



## President's Report to the Governing Board March 20, 2012

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### **Diversity Dialogues Workshop**

The Associated Student Government sponsored the first in a series of three monthly Diversity Dialogue workshops on March 6<sup>th</sup> entitled *"Understanding Race, Gender, and Sexuality through an LGBT Lens"* which was presented by Dr. Shaun Travers, the Director of the LGBT Resource Center at UC San Diego and a Campus Diversity Officer. The content of the workshop focused on understanding the perspective of multiple communities through an LGBT lens. The next workshop, which will focus on "Race and Ethnicity," will be presented by Dr. Edwina Welch on April 12 at 1:30pm. Each of the diversity workshops will discuss the broader concepts of social justice and its application to students on campus. All the workshops are open to students, staff, and faculty. Students receive a stamp for every workshop they attend, and if they complete a minimum of two workshops during the spring semester, they earn a "Diversity & Leadership" certificate and will be acknowledged at the Student Leaders Reception in May.

### **Students Attend the "March in March"**



Cuyamaca College Student Government leaders participated in the "March in March" event in Sacramento on March 5<sup>th</sup>. They were joined by their counterparts to advocate for the "Fund our Education" rally at the State Capital. Sponsored by the Community College Student Senate Association, CSU Student Senate Association, and the UC Student Association, the day included a rally, the march, and meetings with legislators and other public officials. Students met with staff from Senator Joel Anderson's office, Assemblyman Marty Block and his staff, and Senator Juan Vargas. The students also heard Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom speak at the rally advocating funding for education. The student leaders who joined **Dr. Lauren Weiner**, Associated Dean of Student Affairs to Sacramento were **Tyson Arabo**, **Ariel Satele**, **Essau Cortez (GC)**, **Besiana Sahiti**, and **Julie Duong**.

### **Cuyamaca College Student Awarded Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship**

The President of the Cuyamaca College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, **Ms. Viviana Vasiu**, was recently awarded a Phi Theta Kappa scholarship for academic excellence. Ms. Vasiu was also selected for the All-California Academic Team with PTK. Ms. Vasiu was honored along with the other recipients at the recent Phi Theta Kappa Luncheon in Sacramento on March 7<sup>th</sup>. College President Mark Zacovic accompanied her to the luncheon. Ms. Vasiu, who is studying Paralegal Studies at Cuyamaca College, has a 4.0 GPA. She has been actively involved with the Associated Student Government as a member and serves as the Publicity Coordinator. Ms. Vasiu was responsible for the marketing of the "Welcome Back Involvement Fair" to student clubs and organizations and promoting the fair within the college community.



## 🐾 2012 San Diego Latino Community Champions Awards



🐾 **Ms. Jacqueline Luis**, former ASGCC President, who is currently a student at UCSD and working in our Counseling department, has been named one of the finalists for the “Young Luminary Award” presented by the San Diego Latino Community Champions. This inaugural event will recognize individuals, businesses and volunteers in San Diego County and the Border Region. A Latino Community Champion is someone of Latino descent, who has taken an active role in the community, above and

beyond paid employment, and has made an impact on the cultural life of the community through his or her involvement. The Young Luminary Award will recognize a young person between the ages of 16-25 who has made an impact among their peer group. This award honors grade school, high school and college students who have volunteered their time through their school, organization, church or team. The winner will be announced on March 29<sup>th</sup> during a ceremony at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. We salute Ms. Luis for her service to the college and the community and we wish her the best. Congratulations, Jacqueline!



## 🐾 CCASLA Hosts ASL Rocks 5!

The Cuyamaca College American Sign Language Association (CCASLA) under the leadership of President **Jack Robertson** and Advisors **Kelley Nielsen** and **Jennifer Smith**, welcomed over 620 deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing guests to the college for the Helix High School Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, ASL Rocks 5! February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. As her senior project, Helix High School student **Lily Esquer** directed a variety show that was hosted by 56 Cuyamaca College ASL department volunteers and ten CCASLA officers. Fifty actors from the Helix Creative and Performing Arts Middle School Deaf and Hard of Hearing program, Helix High School and other area high schools participated in the variety show. Mentored Teaching Assistant **Kelsey Martinez** worked with **Jennifer Smith**, **Bryan Cooper** and interns **Camilo Hernandez** and **Chris Seifert** to provide technical support for the rehearsals and performances. **Jack Robertson** served as the Stage Manager and **Kelley Nielsen** served as the event coordinator. ASL Rocks 5! provided Cuyamaca College American Sign Language students opportunities to interact with members of the deaf and hard of hearing community.

## 🐾 Artistic Talents Displayed

Several art instructors participated in the “*No Apparent Function*” art show at the San Diego Art Department Gallery on Ray Street, San Diego on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Art instructors, **Joshua Eggleton**, **Clayton Llewellyn**, **Xuchi Naungayan Eggleton** and art student, **Carlos Castrejon**, displayed their diverse media exploring various objects “from a symbolic, historic, scientific, mystical, experiential and ironic perspective.” The show was very well attended by the community, college students and instructors, and friends and family.

## 🐾 Math Field Day, March 10

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior High Math Field Day event was once again held at Cuyamaca Community College in the STEM Center in the H Building on Saturday, March 10, 2012. There were approximately 100 high school “Mathletes” who competed in a variety of events, as well as the coaches for each

team, and about 20 full and part-time math instructors who help to create and run each of the six different events. The top 5 High School Teams finished the competition in the following order:

- 🐾 First Place: Canyon Crest Academy
- 🐾 Second Place: Scripps Ranch High School
- 🐾 Third Place: Christian High School
- 🐾 Fourth Place: Westview High School
- 🐾 Fifth Place: San Diego High School of International Studies

#### 🐾 **San Diego Imperial Counties Region 10 Award Selection**

The San Diego / Imperials Counties Region 10 presented the **Automotive Technology Program Award** at Cuyamaca College one of its awards for Top Automotive Training Program in the United States for 2011. The nomination for this award was made through *Tomorrow's Technician Magazine*, a publication that seeks nominations for top automotive training programs in the nation. Based on nominations from the automotive industry and an extensive evaluation of the program, the top 20 training programs in the nation are identified. The top award winners were announced in their May 2011 edition. Given the number of excellent CTE programs and faculty across San Diego and Imperial Counties, being chosen to represent our Region to the State Chancellor's Office is indeed an honor.

#### 🐾 **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference**

Thursday's conference marked the college's fourth year of hosting an event attended by 230 landscape professionals and others with an interest in creating and maintaining a sustainable green space. The event was co-hosted by the college's Ornamental Horticulture department and the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society. The focus this year was on sustainable practices being based on profit-generating enterprises. John Picard, an architect, builder and renowned expert in the field of green building design, was the keynote speaker having coined the catchphrase, "The Future for Green is Black," that served as the theme of the daylong symposium.



Picard held conference attendees in thrall as he shared his passion for environmentalism and his "I-told-you-so" delight in proving that sustainability and entrepreneurship are the perfect bedfellows. The event also featured a panel discussion on the business of urban farming moderated by author and educator Nan Sterman. Panelists included Karen Contreras, the founder of Urban Plantations, a company dedicated to city-dwelling sanctuaries; Bill Tall, founder of City Farmers Nursery; and Crystal Montoya, a certified grower who produces food from her home for farmers markets.

#### 🐾 **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 some of their recent activities:

*Workplace Learning Resource Center (WpLRC):* **Ms. Linda Waring**, Center Director, worked with statewide leadership to develop a marketing video that highlights the WpLRC programs at three Community College Districts across the State. Cuyamaca College was selected for filming that focused on three WpLRC programs, the Community College Leadership Academy, the Next Skills Program, and the Customer Service Academy featuring Generational and Cultural Diversity Training. Videos are due for release this summer.

*Workforce Innovation Partnership Grants (Green Ventures):* **Mr. Jon Karanopoulos**, Green Ventures expert/instructor presented to over 30 high school science and math teachers from Southern California at HASPI's spring curriculum conference at Grossmont College. The presentation focused on infusing "green" technology into science, health, and math classrooms.

*Environmental Training Center:* **Mr. Jonathan Kropp**, Interim Director, presented on "How to Start Green Programs" at the recent ICEED Spring Conference.

In conjunction with Miramar College and the State Chancellor's Office, the Center completed a \$37,000 California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program project to deliver California Advanced Lighting Controls Training. This statewide initiative is aimed at increasing the use of advanced lighting controls in commercial buildings and industrial facilities. This project was in partnership with the IBEW (Electrical Union), and trained over 40 electricians adding to our county's green workforce.

The Center recently provided specialized environmental health and safety training via contract education to employees at Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), General Atomics, Goodrich Aerostructures and NASSCO.

#### **🐾 Intergenerational Garden Coming to Cuyamaca College**

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recently awarded a \$25,000 grant for an Intergenerational Garden project that will bring together children from the Cuyamaca College's Child Development Center (CDC) and seniors from the community to bring a garden to life! The Garden is currently being designed and will be built in the area between the CDC and the Water Conservation Garden.

#### **🐾 Water/Wastewater Technology Class Tours City's Water Purification Demonstration Project**



On Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, students from the Water/Wastewater Technology 101, taught by Adjunct Professor **Michael Uhrhammer**, toured the City of San Diego's Advanced Water Purification Facility. The facility is part of the City of San Diego's Water Purification Demonstration Project, which is examining the safety and cost of purifying recycled water. The City of San Diego is considering water purification as an option to develop local, reliable water sources to lessen the City's dependence on

expensive and limited imported water supplies. As an issue that affects the entire City of San Diego, this was a great opportunity to capture some forward-thinking Cuyamaca College students who took the time to learn more about our water supply issues and this new project.

#### **🐾 "Cuyamaca Way" Award Winner**

The "Cuyamaca Way" award for February was presented to **Ms. Rhonda Bauerlein**, Instructional Design Tech Specialist, in the LTRC. Rhonda faithfully exhibits the qualities of "Dedicated", "Collaborative", "Teamwork" and "Student-Centered" of Cuyamaca Way. She was nominated for her work helping faculty to set up their Blackboard accounts. Rhonda's patience and ability to explain things thoroughly and succinctly makes their jobs as faculty easier when communicating with our students.



🐾 **Library Display: Women’s “Her-Story” Month Empowering Women!**



March is National Women’s History Month and this year the library display will showcase powerful women who have courageously changed history. Visit the library throughout the month of March and check out our display featuring biographies and photos of our campus and district female leadership, posters celebrating women who’ve changed history, and books focusing on women leadership in America.

*For further exploration, please visit:*

<http://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

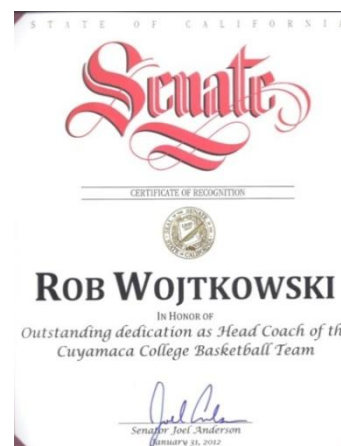
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🐾 **Basketball Coach Recognized by State Senate**

Cuyamaca College Basketball Coach **Mr. Rob Wojtkowski** recently received a Certificate of Recognition from the State of California. The award was presented by Senator Joel Anderson for “Outstanding dedication as Head Coach of the Cuyamaca College Basketball Team”.



🐾 **Cuyamaca College Nursery’s Pollard Trees in L.A. Landscape.**



Check This Out – The photo below is from the February 10<sup>th</sup> issue of the *Wall Street Journal*. It shows the New England Patriots Quarterback, Tom Brady’s House in LA. The landscape was installed in 2011. The pollarded Sycamores (on the right side of the picture) were grown at the Cuyamaca College Nursery and dug as 48 inch box trees.

~~~**Upcoming College Events**~~~

**Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Department - Spring 2012 Concert Series**

- 3/22/12      Zimbeat – Traditional Music from Zimbabwe
- 4/12/12      Chris Klich Jazz Quintet
- 4/19/12      Concert Band Festival featuring Bands from Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Point Loma Nazarene University, and San Diego State University
- 4/24/12      Kensington Trio – Chamber Music
- 5/3/12      Son de San Diego – Mexican Folk Music and Dance

5/5/12 Coyote Music Festival\* – Original Pop and Rock Music  
 5/15/12 Cuyamaca College Choir  
 5/16/12 Cuyamaca College Concert Band  
 5/18/12 Cuyamaca College Rock Pop and Soul Ensemble – *Rubber Soul*  
*All events start at 7:30pm and take place in the Performing Arts Theatre, Building B*  
 \*12 noon-5pm on the Grand Lawn  
 To reserve tickets call (619) 660-4288  
 For more information visit [www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts)



**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Garden Festival**  
 Saturday, April 28, 2012  
 9:00am to 4:00pm

18th annual  
**Cuyamaca College**  
 east county career/job fair  
**Spring**

Tuesday, May 1, 2012 • 9:00am to 1:00pm • Student Center  
 Volunteer & Internship Opportunities

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| Banking and Financing | Ornamental Horticulture |
| Employment Agencies   | Hospitality Tourism     |
| Government Agencies   | Law Enforcement         |
| Environmental         | Military Services       |
| Engineering           | Real Estate             |
| Child Care            | Recreation              |
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| Education             | Graphics                |
| Health                | Drafting                |
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**33rd Annual Auto Skills Day**

Saturday, May 6, 2012  
 8:00am to 1:00pm, Auto Technology bays  
 Southern California high school programs will be competing in contests relating to auto skills, from basic to advance. Lunch will be provided. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams.

**Ornamental Horticulture's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner**

Wednesday, May 16, 2012  
 6:00pm to 10:00pm  
 Estancia Hotel, La Jolla