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President's Report to the Governing Board December 8, 2015

🐾 **High School Students Learning about Cybersecurity**

Instructors with Cuyamaca College's Computer and Information Science Department are coaching East County middle and high school students in a prestigious nationwide cybersecurity competition sponsored by the nonprofit Air Force Association in Arlington, Virginia. More than 3,300 teams from schools around the nation have registered for this year's competition. Among those participating are teams from Steele Canyon High School and Hillsdale Middle School. More than a dozen students from those two schools are visiting Cuyamaca College each week for lessons, in-person coaching from a faculty of experts, hands-on experience in a state-of-the-art computer lab, and discussions making them aware of the latest cybersecurity issues. Cuyamaca College Computer and Information Science instructor **Mr. Curt Sharon** is among those working with the students at Hillsdale Middle and Steele Canyon High schools.

🐾 **It's Crunch Time... A Spotlight on Our Students During Finals Week!**

Tis' the season for final projects and exams! Throughout the next week, students will engage in final projects and exams to demonstrate their learning in various subjects. Students are able to get extra support through specialized events such as "Gear up for Finals" in the Student Center during which students are able to engage in collaborative learning with their peers, tutors and their faculty members. Also offered during finals week is our annual "Free Student Pancake Breakfast" where students partake in free pancakes served to them by our Cuyamaca College staff, faculty and administrators. Culminating learning activities also abound such as the poster presentations in **Dr. Stan Walls'** "Paramedical Microbiology" course. Pictured here is his evening class surrounded by poster boards demonstrating their learning on emerging diseases (featured is Cuyamaca College student, **Mr. Atheer Makani**, with his poster entitled "Necrotizing Fasciitis"). Consistent with our vision, this is true "Learning for the Future!"



🐾 5th Annual Social Gathering & Dance



Nearly 150 people gathered on the Grand Lawn to enjoy the music, and dance and history of the Native American culture at the 5th annual Social Gathering & Dance held on Tuesday, November 24. The event was hosted by the Cuyamaca College Library along with Student Affairs' college hour. The Native American Student Alliance club held a bake sale to raise funds for its second annual Powwow coming to Cuyamaca



College on February 6, 2016. Information booths on American Indian culture were staffed with members from the Southern California American Indian Resource Center and the Soaring Eagles. Mr. Richard DeCrane served as the emcee of the event.

🐾 EOPS/UP! Holiday Celebration

The UP! Program celebrated its students this year with its annual Holiday Celebration designed to acknowledge and support students with limited resources during the holidays. During the celebration, **Dr. Scott Thayer**, Vice President of Student Services, provided students with words of advice on how to push through their final exams while reminding them of the support they have from the college. EOPS staff member **Ms. Sade Burrell** and **Ms. Nanyamka Hill**, and Financial Aid staff, **Ms. Pam Fleming**, were all on hand to make the celebration a little brighter for the students. In addition, longtime supporter, Ms. Anita Stirling, Social Work faculty and Delta Kappa Gamma member, participated in the festivities in an effort to get to know the students a little better. As a highlight of the celebration, Mr. Lawrence Ayer, UP! Program participant, encouraged his fellow colleagues by sharing how he was able to overcome obstacles while maintaining a 3.6 GPA as a business major, being a father, and serving as the president of the EOPS Club. Thanks to the generous donations from the campus community and other private donors, each UP! student left the celebration with a gift card and other special holiday gifts.

🐾 Cuyamaca College Health Services Participates in 2015 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Cuyamaca College, as a member of the County of San Diego Public Health Services Universities and Colleges Workgroup, was the only community college in the region invited by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to participate in the 2015 Southern California Regional Exercise for Anthrax Disaster Incidents (SoCal READI) and California Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE). The 2015 SoCal READI is sponsored by California Department of Public Health in collaboration with Emergency Medical Services



Agency (EMSA) and response partners representing local health departments, public safety and healthcare facilities across California. On November 18, 2015, the staff of Cuyamaca College's Health and Wellness Center, with support from Borrego Health and Family Health Services, opened a Point of Dispensing (POD) including set-up, staffing, and

management of client throughout the POD. Registered Nurses **Priscilla Bartholomew** and **Reiko Suto** were on hand to review the health forms. Flu shots were administered at the POD to practice the dispensing of “medical countermeasures” in which over 80 individuals were screened, counseled and received the 2015 flu vaccination. Health resources support from HHS included over \$2000 worth of supplies for public health emergency preparedness and Borrego Health provided over \$1000 of flu vaccinations and 3 registered nurses for the exercise. The Cuyamaca College POD was 1 of 14 different Points of Dispensing (PODs) from public, military and private business including universities/colleges that participated in the exercise. Cuyamaca College Nursing Supervisor **Lori Senini, RN**, coordinated the event.

🐾 Cuyamaca College Wellness Walkers Exceed Monthly Goal

Faculty, staff, and students participate each month in the college wellness walks held at the college. The goal for each month is 3 million steps. The total amount of steps for October totaled 4,662,715, far exceeding the 3 million step goal.



🐾 College Hosts High School Counselors’ Breakfast

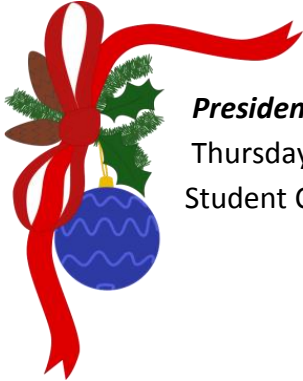


The High School and Community Relations Department hosted a Cuyamaca College and GUHSD Joint Counselor Breakfast on Wednesday, November 18, for approximately 40 counselors and staff. During the event high school counselors and Cuyamaca College counseling staff enjoyed a catered breakfast while being updated about important academic and departmental changes happening at the college. They were provided information about the Student Success & Support Program, the Assessment testing and exemption eligibility, current transfer

agreements, CTE, and were provided a review on Outreach’s high school advising, presentation, and Coyote Connection numbers for the 2014-15 academic year. Counselors also had the opportunity to network with one another before and during the breakfast.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



President's Annual Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 10, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Student Center, room I-207 & I-208

State of the College Address & Luncheon

Wednesday, January 20, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Student Center

Cuyamaca College Athletics Schedule – Home Games

For a complete list of Athletic events, visit their website at

<http://www.cuyamaca.edu/campus-life/athletics/default.aspx>

Men's Basketball vs. Cypress College

Thursday, December 17, 2015

5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. Miramar College

Friday, January 8, 2016

5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. Mt. San Jacinto College

Wednesday, January 13

5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. Grossmont College

Friday, January 15

7:00 p.m. at Grossmont College

Men's Basketball vs. Imperial Valley College

Wednesday, January 20

5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. San Diego City College

Friday, January 22

5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. San Diego Mesa College

Wednesday, February 3

5:00 p.m. in the gym

Men's Basketball vs. Southwestern College

Wednesday, February 17

5:00 p.m. in the gym

