



Food Drive for Hungry Students



With both colleges recently starting up food pantries, District Services Classified Senate decided to ask employees to donate to a food drive to help feed our hungry students.

The food drive was a big success, with more than 40 bags of food collected at the District Services Halloween potluck. A big thank you to all, especially Tyson Gingery and Dawn Heuft for organizing the effort.

Annual Workforce Conference



The Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges partnered with San Diego Workforce Partnership through our Regional Strong Workforce grant to host the annual Workforce Conference. Around 500 faculty, workforce practitioners, and service providers learned about trends in workforce development.

Foundation CEO Sally Cox helped to emcee and Chancellor Cindy Miles introduced the keynote speaker, Community College Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley.

Photo left to right: Peter Callstrom, San Diego Workforce Partnership; MiraCosta College Superintendent/President Sunita Cooke; Oakley; Miles; Carlos Turner Cortez, president of San Diego Continuing Education; San Diego Community College District Trustee Peter Zschiesche; Dana Quittner of the Institute for Evidence-Based Change.

Promoting Commuting Alternatives



Campus and Parking Services has installed a bike fix-it station at each campus next to the book stores, following a recommendation of the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Council. Through the district's partnership with SANDAG iCommute, guests from the San Diego Bike Coalition were invited to perform some safety checks and show people how to use the fix-it stations. A raffle and giveaways were also included.

Campus and Parking Services also learned that the district will be recognized at this year's iCommute

Diamond Awards reception as a BRONZE recipient.

The SANDAG iCommute Diamond Awards program recognizes employers in the San Diego region that have made strides to develop and implement commuter programs that encourage alternative commute choices.

Kerri Ewing named a Rising Star



Kerri Ewing, interim community partnerships and advancement coordinator, has been selected for a regional Rising Star Award by the National Council for Marketing and Communications, the national organization for community college marketers. Ewing was selected as the winner for Region 6, which covers five western states and the Pacific islands.

The award recognizes an up-and-coming communications professional at a community college who has demonstrated special creativity or ability in college marketing and shows evidence of a promising future in the field. Ewing will receive her award at NCMPR's conference in Las Vegas in March. She will also be considered for the National Rising Star award, chosen among the seven regional winners.