



President's Report to the Governing Board *August 20, 2013*

🐾 Fall 2013 Convocation: "Lead the Pack"

The fall semester officially kicked off on Wednesday, August 14th, with our annual fall convocation. The morning started with breakfast 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 to sing along to the new words of the song "Leader of the Pack", which were written by **Mr. Adam Andrews**, Instructional Media Services Tech.



A highlight of the morning was the live unveiling of the new mural in the Student Center. The mural is the brainchild of students in the art department. They devoted several weeks of their summer to paint the mural and were supported in this work by Professor Marie Ramos and Adjunct Instructor, Mr. Omar Montano. Many thanks go to **Mr. Terry Carroll** and **Mr. Paul Silva** for creating the mural frame and getting the mural hung. The title of the mural is *The Cuyamaca Way*; a plaque is being created that will list the names of the student artists.

The annual President's Awards were presented to six Cuyamaca College staff members "for outstanding dedication, service and leadership to Cuyamaca College and its students." Two President's Awards for outstanding faculty were presented. One was presented to **Ms. Alicia Munoz**, current Academic Senate president, and ESL instructor. The other President's Award for outstanding faculty was awarded to **Dr. Tammi Marshall**, Math instructor, and co-chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee. Tammi has worked throughout the summer to complete the college self-evaluation in anticipation of our upcoming accreditation visit in October.

Mr. Ryan Shumaker was one of the recipients of a President's Award for outstanding administrator. Ryan serves as the college's Student Success Coordinator, and was successful in coordinating the college's first "FastTrack Friday". The day proved successful as 633 students were introduced to the richness of Cuyamaca College's amazing campus while also becoming fully matriculated. The students who fully participated in the event will enjoy a boost in their enrollment priority for the fall 2013 semester. **Mr. Victor DeVore** was also presented the President's Award for outstanding administrator. Victor is the Admissions and Records Supervisor. He has worked tirelessly on streamlining the admissions processes for our students, creating many online applications and forms for students' use. Victor's contributions are much appreciated!

Mr. Frank Sundstrom, Mail Processor, received a President's Award for outstanding classified employee. Between both colleges and the district, Frank has worked almost 40 years for GCCCD. A President's Award for outstanding classified employee was presented to **Ms. Maria Gearhart**, Multi Media Assistant in the library. Maria creates the library displays each month in the library foyer. When funding was tight, she singlehandedly reupholstered over 230 chairs in the library.



Given by the Academic Senate, the Outstanding Faculty Member Awards were announced at Convocation. This year the third annual Outstanding Faculty Member Award was presented to three outstanding faculty members. **Dr. Kathryn Nette**, Department Chair and Biology instructor; **Dr. Donna Riley**, Exercise Science instructor, and



Ms. Kelley Nielsen, part-time ASL instructor, were each nominated and recognized as faculty members who have distinguished themselves in service to the college and its students in and outside of the classroom. **Ms. Alicia Munoz**, Academic Senate President, presented the award.



Years of Service Awards were awarded to 37 faculty and staff, representing a total of 385 years of cumulative service to the college. **Mr. John Heimaster** was recognized for his 35 years of service to our district. Nineteen new employees were introduced to the college community.



We were happy that both Student Trustee Elsa Hernandez and ASGCC President Jaclyn Marlow were able to attend convocation.

The second annual fall raffle was held during lunch. The free raffle included wine gift baskets, barbeque and baking baskets, movie night, See's candies, a mini-refrigerator, and more.

🐾 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:

WaterWorks Grant: Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-California) invited **Mr. Don Jones**, Cuyamaca College faculty member and subject matter expert for the California WaterWorks IDRC Grant, to be a panelist at the Southern California Water Workshop: Focus on Our Future seminar on August 8th at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in Los Angeles. Don presented and discussed the role of community colleges on the *Developing a Water Workforce* panel. Napolitano is a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

Workplace Learning Resource Center: On July 29th, the San Diego/Imperial County Workplace Learning Resource Center (WpLRC) at Cuyamaca College, in collaboration with the LA/Orange County Workplace Learning Resource Center (WpLRC), convened a Hospitality/Tourism/Retail Stakeholders meeting hosted at CSU, San Marcos in conjunction with the San Diego North Economic Development Council. Approximately 20 stakeholders representing education, workforce and economic development in

Southern California, including Economic Development Corporations/Councils, Workforce Investment Boards, Community College Regional Consortia, Industry Associations, Chambers of Commerce, the tribal gaming industry, and local hotel, restaurant, and retail businesses participated in the meeting. **Ms. Linda Waring**, Director of the San Diego/Imperial Workplace Learning Resource Center, provided the audience with an overview of the Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy Initiative and the subsequent changes to the Workforce and Economic Development Division and the Regional Consortia structure. She provided information on the industry sectors chosen as primary and emerging industries within Southern California which had prompted the WpLRCs to begin further research into the economic impact of the hospitality sector in Southern California.



Project SHINE: Project SHINE successfully completed the first year refugee health literacy pilot program with 37 volunteer tutors teaching over 125 East County refugees how to manage their own preventative and ongoing healthcare at 4 different locations in East County. The County of San Diego awarded an additional \$200,000 in grant funds to continue the good work of Project SHINE into 2014.

Intergenerational Garden

Project: The Intergenerational Garden project at Cuyamaca College made amazing progress in July. Water is flowing in the garden thanks to amazing donations of time and labor to install an irrigation system. A split rail perimeter fence and garden boxes have been constructed by community volunteers and



Pumpkin Hill is now growing over 100 pumpkin plants so the children will have pumpkins in time for Halloween. The California Conservation Corps have been out in force assisting with this exciting project! Over \$40,000 in time and materials have been contributed thus far which will be recognized at the Garden Opening hosted by Supervisor Dianne Jacob on August 27th at 1:30pm at the garden site.

🐾 CalWORKs Students Now Can Receive Priority Registration

CalWORKs is excited that the governor has signed legislation for our students to receive priority enrollment. This is wonderful news for the almost 40,000 students statewide. Cuyamaca College’s CalWORKs program has over 700 students. Priority registration for these students will go into effect for the spring 2014 semester.

🐾 Textbooks Made Easy

The college bookstore is making it easier for students to obtain their books for class. Students can now order their books online through the college’s website and pick them up at the bookstore. In addition to purchasing new or used textbooks, many now can be rented to use throughout the semester. Many textbooks are also available as an e-book for purchase or to rent.

Upcoming Events

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

Chaldean College Hour

Monday, August 26th

1:00 to 2:00pm, Grand Lawn

Intergenerational Garden Project Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, August 27th, 1:30 pm.

Intergenerational Garden (near the Child Development Center)

Supervisor Dianne Jacob will be hosting this exciting event in conjunction with President Mark Zacovic and Chancellor Cindy Miles.

Diversity Dialogue: Chaldean Traditions

Wednesday, September 4

11:00am to noon, Student Center, I-207

Diversity Dialogue: Diversity at Work

Monday, September 9

1:30 to 2:30pm, Student Center, I-104



9/11 Memorial

Wednesday, September 11th

10:30 to 11:00am, Grand Lawn

Constitution Day Workshop with the Honorable Federal Court Judge Adler

Tuesday, September 17th

11:00am to noon, Student Center, I-207 and 208

Farmer's Market at Cuyamaca College



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.

Welcome Week - Fall Semester 2013

Discover Cuyamaca College

Welcome Week starts on Monday, August 19 and will include a host of social activities and educational programs designed to help you get the most out of the 2013-2014 academic year. Learn about a variety of exciting opportunities that will enable you to broaden your academic horizons, meet other students, and become involved at Cuyamaca College.



Welcome New and Returning Students

Welcome Week 2013 ~ *Get Involved*

Monday, August 19, 7 AM to 2 PM

Information Tables

Outside the One-Stop building, "B" building, and "F" building

If you need help finding your classes or locating popular spots on campus, stop by one of the information tables and a Student Ambassador can answer all of your questions.

Monday, August 19, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Student Organization Involvement Fair

Grand Lawn

Enjoy free food and music while learning about the diverse array of student organizations on campus—all of which are welcoming new members. At Cuyamaca College, there is truly something for everyone, but if you can't find exactly what you are looking for, there will be information on how you can start your own student organization. Add to your educational experience and become involved in student life!

Tuesday, August 20, 7 AM to 2 PM

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Tuesday, August 20, 11 AM to 12:30 PM

Taco Tuesday

Grand Lawn

Enjoy a free taco and learn more about Cuyamaca's Associated Student Government and how to enhance your college experience.

Wednesday, August 21, 10 AM to Noon

Writing Center Information

B-167

Learn about the resources offered through the Writing Center and how partners for writing success will work with you to succeed. Presentations will begin on the hour and last for 15 minutes each session.

Wednesday, August 21, 10:30 AM to 4 PM

Community Service at Cuyamaca College

Student Center Quad

Since community service is an integral part of Cuyamaca College, help others by donating blood to the San Diego Blood Bank.

Wednesday, August 21, 11 AM to 1 PM

General Tutoring Center Information

LTRC, C-102

Learn about the Tutoring Center and why more students succeed with tutoring. You will have the opportunity to meet staff and take home enrollment forms.

Wednesday, August 21, Noon to 2 PM

STEM Achievement Center Information

"H" building

Come visit the STEM Center, take a tour, meet our tutors, learn about our services, and become enrolled today.

Wednesday, August 21, 12:30 to 2 PM

Wii Wednesday

Student Center, 2nd Floor

Stop by the Student Center and join the Associated Student Government members for a favorite student tradition, "Wii Wednesday." You will have the opportunity to play some Wii games on the big screen while meeting other students and finding out ways to become involved at Cuyamaca College.

Thursday, August 22, 8:30 to 9:30 AM

Coffee and Donuts

Grand Lawn

Stop by for a free coffee and donuts sponsored by Cuyamaca's Associated Student Government members. You will be able to learn more about student government and the leadership opportunities it offers.

Thursday, August 22, 11 AM to 1 PM

One-Stop Center: Open House

"A" Building

Stop by the One-Stop Center to find out more about the resources available to you. You will have the opportunity to meet with the various departments and learn more about the services offered.

Thursday, August 22, Noon to 1 PM

Transfer Planning Workshop

One-Stop Center, A-112

It is never too early to begin your transfer planning. This workshop will cover the first steps in the transfer planning process and give you important background information for a future individual educational planning appointment with a counselor.

Thursday, August 22, 2 to 3 PM

Academic Integrity & the Student Code of Conduct

Student Center, I-104

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

Friday, August 23, 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Lunch and a Student Government Meeting

Student Center, I-124

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



Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board Members:
Greg Barr; Bill Garrett; Edwin Hiel; Debbie Justeson; Mary Kay Rosinski
Student Members: Elsa Hernandez; Peg Marcus
Chancellor: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. Cuyamaca College President: Mark J. Zacovic, Ph.D.