



# President's Report to the Governing Board May 16, 2006

## COLLEGE EVENTS

- **2006 CUYAMACA COLLEGE FOUNDATION MASQUERADE – A PHENOMENAL SUCCESS!**

Sassy, Classy, or in Disguise, we saw it all at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cuyamaca College Dinner Dance and Auction – Masquerade on April 29<sup>th</sup>. With a reported income of over \$100,000, more than 250 attendees bid on items including: 4 Taylor Guitars, 5 vacations, signed football and baseball, an elegant assortment of dinners, theater, movies and golf packages. All past records were broken for sponsorships, silent auction, live auction and raffle. The Cuyamaca College Foundation extends a heartfelt thanks to the Governing Board, Chancellor, Chancellor's Cabinet and all community members, and college and district employees who attended and helped make Masquerade the most successful event yet for the Cuyamaca College Foundation.

- **ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BEATS ALL RECORDS TO DATE!**

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Cuyamaca College held its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards ceremony at the Water Conservation Garden Amphitheater. Attended by family and friends, this year, fifty-eight students were awarded over \$108,250 in scholarships. Kudos to Ernie Williams, Scholarship Specialist, for coordinating the event.

- **2006 SUMMER AND FALL SCHEDULE DEBUT AND CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION – RECORD ATTENDANCE!**

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, over 400 students, faculty, staff and visitors converged on the grand lawn for the 2006 Summer and Fall Schedule Debut and Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Representatives from academic disciplines and student services manned tables filled with information, handouts, displays and treats. The event had an added air of festiveness with music, dance, sights and sounds in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. This event was truly a Cuyamaca College community event, as every facet of the college collaborated to ensure its success.

- **27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS DAY – A BIG SUCCESS!**

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Cuyamaca College Automotive Department partnered with the Automotive Service Council (ASC) to sponsor this year's high school automotive contest. Close to 50 high school students exhibited their automotive skills in advanced and basic automotive areas for thousands of dollars in prizes, basic hand tools and cash! Dave Stall from KUSI television, kicked off this year's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Cuyamaca College Automotive Skills Day as the keynote speaker. Over \$6,000 in tools and cash was donated by Napa Auto Parts, ASC and many other sponsors.

Participants were from Grossmont, El Camino, Granite Hills, Mt. Carmel, Poway, and Ramona high schools. Kudos to the Automotive Technology Department for a very successful event.

- **EOPS AND DSPS STUDENTS CELEBRATE WITH A CINCO DE MAYO THEME**

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, approximately 100 attendees gathered for the annual EOPS and DSPS student recognition ceremony honoring students who completed certificates and degrees, and/or have been accepted as transfer students to four-year colleges and universities. Food, music, and piñatas in honor of the Mexican holiday of “Cinco de Mayo” added a festive and colorful note to the ceremonies.

- **12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JOB FAIR HIRES ON THE SPOT!**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Career Center hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Job Fair. Sixty-two exhibitors and over 500 students and community members were in attendance. Six platinum sponsors, each contributing \$500, and music provided by Channel 933 fm helped to make the event a resounding success. Exhibitors ranged from Athletic clubs to the Sea World Adventure Park. Kudos to Laurie Brown and the Career Center staff for a well coordinated, informative event that serves our students and local community.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY TECHNOLOGY ANNUAL SPRING INDUSTRY PANEL NIGHT**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Cuyamaca College Environmental Health and Safety Technology Department hosted the Annual Spring Industry Panel Night, which is a forum for community awareness and outreach. Industry panelists and approximately 50 students, community residents and business owners were in attendance. Students were provided career information, job contacts, cooperative work experience job sites, and an opportunity for advisory committee membership. Under the leadership of part-time instructor, Rick Wilson, the program has more than doubled in size over the past 5 years.

- **CSI CUYAMACA**

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Biology and Chemistry students participated in a mock crime scene investigation. Students collected evidence to conduct chemical and biological analysis. The collection and analysis of the data will be used to complete a final lab report in which students will identify who they believe committed the mock crime. Kudos to Dr. Kathryn Nette, Biology instructor and Laurie Leblanc, Chemistry instructor, for this interesting and innovative way of delivering instruction in a fast-growing profession.

- **CUYAMACA COLLEGE BOTANICAL AWARDS BANQUET GOES TO THE “Q”**

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society (CCBS) held its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship and Awards Program at Level 30 in Qualcomm Stadium. Scholarship awards totaling over \$27,000 were awarded to close to 30 students in the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program. Funds are raised by sponsoring seminars, golf tournaments and from donations by community members, industry groups and professional organizations.

- **LEONARDO DA VINCI – LRC DISPLAY**

The library is currently displaying, through the month of May, books, posters and illustrations showcasing the brilliance and versatility of Leonardo Da Vinci. Leonardo was considered a genuine renaissance man as a painter, sculptor, architect, designer, theorist, engineer and scientist.

## **COLLEGE HONORS AND NOTEWORTHY NEWS**

- **ACADEMIC SENATE ENDORSES COLLEGE PLANS**

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate endorsed the following 2006-2007 college plans: Academic Master Plan, Technology Plan and the Student Services Master Plan. Kudos to the three committees and the Academic Senate for their hard work and leadership in areas that are vital to advancing the college's mission of ensuring the success of our students.

- **CONGRATULATIONS FORENSICS TEAM**

On April 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Speech & Debate team participated in the PSCFA Cool-Off tournament, which was held at Palomar College. Cuyamaca College students were finalists in three events: Persuasive Speaking - Angelina Cioffi; Cultural Artifact – Nathan Henry; and Poetry – John Penrose. Congratulations to our students and the team coaches: Nancy Jennings and Roxanne Tuscany.

- **AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM ALUMNI SUCCEED IN THE COMMUNITY**

As the Automotive Technology program at Cuyamaca College matures, so does its graduates. Recently, 2003 ASEP Graduate, Richard Hogue, was hired as the Automotive Instructor at Granite Hills High School. Richard is currently completing his B.S. degree at SDSU and brought a winning team to the recent Automotive Skills Day. His team won 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Advanced Competition and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Basic Competitions. Not bad for his first year as a teacher!

In addition, Steve Jennings, General Automotive Technology 2001 graduate, is teaching full-time at El Camino High School in Oceanside. He also brought a team to Automotive Skills Day that placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Advanced Competition. Steve replaced one of our 1996 General Automotive students, Greg Quirin, who had been teaching at both Madison High School and then at El Camino High School and is now the Resource Specialist in Automotives for San Diego City Schools. Not only

does Cuyamaca College produce great technicians, it appears as if we are training excellent teachers as well.

- **NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER FOR HEALTH PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY DR. DONNA RILEY**

The Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH) is a multifaceted project funded by the National Institute of Health in order to study health problems in Native American populations as well as to mentor young Native Americans who are interested in careers in medical practice and research. As part of this effort, the California NARCH Directed Undergraduate Research (CANDUR) program was developed by Dr. Donna Riley, Chair of Cuyamaca College's Exercise Science and Health Education Department, to provide undergraduate Native American students with an opportunity to participate in biomedical research at the college level. Students are currently participating in projects at San Diego State University and Cuyamaca College Exercise Science Departments.

- **CHAIR OF REGION X OCCUPATIONAL DEANS ENDS TERM**

Dr. Al Taccone, Dean of Instruction, Division II, has served as Chair of the Region X Occupational Deans for the 2005-2006 academic year and has been Cuyamaca College's Region X Occupational Dean Representative since 2003. Al's role has been to help facilitate and coordinate occupational curriculum approval of the SDICCCA colleges that were submitted to the State Chancellor's Office. He has worked to support the development of student learning outcomes for vocational programs in the region and with the assistance and cooperation of the member colleges; he has coordinated the region's vocational and technical program goals. In addition, Al has been a liaison with the State Chancellor's Office on all occupational program issues.

- **ATHLETICS UPDATE**

Men's and Women's Track and Field - The teams received the Foothills Conference Track & Field 2006 Championship. Thirty-six Cuyamaca College athletes qualified for the Southern California Prelims. Congratulations to students, Michelle Thompson, Field Athlete of the Year and David Mosier, Track Athlete of the Year.

Congratulations Coach Patrick Thiss and Coach Jennifer Williams, 2006 Foothills Conference Track & Field Coaches of the Year!

Congratulations to Coach Jennifer Flores, Pacific Coast Conference Coach of the Year for men's sports in cross-country and track & field.

Women's Tennis – Congratulations to Tara Cresto, a Cuyamaca College sophomore, who was named Athlete of the Year by the coaches in the Pacific Coast Conference.

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

- **CUYAMACA CLASSIFIED STAFF FEATURED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER**

Maggie Gonzales, Jan Recktenwald and Shari Ball were featured in the May 4<sup>th</sup> edition of *The East County Californian* in an article entitled “Career Change: Going back to school later in life.” The article focused on the challenges and benefits of attaining a degree in higher education in pursuit of fulfilling their dreams.

- **ERIC PREIBISIUS HONORED BY GREATER SAN DIEGO MATHEMATICS COUNCIL**

On May 24<sup>th</sup> Eric Preibisius, Math instructor will be honored at the annual banquet of the Greater San Diego Mathematics Council with the Outstanding Classroom Mathematics Teacher Award for the Post-Secondary Level for 2005-06. He will also receive a check for \$175 to be used for the mathematics program at Cuyamaca College. He has already solicited input from the entire math faculty regarding best use for the benefit of our instructors and our students. Congratulations Eric!

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

- **2006 COMMENCEMENT – RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!**

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, Cuyamaca College will hold its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement event. Close to six hundred students will receive their associate degree or certificate. This year’s commencement speaker is award-winning political cartoonist, Steve Kelley. This is Mr. Kelley’s second appearance as the college’s commencement speaker. In addition, Ms. Dianne Wilcox will be the commencement valedictorian. Ms. Wilcox completed her graduation requirements last summer and is now attending UCSD.

- Child Development Center Recognition Ceremony  
Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m., Child Development Center
- Transfer Awards Ceremony  
Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Transfer Center
- Spring Garden Festival  
Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., O.H. and Water Conservation Garden
- 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement Ceremony  
Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Athletic Field