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## President's Report to the Governing Board November 17, 2009

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### **🐾 Two Full-time Faculty Members Complete Their Doctorates**

We are proud to announce that Patrick Thiss has received his Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in Sports Management and Leadership from North Central University, and Courtney Hammond received her Ph.D. in Philosophy from Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Congratulations Drs. Thiss and Hammond!

### **🐾 Got Plans? Another Huge Success**

On Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 Cuyamaca College hosted the second annual Got Plans? event for the Grossmont Union High School District. This is the second year that the college has partnered with the Grossmont Union High School District to host the popular Got Plans? After months of planning, the 2009 Got Plans? event brought close to 7,000 high school students, parents, and community



members to Cuyamaca College's

campus. There was a wide variety of activities to choose from on the night of Got Plans? from a Cuyamaca and Grossmont College Department Showcase, to a plethora of 45-minute workshops including UC and CSU Admissions, Financial Aid, and Hot Jobs. Additionally, there were nearly 100 different college, career, military and resource information booths to visit. It was a great night for Cuyamaca College and the Grossmont Union High School District. Cuyamaca College's collaboration and partnership with the GUHS District is truly valuable and we look forward to future partnerships.



### **🐾 "Growing Green Careers Symposium" a Natural Success**

With about 164 career technical educators, administrators, counselors, green industry experts and students attending, the Growing Green Careers Symposium organized and hosted by Cuyamaca College on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, was a natural success. Keynote speakers included Ms. Rene Trevino, the highest ranking civilian working for Navy Region SW, which encompasses six states and is a leader in many sustainable practices; Mr. Mark Cafferty, President and CEO of the San Diego Workforce Partnership, which brings in about \$50 million in training dollars to the San Diego region; and Ms. Kelly Jenkins Pultz, who works for the Department of Labor and

shared challenges and opportunities for women in the green economy. Additional expert speakers from industry and academics discussed current trends and the impact of the emerging green economy on regional education. The symposium also highlighted programs such as renewable energy, automotive/transportation, environmental management, green building, sustainable landscaping, energy efficiency and water/wastewater. Interactive breakout sessions were packed with educators sharing best-practice models in use across the state to prepare students for careers in emerging green technology fields. This all-day event showcased models for "greening" existing curricula and also provided hands-on opportunities to touch and see biodiesel production lab equipment, a first-time unveiling of the eco-friendly model of a soon-to-be-built wing of the Scripps Ranch High School, a propane lawnmower and a shuttle bus from San Diego's first green shuttle service, *Wherever Shuttle*, that runs on vegetable oil and was founded by a Cuyamaca College graduate.

**🐾 East County Community Summit: Spotlight on Immigrant and Refugee Education & Employment**

The GCCCD hosted a Community Summit to explore the many complex issues related to immigrant and refugee education and employment on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, in the Student Center. Approximately 160 community leaders from East County and the surrounding region, representing education, business, social services, faith-based groups, city and county elected officials, participated in interactive round-table discussions relevant to the education and employment of immigrants and refugees in the local area.

**🐾 Cuyamaca's Water Grant Hosts Statewide Summit**



On November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, the California/Nevada Section of the American Water Works Association and the Project: WaterWorks Grant, based at Cuyamaca College, co-hosted a Water Industry Workforce Development Summit meeting held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego. The theme of the event was "Building the People Pipeline - Training the Next Generation of Water Industry Professionals". The nearly 40 attendees

represented water and wastewater employers and associations, educators from community colleges throughout the state, as well as representatives from the employment development community. The welcome address was made by Mr. Ron Manzoni, Interim President at Cuyamaca College, and the keynote address was made by Ms. Rita Schmidt Sudman, Executive Director of the Water Education Foundation in Sacramento. Some of the other key presentations were made by Ms. Shonnie Cline from the Water Research Foundation in Denver, Colorado and Mr. Jon Strutzel, who heads up the Drinking Water Programs Operator Certification Unit of the California Department of Public Health, and an overview of the San Diego Regional Water Internship Program was presented by Ms. Susan Leone and Ms. Christine Johnson from the San Diego County Water Authority. This was the first meeting ever to bring together a widely diverse group of participants who all have a stake in working collaboratively to train individuals for careers as water industry professionals.

**🐾 Activities in Biology**

Cuyamaca College hosted 7 GUHSD Biology/Science high school instructors to work on curriculum development for high school classes that will soon articulate to the college's General Biology for Allied Health Majors' pre-requisites. Dr. Kathryn Nette has been working on this project over the past 1.5 years. This is part of the ongoing relationship that the Science Department is building with the GUHSD faculty.

**🐾 Disabilities Awareness Week & Wheelchair Basketball Game**

This year marked the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the college's Wheelchair Basketball Game. Each year the *San Diego Xpress Wheelchair Basketball Team* is invited to come for a friendly competition with Cuyamaca College's basketball team and any spectators who would like to play. College athletes and spectators were invited to participate in the game and were put in wheelchairs to "equalize" the playing field. This leads to a very exciting and action-packed game. Participants come away with a greater awareness of the capabilities of these wheelchair-bound athletes, and also the possibilities that come with their determination and spirit.

**🐾 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Aggie Golf Tournament**



The Cuyamaca College Botanical Society hosted its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Aggie Open Golf Tournament. With a down economy and an industry under stress, it was thought this year's income would likely be a fraction of past years. However, we are pleased to say the industry and community came out in force to support the event. This year's tournament was sold out with more players than last year and sponsorships were up as well, bringing in more than \$11,000 for the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society scholarship program and activities.

**🐾 Cuyamaca College Makes Its First Contribution to the Osher Initiative**

Cuyamaca College was recognized in *Affinity*, the magazine for California Community College alumni, for having contributed, through the college's Foundation, to the California Community Colleges Osher Scholarship Endowment.

**🐾 Environmental Health and Safety Management (EHSM) Industry Panel Night (IPN)**

Cuyamaca College sponsored the Fall 2009 IPN on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, giving EHSM students the opportunity to listen to panelists consisting of members of the Environmental Health and Safety Industry, ask questions and network. IPN panelists are "EHSM professionals working in industry" that express to the EHSM students, administrators and community the relationship of Cuyamaca College EHSM and the workforce. Panelists shared and encouraged the students with examples of EHSM learned skills and applications in industry. Their experiences also aided college counselors present at the IPN with a better understanding of employment, who the EHSM industry employees are, and how College counselors can aid in their relationship.

### **🐾 Child Development Center Fall Festival**

The Cuyamaca Child Development Center held its annual Fall Festival on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended by current, as well as past, families and friends, with close to 200 people attending throughout the evening. Activities were provided for the children, including Hullabaloo, a children's music performer, dancing, playing and multiple art activities. Family pictures were taken as families sat on hay bales and the photos will be emailed to the families. Parents provided a potluck style dinner and the Center provided drinks and paper goods. Parents donated items for our opportunity and silent auction baskets, which raised over \$1,000 for the Center. These funds will be used for special events for the children, classroom materials and part will be saved for the outdoor environment.

### **🐾 Coyote Athletic Sports Update**



Cuyamaca College hosted the 2009 Pacific Coast Conference (PCC) Cross Country Championship at Morley Field in Balboa Park on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The PCC cross country meet was a success thanks to Cuyamaca College athletic department staff and the college's facilities and grounds crews. David Dominguez served as the meet director; Patrick Thisse served as the finish line coordinator and Linda Greer served as the meet Athletic Trainer.

A special thanks also goes to Bernie Higgins and Steven Contreras for their set-up of the 4-mile course. Dr. Joe Marron, Vice-President, Student Development & Services and Athletic Director, was the official starter and award presenter. The following teams participated: Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Imperial Valley College, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego City College, Southwestern College and Palomar College. Five Cuyamaca College student athletes received PCC All Conference honors: Beth Simmons, Jesse Beason, Nick Bedrosian, Mike Gorney, and Nick Haines. The men's team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Championships and both the Cuyamaca men and women's teams qualified for the Southern California Community College Cross Country Championships.



### **🐾 Student Outreach Update**

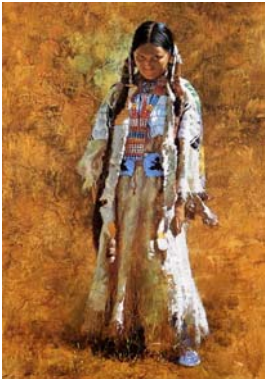
Over the past month, the college's Student Outreach office visited the following high school campuses: Mt. Miguel, Granite Hills, Valhalla, Mt. Miguel, Monte Vista, Helix, Grossmont, Pine Valley Academy, Santana and Steele Canyon. In addition to visiting local high schools, staff from the Outreach office also participated in multiple community events during the last month, including the El Cajon Fire Department Open House, St. Augustine High School Fair, Our Lady of Peace College Fair, Viejas Tribal Annual College/Career Fair, Growing Green Collar Careers, Point Loma High School College Night, and Cal Soap College Fair.

### **🐾 Environmental Health and Safety Management (EHSM) Advisory Committee Member Receives Statewide Rodney Swartzendruber Award**

Paul Clifford, Air Quality Inspector II, has been selected by the members of CAPCOA to receive the Rodney Swartzendruber Award this year. This award is delivered to a select few inspectors from across the State of California in recognition of outstanding achievement and dedication to



environmental enforcement. Mr. Clifford is an active member of Cuyamaca College's EHS/ETC Advisory Committee. Mr. Clifford is always ready to volunteer when duty calls, be it an after-hours investigation, work outside of his sector, or special projects. Mr. Clifford is an ardent supporter of Cuyamaca College's EHS programs. He lends his expertise in and out of the classroom. Paul's work ethic and team approach to industry goals make him a worthy choice for this award. Mr. Clifford is an inspector for the Air Pollution Control District (APCD).



**🐾 Library Display**

November is Native American Heritage Month. Come visit Cuyamaca College's Learning and Teaching Resources Center this month and enjoy the display in honor of Native Americans. This month's display includes books from Cuyamaca College's Library collection about Native Americans -- their history and culture, posters featuring Native American peoples from geographical regions throughout the United States, animals from San Diego's Natural History Museum in Balboa Park, artifacts from Cuyamaca's Heritage of the America's Museum and items from Maria Gearhart, the LTRC Multi-Media Technician and Library Display Designer and Coordinator's, private collection.

**UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS**

**🐾 College Hour "Native American Heritage"**

Come celebrate our region's Native American Heritage on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Student Center. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**🐾 An Afternoon with the Lost Boys of Sudan**

Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 1-3 p.m., Student Center Room I-207, I-208, I-209  
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. This event is free and open to students, faculty, and staff, as well as community members. For questions, please contact Ms. Marvelyn Bucky at ext. 4202.

**🐾 EOPS/CARE Holiday Celebration**

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**🐾 College Hour Holiday Celebration**

Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Student Center from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

**🐾 Annual President's Holiday Party**

Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Student Center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**🐾 Spring 2010 Convocation**

Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This spring's Convocation will begin with a continental breakfast at the Performing Arts Theatre. Lunch will be served in the Student Center.

**🐾 Grand Opening Celebration of the Business/Technology Building**

The grand opening of the Business/Technology Building will be held immediately following the Spring Convocation on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will then follow in the Student Center.