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## **President's Report to the Governing Board March 16, 2004**

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### **1. NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIANS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. (NATEF) CERTIFICATION**

In Fall 2003, the Automotive Technology Department underwent a rigorous certification process conducted by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, Inc. The process entailed the completion of a self-study report as well as an extensive, four-day site visit. Programs are evaluated on the basis of meeting industry standards for eight separate areas of automotive technology expertise. Although many educational institutions strive for program certification from NATEF, only a small percentage achieve this certification.

The Cuyamaca College Automotive Technology Department received three separate NATEF Master Certifications for the General Motors ASEP, the Ford ASSET and the General Automobile Technician Training programs. Both our college community as well as the automotive industry community are proud of the Department's commitment to quality. Special acknowledgements for this accomplishment are due to the Coordinator of the Automotive Technology Department, Jim Custeau, and to lead program faculty, Pat Garity for Ford ASSET and Chris Branton for GM ASEP.

### **2. STUDENT EVENTS**

On February 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Speech/Debate Team won first place in the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association (PSCFA) Spring Champs Tournament in Pasadena. Cuyamaca College student, Rayna Valarde placed second in the Junior Speech to Entertain and finalist in the Junior Prose categories. Grossmont-Cuyamaca student, Stephanie Ogilvie, took first place in the Junior informative category.

### **3. DONNA RILEY SELECTED COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEALTH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

Congratulations to Donna Riley, Exercise Science/Health Instructor who has been selected as community college health educator of the year. Donna was selected by the State Community College Organization of Physical Education for her valuable contribution to the profession of Health and Physical Education. She will be honored at the Commission of Athletics State Convention on April 2, 2004.

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#### 4. EDUCATORS FROM ECUADOR

A group of six educators from Ecuador will be visiting Cuyamaca College on Friday March 19th as part of the Rotary Club District 5340 educators exchange program. The visit is part of the exchange agreement where David Detwiler visited educational facilities in Ecuador during the fall 2003 semester. Mr. Detwiler will be their host with an agenda that includes visiting the Heritage of the America's Museum, Water Conservation Garden and a variety of classes that will be in session on March 19th.

#### 5. CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER TOUR

The Cuyamaca College Child Development Center was pleased to serve as a participant in the California Association for the Education of Young Children Conference that was held in San Diego. Approximately 30 people from around the State visited the Center, which also included a tour of the Water Conservation Garden.

#### 6. OUTREACH EFFORTS

The head of the Social Science Department at Monte Vista heard about the High School and Outreach Department's PowerPoint presentation and has invited the Student Ambassadors to spend two full days at Monte Vista High School. The Student Ambassadors will visit every senior class and talk about Cuyamaca College and the steps that seniors should be taking before and after they graduate from high school.

#### 7. UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

- United In Memory: 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt

The Heritage of the Americas Museum in partnership with Cuyamaca College will be exhibiting the ***United in Memory: 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt*** for the first time in San Diego County on March 24-28 in the College Gymnasium. An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

- Cuyamaca College Foundation Annual Dinner Dance and Auction  
Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel, Mission Valley
- Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet - Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Cottonwood Golf Club
- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Parenting Conference  
Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the quad area.
- Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony  
Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Student Services One Stop Center