



Much of March was spent managing the transition to a virtual campus. As such, this report is organized to share with you stories of partnership and innovation through the "Great Shift" and stories of success in our "New Normal."

THE GREAT SHIFT

Facilities Team Fabricates Hand Sanitizer Stations

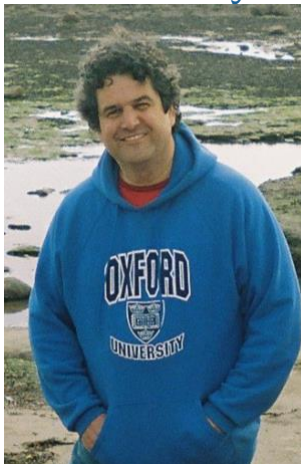


The Cuyamaca College Facilities team once again pulled together to manage an obstacle. In late February, after learning that no supplier could provide dispensers for hand sanitizer, the facilities team fabricated portable hand sanitizer dispenser stations for the College and the District. In collaboration with their leadership, the team developed a budget and design. They built 50 hand sanitizer stations in four-days. The stations were installed across Cuyamaca College and at the District offices.

Counseling Innovates to Provide Continuity of Service

Through great innovation, counseling faculty found a way to allow students to sign-up online to continue to receive education planning. By booking appointments via zoom, virtual drop ins, and e-Counseling, students are still connected to counseling faculty. Community colleges around the region are reaching out to our counseling team to ask for the model.

ESL Faculty Leads Statewide Webinar



Faculty member Guillermo Colls was selected by the California Acceleration Project (CAP) to share best practices for teaching ESL online. The statewide seminar had more than 350 participants from community colleges around the state and included some out of state faculty. According to Colls, CAP expressed confidence that Cuyamaca's ESL courses, even in remote setting, align with acceleration principles.

The one-hour webinar offered tips and tricks for moving ESL courses online, and Colls took time to answer questions from those participating.

THE NEW NORMAL

Virtual Campus Website Launched

As Cuyamaca College services and classes moved online, there were and are a number of changes to how students interact with faculty and staff. In the days leading up to the shift to online/remote education, we created a “virtual campus” microsite that hosts resources, tools, and communication mechanisms for students and employees in the new normal. As information changes, and needs arise, the site is updated. A social media campaign has launched to promote the services most requested by students, including online tutoring, Canvas/Zoom tutorials, financial aid, health and well-being support, and the transfer center.



Middle Eastern Heritage Month Events Continue, Online

Cuyamaca College’s popular Middle Eastern Heritage Month is moving online as part of Cuyamaca’s Virtual Campus. All events will be carried on the Cuyamaca College [YouTube channel](#). An example of events offered include weekly cooking classes with Chef Paul Karyakos who taught



how to make Lebanese labneh (like cream cheese), hummus, tabbouleh salad and shakshuka (a breakfast food). Other events included calligraphy classes, art and music, and lectures on the contributions of Arab-Americans. The events are curated to educate the campus community and the public about the contributions of the Middle Eastern culture.

Emergency Fund Application Moved Online

In response to the COVID-19 crisis and related stay-at-home order, Cuyamaca College students are facing unprecedented hardships. Requests from students for food, diapers, funds to purchase necessities, and support for a shift to online learning have been flooding faculty and staff. The Cuyamaca Cares team transitioned its existing Emergency Fund application to an online modality and in three days received more than 1,200 requests. With funding available from the Emergency Fund, CARE Act funds, Financial Aid, and the Coyote Fund, it is expected that Cuyamaca will be able to disburse up to \$105,000 to students.

Virtual Town Hall Reunites Campus

On Friday, April 3, 2020, President Julianna Barnes hosted a virtual town hall with the Cuyamaca campus to thank employees for their work to transition to a virtual campus, share information about resources for students and employees, and discuss a way forward. Held on Zoom, the town hall drew nearly 200 employees. Many of whom helped to answer questions for their fellow employees through the chat box feature via Zoom, and who generally enjoyed re-connecting. Most questions from employees focused on new processes to support students in the new normal.

PRE-CLOSURE

Deputy Attorney General Tim Nader Visits PoliSci Class



Deputy Attorney General Tim Nader joined Dr. Josh Franco's political science class on February 27 to discuss his role in the Business & Tax Section of the California Attorney General's office. In the weeks prior to his visit, Dr. Franco's class had discussed federalism, civil liberties, and civil rights. In his role with the California Department of Justice, Mr. Nader helped to bring these concepts to life by discussing his experience in and out of the courtroom.

Jamie Adams Receives Award for Service to the Industry

On February 23, Cuyamaca College Athletic Trainer Jamie Adams received the California Athletic Trainers' Association's (CATA) State Recognition Award. The award is given to those who have and/or are making a significant contribution of their time and energy to CATA. Adams has been the CATA Public Relations Committee Chair for five years as well as sitting on the Governmental Affairs Committee for the past four years.



Fundraiser for Umoja Scholars

The first annual Jazz & Jokes Scholarship Fundraiser was held on February 21 in the Samuel M. Ciccati Performing Arts Center. The event was sponsored by the Umoja Scholars Program and served as the signature event for Cuyamaca's College's Black History Month. Guests enjoyed an evening of comedy and music from a live band courtesy of Focused Fusion Entertainment. Proceeds from the event will help to fund scholarships for Umoja Scholars who have been accepted to a university for fall 2020.