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President's Report to the Governing Board August 21, 2018

Kumeyaay Graduation



On July 31, the Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Alicia Muñoz and Vice President of Instruction Pat Setzer attended the Kumeyaay Nation 2018 College Graduation Dinner held at the Barona Golf Event Center. The event honored all of the members of the Kumeyaay nation who received a degree or certificate from a college or university in 2018. The keynote speaker was newly minted SDSU graduate Cheynea Curo, but the highlight for us was presenting Kumeyaay Community College Trustee Jamie LaBrake with a Certificate of Specialization in

Kumeyaay Studies from Cuyamaca College. Several members of the Tribal Council and the KCC Board of Trustees commented in their remarks on the importance of education to the Kumeyaay community; in particular, they cited the partnership between the Kumeyaay Community College and Cuyamaca, which offers both an Associate Degree and a Certificate of Specialization in Kumeyaay Studies.

Equity in Teaching Summer Institute

On August 2 and 3, 24 faculty who participated in a two-day Summer Equity in Teaching Institute coordinated by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness Success and Equity and the HSI Title V team (Pathway Academy). The purpose of the Equity in Teaching Institute was the introduction and review of effective approaches in pedagogy and Culturally Relevant Teaching (CRT), which support the elimination of achievement gaps at Cuyamaca College. Culturally Relevant Teaching practices recognize and meet the needs of students from diverse backgrounds and are a



proven approach to increase academic achievement. The Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL) was brought in to assist the participating faculty from Math, ESL, English, History, Sociology, Humanities, and Counseling to review their own individual course-level data for achievement gaps, then discuss effective pedagogical approaches/CRT strategies which could address and help eliminate them. Participating faculty selected one or more effective approach/CRT strategies to implement and pilot during fall 2018 or spring 2019 semesters. The Equity in Teaching Institutes will continue to be made available for Cuyamaca faculty to participate in 2018-19.

Umoja Scholars Program Participates in Umoja Summer Learning Institute

The Umoja Scholars Program team participated in the Umoja Summer Learning Institute June 11-15, 2018. The team: Camille Jack, Kristin McGregor, Brandon Williams, Annalinda Arroyo, Nicole Jones, Rachel Jacob-Almedia, along with Vice President of Student Services, Jessica Robinson, spent the week with over 168 Umoja practitioners. The theme of the conference was “I’m no longer accepting the things I cannot change.... I’m changing the things I cannot accept”-Angela Davis. The week was spent developing and strengthening programs and practices that support African American students. Attendees were challenged to think deeper about the experiences of African Americans and how those experiences have impacted learning, teaching, and living. The Institute featured guest speakers, rituals, group discussions, planning sessions and networking opportunities. Attendees were provided with written and oral resources through expert presentations and access to a live Umoja Binder to utilize at our respective campuses.



Student Success Day



On Monday, August 13, approximately 200 incoming first-year students and their families took part in the third annual Student Success Day. The event kicked off with a welcome from ASGCC President Jesus Suarez and President Julianna Barnes that led into a fun game of “Cuyamaca Family Feud” hosted by Dr. Jessica Robinson, Vice President of Student Services, that went over college success strategies and tips. Students then had an opportunity to meet faculty and staff while learning more about various campus programs and resources during a tabling event. The Grossmont Cuyamaca College Promise was also marketed to all first-time students. This family friendly event included campus tours, free treats from taco and sno-cone food trucks, and lively music. Each student received a “survival/success kit” with a backpack, scantrons, pens, highlighters and a notebook.



Training for Student Ambassadors

During July and August all existing and incoming Student Ambassadors in the High School & Community Relations (Outreach) Department participated in an intense four-week summer training program, totaling 60 hours. Representatives from campus and district departments and programs were invited to educate the Ambassadors on all things Cuyamaca College and GCCCD. In addition, Ambassadors were trained on how to conduct classroom presentations, campus tours, and how to lead high school advising and workshop sessions. When training came to a close, Ambassadors were required to take a written exam, in which they all passed with a 90% or above, allowing them to continue on in their role as student representatives of the college.

Fall 2018 Convocation

The fall semester officially kicked off on Wednesday, August 15, with our annual Fall Convocation. The morning began with breakfast in the Student Center followed by the official program. President Julianna Barnes addressed a packed crowd in the Student Center, welcoming everyone back to the college for the upcoming academic year. College updates provided by President Barnes, Vice President Pat Setzer, Vice

President Jessica Robinson, and Senior Dean Bri Hays highlighted reflections from last year, opportunities for moving forward, the college's Strategic Plan priorities, and accreditation. Fall Convocation was also the kickoff for Cuyamaca College's 40th anniversary. Academic Senate Kim Dudzik, presented the Outstanding Faculty Award to Mr. Donald Jones in the Water/Wastewater Program. In addition to establishing the program, Don has garnered over \$2.2 million in grant funding for the program and spearheaded the construction of the Field Operations Skills Yard (FOSY) which be operational beginning this fall semester. Classified Senate President Ariane Ahmadian presented the first President's Outstanding Leadership and Services Award to Mr. George Attar from Facilities. Service Awards were presented to 45 college employees, representing a total of 470 years of cumulative service to the college. Seventeen new employees were welcomed into the Cuyamaca College family.

Automotive Technology to Start New Degree Program

Cuyamaca College's Automotive Technology program and a coalition of independent repair shops are primed to launch a new associate degree program that will enhance paid hands-on training opportunities and lead to more jobs for graduates. The Automotive Service Councils of California (ASCCA) Associate of Science Degree program is the state's first associate degree program that combines classroom and online teaching with on-the-job training at independent repair shops. The program will kick off on Friday, September 7, at Cuyamaca College's Student Center. High school and college auto tech instructors and shop owners are encouraged to attend the free event, part of a three-day conference of ASCCA, the largest independent automotive repair council in the state whose members represent all areas of the auto repair industry.

Students Selected for Regional Water Agency Internship Program

Nine students from our Center for Water Studies program have been selected to participate in the 2018-2019 Regional Water Agency Internship program that is a joint venture between the SDCWA, their member agencies, and the community college water and wastewater technology programs in our area. Of the 17 interns selected, 9 are from Cuyamaca, 5 are from Palomar, and 3 are from Mt. San Jacinto Community College in Murrieta. This very prestigious program which runs for 33 weeks. The interns have an opportunity to rotate through four different skills modules (Water Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, Systems Operations and Systems Maintenance) working for four different agencies. The interns work between 18 to 27 hours per week and earn \$12/hour. Last year 9 of the 12 interns selected for the program ended up being hired into full time positions in the industry even before they completed the full 33 week long program, and the other 3 interns were also hired into local water/wastewater agency jobs immediately following the completion of the internships. So we ended up with a 100% placement rate from last year's cohort of interns.

Donation to Center for Water Studies



The Otay Water District made a generous donation of \$5,000 to the Center for Water Studies at Cuyamaca College at an August 1 Otay Water board meeting in Spring Valley. The Center for Water Studies is nearing completion and includes state-of-the-art training facilities to prepare the next generation of water and wastewater industry employees. The board praised Cuyamaca College for a program that is providing opportunities to put people to work at an in-demand industry.

Cuyamaca College Affordability

The Cuyamaca College Cybersecurity Program [has been ranked the third most affordable](#) in the nation. Officials say the ranking is based on multiple factors, including the cost of tuition and the percentage of students receiving financial assistance.

Cuyamaca College Pride

Cuyamaca and Grossmont College student, faculty, and staff joined tens of thousands of others in showing their pride at the July 14 San Diego Pride Parade held in downtown San Diego as part of Pride Week.

