



More than 2,300 attend AlumniFest



More than 2,300 San Diego and Imperial County community college alumni attended AlumniFest March 11 at the Valley View Casino Center to see the San Diego Gulls hockey club beat the Bakersfield Condors 6-5 in sudden-death overtime.

A torrential downpour canceled the a pre-game party in the parking lot that was to feature face-painting, balloon artists,

and mascots from the community colleges in the area, but the Gulls organization was so pleased by ticket sales that it has invited event organizers to come back next year. The Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges took the lead in organizing the event. John Valencia, associate vice chancellor of Advancement and Communications at the district and the foundation's CEO, said the number of tickets sold represents the most ever sold to a community college alumni-related event in the region.



Changes in Human Resources

Jamal Carter, professional development specialist, is now serving as HR director for Cuyamaca College and District Services until a permanent replacement is made. Janet Snelling will now be the HR director responsible for Grossmont College. Bryan Banville is filling in as interim professional development specialist until Carter returns to that role. Blanca Cummings will continue to serve as senior recruiter for Cuyamaca College and District Services, while Jacqueline Osborne continues as senior recruiter for Grossmont College.

Cuyamaca College Warehouse back to full hours

With added staffing, the Cuyamaca College warehouse, under the direction of District Warehouse Supervisor Ron Adams, is back to operating fulltime from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Our thanks to the Warehouse Screening Committee for its assistance in the employee selection process.

Power Hour

The next Power Hour Conversation, "Meetings that Rock," hosted by the professional development office will be Wednesday, March 23, in the District Annex conference room. The average American office worker spends 11 hours a week in meetings. Come learn how to get more done at those meetings. The last Power Hour Conversation, "Encouraging Collaboration," drew 25 attendees.

Copier changes yield savings

District Services has received two new Xerox copiers, consistent with the new copier standards. It is anticipated that these two new machines will create a 67% cost savings (approximately \$2,950 for the first year).

Sodexo contract continued

The bid to provide food service at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges has been renewed with Sodexo Campus Services, which has provided food services at both colleges for several years. The renewal involved a full Request for Proposal process and identified college feedback and priorities. The selection team was composed of: Linda Bertolucci, Sahar Abushaban, Scott Thayer, Lauren Vaknin, Sara Downs, Denise Blaha, Bruce Farnham, Jessica Murguia, Ken Emmons, Victoria Kerba-Miller, Sandi Meschoulam, Genie Montoya, Tim Flood, Pearl Lopez, Pamela Bengé, Djonee Holmes, and Ojoli Thomas Jones.

Emergency preparedness training offered

The district's sheriff's deputies are offering training to students and employees on the steps to take in the event of an active shooter. Sessions were held at both colleges, and another session for employees will be offered March 21 during Classified Staff Appreciation Day. The session will be held in Room 55-522 at Grossmont College from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Summit upcoming

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council and the DEI committees representing Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, and District Services will be holding the second DEI Summit on Wednesday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room I-209 in the Cuyamaca College Student Center.

The summit will feature Lindsey Malcom-Piqueux, associate director for research and policy at the University of Southern California's Center for Urban Education, who will lead a workshop on "Becoming Equity-minded Practitioners: Learning from Data to Create Student Equity." All employees are invited to attend.

Fun Friday



District Services employees rocked out at the quarterly Fun Friday potluck lunch on March 18. Those attending wore their favorite concert T-shirts, while rock music played in the background. Trivia contests tested participants' knowledge of classic movies and television shows.



Welcome to new District Services employees



Bryan Banville

Bryan joined the Human Resources team as the interim Professional Development Specialist. Bryan comes to the District from an extensive background in training in

both the private and public sectors of business and higher education.



Chad Deitchman

Chad joins the District as the new Cuyamaca College Warehouse Operator. He brings with him many years of warehouse operations experience.



Ever Garcia

Ever joins the District as the Cuyamaca College Warehouse Assistant. With the addition of Chad and Ever, the Cuyamaca warehouse is once again

operating full-time.



Myra Lomahan

Myra began working in the Chancellor-Governing Board Office March 7 as an Executive Assistant. She previously worked as executive assistant to the chief operations officer at a private college.