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## *President's Report to the Governing Board* *November 19, 2013*

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### **🐾 President's Holiday Luncheon**

All will be merry and bright at the annual President's Holiday Luncheon. The festivities will be held on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 2:00pm in the Student Center. There will be games, prizes, gift basket giveaways as well as delicious food.

### **🐾 Cuyamaca College Student Competes in Cisco NetRiders 2013 Competition**

Cuyamaca College student **Mr. Julio Chavez** has been ranked first in the State of California during the Stage 1 round at the national Cisco NetRiders Competition. The NetRiders competition is an interactive IT/Networking skills competition that takes place in three stages by region, with competitions across the United States and Canada. They, along with the others in the top 25 in the state, will be competing in round 2 from November 14-21. Under the mentorship of **Mr. Steve Grishkowsky**, one of our part-time instructors, if Julio qualifies in the top 3 in the state after round 2, he will be invited to participate in the international round 3. NetRiders competitions provide students with hands-on practice and experience in a competitive environment, a chance to test their skills and recognize their weaknesses, showcase their knowledge, and create interactive networking skills as well as new friendships across the world. For more information, check out the website [http://www.academynetriders.com/file.php/1/netriders\\_info/region\\_uscan.html](http://www.academynetriders.com/file.php/1/netriders_info/region_uscan.html).

### **🐾 Students Participate in Student Senate General Assembly**

Eleven of the Associated Student Government leaders had the opportunity to attend the Student Senate Fall General Assembly in Monterey from November 1-3. During this conference they were able to interact with other California community college student leaders and attend a series of workshops and resolution sessions. In the photo (from left to right) are Larry Woodford, Elsa Hernandez (Student Trustee), Adonis Bell, Jocelyn Estrada, Jacob DeVinney, Mike Johnson, Zayde Zazueta, Jaclyn Marlow (ASG President), Brandon Cash, Rory Todd, Gina D'Angelo, and **Dr. Lauren Vakin**.



### **🐾 Career Services Hosts Job Preparation Workshops**

Career Services at Cuyamaca College had a very successful turnout of students, alumni, and community members for their Fall 2013 Job Skills workshops. Coordinated by Career Counselors **Ms. Cindy Morrin** and **Ms. Laurie Brown**, the three-series workshops were conducted in October and November starting with “Resume Writing”. Participants learned strategies on writing a resume in today’s technological world. The second workshop focused on interviewing strategies, including a demonstration of our new “Perfect Interview” program in which students can practice interviewing online from home. Students are able to see themselves via a webcam and email their interviews to faculty/counselors for review. The workshop series concluded with “Job Search Strategies” just in time for students looking for seasonal part-time jobs and for our fall graduates applying for their dream career. All three workshops were very well attended. Career Services continues to provide career counseling follow-up for students and alumni. Plans are already in the works for developing our spring workshop series in which we hope to add more workshops to meet the demands of our students, alumni, and community!

### **🐾 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game**



Together with Disabled Students Programs & Services, Club ABLED (a campus club that supports students with disabilities), Athletics, and the Learning Resource Center we celebrated Disabilities Awareness Month with a Resource Fair that included various disability support

agencies from the community and our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game. Featured in the game were some of our ‘original’ wheelchair basketball athletes from 1998, one young woman wheelchair athlete, and various new and returning wheelchair athletes who play on the Hammer Wheelchair Basketball Team through the San Diego Adaptive Sports Foundation. We take our Cuyamaca College Men’s Basketball athletes and put them in wheelchairs to equalize the playing field and a very exciting, tight-scoring game is played. Any student, college employee, or community member can try their hand playing basketball in a wheelchair. This year our college mascot, Kudipaw, the Coyote, played. The game was kicked off with voice student **Ms. Debra Baugh**, singing the *Star Spangled Banner*. Our purpose is to expand awareness, dispel myths, give information, broaden knowledge, and show how able people with disabilities actually are. This event creates a special magic that not only enlightens but transforms all those that participate.



### **🐾 Cuyamaca College Celebrates Veterans Awareness Week**

The Cuyamaca College Student Veterans Organization sponsored a clothing drive kick-off as a community service project for Veterans Awareness Week. All items collected will be donated to the Veterans Village of San Diego to help homeless and needy veterans. The Veterans Luncheon, in the Student Center, was well attended with 27 veterans in addition to faculty, staff, administrators, and Foundation board members. Guest speaker Steven Salter, from the San Diego Veterans Center, discussed veteran transition challenges, resources offered by SDVC, and his personal story. The entertainment was provided by *The Cause*, an all veteran band that “loves Cuyamaca College”! The Mobile VA Unit was parked on campus where veterans were able to obtain information and resources. Many civilians also stopped by the unit to see the set-up and to offer thanks to veterans for their service. A representative from REBOOT gave a presentation on their 3-week transition program for

veterans and dependents on transitioning from the military culture, working through personal struggles, and also gaining knowledge of connecting their military work to civilian work skills. Through the collaboration with our veterans counselor, **Mr. Osvaldo Torres**, Cuyamaca College may be hosting the 3-week REBOOT transition program beginning in Summer 2014! This is a FREE program for veterans and their dependents.

### **🐾 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: **Mr. Don Jones** and **Mr. Mike Uhrhammer** presented *Building a Statewide Collaborative Effort* at the CCCAOE Conference in Palm Springs. The presentation discussed lessons learned and recommendations from the California Waterworks IDRC Grant, which concluded on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and a statewide water industry skills panel, hosted by Cuyamaca College in February. Mr. Mike Uhrhammer presented at the Orange County Waterworks Forum on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and is now under contract with the sector navigator for agriculture, water and natural resources to develop water industry career pathways.

Workforce Innovation Partnership Grants: The Workforce Innovations Partnership (WIP) Grant was honored to present information about the Green Ventures Summer Bridge program at the California Community College Association for Occupational Educator Conference in Palm Springs. Twenty-six educators and administrators attended the session presented by Green Ventures Instructor, **Ms. Sarah Hatinen**, and WIP Interim Program Manager **Ms. Linda Waring**. Ms. Hatinen, an educator and licensed architect, provided a PowerPoint presentation complete with a time-lapse video illustrating the summer project, built by students in the Environmental Design Pathway at Santana High School. Students in the program recognized a lack of meeting or gathering space on campus and wanted to create an atmosphere of community for all students. The students designed and created a model, then built a student pavilion housed on the Santee High School campus.



The creation, design, and building of the structure fostered innovation, teamwork, and incorporated learning elements from classroom into the project based final product. Students also participated in a number of field trips to study light and shadow, architectural design, sound, and structural materials from the natural world.

Intergenerational Garden: Cuyamaca College, in cooperation with the California Conservation Corps and the California Conservation Corps Foundation, hosted a statewide volunteer event on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 community volunteers, including **Chancellor Cindy Miles** and **Dean Jennifer Lewis**, created a dry creek bed in the Intergenerational Garden.





A Pumpkin for Supervisor Dianne Jacob: On October 22<sup>nd</sup> **President Mark Zacovic, Ms. Jennifer Lewis,** and garden volunteer **Ms. Jamillah Bakr** along with her 2-year old grandson presented a pumpkin grown in the Cuyamaca College Intergenerational Garden to Supervisor Dianne Jacob at the County Board of Supervisors meeting as a thank you and acknowledgement of her support of the Cuyamaca College Intergenerational Garden project. As part of the Live Well San Diego Initiative, Cuyamaca College is an outstanding community college partner providing programs and services that help San Diegans Live healthier and safer. Video Link:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=Dj8FmFLjOs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Dj8FmFLjOs)

### **🐾 Children's Safety Event**



San Diego County Sheriff Deputies Kelley and Bailey, presently assigned to Cuyamaca College, hosted a children's safety presentation at the Child Development Center. Approximately 50 children participated in the event that included information on personal safety,

stranger danger, use of 911, and the "Talking Patrol Car". Ms. Whitney Buckingham, of the Lemon Grove Station Crime Prevention unit, also assisted with the program.



### **🐾 University Transfer Fair**

This year's Transfer Fair experienced a minor setback due to weather, but thanks to our wonderfully helpful staff in the Facilities Department, who face the impossible with unfazed aplomb, we were able to reconvene in the Student Center and carry on with a successful event. The Transfer Fair had over 30 University Representatives providing information to students over the tunes from Jammin' Z90. Sarita's Taco Shop offered free tacos to those in attendance. Together they were able to provide a positive atmosphere to Cuyamaca students and provided the necessary information to assist students in their transfer plans. Big thanks for all of the teamwork that the Transfer Center student hourlies and Counseling faculty and staff provided that made this possible. We are excited for our Super Transfer Day on May 14, 2014!

### **🐾 Flu Shots Offered at the College**



On Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the staff of the Cuyamaca College Health and Wellness Center in conjunction with the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency Emergency Medical Services set up a POD (Point of Dispensing) site at Cuyamaca College for free flu shots. The POD is a model of emergency management services where medications or vaccines intended to prevent disease may be given quickly to a large number of people in the event of a public

health emergency such as a bioterrorism anthrax exposure. Training was provided to participating staff on POD operations including chain of command, roles and responsibilities of staff (site manager, logistics chief, medical personnel, runners), and stations of the POD (triage, dispensing, briefing, medical consult, first aid and transport, special needs patients, etc.). All staff and students were encouraged to get their flu shot while our supplies lasted.

🐾 **Ornamental Horticulture’s Sustainable Urban Landscaping Program Recognized**

The Ornamental Horticulture Department at Cuyamaca College has once again been awarded for its ground-breaking Sustainable Urban Landscaping program. During the Green California Community Colleges Summit in Pasadena on November 6<sup>th</sup>, Cuyamaca College received a Leadership Award for Student Engagement for their role in the development and furthering of the Sustainable Urban Landscape degree program as well as the Sustainable Turf and Landscape Seminar. We are extremely proud of our OH students as they continue to shine with their participation in the OH Department activities.



🐾 **Accreditation Wall of Fame**

Over 150 certificates hang on the **Accreditation Wall of Fame**. The Accreditation Basics online training, offered through the ACCJC, provides an overview of the accreditation process. Employees who completed the course received a certificate that was posted in the Administration offices in the F building. We are grateful for our employees’ interest in the success of our students and the success of our college! A big “Thank You!” goes to everyone who completed the online Accreditation Basics course. **President Zacovic** created a video highlighting the Wall of Fame. Check it out here: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zi\\_JGYgOe5U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zi_JGYgOe5U).

🐾 **Library Display: Native American History Month**

This month’s Library display features Native American art, literature, and information with a focus on our local Kumeyaay tribe. Items will be on display from the San Diego Natural History Museum and Cuyamaca College’s Heritage of Americas Museum. The exhibits will include:

- A golden eagle, coyote, hummingbirds, bison & caribou hides
- Learn about animal symbology, arts, crafts & myths
- Native American culture of men, women and children
- Artwork & books on display



🐾 **It’s Official – People on Yelp Love Us!**

The college received a letter from Yelp stating that the people of El Cajon love us! Cuyamaca College has been receiving rave reviews on the Yelp website as one of the best spots in town. To see what people are saying about us, visit <http://www.yelp.com/biz/cuyamaca-college-el-cajon>. We will proudly be displaying our *People Love Us on Yelp* window sticker here at the college.

# Upcoming Events

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

## Fine Arts & Graphic Design Faculty Art Show

November 14 through December 11

Communication & Arts, East Wing

**3rd Annual Native American Dance**  
College Hour:  
**Native American History Month**



Tuesday, November 26, 2013  
Event from 12:30 to 2pm  
Cuyamaca College – Library Entrance

**Guest speaker**

Richard DeCrane  
Native American Dancers  
Drummers  
Bird Singers

Special Guest speaker  
*Ral Christman*

*Sponsored by: Cuyamaca College Library, ASGCC  
Event coordinators: Maria Gearhart, Lauren Vaknin and Simone Robbins*



## Cultural Competency Workshop

Wednesday, November 20

11:00am to 12:00pm

Student Center, I-207

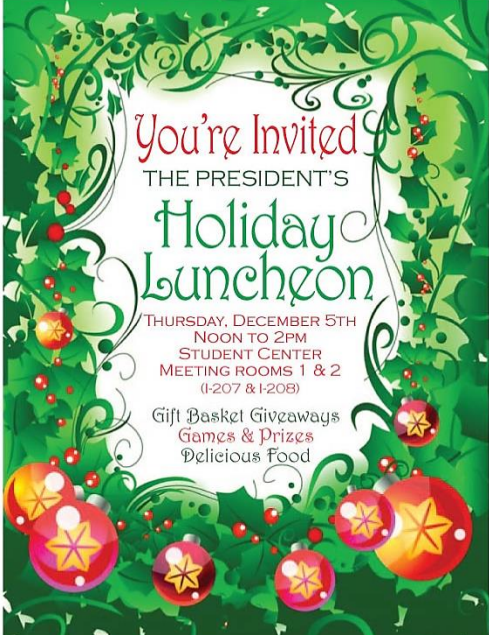
## President's Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 5

12:00 to 2:00pm

Student Center, I-207 & I-208

You're Invited  
THE PRESIDENT'S  
**Holiday Luncheon**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH  
NOON TO 2PM  
STUDENT CENTER  
MEETING ROOMS 1 & 2  
(I-207 & I-208)  
Gift Basket Giveaways  
Games & Prizes  
Delicious Food





## *Cuyamaca College Fall Concert Series*

### *October*

- 10/03/13 *Windsor Hills Consort - Music from  
18-Century France and Germany*
- 10/10/13 *Cuyamaca College Choir - A Celebration of  
African Choral Music*
- 10/16/13 *Cuyamaca College Wind Ensemble*
- 10/22/13 *Alison Crum - A Lecture-Recital featuring  
Renaissance and Baroque Music*

### *November*

- 11/4/13 *Mike Wofford/Ben Schachter Duo  
Contemporary Jazz*
- 11/7/13 *Visionary Dance Theatre  
Modern Dance Performance*
- 11/14/13 *Quaymaca Quartet - String Quartets by Beethoven,  
Grubbs, and Zhurbin*
- 11/19/13 *The Swamp Critters - Zydeco and Cajun Music*
- 11/22/13 *Cuyamaca College Rock, Pop, and Soul Ensemble  
performing Beck's Odelay*

### *December*

- 12/4/13 *Cuyamaca College Wind Ensemble & Grossmont College Concert Band*
- 12/5/13 *Cuyamaca College Choir - Songs of the Season*
- 12/6/13 *Winter Wonder Jam - original popular music (Will be starting at 7:00pm)*

All events except "Winter Wonder Jam" start at 7:30pm and take place in the Performing Arts Theatre, Building B. To reserve tickets call (619) 660-4627  
For more information visit [www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts)

### *Rancho San Diego*



### *Farmer's Market*

The Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market is held at Cuyamaca College from 9:00am to 2:00pm each Saturday in the parking lot across from OH. The market offers a wide variety of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, organic beef, locally made cheese, locally caught seafood, hot foods and a variety of crafters and other goodies. The market is sponsored by the Ornamental Horticulture Department and the market manager, the nonprofit Charity World, is a community partner of the college.