



## President's Report to the Governing Board March 21, 2006

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### COLLEGE EVENTS

- **SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY CAREER NIGHT**

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Cuyamaca College and the Women in Technology student club hosted the Second Annual Career Night for young women entitled, "Cutting Edge Careers for Modern Women." The event focused on math, sciences, technology, and trades currently underrepresented by women. Over 250 young women and their parents attended the event, which featured keynote speaker, Bridget Landry, Deputy Systems Uplink Engineer of the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena. Amidst the air of excitement, were 30 display tables, some with intriguing demonstrations. Kudos to Connie Elder, CIS instructor and her team volunteers for a most successful event.

- **MATH SCIENCE FIELD DAY**

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Cuyamaca College hosted teams from Francis Parker, La Jolla High, Patrick Henry, Helix High, Canyon Crest, Carlsbad, Escondido, Mira Mesa, Vista, San Diego, and Scripps Ranch High School to participate in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual High School Math Field Day. Over 130 team members participated in the event. A total of 30 medals were awarded to individual students while teams were awarded prizes such as graphing calculators donated by Texas Instruments. Kudos to math instructors, Eric Preibisius and Tammi Marshall for organizing the event.

- **NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH – LRC DISPLAY**

For National Women's month, the LRC will feature a tribute to the late Betty Friedan and the Feminism Movement of the 1960's and 1970's. Biographical information on Betty Friedan will be on display along with books by and about her. In addition, there will be library material and information on the Feminism Movement in the 1960's and 1970's. The library display will run from March 7 through March 31.

### COLLEGE HONORS AND NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **COMMUNICATION ARTS DEGREE APPROVED**

The State Chancellor's Office has approved Cuyamaca College's Communication Arts degree. Kudos to Al Taccone, Teresa McNeil, Chuck Charter, Nancy Jennings and Nanette Wier for their efforts to provide another educational option for students.

- **CIS LAUDED FOR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Ted Chandler, CIS instructor, received the results of the NSF National Visiting Committee's (NVC) second annual site visit. The final report stated: "The NVC believes the Institute for Telecommunications Technologies (IT<sup>2</sup>) continues to make good progress. We note particularly the hard work and commitment of Connie Elder, Gretchen Ainsworth, Ted Chandler and the core IT<sup>2</sup> staff. The NVC concluded that confidence in IT<sup>2</sup> remains high,

and that based on our observations this project will continue to be successful.” The Committee gave nine specific commendations to the CIS Department. Kudos to the CIS Department for their outstanding leadership and achievements in program development and curriculum!

- **CUYAMACA COLLEGE FEATURED AS *UNIVERSITY BUSINESS* CENTERFOLD**

A photograph of Cuyamaca College’s One-Stop Student Center is displayed in the March 2006, edition of *University Business*. The Center is prominently featured with an additional photo in the article. The article, entitled “One-Stop Wonders,” highlighted one-stop student centers from all over the nation and how the centers provide autonomy and convenience to students during administrative transactions.

- **CUYAMACA COLLEGE HONORED FOR COHORT DEFAULT RATE**

Cuyamaca College has received a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement for its low student loan default rate. The certificate was presented to the Financial Aid Office by Mary Snyder, a representative of EDFUND. EDFUND cited Cuyamaca College for reducing its student default rate significantly between 2002 and 2003. In 2003 (the last year for which complete figures are available), Cuyamaca’s default rate was 7.8%, which compares favorably with the 2003 California community college default rate of 8.07%. Cuyamaca College is one of only two community colleges in San Diego County to receive this accolade.

### **FACULTY AND STAFF IN THE “NEWS”**

- **CONNIE ELDER NOMINATED FOR ATHENA PINNACLE EDUCATOR AWARD**

Congratulations to Connie Elder, CIS Instructor, on her second nomination for the prestigious Athena Pinnacle Educator Award. Athena is an organization that contributes to the vitality of women's roles in the San Diego technology community and nurtures the next generation of women executives. The Pinnacle Awards recognize women and men who support the Athena vision: *To foster personal and professional change through inclusion, risk taking, education, recognition and diversity of thought thereby enhancing competitiveness and opportunity in the San Diego business community.*

- **DR. FRALICK HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER CONFERENCE PRESENTER**

Dr. Marsha Fralick, Counselor, has become a frequent presenter on college success conferences nationwide. Marsha returned from the Annual Freshman Year Experience Conference in February, where her presentation entitled, "Career Planning for the New Millennial Generation," was attended by over 100 conference participants. As a result of this presentation, Dr. Fralick was invited to present at the “Convening for Student Success: Strategies and Practices for the First Year Tribal College Student” in New Mexico in April. As a result of numerous conference presentations, Dr. Fralick is becoming known nationally in the area of student success and retention. Her textbook, *College and Career Success*, is now being used by fifteen colleges in five different states.

- **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS**

At the request of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Linda Haar presented a follow up in-service training to the staff at the Education Center in January. This training was the second part to a workshop given in August 2005. The topic was “Working Together as a Team and Creating the Ideal Work Environment.”

The Child Development Center invited staff from the Sycuan Tribal preschool program to join them for a four-part in-service training presented by the Kids Included Together (KIT) program. This program provides training on concepts and techniques for children with special needs. The first part was presented in February and the remaining training sessions will be held in March, April and May.

- **LEGAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTER**

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Stephanie Tripp, a part-time instructor in the Paralegal Studies Program, will co-present a course offered by the National Business Institute titled, "Internet Strategies for Legal Professionals." Stephanie is an attorney, who has practiced law and taught continuing legal education seminars to California attorneys. She has also lectured to various professional groups on cost-effective legal research. Mary Sessom describes her as a recognized expert in the field of internet research for legal professionals.

- **TOP HONORS AWARDED TO NEW PART-TIME ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE INSTRUCTOR**

The San Diego American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) newsletter featured an article on the SD/ASLA Design Awards. Congratulations to Nick DeLorenzo on being awarded top honor, the President's Award, for the Clubhouse at the Woods at Eastlake. Nick received honor and Merit Awards for other projects as well. Nick will be joining Cuyamaca College landscape design instructional team this fall.

- **UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!**

- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Awards Dinner  
Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Level 30 Club, Qualcomm Stadium
- Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony  
Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 p.m., Water Conservation Garden
- Cuyamaca College Foundation Dinner Dance – ***Masquerade*** – Don't Miss It!  
Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Mission Bay Hilton