

COLLEGE NOTEWORTHY NEWS

■ **Communication Arts Center Celebrates its Grand Opening Premiere**

It was an exciting and glamorous Grand Opening Premier for the new Communication Arts Center on January 31st. The theatre filled to capacity as faculty, students, staff, district administrators and community members came to witness and experience the new state-of-the-art facility. With an estimated total of 700 people attending both the morning and evening celebrations, the Grand Opening festivities projected the college to the community in a most positive light with events featuring the Cuyamaca College Chorus, ASL Choir, piano virtuosos, Taylor guitarist and the Deering Banjo trio, The Lemon Grove Trio. The open house with its assortment of tours, demonstrations and activities, was a great cap to an exciting evening.



▪ **Spring 2008 Enrollment: Another Record Breaking Semester!**

Cuyamaca College is once again experiencing its highest growth rate in the history of the college! The following is an analysis of Spring 2008 enrollment compared with Spring 2007 enrollment as of the same day of registration.

	<u>Spring 2008</u>	<u>Spring 2007</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Date	02/11/08	02/05/07		
Students	8931	7967	964	12.1%
Continuing Students	5454	5011	443	8.8%
Units	60,860.5	53,775.0	7085.5	13.2%

The previous record was set this past Fall when the college was up 12.3% in students from the previous year and 10% in units. This brought the number of students attending Cuyamaca College in Fall 2007 to a then record enrollment of 8,364 and 57,894 units!

▪ **Spring 2008 Convocation**

The Student Center served as a beautiful and welcoming setting for the Spring '08 Convocation. New faculty and staff were introduced. The Golden Coyote Awards are always a highlight of the Spring convocation, and this year was no exception. Last year's winners dressed the part when it came time to announce this year's honorees.



The Spring 2008 Golden Coyote awards go to:

- **Student Success:** Donna Hajj (for upgrading the university transfer and counseling websites).
- **Resource Development:** The College Dinner Dance Committee: Patty Branton, Tim Buckles, Ken Grimes, Sharron Hamlett, Cheryl Houston, Donna Lee-Crisaldi, Phu Nguyen, Henri Migala, Gwen Nix, Deanna Thompson, Barbara Takahashi, Madelaine Wolfe, Carol Lloyd, Yvonne Reid-Hairston, Susan Butler, Maria Mendoza (for their work in making the 2007 Dinner Dance and Auction the most successful ever for the Foundation and the college).
- **Academic Excellence and Program Development:** Michael Wangler and Dr. Cristina Chiriboga (as accreditation co-chairs).
- **Community Relations #1:** Jim Ney and Dave Francis (for producing the Special Edition Newsletter featuring the recent fires and the college's response).
- **Community Relations #2:** Rick Wilson (for his outreach efforts following the fires).
- **Facilities and Physical Environment #1:** Sal Espiritu (for his dedication and tireless efforts).
- **Facilities and Physical Environment #2:** Dr. Kathryn Nette (for her tireless efforts during the construction of the Science and Technology Center).

A special guest appearance and performance was made by members of the Young Actors' Theatre, who performed two selections from their upcoming play "Grease."

• **Basic Skills**

An all-day Basic Skills Retreat was held on February 1st with representation from the **English Department:** Alicia Munoz, Jackie Hider, Marvelyn Bucky, and Mary Graham; **Math Dept:** Eric Preibisius; **Student Services:** Joe Marron, Teresa McNeil, Tracie Herd, Cindy Morrin;

Academic Senate President: Jan Ford; **SLO Coordinator:** Michael Wangler; **Faculty Curriculum Committee Chair:** Courtney Hammond; **Institutional Research:** Leif Christiansen, Pamela Wright; **Title III:** Maria Mendoza, Director; **Instruction:** Danene Soares, Dean, Division II, Cristina Chiriboga, VP of Instruction, and support staff to the workgroup, Debi Miller. A continuation retreat was held on February 13th to complete the Planning Matrix and a five-year plan.

- **Student Learning Outcomes**

A 4-hour staff development workshop, *Implementing SLO Assessment in a Manageable Way*, was offered by Dr. Merilee Bresciano, Associate Professor of Higher Education at SDSU, on January 22nd. This workshop was attended by over 80 faculty members. College SLO Coordinator, Michael Wangler, co-facilitated the event and provided one-on-one departmental consultations throughout the week to assist with SLO development.

- **SDICCCA Intern Program**

On February 8th, a SDICCCA Intern Program focusing on Collegial/Shared Governance Models was hosted at the college. Faculty leaders Susan Haber, Pat Setzer, Tim Pagaard, and Kathryn Nette participated in the panel presentation. The session was coordinated and moderated by Dr. Madelaine Wolfe who serves as the college coordinator for this project. Both Deans Wolfe and Soares also facilitated discussions.

- **Women's Soccer Team Scores Again**

The Women's Soccer Team is ranked 13th in the Nation and 9th in the State, in the Junior College Women's Division III for 2007. The team made the Southern Section Semi-Finals, losing 2-1 to the #1 team in the nation, and came in 2nd in the Pacific Coast Conference (PCC). Cuyamaca Women's Soccer player, Ashley Holton, was named the PCC Player of the Year. Additionally, the following players were named "All-Conference:" Ashley Holton, Caroline Margulis, Alyssa Loveday, Stacy Brown, Nichole Bishop. Finally, ALL sophomore players are transferring to 4-year universities! Congratulations to our Women's Soccer Team!

COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Library Display**

To commemorate Black History Month, a display on the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's is currently in the library to the end of February. The focus is on important Civil Rights events and organizations of the 1960's.

- **Spring Garden Festival**

The theme of this year's festival will be "Conservation In Bloom," and will be held on Saturday, April 26th. The Spring Garden Festival is the college's largest and most popular public event, attracting more than 6,000 people to the college.

