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President's Report to the Governing Board February 17, 2015

“Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow”

🐾 State of the College Address



On Wednesday, January 21, the college community came together in the Student Center to inaugurate the beginning of the spring semester with the State of the College Address. President Zacovic's theme, *Focused on Success* highlighted the college's past accomplishments, while casting the vision for the future. The Academic Senate honored two faculty members with its Award for Teaching Excellence during the State of the College Address. Faculty member **Mr. Daniel Curtis**, Math instructor, received the full-time faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. **Ms. Fabienne Bouton**, who teaches in the Biology program, received the part-time Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. These two award recipients were among over 34 nominees from across the college. Each nominee received rave reviews from their students who commended and praised their dedication and enthusiasm for teaching and learning. Congratulations to Mr. Curtis, Ms. Bouton, and all of the nominees who exemplify Cuyamaca College's commitment to academic excellence and student success. Three new employees were introduced and welcomed into the Cuyamaca College family. They included **Ms. Sahar Abushaban**, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services; **Mr. Manuel Mancillas-Gomez**, ESL Instructor; and **Ms. Denise Blaha**, Child Development Center Coordinator.

🐾 Spirit Day at Cuyamaca College

The Associated Student Government sponsored its second annual Spirit Week decoration contest to promote the February 4th men's basketball game against Grossmont College. Decorations were judged on overall Coyote spirit and how it reflected in the overall mission of the department/program. The offices that competed in the contest included the Counseling Center, Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS), the Health & Wellness Center, the President's Office, and the Veterans' Resource Center. The President's Office won the decoration contest. The staff will receive a plaque and be treated to lunch with the Associated Student Government leaders. The Coyotes succumbed to Grossmont by a score of 59-46 in what's become an annual tradition and growing [friendly] rivalry.

🐾 Wellness Walks Kick Off



More than 100 students and 20 college employees gathered together on the Grand Lawn for the kickoff of the Cuyamaca College Wellness Walks. Sponsored by Student Health Services, and in celebration of the “Love Your Heart” campaign, employees and students set out on one of six routes around the college. Participants received goodie bags which included a bottle of water, pedometer, a pledge card, and a healthy snack. The goal is for everyone to walk 10,000 steps a day, and for the college to log 1,000,000,000 steps a month. To view the various routes around the

college, click <http://www.cuyamaca.edu/services/health/files/wellness-walks-brochure.pdf>.

🐾 **Native American Student Alliance Powwow**



The Native American Student Alliance (NASA) at Cuyamaca College held their inaugural powwow on Saturday, February 7, inside the Cuyamaca College gymnasium. Native American participants represented various tribal nations throughout the United States and Canada. The event began with the Grand Entry, when all the dancers in colorfully adorned regalia showcased their unique dancing styles. In addition to dancing, there were arts and crafts booths, information booths, and food booth vendors such as

Kumeyaay Fry Bread and Chamorro Grill. Information booths included participants from the San Miguel Fire Department, San Diego Indian Health Youth Center, the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, Kumeyaay Community College, Cuyamaca College Health & Wellness Center, and the EOPS program. The American Indian Recruitment (AIR) Program at San Diego State University was also at the event and handed out 45 backpacks filled with school supplies. The highlight of the event was the Kumeyaay Bird Singers from the Sycuan reservation. Since Cuyamaca College sits on Kumeyaay land and its name is Kumeyaay in origin, it was only fitting that the culture of our indigenous neighbors was celebrated. The powwow garnished recognition in the *San Diego Union Tribune*, *East County Gazette*, *Times of San Diego*, the Alpine Chamber of Commerce, and KUSI News. Many have already contacted NASA's advisors **Ms. Nora Hinsley**, EOPS Adjunct Counselor, and **Ms. Maria Gearhart**, Multimedia Technician, inquiring about next year's event.



🐾 **Student Thanks His Teacher**

Ms. Debra Babylon, art instructor, recently received this letter from a former student who is now a full-time art instructor at a college in Missouri:

My name is Carlos Bass, and there's no way you'll remember me, but I was a former student of yours at Cuyamaca many years ago (maybe it's been 10-15 years ago). At the time, I was taking Life Drawing and Painting classes with you having already completed the B.F.A program at San Diego State. I was looking to keep involved in art and a friend of mine at the time (I think her name was Jen, who would later go on to the MFA program at your alma mater) suggested we enroll in your classes. After taking a few semesters of your Drawing and Painting courses, I enrolled in the M.F.A. program at Cal State Los Angeles. You were gracious enough to write me a letter of recommendation which I'm sure helped me get into the program. Shortly after graduating from CSULA, I moved away from California and I now live in Kansas City where I teach as a full-time faculty member and coordinator for the Art Dept. at a small campus called Maple Woods College. Anyway, I write this email as a thank you. I remember my time in your classes very fondly. You always created such a great environment for learning. There was an emphasis on the fundamentals. You were challenging in your expectations, yet provided students with enough freedom for individual expression. There always seemed to be an atmosphere of creativity and camaraderie among the students in your classes. Now, as an instructor myself, I aim to provide my students with that same level of instruction. I find myself referencing my experiences with you all the time! As I remember you doing, I will walk around my life drawing students stressing line weight and variety and I'm sure I'm repeating some of your catch phrases. As I write this email, I am here on campus getting ready for my Life Drawing class tonight and was reminded of you and how much I benefitted from your teaching and enjoyed your classes. You are an inspiration.

Thank you,

Carlos Bass

MCC-Maple Woods

🐾 **Faculty Member Wins Awards**

Mr. Anthony Zambelli, part-time business instructor, was recently awarded the Roy Erickson Civic Education Leadership Award, presented by the California Council for the Social Studies. The Roy Erickson Civic Education Leadership Award is awarded to a California educational leader, legislator, or community/organization leader who has made notable contributions toward promoting or implementing civic learning in California schools to prepare students to be engaged and responsible citizens. As the winner, Anthony has demonstrated outstanding leadership in California by promoting and strengthening high quality civic education practices through instruction, programming, academia, advocacy, and/or legislation.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Athletics' Home Games



Men's Basketball vs. Mira Costa College	Wednesday, February 18	5:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Imperial Valley College	Friday, February 20	5:00 p.m.
Men's Golf, Sycuan Golf Course	Monday, March 9	11:30 a.m.

Working with Undocumented Students

Tuesday, March 3, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Meeting Room 1 (I-207)

Presenters: Dr. Cynthia Davalos and Ms. Jessica Munoz from USD

A Taste of Diversity

Tuesday, March 10, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Center, Meeting Room 1 (I-207)

Presenter: Ms. Grace Bagunu, UCSD



Understanding the LGBT Alphabet Soup! Race, Gender & Sexuality through a LGBT Lens

Tuesday, April 7, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Student Center, Meeting Room 1 (I-207)

Presenter: Dr. Shaun Travers, UCSD

Iraqi Cultural Presentation

Wednesday, March 18

12:30 p.m., in the Performing Arts Theatre

College Hour: Women's History Month

Monday, March 16

11:30 a.m., Location TBD

Spring Concert Series

Unless otherwise noted, all concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre. Cost is \$8 general admission and \$5 for students. To reserve tickets, call 619-660-4288.

For more information, visit: www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts.

Thursday, February 19	Billy Lee and the Swamp Critters	Cajun and zydeco music
Monday, March 9	Kembang Sunda	Indonesian Gamelan
Friday, March 13	Cuyamaca College Orchestra & Choir	Fauré's <i>Requiem</i>
Tuesday, April 7	Zimbeat	Traditional African music and Afro Pop
Thursday, April 9	Concerto Köln (SDEMS*)	
Wednesday, April 15	Cuyamaca College Wind Ensemble with Steel Canyon High School	
Thursday, April 16	David Alberts	Mime

*Presented by the San Diego Early Music Society. Student tickets available at \$10.