

# President's Report to the Governing Board August 19, 2014

#### Fall 2014 Convocation: "Focused on Success"

The fall semester officially kicked off on Wednesday, August 13, with our annual fall Convocation. The morning started with breakfast in the Student Center followed by the official program. **President Mark J. Zacovic** addressed a packed crowd in the Student Center, welcoming everyone back to the college for the upcoming academic year. Our guest for the morning was Dr. David W. Marshall, Associate Professor of English and Assistant Dean of the College of Arts & Letters at CSU, San Bernardino. Dr. Marshall gave a presentation regarding "Making Assessment Make Sense."



The annual President's Awards were presented to three Cuyamaca College members "for outstanding dedication, service, and leadership to Cuyamaca College and its students." The President's Award for outstanding faculty was

presented to **Mr. Greg Differding**, Computer and Information Science instructor, and **Dr. Marsha Gable**, Dean of Counseling Services, received the President's Award for outstanding administrator.



**Ms. Carrie-Ann Valdez** was awarded the President's Award posthumously for

outstanding classified employee. Carrie passed away unexpectedly in early July. The staff from the Financial Aid accepted the award on her behalf. Given by the Academic Senate, the Outstanding Faculty Member Awards were announced at Convocation. This year the fourth annual Outstanding Faculty Member Award for full-time faculty was

presented to **Ms. Patricia Santana**, Spanish Instructor. The Outstanding Faculty Member Award for part-time faculty was presented to **Ms. Aklas Sheai** in the Counseling Department. Ms. Sheai has worked tirelessly serving as an interpreter for our Middle Eastern students. Each were nominated and recognized as faculty members who had 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 20 college employees, representing a total of 295 years of cumulative service to the college. Ten new employees were welcomed into the college family.

### Art Student's Work on Display in Downtown San Diego



Ten murals now on display in front of Horton Plaza show off reasons why millions love San Diego. Artists painted the murals on the temporary wall surrounding the park's expansion project after winning a contest sponsored by NBC 7 and Westfield Horton Plaza. Each artist had to submit artwork that answered the question: Why I Love San Diego. One of the artists chosen is Ms. Charlene Mosley, a Fine Arts major at SDSU, and a former student of Cuyamaca College. Her 6x12-foot canvas is a combination of collages of the cityscape, the hills, the Coronado Bridge and underwater scenes. Each artist had to submit a sketch

of the artwork, and judges picked the top ten winners. The artists then had from July 14 until August 1 to finish their work. The projects can be seen along Broadway between Broadway Circle and 4th Avenue. Charlene's 6x12 foot canvas is currently displayed at Horton Plaza in downtown San Diego until 2015.

### Cuyamaca College Coach Receives State Assistant Coach of the Year



Cuyamaca College Pole Vault Coach, Mr.

Lyle Barton, received the 2014 Assistant
Coach of the Year for Men's Track and Field
at the annual Management Council of the
California Community College Cross
Country and Track Coaches Association
(5CTCA) convention in Las Vegas. 5CTCA selects one
individual from hundreds of assistant coaches

working within the California Community Colleges for this distinction. Coach Barton has led the Cuyamaca College Pole Vaulters for 14 years as a volunteer coach. Pictured with Coach Barton are, left to right, Mr. Stewart Payne (sprints coach), Dr. Patrick Thiss (track & field), Mr. Tim Seaman (men's cross country), and Mr. Anthony Garcia (women's cross country).

#### CalWORKs Moves to New Offices

After several months of waiting for new phone and computer lines, over the summer the CalWORKs office moved to a larger, more functional office space (A-109). The space will now accommodate office spaces for the counselors, a reception area, and desk space for the CalWORKs administrative assistant.

Library Display: Hispanic Heritage Month, We Remember 9/11, and Constitution Day
On display through September will be books, posters, and documents reflecting on and remembering the United States Constitution, our Hispanic heritage, and the events from 9/11.

# **Upcoming Events**

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

#### **Welcome Week**

Activities begin on Monday, August 18.

**College Hour: Chaldean Culture and Traditions** 

Monday, August 25 1:00 to 2:00 pm Grand Lawn



The SongStream Project: Building Empathy and Community at the Intersection of Story and Song

Wednesday, September 17 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Student Center, I-207

Presented by Mr. Michael Fryer & Ms. Talia Morales

## **Generational Diversity**

Thursday, October 2 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Student Center, I-207 Presented by Ms. Victoria Hankins

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.



