



President's Report to the Governing Board February 19, 2013

College Hoop Night



Faculty and staff came out to the college gym on the evening of January 30th to cheer on the men's basketball team as they battled the #1 team in the league, Palomar College. Free popcorn and cracker jacks were provided for those in attendance; bottled water was sold for \$1.00/bottle. All of the proceeds from the evening (\$209.00) were donated to a statewide initiative to support

cancer research, Coaches vs. Cancer, through the American Cancer Society. Even with Palomar College's 7'1" center, our Coyotes played a great game, keeping the score close throughout the game, but unable to pull out a victory. We are proud of our team and their coaches! *Go Coyotes!!*



FYE Students' Food and Hoops Night

This month was another busy month for the FYE program. Our students, who are involved with the First Year Experience, enjoyed the 2nd annual Food and Hoops Night on February 8th. The "Rising Star" award was presented to 46 students in the FYE program who earned a 3.50 grade point average or higher for the fall semester. This year 35% of our cohort received this award! They did an outstanding job in the classroom and we are so proud of them! The students receiving the "Rising Star" award are:

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| Vanessa Anderson | Eric Frankfurth | Omer Jasim | Karina Medina | Alexis Rico |
| Jorge Baltazar | Bruce Furze | Jordan Jump | Victor Mozo | Sarai Santos |
| Shannon Banks | Raquel Garcia | Rand Kanim | Maricela Munguia | Elizabeth Tague |
| Josie Barlow | Haydee Garza | Mayra Lima | Liz Nava | Jonathan Tala |
| Monique Berry | Karla Gonzalez | Miranda Lopez | Edwin Oliva | Kazejah Thomas |
| Abigail Castro | Stephen Gonzalez | Kathleen Love | Deantay Page | Moises Thomas |
| Briseida De La Hoya | Anthony Gonzalez-Serrano | Jatnael Loya | Pablo Peralta | Olivia Thomas |
| Jocelyn Estrada | Ericka Hernandez | Elaine Maraan | Diana Pineda | Brenda Trieu |
| Stephanie Flores | Natalie Hunt | Magali Marquina | Erika Ramos | Phillip Wagner |
| | | | | Natalie Yule |

ASL Rocks! 6

The Cuyamaca College American Sign Language Association (CCASLA) under the leadership of President **Jack Robertson** and Advisor **Kelley Nielsen**, welcomed over 600 Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing guests to the college for the Helix High School Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, ASL Rocks 6! February 9th with a matinee and an evening show. As her senior project, Helix High School student Hadel Somo directed a variety show that was hosted by 50 Cuyamaca College ASL department volunteers and 10 CCASLA officers. CCASLA Secretary **Delanie Kish** coordinated all Cuyamaca College

ASL student volunteers. Fifty student actors from Helix High School's Creative and Performing Arts Middle School Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs, and other area high schools, participated in the variety show. Mentored Teaching Assistant **Kelsey Martinez** worked with **Jennifer Smith**, **Bryan Cooper** and interns **Camillo Hernandez** and **Chris Seifert** to provide technical support for the rehearsals and performances. Jack Robertson served as the Stage Manager and Kelley Nielsen served as the event coordinator. ASL Rocks 6! provides Cuyamaca College American Sign Language students opportunities to interact with members of the Deaf and hard of hearing community in our local area.

🐾 Student Leaders Create Video of Welcome Activities

Members of the Associated Students leadership team created a video, posted on YouTube, which highlights the activities of the first couple of weeks of the semester, including the student welcome back breakfast, Wii Wednesday, Thursday's sports kick-off day, and the first ASGCC meeting of the month. Also featured in the video is the student organizations involvement fair along with our college mascot, Kudapaw, cheering on our men's basketball team at one of their last home games. The link to the video is <http://youtu.be/SJFsvT9nZAw>.

🐾 State of the College Address

The spring 2013 State of the College Address was held on **Wednesday, January 23rd** in the Communication Arts Theatre. President Mark Zacovic updated the college community on the various issues affecting Cuyamaca College. The morning began with a continental breakfast in the theatre lobby. Lunch, compliments of Sodexo, was served in the Student Center dining area.

The Academic Senate of Cuyamaca College honored two faculty members with its *Award for Teaching*



Excellence during the State of the College Address. Faculty member, **Ms.**

Debra Babylon, from the Art Department,

received the full-time Faculty Award for

Teaching Excellence. **Mr. Eddie Sturgeon**

who teaches in the Paralegal program,

received the part-time Faculty Award for

Teaching Excellence. These two award

recipients were among over 20 nominees

from across the college. They all received rave reviews from their

students who commented on their dedication and enthusiasm for teaching and learning.

Congratulations to Ms. Babylon, Mr. Sturgeon, and all of the nominees who exemplify Cuyamaca

College's commitment to academic excellence and student success.



One new faculty member and six staff members were welcomed into the Cuyamaca College family. **Ms. Danene Brown** and **Mr. Pat Setzer** were recognized and applauded for taking on new duties – Danene as the

Interim Vice President of Instruction,

and Pat as the Interim Dean of Division

II. **Ms. Jane Lytle**, who was the interim

administrative assistant for the Office of

the President, received the coveted

Cuyamaca Way award for her friendly, dedicated and welcoming spirit – all

reflections of the Cuyamaca Way.



🐾 Adjunct Instructor Receives Scholarship

Ms. Christina Burnett, adjunct faculty for Biology, has been awarded a scholarship to participate in the upcoming 2013 Academic Academy, sponsored by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Held here in San Diego, participants will discuss what community colleges must do to increase success in STEM courses; how course work, including labs, can be taught effectively online; and how to engage student interest in STEM programs. Discussions will also include the STEM Transfer Model curricula (TMC), grants, STEM retention, bridge programs, Supplemental Instruction, and classroom pedagogy.

🐾 Faculty Provide Textbooks for Library Reserve

Many faculty who ordered textbooks for their classes requested an extra copy (or two) that can be provided to the Library. These books are kept on reserve for students who cannot afford to purchase their textbook for their class. Since the beginning of the semester we have received over 100 textbooks that will be put on reserve. During the first week of the semester, over 3,000 students visited the library; 500 items were checked out of reserve. We are grateful for the efforts of our faculty in providing much needed textbooks for their students through the library reserve program.

🐾 Sustainability Expo



The Sustainability Committee at Cuyamaca hosted the Sustainability Expo on January 22nd, during staff development week. The expo featured information on sustainable programs, grants, and projects here at Cuyamaca College in the Science Department, Ornamental Horticulture, and Continuing Education. The Expo also presented information on how our facilities here are contributing to environmental sustainability, our green partners, and new student clubs dedicated to sustainability awareness. The Expo also provided a forum for college collaboration on the Sustainability Strategic Plan.

🐾 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):

The ETC hosted the California Air Resources Board at Cuyamaca College which provided free training to industry professionals throughout San Diego and Imperial counties. The Regional Consortium is supporting Cuyamaca College in writing the Statewide Sector Navigator grant (\$372,500) for the Water, Agriculture, and Environmental Technology Sectors funded through the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office as part of the "Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy" initiative. A proposal will be submitted in mid-March.

California WaterWorks Project:

Mr. Don Jones, technical expert, hosted a visit to Cuyamaca College by the Executive Directors of the Environmental Analyst of the National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education and the Environmental and Energy Center. The purpose of the visit was to share best practices related to the California WaterWorks grant and Cuyamaca College's water and wastewater technology programs.

Project SHINE:

Ms. Patience Lehrman, Director of Project SHINE, a nationally recognized leader in immigrant education, facilitated volunteer training for 19 volunteers and tutors, in preparation for two ESL/Health Literacy classes beginning January 30th. This exciting program is serving approximately 60 refugees, many of which are 50 years and older.

Workforce Innovation Partnership Grants (Green Ventures):
Thirty in-school youths participated in a two-day work shop conducted at the East County Career Center. Funded by the Green Ventures grant, this program focuses on educating high school students on green careers and sustainability issues.

Continued Education and Workforce Training Department:
Continuing Education & Workforce Training completed a successful customized training contract with San Diego Gas & Electric to provide training for employees in basic electronics. SDG&E was highly complementary of the project sharing the following feedback: "The Basic Electronics Class which **Jim Hannibal** brought to the Substation Design Group here at SDG&E was absolutely first rate, providing us with industry-specific knowledge which we use every day in our work. I can't say enough about **Erin (Roberts Hall)** and Jim's efforts to provide us with an outstanding class, designed to our specifications, and within our scheduling constraints. I will recommend Cuyamaca College as an educational resource to other groups at SDG&E without hesitation. Thanks Jim and Erin!"

Sustainable Infrastructure:

Grant Manager, **Mr. Paolo Espaldon**, presented on the green programs and trainings that are available at Cuyamaca College as part of a panel for the Green Industry Panel hosted by the East County Career Center.



Library Display: Black History – The Road to Freedom

One hundred and fifty years ago, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation as the nation entered its third year of a bloody civil war. Throughout February, the Cuyamaca College library honors African Americans and their tremendous contributions to American history. One transformational figure being featured is none other than the great, great, great uncle of our Interim Vice President of Instruction, **Ms. Danene Brown**. Mr. J.R. Clifford was born in 1848 in Moorefield, WV to free black parents. He fought for the Union during the Civil War, attended Storer College, was a school principal in Martinsburg, WV and established the Pioneer Press, the state's first black newspaper. In 1887 Mr. Clifford became the first African American to pass the West Virginia bar examination. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



Come learn more about this accomplished man and celebrate Black History month with us at the Cuyamaca College library! We will showcase Black History timelines with posters displayed on both floors in the library as well as books featuring famous African Americans and landmark historical topics. For more information and ideas for celebrating African American History, visit [The Library of Congress, African American History Month hosted by The Library of Congress](#), [Black History Month hosted by History.com](#) and [Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture](#).

🐾 Another Goodbye for the College



Friends, co-workers, and colleagues gathered at the home of **Mark and Anne Zacovic** to celebrate and commiserate the departure of **Dr. Julianna Barnes** as the Vice President of Student Services at Cuyamaca College. Julie has been with us for 2 years, and, among other things, has led the student services' team in completing their program review; co-chaired the Student Services Program Review and Planning Committee; and helped establish the college Research and Planning Committee. Dr. Barnes was also presented the Cuyamaca Way award for her contributions made here at the college. Julie will begin her new duties at the Vice President of Student Services at Mesa College on February 20th.

We will miss her and wish her well.

Upcoming Events

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

Thursday, February 21st, 2:00pm

Women's Tennis vs. San Diego Mesa College

Thursday, February 21st, 7:30pm

Cuyamaca College's Performing Arts Spring Concert Series presents "College Night at the Theatre" featuring *The JazzKatz Project*.

Special price is \$5.00 per person; 12 and under free! This group is a professional "big band" that performs swing music à la the 1940s, complete with a vocalist.

Tuesday, March 5th, 2:00pm

Women's Tennis vs. Palomar College



Thursday, March 7th, 8:00am to 4:00pm

Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference

For more information contact the Ornamental Horticulture department at 619-660-4023.

Performing Arts Theatre, Building B

Tuesday, March 12, 2:00pm

Women's Tennis vs. Imperial Valley College

Wednesday, March 13, 11:30am – 12:00pm

Diversity Dialogue "Be a Man/Act like a Lady"

Presented by Ms. Marnie Brookolo

Student Center, room I-107

This is an interactive workshop that will encourage participants to reflect on their own experiences with gender and learn from the experiences of their peers. Ms. Brookolo is a Campus Diversity Officer and Director of the Women's Center at UCSD.



Tuesday, March 19th, 7:30pm

Performing Arts Spring Concert Series

Cuyamaca College Choir in-house concert

Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 students/seniors (12 and under free), Performing Arts Theatre, Building B

Wednesday, March 20th, 7:30pm

Performing Arts Spring Concert Series

Cuyamaca College and Steele Canyon High School Concert Bands

Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 students/seniors (12 and under free), Performing Arts Theatre, Building B