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## *President's Report to the Governing Board January 15, 2019*

### *Student Honored by Local Legal Association*

Mary Sessom, Paralegal Instructor, received news that one of her students, Arthur Chavez, was recently honored by the San Diego Paralegal Association, awarding him the "Making A Difference" award at their annual Holiday Gala.



### *Honor Students*

At Cuyamaca College approximately 510 students made the "honor roll" for the fall 2018 semester. 325 students will receive the Vice President's honor letter, having obtained a 3.50 to 3.99 grade point average for 12 or more units in which a letter grade was received, and 185 students will be receiving the President's congratulatory letter, having earned a 4.0 GPA for the fall. In addition, 384 honor letters signed by either the College President or the Vice President of Student Services from both colleges will be mailed congratulating each of them for their scholastic achievement while attending classes at both colleges during the fall semester.

### *Deck the Halls & Clear the Walls*



Student Services staff participated in the first of 3 "CC Impact" meetings designed to share how our Cuyamaca College Student Service practices help impact students and assist them in achieving college success. Faculty and staff from each student services department came together to update one another on campus-wide student service initiatives, recognize division-wide achievements, and celebrate the end of the semester and the

beginning of the holiday season. New faculty and staff within student services were also recognized.

### *Art Faculty Recognized for her Work*

Cuyamaca College Art Instructor Lisa Karmel has been recognized for her work with the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. The coordinator for the group's Illustrators Schmooze Night, Lisa is a recipient of the Tribute Fund, an annual award bestowed by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators for a small handful of outstanding volunteers who go above and beyond in helping others. She will be honored at a Society conference in New York this coming spring.



## *President's Holiday Luncheon ~ All is Merry and Bright*

On Thursday, December 13, the Student Center was alight with merriment at the annual President's Holiday Luncheon. Faculty, staff, and administrators were treated to gourmet fare provided by Sodexo. President Julianna Barnes donated multiple gifts that were given out to several lucky winners throughout the afternoon festivities. Several faculty and staff participated in the holiday baking competition. Gwen Nix from the VPSS office was the winner with her chocolate covered peanut butter crunch cookies.



## *New Welcome Signs for the College*

The Facilities and Ornamental Horticulture Departments recently collaborated and completed the Front Entrance Monuments Renovation Project. Through the leadership of President Julianna Barnes, who's infused a culture of collaboration, both departments have teamed up to work on multiple landscaping projects to beautify the campus and use them as a teaching tool for the Ornamental Horticulture program and its students. Leah Rottke, Program Coordinator, Ornamental Horticulture stated, *"I am always glad to have the opportunity to provide genuine service learning experiences for Ornamental Horticulture students. Having the chance to do this work to enhance the campus provides a benefit for the college as well"*. The Facilities and Ornamental Horticulture staff developed a front entrance monuments landscaping design concept with drought tolerant plants and drip irrigation system to minimize water consumption. The Facilities staff removed the old vegetation and weeds, excavated and removed and replaced the unwanted soil with new. The Ornamental Horticulture staff and students came in on multiple Saturdays to install the new plants and irrigation system as part of their teaching lab exercise. The concrete monuments received a fresh coat of white paint and the letters were painted blue to match the college's colors. Mike Crume, Grounds Supervisor, added, *"It was great working with the Ornamental Horticulture staff and students on this project. Our staff felt a sense of community as we collaborated in improving our campus. I want to thank everyone, from the President, Sahar, Francisco, Leah, Larry, Patty and the students"*! By working together on this project, both departments saved the college a substantial amount of money, which offset the purchase cost of the new metallic "Welcome"

signs at both entrances of the college. The signs now express what we all know – that Cuyamaca College is a welcoming place. It is also one of the characteristics of the “Cuyamaca Way”.



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