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

"LEARN TODAY, LEAD TOMORROW"

🐾 4th Annual Social Gathering & Dance (in celebration of Native American History Month)



More than 200 people gathered in the Student Center on Tuesday, November 25, to witness the Native American cultural event and College Hour hosted by the Cuyamaca College Library and the Native American Student Alliance. The Aztec dancers, dressed in traditional regalia, demonstrated their dancing talents. This year there were 3 guest speakers, including Mr. Richard DeCrane, Mr. Chuck Cadotte, and Mr. Alejandro Meraz Chichiltekolotl who each spoke of their various cultures and traditions of Native Americans.



🐾 New Water/Wastewater Technology Club Formed on Campus

Cuyamaca College recently became the first California Community College with an American Water Works Association (AWWA) student chapter. A Chapter Constitution and By-laws were adopted by the new group and Chapter officers were elected. Faculty member **Mr. Joe Young** will serve as the Chapter's Faculty Advisor, and Mr. Larry Lyford from the Helix Water District and Ms. Sue Mosburg from Sweetwater Authority will serve as the AWWA/Water Industry Liaisons. Through generous support from AWWA and its industry sponsors, each member of the new student chapter received a one-year complimentary student membership in AWWA. Student membership in AWWA will allow our students to attend water industry sponsored conferences and events free of charge. Currently 25 to 30 students routinely participate in the Chapter meetings. On November 12, the Chapter hosted its first guest speaker event on campus when Dr. Harold Bailey spoke to the group about the important work that Water for People is doing to improve water and health in Peru and throughout the world. The group is currently planning a January 9, 2015 visit to the San Vicente Dam in Lakeside, where a project to more than double the reservoir's storage capacity is in progress. Achieving this milestone further reinforces the Cuyamaca

College Water & Wastewater Technology Program's reputation as being one of the premier programs of its type in the western United States.

🐾 Barbecue Honors Cuyamaca College Student Veterans



In honor of Veterans Day, a free barbecue for veterans and active-duty military students was held at the Water Conservation Garden. The event was funded by the El Cajon Elks Lodge and co-hosted by Cuyamaca College. Money for the barbecue came from a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Freedom Grant, one of many grants distributed across the country to benefit veterans, active-duty personnel, and their

dependents. The gathering featured enough food to feed an army along with “veteran students’ survival kits” – packages containing a flash drive, school supplies, and vouchers for textbooks. U.S. Veterans Magazine recently ranked Cuyamaca College among the nation’s top veteran-friendly campuses. The number of veterans and their dependents at the college has climbed to nearly 1,000 since the enactment in 2008 of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill.

🐾 College Hosts High School Counselors’ Breakfast

The High School and Community Relations Department hosted a Cuyamaca College and GUHSD Joint Counselors’ Breakfast on Wednesday, November 19, for approximately 40 attendees. During the event high school counselors and Cuyamaca College counseling staff enjoyed a catered breakfast while being updated about important academic and departmental changes happening at the college. They were informed about the Student Success & Support Program (SSSP) initiative that applies to new students, Career Technical Education options, and our current transfer agreements. Counselors also had the opportunity to network with one another before and during the breakfast.



🐾 New Hoods Installed in Biology Lab

The hoods in the biology lab that were installed recently are a positive addition. The hoods will remove the fumes that accumulate from using the labs for dissection. **Dr. Scott Herrin**, Dean of Math, Science and Engineering, along with the science faculty worked collaboratively with **Mr. Bruce Farnham**, Director of Facilities, and his team to set the hoods at the appropriate level as to not interrupt the instruction that takes place in the classroom.



🐾 Flu Shots Offered at the College



The staff of the Cuyamaca College Health and Wellness Center in conjunction with Borrego Health 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. 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 the supplies lasted.

🐾 Center for Economic Education to Benefit Literacy Curriculum

The Cuyamaca College-based San Diego Center for Economic Education, directed by **Mr. Anthony Zambelli**, will help update the financial literacy curriculum at high schools in the San Diego Unified School District under a new two-year, \$161,533 grant. The San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College trains scores of elementary and high school teachers each year on the best methods for teaching economics in the classroom and how to infuse economics into other subject areas such as history or geography. The San Diego Center for Economic Education is the only one of 11 such centers in the state that is located at a community college. The Cuyamaca College center's latest effort will help train 50 economics teachers at more than two dozen San Diego Unified high schools in the latest methods and theories in financial literacy. It also will pay for substitute teachers needed to cover for the economics instructors while they are undergoing training. Some 8,000 high school students will be impacted annually, according to San Diego Unified.

Mr. Anthony Zambelli, Director of San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College, recently conducted a workshop for the Center for Economic Education entitled "Election Economics." Approximately 32 middle and high school teachers from as far away as Santa Ana, San Bernardino, Riverside and Brawley attended. Those in attendance received lessons and inter-actives to assist them in teaching the connection between economics and elections.

🐾 Music Students Featured on Facebook Page

Students in **Ms. Martha Heminger's** Music 110 class were recently featured on the San Diego Symphony Facebook page. After seeing an interview with the new CEO of the symphony, Martha encouraged her students to attend the symphony since tickets were being offered at a reduced rate. Afterwards some students were approached to express their thoughts on the performance. A public relations representative from the Symphony also attended her class to talk of the Symphony's activities and offered free tickets to one of their events.



Upcoming Events

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



President's Annual Holiday Party

Thursday, December 11
12:00 to 2:00pm
Student Center I-207 & 208

Athletics' Home Games

Men's Basketball vs. Santa Ana College	Friday, December 12	5:00pm
Men's Basketball vs. San Diego City College	Wednesday, January 7	5:00pm
Men's Basketball vs. San Diego Mesa College	Friday, January 9	5:00pm
Men's Basketball vs. Miramar College	Wednesday, January 28	5:00pm
Men's Basketball vs. Mt. San Jacinto College	Friday, January 30	5:00pm
Men's Basketball at Grossmont College	<i>Wednesday, February 4</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>
Men's Basketball vs. Southwestern College	Friday, February 13	5:00pm
Men's Basketball vs. Mira Costa College	Wednesday, February 18	5:00pm
Men's Basketball vs. Imperial Valley College	Friday, February 20	5:00pm

Last Concert of the Season

Winter Wonder Jam, Local Pop Music

Friday, December 12

7:00pm

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.

State of the College Address

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Communication Arts Theatre

Coffee in the lobby at 10:00am

Program begins at 10:30am

