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President's Report to the Governing Board February 21, 2017

Scholarship Work for UP! and CAFYES Programs

The Cuyamaca College Financial Aid Office coordinated a workshop presented by Promises 2 Kids on Tuesday, January 10. Promises 2 Kids Guardian Scholars Supervisor Rashida Elimu and Guardian Scholars Coordinator Zach Chandler provided hands on instruction for 10 former foster youth students participating in the UP!/CAFYES program and assisted students in completing their Guardian Scholars Scholarship Applications. This \$3,200 per year, multi-year scholarship includes mentoring, social activities and educational/life coaching. At the end of the workshop, Promises 2 Kids hosted lunch for the students in the Coyote Grill. Special thanks to Pam Fleming, Cuyamaca College Financial Aid Advisor and Foster Youth Liaison, for coordinating the workshop. Thanks also go to Connie Elder, Sherri Braaksma, EOPS/UP! staff, Sodexo and CAPS for help with the workshop and to President Barnes for dropping by and personally greeting each student.

Black History Month



The Black Student Union, Associated Student Government, and Student Affairs & Engagement sponsored several programs throughout the month of February to celebrate Black History Month. On February 3, more than 130 students, staff, and faculty attended the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. There were various Spoken Word performers, a keynote speech presented by Jordan Harrison, and a step show performance by the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity chapter at SDSU. The

programs continued with a Diversity Dialogue workshop presented by Dr. Tanis Starck on the topic of "The Mass Incarceration of African-American Males," a Black Excellence panel, and a presentation from the History Department at Cuyamaca College. On February 27, there will be a workshop and a movie screening of *Birth of a Nation*.

Love Your Heart Campaign

The Love Your Heart campaign is a month long activity in February where Cuyamaca Health Services staff partners with the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency Live Well San Diego Initiative to help students and staff take charge of their own health. This year's Love Your Heart kick-off event took place February 13 and 14 at Cuyamaca College where a total of 82 individuals received free blood pressure screenings provided at the Health and Wellness Center as well as around campus at Health Education and Outreach tables. Each participant was encouraged to "know their numbers" and learn more about their heart health including health tips related to diet, exercise and stress.



Summer Research Opportunities Presented to Cuyamaca College STEM Students



Faculty in the Cuyamaca College Math, Science and Engineering Division have been creating special interventions and activities for their students over the last two years. A recent event was held for students to learn about summer opportunities. UC San Diego sent representatives to tell students about several programs that allow STEM students to gain research experience. The representatives included a professor of surgery from the medical school and a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at UCSD. Students learned about such programs as: The Summer Training Academy for Research Success (STARS), Chemistry Connections Research

Experience at UCSD, Academy for Transfer Students in STEM, and the UC San Diego Moores Summer Cancer Disparities Program. The event, which was held in the Science and Mathematics building, was attended by approximately 100 students.

Ford ASSET Representatives Visit Cuyamaca College

Recently, Ford representatives visited Cuyamaca College to collaborate with our administrative representatives, students, and our Ford ASSET coordinator. The meeting was convened to discuss delivering our Ford ASSET training program to students who live far away from campus by using distance education. Mike Courteau, Technical Support Operations Manager for the California Market, facilitated the meeting by inviting Ford management to our college. Our meeting began by introducing the Ford



representatives to one of our Introduction to Automotive Technology classes. Each manager described their career pathway. It was interesting for our students to see and hear how many of the Ford managers started their successful careers in career technical education. The students appreciated listening to each Ford manager, and the managers enjoyed talking with our students. Ford management was able to walk through the campus and see our beautiful new science building and quad area. The meeting was upbeat and positive. Ford supports our efforts to provide work experience pathways and instructional technology, and is willing to help our students by providing vast resources and personnel for distance education. Ford has the very best distance education learning tools that are recognized as the industry standard. This meeting was an example of how industry and our college should work together with the addition of local dealership involvement. We anticipate improving our relationship with Ford, and “learning for the future” will improve the lives of our students.

3rd Annual Cuyamaca College Powwow



Cuyamaca Community College’s 3rd Annual Powwow was hosted by the Native American Student Alliance on Saturday, February 4. The annual Powwow celebrates American Indian culture with participants and vendors from both local tribes and bands as well as others from across the region. Powwows are a celebration of dance, song, and story with deep significance both culturally and spiritually for American Indian People. In Southern California, there is a tradition to also include Bird Singing in the Powwow. Bird Singing has been a



tradition among southern Californian Peoples since time immemorial. The songs tell of the history of the People and are taught to boys at a young age by their male relatives and elders. Our Powwow featured Stan Rodriguez as our lead Bird Singer. Stan, a member of the Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueño Indians, also teaches at the Kumeyaay Community College which has partnered with Cuyamaca to offer an associate's degree in Kumeyaay Studies. The Powwow was open to the public. The event was made possible by generous contributions from the Barona Band of Mission Indians, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. The event was co-sponsored by the Associated Student Government of Cuyamaca College.

Grant Funds Viticulture Program

Cuyamaca College has secured a grant of nearly \$260,000 to bolster its new viticulture apprenticeship program and cover the cost of a planned two-acre vineyard. The grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will help grow the program, pay for a two-acre vineyard near the Water Conservation Garden and cover operating costs. Graduates of the Viticulture Technician Apprentice program will leave Cuyamaca College understanding the basic principles of soil science, soil fertility and irrigation construction, in addition to having the skills needed to plant and maintain vineyards, cultivate and harvest wine grapes, process the product through the bottling process, and handle retail operations and support customer service. Besides taking 14.5 units of courses in the Ornamental Horticulture Department, students will also be required to complete 3,000 hours as a paid apprentice.

Spring 2017 Convocation



On Wednesday, January 25, the college community came together in the Student Center to inaugurate the beginning of the spring semester. President Barnes' theme, "*Student Support (Re)defined*", highlighted the college's accomplishments, while casting the vision for the future as we, collectively, work together to foster a spirit of student validation and engagement. Dr. Paul Carmona, Academic Senate president, bestowed two faculty members the annual Award for Teaching Excellence. Faculty member Ms. Kristine Zink, Child Development instructor, received the full-time faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. Ms. Katherine Naimark, who teaches Math, received the part-time faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. These two award recipients were among several faculty members

who were nominated for the award. Each nominee received rave reviews from their students who commended and praised their dedication and enthusiasm for teaching and learning. Congratulations to Kristine, Katherine, and all of the nominees who exemplify Cuyamaca College's commitment to academic excellence and student success. Nine new employees were introduced and welcomed into the Cuyamaca College family. The highlight of the morning was the student panel who shared their experiences and personal stories of being a student on campus and how members of the college community have helped them in their efforts to be a successful student. The luncheon was provided by Sodexo and the light breakfast was sponsored by the East County Schools Federal Credit Union.



Cuyamaca College Makes its Presence Known at CAP

The California Acceleration Project (CAP) held its second of two meetings for this year's Community of Practice, the year-long professional development opportunity to support faculty as they implement acceleration. Dr. Lauren Halsted was part of a panel of English teaching faculty that spoke on the scaled up acceleration at the college while ESL instructor Guillermo Colls presented a lesson about teaching reading. Dr. Tammi Marshall, Math instructor and department chair, was part of the 5 person Math team from Cuyamaca College who also spoke to the success of the accelerated program. Towards the end of

the weekend, the lead CAP Coach declared on Sunday, “Cuyamaca is the best community college in the world!”

Admissions & Records Staff from Both Colleges Work Together to Align Services

A joint Cuyamaca and Grossmont Admissions & Records staff retreat was held on Friday, January 20. Wayne Branker, from Grossmont College, hosted the group at Grossmont Griffin Gate. He and Sheryl Ashley, Interim Director of A&R at Cuyamaca College, facilitated the meeting to help staff identify goals, values, rules, needs, expectations, strengths, and weaknesses for their respective areas. Staff had some fun and elicited great ideas for us to build upon in an effort to align services for students to have a seamless experience at each campus. Wayne and Sheryl will meet to identify priorities and communicate this to the staff. Future joint meetings will be planned.

Free Flu Shots

Flu season is still here! While the supply lasts, all Cuyamaca College students and staff can receive a free flu shot at Student Health Services during their office hours. Their office is located in the Student Center, room I-137.



Library Display: Black History Month



The Library display will honor African Americans and their tremendous contributions to American history. We will showcase Black History through time with posters displayed on both floors in the library as well as books featuring famous African Americans and landmark historical topics. Visit the library to learn more!

Upcoming Events

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

East County Career Expo

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Student Center



Spring 2017 Career Workshops

Career Workshops are free for students, faculty, staff, and the community at large. Workshops are held in the Career Center, room A-221.

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| Friday, March 10 | <i>"Build & Update a Better Resume"</i> | 10:00-11:00 a.m. |
| Monday, March 13 | <i>"How to Choose a Major & Career"</i> | 1:00-2:00 p.m. |
| Monday, April 3 | <i>"The Art of Networking: Social & Professional"</i> | 2:00-3:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, April 18 | <i>"Career & Technical Education Majors (High Wage Jobs and Opportunities at Cuyamaca College)"</i> | 1:00-2:00 p.m. |
| Friday, May 5 | <i>"Keys to Mastering the Interview & Job Search Techniques"</i> | 10:00-11:00 a.m. |
| Monday, May 22 | <i>"Build & Update a Better Resume"</i> | 1:00-2:00 p.m. |



Performing Arts Spring 2017 Concert Series

All concerts are held in the Cuyamaca College Theatre

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| Friday, February 24 | <i>Moments in Black History</i> Memorable moments in film, music, dance, and politics | 7:00 p.m. \$8 general/\$6 students |
| Monday, February 27 | <i>Matt Smith Neu Jazz Trio</i> Contemporary jazz originals and arrangements | 7:30 p.m. \$8 general/\$5 students |
| Monday, March 6 | <i>Kembang Sunda</i> Music from Indonesia | 7:30 p.m. \$8 general/\$5 students |
| Thursday, March 16 | <i>Cuyamaca College Choir</i> Directed by Paul Infantino | 7:30 p.m. \$8 general/\$5 students |
| Wednesday, March 22 | <i>Alexandra Keegan & Justin Gray</i> Sonatas for violin and piano | 7:30 p.m. \$8 general/\$5 students |



Spring 2017 Diversity Dialogues

These workshops will focus on a variety of diversity awareness and social justice topics. Workshops will be held in the Student Center, I-207 and I-208.

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| Monday, February 27 | <i>Reaching Out to Succeed</i> Presented by Ahmed (Rasheed) Aden, Mental Health Counselor and Abdmalik Buul, Counselor | 10:00-11:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, March 9 | <i>Overcoming Conflict and Finding Solutions with Peers</i> Presented by Mary Garcia, Counselor | 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Friday, March 24 | <i>Social Justice Institute</i> Presented by Grace Bagunu, USD (SOLES) | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. |

9th Annual Sustainable Turf & Landscape Seminar “Landscaping for the Future”

Thursday, March 9, 2017

7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Communication Arts Complex, College Theatre

