



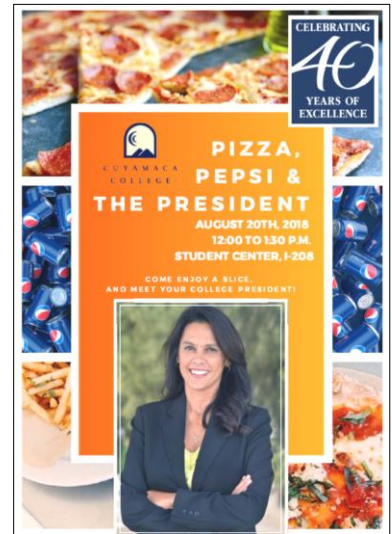
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President's Report to the Governing Board September 11, 2018

Welcome Week

Students were welcomed back on the first week of the semester with various student activities. The welcome week activities began with the *Pizza, Pepsi, and the President* event, which was an opportunity for students to meet President Barnes and enjoy some free food. The Student Organization Involvement Fair showcased the wide variety of organizations that make up the Cuyamaca campus, and made it easy for new and returning students to become involved. The Grand Lawn included numerous student organizations, which had information about their clubs, scheduled events, and leadership positions. In addition to representatives from Cuyamaca's student organizations, Student Government officers were on site to greet students and discuss the numerous opportunities to become involved on campus. During the event, there was plenty of fun, free food, and music. The radio station 94.9 FM added to the festivities by broadcasting at the event and giving away prizes. New and returning students enjoyed complimentary donuts and coffee throughout the week.

There were informational tables staffed with Student Ambassadors helping students find their classes and other services on campus. During Welcome Week, there were several student organizations and Associated Student Government sponsored events, which included information sessions and gaming activities. On Friday, there was a free BBQ for all students, staff, and faculty. This was a great opportunity for students to interact with faculty and staff.



Center for Water Studies Moves into New Home



Don Jones, our resident veteran water industry professional, is overseeing the transition of Cuyamaca College's Water and Wastewater Technology program into the Center for Water Studies. Among the premier water and wastewater training facilities in California, the Center for Water Studies relocated in late August to a renovated complex complete with new classrooms, a water quality analysis laboratory and a workshop for back flow, cross-connection controls, and related skills-based courses. The complex sits next to a state-of-the-art field operations skills yard that opened in January, with an above-ground water distribution system and an underground wastewater collection system. The facility aims to simulate the challenges that students will face on the job in advanced water and wastewater facilities. An official dedication ceremony for the new complex is tentatively set for January.

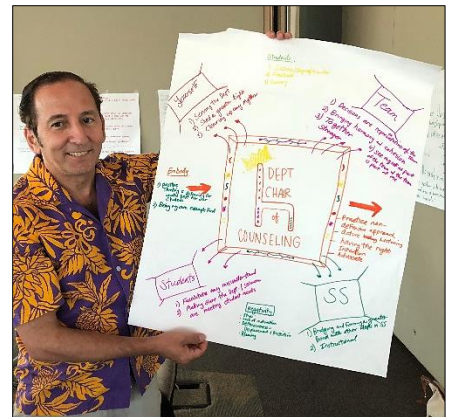
CC Impact



Earlier this semester Student Services staff put a name to the efforts and interactions employees have with the students they come in contact with on a daily basis. A contest was held, and the name “CC Impact” was selected by a majority vote. Cathy Fritz, Student Services Specialist, was the staff member who came up with the name. She was presented a gift certificate by Dr. Jessica Robinson, Vice President of Student Services, along with a cupcake celebration for student services employees. CC Impact is the name of a philosophy, not a program, which we have adopted to refer to moments in our work which involve the helping of our students. This is work we do already, moments and examples and stories we can use as the bar to reach, our expectation of service for Cuyamaca College students, moments we can brag about and share. Our hope is the philosophy of going above and beyond for our students and sharing these moments will instill additional pride in our work and allow us to consistently recognize the work we do every day and how this work is transforming lives.

Student Services Employees Retreat

Forty-five student services staff spent a day together to re-energize and focus on the upcoming academic year. Dr. Jessica Robinson, Vice President of Student Services, led the group in both group and individual exercises, allowing time for the faculty and staff to think and reflect upon their reasons for being part of the student services team. Alyssa Brown, HR Director, led the group in several team building exercises that encouraged everyone to work together as a team. Our energetic, engaged, and equity minded student-centered team left the retreat ready to face the first day of the new semester. Evaluations indicated that this was a worthwhile activity; we are looking forward to a future employees’ retreat in the spring or early next summer.



Donation to Fund Future Auto Technology Scholarships



Cuyamaca College's renowned Auto Technology program has been honored with a \$100,000 pledge from an anonymous San Diego County couple to fund future scholarships. The couple said they hope the new "Pay It Forward Scholarship Program" funded through their planned gift will ensure that any student with an interest can secure the training needed to launch a career in an increasingly technologically complex industry with good-paying jobs.

Blood Drive a Success

The San Diego Blood Mobile was on campus on August 30. A new record was set for the college – blood mobile staff reported 48 donors and collected 52 pints saving 150 lives. Additionally, there were 25 first time donors. The next blood drive on campus will be Wednesday, October 24.

