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President's Report to the Governing Board March 19, 2019

Students Receive Information on Scholarships during Luncheon

Thanks to a grant from the Elks National Foundation, foster youth and former foster youth students from both Cuyamaca and Grossmont were treated to lunch to learn about the various scholarships that are available to them as they continue their studies here at Cuyamaca College or as they transfer to a four-year institution. Josceline Torres-Felix, Scholarship Specialist from Grossmont College, went through a PowerPoint on the process of applying for scholarships. The El Cajon Elks Lodge #1812 offers a vocational scholarship each year to an eligible student. After the presentation, Elk Members Tony Zambelli and Gwen Nix served lunch to the students and staff in attendance. Each student also received gift cards for Barnes & Noble, Albertsons, and Chili's. The gift cards and luncheon were provided through the grant.



Blood Drive a Success

On March 4 and 5, Cuyamaca College hosted the San Diego Blood Bank for a 2-day blood drive. A new record for total donations was set with 60 pints of blood collected from students and staff "saving 180 lives in our community". Under the leadership of Priscilla Bartholomew, RN, and help from Grossmont College nursing students, 30 new and 30 returning donors were recruited for a very successful event. A very warm and grateful thank you to Ms. Bartholomew and the donors in making a difference in so many lives.

Golden State Honey Badger Award

At the 2019 CAP Annual Conference (California Acceleration Project), Cuyamaca College received the Golden State Honey Badger Award for our work transforming remediation for our students. There were close to 25 people from Cuyamaca at the conference from English, ESL, Math, and the IESE office. Several faculty and staff presented sessions and the college also had a representative on a panel during Friday's lunch. We gathered as many of us as we could for the picture which also includes the Co-founders of CAP, Myra Snell and Katie Hern. This is by far one of the most meaningful awards we have received as it comes from our peers. Citrus College and Students Making a Change (from City College of San Francisco) were also presented with the award.



Instructor to Present Paper at National Conference



Our newest Political Science instructor, Dr. Josh Franco, received word that his proposal to present his paper “Integrative Political Science” at the special American Political Science Association sponsored conference on “Rethinking the Undergraduate Political Science Major” was accepted. Josh will be traveling to Texas to present his paper and participate in an emerging debate about the future of undergraduate political science education.

Instructor Celebrated for His Innovation



Cuyamaca College instructor Donald Jones was honored at the 2019 Innovations Conference in New York City, which drew community college representatives from across the United States. The John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award is from the League for Innovation in the Community College, an international nonprofit consortium of community colleges and their districts, and 160 corporate partners. Launched in 2012, the award is named for John E. and Suanne D. Roueche, leaders in the community college field and academic scholars who wrote dozens of books and hundreds of articles about community college leadership. Jones has been developing the Water and Wastewater Technology program at Cuyamaca College since 2003,

where he helped secure more than \$2 million in grant funding and partnered with local agencies to make the Cuyamaca program a key to training the next generation of water industry professionals. He was also instrumental in the transformation of Cuyamaca College’s Water and Wastewater Technology program into the Center for Water Studies, replete with a new state-of-the-art training facility and an outdoor field operations skills yard for students to develop hands-on skills. It is a fully functional water and wastewater system built above ground for easy access to the pipes, valves and tanks that students become adept at handling.

The Spring Garden & Butterfly Festival Coming in April



Thousands of house and garden plants, landscape design consultations, butterfly releases, museum tours and more are on tap when the Spring Garden & Butterfly Festival returns to the Cuyamaca College campus for its 26th year on April 27. Several thousand visitors from throughout the region and beyond are expected to be on hand. Old Town Trolley Tours of San Diego will provide free narrated rides to and from the garden, museum, and college. Making this year’s festival especially noteworthy: Cuyamaca College is celebrating its 40th anniversary and The Water Conservation is celebrating its 20th year anniversary. Both will be hosting displays recalling their histories.