

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

Cuyamaca College Student Shoots for the Stars

Ms. Mariah Moschetti, Cuyamaca College Associated Student Government President, was recently accepted into the super competitive NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars program and spent October 26 to 29 studying at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Mariah was one of about 50 community college students from around the country taking part in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory seminar and workshop, the focus of which was a competition among four ad-hoc teams tasked with designing models of Mars rovers from scratch that were programmed to collect rocks and retrieve a disabled rover. She served as the project manager of a team that raised



eyebrows among leading scientists with NASA. "We created a rover that was remote controlled through Bluetooth," she said. "They had never seen that before." Before voyaging to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Mariah took part in a five-week online workshop, participating in discussions, live video chats with NASA experts and various mission design challenges.

Breast Cancer Awareness

The Associated Student Government sponsored an event on October 15 to support Breast Cancer Awareness month. Student leaders organized various games, which included the "toss the ball in the bra" event. Students collected donations for the American Cancer Society, and also provided educational information to students about breast cancer. In addition to the student tables, the Health & Wellness Center also distributed educational materials to all event participants.





VET NET Seminar

On Friday, October 23, the college hosted its annual VET NET Ally seminar, a half day event focused on the needs and concerns of military service members and veterans studying at Cuyamaca College. At the end of the seminar, participants are given a decal to display in their workspace to show that they are Allies to Cuyamaca Colleges' student veterans. The VET NET Ally Seminar was generously funded by the Cuyamaca College Professional Development/Equity Committee.



Student Affairs Halloween Celebration

Mr. Lawrence Ayers, EOPS Club President, and **Mr. Antwane Collier**, EOPS Peer Advisor, helped out during the Student Affairs Halloween Celebration by manning the EOPS Student Club table.

Mole Day Celebration at Cuyamaca College



The hour long presentation on October 22nd was attended by over 120 students, faculty and staff, including **President Barnes** and **Chancellor Miles**. The audience was amazed and mesmerized by the many experiments given by **Ms. Laurie LeBlanc**, **Dr. Scott Herrin**, **Mr. David Tibbets**, **Dr. Glenn Thurman** and **Dr. Robert Anness**, along with assistance from classified staff and students. For the closing presentation, Dr. Anness created ice cream using liquid nitrogen and samples were handed out to the audience. Afterwards various tables were set up with *Math & Science Course Sequence for Transfer*

information cards, laminated periodic tables, science puzzles, and candy. Celebrated annually on October 23 (10/23) from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m., *Mole Day* commemorates Avogadro's Number (6.02 x 10^{23}), which is a basic measuring unit in chemistry. *Mole Day* was created as a way to foster interest in chemistry. Schools throughout the United States and around the world celebrate *Mole Day* with various activities related to chemistry and/or moles.

Transfer Fair

On Monday, October 26, the annual Transfer Fair was held on the Grand Lawn of Cuyamaca College. Representatives from over 35 colleges and universities participated in the event and met with approximately 400 students. The students were given answers to their questions regarding majors available and major requirements, impacted majors, GPA requirements, tuition costs, student involvement/student groups, and many other questions. This was the first year Cuyamaca College's Transfer Center invited various UCSD departments to showcase their programs. The representatives were set up along the walkway going through the Grand Lawn where the students were easily accessible. Along with the representatives, the students had the opportunity to interact with Transfer Center coordinator **Dr. Amaliya Blyumin** and get their questions answered. The Transfer Center staff would like to thank the Acting Dean of Counseling Services, **Ms. Nicole Jones**, for allocating funds to provide coffee and refreshments to the university representatives!

★ El Cajon Elks Lodge Honors Cuyamaca College VeteransAbout 30 military veterans, now students at Cuyamaca
College, enjoyed a barbecue and received school supplies at
a Veterans Week commemoration hosted on campus
Wednesday by the El Cajon Elks Lodge. The event, which
also included a raffle for prizes including T-shirts, gift
certificates from merchants and a pair of tickets to a



Chargers' football game, marked the second year that Elks Lodge 1812 joined the college in honoring student veterans. Cuyamaca College **President Julianna Barnes** said the event is a reminder of the college's commitment to the academic success of its more than 700 student veterans. Among those serving the food was Cuyamaca College Professor Emeritus **Mr. Anthony Zambelli**, a longtime member of the Elks and 2014 former president of the El Cajon lodge, as well as Elk member **Ms. Gwen Nix**, Administrative Assistant to Vice President Scott Thayer. The barbecue and school supplies the veterans received Wednesday were funded by a \$2,000 grant from the Elks National Foundation.

Wheelchair Basketball Game

Cuyamaca College celebrated *Disabilities Awareness Month*, with the very popular Wheelchair Basketball Game on Wednesday, October 28, in the Cuyamaca College gym. This was the 18th year of the Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game. This event started in 1998 with DSPS, Athletics, and the Men's Basketball Team, along with support from the LRC, ASGCC, and Club ABLED (a campus club that supports students with disabilities). The event has evolved over the years to become an official ASGCC College Hour. Many of the original wheelchair athletes are still coming out

every year to participate in this event! A luncheon was provided for the athletes and participants after the game.

Instructor Presents at Regional Workshop

Ms. Mary Graham, English Instructor, and English, Reading, Writing & ESL Center Director, was one of three organizers and presenters who led a large 50 person regional group of tutorial center/academic support faculty, staff, and peer tutors in activities centered around the theme of the professionalization of tutoring on Friday, October 23rd, at San Diego Mesa College, as part of the Learning Assistance Project (a part of the 3CSN initiative of the CCC Chancellor's Office). Nine other faculty, tutors and classified staff from Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges also attended the event, which included representatives from all SDICCA colleges as well as colleagues from as far north as Mount San Jacinto. The event ended by energizing campuses to submit proposals for, and participate in, the Tutor Expo 2016, a two-day learning assistance conference for tutors as well as classified, faculty and administrators invoked in tutoring which will be held at San Diego City College on March 11 and 12, 2016.



Career Kickstarter 1.5

Fourteen Career & Technical Education (CTE) students gathered for 1.5 hours on Wednesday, October 28, to prepare for their future by grilling and engaging area employers at the first ever networking/speed mentoring event. The invitation-only event known as "Career Kickstarter 1.5" brought together employers who were willing to answer students' questions in a relaxed



environment, allowing even shy students to practice their conversational skills. Students nearing the end of their studies at Cuyamaca were nominated by their instructors to participate as a way to hone the skills needed to conduct a successful job interview. Employers were asked to set aside thoughts of recruitment and focus on helping students understand what leads to success in speaking with potential employers. Cuyamaca College's CTE division is grateful to California Coast Credit Union, Jerome's Furniture, and Silvergate Bank for sponsoring the event. They provided gifts for all the attendees and underwrote the refreshments for the event.

Part Time Faculty Member Honored



Mr. Seth Slater, English instructor and Co-Chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee, was honored at the SDSU Community College Leaders Recognition Reception for adjunct faculty held on Monday, November 2, at San Diego Mesa College. Sponsored by the SDSU doctoral program and SDICCCA, Seth was recognized for his service to the college as a part time instructor. The program is committed to developing reflective leaders and change agents, capable of responding to the area's demographic shifts, as well as the increasingly complex needs of educational organizations within this diverse multicultural region. Mr. Pat Setzer, Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, President Julianna Barnes, Dr. Tammi Marshall, Math Department Chair and Alumni Chapter member, Chancellor Cindy Miles, and Dr. Scott W. Thayer, Vice

President of Student Services, also attended the event.

EOPS Staff Member Presents at Regional Conference

EOPS staff members recently participated in the California Community Colleges EOPS Association regional conference. Student Services Specialist **Mr. Eddie Vasquez** was one of the presenters who spoke on guiding and encouraging disproportionately impacted students to become members of honors programs, such as Fulbright, Phi Beta Kappa, and Mortar Board.



Library Display: Native American Heritage Month

The Cuyamaca College Library is currently displaying Native American artifacts, art, and literature, including: bison and caribou hides; display boxes of a golden eagle, a coyote, and hummingbirds; and information on the culture of Native American families with a focus on our local Kumeyaay tribe. Colorful, traditional regalia are also on display throughout the month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

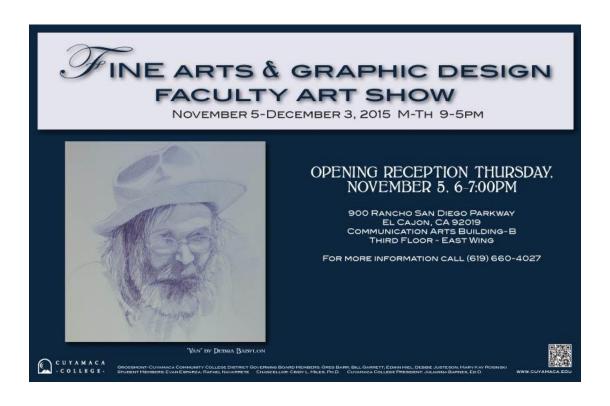
A complete list of college activities can be found on our website, www.cuyamaca.edu

Art Department Documentary Film Series

Every other week the Art Department will screen a documentary that examines the shifting visual styles, ideas, and artists throughout history. The film showings are on <u>Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will be shown in B-376</u>. Screenings are open to all GCCCD students and faculty. These are the remaining films for the semester:

November 18, 2015 – *Beautiful Losers.* Beautiful Losers celebrates the spirit behind one of the most influential cultural moments of a generation. In the early 1990's, a loose-knit group of likeminded outsiders found common ground at a little NYC storefront gallery. Developing their craft with almost no influence from the "establishment" art world, this group, and the subcultures they sprang from, has now become a movement that has been transforming pop culture.

December 2, 2015 – Beauty is Embarrassing: The Wayne White Story. For more than 30 years, Wayne White has made an indelible mark on the creative world. As a designer, painter, puppeteer, sculptor, and musician, White created images and ideas that are an integral yet sometimes subconscious part of the pop-culture lexicon.



2015 Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Fall Concert Series Remaining

Friday, November 20 Cuyamaca College Rock, Pop & Soul Ensemble

Tuesday, November 24 Cuyamaca Concert Choir Friday, December 4 Winter Wonder Jam

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.





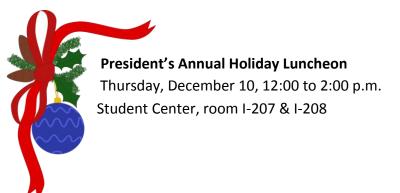
(free flu shots available till supplies run out)

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 10 am – 1 pm

Cuyamaca College Quad (next to I Building)

This notice sent out by Cuyamaca College Health & Wellness Center





<u>Cuyamaca College Athletics Schedule – Home Games</u>

For a complete list of Athletic events, visit their website at http://www.cuyamaca.edu/campus-life/athletics/default.aspx

Men's Basketball vs. Cypress College Thursday, December 17, 2015 5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. Miramar College Friday, January 8, 2016 5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. Mt. San Jacinto College Wednesday, January 13 5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. Grossmont College Friday, January 15 7:00 p.m. at Grossmont College Men's Basketball vs. Imperial Valley College Wednesday, January 20 5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. San Diego City College Friday, January 22 5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. San Diego Mesa College Wednesday, February 3 5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. Southwestern College Wednesday, February 17 5:00 p.m. in the gym

