



## President's Report to the Governing Board October 18, 2005

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### **1. CUYAMACA COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION CLEANS UP LAKE MURRAY**

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, under the leadership of Program Coordinator Rick Wilson, 25 members of the Cuyamaca College Environmental Technology Association (CCETA) joined close to 200 "Friends of Lake Murray" for a clean-up day. Students in CCETA are active throughout the community assisting with a variety of environmental-related activities. These and other community-based activities help students in the Environmental Health and Safety Technology program to apply practical skills obtained in the classroom and to connect with employers and gain exposure to future employment opportunities.

### **2. CUYAMACA COLLEGE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PACKET**

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Emergency Preparedness Packets were distributed collegewide. The packets contained instructions and flyers to assist staff and faculty in the event of an emergency requiring evacuation. Also included in the packet was a glow stick to provide directional light in the event that lighting is not available during an emergency. Kudos to Dean Arleen Satele and the Emergency Preparedness Committee for the comprehensive and useful packet of information.

### **3. 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS' CONFERENCE A SUCCESS!**

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the 21st Annual Cuyamaca College High School Counselors Conference was held at the Heritage of the Americas Museum. The theme of this year's conference was "Transfer Connections." The program focused on how Cuyamaca College's academic and support programs sustain the goal of transferring to a four-year college or university. High school counselors heard from Donna Hajj, Transfer Center Coordinator; Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, Vice President of Instruction; and a panel of former GUHSD students who attended Cuyamaca College and are now enrolled at four-year colleges and universities. Attendees were treated to lunch prepared and served by the Grossmont Union High School ROP class.

### **4. CUYAMACA COLLEGE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER HOSTS SENIORS 4 KIDS PROGRAM**

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, 120 participants attended the Seniors 4 Kids program, hosted by Cuyamaca College. The program, which is funded by the First 5 Commission of San Diego County and is sponsored in collaboration with Grossmont College and the Aging & Independence Services, provides an opportunity for seniors to mentor preschool children. Mentors are provided with training and ongoing support to ensure their success. The Cuyamaca College Child Development Center welcomed two mentors: Mary Tuthill and Bonnie Jesmond. Kudos to Kristin Zink for coordinating the day's activities.

## 5. CUYAMACA COLLEGE PROVIDES TRAINING AT SYCUAN

Linda Haar, Child Development Center Director, was invited to the Sycuan Education program to present two in-service trainings for the new infant, pre-school and elementary program staff. The trainings entitled, "Challenging Behaviors with Children" and "Personal Styles: Working as a Team," were well received with the potential of Ms. Haar providing Sycuan with additional training sessions in the future.

## 6. CHALDEAN CULTURE AND TRADITIONS CELEBRATED AT CUYAMACA COLLEGE HOUR

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the College Hour theme was *Chaldean Culture and Traditions*. Over 900 students, faculty, staff and administrators attended the event. District and community guests were, Chancellor Suarez, Bishop Sarhad Jammo, Father Michael Bazzi and Monsignor Sabri Kejbo. Traditional fare was provided by Sahara Restaurant and sponsored by Student Affairs and ASCC. Participants learned about the rich traditions, customs and practices of the Chaldean People and found out about the fascinating history of this country known as the Cradle of Ancient Civilization.

## 7. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

**College Connection** - On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the Cuyamaca Financial Aid and EOPS offices in conjunction with the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) and the San Diego County Department of Protective Services hosted over 100 participants in the "College Connection" program at Cuyamaca College. The participants included 50 high-school age foster youth, as well as county social workers, counselors, foster parents, and representatives from the CSAC. The program, which was structured to give participating students the experience of being a college student for a day, took students from a mock registration to bookstore purchases with "Perri Dollars." Participants were served lunch and the program ended with a panel discussion conducted by former foster youth who are now adult role models in the community.

**Alliant University MOU** - Both Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges have developed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with Alliant University. The MOU signing ceremony occurred today with key representatives from GCCCD and Alliant. This new MOU provides another option to students who may be seeking transfer to a four-year college; specific programs are highlighted in the articulation agreement, including Business and the University Transfer Degree. Special thanks to the Articulation Officers at both colleges, Teresa McNeil at Cuyamaca College and Janice Johnson at Grossmont College; and both Offices of Instruction for their support.

## **8. PARALEGAL PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR MARY SESSOM RECEIVES ACCOLADES!**

Mary Sessom, Paralegal Studies Instructor, was recently presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the directors and officers of the San Diego Paralegal Association for “*Making a Difference in the Legal Community.*” This certificate is in recognition of her time, effort and professionalism in contributing to the success of the San Diego Paralegal Association. Ms. Sessom, along with other paralegal studies program coordinators in San Diego County, is collaborating on designing a program entitled, “Bridging the Gap” for college students. Additionally, she is working on a proposal to have paralegals as associate members of the SD County Bar Association.

## **9. CUYAMACA COLLEGES WATER AND WASTEWATER TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM CITED FOR EXCELLENCE**

Cuyamaca College’s Water and Wastewater Technology Program was cited in the September 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of *Brown and Caldwell’s Water News* for its excellence in training and for providing much-needed education to prepare future industry workers while preparing current employees for industry certification exams.

## **10. LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER CELEBRATES NATIONAL HISPANIC MONTH**

In celebration of National Hispanic Month, the LRC is displaying various books and video programs in the library’s collection on history, art, literature, biographies, culture and contemporary issues relating to Hispanic Americans. Also on display are eight posters from the Great Contemporary Latinos series which include biographical information on: Rupert Garcia, Chita Rivera, Oscar Hijuelos, Julia Alvarez, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Bill Richardson, Luis Alvarez and Ray Suarez

## **11. UPCOMING EVENTS – PLEASE JOIN US!**

- Transfer Fair  
Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Grand Lawn
- Student Schedule Debut & Registration  
Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Grand Lawn
- Student Art Exhibition  
November 8 - December 8<sup>th</sup>, LRC
- College Hour – American Indian Heritage  
Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Grand Lawn