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President's Report to the Governing Board January 17, 2012

Happy New Year!

🐾 "Graduation Starts Today" at Cuyamaca College

Cuyamaca College has embarked upon an effort to proactively promote college graduation. From the first time students walk on campus, they are greeted by signs that read, "Graduation Starts Today." The idea is for new students to "begin with the end in mind," and to approach their first year and beyond with graduation clearly on their minds. Realizing that the graduation process itself could be complicated, Cuyamaca College has taken additional steps to reach out to students to de-mystify the process. This new degree outreach initiative reaches out to students who have accumulated enough or almost enough units to obtain a degree or certificate at the college. In addition to receiving a link to a comprehensive graduation website, the students are invited to do a degree audit with a counselor, either in person or online, and those who have met the requirements are guided through the graduation petition process. The efforts are paying off. In fall 2011, the college experienced an 18% increase in degrees and certificates over the previous year. Given the success of the fall efforts, the college will embark upon the initiative again this spring 2012.



🐾 Student Pancake Breakfast

On December 14th, the Associated Student Government sponsored a free catered Pancake Breakfast that was open to all Cuyamaca students. While taking a study break from the stress of finals, students were not only treated to great food served by administrators and staff, including Guest Chef President Zacovic, but also enjoyed music, games and free bluebooks. As a result of the positive feedback, the Associated Student Government will sponsor the Pancake Breakfast every semester during finals week, making it a great Cuyamaca tradition.

🐾 Performing Arts Performances

The Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Department brought the fall semester to a rousing finish with a series of well-attended and varied concert programs. On December 1st the women's vocal ensemble Kitka performed a program entitled "Wintersongs" that featured folk music from a half dozen countries and languages from Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. They were joined for part of the program by the Granite Hills High School Honor Choir Women under the direction of **Ms. Merryl Nelson**. The next night saw the second annual Winter Wonder Jam, a holiday-themed rock show that is produced by the students in the Music Industry Seminar. This year the concert was a battle of the bands that saw six East County and San Diego groups vying for a cash prize and a slot in the 2012 Coyote Music Festival. Two bands, NKNZ and Human Crossing, tied for first place and split the prize. Both will appear at the festival on May 5th, 2012. On December 6th, the Cuyamaca College Choir directed by Ms. Merryl Nelson, performing a program of sacred and secular holiday music - including an audience sing-along with the Seaside Brass and the Granite Hills High School Chamber Chorale. On December 7th the Cuyamaca and Grossmont College Concert Bands, under the direction of **Mr. Warren Torns** and **Mr.**

Russ Sperling respectively, joined forces for a combined concert that included both holiday music and selections to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Last but certainly not least, the Cuyamaca College Rock Pop and Soul Ensemble, under the direction of **Mr. Taylor Smith**,

performed the legendary rock album "Smile" by the Beach Boys, an ambitious pop concept album that was begun in 1966 but remained unfinished until its eventual release by Brian Wilson in 2004. The December 9th concert was, in all likelihood, the San Diego premier for this work. The Music Department was fortunate to receive logistical and financial support from the Cuyamaca College Foundation last summer and from the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges this fall.

🐾 Russian Educators Visit Cuyamaca College



San Diego East County Economic Development Council's (EDC's) Supporting Education through Economic Development (SEED) hosted a U. S. government-sponsored and funded delegation of five professional educators from Russia on December 9th through 17th. A central theme of their visit was to study vocational and technical education in the U.S. East County EDC's active role in promoting vocational and technical education in support of economic development in the East County region provided our delegates with a unique perspective. Cuyamaca College hosted a working lunch on Friday, December 16, 2011. The concept and practice of the SEED

Committee – given the collaboration across education segments, the business sector, workforce and economic development, and legislators was of great interest to the delegates. President Mark Zacovic hosted the working luncheon, and was assisted with translation by **Ms. Olena Ward**, a Cuyamaca College student worker who is Ukrainian.

🐾 Holiday Workshop for CARE and the UP! Program

The CARE and UP! Program held their annual Holiday Workshop in December at the Heritage of the Americas Museum. The event was successfully collaborated between the CARE and UP! Programs for 60 single parent and foster youth students. The program was opened by Ms. Nanyamka Hill, Interim Assistant Dean of EOPS. **Mr. Ray Reyes**, Director of Financial Aid, followed with a special "welcome" to the students. The students received valuable information from panelists Ms. **Franchesca Gade**, a former CARE student and ASG President; **Mr. Neil Blackman**, former EOPS student and Coordinator for Just In Time; and Ms. **Valita Jones**, an SDSU Doctoral candidate and Cuyamaca Work Experience 110 instructor. The students were treated to a delicious meal served in Mrs. Claus' Kitchen and were then sent off to Santa's Toy shop to select toys for their children. The toys and several bicycles were donated by the San Diego Marine Corps Toys 4 Tots Program. This year the students were especially surprised and appreciative of the many gifts for themselves and their teen children donated by Cuyamaca College staff and district personnel.

🐾 CTE-STEMulate Instruction Workshops

The CTE-TPP STEM grant offered its first series of STEM professional development workshops in November at the Cuyamaca Science and Mathematics Center. Thirty-eight teachers participated in both workshops held in November. The teachers were given an evaluation questionnaire to complete after each workshop. Ninety-five percent of the teachers agreed that the "*apply it now lesson plan*" toolkits they received were the most valuable, and they wanted more hands on activities,



lesson plans, and networking. The workshop topics have an environmental focus that integrates real world issues with theories in STEM. The first workshop focused on the life cycle of monarch butterflies, migration and GIS mapping of monarch butterflies, and the mathematics of monarch

butterfly navigation. The second workshop addressed climate change with emphasis on solar energy, the greenhouse effect, mathematics and carbon dioxide, and water conservation. Project Director, **Ms. Tonette Salter**, says, “This was an exhilarating step and opportunity for Cuyamaca to provide STEM professional development workshops to teachers in East County representing middle school, high school, and community college.” A middle school teacher stated “she can now give an interesting topic to teach her math students to develop student thinking and problem solving.” The STEM workshops will be offered again in January.

🐾 Anthony (Tony) Zambelli is back!

Tony retired from GCCCD in 2009 after serving 30 years as professor of economics for Cuyamaca College. Tony is known for his innovation and entrepreneurialism, and has written several successful grants. He currently teaches part-time at both colleges, and approached Chancellor Miles with his interest in serving on the FGCC board and ideas for growing the fundraising efforts. The FGCC welcomes Tony Zambelli as their newest board member.

Additionally, Tony has agreed to serve Cuyamaca College as our new Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Coordinator. Welcome back, Tony!

🐾 Enrollment Continues to Grow

The following is an analysis of the Spring 2012 enrollment compared with Spring 2011 enrollment as of the same day of registration.

	Spring 2011	Spring 2012		Fall 2011	Total (SU/FA/SP) 2011-2012
Date	01/10/2012 (R+56)	01/08/2012 (R+55)	01/09/2012 (R+56)	Census	
Headcount (Unduplicated)	9,775	9,753	9,785	8,628	19,617
Seat Count	23,793	23,480	23,539	19,941	44,948
Enrollment Fill Rate	92.72%	93.32%	93.51%	89.83%	91.84%
FTES* (Approx.)	--	2,956.86	2,963.03	2,410.83	5,511.04
Number of Sections**	726	717	717	602	1359
WSCH (Maximum)	95,555.61	95,056.59	95,056.59	80,508.90	176,070.83
WSCH (Current)	--	88,705.94	88,890.94	72,324.77	161,704.65
Non-Credit FTES Projection					150
Cuyamaca College Total FTES (Approx.)					5,661.04
2011-2012 FTES Target					5,534.26

Upcoming College Events

🐾 The Spring 2012 State of the College Address, along with the “Cuyamaca Way” Awards and Academic Senate “Awards for Teaching Excellence,” is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 18th beginning at 10:30am** in the Communication Arts Theatre. The morning will start with coffee, tea, and juice in the theatre lobby beginning at 10:00am. Lunch will be served in the Student Center dining area from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.