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President’s Report to the Governing Board February 17, 2009

🐾 Doing More With Less

Cuyamaca College has shown tremendous growth since last year. The following is an analysis of the Spring 2009 enrollment compared with Spring 2008 enrollment as of the same day of registration. This report is as Census Day, February 9th, 2009:

	Spring 2009	Spring 2008	Difference by #	Percentage +/-
Date	02/09/09	02/11/08		
Headcount	9847	8931	+916	+10.3
Units	68983.0	60860.5	+8122.5	+13.3

🐾 Faculty Members Receive Award for Teaching Excellence

At the annual Spring Convocation, Academic Senate President Michael Wangler presented Mr. Pat Setzer, Music instructor, the “Award for Teaching Excellence,” for full-time faculty. Mr. Setzer has shared his many talents by performing at numerous college events, including commencement, the Wendell Cutting Center dedication, and last year’s Foundation Gala. He has also been very instrumental in designing and promoting our new music and performing arts facilities and new degree programs as well as building stronger community partnerships.



Mr. Wangler also presented Ms. Kelley Nielsen, American Sign Language Instructor, the “Award for Teaching Excellence,” for outstanding part-time faculty. Ms. Nielsen has been the lead faculty in establishing the Cuyamaca College American Sign Language Association. She has performed with her Choir at many college events, including commencement, convocation, and the grand opening celebrations. Ms. Nielsen also works as a volunteer tutor and tutor trainer.

🐾 Golden Coyote Awards

At Spring Convocation, selected faculty and staff were recognized for their exceptional commitment in *Leading the Way* at Cuyamaca College.

The following is a list of the winners for this year’s Golden Coyote Awards in our five key focus areas of strategic planning:

Academic Excellence & Program Development (2 awards)

Award 1: California Economic & Workforce Development, Industry Driven Regional Collaborative (IDRC), Water/Wastewater Grant program: Victoria Hankins, Don Jones, Brad Monroe, and Tony Zambelli.

Award 2: Innovative Music Extra-curricular Program: Pat Setzer.

Student Success (2 awards)

Award 1: Student Services Conversion - 2 teams for implementing the new student record system.

Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) team: Lisa DiBella and Laura Keller

College-wide Colleague Implementation: Joan Burak, Kimberly Gioscia, Sharron Hamlett, Cheryl Houston, Billie Lavan, Joe Marron, Rose Monce, Olivia Krausie, Ray Reyes, Avelina Wildet, and Dr. Madelaine Wolfe

Award 2: First Year Student Success Learning Communities Project: Kari Crawford.

Facilities and Physical Environment (2 awards)

Award 1: Innovative Child Development Center Enhancement: Linda Haar

Award 2: David DeHaven, George Diaz, and Patty Tackett, representing Facilities, Operations and Grounds.

Resource Development

Center of Innovation: Dr. Darlene Spoor

Community Relations

Got Plans? Committee: Jennifer Abel, Amaliya Blyumin, Patty Branton, Laurie Brown, Dr. Tracie Herd, Nicole Jones, Dr. Joe Marron, Henri Migala, Cindy Morrin, and Alan Ridley.



🐾 San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob Comes to Cuyamaca College

Cuyamaca College was the host of County Supervisor Dianne Jacob's annual State of the County address on February 11th. The beautiful Communication Arts Theatre served as the elegant setting for this official event, which was attended by nearly 500 people, including many mayors, law enforcement officials, fire captains and chiefs, and numerous other elected officials and VIPs from throughout San Diego County. Overflow seating and a live 'simulcast', were provided in the Digital Theatre. Local restaurants and eateries provided elegant refreshments and deserts to those in attendance after the event. Music before the event was provided by piano protégé Chase Morrin, son of Cindy Morrin from the college's Counseling Department. Local musical artist Wayne Johnson, from Taylor Guitars, played the national anthem.

A big Cuyamaca Coyote howl goes out to our very talented AV team of Cyndy Bourget, Bryan Cooper and Phu Nguyen, as well as electrician Jon Langteau for their efforts in setting up the event. Special thanks also go to Henri Migala, Executive Dean, for serving as the liaison with

the county, and the college's Facilities and Public Safety personnel for their selfless efforts in making the evening a spectacular and flawless success. Comments were heard from both Ms. Jacob's staff and the event attendees reflecting both the beauty of the college and the facility as well as the 'can do' and accommodating professionalism of our staff. The State of the County address was broadcasted on the County Television Network (CTN) later that evening and repeatedly during the subsequent days.

🐾 Basic Skills Retreat

On Friday, February 6th, an all-day Basic Skills Retreat was held at Cuyamaca College. Facilitated by Co-Chairs Ms. Mary Graham and Dr. Joe Marron, and Basic Skills Coordinator Ms. Jan Ford, the first half of the Retreat focused on updating the implementation plans for the 2008-09 Basic Skills initiative. The workshop group consisted of the Basic Skills Committee and selected staff and faculty who are involved in Basic Skills activities at the College. The second half of the day focused on developing criteria, processes, procedures and evaluations directed toward the 2009-10 Basic Skills Plan and beyond. Additionally, the Basic Skills Committee also adopted the name *OnTrack* as its permanent program title.

🐾 Rice Foundation Supports OH

The Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Program and the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society have received a multi-part grant from the Rice Family Foundation. This represents the 15th year of support from the foundation. The funds support scholarships, the department newsletter (*The Urban Horticulturist*) and student internships at the department nursery. Since the first contributions in 1995, more than 150 students have benefited from the generosity of the Rice Family Foundation.

🐾 Student Services Makes Strides in SLOs!

With the help of J. D. White, from *Student Voice* in Buffalo, New York, Student Services held a retreat focused on Student Learning Outcomes on January 14th. As a result of the excellent retreat, Student Services is now well on its way to developing excellent SLOs for the 2009-2010 Student Development and Services Master Plan. Forty-one faculty and staff from all areas and departments of Student Development and Services participated in the retreat. Great appreciation and gratitude is extended to the Cuyamaca College Foundation for providing the funding to make this productive and important event possible.

🐾 College is Now Part of iTunes University

Cuyamaca College has been accepted as a participant in iTunes University. The partnership will facilitate the college's efforts to bring quality learning opportunities to our students using a wide variety of devices, including iPhones, iPods, and other podcast-supportive equipment. One of the more exciting campus-wide projects to utilize this media will be student-generated video segments explaining pertinent course content. Students will be able to check out video cameras from the LRC and utilize college computers to edit their videos.



🐾 Emergency Preparedness Training

Three teams of presenters gave lectures on campus safety procedures to 238 faculty during Flex Week at Cuyamaca College. A group presentation to the President's Cabinet was also provided using the same and additional materials (for administrators with regular college or off-hour supervision) on January 27th. Additionally, Dr. Chiriboga has requested that campus drills and scenarios be presented to test college systems.

🐾 College Faculty Involved in San Diego Developmental Math Team

Ms. Tammi Marshall, Ms. Terrie Nichols and Mr. Dan Curtis, full-time math faculty, are a part of the Faculty Collaborations for Course TransformationS (FACCTS) San Diego Developmental Math Team. This team is one element of the program to support implementation of effective instructional practices for the Basic Skills Initiative in Developmental Math courses. Our team will work together to adapt and apply innovative teaching and learning methods that implement the BSI Instructional Practices. By sharing knowledge and resources, FACCTS faculty teams increase the impact of their individual course designs for student success.



🐾 Mystery Writer Returns to Cuyamaca College

On Friday, January 30th, Ms. Jeanne Stein presented a lecture on the creative process and avenues to publishing works of fiction.

Audience members listened as Ms. Stein guided them through the steps of building a career as a writer. Ms. Stein is the author of the *Anna Strong Chronicles*, a series of action mysteries, featuring fictional bounty hunter Anna Strong as she commences a new, extended life in San Diego as a contemporary vampire – part of an emerging literary genre labeled urban fantasy. Jeanne Stein

attended classes at Cuyamaca during the early years of the college when only a few instructional “huts” and a greenhouse could be found on campus. Appreciation is once again extended to the Cuyamaca College Foundation for providing the funding to support this event.

🐾 Science On The Move

Dr. Kathryn Nette (Biology), Dr. Glenn Thurman (Astronomy/Physics), and Ms. Laurie LeBlanc (Chemistry) combined forces for a Forensic Science Project in Fall 2008 which integrated their three disciplines. Three of their classes solved the case of "The Snuffed-Out Sleuth" by doing five different scientific analyses and sharing data, much of it via a shared BlackBoard site, since the three classes were not held at the same time. The exercise was a great success!

Laurie LeBlanc, Chemistry instructor, was a presenter for two forensic workshops at the California Science Teachers Association Annual Conference last October. One presentation involved blood spatter analysis and the second discussed a variety of forensic tests performed to solve a "crime".



This spring, Science instructors Dr. Kathryn Nette and Ms. Laurie LeBlanc will be speaking at the Two-Year College Chemistry Consortium Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. They will be presenting a workshop on the integration of chemistry and biology into scenario-based labs.

🐾 Faculty and Staff Participate in SDICCCA Intern Workshop

Instructors Dr. Paul Carmona, Ms. Courtney Hammond, Ms. Inwon Leu, and Associate Dean Connie Elder participated in the SDICCCA Intern's Workshop panel on Shared Governance held at the college on Friday, February 6th.

Upcoming College Events

🐾 Math Competition Day (March 14th)

🐾 Classified Staff Appreciation Day (April 6th)

🐾 Student Fine Art Exhibition opens April 23rd

🐾 Spring Garden Festival (April 25th)

🐾 Automotive Skills Day (May 2nd)

🐾 Transfer Achievement Celebration (May 15th)

🐾 Cuyamaca College Foundation Gala -- Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Student Center.
The theme for this year's event is "It's Good To Be Green."