

President's Report to the Governing Board April 22, 2014

🌟 Students Receive the 2014 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Community College Academic Team Award

Two Cuyamaca College students, **Mr. Lewis Grimes** (Graphic Design) and **Ms. Sarah Conway** (Computer Science & Information), received recognition at the recent Phi Theta Kappa All-California Community College Academic Team Awards ceremony in Sacramento. The Community College League of California sponsors this award ceremony at which team members receive medallions of honor and a certificate recognizing their accomplishments. Grades, leadership and community service determine selection to the All-California first, second and third teams. We are grateful to our PTK Advisor, **Ms. Lisa Chaddock**, for her dedicated service to our college and our highest achieving students.

🌟 College Hour

The March College Hour focused on Women's History Month and included a panel of seven women who accomplished a great deal in their career paths. They discussed the importance education played in their lives in addition to their joys and triumphs. Other events in celebration of Women's History Month included a Women's Empowerment Fair hosted by the Associate Student Government and a panel presentation from the History Department.

🌟 Social Justice Institute

Student Affairs sponsored a Social Justice Institute, giving students an opportunity to gain insight based on their own personal experiences. By participating in this workshop, students had the opportunity to gain an awareness of social justice issues, feel empowered and motivated, and benefit their greater community.



🌟 Foster Youth Program Receives Grant

The Elks National Foundation recently awarded Cuyamaca College's Foster Youth Program a \$2,000 grant in support of the program here at the college. **Mr. Tony Zambelli**, Faculty Emeritus and Elks member, along with **Ms. Pam Fleming**, Foster Youth Liaison, worked together in facilitating the submission of the grant.

🌟 Staff Member Honored for Her Work with Foster Youth



Financial Aid Advisor, **Ms. Pam Fleming**, received the 2013 "Making A Difference Award" from the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA) for her work with our former foster youth students. Pam was presented the award at the closing session of the 2014 Statewide CCCSFAAA Conference which was held in San Diego April 2-4. Ms. Margie Carrington, CCCSFAAA Past President, as well as the entire audience were very moved as the nomination was read. Pam received a standing ovation as she was presented her award.

🌟 Continuing Education & Workforce Training

Below is a brief summary of some of the recent activities within the office of Continuing Education & Workforce Training:



The second annual Spring Break College for Kids program ran classes at Cuyamaca College and a class at Grossmont College April 14th through April 17th; although smaller than anticipated close to 50 new and returning students were in attendance. Our Summer College for Kids program will be held July 7th through July 31st, with over 35 projected course offerings.

Intergenerational Garden

On March 21st our garden grannies, about twenty-five families and staff members from the Child Development Center planted a lovely grapefruit tree donated from Hunters Nursery. This marked the first tree planting ceremony for the project that also involved community members and college interns. They celebrated the tree planting by having families come to the garden to add soil around the base of the grapefruit tree, sample grapefruit and grapefruit juice. Families were also invited to tour the garden, ask and get answers to questions about ways to help with upcoming spring and summer planting of pumpkin hill. During the evening grapefruit



recipes and “dinosaur juice” was shared while eating a delicious spaghetti dinner donated and cooked by all involved.

In preparation of the planting ceremony, two of the three classes painted, drew pictures and created three dimensional artwork of the grapefruit tree and different types of grapefruit. One item of children’s art work became a beautiful thank you portrait to Hunter Nursery. Other artwork created by the children will be part of the art auction taking place in April at the Child Development Center.



The purpose of using the grapefruit as a tree in the Intergenerational Garden is that it is part of the Five and Fit and Farm to Preschool food topic being studied by the children.

✿ **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the *Dorcas E. Utter Butterfly Pavilion* at the Water Conservation Garden**

The Water Conservation Garden celebrated the grand opening of the Dorcas E. Utter Memorial Butterfly Pavilion on Friday, March 21. The new pavilion provides butterfly and habitat encounters that allow visitors to learn about the importance of butterflies in the ecosystem, their lifecycle, and how humans can help sustain butterfly populations using drought tolerant plants. The Garden's Butterfly Pavilion offers an interactive educational experience that teaches people about creating habitats that include butterfly nectar plants and caterpillar host plants. The late Dorcas Utter (1924-2007) was one of The Garden's most beloved docents. She was an avid nature-lover who gave tours of The Garden with her seeing-eye dog, Sharla, at her side. She also created and managed The Garden's first volunteer training program and on most weekends she and Sharla could be found welcoming visitors at The Garden's front entrance. Ms. Utter's family donated over \$150,000 to build the pavilion and were present for the dedication.

✿ **Library Display: *Springtime at Cuyamaca College***

Books on display include information on birds and butterflies, composting, gardening and nature. Also included in the display are materials from the Heritage of the Americas Museum, the Cuyamaca College Plant Nursery, and the Water Conservation Garden.



Upcoming Events

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

Student Art Exposition “Under the Arches”

April 10 through May 7

Communication Arts, Third Floor, East Wing

“The Journey to the Sun”

Wednesday, April 30

12:30 p.m.

Cuyamaca College Theatre

An Iraqi cultural event hosted by Cuyamaca College Arabic Teacher, Ms. Aklas Sheai, Counselor, Mr. Raad Jerjis, and students in the Arabic 120, 250 and 251 classes. The event will consist of various performances reflecting the era of Babylon to our present time.

Diversity Dialogue Workshops

Understanding Social Justice & Diversity as a Means to Build Community

Thursday, May 8

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Student Center, I-207

Presenter: Mr. Kenyon Whitman



Visual Impairment Etiquette

Monday, May 12
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Student Center, I-207
Mr. Robert Garcia



Thursday, April 24: **Quyamaca Quartet – Music for Strings by Brahms & Others**

Friday, May 16: Cuyamaca College Rock, Pop & Soul Ensemble performing **“The Supremes: A Go-Go”**

Wednesday, May 21: **Cuyamaca College Ensemble & Grossmont High School Concert Band**

Thursday, May 22: **Cuyamaca College Choir**

Unless otherwise noted, all concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre. To reserve tickets, call 619-660-4288. For more information, visit: www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts.

A promotional graphic for the Spring Garden Festival. The left side features a green oval with the text 'Celebrating Community Farms & Gardens • 1994-2014' at the top, 'SPRING Garden Festival' in large green and red letters in the center, and 'Share the Future Help support Cuyamaca College students and programs!' at the bottom. The right side is a green box with the text 'Save the Date! Saturday, May 3, 2014 9am - 4pm at Cuyamaca College' and a Facebook link. Below this is a list of activities: Plant Sale, Farmers Market, Fashion in Bloom, Safety Corner, Heritage of the Americas Museum, and Talks/Displays/Vendors/Food/Entertainment. At the bottom are logos for Cuyamaca College, Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market, J/D Events, and the County of San Diego Sheriff's Office.



The Rancho San Diego Farmer's Market is held at Cuyamaca College from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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.