

# President's Report to the Governing Board July 19, 2016

#### Career Services Increases its Presence on Campus

This past spring, Career Services added several career prep workshops and regularly welcomed companies wanting to recruit new workers to campus for tabling events. East County's new Hollywood Casino in Jamul held the most recent tabling event on campus. Recruiters were hiring for a variety of positions in preparation for their anticipated opening during this summer. A benefit from the CTE



Career Center Enhancement grant has been the addition of Career Specialist Camille Currier, who has been on site daily at the Career Center. She assists students who walk in or call for an appointment by reviewing their résumés, helping them practice for upcoming interviews, researching careers, and introducing them to career assessments. In addition, this summer brings Michelle Campuzano to the team as our Career Counselor upon the

completion of her SDICCCA faculty internship under mentor

Cindy Morrin, Career Services Coordinator. She has stepped into her role at the Career Center and assisted students throughout the month of June with résumés, interview practice, online assessments, and developing educational plans focused on students' individual personalities and career choices. The free workshops hosted by Career Services saw an increase in attendance this past spring, along with some new presenters. Erica Olmos, Job Developer, whose office at Cuyamaca College is courtesy of the Workforce Partnership and East County Career Center, led a workshop on interviewing techniques; and Ali Mohareri, our Internship Developer through the CTE Career Center Enhancement Fund grant, introduced "Social Networking for Professional Success". Career Services is glad to tailor a preparedness workshop for all instructors who would like a presentation in their classrooms to help students prepare for the world of work.

#### **Automotive Technology Shifts Gears in Training Students**

As hybrid and electronic vehicles become more commonplace on San Diego County roads, Cuyamaca College's Automotive Technology program is shifting gears to ensure its automotive technology program is on top of the trend. Two years ago the program added an introductory class to hybrid, electric and alternative fuels vehicles, which it now offers on Saturdays to provide a training opportunity for working mechanics. Department Chair, Chris Branton, said the college will be adding more classes as demand grows and has plans to develop a certificate program in electric vehicles and hybrids within the next two or three years. Cuyamaca College was recently recognized by San Diego Gas & Electric for being at the forefront of the electric vehicle and hybrid movement when auto tech

instructor Brad McCombs joined San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and other leaders to help SDG&E launch a \$52.2 million program promoting electric vehicles. Brad is the program coordinator for the college's Ford ASSET program, a training partnership with the auto manufacturer. Cuyamaca College is being recognized a regional leader in promoting electric vehicle growth within the San Diego region.

#### College to Offer Two Bachelor's Degrees through PLNU

Starting in the fall, graduates from Cuyamaca College can continue their education for bachelor's degrees in two programs from Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) without ever leaving the college campus. The new baccalaureate programs in Child Development and Organizational Management to be offered at Cuyamaca College were announced by Cuyamaca College President Julianna Barnes and PLNU President Bob Brower. The baccalaureates offered through PLNU's College of Extended Learning are designed to fit the needs of working adults, with courses taught by PLNU professors offered either entirely online or as hybrid classes combining once-weekly night classes with online instruction. With comparable programs impacted at San Diego State University, the PLNU baccalaureates provide muchneeded options for students striving for bachelor's degrees. The PLNU Bachelor of Arts degrees in Child Development and Organizational Management are the first baccalaureate programs for Cuyamaca College and can be earned in as few as 15 months at a cost of \$490 a unit. The tuition, which covers all fees, including books and parking, will total \$17,640 for the program for students starting during the 2016-17 academic year. Financial aid is available. Both the Child Development and Organizational Management programs accept up to 84 transferrable credit units to complete the 120 units needed to graduate. The Child Development baccalaureate is open to those who have earned an associate degree in Child Development.

### Library Display: Children's Summer Reading Program

We invite you to the library to see our featured children's books and programs.

## Child Development Center featured in "Preschool Times"



Nutrition is an important part of any preschool curriculum, and this year programs in the Quality Preschool Initiative (QPI) have made significant improvements when it comes to healthy food practices. Both Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges' Child Development Centers were featured in the "Preschool Times", which was distributed county-wide. Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District is a

QPI provider agency excelling in nutrition. Grossmont-Cuyamaca transitioned to nutritious ageappropriate meals with the assistance of Neighborhood House Association's Nutrition Services. GCCCD presented the Farm to Preschool and Harvest of the Month curricula to staff members, as well as teacher professional development that emphasized the importance of nutrition best practices. The Farm to Preschool and Harvest of the Month programs expose children to local fruits and vegetables through nutrition education, garden activities, hands-on learning, and family engagement. At Grossmont-Cuyamaca preschools, children are enjoying healthier meals and trying more new foods.

# Upcoming Events

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

# **Professional Development Week**

August 15-19

Professional Development Week includes many learning opportunities and is the major vehicle for faculty participation in Professional Development activities.

#### **Fall Convocation**

Wednesday, August 17 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Student Center