

President's Report to the Governing Board June 17, 2008



COLLEGE NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **College President Announces New Position**



Over 100 well-wishers attended the farewell luncheon for Dr. Perri sponsored by the GCCCD Chancellor's Office. Guests were treated to a gourmet lunch followed by guest speakers representing each of the many constituents of the college, as well as guests

from the community and the San Diego Community College District. Over and over, words of admiration were expressed to Dr. Perri regarding her leadership, mentorship, charm, humor, and the many achievements and milestones during her years at Cuyamaca College. Beginning July 1st, Dr. Perri will assume the role of Superintendent/ President of Citrus College. The Citrus Community College District is located in Los Angeles County in the San Gabriel Valley city of Glendora and serves approximately 12,000 students each semester. She is already missed.



- **30th Annual Commencement**

Despite the drizzle and overcast skies, spirits were high and bright as over 357 degrees and 189 certificates were awarded during the 30th annual commencement exercise at Cuyamaca College. Hundreds witnessed their family members and friends receive their diplomas and certificates while enduring the soggy conditions and enthusiastically appreciated shorten speeches. The Cuyamaca College Chorus and the American Sign Language choir graced the ceremony with their performances.

- **Summer Enrollment is Growing**

As of June 16th, enrollment at Cuyamaca College is up by 2.2% in units from the same time last year - which was up over 17% from the previous year. That's over 19% growth in two years!!

- **Basic Skills**

Members of the Cuyamaca Basic Skills Initiative Taskforce attended the Basic Skills Initiative Regional Meeting titled "Constructing a Framework for Success", held at San Diego Mesa College on June 9-10, 2008. The meeting included best practices presentations, an update on the Accountability Report for Community College (ARCC) and Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) data, and small group breakout discussions by college on various topics related to Basic Skills. The Cuyamaca participants will share and discuss the information they gathered at the meeting with the Basic Skills Committee in the Fall.

- **Final Concert in a Series of 3 Pianos**

John Coates, Jr, legendary jazz pianist, wowed the audience in the final of a three-part concert series co-sponsored by the Cuyamaca College Foundation and the college's Music Department. The concert series raised a total of \$1,868 to create a scholarship fund for the music department.



- **Cuyamaca Graduate to Run Monte Vista Auto Tech Program**

Mike Flemming, Graduate of our Ford ASSET Program in 1990, was recently hired by Monte Vista High School as the Automotive Technology Instructor. Mike is replacing retiring instructor, Bill Hammack. Mike worked for many years in a Ford Dealership, but when the opportunity to teach automobiles came up, he jumped at the chance to share his automotive knowledge with young men and women. Mr. Flemming is taking a automotive class at Cuyamaca this summer in preparation for renewing his California Smog License. Jim Custeau, Automotive Technology Program Coordinator, is happy to see Monte Vista's quick action in hiring a quality replacement for their retired automotive instructor. Jim says, "Monte Vista's automotive program has been an excellent feeder school for our automotive program at Cuyamaca".

- **San Diego County Water Authority**

Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture program received \$284,000 through the Landscape Water Auditor Internship Grant to hire interns to work with water agencies throughout the county to implement a state-of-the-art GIS web-based water auditing program designed to help conserve water in this period of drought emergency. Over the next 18 months, 20 students from area community colleges will be able to participate in the program. Interns will be hired by the GCCCD Auxiliary and receive training and compensation for participating in the program at \$13/hr.



- **Paralegal Studies Ready for Re-Approval**

Cuyamaca College's Paralegal Studies submitted its re-approval application to the American Bar Association. A Site Team visit is anticipated in late Fall or early Spring. American Bar Association approval for a Paralegal Studies program signifies that it meets the highest standards in terms of rigor and academic quality and is considered the "gold standard" in the field.

- **Child Development Center Holds Silent Auction**

This Spring, the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) sponsored a children's art auction as a fundraiser at the Child Development Center. PAC purchased the different sized canvases and each classroom chose the art media the children would use on the canvas. Classrooms chose watercolors or paints and used various "tools", i.e. fingers, paintbrushes and other items, to create their artwork. The pieces of art were displayed at the children's center for a few weeks and sold through a silent auction. The art department kindly loaned easels to display the art pieces in a professional looking exhibit. The artwork sold for a total of \$245.00, and the funds will be used for a summer activity for the children.

- **Student Athletes Excel Again!**

- **Women's Soccer and Scholar Athlete of the Year**

Ms. Leeann Medinger is Cuyamaca College's nominee for the 2007-2006 Pacific Coast Conference Scholar Athlete of the Year with a 4.0 GPA in 47 units. She will be transferring to

SDSU, majoring in Speech, Language and Hearing Science. As an athlete, Ms. Medinger, was a two-year starter and awarded the “Defender of the Year” recognition for her distinguished athletics on the field. She was very competitive and played a vital part of Coyote Women’s Soccer Team’s two highly successful seasons.

Cuyamaca Athlete State Champion

Ms. Leslie Noiseaux competed on the Women’s Track and Field Team for the past two Seasons and is Cuyamaca’s state champion in Women’s High Jump with a jump of 5’7”. Ms. Noiseaux has a 2.8 GPA and is being recruited by SDSU and San Marcos State. She is a team leader and actively involved in her church and community.

- **Presentations by Cuyamaca College Administrators**

Community College Presenters for SDSU’s Doctoral and Certificate Programs

On May 31st, a number of K-12 Superintendents and regional community college leaders, including Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, Vice President for Instruction at Cuyamaca College, Dr. John Colson, Vice President for Student Services at Grossmont College and Dr. Dean Colli, former Interim President, Grossmont College, participated in a panel presentation for two student cohorts and faculty of the SDSU educational doctoral and certificate programs. The theme of the presentations was “Strategic Change” and the format was a “fishbowl” process with panelists “conversing” about aspects for facilitating institutional initiatives. Interactive exchanges with doctoral students completed the format. Faculty and administrative members from both colleges are currently enrolled in the doctoral program.

Interfaith Leaders Celebrate Human Development

Executive Dean Henri Migala was invited to be a guest speaker at the First Annual San Diego Interfaith Alliance conference on Human Development on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 & 27th. The other speakers at the event were Imam W. Deem Mohammed, leader of the largest Muslim community in America, an esteemed member of The World Supreme Council of Mosques, the Peace Council, and an international president of the World Conference of Religion and Peace. Mary Shuttleworth, founder of Youth For Human Rights International and an honored spokesperson for human rights and social justice in Europe, Africa and Asia. Ms. Aurora Cudal, a UNESCO Fellow on Drug Education, member of the UN Fund On Drug Abuse Control Advisory Committee, and the World Secretary for the World Federation of Methodist Women. The San Diego Interfaith Alliance event was presented by Masjidul Taqwa, the oldest Muslim community in California and co-hosted by the Church of Scientology of San Diego in cooperation with the Westminster Presbyterian Church in San Diego.

2008 Conference for International Relief Organizations: Local Efforts, Global Relief

Executive Dean Henri Migala was invited to give the closing comments at the 2008 Conference on International Relief Organizations (CIRO) sponsored by the Peace Studies Program at City College on May 3rd. CIRO provided a platform for international relief and peace-making organizations to raise awareness about their missions, work and accomplishments. The conference provided ways in which the San Diego community can have a greater impact on global development and relief efforts through international organizations.

Military Medical Humanitarian Assistance Course

Executive Dean Henri Migala was once again invited to present on Civil (NGO) – Military Collaboration during Complex Humanitarian Emergencies at the Navy’s Military Medical Humanitarian Assistance Course, held at the Surface Warfare Medicine Institute at the Naval Submarine Base in Point Loma.

- **Noncredit Special Projects Successes**

- ***Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) program***

The Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) program, which provides ESL instruction for community members and parents of English Language learners in the Cajon Valley Unified School District, is closing out its year and served close to 1,050 students. This exciting program is projected to expand by 54% from fall 2007- fall 2008.

- ***Professional Development Academy***

The Professional Development Academy has worked closely with the East County Career Center for the past several years. This May, efforts to nurture this relationship developed into a customized contract education training project with the San Diego Workforce Partnership and the Economic Development Department. As a result, the Professional Development Academy provided a comprehensive, change management training to all employees of the nine One Stop Career Centers in San Diego County.

- **PDC is Strong and Active!**

“PDC for HS” is strong and active for the second summer in a row! Cuyamaca College is offering a total of eleven classes at Helix, Valhalla, West Hills, Santana, and El Capitan high schools, and will be offering a total of 18 classes at every high school in GUHSD this fall. PDC has also created a brand new partnership with the Juvenile Court Schools, allowing students in jail an opportunity to take online college classes. Eight students are currently enrolled in a PDC 124, *College and Career Success* online.

- **Foundation Strategic Planning**

The Cuyamaca College Foundation held a strategic planning meeting on Friday, June 13th to discuss how it can better serve Cuyamaca College. The Foundation extends a special appreciation to Mr. Bob Hertel, Associate Vice Chancellor - Districtwide Academic, Student, Planning and Research Services, who expertly facilitated the meeting.

- **Executive Women International Scholarship**

Executive Dean Henri Migala was invited to serve as one of three scholarship reviewers for the annual Executive Women International Scholarship Program (EWISP). Executive Women International (EWI) was founded in 1938 to give businesswomen from diverse industries a forum for promoting their firms, enhancing their personal and professional development and engaging in community activities. The EWI scholarship program has been helping high school juniors achieve their academic goals for over 25 years, and is recognized by **Money** magazine as one of the top 12 scholarship opportunities in the United States.

COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Library Display**

For the entire summer semester, books, e-books and magazine articles will be on display in the library on the **Modern Summer Olympic Games** (located on the second floor of the library) and on **China, The Host Country of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games** (located on the first floor). Both ancient and modern China are represented in the display that includes maps and posters that give a brief guide to China's history. Of particular interest to the modern summer Olympic Games is a poster of *The Great Moments of Olympic History*, the official poster of the first modern Olympics held in Greece in 1896, and information on the Olympic flag, relay torch, and the locations of past and future Summer Olympic games.



- **PDC for In-Coming Freshmen**

Cuyamaca College is offering a Freshman Year Experience program--Summer Bridge for incoming freshman this summer. Students will enroll in a 1 unit, 1 week class, PDC 130 to be a part of this amazing learning community. Students will be introduced to college life in a fun and practical way and will leave with new friends, goals, and educational plans to be successful in college.

- **Noncredit Special Projects Successes**

The Welcome Back Center of Grossmont College and the English-at-Work project of Cuyamaca College are partnering to better serve the internationally trained healthcare professionals who seek employment in the United States. This fall, Cuyamaca College's Division III will provide noncredit Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) classes for the Welcome Back Center's National Council Licensure Examinee (NCLEX) prep-students.

- **Fall Convocation**

Convocation is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20th, beginning with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. This annual event will be held in the Student Center.