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President's Report to the Governing Board May 17, 2016

Math Class Presents Group Projects

On Monday, May 2, Dr. Tammi Marshall's Math 281 class presented their Group Projects in the lobby of the H-Building. The students decide on the topic after breaking up into groups based on their major at the beginning of the semester. They then work on each project for approximately 12 weeks and present them to the class in the form of a "Project Fair". This is one of the ways the Math Department is moving forward in using Capstone Projects for assessing our Program Learning Outcomes.



Annual Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition Awards Ceremony

On Thursday, April 28, the Art Department hosted family, friends, and students to the Annual Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition Awards Ceremony. Due to the uncertain weather, the awards ceremony was held in the Digital Theatre with standing room only. Twenty students were recognized for their talents by the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, East County Art Association, the Cuyamaca College Graphic Design club, Cuyamaca College's Art Department, Blick's Art Supplies, and other donors. Ms. Debra Babylon, Fine Arts instructor, and Mr. Timothy Buckles, Graphic Design instructor, were recognized for their years of service at Cuyamaca College. Both will be retiring in June 2016. Over 150 attendees enjoyed cupcakes and art after the ceremony.

Student Health Fair



On April 19, the Cuyamaca College Health & Wellness Center hosted the 2016 Health Fair held on the Grand Lawn of Cuyamaca College. More than 300 individuals, including students, staff, and community representatives, participated in the health and safety exhibits (a 100% increase compared to 2015). Among the highlights of the Health Fair, numerous stress management and relaxation methodologies were offered to participants including massages, aromatherapy,

jazzercise, music therapy, and mental health screenings and counseling resources. Thanks to Coleman College medical assistant students, over 100 of the participants received blood pressure and body mass index screenings and health information related to diet and exercise. With the support of Sahara Restaurant, all participants received nutritious, healthy middle-eastern food samples and nutritional supplements were offered by several exhibitors. In terms of personal/home safety training, Hands-only CPR was provided by the City of San Diego Project Heartbeat and the County of San Diego Environmental Health demonstrated

techniques for home insect and vector control. The overall sentiment reported was that the 2016 Health Fair was a total success.

Science Departments' Super Smart Students

Cuyamaca College can boast of having more participants in UCSD's Research Experience for Undergraduates than any other community college in the county, despite being the smallest. We are at it again. Each summer UCSD only accepts 9 students into this program, and 3 of our students from Cuyamaca College have already been accepted! Additionally, Ms. Rebekah Shtayfman, a physics student and single mom, will be at UCSD this summer participating in their STARS program that focuses on research into dark matter. She also just accepted a full-ride scholarship which includes housing to UC Berkeley in the coming fall.

New Student Government Board

The Associated Student Government executive board election was held last week, and we had 475 students vote this year. The student board will officially take office at the end of May, but they will start participating in campus-wide committees and other leadership training activities to prepare them for their positions. Our new student government board is: President: Ms. Niveen Almezory; Executive Vice President: Mr. Tommie Post; Evening Vice President: Mr. Jesus Suzar; and Student Trustee: Mr. Evan Esparza

End of the Year Celebration

The EOPS/Borderless Spaces coordinated the End of the Year Celebration for our DACA/AB 540/Undocumented students who were graduating or transferring this semester. Ms. Andrea Guerrero and Ms. Viviana Gonzalez from the San Diego Dream Team, and Ms. Christian Ramirez, Human Rights Director for Alliance San Diego, were keynote speakers for the event. Ms. Ramirez gave hope to the students of a better future with more opportunities given the fact that there is pending legislation that might expand the Deferred Action Childhood Arrival program. Students Ms. Andrea Guerrero and Ms. Viviana Gonzalez gave personal testimonies on the challenges they faced being undocumented students and how they navigated the higher education system and persevered. Cuyamaca College staff and faculty from Counseling Services and Financial Aid were also present to show their support. Ms. Martha Galvan, Financial Aid Counselor, encouraged students to apply for the California Dream Act and apply for scholarships. Interim Dean of Counseling Services, Ms. Nicole Jones, congratulated students for their hard work and encouraged them to continue seeking support and resources on campus. Our students also had the opportunity to dialogue with President Julianna Barnes towards the end of the celebration. The spirit of the event was to recognize the accomplishments of our graduates and also to inspire our continuing students to persevere and continue building bridges at Cuyamaca College. We want our students to know that they are visible in the Cuyamaca College community and that as a community we must come together and continue creating opportunities that provide access to higher education.



CTE Certificate Celebration

President Julianna Barnes was on hand Thursday, May 12, to recognize Career and Technical Education (CTE) students receiving Certificates of Specialization in a brief ceremony at the Student Center. Each student present was surrounded by family and friends, along with instructors and CTE staff, as their names were called and they received a certificate recognizing their hard work. Dr. Kate Alder, CTE Dean, welcomed those present with a video of a Ted Talk about receiving and giving thanks. "It is appropriate for us to show our appreciation

for your hard work," she said. "And it is right that you should accept our thanks." A highlight of the evening was when Omar Gonzalez punched his fist into the air with his certificate and flashed a winner's smile of determination for his brother's camera. He said his Certificate of Specialization in Digital Photography is just the beginning of his plans to open his own photography and graphic design business. He may even secure a Bachelor of Arts degree along the way from San Diego State.



College President Guest Speaker at Community Event

Cuyamaca College President Julianna Barnes was the featured speaker at the Elks Lodge of El Cajon's Annual Youth Awards Banquet held at the Lodge on May 6. Speaking to the over 140 students, parents, and Elk members in attendance, Dr. Barnes spoke about her inspiring autobiography and encouraged the students to strive to be the best they can be. The banquet honored top students from schools in East San Diego County. Over \$20,000 in scholarships were awarded this year. Awards recipients included Americanism Essay winners, Drug Awareness poster winners, hoop shoot winners, Teenagers of the Month, and the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Students Awards.

Spring Garden Festival



The 23rd Annual Spring Garden Festival was held on Saturday, April 23. Ornamental Horticulture students and staff prepared for the festival by growing thousands of plants in anticipation of the biggest day of the year for the O.H. Department. Perfect weather was the catalyst for a steady stream of visitors throughout the day as the nursery had more than \$20,000 in plant sales – close to a quarter of our annual sales in one day. Over 60 student volunteers helped to make the day so successful. Visitors also enjoyed the many activities on the Grand Lawn, at the Water Conservation Garden and the Heritage of the Americas Museum.

Another Cuyamaca College Automotive "Skills Day" in the Books

The 37th annual "Skills Day" Competition with the local high school automotive programs was held May 7th, 2016 at Cuyamaca College Automotive Department. We also had our Cuyamaca students competing against each other. Students arrived at 7:00 a.m. to participate in the half day event in a "Basic" competition for beginning high school students, and an "Advanced" competition for the 2nd-4th year students. Prizes were purchased from automotive funds and donations from ASCCA Local Chapter 24, Napa Auto parts and O'Reilly's Auto Parts. Volunteers from Automotive Service Counsel of California helped run the competition. Mr. Stuart Terry from Stuart Terry's Automotive and Mr. Steve Vanlandingham from Van's Automotive were judges. Many other people from ASCCA, O'Reilly's and the College automotive staff were here to help judge, score, entertain, and feed the crowd. There also were driving simulators, a SDSU booth from the Mechanical Engineering Department, a robotics tour, mock interviews by our own Ms. Cindy Morrin and *real* interviews. Thanks to Mr. Brad McCombs for organizing many events. Matco and Snap-on tools were awarded to students for the contests; thanks goes to Snap-on and Matco tools for the support! The San Diego MG club was present to show off their classics. We also had a people's choice car show. Please remember to support our local ASCCA shops and our Foundation for their wonderful efforts. Special thanks to Mr. Dave Newkirk and his wife Sue of Hontech Automotive for supplying and serving lunch. Mr. Mitch Mendenhall from East County Diesel and ASCCA Chapter 24 president, along with his boss and co-owner Mr. Bobby Field, were busy cooking and cleaning! Mr. Phil Simon of the Motor Transport Museum brought a Model-A tractor. Our Ford ASSET students set up a booth to promote Ford ASSET, and raise funds for their club. Mr. Ignacio Castaneda-Garcia spoke to

students about the Ford training program, and Mr. Paul Warrell of North County Ford spoke to students about why an Associate's degree is important. Mr. Mark Olinger of ATS (Automotive Technical Services) spoke to students about preparation for diagnosis and how diagnosis specialists are becoming a career option and necessary. The Electric Car Club of San Diego and SDG&E sponsored the event by providing gifts and a production electric vehicle. A big thank you to Cuyamaca College president Dr. Julianna Barnes and our dean Dr. Kate Alder for attending! All high school students were sent off with a goodie bag provided from various donations and the automotive program. Setting up and organizing the event was no small task. Thanks to the automotive department staff: Mr. Chris Branton, Mr. Brad McCombs, Mr. Jim Hannibal, Mr. Will Lewon, Mr. Rich Gingery, Mr. Larry Engelbrecht, Mr. Justin Pinnell, Mr. Tim Rush, Mr. Jeff Crocker, Mr. Adam Letourneau, as well as our auto students. Thanks, too, to Cuyamaca staff Ms. Patty Branton, Ms. Laci Diaz, and other classified staff that helped. It takes a team to do this, thanks to all!

This year's winners were:

Basic Contest

1st place – Ishmael Hernandez and Angel Segura – Monte Vista High School

2nd place – Kyle Dodd and Ozzy McGowen- Ramona High School

3rd place – Justin Henery and Wes Larzalere – Ramona High School

Advanced Contest

1st place – Lexie Hall – Ramona High School - *First time a woman has won!*

2nd place – Daniel Morris – Ramona High School

3rd place – Erik Palmares – Monte Vista High School

Cuyamaca Students

Advanced – Tim Hilgeman

Basic – George Hampton and Bryan Marquez



Coyote Music Festival



Due to inclement weather for much of the day on Friday and Saturday morning, this year's Coyote Music Festival was relocated into the Cuyamaca College Theatre. This caused some new challenges, but the students in charge of the event were quick to adapt, and the show was a success. This year's festival included six local artists ranging in style from flamenco guitar, to alternative rock, to "outlaw" country.

The music festival also brought in a few vendors, including a food truck, called Aunty Lynne's, and representatives from I Love a Clean San Diego. The festival's total attendance was about 250 over the course of the four-hour event.

Math Faculty Receive Pathways Training

On Friday, May 6, there were 31 math faculty (6 full-time and 25 part-time) on campus from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for the first training on Math Pathways. This is a testament to the dedication our faculty have to improving student success. Additional trainings will be scheduled to begin in summer.



Annual DSPS Advisory Committee Meeting

Cuyamaca College-Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS) hosted their Annual DSPS Advisory Committee Meeting, "Making the Connections," in the Cuyamaca College's Student Center on Tuesday, April

19. Ms. Margaret Jones, Speech/Language & Cognitive Specialist and Ms. Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick, Learning Disabilities Specialist, both from Cuyamaca College DSPS, coordinated and brought together twenty local community agencies, colleges, and universities along with both our DSPS programs from Grossmont and Cuyamaca to “Make Connections” and collaborate together on behalf of the students we serve. Agency and college representatives were provided table space to display their brochures, handouts, and were given the opportunity to speak to present current information regarding their Disability Support Programs, services, highlights, and best practices for referrals. The Advisory Committee meeting’s vision was to optimally support community collaboration on behalf of our Cuyamaca and Grossmont College students with disabilities. Dr. Julianna Barnes, Cuyamaca College President and Dr. Scott W. Thayer, Vice President of Student Services, both stopped by to meet and greet our community guests. Extended opportunity was provided after all the presentations for the community agencies and colleges to further connect. The DSPS Advisory Committee meeting elicited such an enthusiastic response that we were asked to do this again next year.

East County Career Expo Held at the College

A steady buzz filled the Student Center on May 4 as 42 businesses and more than 150 job seekers attended the 2016 East County Career Expo. Cuyamaca College and East County Career Center co-hosted the event with the help of Silver Coyote Sponsor Heaviland, a landscape company, and Bronze Coyote Sponsors BrightView (formerly Brickman Landscapes) and ChildCare Careers. In addition to the buzz of interviews and probing questions, Dr. Kate Alder, Dean of Career and Technical Education (CTE), presented "Success in the New Economy" for a group of about 30 job seekers at College Hour on the first floor of the Student Center. Questions and answers were shared about the need for more people with practical skills, such as those offered in CTE courses at Cuyamaca and other community colleges, and the great wages that come with jobs that require those skills. Job seekers were also able to speak with representatives from several CTE programs at Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges who set up tables on the Quad during the Career Expo. The option of adding new skills to one's cache of knowledge often makes a difference when changing careers or re-entering the job market and CTE courses offer a variety of ways to add those skills. According to surveys submitted by company representatives, 92 to 110 hires will be made from contacts established at the Career Expo. Several job seekers filled out applications on the spot and about 94 interviews were arranged.



Upcoming Events

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

OH Scholarship Banquet

Thursday, May 19

Japanese Garden, Balboa Park, 5:30 p.m.



38th Annual Commencement Exercises

Wednesday, June 1

Front of B Building, 5:30 p.m.

After Commencement Party for Faculty & Staff

Wednesday, June 1

45 minutes after Commencement ends

Water Conservation Garden

No-host bar and hors d'oeuvres