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## *President's Report to the Governing Board February 16, 2016*

### **UP! Students Awarded Laptop Computers**

Cuyamaca College UP! (Unlimited Potential!) Program recently awarded four students with laptops from the John Burton Foundation Laptop Essay Contest. Our students competed with many other former foster youth applicants throughout California and we're happy to announce that our students were chosen amongst the best written essays. The theme of the essay was, "What inspired me to go to college" and our students, **Mr. Maurice Owens**, **Mr. Luis Batista**, **Ms. Nicole Hansen** and **Ms. Alberta Alvarado** represented themselves and the college very well. Each student received a laptop, Microsoft Office software, and an individualized letter congratulating them on their prestigious academic milestone. We're very proud of our students and all of their achievements.



### **Cuyamaca College Selected to Participate in a National Science Foundation Funded Project**

Cuyamaca College has been selected to participate in a "Build Your Own Recruitment Video" being funded by a National Science Foundation Advanced Technology Education grant. The purpose of the project, which is being co-hosted by the South Carolina Center for Expanding Excellence in Technician Education at Florence-Darlington Technical College and Advanced Technical Education-TV, is to train community colleges on how to develop high quality videos which target specific audiences for recruitment to specific educational programs. Cuyamaca College was one of 13 community colleges selected from a pool of more than 100 community colleges nationwide to participate in this project. The initial focus of the team from Cuyamaca College will be to develop a series of videos targeting active duty and recently separated veterans with strong STEM skills backgrounds to consider transitioning into careers in the water and wastewater field. Additional videos will target women, underrepresented populations, and K-12 STEM students and inform them about jobs and careers in the water/wastewater field. The 3-person team from Cuyamaca College will be headed by **Mr. Joe Young**, the Program Coordinator for the Water and Wastewater Technology Program (WWTR), along with **Mr. Mike Uhrhammer**, who serves as an Adjunct Instructor in the WWTR program and is a Senior Public Affairs Officer for the Helix Water District, and **Mr. Osvaldo Torres**, veterans counselor and Coordinator for the Veterans Resource Center. For the past several years the Water & Wastewater Technology and Veterans programs at Cuyamaca College have both achieved significant recognition for innovation and excellence in their programs, so this project should be an excellent fit.

### **CalWORKs Update**

Forty-nine CalWORKs work study students were placed for the spring semester to work in fourteen departments. This brings the yearly total to 57 students placed this year. Estimated total earnings for students is just over \$200,000, with them providing about 20,000 hours of work in departments without budgets to hire students. Fourteen Cuyamaca CalWORKs scholarship applications were submitted for the California Community Colleges CalWORKs Association annual scholarship and Portraits of Success

publication. A regional scholarship of \$500 is awarded and there is a statewide winner for \$1,000. A total of 30 entries were received for Region X and the winner was chosen from San Diego City College.

### Child Development Center Unveils Healthy Menu



The Cuyamaca College Child Development Center recently contracted for food services through the Neighborhood House Association (NHA), a multi-purpose human services agency and the local administrators of the federal Head Start program. NHA prepares and delivers made-from-scratch meals daily to the facility at Cuyamaca College. With an eye toward moving away from the carb-heavy, light-on-veggies dishes previously served the 2- to 5-year-olds, the child development center switched to NHA's natural and organic meals featuring fresh produce from local farmers. The fresh, whole foods, which are ethnically diverse and kid-tested, arrive each day from NHA's central kitchen and are served three times daily along with a dash of nutrition education provided by the Center's Intergenerational Garden volunteers.

### State of the College Address



On Wednesday, January 20, 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 Barnes' theme, *"Delivering on the Dream: Changing Paradigms"*, highlighted the college's accomplishments, while casting the vision for the future. **President Barnes** was pleased to report that the state of the college is "strong". **Ms. Alicia Munoz**, Academic Senate president, bestowed two faculty members the annual Award for Teaching Excellence. Faculty member **Ms. Marvelyn Bucky**, English instructor, received the full-time faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. **Mr. David Ivester**, who teaches Environmental Health & Safety Management, received the part-time faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. These two award recipients were among over 34 faculty members who were nominated for the award. Each nominee received rave reviews from their students who commended and praised their dedication and enthusiasm for teaching and learning. Congratulations to Marvelyn, David, and all of the nominees who exemplify Cuyamaca College's commitment to academic excellence and student success. Eighteen new employees were introduced and welcomed into the Cuyamaca College family. Each of the vice presidents provided an overview of their respective areas. The luncheon was provided by Sodexo and sponsored by the East County Schools Federal Credit Union.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Powwow



The Native American Student Alliance (NASA) at Cuyamaca College held their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual powwow on Saturday, February 6, on the front lawn in front of the Communication Arts Center. The event drew over 500 people to Cuyamaca College. 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, Barona Cultural Center and Museum, Kumeyaay Community College, Cuyamaca College Health & Wellness Center, Student Government, and the EOPS program. 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 is celebrated. The powwow garnished recognition in the *East County Magazine*, *East County Herald*, and the *East County Californian*. The event was also featured in the *San Diego Reader* calendar and KUSI News. Many have already contacted NASA's advisor **Mrs. Maria Gearhart**, Multimedia Technician, inquiring about next year's event.



### **Stand Up and Speak Out Against Relationship Violence**

On February 4, Student Affairs and the Health & Wellness Center hosted the workshop, "Stand Up and Speak Out Against Relationship Violence", an interactive discussion on consent and sexual safety. The speaker, Ms. Sarah Diamond, M.Ed. from the Center for Community Solutions, provided prevention education on sexual assault/domestic violence, healthy relationship skills, bystander intervention, and support for survivors to more than 35 students and college employees. Resources for free confidential services to individuals and families affected by relationship and sexual violence were shared with participants as well as introductions made of our college San Diego Sheriff Officers and mental health counselors.

### **Workday at the Intergenerational Garden**

Saturday, February 6, was a wonderful workday led by instructor **Mr. Dave Ratynski's** Landscape Construction/Concrete and Masonry class. **Mr. John Thomas**, OH Coordinator, provided the materials needed and many of the OH interns and students were on hand to help out. The students spent the day planning out the space and framing and pouring cement for the platform that will hold one of our concrete tables in the Intergenerational Garden. The California Conservation Corps volunteers cleaned out a portion of the rock garden, mulching the garden and pumpkin hill. **Mr. Todd Wilbur**, our CDC intern, worked closely with all the volunteers, students, instructors and staff members to create a successful garden workday. The California Conservation Corps volunteers worked on our rock garden, taking out the rocks, removing the dirt, and putting in a new liner. This will be an ongoing project since only a portion of the garden was completed. The next garden work day will be scheduled in April.





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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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## **Athletics' Home Games**

Women's Tennis vs. Imperial Valley College	Thursday, February 18	2:00pm	Tennis Courts
Women's Tennis vs. Grossmont College	Tuesday, February 23	2:00pm	Tennis Courts
Women's Tennis vs. Mt. San Jacinto College	Thursday, March 10	2:00pm	Tennis Courts
Women's Tennis vs. San Diego Mesa College	Thursday, March 31	2:00pm	Tennis Courts

## **Career Workshops**

"Choosing a Major and Career Selection"  
Monday, February 22 and Wednesday, April 13  
12:00-1:00pm, Career Center A-209

"Interviewing Techniques"  
Monday, March 7 and Monday, April 18  
12:00-1:00pm, Career Center A-209

"Social Networking for Professional Success"  
Monday March 14 and Wednesday, April 27  
12:00-1:00pm, Career Center A-209

"Resume Writing"  
Monday, April 4  
12:00-1:00pm, Career Center A-209

"Navigating the Career Expo"  
Monday, May 2  
12:00-1:00pm, Career Center A-209



## **2016 East County Career Expo**

Wednesday, May 4  
9:00am to 2:00pm  
Student Center, I-207



## **Diversity Dialogues**

These workshops focus on a variety of diversity awareness and social justice topics. Students who attend and participate in a minimum of 3 workshops during the current academic year earn a "Diversity & Leadership" certificate and will be recognized for their efforts at the Student Leaders Reception in May.

Thursday, February 18

"Awaken our Inner Mentor" presented by faculty member Mr. Art Guaracha  
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in I-207

Tuesday, February 23

"Diversity and Cultural Competence" presented by faculty member Mr. Raad Jerjis  
1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in I-207

Tuesday, March 1

“Civilization of Coexistence: For a Better Community” presented by faculty member Ms. Roula Aoneh  
9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in I-207

Wednesday, March 30

“Asian Pacific Islander Women in Pop Culture” presented by Grace Bagunu, USD  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in F-702

***Grossmont & Cuyamaca College 2016 Spring Scholarship Awards Event***

Saturday, February 20, 2016

9:30am-11:30am

La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Dr., La Mesa

# Cultural Competency Student Institute



Presented by: **Dr. Tanis Starck, SDSU College of Education**

**The Cultural Competency Student Institute is a workshop series that prepares students to be successful in culturally diverse settings.**

## ***The Cultural Competency Student Institute is designed to help participants:***

- *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*

## **WORKSHOP DATES: Workshops are held Wednesdays, 1:00 to 2:00 PM**

February 24, 2016 (Cross Cultural Center, I-128)  
March 9, 2016 (Cross Cultural Center, I-128)  
March 30, 2016 (Cross Cultural Center, I-128)  
April 13, 2016 (Cross Cultural Center, I-128)  
April 27, 2016 (Cross Cultural Center, I-128)

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*If you have attended three Cultural Competency workshops during the 2015-2016 school year, you will be invited to the Student Leadership reception. Please turn in your signed form to Lauren Vaknin in the Student Affairs Office (I-120) by May 13, 2016.*

*For additional information about the Cultural Competency Student Institute, please contact Lauren Vaknin in the Student Affairs Office at 660-4295.*

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Chancellor: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. • Cuyamaca College President: Julianna Barnes, Ed.D.

## ***Celebrating Black History Month 2016 at Cuyamaca College***

### **February 1-February 29, 2016**

Library Display—Celebrating Black History Month  
Stop by the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the library and view the display.

### **February 9, 2016**

Movie Screening: Selma  
(*There will be a discussion immediately following the movie*)  
11:30 am to 2:00 p.m. (College Hour Program)  
Theater at the “B” Building  
Presented by: Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks, Cuyamaca College History Instructor

### **February 17, 2016**

Workshop: *And Her Name Was Katrina: Life After the Storm, a personal guide through a reflective journey of social justice and inequality in America*  
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
Cross Cultural Center (Student Center, I-128)  
Presented by: Dr. Tanis Starck, San Diego State University

### **February 18, 2016**

Celebrating Black Excellence- Stop by the Cross Cultural Center to participate in various activities sponsored by the Associated Student Government.  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Cross Cultural Center (Student Center, I-128)  
Presented by: Associated Student Government

### **February 25, 2016**

Introduction to the Black Student Union of Cuyamaca College  
Come out and familiarize yourself with the Black Student Union of Cuyamaca College and celebrate Black History Month. Learn more about the Black Student Union of Cuyamaca College, community organizations, black businesses, and hear from other local speakers. Free food will be provided.  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Grand Lawn  
Presented by: Black Student Union of Cuyamaca College

### **February 26, 2016**

Paving the Way: Looking back on the sacrifices and contributions that have been made, which have paved the way for many African-Americans.  
7:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theater  
General Admission: \$8.00 / Students with ID: \$5.00  
Directed by: Robert Chambers  
Hosted by: Robert Chambers and Sakeenah Gallardo