



President's Report to the Governing Board October 16, 2012

A Winning Team at Cuyamaca College



The Pacific Coast Athletic Conference selected Cuyamaca College cross-country runner, **Ms. Paige Hughes**, as the Women's Athlete of the Week honor student for the week of September 2nd.

For the first time Cuyamaca College has a women's cross-country track team. They really showed that they are a force to be reckoned with, finishing in 1st place at the recent Cuyamaca Invite. **Mr. Anthony Garcia** is their coach. Teammates are (from L-R) **Paige Hughes, Betty Covarrubias, Sarah Snyder, Ashley Fishman and Kailene Gini.**



Rising Design Star



On Friday, September 14th the International Furnishings and Design Association Educational Foundation held its annual celebration recognizing San Diego's rising design stars. Cuyamaca College student, **Mr. Jafar Deno**, was one of six area students recognized for their outstanding work in the field. Jafar is currently completing a rare feat, concentrating on both areas of emphasis for an AS degree in CADD Technology, Building Design Industry and Manufacturing Industry. The International Furnishings and Design Association

(IFDA) is a worldwide professional alliance of leaders representing the diverse industries that constitute the universe of residential and commercial furnishings and design. In the picture is **Dr. Cyrus Saghafi** (left), Department Chair of CADD Technology, and CADD student, Jafar Deno.

First Year Experience "Kicks Off" the New Year



Students involved with the First Year Experience kicked off the academic year with a competitive kickball tournament, held Friday afternoon, September 14th. The four FYE classes (Alphas, Funky Bunch, Benjamin's, and Adolescents) each had representatives playing in the tournament and in the end, the team representing the Adolescents (**Jesus Miranda's** class) won the tournament by a score of 4 to 2. Approximately 60 players, all FYE students, participated in the games. Close to 100 people, including FYE alumni, were also in attendance.

The Student Achieving Success (S.O.S.) club comprised of FYE alumni, sold nachos, shaved ice, and sodas during the event to raise funds for their student organization. It was definitely a fun day of kickball and food with our FYE students.

🐾 College Hour: Hispanic Heritage Celebration



The recent Hispanic Heritage Celebration and festivities included a great entertainment lineup enjoyed by students, staff, and faculty. In addition to the keynote speaker Mr. Freddie Sanchez, Associate Director of the Cross Cultural Center at SDSU, there were two dance performances, including one by the Caleulli Mexihca Dancers. There was also a poem reading by Instructor **Ms. Patricia Santana** and a discussion of the display at the Library by **Ms. Maria Gearhart**.

🐾 Register to Vote and Get a Free Root Beer Float

The Associated Student Government and Student Affairs sponsored several voter registration activities during the last few weeks to facilitate and increase participation at the polls. On September 17th, the student government hosted a registration event on the Grand Lawn in conjunction with Constitution Day. Two radio stations participated in the festivities that handed out free red, white, and blue popsicles for anyone who registered to vote. Student leaders also distributed constitution quizzes during the event. The “Register to Vote and Get a Free Root Beer Float” event was held in the Student Center; students collected more than 40 registration cards and distributed more than 60 additional voter registration cards and election information. Other voter awareness activities included presentations to all First Year Experience classes. Following the presentation, students were given the opportunity to register to vote during class. Voter registration cards have been available in other classes and student government leaders have been proactive in registering students and distributing registration cards on campus.



Cuyamaca College American Sign Language Association (CCASLA) International Service Project: *Quilting Days*

Recently, CCASLA Officers, ASL students, ASL Faculty Advisors, and our local ASL community friends gathered in the ASL Labs at Cuyamaca College to participate in our third annual “Quilting Days.”



Approximately 20 people participated this year’s event. We were able to complete 10 full quilts and 5 partial quilts (to be completed next year). The quilts will be added to those of our community partners and sent to areas devastated by disasters at home and abroad. This is our third year hosting this event, and we are very proud to be able to help people stay warm and dry around the world.





OH Alumni and Friends Kickoff “Pinot and Pints”

On October 4 the Cuyamaca Alumni Network for the Ornamental Horticulture Program, along with the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges, hosted its first event and fundraiser at the Water Conservation Garden. Over 100 alumni, students, and special guests were in attendance. We were pleased to have in attendance GCCCD Chancellor **Dr. Cindy Miles** and Cuyamaca College President **Dr. Mark J. Zacovic**. Representing the Foundation were Glenn Kaufhold and Ernest Ewin. The OH Alumni group spelled out its vision of promoting fundraising for the OH Program along with networking and camaraderie opportunities for OH alumni. The event was also a retirement celebration for **Brad Monroe**, who retired as OH Program Coordinator in June after over 30 years of dedicated service with the College.

Student Leaders Community Service Project

Student leaders joined together with students from Grossmont College to participate in a community service project at Noah Homes in Spring Valley. The students worked alongside residents and staff from Noah Homes to clean out the garden and prepare it for the winter planting. Students also heard a presentation from Noah Homes and learned more about this non-profit group while lending a hand in their local community. Pictured (L-R) is **Mathias Gomez** (Emerging Leader), **Mohammed Alyasini** (Cuyamaca College Student Trustee), and **Diane Diehl** (Emerging Leader).



🐾 Annual San Diego Robotics Expo

The San Diego Robotics Education Expo was held for the fifth year in a row at Cuyamaca College. Approximately 350 visitors attended throughout the course of the day. Exhibitors included: University of San Diego, San Diego Mesa College's robotics team, Wintress Technical Schools, High Tech High's robotics team, and of course Cuyamaca College's very own microcontroller and robotics classes. Highlights of the day included a life-size robotic giraffe and the Sea Perch, a remote controlled underwater vehicle. The event featured innovative and practical robotic applications plus information on how to follow a career in robotic programming and/or engineering, as well as fun for the whole family. Recognition goes out to faculty member, **Dr. Duncan McGehee**, who coordinates this event every year in cooperation with the San Diego Science Alliance.

🐾 Former Cuyamaca College Now Inspiring Filmmaker



Mr. Dustin Kahlia, former Cuyamaca College student, premiered one of his latest awarding winning short, “Valediction”, film at the Gaslamp in San Diego and at the La Jolla Contemporary Arts the weekend of September 29th. His fifteen-minute short film “Valediction” was the winner of the Audience Choice Award at the National Film Festival for Talented Youth in Seattle, WA. In March 2012, the film was uploaded to YouTube and within four months received over 777,000 hits. In June of 2012, Dustin applied and was accepted into an advanced screenwriting summer program at the USC’s School of Cinematic Arts. Mr. Kahlia currently works as an intern for Village Roadshow Pictures in Beverly Hills (credits include *The Matrix*, *Oceans Eleven*, and *Sherlock Holmes*.)

🐾 A New Interim Dean for Counseling Services



We are very pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Marty Spring** as the Interim Dean of Counseling Services. Marty brings to Cuyamaca College a wealth of knowledge and experience in student support services. He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of California, Riverside, and has two Master's degrees, one in Marriage, Family, Child Counseling from Chapman University and one in Educational Psychology from the University of San Diego. For 23 years he held the position as Dean of Counseling and Student Development at Mira Costa College until he retired in 2011. In this capacity he provided administrative oversight for a variety of departments including

Counseling, EOPS, DSPS, Health Services, Service Learning, Student Government/Activities, Transfer, and Athletics. Additionally, Marty is quite distinguished in the area of accreditation, having served as a visiting team member for at least a half a dozen community colleges. Since retiring Marty has continued to demonstrate his student-centered values by serving students on a part-time basis in DSPS at Mira Costa College and in Athletics at Cuyamaca College. We are very excited to have Marty join our team.

🐾 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:

Environmental Training Center (ETC):

- With the help of the ETC, Cuyamaca College became a United States Green Building Council (USGBC) community. Cuyamaca College now has a free membership to the USGBC; other benefits include free curriculum, resources, reduced student materials cost and much more. For more information please see: <http://www.centerforgreenschools.org/communitygreen.aspx>
- The ETC received a \$50,000 grant augmentation from the California Community Colleges State Chancellor's Office to facilitate the development of a "Skills Panel" for water with the goal of identifying pathways and micro credentials.
- The ETC participated in the USGBC's Green Apple Day of Service by hosting an Educational Booth on Cuyamaca College's green grants, programs, and certificates. On September 29th, more than 1,250 service projects took place in 49 countries on every continent around the world to make our schools healthier, more sustainable places to learn.

California WaterWorks Project: The California WaterWorks grant and Cuyamaca College's Water and Wastewater Technology program will be highlighted in the League for Innovation's October edition of their publication *League Connections*. The virtual tour of the Water Conservation Garden, featuring Xeriscape, is complete and can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdYjRg0Gqrc>

Workforce Innovation Partnership Grants (Green Ventures): The Green Ventures project hosted an open house on September 19th at Santana High School where Environmental Design Pathway Academy students highlighted the final Green Ventures project work of the Environmental Design Pathway Academy 2012 Summer Bridge program, a sustainable pavilion that is a usable permanent structure placed on the grounds of Santana High School.

SDG&E Green Future's Grants: With support from leadership at Cuyamaca College, grant writers in the Continuing Education and Workforce Training Division wrote two outstanding proposals that were funded for the following programs:

1. Green Campus Project (\$30,000)

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 and other program needs.

Term: October 1-December 31, 2012

Authors: **Paolo Espaldon, Linda Waring and Jennifer Lewis**

2. Sustainable Green Building Pathways Project (\$15,750)

Funding to support a green career exploration class and internships for California Conservation Corps (CCC) members.

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Authors: **Paolo Espaldon, Molly Hughes and Jennifer Lewis**

Cuyamaca College has been awarded *both* Green Future Grants submitted for a total funding allocation of \$45,750 that will enhance outreach efforts, invest in student engagement, and offer career exploration opportunities to students in fields of energy efficiency and sustainability. Funding is provided by SDG&E's Statewide Higher Education Partnership Program.

CEWT Advisory Committee Meeting: Continuing Education and Workforce Training held their annual Community Advisory Committee meeting on September 19th; over 40 stakeholders were in attendance with representatives from industry, economic and workforce development, government/utilities, community based/non-profit organizations and educational partners. **Jennifer Lewis**, Interim Dean, facilitated the meeting with a focus on the CEWT mission statement and work group strategy sessions resulted in areas of success and areas needing growth. CEWT received praise for their partnerships, grants, innovation, class development, community involvement, communication and ESL programs.

Project Shine: Continuing Education and Workforce Training secured a \$ 109,000 contract with the County of San Diego to customize and pilot Temple University's Project SHINE health literacy program that foster immigrant integration into US communities. The goals of this project are to: 1) develop English language skills utilizing health literacy content; 2) reduce the impact on the 911 system; and 3) emergency room visits, and increase refugees sense of belonging in their East County communities.

- **Intergenerational Garden Starts to Take Shape**



Progress is under way with the continued construction of the Intergenerational Garden site adjacent to the Child Development Center at Cuyamaca College. The garden site has been cleared, compliments of the County of San Diego, and the perimeter staked. Special thanks go to landscape architect George Mercer and the California Conservation Corps for donating a crew for site preparation and tree trimming. Community volunteer coordinator, **Judy Bishop**, along with her team of six senior volunteers, has been working closely

with **Linda Haar**, Director of the Child Development Center, in the implementation of the Farm to Pre School and YMCA Healthy Habits curriculum.

🐾 Library Display: National Disabilities Awareness Month



Visit the library this month to help celebrate disability awareness! Our first floor display cases feature adaptive equipment graciously provided by the DSPS High-Tech Center and our second-floor display highlights famous disabled people and includes books that address a wide array of

disabilities. Brochures and literature by various supportive local agencies throughout our county are also available at the circulation counter and on a table at our entry way. Be sure to visit the Disabilities Awareness Resource Fair in front of the gym on October 31st from 11:30-12:00, where these same agencies and many others provide valuable information about their services. Following this event the LRC in collaboration with our ASGCC, DSPS, the Athletics department, Club ABLED and **Jim Hannibal** will sponsor our 15th annual Wheelchair Basketball Game in the gym from 12:00-1:00 pm.

~~ Upcoming Events ~~

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



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

University Transfer Fair

Monday, October 22, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Grand Lawn

CDC Waffle Breakfast Social Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 24, 7:30 – 9:30am

Child Development Center

Cuyamaca College's American Sign Language Association hosts "Silent Game Day"

Wednesday, October 24, all day event

Communication Arts building B

16th Annual Aggie Golf Tournament

Friday, October 26, 12:30pm

Bonita Golf Course



College Hour: *Disabilities Awareness*

Wednesday, October 31, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Gym

15th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game

Wednesday, October 31, 12:00 - 1:00pm

Gym

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, or online at www.thegarden.org.

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.

Raising Urban Chickens

Saturday, October 20, 10:00am to 12:00pm

Learn how easy it is to raise and care for your own chickens! Raise farm fresh eggs in your own backyard and learn all you need to know to keep your flock happy and healthy.

\$20 Members; \$28 Non-Members

Rainwater Collection for the Homeowner

Saturday, November 3, 10:00am to 12:00pm

Every drop counts! Save rainfall this winter through rainwater harvesting to irrigate your landscape. Learn how to use and install a rain harvesting system!

\$20 Members; \$28 Non-Members