



## President's Report to the Governing Board September 11, 2012

### **🐾 Welcome Week Activities for Students**



Welcome Week was a resounding success, attracting a large number of students who were able to find just the right program, club, or activity to meet their needs. The new school year began with the Student Organization Involvement Fair which showcased the wide variety of organizations that make up the Cuyamaca College campus, and also made it easy for new and returning students to become involved. The Grand Lawn was filled with student organizations' information tables that were filled with information about their clubs,

scheduled events, and available leadership positions. The newly formed Psychology Club, which was organized at the end of last Spring semester, recruited 43 new members at the Involvement Fair. In addition to representatives from Cuyamaca College's student organizations, Student Government officers were on site to greet students and inform them about the numerous opportunities to become involved on campus. In addition to the educational aspects of the Student Organization Fair, there was plenty of free food and music. San Diego's KZBT 94.9 radio added to the festivities by broadcasting live during the event and giving away prizes. Cuyamaca College's Student Government kicked off its voter registration campaign, registering students and providing them with information provided by the San Diego Registrar of Voters. Other Welcome Week activities included a free breakfast for students, free BBQ with games on the Grand Lawn, and a "Meet and Greet" with the Student Government student leadership.



### **🐾 Voter Registration Campaign**



The Associated Student Government began its voter registration campaign on the first day of school and continued it through Welcome Week. Students must register to vote by the October 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline to be eligible to vote in the November elections. All of the Student Affairs and Student Government activities until that date will include a voter registration component. Classroom presentations will also be made to all First Year Experience (FYE) students. The registration campaign will highlight a "Register to Vote" event on September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30am to

1:30pm. All students, who register to vote during that time, will be treated to a free root beer float in the Student Center.

### **🐾 Chaldean College Hour & Diversity Dialogue**

Sponsored by the Associated Student Government, the August College Hour was an opportunity for students, staff, and faculty to join together to celebrate the



Chaldean culture. In addition to learning more about Chaldean traditions, Cuyamaca students enjoyed complimentary food.

In conjunction with the College Hour program, **Dr. Sami Jihad**, ESL Outreach Specialist, presented a Diversity Dialogue workshop to 65 students on the history and origins of the Chaldean culture. This workshop kicked off the Diversity Dialogue for the fall semester, and was a wonderful educational opportunity for those in attendance.



### 🐾 **Water/Wastewater Technology Programs Continue to Make Waves**

Our Water/ Wastewater Technology Program reached a number of milestones this past month. They recently received word that the new Water Resources Management Certificate/Degree program was approved by the State Chancellor's Office. With the addition of this sixth degree, we now have the most comprehensive Water/Wastewater Technology program in the state community college system.



With our first full-time faculty member, **Mr. Joseph Young**, we are now able to offer, for the first time, daytime Water/Wastewater classes, headlined this semester by two brand new sustainability focused courses: "Principles & Practices of Water Conservation" and "Water Resources Management". Each of these classes has over 30 students

enrolled. In August, **Mr. Don Jones**, Director of the Water Grant, was invited to speak at the National Partnership for Environmental Technology Educator's (PETE) National Conference at Mission College in Santa Clara. The topic was *Water: The California Community Colleges Role in Training the Next Generation of Water Industry Professionals*.

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

#### Environmental Training Center (ETC):

- Cuyamaca College received notification from the State Chancellor's Office that two Industry Driven Regional Collaborative (IDRC) grants were funded: 1) Sustainable Infrastructure and 2) Sustainable Supply Chain Management through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. The total for these two awards is \$733,856. The following grant writers deserve big kudos: **Mr. Jonathan Kropp, Ms. Molly Ash, Ms. Linda Waring and Mr. Paolo Espaldon** who are at a 100% funding rate for grants written for Cuyamaca College.
- The ETC secured an \$11,500 contract with SDG&E to provide Advanced Lighting Controls training classes at their Energy Innovation Center.
- The ETC has partnered with the California Air Resources Board to offer free classes for the business community in San Diego.
- The ETC is providing contract education environmental health and safety classes for the following San Diego employers: General Atomics, BAE Systems & the Port of San Diego, Goal Line, and Goodrich Aerostructures.

### California WaterWorks Project:

- The WaterWorks Project staff is working closely with world renowned water expert, Ms. Amy Vickers, to enhance the Water/Wastewater curriculum for community college programs across the state.
- **Ms. Simi Rush**, grant manager, presented on the topic “Water and the California Community College Role in Training the Next Generation of Workforce Professionals” at the Partnership for Environmental Technology Education National Conference this month in Santa Clara, CA.

### Workforce Innovation Partnership Grants (Green Ventures):

- Santana High School’s Environmental Design Pathway Academy Green Ventures Summer Bridge program concluded in early August. This summer class focused on sustainable building with a student-based final project. A sustainable pavilion will be showcased on September 19<sup>th</sup> at an Open House at Santana High School. The pavilion contains the only recycle bins on campus for students – a great start to a sustainable future.
- As a result of a successful summer Green Ventures Bridge program at Kearny Construction Tech Academy (KCTA), a version of Green Ventures will be incorporated into a school day this academic year.

### Next Generation Solar Grant:

- Grant manager **Mr. Paolo Espaldon** participated as a panel member at the 1:1 Movement Sustainable Education Symposium held at San Diego State University. The discussions centered on solar and green career education training and the need for continued education. Other notable panel members included Congressman Bob Filner, US Representative for CA 51<sup>st</sup> Congressional District and Mr. Jush Robinson, Director of the San Diego Sustainable Living Institute.

### SDG&E Green Future’s Grant Proposals Submitted

The CEWT Grant team came together once again to coordinate and write two proposals in response to a Request for Project (RFP) solicited by SDG&E:

1. Green Campus Project  
Funding to support a “Students for Change” Initiative at Cuyamaca College where student leaders will submit proposals for energy efficiency projects on campus. Funding will be used for materials necessary to complete projects selected.
2. Sustainable Green Building Pathways Project  
Funding to support a green career exploration class for California Conservation Corps (CCC) members.

### Kaiser Permanente

CEWT received a \$35,000 contract with Kaiser Permanente to provide contract credit classes so employees could obtain an Anesthesia Technician Certificate, during tough budget times when credit classes are not currently being offered at Grossmont College.

### **Global Corporate College**

Based on reputation and experience in providing employer sponsored training and education through contract education, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District has been invited to join the Global Corporate College. At a meeting recently held here at Cuyamaca College with Global Corporate College representatives, staff from Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College and the District met together to discuss a plan for bringing the Global Corporate College curriculum to the colleges.

Global Corporate College is a national training organization that provides overall solution design to ensure consistent delivery through community college partners across the nation. As a partner, GCCCD will receive curriculum solutions, instructional design and development resources and best practices to better meet the customized training needs of San Diego employers.

**🐾 Cuyamaca Way Award Presented**

**Mr. Curtis Gagnon**, an hourly Operations staff member, was awarded the Cuyamaca Way award in a short, informal presentation in the President’s Office. Curtis exhibits the following characteristics of the Cuyamaca Way: “Friendly”, “Student-centered”, “Dedicated” and “Teamwork”. He was nominated for always having a great attitude and always responding with an enthusiastic “no problem!” when asked to perform a task. Congratulations, Curtis! You can view the presentation at <http://youtu.be/ClgN6TGUFmQ>.



With Curtis (L-R), Mr. Bruce Farham, Director of Facilities; Ms. Patty Branton, Facilities Clerk; and Dr. Mark J. Zacovic, President

**🐾 Library Display**



The library will be adding a bit of spice to the current display to help celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Books on the art, literary, and cultural contributions of the Hispanic Americans will be featured in the display. Additionally, the display will feature our very own **Ms. Patricia Santana’s** novels as well as poetry written by various Hispanic writers. Stop by and add a little spice to your life.



**🐾 Life Coach at the College**

This past summer **Ms. Connie Sterling**, Multi Media Tech Senior in the LTRC, was certified as a Mindful Change Coach. She attended the National Wellness Conference at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point and obtained Laughter Yoga Leader Certification as well as a Certificate of Completion for the Coaching Academy.

## ~~ Upcoming Events ~~

*A complete list of college activities can be found on our website, [www.cuyamaca.edu](http://www.cuyamaca.edu)*

**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

**Student Organization & Advisor Reception**

Thursday, September 20, 12:00 – 1:00pm  
Student Services, I-104



**Register to Vote and Get a Free Root Beer Float**

Wednesday, September 26, 11:30am – 1:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Student Center

**Performing Arts presents *Kembang Sunda* – Indonesian gamelan music**

Thursday, September 27, 7:30pm

Performing Arts Theatre, Building B.

For ticket information, visit our website at [www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts)



**Diversity Dialogue: Inclusive Leadership – Getting Involved and Staying Involved!**

Wednesday, October 3, 3:00 – 4:00pm

Student Center, I-207

**OH Alumni & Friends Kickoff “Pinot and Pints”**



*The launch of the Ornamental Horticulture Alumni & Friends Network*

Thursday, October 5, 5:00pm

Water Conservation Garden

Event tickets are \$35 per person if purchased before September 27<sup>th</sup>; \$45 per person if purchased after that date. Tickets will also be available at the door. To purchase tickets, call 619.644.7109.

**Carnivale5! Deaf Awareness Day San Diego**

Saturday, October 6, Balboa Park

(Please contact the American Sign Language Department for more information, 619-660-4214)

**San Diego Robotics Expo – Science & Engineering**

Saturday, October 6, 8:00am – 2:00pm

Student Center

**Performing Arts presents the *Cuyamaca College Choir***

Thursday, October 11, 7:30pm

Performing Arts Theatre, Building B.

For ticket information, visit our website at [www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts)

**Child Development Center Annual Fall Festival**

Friday, October 12, 5:30 – 7:30pm

Child Development Center



**Diversity Dialogue: Getting to Know American Muslims and Culture: Demographics, Beliefs & Practices**

Wednesday, October 17, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Student Center, I-207

**Performing Arts presents the Cuyamaca College Concert Band**

Wednesday, October 17, 7:30pm

Performing Arts Theatre, Building B.

For ticket information, visit our website at [www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts)

**Transfer Fair**

Monday, October 22, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Grand Lawn

**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.



The **Water Conservation Garden** invites the public to enjoy its 2012 Fall/Winter calendar of classes and events. Gardening classes help residents save water and money by focusing on water-smart landscaping techniques and plants. Classes are taught by professionals, with offerings for both adults and children. Pre-registration is required for all classes. To enroll call 619-660-0614 x 10.

**FREE Garden Tours – Every Saturday at 10:30 am**

Tour the lush, colorful and water-wise garden with a knowledgeable garden docent. Bring your questions and hear the secrets and stories that make our garden special.

**FREE Special Access Tour – Every Third Sunday at 9:30am**

Have trouble navigating the terrain of the Garden but no trouble appreciating its beauty? Let us take you for a ride! Explore the Garden from the comfortable Verbeck Shuttle with a Garden Guide. This tour seats only 4-5 people. For reservations call 619-660-6841. Advance reservations are required.

**Professional Landscape Design Consultations**

Spend 45 minutes one-on-one with a professional landscape designer and you will leave with a complete design plan, and list of suggested plants for your own drought tolerant landscape. Bring a photo of your house and area you want to re-design, the dimensions of the space, and photos of design styles you love. Call 619-660-0614 x10 for appointment availability, designer information and reservations. \$60 Members, \$75 Non-Members

**Ms. Smarty-Plants™ and the Magic of Water School Tours and Assembly Program**

Calling all kid groups! Join Ms. Smarty-Plants™ as she magically takes you on a fun, interactive journey through plant adaptations, the water cycle, conservation and much more. Become a Smarty-Plants™ Earth Hero! To book an educational tour of the Garden or school assembly program contact Jillian Chu at 619-660-6841, ext. 16.

**Toss the Turf!**

Saturday, September 15, 10:00am-12:00pm

Less Grass, Less Water, More Fun! Learn from an expert! A short course in turf removal, tips for soil evaluation, tuning up your irrigation system and water smart landscapes.

\$20 Members, \$28 Non-Members

**Landscape Design Basics**

Saturday, September 22, 10:00am-12:00pm

You can design a water smart garden from the ground up! Bring your ideas, pictures and your creativity! A professional landscape designer will take you through the steps you need to accomplish your dream landscape. \$20 Members, \$28 Non-Members

**Firescaping with Native Plants**

Saturday, September 29, 10:00am-12:00pm

Learn fire-wise landscaping essentials using native plants. This important seminar will guide you through proper plant placement and native plant care. \$20 Members, \$28 Non-Members