



## *President's Report to the Governing Board* *May 15, 2012*

### **🐾 2012 Annual Spring Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition Awards**



Over 200 guests were in attendance at the opening reception and awards ceremony of the Student Art Exhibition on Thursday, April 19th. The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians generously sponsored the event with monetary awards and refreshments. Tribal representative, Chuck Hansen, presented the Viejas awards to the student winners. College President Mark Zacovic attended the event to present the President's Award. The second annual Caroline Cox Scholarship Award was presented to Art student **Lynda Stone**, who displayed her work "Butterfly Effect" on graphite. Other awards included: \$100

Viejas Award to **Yvonne Trottier** for her work "Pomo Basket Weaver" (watercolor); \$50 Viejas Award to **Fadi Saied** for "Typeface Poster" (Digital); and the \$50 Viejas Award went to **Martin Vereda** for "Old Manny" (Found Objects). The \$50 Fine Arts Award was presented to **Sierra Holcomb** for "Viva! Viva! Viva!" (Oil); the \$75 Dean Division II Award was given to **Barbara Gonzalez** for "The Innocent" (Conte Crayon). The \$100 VP of Instruction Award was awarded to **Norman Brown** for his work "Ma Sani" (Acrylic); and the \$150 President Award was presented to **Darlene Watson** for her work "The Sentinel" (Watercolor).

### **🐾 Cuyamaca College Student Selected for the Cisco Networking Academy CiscoLive! "Dream Team"**

Cuyamaca College student **Noel Ford** was one of 10 students selected to be a part of the Cisco Networking Academy CiscoLive! "Dream Team". Mr. Ford is from Belize and has served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He has completed Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) classes 1 through 3 at the top of his class and is currently enrolled in CCNA 4. He has 7 years of experience working as a cabling technician and is very familiar with Cisco IOS, configuring routers and switches, and building networking labs. Last summer was the first time Cisco Networking Academy students were invited to work alongside Cisco engineers at one of the most important Cisco customer technical events of the year. Over 80 students applied, but ultimately only 10 students were selected. These students will be joined by 2 instructor mentors as part of the "Dream Team". His instructor, **Steven Grishkowsky**, encouraged Noel to apply for this prestigious opportunity. Noel is looking forward to working alongside IT professionals and gaining real world experience.

### **🐾 Student Government Elections**

The Associated Student Government is pleased to announce the newly elected student body representatives for 2012-2013. They are:

**President:** Ariel Satele  
**Student Trustee:** Mohammed Alyasini  
**Student Senator:** Tyson Arabo

The remaining positions, Executive Vice President, Evening Vice President, and Treasurer will be filled by the appointment process. Please join us in congratulating our new ASGCC Executive Board!

### **🐾 ASGCC Spring Social**

The student government coordinated a “Spring Social” event on April 17<sup>th</sup> that included a BBQ, live music and carnival games. This event was a great opportunity for student government leaders to meet other Cuyamaca College students, to showcase activities, and provide information that encourages and supports a campus spirit.

### **🐾 College Hour: Mexican American Heritage Celebration**

On May 10, the College Hour celebration held on the Grand Lawn featured Cuyamaca College Professor **Patricia Santana**. The festivities included a musical performance by the Mariachi Real De San Diego and local singer Beatriz Corral.

### **🐾 Cuyamaca College Health and Wellness Fair**

Another successful Cuyamaca College Health and Wellness Fair was held on recently at the college. Student Health Services arranged for a wide variety of vendors to offer information, services, and product samples to the more than 200 participants, including massages by Joel's Massage and Holistic Center, beauty services by Marinello School of Beauty, delicious snacks from local restaurants, and demonstrations by the San Miguel Fire Department. Family Health Centers of San Diego performed HIV screening and STD prevention information, and Sharp Health La Mesa offered blood glucose screening. The San Diego Blood Bank also returned for a record-breaking blood drive in which we collected 47 pints, including many from new donors. Students also received a wealth of information from providers throughout the area including East County Pregnancy Services, Planned Parenthood, and various clinics which offer low-cost services.

### **🐾 Spring Garden Festival**

No one could have asked for a more beautiful day on Saturday, April 28, for the 19th Annual Spring Garden Festival. This year's attendance broke previous records with over 7,000 in attendance. The event theme of Urban Farming also brought a record number of vendors, clubs, organizations, and other displays to the festival. With well over 100 volunteers staffing the event including faculty, staff, and students from the Ornamental Horticulture Program,



the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges, Boy Scouts, students from Biology classes, administrators, and faculty and staff from Operations, Music, American Sign Language, and Counseling

departments, were joined by staff and volunteers at the Water Conservation Garden and the Heritage of Americas Museum. This jointly sponsored event began with one Arboriculture class in 1993, growing to its current size as one of East County's largest public events. We thank the support of the college facilities, public safety, administration, the Foundation, and the GCCCD Governing Board for their wonderful support of this great event. Next year's Spring Garden Festival will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> year at the college on Saturday, April 27, 2013.



### **🐾 Cuyamaca College 18<sup>th</sup> Annual East County Career Fair**

This year, 60 employers and community organizations provided employment information to approximately 650 students and community members who attended the 18<sup>th</sup> annual East County Career Fair. Many employers reported that they were very pleased with the student turnout. Comments like, “the students were well-prepared and nicely dressed;” and from our students, “the

employers are so friendly and professional,” were heard throughout the morning. The focus of this year’s Career Fair was volunteer organizations, while encouraging their participation in the fair and introducing them to Cuyamaca College. The Career Center sends informational flyers to over 180 community agencies and organizations to help increase public awareness of our annual career fair. We are grateful to Sodexo for providing a fabulous breakfast and lunch for our guest employers. Nine sponsors donated \$1,000.00 in support of the Career Fair. Of the nine sponsors, four have sponsored the fair in the past. Sponsors of this year’s Fair included: Brickman, SeaWorld, The Hartford, Armstrong Garden Centers, Panda Express, AutoAnything; PSOMAS, KinderCare, and the Mutual of Omaha. We are grateful for the staff who came together to make this event possible. Ten of our volunteers were students who really put their all into this event.

### **🐾 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Auto Skills Day**

High school auto tech bragging rights were on the line at Cuyamaca College’s annual High School Automotive Skills Day. The event was co-sponsored by the Cuyamaca College Automotive Technology Program and Chapter 24, the San Diego chapter of the Automotive Service Council of California (a statewide trade organization of independent automotive repair facilities). The co-sponsors of the event donated over \$5,000 in prizes and awards that were presented to the winners in each category.



A total of 56 automotive students from Clairemont, Monte Vista, Grossmont, El Capitan, Poway, San Dieguito and El Camino high schools participated in the event. Students competed in a variety of automotive subject areas including: Alignment, Brakes, Electrical, Engine Performance and Repair Estimating. Chapter 24 has been involved with the college in this event for its full 33-year run. The Auto Skills Day competition is believed to be the longest running event in the college’s history.

### **🐾 OH Department on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to Sacramento to accept the California Community Colleges Board of Governors Energy & Sustainability Award**

Cuyamaca College is one of three community colleges in the state, along with Citrus (Glendora) and Butte (Oroville), to win the inaugural Energy and Sustainability Awards competition from the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Cuyamaca College was recognized in the area of faculty/student initiatives; the school won for promoting sustainable landscaping at the Rancho San Diego campus.

The initiative was the result of meetings held in 2007 with 23 Cuyamaca College faculty members who discussed moving beyond water conservation to a broader sustainable urban landscape approach. The campus then began using sustainable practices for stormwater, green waste, energy conservation and resource management.



Cuyamaca College was also praised for establishing the annual Sustainable Urban Landscape conference, which has attracted more than 250 industry professionals each year since 2008.

Additionally, the college created a sustainable urban landscape degree and certificate program, with its first graduates expected this June. The curriculum for the sustainable urban landscape program has since been adopted by MiraCosta and Southwestern colleges.

### **🐾 Student Success Celebrations**

Students and their families gathered together Friday afternoon to celebrate their academic achievements at the first annual Student Success Celebration, held in the Student Plaza, on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Students who had participated in, or who were involved with, the various programs sponsored through Student Services were invited to attend, which included students from Athletics, CalWORKs, DSPS, EOPS, First Year Experience, Scholarships (awardees and donors), student leadership, and the University Transfer Center. Earlier in the afternoon, the Transfer Achievement Celebration recognized and celebrated, along with their families, the students who will be transferring to a four-year institution.

### **🐾 Diversity Workshop at the College**

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Tehseen Lazzouni, Director of the Islamic Speakers Bureau of San Diego, presented a workshop titled, *“Getting to Know American Muslims and Culture: Definitions, Demographics, Beliefs & Practices.”* This interactive workshop also provided a great opportunity for a dialogue between audience members.

### **🐾 College Department Awarded National Honor Society**



The Psychology Department at Cuyamaca College was recently accepted into a chapter of Psi Beta, a national honor society for psychology majors at community colleges. The mission of Psi Beta Honor Society is to promote professional development of psychology students in two-year colleges through promotion and recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, research, and community service. Psychology instructor **Steve Weinert** will serve as their advisor.

### **🐾 Race Walking for the Gold**

On Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> our track and field coach, **Tim Seaman**, and Cuyamaca College student **Nick Christie** flew to Eugene, Oregon to compete in the US World Cup Trials for Race Walking. Both finished in the top 10, with Coach Seaman finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and Nick coming in 8<sup>th</sup>! Both men qualified for the U.S. National Race Walking Team and will fly to Saransk, Russia to compete for a spot on the world team. Both have an opportunity to qualify for the American Olympic team that will compete in the London games in August 2012.

### **🐾 Newly Tenured Faculty Reception**

On Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, President Zacovic, along with the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate and the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges, honored and recognized 21 of our college faculty who have been granted tenure in the past four years. Held at the Water Conservation Garden, it was a great evening of recognition and camaraderie that reminded all of us of what a great place Cuyamaca College is to work. Faculty recognized (along with the year they were granted tenure) are:

Amaliya Blyumin (2012-2013)  
Timothy Buckles (2009-2010)  
Marvelyn Bucky (2009-2010)

Nicole Keeley (2011-2012)  
Stephen McCamman (2009-2010)  
Jesus Miranda (2012-2013)



Guillermo Colls (2012-2013)  
Daniel Curtis (2012-2013)  
Gregory Differding (2009-2010)  
Kimberly Dudzik (2010-2011)  
Lauren Halstead (2012-2013)  
Courtney Hammond (2009-2010)  
Nicole Jones (2012-2013)

Cynthia Morrin (2010-2011)  
Christopher O’Byrne (2011-2012)  
Marie Ramos (2011-2012)  
Cyrus Saghafi (2011-2012)  
Donald Schultz (2012-2013)  
Taylor Smith (2012-2013)  
Glenn Thurman (2011-2012)

### **🐾 Mural on E Building**

If you have not yet seen it, you need to check out the mural on the northwest side of the E (Business) building. The final extension of the mural is almost complete. The painter, former student **Kathy Zanut**, has spent the last five months working on the mural, blending the history and topography of the surrounding area.



### **🐾 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:

- The Workplace Learning Resource Center conducted a Train the Trainer workshop for eighteen counselors and faculty members from four community colleges in Region 10. After completion, participants will have Blanchard Leadership certification to work with student leaders at their respective campuses.
- **Jonathan Kropp**, Interim Director, hosted a variety of Social Media workshops during the Desert Regional Consortium, the ETC/EHSM Advisory Committee, and Industry Panel Night.
- The Environmental Training Center (ETC) received a \$50,000 grant award increase to facilitate the development of a “Skills Panel” for water. The goal of the increased award is to identify pathways and micro credentials. The ETC Initiative grant was renewed for another year at \$205,000. The ETC will be working closely with the Water/Wastewater Department at Cuyamaca College to complete this exciting scope of work.
- Next Generation Solar Grant: **Paolo Espaldon**, Program Manager, made a presentation on Solar Sales and Building Integrated Photovoltaic/Thin Film training at the Environmental Health and Safety Management Industry Panel Night. Over 70 students participated in the workshop.
- California WaterWorks Grant: **Simi Rush**, Program Manager, and **Don Jones**, Program Specialist, presented the “best practices” model internship program at Cuyamaca College at the San Diego County Water Authority. This internship is expected to include a number of partnering water districts within San Diego County.

- The *Summer Preview* (Continuing Education & Workforce Training class schedule) “hit the streets” on May 11<sup>th</sup>, with an exciting array of summer classes offered June 4<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-eight different classes are scheduled in the following categories: Career and Certificate Training; Fitness, Dance and Wellness; Personal Interest; and English as a Second Language. New offerings this summer include a Wine and Viticulture series; a focused Business Skills series; Entrepreneurship and Green Training Programs; and much more. Registration is now open for our summer classes at [www.cuyamaca.edu/preview](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/preview).

#### 🐾 **Library Display: ¡Viva Mexico!**

During the month of May, the Cuyamaca College library will honor Cinco de Mayo and Mexican culture. Stop by and check out the beautiful golden eagle—Mexico’s national bird, currently on loan from the San Diego Natural History Museum. Additional items, books and information related to Mexican culture, heritage, customs and history are also on display. *Win a piñata!* Visit the library during the month of May and enter for your chance to win one of the two awesome piñatas on display in the circulation area!

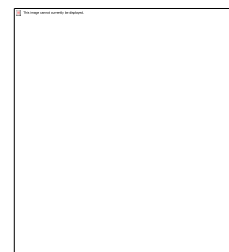


#### 🐾 **Child Development Conference Here at Cuyamaca College**

On Saturday, April 14, Cuyamaca College Instructor, **Tony Zambelli**, and Pat Pierson, former middle school teacher and Associate Director of the San Diego Center for Economic Education, led an interactive session for fifteen pre-school instructors at the San Diego Association for the Education of Young Children (SDAIEYC) annual conference held on the campus of Cuyamaca College. They presented an innovative program entitled "Sprouts: Pre-school Economics Through Dramatic Play," a program developed by SDCEE's sister organization, the Kentucky Council on Economic Education. The presentation format was designed to be a hands-on experience, with the presenters modeling one of the lessons and leading the participants through the materials. Each of the participants then assumed responsibility for sharing one of the remaining eleven lessons with the group. During the share-out portion of the workshop, the pre-school instructors presented several great ideas about how they could implement the training materials in their own classrooms. The session closed with Tony leading the group in a spirited singing of "Oh Scarcity," a song included in the Sprouts packet. At the close of the session, several of the attendees commented that they had found the materials tremendously helpful, particularly the annotated bibliography of books appropriate for preschoolers and the suggested activities that involved parents and other community members.

#### 🐾 **Another Sad Loss for the College**

We are very sad to share the news that one of our own, **David DeHaven**, a custodian here at Cuyamaca College since 1995, passed away suddenly on campus the morning of May 7<sup>th</sup>. Dave was a hard-working, friendly and dedicated employee who was beloved by everyone who knew him here at the college. His can-do attitude and dependable nature will be greatly missed. He was a highly valued employee for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. We know you join us in extending our condolences to Dave’s family and offering them our deepest sympathy for their loss. Services are pending.



## Upcoming College Events

### Diversity Workshop

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

11:30am, Student Center, room I-207

"Exploring Social Justice through a Gender Lens." Presented by Lea-Burgess-Carland, Director of the Women's Center at CSUSM, this interactive workshop will facilitate learning and provide insight into gender roles, expression, and equity.

### 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

### Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Department Spring 2012 Concert Series – Last Concert of the Season!

May 18 Cuyamaca College Rock, Pop and Soul Ensemble – *Rubber Soul*

The event starts at 7:30pm in the Performing Arts Theatre, Building B

To reserve tickets call (619) 660-4288

For more information visit [www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts)



### Finals Week Pancake Breakfast

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Associated Student Government will sponsor a "study break" that features a FREE Pancake Breakfast with all of the toppings. In addition to endless pancakes, students will be treated with all the extras -- eggs, bacon, and lots of coffee to give them energy for their exams. Students will also be given free bluebooks and scantrons at the event.

### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement Celebration

Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm, Student Center Quad.

This year's commencement speaker is Mr. Greg Koch, CEO of Stone Brewing Company.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual After-Commencement Party

All faculty and staff are invited to the party immediately following Commencement at the Water Conservation Garden. Sponsored by the Academic Senate and the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges.



### College for Kids

The College for Kids summer program begins July 9<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 9<sup>th</sup>. We are offering 39 different classes for children ages 8-14, which include classes in art, dance, fitness, science, media, and more.

College for Kids registration began May 1<sup>st</sup> at

[www.cuyamaca.edu/preview/CFK/](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/preview/CFK/).