

President's Report to the Governing Board August 21, 2007



COLLEGE NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **An Increase in Fall Enrollment**

The following is an analysis of the Fall 2007 enrollment compared with Fall 2006 enrollment as of the same day of registration.

	<u>Fall 2007</u>	<u>Fall 2006</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Date	08/19/2007	08/20/2006		
Students	7551	7049	502	+7.1
Continuing Students	4493	4153	340	+8.2
Units	55,780.5	51,864.5	3916.0	+7.6

- **Calling Campaign in Full Swing**

The Fall 2007 Calling Campaign has begun its Fall recruitment calls. Students, staff, and administrators are volunteering their time to call all potential students, encouraging them to enroll for classes for the upcoming Fall semester. The Calling Campaign will continue through Thursday, August 16th. Nearly 900 students have confirmed their intent to register for classes for the Fall semester.

- **Fall 2007 Convocation**

Cuyamaca College kicked off the 2007-08 academic year with its Fall Convocation on August 15th. The event marks the official kick-off of the year-long 30th anniversary celebration for Cuyamaca college. This year's convocation included vintage photos and exhibits from the college's earliest years and humble beginning, juxtaposed to photographs of the college today.

- **Faculty Member Honored as "Woman of the Year"**

The Honorable Mary Sessom, Mayor of the City of Lemon Grove, and an instructor in the college's Paralegal Studies program is being honored as "Woman of the Year" at the San Diego Woman's Transportation Seminar Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, September 27th at The Prado in Balboa Park. The event will begin with a courtyard reception followed by dinner in the ballroom.

- **SDICCCA Intern Comes to Cuyamaca College**

Sarah Martin will begin her SDICCCA internship this Fall as an instructor with the English Department. Mr. Tim Pagaard will serve as her mentor.

The SDICCCA Regional Faculty Internship Program is an important community college faculty training program for members of underrepresented groups interested in a community college teaching or counseling career. This program is a major initiative by the San Diego and Imperial County Community College Association in cooperation with San Diego State University. Cuyamaca College will host all of the SDICCCA Interns at a luncheon on February 1st, 2008.

- **Students Receive Scholarship**

Six hard working students in the Ford ASSET program received scholarships from the San Diego Chapter of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. Ken Adams, Jeff Neal, Andres Aguiar, Peter Eastis, Peter Hambley and Ben Hummel received their awards at a ceremony held at the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park. The members of the Early Ford V-8 Club have been long-time supporters of the automotive technology program at Cuyamaca. The Ollie Smith Scholarship was established in 1997 to honor the memory of one of the club's founding members. Over the years, 26 ASSET students have received scholarships from the club.

- **Automotive Student Educational Program (ASEP) Commencement**

The Automotive Technology program conferred Associate of Science degrees to 18 graduates of its Automotive Student Education Program on Tuesday, August 7th. Each student participating in the program is sponsored by a local car dealership. The College President, District Chancellor, Governing Board President and representatives from General Motors, along with the faculty, staff and families of the students participated in the exciting event.

ASEP has been a part of Cuyamaca College's Auto Tech program for 10 years, offering classes leading to an AS degree and GM dealer technician jobs for 90% of the graduates. There are over 60 ASEP schools nationally. General Motors (GM) donates cars, tools, curriculum, and other related auto mechanics to the Cuyamaca College Auto program.

- **First in the Nation**

Our outstanding Landscape Design faculty, Kathryn Fulhorst, Steve Copley and Nick DeLorenzo, along with some dedicated students led by second-year student John Herr, have been working with the San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) to request a change in their national by-laws to allow student chapters from community colleges. This change at the national level would allow Cuyamaca College to have the first community college student chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects in the nation. The National Executive Board of ASLA has unanimously approved this measure, and their decision will be sent to the Board of Trustees who will vote on this by-law change. Their decision should be made public by early next spring.

COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Grand Opening for Student Center**

The grand opening of the Student Center is scheduled for Thursday, October 11th, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

- **Communication Arts Building Grand Opening**

The grand opening for the new Communication Arts building is scheduled for Thursday, January 31st, 2008.

- **Date Set for 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance & Auction**

Saturday, April 12th, 2008 is the date for Cuyamaca College's Annual Dinner Dance & Auction.

