



President's Report to the Governing Board September 19, 2006

COLLEGE HONORS AND NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **KUDOS TO THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY – ENROLLMENT IS UP!**

The following is an analysis of the fall 2006 enrollment compared with fall 2005 enrollment as census on September 5th.

	Fall 2006	Fall 2005	Count Variance	% Variance
Headcount	7,443	7,241	+202	+2.8%
Continuing	4,241	4,345	-104	-2.4%
Units	52,489	51,525	+964	+1.9%

- **INDUSTRY DRIVEN REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE GRANT FUNDED**

Cuyamaca College was funded for an Industry Driven Regional Collaborative (IDRC) grant to fund the development of noncredit English-as-a-Second-Language support for training individuals in operations for Health and Hospitality professions in Region X. The grant was funded for two years at \$804,050. Cuyamaca College will serve as the lead institution and fiscal agent of this grant in partnership with all Region X colleges. Congratulations to Community Learning, Dr. Marie Ramos, Jennifer Lewis, Dr. Anthony Zambelli, Dr. Lyn Neylon, and Alicia Munoz on this very important and impressive accomplishment.

- **CUYAMACA COLLEGE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION ESTABLISHED**

Dr. Anthony Zambelli, Business/Economics Instructor was awarded a three-year affiliation with the National Council on Economic Education (NCEE). There are over 200 centers in the NCEE network. The Center's goal is to help students develop economic ways of thinking and problem solving in various areas of their day-to-day lives such as consumers, investors and participants in the national and global economy.

- **CUYAMACA COLLEGE ART INSTRUCTOR WORK IS JURIED – TWICE!**

Art Instructor, Debra Babylon, had her work juried into the Tag Gallery 2006 California Open Exhibition during August 15th - September 2nd. The show's juror is Laddie John Dill, renowned national and international contemporary abstract sculptor. In addition, Ms. Babylon is currently juried into the Long Beach Arts "Driven to Abstraction Exhibition" from August 19th - September 22nd. The exhibition's juror is Loa Sprung, an award-winning artist with a great deal of experience. Congratulations to Debra on her double honor.

- **KUDOS TO JAN FORD! - THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF TWO-YEAR COLLEGES (AMATYC) ADOPTS A MISSION STATEMENT**

Jan Ford, Math Instructor and West Vice President for the American Mathematical Association, has spearheaded AMATYC to adopt core values and a vision statement to strengthen its strategic plan. At AMATYC's spring board meeting, the vision statement

proposed by Jan was adopted – “Opening Doors through Mathematics.” The uniqueness of the mission of community and two-year colleges to open their doors to all, coupled with the idea that mathematics has changed the lives of both students and teachers were her inspiration.

- **MARY SESSOM SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JOINT CIVILIAN ORIENTATION CONFERENCE**

Mary Sessom, Paralegal Instructor, has been selected as one of 45 people nationwide to participate in the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC) sponsored by the Secretary of Defense for civilian public opinion leaders interested in growing their knowledge of the military and national defense issues. The JCOC received more than 400 nominations and 45 slots were available for 2006. JCOC’s objective is to increase public understanding of national defense through a forum of free exchange among influential citizens, Department of Defense (DoD) officials, and military leadership. Ms. Sessom will have the opportunity to attend Pentagon briefings by DoD officials, military and civilian leadership and then join the military in the field observing exercises, firing weapons, and participating in training throughout the world.

- **MARSHA FRALICK CHOSEN FOR PUBLICATION**

Dr. Marsha Fralick, Counselor and Personal Development Instructor, has had an article accepted for publication in the *National First Year Experience Monograph*, "Exploring the Evidence: Campus-Wide Initiatives in the First College Year." This monograph highlights programs which have significant outcomes in student success nationwide. Her article is a summary of the Personal Development Program Review in 2005 and is entitled, "Comprehensive College Success Courses Increase Student Persistence, Self-Confidence and Satisfaction." Her article provides data showing that students increased persistence by 27% as a result of successful completion of Personal Development 124, Lifelong Success.

- **WATER AND WASTEWATER TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR PUBLISHED IN “THE BULL SHEET”**

Water and Wastewater Technology Instructor Jon Jamison’s article on the Water and Wastewater Technology Program at Cuyamaca College was published in the July 2006 edition of “*The Bull Sheet*,” a monthly newsletter of the California Water Environment Association (CWEA). The article emphasizes the importance of pre-employment training and education provided by Cuyamaca College along with the advanced courses necessary to enhance industry personnel’s opportunities for career advancement. Jon Jamison is also the CWEA San Diego Section Vice President.

STUDENT SUCCESS

- **FIRST-EVER ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION A SUCCESS!**

On August 16th, over 45 registered and prospective students attended the first-ever Ornamental Horticulture New Student Orientation. Students were provided with department information and lots of encouragement from Program Coordinator, Brad Monroe and a number of part-time program faculty. The orientation was successful in promoting the program with a number of students who were not registered, doing so that evening from computer terminals set up in the Ornamental Horticulture classroom. The orientation will be offered prior to the start of all future semesters.

COLLEGE EVENTS

- **“THE FIRST 15 HOURS-CELEBRATING STUDENTS” LUNCHEON**

On August 24th, over 1300 students, faculty, administrators, staff and community members participated in the “The First 15 Hours-Celebrating Students” event. College research indicates that the more involved and engaged students are with an institution, the greater the likelihood that they will persist and succeed with their educational goals. This event is geared toward helping students develop a sense of belonging during the first 15 hours that they are on the Cuyamaca College campus. Student Affairs and the Associated Students of Cuyamaca College (ASCC) co-sponsored this second annual luncheon, where students enjoyed food, music and valuable giveaways.

- **“LET’S GET THE COYOTE SPIRIT” AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS**

On September 6th, Cuyamaca College held its first fall semester College Hour, “Let’s Get the Coyote Spirit.” The event was an overwhelming success. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our Associated Students of Cuyamaca College (ASCC) who provided a healthy lunch for approximately 900 students and staff. At the Blood Mobile, there were hundreds of inquiries, at least 50 donor attempts and a total of 30 units of blood collected! There were several giveaways to students who attended, and Singer *Sarah Kelly* and the *Rustik Ballyd Band* provided entertainment.

- **T.E.A.M. = TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE MORE!!!**

Professional Development for staff, provided by Cuyamaca College’s Professional Development Academy (PDA), is an opportunity for front-line and other interested staff to participate in a Professional Development opportunity. The first PDA Customer Service series offered during the summer was a success with 56 participants and 37 certificate recipients; feedback from summer participants was used to design the next series. Four Workshops will be offered in two tracks and participants in all four workshops will receive a Certificate!

UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

- College Hour – Chaldean Culture & Traditions
Thursday, October 5th, 6:00 -7:00 p.m., One-Stop Center Breezeway
- 10th Annual Aggie Open Golf Tournament
Friday, October 13th, All day, Bonita Golf Course
- High School Counselors’ Luncheon
Friday, October 20th, 11:30 – 3:15 p.m., One-Stop Center Breezeway
- Transfer Fair
Monday, October 23rd, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Transfer Center