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**President’s Report to the Governing Board
 January 13, 2009**

Happy New Year!

🐾 Spring Enrollment GROWS

The following is an analysis of Spring 2009 enrollment compared with Spring 2008 enrollment as of the same day of registration.

	Spring 2009	Spring 2008	Difference by #	Percentage +/-
Date	01/07/09	01/09/08		
Headcount	7230	6395	+835	+13.1
Units	55877.5	48419.5	+7458	+15.4

🐾 Tighter and Leaner Intersession

Cuyamaca College enrolled 800 students in Intersession 2009. The college is offering 16% fewer sections this year – 21 compared to 25 last year, the average section enrollment is up by 8.5% - from 35.1 last year to 38.1 this year, with an average fill rate of 91.62%. Overall, intersession presented an efficient schedule with strong enrollments and exceptionally high fill rates that met student needs in transfer areas.

🐾 2008 CARE Holiday Workshop

On Friday, December 5th, the CARE program held its annual Holiday Workshop. The Water Conservation Garden was the perfect setting for Dr. Joseph Marron, VP of Student Development and Services, to give warm commendations to the CARE students and recognition to the many donations provided by the community and campus. The Center for Children’s Building Bridges program provided vital information to the students on how to initiate discipline techniques that encourage positive behavior from children. Holiday music was played as students wrapped toys for their children and enjoyed a light lunch. Without the generosity of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots, GCCCD Classified Senate, Dr. Yvonne Powell, Dr. Sami Jihad, Cathy Bowyer, Shirley Hughes, Anita Stirling and all of the staff contributions, this event would not have been possible. The EOPS and CARE staff wish to thank everyone for their donations of time, gift items and money!

🐾 State Legislators Visit the College

On December 11th, Cuyamaca College hosted a site visit of representatives of the *CA Legislative Education Project: Postsecondary Transitions and Student Success*. The nearly 20-member team of legislative representatives and state officials was provided tours of the One Stop and Student Services Centers, the Science and Technology Center and the Communications Arts Center. The tours were followed by 3 topic-specific focus groups requested by the site visit team: **Workforce Development, Basic Skills, and Student Services**. Thanks go out to the many members of the Cuyamaca College community who worked to prepare for this visit and who met with the site visit team. The day ended with a lunch and a presentation to the team by the Chancellor and District representatives.

🐾 President’s Holiday Party

The faculty and staff welcomed the holidays to the college with the President’s Annual Holiday Party, once again generously sponsored by the Cuyamaca College Foundation. Guests were treated to a mashed potato bar, a ravioli bar and croissant bar, along with all the trimmings. Faculty and staff also tried their hand at wrapping a gift one-handed and cutting out paper snow flakes. The afternoon was topped off by a sing-a-long led by the “Acadellas” (Donna Hajj, Donna Riley and Ingrid Tarikas).



🐾 Wendell Cutting Center Dedication



Cuyamaca College honored a great humanitarian and committed supporter of the college by renaming the Science and Technology Center to the Wendell Cutting Center. The dedication ceremony was held at Building H (the Science and Technology Center).

Many of Mr. Cutting’s family and friends were in attendance to witness this commemorative event. The Wendell Cutting Center is the first building in the district to be named after an individual.



🐾 Guardian Scholars Luncheon

The EOPS and Financial Aid departments hosted an end-of-the-semester luncheon for our Guardian Scholars students (former foster youth). The luncheon combined good food, friends, and information regarding scholarship opportunities and gifts from the campus community to these deserving students.



🐾 Student Services Admissions and Records

The college held a ‘thank you’ and ‘welcome aboard’ event for both Jim Moore and Susan Topham. Dr. Jim Moore has been serving as the Interim Dean for Admissions and Records, and during his time with Cuyamaca College has developed close friendships and great respect from his colleagues. The college also welcomes the new Dean for Admissions and Records, Ms. Susan Topham.

🐾 Faculty Member Appointed to San Diego County Advisory Board

Fausto Palafox, Ornamental Horticulture Instructor, has been appointed by San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders to serve on the San Diego Community Forest Advisory Board as their Horticulturist/Nursery Representative. His confirmation is scheduled for January 20th. He will be joining Dan Simpson, the college's Arboriculture Instructor, who serves on the same board as the Certified Arborist Representative. Once again, our faculty continues to provide leadership to our community. Congratulations to Fausto, Dan, and all our other instructors that serve on community, industry, and regulatory committees.

NATEF Certification Awarded

On December 19, Cuyamaca College received three letters from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, Inc. (NATEF) recertifying our three Automotive Programs: General Automotive, Ford ASSET, and GM ASEP. Each program was acknowledged for meeting the criteria set forth in eight specific areas and we received additional commendation of our staff for "maintaining our program's standards and continuing to meet industry's requirements."

Jim Custeau, Department Coordinator; Pat Garity, Jim Hannibal, and Chris Branton, faculty; and Will Lewon, staff, are to be applauded for their endless hours of preparation and continued dedication to our students and their programs. Dean Wolfe commented: "The faculty and staff in the Automotive Technology Department continue to focus on preparing our students for the ever-changing demands of the field. As such, they spend countless hours in industry training, themselves, to remain some of the most highly qualified, and acknowledged instructors nationwide. In preparation for this site visitation last fall, they worked non-stop to gather documents, data, and examples to demonstrate the quality of these three programs."

🐾 The Music Department is ROCKIN'

The Communication Arts Theatre was the place to be in December. Musical performances were in abundance during the last weeks of the semester and for the holidays. A sampling of the concerts performed included:

Rock, Pop and Soul Ensemble

The Cuyamaca College Rock, Pop & Soul Ensemble, led by Aaron Irwin, performed songs about war and peace.

Orchestra Concert

The East County Youth Symphony, led by conductor Olga Rezlsova, performed a program of classical music in the Communication Arts Theatre.

Band Concert

The Grossmont College Concert Band, under the direction of Russell Sperling, joined the Cuyamaca College Concert Band, under the direction of Jeanne Christensen, and performed a program of selected instrumental works in the Communication Arts Theatre.

Upcoming College Events

🐾 Professional Development Week

The Spring Professional Development will be held from January 19-23.

🐾 College Strategic Planning to Highlight Convocation

The college's Spring Convocation will be held on Wednesday, January 21st, at the Student Center. The focus of the Spring Convocation will be on furthering the college's Strategic Plan for 2010 to 2016. The morning will begin with a continental breakfast served at the Student Center and end with lunch (at the same location).

🐾 State of the County Address

County Supervisor Dianne Jacob will be delivering her annual "State of the County" address here at the college in the Communication Arts Theatre on Wednesday, February 11th. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m., with preparations going on throughout the day. Nearly 500 dignitaries, including mayors, city council members and other elected officials are expected to attend this very high-profile event.

🐾 Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference

Don Schultz, our newest member of the Cuyamaca Ornamental Horticulture Program, is the Chair of the Steering Committee for this inaugural event. It will be used to highlight the college's upcoming AS Degree and Certificate in Sustainable Urban Landscapes. The conference is co-sponsored by the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program, the University of California Cooperative Extension Service, the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society, and the Cuyamaca College Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The two-day conference for industry professionals will be held at Cuyamaca College on Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13, with an affiliate community event held at the Water Conservation Garden on Saturday, March 14. Up to 350 people are expected to attend the conference.

The conference, as well as the recent distinction of being the first community college in the nation with a Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA,) has helped OH and the college to develop new ties with the San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, which will benefit our students and the local industry in the years ahead.