



President's Report to the Governing Board *April 21, 2015*

“Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow”

🐾 *Phi Theta Kappa Academic Team Includes Cuyamaca College Student*



Cuyamaca College student **Ms. Evelyn Gutierrez** attended the Phi Theta Kappa Academic Team Awards Luncheon in Sacramento on Tuesday, April 7. Ms. Gutierrez was honored as one of the students selected for the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Team Program. To be eligible for this award, a student must be nominated; have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher; and be on track to earn an associate's or bachelor's degree. Each California community college is only able to nominate 2 students from their college. Ms. Gutierrez, a single mother, is majoring in Business Administration and Communications and maintains a 4.0 GPA. After graduation, she plans to transfer to SDSU to specialize in human resources. Working in the DSPS High Tech Center, Evelyn enjoys working with our disabled student population. Ms. Gutierrez was accompanied to the luncheon by her mother and Cuyamaca College President **Mark J. Zacovic**.

🐾 *Iraqi Cultural Presentation “Beyond the Impossible”*



It was standing room only for the cultural event “Beyond the Impossible” which was held in the college theatre on Wednesday, April 8. Evil witches, dark spells, and rescuing a lovely princess were part of one man's challenge as he took the journey to bring back hope and light to his people. Students enrolled in the Arabic 120, 250, and 251 classes took part in the performances which portrayed various scenes depicting battles between good and evil. Each scene was represented by traditional costumes, music, and dance reflecting the particular culture of that era of the Middle and Far East. **Ms. Aklas Sheai**, Arabic Instructor, created most of the costumes used in the production. Services were provided by Cuyamaca College's Student Affairs, Associated Student Government, World Languages Department, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council. The event was funded by the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges.



🐾 **Diversity Dialogue**



On April 7, Dr. Shaun Travers presented the Diversity Dialogue workshop, *Understanding the LGBT Alphabet Soup! Race, Gender & Sexuality through an LGBT Lens*, which attracted 30 students. This interactive workshop was designed to help students better understand issues that can affect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students. In their feedback, students commented that this session was an excellent opportunity not only to increase awareness of problems that students could face, but also to promote leadership development.

🐾 **Auto Tech Students Receive Scholarships**

The Over The Hill Gang San Diego Car Club, a pre-1959 car club and the largest car club in San Diego County, provided 5 scholarships for GM ASEP students in the Auto Technology program. The students, **Mr. Anthony Belbeck, Mr. Jason Bertrand, Mr. Brandon Lyon, Mr. Javier Ruiz, and Mr. Aereon Wright** were each presented their scholarship at a recent meeting of the Over The Hill Gang. **Mr. Chris Branton**, Instructor and Department Chair, coordinated the event.



🐾 **Bystander Intervention Training for Students**

On April 10, the Student Affairs Offices at Cuyamaca College and Grossmont College coordinated a student bystander intervention workshop, which was presented by the Center for Community Solutions. During this interactive presentation that attracted 21 students, participants talked about various situations that may or may not require intervention from student bystanders. This training class also highlighted specific strategies on when and how to react whether on campus or in their own personal relationships. After the session, students received a "Stand Up and Speak Out" pledge bracelet.

🐾 **Cuyamaca College Athletics Pulls Its Own Weight through the Great Recession**

Cuyamaca College student-athletes are putting up impressive numbers yet again! Cuyamaca College Athletics has done a great job both on and off the field of play. This cohort of students also is extremely successful -- they persist at impressive rates. Student-athletes, historically, boast a higher GPA than the general student body. Our student-athletes are not only successful in their sport and in the class-room, but they also help generate sizeable revenue for the college. Since the fall 2012 semester, Cuyamaca College student-athletes have generated approximately 557 FTES. That equates to approximately \$2.5 million in revenue from the state, an average of more than \$800,000 per academic year! Let's hear it for our Cuyamaca College Coyotes!!!

🐾 **Veterans Center Receives Furniture Donation**

Thanks to the delivery of office furniture donated by Jerome's Furniture, the college's recently opened Veterans' Services office now has a fresh new look. The more than \$6,000 in new furniture, including chairs, desks, file cabinets and bookcases, was acquired with the help of the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges.

Library Display: Springtime Celebration



We invite you to come to the library to view our display of books on nature, gardening, composting, birds and butterflies. Displays also include materials on loan from the Heritage of the Americas Museum, the Water Conservation Garden, and the Cuyamaca College OH Nursery.

Part-time Instructor Presents Workshop



Mr. Tony Zambelli conducted a California Council for Economic Education workshop, "Teaching High School Economics: Filling in the Gaps with Common Core & the C3 Framework," on Wednesday, March 25 at West LA College. He provided ready-to-use Common Core-aligned lessons and supplemental materials to engage students and to integrate learning across multiple subjects. Tony co-presented with Jim Charkins, Ph.D., who is the Center Director at CSU San Bernardino. They covered the C3 Framework, implementing Common Core state standards in the economics classroom and shared best practices and experiences.

Fulbright Scholar to Return to Cuyamaca College



Mr. Heriberto (Eddie) Vasquez, Student Support Specialist in EOPS, will be returning to his position this coming summer. He has spent the last year in Columbia teaching English. He sent the following message:

"When I'm not teaching English as a Fulbright at Universidad Cooperativa de Colombia I love to travel to some amazing places in Colombia. I have learned so much, experienced culture shock and even some home sickness, but overall this experience has been one of the most personally fulfilling and gratifying experiences I've ever been granted. Of course, I would not have been able to have such opportunity had it not

been approved by the Governing Board, Chancellor Miles, and President Zacovic. Although I have two months to go in this amazing lively country, I'm excited to get back to Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and see familiar faces of co-workers, colleagues, leaders, and Cuyamaca's EOPS-Counseling Services family! This picture of me was taken at Taganga Beach in Santa Marta, Colombia during the Holiday Break. Thank you all for this amazing opportunity! Eternally grateful, Heriberto (Eddie) Vasquez."

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Spring Concert Series

Unless otherwise noted, all concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre. Cost is \$8 general admission and \$5 for students. To reserve tickets, call 619-660-4288.

For more information, visit: www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts.

Thursday, April 23 College Band Night: PLNU, SDSU, Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges

Sunday, April 26 Myriad Trio (SDEMS*)

Wednesday, April 29 Derek Cannon Jazz Quintet

Thursday, April 30 Cuyamaca College Chamber Orchestra

*Presented by the San Diego Early Music Society. Student tickets are available for \$10 each.



Spring Garden Festival

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Grand Lawn

Auto Skills Day

Saturday, May 2, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Auto Bays



Automotive Service Councils of California
Professionals in Automotive Service ~ Since 1940



Coyote Music Festival

Saturday, May 2, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Grand Lawn, *free event*

Spring 2015 Career Workshops

All Career Workshops are free for students, college employees, and community members.

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| Thursday, April 23 | <i>Interviewing Techniques</i> | 12:00-1:30 p.m. | Career Center |
| Thursday, April 30 | <i>Job Fair Techniques</i> | 12:00-1:30 p.m. | Career Center |
| Wednesday, May 6 | <i>Interviewing Techniques</i> | 1:00-2:00 p.m. | Student Center, I-207 |
| Thursday, May 7 | <i>Networking for your Future Job</i> | 12:00-1:30 p.m. | Career Center |
| Thursday, May 14 | <i>Resume Writing</i> | 12:00-1:30 p.m. | Career Center |
| Wednesday, May 20 | <i>East County Career Expo</i> | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Student Center, I-207 |

Transfer Achievement Ceremony

Friday, May 8, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Communication Arts Theatre

