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President's Report to the Governing Board September 9, 2014

"LEARN TODAY, LEAD TOMORROW"

🐾 Boots to Books Orientation

Cuyamaca College held its first *Boots to Books* 4-hour/half day orientation sessions for new student veterans at the college. The sessions were held on Wednesday, August 6, and Saturday, August 9. There were 42 students who participated. Topics included the certification/VA process, educational planning, information on Health Services and DSPS, career, as well as a student veteran panel. Feedback from the first *Boots to Books* was very positive overall, with our veteran students appreciating the great welcome and diversity of resources. We thank the GCCCD Foundation for assisting with *Boots to Books* through the 2-year veterans' grant awarded last year. Each new veteran student received a *Boots to Books* certificate of completion.



🐾 First Year Experience Students Celebrate their First Week of College

Our First Year Experience program in cooperation with the office of High School & Community Relations welcomed the incoming 2014-15 FYE cohort on Friday, August 22, with a lunch celebration on the Grand Lawn. All 155 program participants were in attendance to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, and a DJ to celebrate the completion of their first week at Cuyamaca College.



🐾 College Hour: Chaldean Culture and Traditions

Sponsored by the Associated Student Government, the August College Hour was an opportunity for students, staff, and faculty to join together to celebrate the Chaldean culture. Cuyamaca College students enjoyed complimentary food from Ali Baba's Restaurant and live Chaldean music.

🐾 Dress for Success



The Cuyamaca College UP! program for former foster youth had its annual Dress for Success event for fourteen graduating and transfer students. Cuyamaca College faculty and staff acted as professional shoppers and helped each student spend their \$225 towards a professional wardrobe to be used for job interviews and new employment.

🐾 Automotive Technology Achieves National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) Certification

Mr. Jeff Ciastko from Marvin K Brown Auto Center in Mission Valley, and Mr. John Eppstein from John's Automotive Care in San Diego were presented an appreciation certificate from Instructor and Department Chair **Mr. Chris Branton** for their day long participation recertifying

Cuyamaca College's General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) for another 5 years. Marvin K Brown and John's Automotive Care have been very supportive of the Auto Technology program for nearly 20 years. John's shop is also an AC Delco shop, and continues to hire many of our graduates and interns. We are very grateful for their time and support.



🐾 Administrative Council Retreat

Eighteen Administrative Council members gathered in the Rancho San Diego Library Community Room for a day-long retreat on August 4, 2014. Topics of discussion included 2013-14 Accomplishments, Living and Modeling the Cuyamaca Way, What Bugs You, 2014-15 Adoption Budget, Student Success Initiatives (Student Success & Support Program, Student Equity Plan, and Disproportionate Impact), and Diversity. Small group breakout sessions encouraged lively discussions regarding personal best leadership experiences and how to live your values at work.

🐾 Continuing Education & Workforce Training

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:

Project SHINE: Project SHINE, a collaborative community based project between Cuyamaca College and the County of San Diego, successfully completed the second year of a health care literacy program with 45 volunteer tutors teaching over 350 incoming refugees how to manage their own preventative and ongoing healthcare at 5 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 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

WIA TITLE II: Adult Literacy Grant: GCCCD was recently awarded a \$540,000 WIA Title II: Adult Literacy Grant through the California Department of Education that will begin serving our students this fall. A variety of student success services for students enrolled in Basic Skills Math, English and ESL courses will be funded at both Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges that include embedded tutoring, workshops, textbook loans, software, counseling services, and professional development for faculty and staff.

Intergenerational Garden: The County of San Diego Aging and Independence Services, a department under the Health and Human Services Agency, has again awarded Cuyamaca College \$15,000 to continue the wonderful work of our "Gardening Granny" senior volunteers. These volunteers interact with the children at Cuyamaca College's Child Development Center to prevent early childhood obesity

through the Five & Fit program and the maintenance of the Intergenerational Garden. We are looking forward to watching the growth of our pumpkins recently planted on Pumpkin Hill – just in time for a fall harvest!

Workforce Innovations Partnership (WIP): Workforce Innovations Partnership (WIP) Green Ventures project is funded by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and is part of the Governor's Career Technical Education Initiative. The Green Ventures Project is a collaborative of K -16 educators and counselors, industry experts, and community based organizations that are actively engaged to better prepare the future workforce with clear educational pathways and skills needed for emerging high skill, high opportunity industry of Clean Green technologies. In conjunction with College for Kids courses this summer, the WIP Green Ventures project funded five courses that served over 80 middle school children: Youth Entrepreneurship, Science and Engineering courses under the Youth Booth Career Institute, a Green Team Ambassadors class, and students at the School of Science and Technology were introduced to renewable energy by retrofitting a CAPS golf cart with solar panels during a Solar Powered Golf Cart course.

Summer 2014: College for Kids: July was an exceptionally busy month for CEWT as they hosted the four-week summer College for Kids program. Cuyamaca College welcomed over 300 students between the ages of 8-15 as they attended one or more of the over 25 different courses in the areas of science, music, computers, arts, sports, and computers.

🐾 Rotary Club Donates \$7,000 to Cuyamaca College as Parting Gift

The Rancho San Diego-Spring Valley Rotary Club has gone out with a bang. The service organization, which disbanded this summer after 49 years because of declining membership, donated more than \$35,000 in its bank account to an array of nonprofits and educational groups, including more than \$7,000 to Cuyamaca College. Cuyamaca College's Unlimited Potential! (UP!), which supports former foster youth and others who have faced great financial uncertainty, received \$1,670. The Cuyamaca College *Give the Dream* program, which provides students small emergency grants to help them deal with unforeseen hardships, received \$2,670; and the Cuyamaca College President's Fund used to support college events and programs, received \$2,670. Donations were made through the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges. Many of Cuyamaca College presidents have served as members, including **Dr. Mark Zacovic, Dr. Geraldine Perri, Dr. Sherrill Amador, and Dr. Samuel Ciccati**. The service group has also funded a number of Cuyamaca College Osher Scholarships which will continue in perpetuity.

🐾 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.

🐾 Accepted into Leadership Program

Ms. Cindy Morrin, Career Services Counselor, has been accepted into the Leadership East County 2014-2015 program. She will be participating with a group of other emerging leaders throughout East County. Leadership East County is an issue-oriented leadership development program designed to inform, motivate, and increase the awareness of selected participants through seminars, study groups and interaction with community decision-makers. Participants are individuals seeking to enhance their leadership skills, involvement, and knowledge of the community.

Upcoming Events

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



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

9/11 Memorial

Thursday, September 11th

10:30 to 11:00am, Grand Lawn

Men's Soccer Home Games



College of the Desert

Tuesday, September 23

3:15 p.m.

Soccer Field

Palomar College

Tuesday, September 30

3:15 p.m.

Soccer Field

Santa Ana College

Friday, September 26

4:00 p.m.

Soccer Field

San Diego Mesa College

Tuesday, October 7

3:15 p.m.

Soccer Field

2014 Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Fall Concert Series

Thursday, September 18

Kembang Sunda

Indonesian Gamelan

Thursday, October 2

Danny Green Trio

Original Jazz

Thursday, October 16

Youth Choir of San Diego (starts at 7:00pm)

Friday, October 17

Cuyamaca College Choir

with Folklore ~ "Night of the Living Dead"

Thursday, October 23

Luay Yousif

Music from the Middle East

Friday, October 31

Quatuor Mosaïques

Classical String Quartets (\$10 student tickets)



Unless otherwise noted, all concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre. To reserve tickets, call 619-660-4288. \$8.00 general admission, \$5.00 students/seniors. For more information visit www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts.

Rancho San Diego



Farmer's Market

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.

