

# President's Report to the Governing Board January 16, 2018

#### Honor Students

At Cuyamaca College, more than 160 students will be receiving the President's congratulatory honor letter, having earned a 4.0 GPA for the fall 2017 semester. Nearly 300 students will be receiving the Vice President's honor letter, having obtained a 3.5 to 3.9 grade point average for 12 or more units in which a letter grade was received.

#### Student Club Donates to Harvest Pantry



After several weeks of food drives at both colleges members of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Zion Bible Study Club were able to deliver over 500 pounds of non-perishable foods to the Harvest Pantry at the Cuyamaca Health and Wellness Center. The generous donation to the food pantry, received by Aiden Ely, Interim Vice President of Student Services and Lauren Vaknin, Dean of Student Affairs, was one of the first contributions from a student club at Cuyamaca College. The Harvest Pantry, open since last August, has had over

900 visits by students needing a "quick snack"

or for "food to take home". As the food pantry is co-housed with student health services, this model for accessible student services has contributed to an increase in the number of students seeking health and wellness services and/or mental health counseling. Students have learned that the Health & Wellness Center provides more than just the food pantry. Other sources of support for the Harvest Pantry include Associated Student Government, Project WISHH (Wellness Interventions for Students with Hunger/Housing issues) and funding from the CCC State Chancellor's Office for food pantries.



## Realtor of the Year Teaches at Cuyamaca College



Rafael Perez, part-time faculty member in Real Estate, was recently awarded *Realtor of the Year - East County* by the Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors for his work in industry, community and education. During the spring 2018 semester, Rafael will be facilitating the Real Estate Internship program.

# President's Annual Holiday Luncheon...All is Merry and Bright

On Thursday, December 14, the Student Center was alight with merriment at the annual President's Holiday Luncheon. A packed house of faculty, staff, and administrators were treated to gourmet faire provided by Sodexo. President Julianna Barnes donated multiple gifts that were given out to lucky winners of the gift drawing throughout the afternoon festivities. A slide show of the past 8 years of holiday parties was shown throughout the afternoon's luncheon.



#### Free Flu Shots



It's not too late! While the supply lasts, all Cuyamaca College students and staff can receive their free flu shot at Student Health Services during their business hours. The office is located in the Student Center, room I-137.

### FOSY Construction Underway

Construction of the Field Operations Skills Yard (FOSY) project located near the L-Building is well underway. Piperin Construction Company is the contractor on the job and the project is really starting to take shape. The ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the FOSY which are being held in conjunction with the Women in Water symposium will be on January 18, at 1:15 p.m. The FOSY is being built with a combination of funds from the CCCCO Strong Workforce grant, the NSF California: WaterWorks grant, and a small portion of Perkins grant funds. The waterworks industry manufacturers and distributors banded together and collectively donated nearly \$100,000 in parts, equipment and supplies to enable us to build this state-of-the-art "learning by doing" teaching facility. With the completion of the FOSY and the upcoming project to transformation the L Building into the Center for Water Studies home, our facilities and curricula will soon be the most comprehensive and resources of their kind west of the Rocky Mountains.







# **Upcoming Events**

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

### Spring Convocation & Luncheon

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Student Center

# 4th Annual Cuyamaca College Powwow

Saturday, February 3, 2018 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Communication Arts Complex Quad



# 10th Annual Sustainable Turf and Landscape Seminar

"The Next Decade of Pest Management"
Thursday, March 8, 2018
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Theater

# Spring Garden & Butterfly Festival

Saturday, April 28, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.