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President's Report to the Governing Board March 17, 2009

Cuyamaca College Represented at Cal-SOAP

On March 5th, 2009, Cuyamaca College Student Ms. Emily Wood, gave a first-person testimonial at the 30th Anniversary Celebration Recognition Ceremony of the San Diego and Imperial Counties California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP), held at the USD Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. As a Cal-SOAP scholarship winner, Ms. Wood spoke about the importance and benefit of the Cal-SOAP program, its connection to Cuyamaca College and how the scholarship made it possible for her to attend college and achieve her educational goals. The Cal-SOAP Recognition Ceremony recognized and honored the programs, scholarships and services that Cal-SOAP has provided to thousands of students since its inception. As institutional representatives of Cuyamaca College (a Board Advisory Member of the Cal-SOAP program) Dr. Joseph Marron, Nanyamka Hill, and Susan Topham attended the program.

Project: WaterWorks



The California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE) asked Don Jones, Victoria Hankins and Anthony Zambelli (all from Cuyamaca College) to make a presentation about the college's successful IDRC Water Grant program, known as **Project: WaterWorks**, at its annual conference held in San Francisco on March 11-13. The presentation, titled "Project WaterWorks: Training the Next Generation of Water Professionals", showcases the work done to recruit and train students as potential new employees in the water industry. The grant was sought in response to what's being called "The Silver Tsunami" of Baby Boomers leaving the water industry due to reaching retirement age. Nearly 50% of those currently employed as technical experts will be leaving the industry within the next 6-8 years. As a result of the project's efforts, **Project: WaterWorks** now has over 400 students in the WWTR program, and in spite of expanding the classroom facilities, the program is still experiencing wait lists and SRO attendance for many classes.

Math Faculty Selected for FACCTS Team

Tammi Marshall, Terrie Nichols, and Dan Curtis, full-time math faculty, are a part of the Faculty Collaborations for Course TransformationS (FACCTS) San Diego Developmental Math Team. This team is one element of the statewide program to support implementation of effective instructional practices for the Basic Skills Initiative in Developmental Math courses. Our team will work to adapt and apply innovative teaching and learning methods that

implement the BSI Instructional Practices. By sharing knowledge and resources, FACCTS faculty teams increase the impact of their individual course designs for student success.

🐾 College Plays Host to High School Band Fest

For the second year in a row, Cuyamaca College hosted the 2-day Southern California School Bands and Orchestra Association Festival in the Communication Arts Theatre. Over 40 middle and high school bands from throughout Southern California performed for a panel of judges. Following the competition, each band had an opportunity to attend an individualized music clinic. A DVD was made of each school's clinic and given to the high school band before they left so that they could review the information and feedback shared during their clinic.

🐾 Environmental Training Center (ETC) Hosts Workshop

The Environmental Training Center (ETC) sponsored the East County "Greening Your Business" Workshop at Cuyamaca College on February 24. The ETC hosted a Compliance Workshop for Restaurant Operators, and partnered with the County of San Diego, Project Clean Water, SDG&E and the San Diego Food and Beverage Association to provide information to East County business owners on storm water requirements, pollution prevention strategies, rebates and incentive programs, the new mandatory recycling ordinance, English at Work, and California Health and Safety Codes, to help them save water, energy and money! Participants received free environmental compliance and conservation information, and tips on how to "green" their businesses to become more sustainable.

🐾 Outreach Pilots New Matriculation Program

The High School and Community Relations Department, in conjunction with the Counseling Department, is launching a new matriculation program in our top four feeder Grossmont Union High School District schools beginning this month. The new matriculation program called **Cuyamaca Link** will allow high school students at Valhalla, Monte Vista, Granite Hills and Mount Miguel to apply, assess, and register for Fall 2009 courses all from the convenience of their own high schools. **Cuyamaca Link** will also identify incoming Basic Skills students and encourage these students to take part in the Summer Bridge program. **Cuyamaca Link** will begin on Tuesday March 24th with Monte Vista High school.

🐾 OH Hosts Inaugural Conference on Sustainable Urban Landscape

The Ornamental Horticulture Department hosted its first annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference on March 12th and 13th. This first-of-a-kind event was designed to bring together the latest trends, technology, and techniques for a sustainable urban landscape. The event catered toward landscape professionals and community members involved in urban landscaping. A host of distinguished speakers from their respected fields presented workshops and lectures, and vendors offered "hands on" examples in specialty gardens, plantings and money-saving sustainable technologies and services. Approximately 150 landscape professionals participated in the conference, which replaced OH's Annual Turf Management Seminar.



🐾 College Hosts Visit of Hewlett Foundation Representatives

On March 9th, the college hosted two representatives from the *Hewlett Leaders in Student Success Program*. Of special interest to the Foundation Committee were the pathways that the college has already taken to increase student success in basic skills and how the college plans to sustain the momentum, particularly in these challenging times. The College highlighted innovative activities in academic and student support services areas: English Reading and Writing, English-as-a-Second-Language, Mathematics, Financial Aid Programs, Assessment Services, Personal Development Courses, and Counseling. Of special interest were the learning communities and other specialized support services provided to Basic Skills students.



Kudos to faculty and administrative staff who provided leadership for planning the program visit, particularly, Mary Graham, Chairperson of the Basic Skills Committee, Jan Ford, Basic Skills Coordinator and Vice Presidents for Student Development/ Services and Instruction, Dr. Joe Marron and Dr. Tim O’Hare. Thanks also go to the many faculty and staff who participated in the interviews. As well, Sarah Donnelly, from Institutional Planning and Research was on hand to share information about our research capabilities. It is a point of pride to be able to showcase exemplary programs as well as the faculty and staff who make them effective!

🐾 Career Center Represented at High School Career Fair

Maggie Gonzales was selected to represent the College’s Career Center at Warner Unified School’s 2nd Annual Career Fair. She made available information regarding the college and made a special PowerPoint presentation on the college’s Music Department. At the end of the event, approximately 25 students filled out information cards in hopes visiting the college later in the year.

🐾 Study Abroad Group Reports Back from Florence, Italy

History faculty member Peter Utgaard reports that the students are having a great time in their Study Abroad program. After a Humanities lecture and discussion, they went on an “architecture walk” and were treated to a visit of the Duomo and its relationship to Arno Valley. He reports that is a great experience for everyone.



🐾 Promoting Historical Literacy

Tony Zambelli, Economics Professor and 51st Congressional District Coordinator of *We the People Constitution Education Program*, presented at the recent California Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference on March 7th. Mr. Zambelli’s topic was how to “Promote Historical Literacy Through a Simulated Congressional Hearing” to social studies teachers of all grade levels. Mr. Zambelli began presenting the Simulated Congressional Hearing in 1987 as a competition, which was last held at Grossmont College in January.



🐾 Blood Donors Abound at Cuyamaca College

The Health and Wellness Center received high praise last month from the *San Diego Blood Bank*. Priscilla Bartholomew, R.N. and college nurse arranges for the Blood Mobile to come to the college each month. This year she reports that the college is currently 150% above its set goal of blood donors. The Health Center deserves kudos for making a difference in the lives of people who rely on blood transfusions.

🐾 Center of Innovation

The Center of Innovation first started as a grants managers' meeting under the direction of Dr. Darlene Spoor, Dean of Division III. It has now blossomed into a District-wide grants managers' meeting which meets monthly to share ideas, projects, and successes, and provides support and strategizes for future directions. The synergistic energy created by the group is exciting and inspirational – and is not lost on the eyes of the State Chancellor's Office. A senior policy analyst from the California Workforce Investment Board in Sacramento has asked for information on the Center of Innovation initiative to be used as a potential statewide model to support District-wide support of workforce grant-funded programs.

🐾 College Administrator Invited to Speak at UCSD School of Medicine

Henri Migala, Executive Dean for Institutional Advancement, gave a lecture on global disease eradication, the Global Polio Eradication Campaign and how to break into challenging world of Working in International Health and Development, on Thursday, February 19th, at the School of Medicine at UCSD. Mr. Migala was invited by Dr. Harold Simon, the Founding Dean for the School of Medicine at UCSD, to students in the Department of International Health and Cross-Cultural Medicine.

🐾 Grossmont/Cuyamaca Speech and Debate Team

Members of the GCCD Forensics Team continue to excel in competitions throughout the region. We are proud to recognize their following accomplishments (*indicates Cuyamaca College Student):

Southwestern Tournament, Feb. 6th:

Finalist: Colton Salaz in Open Program Oral Interp.

Finalist: Colton Salaz in Open Communication Analysis

Point Loma University Tournament, Feb. 7-8th:

2nd Place: Colton Salaz in Open Communication Analysis

Finalist: Colton Salaz in Open Poetry

Finalist: Colton Salaz in Open Program Oral Interpretation

Finalist: *Vanessa Estrella in Open Program Oral Interpretation

Cerritos Tournament, Feb. 13-14th:

2nd Place Team Award: Limited Entry Division

1st Place: *Vanessa Estrella in Open Communication Analysis

2nd Place: Colton Salaz in Open Communication Analysis

2nd Place: Catherine Miller in Novice Drama

3rd Place: *Vanessa Estrella in Open Program Oral Interpretation

3rd Place: Colton Salaz in Open Poetry

Finalist: Justin Jones in Novice Extemporaneous

- Finalist: Colton Salaz in Open Extemporaneous
- Finalist: *Vanessa Estrella in Open Poetry
- Finalist: *Vanessa Estrella in Open After Dinner Speaking

All 4 students who attended these competitions won awards in at least one of their events. Ms. Vanessa Estrella competed and won an award in all 4 of her events. We congratulate Nancy Jennings and other speech and Debate Team instructors for their dedication and support of these students. Well done!

Upcoming College Events

🐾 Math Field Day

The 46th Annual Senior High Math Field Day will be held at Cuyamaca College on Saturday, March 14th, in the 'L' Building. The event is being sponsored by Cuyamaca, Grossmont, Southwestern and Mesa Colleges.

🐾 “Women Breaking Boundaries” in conjunction with Women’s History Forum

In celebration of Women’s History Month, instructors from the History Department are presenting a panel on “Women Breaking Boundaries”, on Wednesday, March 18th, in the Digital Theatre (Communication Arts Center). Each panelist will give a brief presentation followed by opportunities for the audience to ask questions.

🐾 ACDelco Training Offered at Cuyamaca College

March 24th through March 26th. Offered through the Automotive Department, these classes are provided at the Auto Tech Complex to our instructors at no cost.

🐾 Classified Staff Appreciation Day

To be hosted by the Classified Senate Staff Development Committee on Monday, April 6th, at Cuyamaca College. Festivities will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the Student Center rooms I-207 & I-208.

🐾 Foster Youth Regional Workshop

The San Diego and Imperial County CCC Foster Youth Success Initiative regional workshop will be held on Friday, April 17th at Cuyamaca College in the Student Center.

🐾 Student Fine Art Exhibition opens

The Art Department will open its Student Fine Art Exhibition and Awards Ceremony on April 23rd. The Exhibition, which will be held in the art wing of the Communication Arts Center, is open to the public, and will run through May 20th.

🐾 Spring Garden Festival

The very popular Spring Garden Festival, sponsored by the college’s OH Department, will be held on Saturday, April 25th.

🐾 Automotive Skills Day

Cuyamaca College will host the annual Automotive Skills Competition for



local high school students on Saturday, May 2nd, in the Auto Tech Complex.

🐾 **Transfer Achievement Celebration**

The Annual Transfer Achievement Celebration will be held on Friday, May 15th, in the Communication Arts Theatre.

🐾 **Cuyamaca College Foundation Celebration**

The Cuyamaca College Foundation Celebration and Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at the Student Center. The theme for this year's fundraising event is **"It's Good To Be Green."**

