciting work of the Green Building Partnership Project through June 30, 2012.
- Continuing Education served 193 East County youth in their College for Kids program this summer. Classes included Art, Fencing, Flash Animation as well as many others.
- Service Academy was facilitated August 2-4, 2011.
- The Workplace Learning Resource Center, in conjunction with Dr. Sunny Cooke and the East County Chamber of Commerce, are partnering to offer a series of Customer Service Academy classes for East County small business owners and their employees.
- The Continuing Education PREVIEW was mailed to over 100,000 East County residents. Highlighted are a variety of art, fitness, and workforce development classes including a Lunch Break Yoga class geared to college staff.

### **🐾 Cuyamaca College Remembers September 11, 2001**



Cuyamaca College's student government collaborated with the Office of Senator Joel Anderson to create a memorial of 2,977 American flags on Cuyamaca College's Grand Lawn area, one for each of the victims of 9/11. Senator Anderson's office provided the flags, donated to the Senator's office by the Young America's Foundation, which were placed by volunteers on Thursday during the blackout. President Zacovic joined Cuyamaca College's students, faculty, and administrators on the Grand Lawn for a moment of silence near the flag display on

Monday. These events by the Cuyamaca College community were designed to pay tribute to those who died on September 11, 2001—the victims of a despicable act of terrorism.

### **🐾 College Responds to County-wide Blackout**

After locating a battery-operated radio and listening to news reports, it became clear that the loss of power was a county-wide situation and would last longer than anticipated. At the direction of the Chancellor, classes were cancelled for the remainder of the day on Thursday, and the college would be closed on Friday. Although the college's EOC was not officially activated, members of the EOC team



came together to assist Public Safety and other college personnel with the evacuation and securing of the college campus on Thursday due to the wide scale blackout. Special notices were posted on the college's website and the main college phone number had a recorded message notifying callers that the college would be closed until Monday.

### **🐾 ASGCC Involvement Fair**



The Associated Student Government kicked off the new semester with a three-day "Welcome Back Involvement Fair" to greet students while providing them with an excellent opportunity to learn more about their campus organizations and the numerous leadership opportunities that are available. In a relaxed and informal setting, students, who are members of these organizations, joined with their faculty advisors to provide insight into the

purpose of their organizations and also share with them a list of programs and events planned for the Fall and Spring semesters. The "Welcome Back Involvement Fair" attracted a large number of members from Cuyamaca's Associated Student Government, who also talked with students about the specifics of student government and the numerous opportunities that are now available for emerging and advanced leaders. As a result of this three-day fair, many new students signed up to become involved in their campus organizations and receive an added benefit—leadership training. Since the response was so favorable, Welcome Back Involvement Fairs may expand and become a Cuyamaca tradition, with the next one scheduled for the beginning of Spring Semester.

### **🐾 Engineering Department Receives Mini-Grant**

Cuyamaca College's engineering program received a mini-grant at the end of the spring semester from the Cuyamaca College Foundation which provided funds for a materials hardness tester. This instrument is already giving students a direct hands-on connection to important concepts and techniques in engineering materials science. The engineering program would like to express its deep appreciation for the Foundation's generosity.



### **🐾 New Student Representative Appointed to CBOC**



The Associated Student Government officially recommended Lauren Radice to serve on the CBOC Committee, and President Zacovic accepted the recommendation and forwarded Lauren's name to the Chancellor. Lauren, a third-year student at Cuyamaca College and a Senator for the Associated Student Government, has been very involved in supporting campus programs and activities while volunteering for the betterment of the community. Lauren was a founder of the Cuyamaca Chapter of "One," which is a nation-wide student organization that advocates to end global poverty. In addition to her

campus activities, Lauren works hard to take advantage of internship opportunities that promote the welfare of her community. She is a volunteer with the International Rescue Committee and is a freelance writer for the East County Magazine. Lauren also held internships with Congresswomen Gifford and Senator Boxer. Lauren, who holds a 3.7 grade point average and is a member of the Phi

Theta Kappa honor society, will graduate in May 2012 and plans to transfer to the University of California, Los Angeles where she would like to pursue an English or Communications degree.

**🐾 Vice President of Student Services Honored with Inaugural Award**



Julianna Barnes, Ed.D, Vice President of Student Services was selected as the inaugural winner of the Ron Jacobs Outstanding Research Award at San Diego State University. This award, sponsored by the SDSU Community College Leaders Alumni Chapter, was presented to Dr. Barnes for her dissertation on the first-year experience.

**🐾 Library Display**



Through the month of September, the library display will focus on Constitution Week and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11. Constitution Week this year is September 16-23. The display will



contain items and books related to the September 17, 1787 signing of the Constitution of the United States of America.

This year also marks the 10th anniversary for 9/11. The library display will feature materials that showcase the heroism of the New York City rescue workers and how we united as a nation to rebuild America. *"Some refused even to talk about themselves, insisting on recounting the heroism they witnessed". America's Heroes; Inspiring Stories of Courage, Sacrifice and Patriotism* by Peter L. Bannon.

**🐾 Upcoming College Events**

**Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Fall Concert Series for September and October:**

September 15<sup>th</sup> – Chuck Walker Trio, featuring Daniel Jackson

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Miles Shrewsbury and Rahual Newman (North Indian Classical Music for Tabla & Sitar)

September 27<sup>th</sup> – Windsor Hills Consort (Baroque Chamber Music)

October 12<sup>th</sup> – Cuyamaca College Concert Band

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Cuyamaca College Choir: A Celebration of African American Gospel Music

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Esther Jordan, Voice – "Bach to Broadway"

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Amassi Al-Sharq ("Eastern Nights") Music from the Middle East

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Grossmont College Concert Band

All shows start at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre. For ticket sales, call 619-660-4288.



**College Hour – "Chaldean Culture & Traditions" – Thursday, October 13, 2011**

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Student Center

**San Diego Robotics Expo – Saturday, October 15, 2011**

Sponsored by the Science & Engineering Department, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center