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President's Report to the Governing Board *May 19, 2015*

“Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow”

🐾 Student Organization Wins Chapter of the Year Award

The members of the student organization SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) received the Student Chapter of the Year Award at their recent regional Scholarship & Awards banquet. They competed against local chapters at SDSU, UCSD, USD, City College, and Southwestern College to win this prestigious award. In addition to winning the chapter award, four of their members received scholarships. Those Cuyamaca College students were **Mr. Ivan Ruiz, Mr. Conyers Nelson, Ms. Minerva Munoz, and Ms. Ali Esparza.**

🐾 Associated Student Government Election 2015

The Associated Student Government election was held from April 27 through April 29, and the new executive board will officially assume their positions on May 22. As part of their leadership training process, several of the new student leaders attended the California Community College: Student Senate General Assembly Conference in Ontario, where they had an opportunity to attend leadership workshops, such as *Running an Effective Meeting* and *Robert's Rules of Order*. In addition to the workshops, students also attended the resolution sessions. Those elected to the Executive Board are: President: **Ms. Mariah Moschetti**; Vice-President: **Ms. Davi Peterson**; Secretary: **Ms. Onjoli Thomas-Jones**; Treasurer: **Ms. Sabrina Hernandez**; Student Trustee: **Mr. Evan Esparza**; Interclub Representative: **Ms. Neyra Gomez**; and Senator: **Ms. Jacqueline Tirado.**

🐾 Transfer Achievement Celebration

Our 11th Annual Transfer Achievement Celebration was a ceremony honoring transfer students who have been accepted to a four year university. This year we had over 60 participating students in attendance, and over 150 guests. During the ceremony, transfer students received a transfer certificate and a ceremonial white cord with tassels which they will wear with their cap and gown during commencement to signify their accomplishments. Following the ceremony refreshments were served and students and their guests had a photo opportunity with the Cuyamaca College Coyote to commemorate their time at Cuyamaca College.

🐾 Health Fair

Cuyamaca College's Health and Wellness office held its 20th Annual Health Fair on Tuesday, April 21, with participation of 30 vendors and nearly 150 students and staff. Educational exhibits included first aid/hands on CPR, personal and community-based fire safety, environmental insect/vector control, nutrition, community agencies/ resources for medical, behavioral, dental and personal care, screening for diabetes, blood pressure, body mass index, vision, HIV/AIDS, and moods. Relaxation therapies

included massage, music, aromatherapy, yoga, breathing, visualization, pet therapy, and hair/skin care. This yearly educational event continues to address student learning outcomes for stress management, healthy diet and exercise, and knowledge of health related community resources and services.

🐾 Spring Garden Festival



No one could have asked for a more beautiful day on Saturday, April 25, for the 22nd annual Spring Garden Festival. Community members came to the college to view and purchase various plants for sale in our Ornamental Horticulture Nursery. The nursery sold over \$19,000 in plants and several of the O.H. courses showcased their classes with educational exhibits for festival visitors. Food and sustainability vendors were also on hand to show off their wares.

🐾 36th Annual Cuyamaca College Auto Skills Day

On Saturday, May 2, Cuyamaca College's Automotive Technology Department held their 36th "Skills Day" competition. The event was attended by local high school students and their teachers, industry partners, and college administration, as well as our own automotive students. **Dr. Mark J. Zacovic**, Cuyamaca College President, was there in support as was **Dr. Kate Alder**, Career & Technical Education Dean. During the day students competed in various tasks related to auto repair. There were approximately 20 students in the basic competition, 12 in the advanced competition, and 18 in the "Pit Crew Challenge." Prizes included tools, tool carts, and gift cards from Target. A special "Thank You!" goes out to the many staff members, industry representatives, and auto technology students who made this day possible.

🐾 Coyote Music Festival



Six homegrown bands playing an eclectic mix of folk, jazz, pop, and rock performed on two stages on the Grand Lawn at the Coyote Music Festival which was held on Saturday, May 2. Now in its seventh year, the entirely student-run festival provided the community a free afternoon of live music by local talent in a family-friendly venue, where picnic blankets and lawn chairs are the best seats in the house. For students enrolled in Music Industry Studies, the festival represents a term project, the culmination of a semester's work learning every aspect of putting on a big music event.

🐾 Ornamental Horticulture Hosts Certification Test

The Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture program hosted the Professional Landcare Network's (PLANET) Certified Landscape Technician (CLT) Test at the college on Saturday, April 11. The event brought out over 200 members of the California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA) and their employees for the tests as participants and judges. Participants and judges come from all over California for the semi-annual tests and Cuyamaca College is one of only two sites in the state to host the tests and the only community college in California to accommodate the tests.

🐾 **Men's Soccer Coach Recognized as Coach of the Year**

Cuyamaca College's Men's Soccer coach, **Mr. Brian Hiatt-Aleu**, who also coaches at Coronado High School, received the San Diego County High School Coach of the Year Award at the San Diego Hall of Champions on March 25. Coronado High won the Regional Championship in 2015. We are very proud of all our coaches.



🐾 **Library Display: What Path Will You Take?**

The May library display includes information on resume writing, interview techniques, and cover letter samples.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A complete list of college activities can be found on our website, www.cuyamaca.edu



East County Career Expo

Wednesday, May 20
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Student Center, I-207

Finals Week Pancake Breakfast

On Wednesday, May 27, the Associated Student Government will sponsor a “study break” that features a *free* Pancake Breakfast with all of the toppings. In addition to endless pancakes, students will be treated with all the extras—eggs, bacon, and lots of coffee to give them energy for their exams. Students will also be given free bluebooks and scantrons at the event. Breakfast will be served in the Student Center, Rooms I-207 and I-208 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

37th Annual Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, June 4, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

Communication Arts (B) building

This year's commencement keynote speaker will be El Cajon City Council Member and Cuyamaca College Alumna **Ms. Star Bales**.