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President's Report to the Governing Board
October 18, 2016

Got Plans?

In conjunction with Cuyamaca College's High School & Community Relations (Outreach) department, the East County Education Alliance held the annual Got Plans? College and Career Fair at Cuyamaca College on Saturday, October 8. Approximately 4,500 attendees came to learn about prospective paths for the future. More than 150 groups participated to offer information to students on options for life-after-high school. Representatives from public and private colleges and universities from California and across the nation, vocational schools, career agencies, and the military were on hand to answer questions and interact with students. Over 30 departments from Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges participated in the event, including a heavy presence from the CTE areas. Our Financial Aid and Counseling departments offered workshops to students on transfer options and financial assistance. Both Outreach departments from Cuyamaca and Grossmont teamed up to offer a workshop on the steps to apply to the district and alumni from the college's CTE areas held a panel to talk to students about their experience. Community agencies such as Cal Fire and the San Diego County Sheriff's Departments also participated and set up recruiting booths.



Cuyamaca College Awarded \$6 million STEM Grant for Hispanic Serving Institutions

Cuyamaca College has been awarded a five-year, federal grant totaling nearly \$6 million to boost the number of science, technology, engineering and mathematics graduates who transfer to the California State University and University of California systems. The college will receive nearly \$1.2 million annually for the next five years through the U.S. Department of Education's Hispanic-Serving Institutions STEM and Articulation Program. Hispanic Serving Institutions are colleges or universities where Hispanics make up at least 25 percent of the school's full-time equivalent students and that have adopted strategies to help low-income and Latino students. Nearly one in three students at Cuyamaca College is Latino, almost half of whom are low income and first-generation college students. Cuyamaca College was one of 38 colleges and universities nationwide who will be receiving a Hispanic Serving Institutions STEM grant.

Library Display: October is Disabilities Awareness Month

Cuyamaca College Library invites you to learn about the resources offered for disabled students. Our college offers classes, equipment and tutoring support to help students succeed. The library is displaying a variety of equipment on loan from Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS).



Cuyamaca College Hosting Political Discussion Series

With Election Day just around the corner, there are opportunities to get a historical perspective of voting in America. The Cuyamaca College Department of History, Social and Behavioral Sciences will present "Politics: Past and Present Series 2016," through the month of October to focus on a variety of political discussion topics, including voter suppression, gender, foreign policy, local propositions, and the role of persuasion in politics. The free events, sponsored by Student Affairs and led by Cuyamaca College instructors, are open to the public. Refreshments, music and a voter registration drive will cap each discussion.

- **October 5, 2016, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Student Center, I-209:** Alazar Tesfamariam, "The History of Voter Suppression in American Elections."
- **October 6, 2016, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Center, I-207:** Susan Haber, "Nasty, Mean Election Campaigns," and Juli Jones, "Women and Elections in U.S. History."
- **October 11, 2016, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center, I-207:** John Vazquez, "Why does Foreign Policy Matter in U.S. Presidential Elections? The Ramifications of Policy Platforms."
- **October 17, 2016, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center, I-208:** Steve Weinert, "Central and Peripheral Roots of Persuasion and Politics."
- **October 19, 2016, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Student Center, I-208:** Jessica Cordova, "The Importance of Voting and Significant 2016 Propositions."
- **October 25, 2016, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Student Center, I-207:** Doreen Mattingly, "Who's on Top? Gender and the 2016 Presidential Election."

Career & Technical Education Division Events



Cuyamaca College's Career & Technical Education division has co-hosted the **East County Economic Development Council's Manufacturing Tour for Adults/Veterans** for years. This year the tour was held on September 22nd and included Quality Controlled Manufacturing, Inc. (QCMI) and Fox Racing Shox. More than fifty community members attended, of which the majority were job seekers and several were veterans. Following the tour, participants enjoyed lunch and a panel discussion moderated by Interim CTE Dean Jim Custeau. The panel included employees from QCMI, Fox Factory and GKN Aerospace Manufacturing, along with

Cuyamaca's Dr. Cyrus Saghafi and City College's Ed Smith.

Pictured above: Interim Dean Jim Custeau and Automotive Technology Coordinator Chris Branton were two of the tour participants in this group at Quality Controlled Manufacturing, Inc. Photo by Becky Quinn, QCMI.

Link2Tech

Tuesday, September 27, Cuyamaca College was the first community college in the San Diego area to host a **Link2Tech** event coordinated by the San Diego Regional Economic Development Council. The first Link2Tech/Link2Cyber event was held at San Marcos in the spring of 2016.

More than 120 high school students attended the event and listened intently as Christopher Memmott, Founder and CEO of Vault RMS, Máximo Escobedo, Art Director at Salk Institute for Biological Studies, and Mark Siemers, an instructor at DevBootcamp, shared their employment journeys with the successes and detours along the way. Curtis Sharon, director of Cuyamaca's CISCO Academy, moderated the discussion which was interspersed with questions from the audience. Following the discussion, students swarmed the panel, seeking answers to questions about their personal passions and visions.

Pictured at right: A diverse crowd of high school students attended the first Link2Tech on a community college campus at the event held Tuesday, September 27, in Cuyamaca College's Student Center. Co-hosted by our Career & Technical Education (CTE) Division, the event brought the diverse perspectives of Mark Siemers, left, Christopher Memmott, and Máximo Escobedo together to show the range of skills and opportunities within the fields of computer science, graphic design, and more.



Upcoming Events

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

Science Technology Engineering Math

STEM

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STEM EDUCATION EVENT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH AT 1:00PM
STEM CENTER, H BUILDING

COME LEARN ABOUT WHAT STEM CAREERS HAVE TO OFFER!

LEARN FROM SPEAKERS AND TEACHERS ABOUT WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE WITH STEM DEGREES.

LEARN HOW TO TRANSFER AND WHAT CLASSES YOU NEED FOR STEM MAJORS.

SEE DEMONSTRATIONS BY MATH, PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY.

FOOD IS PROVIDED AT THIS EVENT.

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Wednesday, November 2, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

"A Taste of Diversity" by Ms. Grace Bagunu, SDSU

Thursday, November 17, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

"Leaders without our Communities. Persistence and Consistence"
by Mr. Anthony Villarreal, SDSU

All Diversity Dialogue workshops will be held in the Student Center, room I-207

Cultural Competency Student Institute



Students will begin to develop skills as Diversity Peer Educators, in order to increase their awareness, knowledge, and skills necessary to create change. Students will engage in helpful conversations about diversity, inclusion, and fairness.

Students completing a minimum of 3 workshops will be honored at the Student Affairs Leadership Ceremony in May.

Goals for the workshops

- Create a dialogue about diversity, inclusion, and fairness.
- Become more aware of and knowledgeable about common barriers to cultural competence.
- Facilitate education, programs, and outreach initiatives related to social justice and identity.
- Increase students' awareness and cultural competence.
- Provide opportunities to develop effective cross-cultural communication skills.
- Understand the importance of relationship building in promoting diversity.

Workshop Dates - Sessions are held from 12:30 to 1:30 PM at the Cross Cultural Center (I-128)

- Friday, September 30
- Friday, October 7
- Friday, November 4
- Friday, December 2

If you have attended three Cultural Competency workshops during the 2016-2017 school year, you will be invited to the Student Leadership reception. Please turn in your signed form to Lauren Vaknin in the Student Affairs Office (I-120) by May 12, 2017.

For additional information about the Cultural Competency Student Institute, please contact Lauren Vaknin in the Student Affairs Office at 660-4295.

