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## President’s Report to the Governing Board December 15, 2009

### **🐾 Spring Enrollment Grows**

The following is an analysis of Spring 2010 enrollment compared with Spring 2009 enrollment as of the same day of registration.

	Spring 2010	Spring 2009	Difference by #	Percentage +/-
<b>Date</b>	12/08/09	12/09/08		
<b>Headcount</b>	6974	5168	+1806	+34.9
<b>Units</b>	55709.0	41049.0	+14660.0	+35.7

### **🐾 Adjunct Professor Receives Scholarship to Teach in Paris, France**

Uriel Ornelas, Adjunct French Professor, has been offered a scholarship to study "le français professionnel" in Paris next summer. The training will be done by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Paris. During the summer, Mr. Ornelas will receive training to teach professional French. This will also qualify Mr. Ornelas to become an official administrator of their French business exam. The students that pass this program may earn a business French certificate that is valid around the world.

### **🐾 Continued Education Focus on Veterans**

On December 12<sup>th</sup> Continuing Education hosted a 3 hour seminar for veterans. With the support of the Disabled American Veterans, nearly 200 people were seated in the college theater to hear about the course offerings at Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges. Particular attention was paid to the new workforce training certificates that will be rolled-out in January 2010 and are funded through stimulus grants. Information on upcoming certificate programs was shared including the Water Conservation Practitioner, Solar Thermal Installer, Solar Photovoltaic Installer, Home Energy Rater, as well as an introduction to Healthcare Careers and Certified Nursing Assistant programs. Special thanks to Tonette Salter, Continuing Education; and Nicole Jones, Cuyamaca College Student Services who coordinated the workshop.

### **🐾 An Afternoon with the Lost Boys of Sudan**

Friday, December 4th, 2009 1-3 p.m. A full house with students, faculty and staff, as well as a nice group of attendees from the community came to hear our Sudanese students describe their personal stories of surviving the genocide in Darfur. After our students shared their harrowing but ultimately inspirational stories, we had several thoughtful audience questions about the genocide in Darfur, Sudanese culture, and what it has been like adjusting to life in the U.S. Afterwards, many people in the audience approached our Sudanese students personally. The Sudanese Cultural Club was also able to raise \$500 from audience members who purchased packets of their riveting stories for \$10 each. *Union-Tribune* writer Anne Krueger wrote an article featuring our Sudanese Cultural Club, which also advertised the event in the UT on Thursday, November 19th. It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance, and we are especially thankful to everyone who generously gave donations and purchased the Lost Boys' story packets. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the Sudanese Cultural Club Scholarship Fund.

### **🐾 College Hit By Wind Storm**

Cuyamaca College, along with the rest of East County, got hit with a powerful windstorm on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Trees were reported blown down or shattered throughout the college. The heaviest damage was suffered in OH, where 4 cars were damaged by downed trees, and pots and plants blown over throughout the OH nursery. The pathway through the Grand Lawn



was temporarily blocked by a large oak that fell during the storm. Fortunately, no personal injuries were reported by falling debris. We are grateful to our Facilities staff and Public Safety officers who were quick to respond to the needs of the college.



### **🐾 College Hour Celebrates Our Native American Heritage**

The college celebrated our region's Native American Heritage in the Student Center on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Jim Hannibal an Automotive Instructor at Cuyamaca, and Roy Robinson presented a wonderful evening of entertainment where drums and handmade wooden flutes from various Native American tribes were played. Jim Hannibal spoke about the uses of these flutes in various Indian ceremonies and dances. Martha Rodriguez the wife of Stan Rodriguez, our Kumeyaay language instructor, displayed her beautifully intricate basket jewelry, baskets, and various artworks that have been passed on in her family.

### **🐾 College Hour Holiday Celebration**

Associated Student Government of Cuyamaca College provided milk and cookies for students and staff in the Student Center on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. People were welcome to drop by and enjoy the refreshments and meet the ASGCC leadership and members.



### **🐾 Annual President's Holiday Party – All is Merry and Bright**

The Student Center was alight with merriment at the annual President's Holiday Party. Faculty, staff, administrators, and community members were treated to gourmet fare provided by staff and from Sodexo while participating in holiday college games/competitions such as one-handed gift box wrapping, Guess the College Acronyms, cookie decorating, and snowflake creations. We are grateful to the Cuyamaca College Foundation for their on-going support of this holiday tradition.

### **🐾 Student Outreach Update**

The High School and Community Relations Department has been busy throughout the month of November. The first year of the Cuyamaca Link Matriculation Program was officially wrapped up this month with the completion of the Spring Priority Registration Workshops. A total of 130 Cuyamaca Link students attended the workshops in order to register for their Spring 2010 courses. Special thanks to counselor Jesus Miranda for all his assistance with the workshops. The second year of the Cuyamaca Link Matriculation Program is now well underway. Participating high schools include Valhalla, Mt. Miguel, Monte Vista, Granite Hills, and our newest edition Steel Canyon High School. All Cuyamaca Link schools participated in highly attended Cuyamaca Link parent orientation workshops throughout November. Student Ambassadors were also busy conducting their bi-monthly advising sessions at all the high schools within the Grossmont Union District in addition to conducting our high-energy interactive classroom presentations at Midway Baptist, Gateway West Continuation School, Mt. Miguel High School, Monte Vista High School and Grossmont High School. The Outreach office also kicked off its large-scale Friday campus tours in November by hosting 50 Mt. Miguel High School seniors. The prospective students received a full-scale tour, participated in an application workshop and orientation, and enjoyed a delicious snack and catered lunch!

### **🐾 Coyote Athletic Sports Update**

Men's Cross Country team finished 18<sup>th</sup> at the California Community College Cross Country Championships on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.



## **UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS**

### **🐾 Spring 2010 Convocation**

Wednesday, January 20, 2010. This spring's Convocation will begin with a continental breakfast at the Performing Arts Theatre (Communication Arts).

🐾 **Grand Opening Celebration of the Business/Technology Building**

The grand opening of the Business/Technology Building will be held immediately following the Spring Convocation on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will then follow in the Student Center.

🐾 **New Program for High School Students**

This spring, the college will be offering a special program for juniors at Helix Charter High School. We will have two courses to prepare high school students for college in the “College for Me” program. Students will be placed in single gender classes of 50 students each. These classes will be held on Monday nights, outside of the school day. The participating juniors are primarily Latino/Latina, as studies show they are the most at-risk students, although the goal is to get all students to understand the college and career process. Helix will take them on a field trip during the two-week spring break to visit 13 California Colleges. They will learn everything from applications, scholarships, financial aid, transfer, etc. If successful, the goal is to offer this program every spring, specifically for juniors.



Happy  
Holidays!



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