



President's Report to the Governing Board August 21, 2012

🐾 Student Trustees Participate in Training Workshop

Student Trustees **Mr. Mohammed Alyasini** (Cuyamaca College) and **Ms. Samantha Elliot** (Grossmont College) participated in a weekend of training for their new student trustee positions. The workshop held in San Francisco and sponsored by the Community College League of California (CCLC) provided student trustees state-wide with information on being an effective Student Trustee for their respective districts. At the end of the weekend all students received Certificates of Completion. Our Student Trustees were accompanied by **Dr. Lauren Weiner-Vaknin**, Associate Dean of Student Affairs.



🐾 Fall 2012 Convocation was "Simply the Best"

The theme for this year's Fall semester's Convocation was *"Simply the Best"*. Convocation began in the afternoon with lunch in the Student Center followed by the official program. **President Zacovic** addressed a packed crowd in the Student Center, welcoming everyone back to the college for the upcoming academic year. In keeping with the theme of Convocation attendees were encouraged, at each table, to write their thoughts on "How is Cuyamaca College Simply the Best?" Something new for this Fall Convocation was a free raffle for all in attendance. Each employee received a raffle ticket and was entered into the raffle drawing. Prizes included wine gift baskets, a spa treatment, a day at Viejas, Performing Arts and theatre tickets, office supplies donated by Office Max, and a Nook donated by the college bookstore.

The annual President's Awards were presented to three Cuyamaca College staff members "for outstanding dedication, service and leadership to Cuyamaca College and its students."



The President's Award for outstanding Faculty was presented to **Ms. Patricia Santana**, Department Chair of World Languages. Ms. Santana began teaching part-time at Cuyamaca College in 1981, and joined the full-time faculty in 1997. She has an unwavering belief in the power of learning; through collaboration anything can be accomplished; and life is too short to be anything less than inspiring. She has been beaming since being informed that a new full-time faculty member in the Spanish department is being recruited.



Dr. Lauren Weiner-Vaknin, Associate Dean of Student Affairs received the President's Award as outstanding Administrator. Dr. Weiner-Vaknin came to us with a strong academic background (having received her doctorate recently from the Community College Leadership program at SDSU), and a wealth of experience in Student Affairs. In the one year this person has served as Cuyamaca, we have seen tremendous growth in the area of Student Affairs, including: student activities, student conduct and academic integrity, and Student Learning Outcomes Assessment in Student

Services.

Dr. Weiner-Vaknin recently stepped into the role as coordinator of SLOs in Student Services and is bringing her expertise to the table to bring Student Services beyond proficiency to a cycle of sustainable continuous quality improvement in the area of SLO assessment.



Ms. Sara Suter, Budget Analyst for Administrative Services, was presented the President's Award for Classified Staff. Ms. Suter has been with Cuyamaca College for over 8 years, and has an MBA from National University. Most of all Ms. Suter has been commended for a "can-do" and "whatever it takes" attitude from all managers and colleagues.

The second annual Outstanding Faculty Member Award was presented to **Ms. Donna Hajj**, Counseling Department Chair. 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. Aside from her committee work, Donna has led the Counseling Department during a time of great change, innovation and challenge. She has been involved as Lead Faculty in the development of the online counseling system, including the online orientation and advising programs for both colleges, and working with Grossmont College to design and implement both of these programs for use next year. She created the Counseling & Transfer Center's web sites. She designed and programmed the WebAdvisor tutorials, and supervised the one that is provided in Arabic. She led a team of faculty to design and deploy the online Early Alert system.

Years of Service Awards were awarded to 32 faculty and staff, representing a total of 385 years of cumulative service to the college. Three new staff members, **Mr. Joseph Young**, Water/Wastewater Technology instructor, **Mr. Adam Andrews**, Instructional Media Services Technician, and **Ms. Martha Galvan**, Financial Aid Advisor, were welcomed into the Cuyamaca College family. Those employees who have been promoted or serving in an interim position due to the recent ERI were also recognized.

🐾 Post-Convocation Reception and Retiree Recognition

Following Convocation, faculty, staff and administrators gathered at the Water Conservation Garden for a **hot** reception. Five retirees were attendance including (from left to right) **Mr. George Murphy**



(Counseling faculty); **Mr. Tony Zambelli** (Business Instructor); **Ms. Barbara Takahashi** (Administrative Assistant, President's Office) **Mr. Steve Gonzalez** (Custodial Supervisor); and **Dr. Cristina Chiriboga** (Interim President and Vice President of Instruction). All were recognized during the afternoon reception and presented a commemorative gift on behalf of the college.

🐾 Cuyamaca Way Award Presented

Ms. Patty Branton, Senior Facilities Clerk, was presented the “Cuyamaca Award” in July. Patty exhibits the qualities “Beautiful,” “Friendly,” “Dedicated”, “Welcoming” and “Teamwork” of the Cuyamaca Way. She was nominated for always having a smile on her face and exhibiting a consistently great attitude. She loves her work here at Cuyamaca College and for that she is much appreciated. *Congratulations, Patty!*



🐾 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:

Workforce Innovation Partnership Grants (Green Ventures):

- 66 students attended one of the three Youth Boost Career Institute (YBCI) College for Kids sessions conducted during the month of July. YBCI (a grant funded pilot project coordinated by Workforce Innovation Partnership, Teacher Preparation and Grossmont College’s HASPI) exposed students to healthcare as it relates to green entrepreneurship, green careers and engineering and science for incoming 7th and 8th graders.
- Received approval from the State Chancellor’s Office for two 12/13 Workforce Innovation Partnership renewal applications in the amount of \$218,750 each.
- 2012 Green Ventures Summer Bridge program at Santana High School partnered with the following industry partners to provide job shadow activities for students: Cuyamaca College, Salk Institute, DPR Construction, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, and Santee Lakes. Results included the City of Santee offering to host four paid internships during the school year.

Next Generation Solar Grant:

- 15 students completed the first cohort of Solar Sales, Design, and Estimation class held at Cuyamaca College.

California WaterWorks Project:

- The California Water Works grant was invited to participate with a group based out of UC Berkeley and Stanford University to focus on the resurgence of water/science education in K-12, and to steer interest towards community college water programs.
- Cuyamaca College will be a key participant in reactivating a workforce development program with the American Water Works Association.

Workplace Learning Resource Center:

- Director **Linda Waring**, will be taking a lead role, at the request of Mr. Scott Alvey, CEO of the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce, to work with Mr. Steve Devan, President of the Grossmont Schools Federal Credit Union, to assist in the reorganization of the Chamber’s Business/Education Committee.
- **Ms. Linda Waring**, **Ms. Erin Roberts-Hall** and **Ms. Ann Durham** attended the Global Corporate College Institute in St. Louis. GCCCD has become a member of the Global Corporate College providing the District with great opportunities to serve corporate training needs of the region.
- The California Workforce Investment Board Southern California Focus Group in Santa Ana was attended by **Ms. Linda Waring**. This was one of three invitation-only groups designed to

provide feedback and influence the strategic plan of the California Workforce Investment Board. The plan must be presented to and approved by the Federal Department of Labor in order for the State of California to receive Workforce Investment Act dollars. Cuyamaca College is serving as a leader in this arena.



🐾 College for Kids Finishes its Summer Session

Over 600 children participated in 33 class offerings through the College for Kids program July 9th through August 9th. Classes ranging from fencing to biology, to cooking and more were offered throughout the summer. The 2012 College for Kids year was a huge success!

~~ Upcoming Events ~~

A complete list of college activities can be found on our website, www.cuyamaca.edu

Academic Integrity and Student Code of Conduct Workshop

Thursday, August 22, 2:00 – 3:00pm

Student Center, I-104

Participants in this workshop will be informed about Cuyamaca College’s academic integrity policies while participating in an interactive discussion regarding the Student Code of Conduct. This workshop is a great educational opportunity to learn about the academic integrity policies and how to avoid potential misconduct issues in the future.

Lunch and Student Government Meeting

Friday, August 23, 12:00 – 1:00pm

Student Center, I-124

Enjoy a free lunch at the Associated Student Government Office and meet the officers of the student government. Chat with members of ASGCC and stay for the first student government meeting of the upcoming academic year.

College Hour: Chaldean Culture and Traditions

Monday, August 27, 1:00 – 2:00pm

Grand Lawn



Diversity Dialogue: Chaldean Culture & Traditions

Thursday, August 30, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Student Center, I-207



Diversity Dialogue: A Level Playing Field? A Workshop on Educational Equity for Women

Monday, September 10, 1:30 – 2:30pm

Student Center, I-104

CDC Waffle Breakfast Social Fundraiser

Tuesday, September 11, 7:30 – 9:30am

Child Development Center

College Hour: Mexican Cultural Heritage Celebration

Thursday, September 13, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Grand Lawn



Diversity Dialogue: Generational Diversity

Tuesday, September 18, 2:30 – 3:30pm

Student Center, I-207

Farmer's Market

The Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market is held at Cuyamaca College from 9:00am to 2:00pm each Saturday. Fresh fruits and vegetables, health and fitness sessions, live music and more! In a short period of time, this market has become extremely popular with the local community.