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## President's Report to the Governing Board January 15, 2013

### **Students Receive New Laptop Dell Computers**



Three Cuyamaca College students received new Dell laptop computers, courtesy of the John Burton Foundation. The three students submitted essays as part of its Burton Scholars Laptop Challenge. This is the third year of the program, with its goal to provide foster youth attending higher education or career and vocational training with an important tool that is often cost-prohibitive for foster youth. The three deserving EOPS students, Mr. **William Felix**, Ms. **Lauren Wise**, and Ms. **Sarah Mugford**, received their new Dell laptop computers just before the start of the spring semester.

### **Student Pancake Breakfast**

In December, prior to finals week, the Associated Student Government sponsored a free catered Pancake Breakfast that was open to all Cuyamaca students. While taking a study break from the stress of finals, students were not only treated to great food served by administrators and staff, but also enjoyed music, games and free bluebooks.

### **Holiday Workshop for CARE and the UP! Program**

The CARE and UP! Program held their annual Holiday Workshop in December at the Heritage of the Americas Museum. The event was successfully collaborated between the CARE and UP! Programs for 60 single-parent and foster youth students. The students were treated to a delicious meal served in Mrs. Claus' Kitchen and were then sent off to Santa's Toy shop to select toys for their children. The toys and several bicycles were donated by the San Diego Marine Corps Toys 4 Tots Program. This year the students were especially surprised and appreciative of the many gifts for themselves and their teen children donated by Cuyamaca College staff and District personnel.



### **Faculty Member Receives Leadership Award**



It is with great pleasure we announce that one of our own has received a very prestigious award. Ms. Margaret Jones was selected by her peers at the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association as the recipient of the District Nine "Outstanding Leadership Award". At Cuyamaca College Margaret works in the Disabled Student Programs and Services Department as a faculty member specializing in speech and language services and is the co-advisor for Club Abled. She will be honored in Long Beach in March at the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association convention. Way to go Margaret!

### **🐾 Another Cuyamaca Way Award Winner**



Just prior to the holidays, **Ms. Terri Noble**, Multi Media Technician, was presented the Cuyamaca Way award after being nominated by her coworkers and Dean. Despite being short staffed, Terri exhibited the Cuyamaca Way attributes of *Teamwork, Dedicated, and Friendly*. Terri has often offered to work extra hours when the need arises and is committed to her job in the library. While all the staff work together to make the library successful, many believe that Terri takes that extra stepping in helping others. We are grateful for Terri's dedication to her fellow coworkers, job, and Cuyamaca College. Thank you, Terri, for a job well done!

### **🐾 Center for Innovation Activities**

The Center for Innovation within the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Training (CEWT) 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:

- **Mr. Daniel Hopwood**, CEWT Instructor and Program Coordinator of the Environmental Health & Safety Management (EHSM) program at Cuyamaca College, was awarded the 2012 Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award by the San Diego American Society of Safety Engineers.

#### California WaterWorks Project:

- The conclusion of the first portion of the California WaterWorks internship program resulted in ten interns who were mentored and employed at various water agencies in San Diego County. Grant funds also allowed for the development of a similar internship program with College of the Canyons – one of the important grant objectives.
- **Mr. Don Jones**, technical expert, presented on the topic of “The State of Water” at the Agriculture Industry Community College conference in Monterey, CA. This is the first time the discussion of water has been introduced within the Agriculture sector.

#### Project SHINE:

- The first Project SHINE Advisory Committee Meeting with over 15 community partners in attendance was held on Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the El Cajon Branch Library. Project SHINE will provide much needed health literacy training to East County refugees starting in January.

### **🐾 The College Bade Adieu to Dr. Robin Steinback, Vice President of Instruction**

Faculty, staff and administrators gathered at Savannah Grill to bid **Dr. Robin Steinback** a heartfelt and fond farewell as Cuyamaca College's Vice President of Instruction. Hosted by President Zacovic, those in attendance celebrated Robin's new adventure as the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Moreno Valley College. She was presented with gifts that included a teddy bear, polo shirt and hoodie all emblazed with the logo of her new college – Moreno Valley College. Those in attendance were given the opportunity to share words of appreciation with Robin. Prior to the close of the evening Robin was presented the coveted Cuyamaca Way award from President Zacovic. Her new position will cut Dr. Steinback's weekly commute from 2.5 hours to 20 minutes. We wish her well.



## ~~ Upcoming Events ~~

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

🐾 **The Spring 2013 State of the College Address**, along with the Academic Senate's "Awards for Teaching Excellence," is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10:30am** in the Communication Arts Theatre. The morning will start with a light continental breakfast in the theatre lobby beginning at 10:00am. Lunch will be served in the Student Center dining area beginning at noon.

🐾 **Heritage of the Americas Museum 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 – 6:00pm

Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served.

The evening will also feature western artist Alfredo Rodriguez

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[hofam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hofam@sbcglobal.net). All Board of Trustee members and their spouses are cordially invited as honored guests.

