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## *President's Report to the Governing Board March 17, 2015*

*"Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow"*

### ***Diversity Dialogues***

In March, Student Affairs sponsored two Diversity Dialogue workshops, *"Working with Undocumented Students"* and *"A Taste of Diversity"* with speakers from the University of California, San Diego and the University of San Diego. In the first workshop, *"Working with Undocumented Students,"* Dr. Cynthia Davalos, Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor at UCSD, discussed strategies and support services designed to help undocumented students succeed in college. She also provided insight into the development of a support service office at the UCSD that was created after a survey was conducted by the Office of the President at the University of California system. In the second workshop, *"A Taste of Diversity,"* Ms. Grace Bagunu from the University of San Diego described ways to interact with individuals of diverse backgrounds and avoid stereotypes. Ms. Bagunu will return to campus on April 17 to conduct the Social Justice Institute.



### ***Women's History Fair***

The Associated Student Government leaders coordinated a Women's History Fair on Wednesday, March 11, to celebrate Women's History Month. Students had the opportunity to answer a series of questions pertaining to Women's History and receive prizes.

### ***Next Level Coyote Orientation***



On Wednesday, March 11, approximately 80 Cuyamaca College student-athletes, along with their coaches, attended the Next Level Coyotes Spring Orientation. The orientation was held in the Performing Arts Theatre. The Next Level Coyotes program, coordinated by **Mr. Ryan Shumaker**, Interim Associate Dean of Athletics, is an initiative for student-athlete development that aims to provide outstanding personal and academic support to the student-athletes of Cuyamaca College through a systematic, intentional, and proactive approach. Some of the goals of the program include increased retention, persistence, and completion, personal and academic development of each student-athlete, and fostering school spirit and a sense of belonging for our student-athletes through learning communities and activities.

### ***7th Annual Sustainable Turf & Landscape Seminar***

On Thursday, March 5, the Ornamental Horticulture hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Turf and Landscape Seminar, which was held at the Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theatre. The theme of this year's seminar was *"Healthy Landscapes with Limited Water"*. This very pertinent topic helped



to make this the most successful seminar yet with 230 horticulture students and industry attendees. The seminar provides several important benefits for OH students by connecting them with leaders in the local landscape industry, plus it raises money for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society that is used to fund the Scholarship Banquet in May. This year a record \$20,000 was raised. The event was coordinated by **Mr. Don Schultz**, Ornamental Horticulture instructor and Chair of the department, along with his staff and a team of volunteers. The seminar also allows landscape professionals to obtain continuing education credits for professional certification and licensing.

### ***🐾 Continuing Education & Workforce Training***

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

**Prop 39 Workforce Grant Update:** Thanks to the good work completed by **Mr. Jonathan Kropp**, Project Manager, this year the Prop 39 Clean Energy Jobs Creation Workforce grant is being funded for a second year! In 2015-2016 another \$852,500 will be infused into the San Diego and Desert region community colleges to provide funding for program improvement and professional development in energy efficiency and related instructional programs. Cuyamaca College will be coordinating this regional effort on behalf of the State Chancellor's Office.

**CTE-TPP Grant:** Cuyamaca College is one of ten community colleges in the state to receive a \$250,000 Career Technical Education Teacher Pipeline (CTE-TPP) Grant. In collaboration with regional community colleges, high schools and universities, Cuyamaca College will lead the effort to create teacher pathways and prepare students and those in industry for CTE teaching careers.

**Intergenerational Garden:** Community collaborations continue to support the development of the Intergenerational Garden at Cuyamaca College. Generous donations from RCP and other businesses provided the materials necessary for this semester's Landscape Construction class to complete the amphitheater. Santana High School seniors in the Environmental Design pathway will be designing and fabricating signage for an activity course in the garden in addition to an entrance sign. In addition, the California Conservation Corps have dedicated volunteer work crews helping to maintain and build-out the garden. As part of the County of San Diego's Live Well Initiative, the **Garden Grannies** continue their good work in the Intergenerational Garden with the children and families attending the Child Development Center. This month's highlight was citrus tasting.



### ***🐾 Library Display: Women's History Month***

We invite you to come to the library to view our display cases on women who have made a difference in history. We have posters, books to check out, brochures, and bookmarks to celebrate women's history month.

### ***🐾 Report from San Diego Center for Economic Education***

On February 17, two members of the advisory board of the San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College conducted professional development workshops for San Diego Unified School District

economics teachers. Center Director, and part-time faculty member, Mr. **Tony Zambelli** conducted a workshop on how to use YouTube videos and contemporary music to enliven their twelfth grade economics classes. Board member Mr. Giff Asimos conducted a workshop on using the circular flow model to illustrate inflation and unemployment in the macroeconomy.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

A complete list of college activities can be found on our website, [www.cuyamaca.edu](http://www.cuyamaca.edu)

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## The Cultural Competency Student Institute

- Gain a deeper understanding of other cultures' backgrounds, current issues, and the identity development theory
- Develop greater appreciation of cultural similarities and differences
- Learn to interact with people of diverse backgrounds
- Become more aware of and knowledgeable about common barriers to cultural competence

- Understand the importance of relationship building in promoting diversity
- Apply principles of cultural competency to personal, professional, or academic life

Workshops are held Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. to noon in I-207

March 18; April 1; April 8; April 15; April 22

## Diversity Dialogue

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

Tuesday, April 7, 2:00 to 3:00pm, I-207

Presenter: Dr. Shaun Travers, UCSD



## Iraqi Cultural Presentation "Beyond the Impossible"

Wednesday, April 8

12:30pm, College Theatre

Evil witches, dark spells, and rescuing a lovely princess are part of one man's challenge as he undertakes the journey to bring back hope and light to his people. Generously supported by The Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges, this year's presentation is titled, "Beyond the Impossible." Various scenes will depict battles between good and evil. Each scene is represented by traditional costumes, music and dance reflecting the particular culture of that era of the Middle and Far East.

## 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](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts).

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| Tuesday, April 7    | Zimbeat: Traditional African music and Afro Pop                |
| Thursday, April 9   | Concerto Köln (SDEMS*)   |
| Wednesday, April 15 | Cuyamaca College Wind Ensemble with Steele Canyon High School  |
| Thursday, April 16  | David Alberts: Mime  |
| Thursday, April 23  | College Band Night: PLNU, SDSU, Grossmont and Cuyamaca College |
| Sunday, April 26    | Myriad Trio (SDEMS*)   |
| Wednesday, April 29 | Derek Cannon Jazz Quintet                                      |
| Thursday, April 30  | Cuyamaca College Chamber Orchestra                             |

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

**Auto Skills Day**  
Saturday, May 2  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Auto Bays



**Coyote Music Festival**  
Saturday, May 2  
12:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Grand Lawn, *free event*