



**President’s Report to the Governing Board
September 16, 2008**

The College Continues to Grow!

The following is an analysis of the Fall 2008 enrollment compared with Fall 2007 enrollment as of the same day of registration.

	Fall 2008	Fall 2007	Difference by #	Percentage +/-
Date	09/12/08	09/07/07		
Headcount	8,936	8,405	+531	+6.3
Units	64,467.0	57,774.5	+6692.5	+11.6

Fall 2008 Convocation

The theme of this year’s convocation was “Cuyamaca College: Leading the Way”. Interim President Cristina Chiriboga addressed the packed crowd in the Student Center, highlighting the many ways that Cuyamaca College is “leading the way” through its many accomplishments over the past year – not only institutionally, but also through the many leadership roles that college faculty and staff are holding from local clubs to national organizations, including elected office. A record number of new faculty, staff and administrators were also introduced at the festive event. Years of Service Awards were awarded to 32 faculty and staff, representing a total of 525 years of cumulative service to the College. The annual President’s Awards were presented to Jennifer Abel in Student Outreach for Classified Staff; Faculty member Brad Monroe from Ornamental Horticulture, and Administrator Jennifer Lewis from the Environmental Training Center.



College Awarded Two Additional Grants

Cuyamaca College recently received notice that it has been awarded two additional grants to serve the region. The grants, totaling over \$1.2 million, will be used to develop a Workplace Learning Center (that will serve all of San Diego and Imperial Counties) and a Teacher Pipeline for Career Technical Education.

The Workplace Learning Resource Center (WpLRC) is part of a statewide network that provides employee assessment, and customized training for the employees of businesses and companies. The WpLRC provides low-cost, yet completely customized training programs at the work site or on our college campus, based upon the unique needs of each organization. Effective workplace learning programs will be designed to meet the needs of the organization and the worker by successfully translating learning into improved job performance and increased potential for greater earnings. Being one of only ten strategically placed WpLRCs throughout the State of California, employers throughout San Diego and Imperial Counties will receive affordable, on-site training to increase the knowledge, skill sets and potential of their workforce.

Anticipating a significant exodus of baby-boomer generation educators from the workforce, Cuyamaca College (in partnership with Grossmont Union High School District and San Diego State University) was awarded a Career and Technical Teacher Education (CTTE) grant to promote the training and certifying of occupational instructors to teach at the high school and community college levels.

This CTTE program will initially focus on Automotive Technology, Environmental Health and Safety Technology, and Ornamental Horticulture, which have been identified by the College and its partners to be the technical and vocational disciplines which will experience teacher shortages at the high school and community college levels. The grant will also focus on the Water/Waste Water Technology in order to leverage an already established and successful recruitment program.

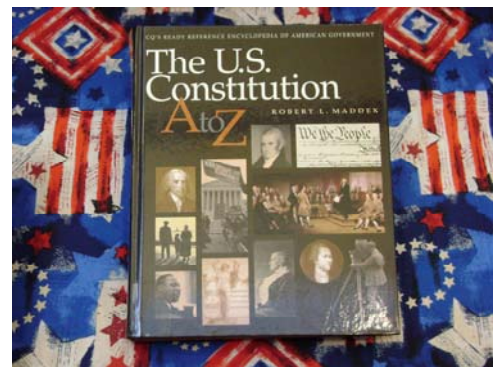
Person of the Year



Ornamental Horticulture, Program Coordinator and Professor, Brad Monroe, has been named “Person of the Year” by the national Irrigation Association (IA). This award, which “Recognizes an individual outside of our industry making outstanding contributions toward the acceptance of sound irrigation practices”, will be presented at the General Session of the IA International Show and Conference at the Anaheim Convention Center on Monday, November 3rd. The award was established in 1952 and has since recognized 49 recipients. This will be the first time in the award’s history that a community college professor has been recognized with this award. The Irrigation Association (IA) is a national organization headquartered in Washington DC.

Constitution Day

As part of the Constitution Days celebration, Cuyamaca College is proud to be one of only 6 community colleges nationally to partner in the National Endowment for the Humanities Grant on Shays’ Rebellion and the Making of the Constitution. This grant is one of five “We the People” projects funded by the NEH for Constitution education. The grant was to develop a website on Shays’ Rebellion and how the rebellion led to the formation of the U.S. Constitution. Cuyamaca College was a participant in developing the website which features lesson plans for teachers, music, primary source documents, and interactive timelines. The website makes the era “come alive” with its art, artifacts, primary source documents and music. From September 12-19 you can reach the website by going to www.cuyamaca.edu where a link will be listed on Cuyamaca’s homepage. After September 19 there will be a link to the site off the History department’s homepage: www.cuyamaca.edu/socials/history/history.asp



Student Center Receives Award

The Community College Facilities Coalition (CCFC) has informed the architectural firm of LPA that the Student Center at Cuyamaca College has been awarded an “Award of Excellence” in the campus completion category of the CCFC Professional Design Awards Program. The award will be presented at the CCFC Conference November 5th.



We appreciate the great work and support received from Dale Switzer in providing opportunities for the College and District to develop an award winning project such as the Student Center.

Guardian Scholars Fall Kick-Off BBQ

Cuyamaca College's Guardian Scholars Fall Kick-Off BBQ was held Friday August 15th at the OH 'backyard'. Attending were 15 students and Guardian Scholars staff from the EOPS and Financial Aid Offices. Interim President Dr. Cristina Chiriboga welcomed new and returning students to the campus and encouraged them to follow their dreams. One of the students in attendance, sophomore Sade Burrell, was featured in a July 16th Channel 10 News story regarding recent funding increases to the County's Housing Program for at risk populations such as former foster youth. The Guardian Scholars program assists former foster youth attending Cuyamaca College.

Coyote Athletes Update



Our Cuyamaca College Coyote athletes have been busy! The Cross County Team participated in the Balboa 4 Miler held at Balboa Park on August 30th. The Men's Soccer Team hosted Arizona Western in a pre-conference match, and will travel to Citrus College for their second pre-conference match in September. The women's Soccer Team will be flying to Sacramento to play American River College and De Anza College. Funds for the trip were raised by the team and private donations. The Women's Volleyball Team hosted a double-header on Friday, September 5th. They also hosted the Annual Coyote Women's Volleyball Classic Tournament earlier this month. We are very proud of

all our coaches and their commitments to their respective sports and their student athletes. Go Coyotes!

Disabled Student Services Reach Record Number of Students

Beth Viersen, DSP&S Coordinator, reports that the 2007/2008 MIS data report for Cuyamaca College's Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) indicates that the college has reached 503 students -- an all time high. We are very proud of the efforts that our DSP&S staff makes in reaching out to our students dealing with personal challenges.

Student Featured

One of our Cuyamaca College students, David Odum, was featured on air in a KFMB Channel 8 news story on Foster Youth returning to school. In a program called "Backpack Flash Drive", David received a backpack and a 2GB flash drive to help him prepare for going back to school. Many students do not have computers at home and have to complete their essays, reports and other homework at the library or a friend's house. David is a Guardian Scholar and an automotive major. He is planning to transfer to SDSU as a business major after completing his Automotive AA degree.

College Foundation Completes Strategic Planning

The Cuyamaca College Foundation has recently completed its very important Strategic Planning. The successful planning process has resulted in a committee structure that will allow the Foundation to focus on building core functions as well as expand its fundraising efforts and support of the College. Special thanks, from me as well as the Foundation, are extended to Interim Vice Chancellor Bob Hertel, who facilitated the Foundation's Strategic Planning process.



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Upcoming College Events

Library Display

The Cuyamaca College Library is promoting Constitution Week by running an engaging display on the Constitution of the United States throughout the month of September. The library has display cases on its first and second floors that contain replicas of documents, books, and videos in relation to both Shays' Rebellion, and the U.S. Constitution. Children's literature relating to the Constitution is also highlighted in a case in the library as well. The library is also featuring many poster-size photographs of important documents such as the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.



Thursday, September 25th

The Business and CIS Building Construction Kickoff Ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the east side of the construction site (between the library and the gym). Cake and coffee will be served afterwards.

Friday & Saturday, October 17th and 18th

The Automotive Technology Program will be hosting the fall California Automotive Teachers (CAT) Conference. Workshops, a trade show and a luncheon will be held on Saturday, Oct 18th, in the Student Center. Everyone is welcome and invited to drop by and see what our conference is all about.

Tuesday, October 21st

Cuyamaca College will host the very large and very exciting GUHSD GOT PLANS? This event is expected to bring over 4,000 people to Cuyamaca College and will feature a Transfer Fair (1:00-4:00 pm), and a High School Career and College Fair (5:00-8:00), with specific career and college workshops held from 6:00-7:45. The events will all take place in the Student Center.