



President's Report to the Governing Board May 18 2004

1. CONGRESSMAN DUNCAN HUNTER PAYS TRIBUTE TO CUYAMACA COLLEGE FOR 9/11 QUILT

Congressman Duncan Hunter in a letter to Cuyamaca College dated May 2, 2004, commended President Perri and Cuyamaca College on the 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt Display of March 24 – 29th. The following is an excerpt from the letter: “Your commitment to this project which serves a reminder that the spirit and strength of the American people has not faltered due to the attacks, and still lives on through the dedication and efforts of individuals. You serve as an example to those whose lives you have touched.

I commend you for dedication and commitment to making this project possible. On behalf of the residents of the 52nd district of California, I send my sincere thanks and best wishes” (Congressman Duncan Hunter).

2. ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

The college held its Annual Scholarship Ceremony on May 6th and awarded over \$126,000 to students. Kudos to Ernie Williams, Scholarship Specialist, for his efforts in bringing in these funds. Much thanks to Ray Reyes, Carmen Solom, Shari Ball and Pam Flemming for all their hard work.

3. 10TH ANNUAL CAREER FAIR

On April 28th, the San Diego Union Tribune featured a cover story article on the 10th Annual Cuyamaca College Career Fair which was attended by over 400 students and community members. Forty-two employers from local, state and federal government agencies as well as representatives from Cuyamaca and Grossmont colleges' transfer and vocational programs and District Employment Services provided job placement information.

4. AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS DAY

On May 1st, the Cuyamaca College Automotive Department combined with the Automotive Service Council sponsored this year's 25th Annual Skills Day High School automotive competition. Twenty-eight teams each made up of two high school students showed their various automotive skills in advanced and basic automotive areas for prizes ranging from basic hand tools to cash.

The contest also featured a "Pit Crew Challenge" (a simulated pit stop on a real race car), and a "Parts Plus Challenge." KUSI covered the event and it was featured on the evening news.

5. STUDENT ART EXHIBITION:

The Cuyamaca College 2004 Student Art Exhibition was held on April 22nd. Over \$1,000 in prizes were awarded to 15 students for their outstanding artwork. Kudos to Art Instructor Debra Babylon for organizing the event. The President's Choice award went to Janne La Valle and the Dean's Choice award to Katy Strzelecki.

6. CUYAMACA COLLEGE BOTANICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS BANQUET

The Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet was held on Thursday, April 22nd at Cottonwood Golf Club in El Cajon. Twenty-eight scholarships were awarded totaling approximately \$20,000.

This year's salute to volunteers went to the San Diego Floral Association for their promotion of horticulture through classes, workshops, tours and an extensive library since 1907. Alumni of the year was awarded to Jan Tubiolo, a 1989 graduate of the Ornamental Horticulture Program. Julian Duval was honored as Horticulturist of the year for his internationally known work and dedication to conservation and horticulture education.

7. FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Congratulations to Dr. Marsha Fralick, Counselor and Personal Development Department Chair on the acceptance of her proposal for presentation at the 17th International Conference on The First-Year Experience. The presentation is entitled "An Effective College Success Program: Design and Practical Strategies." Dr. Fralick will speak about the success of Cuyamaca's Personal Development Counseling program and some of her published research in this area.

8. JOINT GROSSMONT/CUYAMACA INTERCOLLEGIATE FORENSIC TEAM SUCCESS

The last Speech & Debate Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association (PSCFA) Cool-Off tournament of the season was held April 24 and 25th at Palomar College. The GCCCD team placed 7th overall. Congratulations to our outstanding students: Jessica Laymon - 1st place in poetry (Cuyamaca); Jeremiah Sandford - 3rd place dramatic interpretation (Grossmont); Paul Gladden - finalist in dramatic interpretation (Grossmont); Paul Gladden and Reyna Velarde (Cuyamaca) - awarded 4th and 5th place speakers respectively, in Parliamentary Debate. Kudos for this joint effort to Forensics Directors: Nancy Jennings, Cuyamaca College and Roxanne Tuscan, Grossmont College.

9. MESA - A TRUE PIPELINE OF COMPETITION AND CAMARADERIE AT ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATION!

In the midst of exams, studying, and completing lab assignments, the Cuyamaca College MESA Program Robotics Team had yet another victory at the spring 2004 MESA Programs Robotics Competition on May 24th. The two Cuyamaca College MESA Program teams competed against teams from San Diego City College, Southwestern College, UCSD, and several teams from Gompers High School. One of the teams made a complete sweep at the competition, taking home the third place award.

10. CUYAMACA SPORTS

- Track & Field

Cuyamaca's Richard Del Rincon is the 2004 California State 100 meter champion! Richard also took 2nd place in the 200 meter; Daniel Poyner placed 2nd in the Decathlon.

Cuyamaca was the only college in San Diego County to qualify both men and women athletes in the 2004 Track & Field State Championships. Congratulations to our fine athletes and coaches: Pat Thiss, Jennifer Flores, Jimmy King, Lyle Barton, and Phillip Lucas.

- Women's Tennis

2004 Coyote Women's Tennis shares the 2004 PCC Championship with Grossmont.

11. ASCC ELECTION RESULTS

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| Christopher Slusher | President |
| Bill Stanford | Treasurer |
| Elizabeth Kolton | Secretary |
| Bill Stanford | Student Trustee |

12. UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE JOIN US!

- Vice Presidents 1st Annual BBQ
Thursday, May 20, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., OH Patio
- MESA Banquet,
Friday, May 21, 5:00 p.m., Quality Resort, Mission Valley
- A Night of Cultural Arts
Saturday, May 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Gym
- Phi Theta Kappa Annual Induction Ceremony
Saturday, May 29, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., Water Conservation Garden
- Commencement,

Wednesday, June 2nd, 5:30 p.m., Grand Lawn