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President's Report to the Governing Board May 15, 2018

Paralegal Students Participate in Legal Skills Challenge

On April 21, Cuyamaca College's Paralegal Studies Program in conjunction with the San Diego Paralegal Association hosted the annual Bridging the Gap event. It is an opportunity for students from all Paralegal Studies program in San Diego to meet and network with practicing paralegals and attorneys. The event allows the students to attend educational workshops on topics not taught in the classroom and for the working paralegals to get their mandatory continuing legal education hours. This event also highlighted the Regional Strong Workforce Collaboration's project. This project gave students from Miramar, Southwestern and Cuyamaca Colleges the opportunity to compete in the Legal Skills Challenge writing judged essays or designing trial posters regarding Access to Justice. Our own student club, the Cuyamaca Association of Paralegal Students, volunteered that day to assist with set up, directions for attendees, and anything needed that day. It was an extremely successful event with close to 100 folks in attendance.

2018 Student Fine Art and Graphic Design Exhibition

Over 250 people attended the recent awards ceremony for the 2018 Student Fine Arts and Graphic Design Exhibition. Students in the exhibition were from the Drawing I, Figure Drawing, Painting, Illustration, 2D, 3D and Design and Craft classes. Student Thomas Moua received the President's Award; his art was featured on the exhibition's poster. The faculty and staff in the Art Department are grateful to Viejas for their continued support of the Exhibition. The exhibition continues through May 25, and is located on the 3rd floor of the Communication Arts Building.



Automotive Skills Day



The 39th annual "Skills Day" Competition with the local high school automotive programs was held on Saturday, May 5, at the Cuyamaca College Automotive Department. We also had Cuyamaca College, Imperial Valley College, and Miramar College students competing against each other. Students arrived at 8:00 a.m. to participate in the half day event in a "Basic" competition for beginning students, and an "Advanced" competition for the 2nd to 4th year students. Prizes and donations from ASCCA Local Chapter 24, O'Reilly's Auto Parts and Cal-State Auto Parts via John Eppstein were presented to students. Volunteers from the 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 served as judges of the competition. Many others from ASCCA (John Eppstein), O'Reilly's (Dan Osuna and Henry Verdugo), and the college automotive

staff were there to help judge, score, entertain, and help set-up. There were also driving simulators with real sprint cars thanks to Randy Waitman. Snap-on tools were also awarded to students for the contests; thanks goes to Snap-on tools for the support! Please remember to support our local ASCCA shops and our Foundation for their wonderful efforts. Special thanks to Mr. Dave Newkirk from Hontech

Automotive, Mr. Mitch Mendenhall from East County Diesel, Ms. Maria Carillo from Carillo and Sons Collision, and ASCCA Chapter 24 president. A big thank you to Cuyamaca College President Dr. Julianna Barnes and our Dean Larry McLemore for attending. All high school students were sent off with a goodie bag provided from various donations and the automotive program, especially O'Reilly Auto Parts. Setting up and organizing the event was no small task. Special thanks to the automotive department staff: Mr. Chris Branton, Mr. Jim Hannibal, Mr. Rich Gingery, Mr. Steve Stull as well as our auto students. Thanks also to Cuyamaca staff Ms. Patty Branton, Ms. Kate Miller, Mr. George Attar, and other classified staff that helped. Thanks to Sonia Lira and Monica Rosas for judging and the CTE division for some of the food costs and supplies. Heather Cavazos, from the Foundation, also contributed to the day's efforts. The food was catered by Taquizas Jose Catering, great food and fit the "Cinco de Mayo" theme. It takes a team to do this, thanks to all!

This year's winners were:

Basic Contest High School

- 1st place – Monte Vista: Jehad Assad, Danny Alonso
- 2nd place – Monte Vista: Steven Castro, Jamie Cuevas
- 3rd place – Monte Vista/Madison: Ivan Barragan, Luke Aguon

Advanced Contest High School

- 1st place – Ramona High School: Justin Henry
- 2nd place – Ramona High School: Kyle Dodd
- 3rd place – Clairmont High School: Jack Caires
- 4th place – Ramona High School: Seth Levy

Basic College students

- 1st place- Cuyamaca College: Benjamin Hart

Advanced College students

- 1st place - Imperial College: Samuel Carrillo
- 2nd place – San Diego Miramar: Ashely Martinez
- 3rd place - Imperial College: Jose Zmorano
- 4th place - Cuyamaca College: Matt Peletier



Rock Pop and Soul Ensemble Does the Beatles

On Friday, May 4, the Rock Pop and Soul Ensemble performed the entire Beatles 1967 masterpiece, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, in the Communication Arts Theater.



Transfer Fair

The Cuyamaca College [Spring San Diego Education Consortium \(SDEC\) Fair](#) took place on April 23, on the Central Park/Grand Lawn. SDEC is a non-profit partnership of regionally accredited colleges and universities in San Diego County learning to promote higher education and lifelong learning to the general public. Students met up with representatives from over 22 private universities and SDSU/UCSD advisors.

Students Participate in Chicano Park Day

Staff from Admissions, Student Affairs, the Raza Unida Student Club, United Dreamers Student Clubs and Pathway Academy proudly attended the 48th annual Chicano Park Day Celebration in Logan Heights on Saturday, April 21. Cuyamaca College, represented as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), demonstrated the commitment to celebrating the social and cultural experiences of the students of the community we serve. During the event the staff and students provided an overview of the resources as well as the certificates, associates and transfer degree program's information offered by our college.



25th Annual Spring Garden & Butterfly Festival



Perfect weather was the catalyst for a steady stream of visitors throughout the day as Cuyamaca College's Ornamental Horticulture program, the Water Conservation Garden and Heritage of the Americas Museum came together to present the 25th annual Spring Garden and Butterfly Festival. The annual Festival, created by the Ornamental Horticulture program at Cuyamaca College, prepared for the festival by growing thousands of plants in anticipation of the biggest sale day of the year for the

Ornamental Horticulture Department's retail nursery. Over 90 student and alumni volunteers helped to make the day a great success. Over 3,000 community members came to the campus for the plant sales, craft and artesian vendors, tours of the butterfly pavilion, guided tours of the garden, landscape design consultations, museum tours, a fire-making demonstration, and butterfly releases. The festival also presented a College Showcase; over 25 academic programs and student services provided information on the many opportunities available here at the college.



Student Services Leadership Retreat

The leadership team within Student Services came together for a day-long teambuilding retreat. The retreat was held in the community room at the La Mesa Police Department. Team members spent time getting to know each other, and learning and understanding the aspects of what makes a team work together. Bryan Banville, Professional Development Specialist, joined the Student Services staff in the afternoon for a time of reflection and to facilitate team building and trust exercises.



Vice President Delivers Commencement Address



Dr. Jessica Robinson, Vice President of Student Services, delivered the alumni commencement address during San Diego State University's College of Health & Human Services graduation ceremony held on Friday, May 11.

Upcoming Events

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

Veterans Recognition Ceremony

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Water Conservation Garden

Commencement Ceremony

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Communication Arts building

After Commencement Party: Celebrating another Successful Year

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

45 minutes after the conclusion of the Commencement Ceremony

Water Conservation Garden

No-host bar and hors d'oeuvres