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## President's Report to the Governing Board May 19, 2009

### **Spring Garden Festival**

The Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program along with the Water Conservation Garden and the Heritage of Americas Museum hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Garden Festival on Saturday, April 25, 2009. The event was the largest in event history with over 7,000 community members in attendance! This year included the Water Conservation Garden's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the addition of the Conservation Courtyard, including an EcoVillage, sponsored by the College's Environmental Committee. The Ornamental Horticulture Department had student displays from a dozen different programs and the nursery had its biggest single day of plant sales – approximately \$17,000!



### **Cuyamaca College at Earth Fair**



Cuyamaca College's Environmental Health and Safety Management Program (EHSM) Coordinator and 20 students staffed the Cuyamaca College Booth at the Earth Fair celebration at Balboa Park on April 19<sup>th</sup> – attended by over 100,000 participants. The students presented "Save Nemo," a tabletop oil spill cleanup demonstration, and "Pull Aim Squeeze Sweep (PASS)," demonstrated proper use of a fire extinguisher. Parents and children had the opportunity to use a fire extinguisher to put out (blow over) a fire (actually just a picture of a flame). Many adults said it was the first time they ever used a fire extinguisher and felt more comfortable and ready to use one, if needed, at home or work.

### **ASGCC Elects New Officers**

The ASGCC held its elections for its 2009-2010 Executive Board on April 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following new elected officers:

***Bobby Carino, President***

***Ansam (Angel) Yousif, Executive Vice President***

***Monique Benitez, Evening Vice President***

***Leticia Gonzales, Treasurer***

***Charles (Chuck) Taylor, Student Trustee***

🐾 **College Hour – ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR**



More than 350 people attended the Health & Wellness Fair on April 21st on the Grand Lawn. The Health Fair is designed to promote confidence in one's body, mind and spirit. Kudos goes to the Grossmont Nursing Program, as 8 nursing students came to Cuyamaca College to assist in the event. Additionally, 36 vendors participated to provide an eclectic array of information to participants - such as information on nutrition and fitness, support groups, lifelong health, health screening, community resources, and public safety. The Blood Drive was the best ever, collecting 46 pints of blood, which was a record for the Annual Health Fair.

🐾 **CUYAMACA COLLEGE Update: *Strategic Planning, 2010-2016***

Thanks to the Innovation and Planning Council (IPC) and the writing committee, made up of Michael Wangler, Academic Senate President; Gwen Nix, Classified Senate Representative; Teresa McNeil, Counselor; and Committee Chair, Henri Migala, Executive Dean for Institutional Advancement, as well as the District Research Office, the Survey of Activities was refined, completed and made available online to the entire college community. Everyone in the college now has the opportunity to provide their input – before the deadline of 5:00 pm on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, for the Objectives and Activities that will make up the 2010-2016 College Strategic Plan.

🐾 **More Grants Awarded!**

Cuyamaca College was awarded a new 2-year, \$879,976 IDRC grant for “Building the People Pipeline”, focusing on wastewater/water re-use, water conservation and water reclamation; and will be a collaborative between 5 California community colleges statewide. This grant will use Southern California area best practices (developed by Cuyamaca College’s previous water/wastewater grant) to emphasize mentoring and development assistance for our partner colleges.

The College was also awarded \$224,526 to continue the CTE Teacher Preparation Pipeline program for another year. This grant-funded program continues the college’s successful partnership with GUHSD and SDSU, and adds Grossmont College as a new partner. Through the Teacher Preparation Pipeline program, the college has developed core classes and will complete the training of the first cohort group before May 18<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 24 students in the program and 22 will receive certificates for Teacher Preparation Training. Another set of classes will be held in July.

The College submitted another 2-year IDRC grant to the California State Chancellor’s Office to focus on developing training programs related to ‘green’ industries. The amount requested for this grant is \$418,960.

🐾 **EHSM Industry Panel**

The Spring 2009 Environmental Health and Safety Management (EHSM) Industry Panel Night (IPN) was a great success. Seven panelists, representing Bio Tech Safety, Insurance Industry,

Industrial Manufacturing, Air Pollution Prevention, City of San Diego Stormwater Management, and Construction Safety presented insights of EHS in industry to over 60 attendees on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The panel addressed a list of questions related to student involvement in the industry, the needs of employers and how to prepare for the “End of the Pipe” connection to the workforce.

**🐾 Cuyamaca College Students meet Chancellor Cindy Miles**

Dr. Miles invited all students at Cuyamaca College to get acquainted with her on April 30<sup>th</sup>, as part of her “Listening & Learning Tour”. Students were encouraged to bring their questions, ideas and issues.

**🐾 Environmental Health and Safety Management student wins scholarship**

EHSM student Darla Fox, was awarded a \$750 scholarship for being the top volunteer at the Pacific West Safety Conference held on March 21-24. Ms Fox will use her scholarship to attend the UCSD Extension OSHA Training Institute “Principles of Ergonomics” course. Ms. Fox is also one of the college’s four new student members of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE).

**🐾 “On Course” All-Day Workshop**

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 43 faculty from six academic disciplines and three Student Services areas gathered for an all-day workshop entitled “Getting OnTrack with Your Basic Skills Students.” Designed around faculty input gathered in August of 2008, the workshop covered everything from a comprehensive exploration of Basic Skills student identities and the factors that affect the success of these students, to exercises in enhancing student motivation, practice at scaffolding assignments for increased student confidence and success, sharing of methodologies for handling difficult classroom management situations, and an examination of potentially counterproductive collateral messages embedded in the structure, tone, or policies of a class. Participants each received a \$100 stipend and a notebook filled with exercises, courtesy of the Basic Skills Initiative. Division III graciously provided food to keep those learning brains working!

**🐾 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Automotive Skills Day**

Seventy-two students from 8 area high schools competed in this year’s Annual Auto Skills Day. Participating high schools were: Santana, Monte Vista, Valhalla, Granite Hills, Clairemont, Ramona, El Camino (from Oceanside) and Poway. Auto Skills Day is a competition for local high school students to compete against other students in automotive “hands on” repairs and tasks.

This year’s winners were:

**Basic competition:**

1 <sup>st</sup> place-	<b>Ramona High School</b>	Adam Kuebler and Troy Burdett-Connelly
2 <sup>nd</sup> place-	<b>Granite Hills High School</b>	Ignacio Castaneda and Kyle Warner
3 <sup>rd</sup> place-	<b>Ramona High School</b>	Ryan Greenwell and Justin Sedenivs

**Advanced competition:**

1 <sup>st</sup> place-	<b>Monte Vista High School</b>	Manny Leon
2 <sup>nd</sup> place-	<b>Ramona high School</b>	Chris Houts
3 <sup>rd</sup> place-	<b>Ramona high School</b>	Kris Smith

**🐾 Hundreds attend Career Fair**

Approximately 500 students and community members attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Cuyamaca College Career Fair on May 5<sup>th</sup> in the new Student Center. There were 60 employers and community agencies in attendance, as well as Cuyamaca and Grossmont program representatives. Employers and agencies offered job opportunities and career planning assistance.



The focus of the Fair was to target the community as well as our students to help introduce the community to our college. Special thanks go to Student Services staff who volunteered their services (Counseling, Admissions, Financial Aid, Transfer Center) as well as Graphics, Operations, Duplicating, Public Safety, Workforce Development Committee (Carl Perkins VTEA IC Grant) . Della Elliott from District Public Relations blanketed the media with information about the fair. Articles ran in the San Diego Business Journal, East County Magazine, and Union Tribune had a front page feature of the event on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**🐾 Speech Night**

The College's 19th Annual Speech Night, coordinated by Nancy Jennings, was held Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This annual event showcases the members of the speech and debate teams and to promote and recruit for those programs. Speech topics, both informative and humorous, included the housing crisis and how to protect oneself from alien abductions. Also featured were literary presentations, including *Unleashed*, a program of poetry from the dog's point of view by Vanessa Estrella, a veteran speech and debate student who won two Bronze and one Silver medal at State Championships this past March.

**🐾 East County EDC Foundation Fundraiser & Scholarship Presentation**

The college hosted the East County Economic Develop Council Foundation's Annual Fundraiser and Scholarship 'Benefit Concert' on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. World-class musicians Doyle Dykes and the Krueger Brothers, sponsored by Taylor Guitars and Deering Banjos (respectively) wowed the packed theatre to a concert of a lifetime! The fun, exciting and successful event raised \$70,000 for scholarships and vocational education programs at high school and community colleges.

**🐾 EOPS Student Recognition**

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Cuyamaca College EOPS program hosted its annual Recognition Ceremony at the Student Center. This year's theme was 'Dreams for the Future'. Former EOPS students shared their experiences and gave advice about life after Cuyamaca College. Counselors presented recognition awards to nearly 40 EOPS students who have completed their academic goals. Students brought family members along to meet staff and to help celebrate their accomplishments.

**🐾 Child Development Celebration**

Twelve students were honored for obtaining their Child Development Permits. Students obtained permits at three different levels: Associate Teacher, Teacher and this year two students obtained their Master Teacher Permit. Thanks to Linda Haar, CDC, Kristin Zink, CD program, and Sheryl Ashley, CalWORKs, for coordinating the event.

**🐾 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children’s Spring Silent Art Auction**

Funds raised through this event will be used for the second phase of the playground upgrade.



**🐾 Coyote Music Festival**

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Performing Arts Department sponsored the first annual Coyote Music Festival. Organized by the Music Industry Seminar class, under the leadership of Department Chair Pat Setzer, the festival was a free community event that featured performances by six local musical groups that all played original music. The bands included Jesse LaMonaca, Goodnight Caulfield, Rhythm and the Method, Silent Lune, Regina Leonard, and Gill Sotu. The bands were selected after two days of auditions at the beginning of the semester.

In addition to organizing and running the festival, the students in the Music Industry Seminar have spent the semester developing promotional materials for festival headliner Jesse LaMonaca, including a press kit, photos, a web page, and demo recordings. The Music Industry Seminar is part of the Music Industry Studies program, a new transfer degree at Cuyamaca College.

**🐾 Cuyamaca College Annual Spring Student Fine Art Exhibition 2009**

The Cuyamaca College Art Department is displaying student art from watercolors to figure drawings at the Annual Spring Student Fine Art Exhibition from April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Communication Arts Building, third floor, art wing. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Opening Reception and Awards drew a crowd of approximately 200 visitors with students, parents, friends and community members in attendance. With the Cuyamaca College Foundation’s gracious sponsorship, award monies were received by Kazuaki Uehara for the President's Award of \$250; to Jennifer Niles, Vice President of Instruction Choice of \$150, and to Nancy Jacobson for the Division II Dean's Choice of \$100. The Student Fine Art Exhibition has received several positive comments from the community on the high quality and diversity of the show. Many of the art works are for



sale. Stop by and purchase a beautiful painting or drawing at very reasonable prices. Sales also help support future Art Department scholarships and program needs.

**🐾 Ornamental Horticulture Scholarship Banquet**

One hundred fifty donors, scholarship recipients and guests attended the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency on Mission Bay. The student club awarded forty-four scholarships to thirty-nine students totaling nearly \$28,000 in scholarships.

**🐾 Foundation Gala "It's Good to be Green"**

The Cuyamaca College Foundation Annual Celebration and Fundraiser was held on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Student Center. This is the college Foundation's largest



fundraising event of the year. This annual event was once again so spectacular that people are still talking about how much fun they had, how beautiful the college was (with all the special lighting and decoration), how good the music and food was, and how much fun everyone had.

**🐾 EHSM Student wins scholarship!**

Environmental Health & Safety Management student Darla Fox will attend the OSHA Training Institute "Principles of Ergonomics" course, utilizing a \$750 scholarship she received as the top volunteer of the Pacific West Safety Conference 3/21-24. Darla was one of the three EHSM new student members of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) who volunteered at the conference. EHSM student volunteers assisted with the conference lecture presenters and attended the lectures at no cost. Cuyamaca College is working with the OSHA Training Institute to align our courses with their curriculum.

**🐾 EHSM and OSHA**

Environmental Health & Safety Management is continuing to coordinate with the OSHA Training Institute to achieve curriculum alignment for Fall 2009. This alignment effort will provide Cuyamaca College students with OSHA certifications of courses completed at Cuyamaca College.

**UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS**

**🐾 Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony & Dinner – May 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm, Student Center, Room I-207** – The National Honor Society of Phi Theta Kappa of Cuyamaca College will induct and recognize the academic excellence of the newest members, and will provide a wonderful dinner.



**🐾 Retiree Luncheon – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:00pm, Student Center, Room I-209**

**🐾 Commencement – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm, College Athletic Track**

🐾 **@One Summer Training Institute** - Cuyamaca College will be hosting the @One Summer Training Institute for Southern California from June 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. This training project is supported by the California Community College Chancellor's Office and provides technology-related training in online and face-to-face programs to faculty. The courses included in the Summer Institute include: Introduction to Online Teaching and Learning, Creating Video for Your Course Vodcasting, Creating Interactive Learning Content Using Camtasia Studio, and Photoshop Basics and Design Techniques. There are approximately 140 seats available for this 3-day workshop and Cuyamaca expects to utilize 35 of them. The remaining seats will accommodate educators from other colleges throughout the region.

🐾 ***An Afternoon with the Lost Boys of Sudan* - Friday May 22nd, 2009 1-3 p.m. Student Center Rooms I-207 & I-208.** Hear harrowing stories of survival from their war-torn homeland, understand the genocide in Darfur on a much deeper level. Cuyamaca College's very own Sudanese Cultural Club members will share their riveting and ultimately inspirational stories showing the strength of the human spirit to overcome enormous obstacles!

🐾 **Fall Semester 2009 in Paris, France**  
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## **PARIS, FRANCE**

September 30<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>

• 61 Days

[plus 3 weeks of instruction at Cuyamaca College prior to departure]

