



President's Report to the Governing Board February 22, 2005

1. ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The following is an analysis of the Spring 2005 enrollment compared with Spring 2004 enrollment as of census.

	Spring 2004	Spring 2005	Count Variance	% Variance
Headcount	8,031	7,900	-131	-1.60%
Continuing	5,053	5,045	-8	-0.01%
Units	52,628.8	53,154.2	525.4	+1.00%

2. CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

Through the leadership of Congressman Duncan Hunter and Trustee Wendell Cutting, the college received a congressional award for the Computer Information Science Program. The award, in the amount of \$94,208, is for the federal fiscal year starting 2004-2005. The award will assist the CIS program in equipping the telecommunications labs, augmenting tutorial services, and providing support for on-line courses. Kudos to Chancellor Suarez and Ms. Dana Quittner for their efforts in facilitating this initiative.

3. PRESIDENT PARTICIPATES IN WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

On January 27th, President Perri and Mr. Larry Fitch, CEO/President of the San Diego Workforce Partnership traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in the American Association of Community Colleges/Workforce Development Institute Conference as part of a panel discussion on the role of Workforce Investment Boards and community colleges. Dr. Perri and Mr. Fitch presented the San Diego Workforce Alliance Project, which was spearheaded by Chancellor Suarez in 2002 as a regional project and has become a model initiative for linking education, business and industry.

Both Dr. Perri and Mr. Fitch have been asked to present at the California Community Colleges 15th Annual Economic Development Conference this April on the San Diego Workforce Alliance Project.

4. PRESIDENT PERRI NAMED WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

At the January 12th meeting of the Water Conservation Garden Authority, President Perri, then serving as Treasurer of the Board was unanimously elected Vice President. New to the Board, representing the Helix Water District is Mr. Charles Muse; Mr. Mark Robak representing the Otay Water District; and Mr. Warren Buckner, former Helix representative, will now serve as a Board alternate for the San Diego County Water Authority.

5. FACULTY PUBLICATION

Congratulations to Dr. Donna Riley, Exercise Science/ Health Instructor, who has had her manuscript entitled "Use of Self-assessed Fitness and Exercise Parameters to Predict Objective Fitness" accepted by "Medicine and Science in Sport and Exercise," a prestigious journal of the American College of Sports Medicine. Donna conducted the research at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, and the Naval Health Research Center from June 2002 to June 2003. Donna is first author and this is her first attempt at journal submission!

6. CUYAMACA COLLEGE APPEARS IN PEOPLE MAGAZINE

Cuyamaca College student, Mr. James Biar, along with two other students from the nearly 3,600 Kakuma refugees known as the "lost boys" of Sudan was featured in the February 7th, 2005 issue of *People Magazine*. The story highlighted his trip back to Sudan to bring a message of hope to those still living in his home country.

7. MATH AND SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH A SUCCESS!!!

Cuyamaca College hosted a Math and Science High School Outreach day on Friday, February 4, 2005. Sixty- five high school students from Mount Miguel and El Cajon Valley attended various Math and Science workshops offered by Cuyamaca College instructors Laurie LeBlanc, Terrie Nichols, Scott Eckert and Tammi Marshall. A tour of the science lab and the hands-on experiments in chemical reactions, crystallization and polymers were highlights of the day. In addition, both workshops provided students with career opportunities available in Math and Science. The day ended with a pizza lunch and all students received a participation award and an outreach folder. A second Math and Science Field Day is scheduled for Friday, April 8, 2005 with participants from Monte Vista and Valhalla High Schools.

8. SDICCCA INTERNS' WORKSHOP HOSTED AT CUYAMACA COLLEGE

On Friday February 4th, Cuyamaca College hosted seventeen SDICCCA Faculty Interns for a workshop entitled, "How Full-time Positions are Created and Hints on Applying for Those Positions." Cuyamaca History Instructor, Peter Utgaard and English Instructor, Chuck Charter co-presented with Deans Al Taccone, Vangie Meneses; and Yvonne Reid-Hairston from Human Resources. Several of the interns stayed for a tour of the college and everyone thanked the panel for their insight, unique perspectives and warm welcome.

9. FORENSICS TEAM – DID IT AGAIN!

Congratulations to Grossmont and Cuyamaca's Speech & Debate Team for their successful outcomes at the Southwestern College tournament held on February 4, 2005, and the Sunset Cliffs Classic tournament held at Point Loma Nazarene University, February 5th & 6th. Cuyamaca College students had several successes: Marie Britt won 1st place for Novice Poetry; Robert Eugenio placed as a finalist in Novice Poetry; and Crystal May won 3rd place for Novice Informative. The Grossmont/Cuyamaca District placed 6th among community colleges entered in the Southwestern tournament.

10. CUYAMACA COLLEGE ATHLETIC UPDATE

Congratulations to this year's Cross Country Men's Team MVP – **Jesus Gomez** and Women's MVP – **Dora Sanders**. Both athletes were "All Conference" and also received the Coyotes' highest awards at the Cross Country Awards Banquet at *Trophys* on January 26th.

11. BLACK HISTORY MONTH – LRC DISPLAY

In honor of Black History month, the LRC will feature a display of African Americans' contributions to the development of the American West. In the display are books, magazines and information on black pioneers, cowboys and "Buffalo Soldiers. "

Kudos to Farrell Foreman, Adjunct Faculty member in English who had his panel, "Emerging Writers of the Color-Access and Opportunity," accepted as part of the American Theatre in Higher Education's Black Theater Association annual convention to be held July 29th in San Francisco.

12. UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

- Black History Symposium
Wednesday, February 23rd, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., LRC
- ASCC Trailer Grand Opening
Wednesday, March 2nd, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., One-Stop Center
- Arbor Day Celebration
Thursday, March 10th, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m., Ornamental Horticulture
- Automotive Technology Complex Grand Opening
Thursday, March 10th, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Automotive Technology Complex
- Science & Technology Mall Groundbreaking
Thursday, March 31st, 10:00 a.m., Cuyamaca College Quad
- Cuyamaca College Foundation Dinner Dance
Saturday, April 23rd, Hyatt Islandia