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CUYAMACA COLLEGE RECEIVES \$3,326,254 IN GRANTS



Dr. Kay Hartig

In 1995 Cuyamaca recognized the need for additional revenues for the college to be creative and innovative in its approach to teaching and learning and student success. The Grants Office was established under the leadership of **Dr. Kay Hartig**, Executive Dean, Educational Development and Services. **Dr. Teresa McNeil**, faculty, accepted the reassigned position as Grant Writer. This year's efforts resulted in \$3,326,254 in 3 Federal grants awarded this year. In extremely austere fiscal times, these funds will make a huge difference for students in the next 1-5 years.

Third Try Was the Charm for Title III

After two previous unsuccessful efforts to obtain a Title III Grant, **Drs. McNeil and Hartig** joined together last year to get the much sought after prize. The result was successful, and Cuyamaca College received the U. S. Department of Education, Title III Grant of \$1,750,000 over the next 5 years. Dr. McNeil wrote an almost perfect application, scoring 97.67 out of 100 points.



Dr. Teresa McNeil

The project focuses on technology integration, faculty training, and curriculum development and will address retention and student success among young, first-year students. Utilization of technology as a tool will increase student access, improve learning environments and enhance student services. Faculty and staff will be able to address the needs of high-risk students and with training, use new technologies to better reach and engage them. The curriculum development component will ensure a smooth transition from one academic course level to the next.

Cuyamaca Awarded Prestigious NSF Grant

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently awarded Cuyamaca College an \$883,000 three-year grant in telecommunications and networking education. The Computer and Information Science Department's **Ted Chandler**, Principal Investigator, and **Connie Elder**, Co-Principal Investigator, will lead the NSF Advanced Technological Education (ATE) funded project to establish the Institute for Telecommunications Technologies (IT2) at Cuyamaca College. With this award, Cuyamaca College joins the



Ted Chandler



Connie Elder

prestigious NSF ATE family of colleges and universities receiving similar grants in the last 10 years.

The NSF grant provides funding to develop a world-class education program, comprising telecommunications and networking curricula, multimedia and web-based curriculum delivery, "hands-on/engaged" teaching and learning laboratory, teacher training workshops, and success strategies for women in information technology and telecommunications.

Congressional Award Will Advance Math, Science and Engineering Programs



Duncan Hunter, Congressman

Congressman Duncan Hunter and Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Trustee, **Wendell Cutting** were instrumental in obtaining a Congressional Award of \$695,450 to enhance the math, science, and engineering programs. The 2003-2004 award is the largest dollar amount ever awarded to the College for one year.

Based on the successful strategies of the existing Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program at the College, the concepts were expanded to benefit a wider range of students enrolled in math, science and engineering classes. With just two objectives, (1) to enhance math, science and engineering instruction and (2) to increase student achievement in math, science, and engineering, there is a clear focus for the year. The goal is for students in basic skills courses to gain academic skills needed for careers in technology related fields and upper division course work.



Wendell Cutting, GCCCD Trustee

The project leaders **Tammi Marshall**, Chair of Math, and **Dr. Kathryn Nette**, Chair of Sciences, are anticipating an extremely busy year which will include the purchase of much needed new equipment. **Dr. Madelaine Wolfe**, Dean of Instruction, will oversee the effort.



Tammi Marshall



Dr. Kathryn Nette

A Message from the President

There is a special sense of excitement that abounds in many areas of the College. Numerous members of the College community have experienced this distinctive sensation. It's quite comparable to the feelings of exhilaration and anticipation one has in response to some of life's finer moments, whether it's in anticipating the birth of a baby, celebrating the achievement of completing an academic degree, a special wedding anniversary, a 50th birthday, ringing in the new year or watching your team win the World Series. One would not suspect the mounting sense of anticipation at Cuyamaca College looking in from the outside. Faculty, staff and students behind the scenes in facilities planning meetings have witnessed firsthand the growing enthusiasm that is continually escalating at the College with each meeting. As we advance in capital project development and renditions of buildings and models are unveiled, our pulses race and we're breathless with the image of what is soon to come – a new and expanded Cuyamaca College - a Cuyamaca College for the 21st century!

Just a little over a year ago, the College community, guided by the leadership and vision of our Board of Trustees and Chancellor, collaborated with members of our sister institution – Grossmont College in an effort to gain taxpayer support for our local bond measure – Prop R. Some of the more active individuals in this bond measure campaign were the members of our Automotive Technology program. At first, I was struck by their commitment and dedication to the District cause and the need to improve our colleges. As I watched their unending hours of hard work on the bond campaign, it dawned on me that our first facilities project was the renovation of the P Building – our Automotive Technology Building. The hard work of many faculty members, staff and students, and the “guys” of the Automotive Department truly paid off with the passing of Prop R – a \$207 million bond measure.

Keeping to our word, the very first bond facilities project, the renovation of the Automotive Technology facility will begin June 2004. This past



Dr. Geraldine M. Perri

Fall, with the support of our Board of Trustees, the automotive renovation project was approved for \$2.8 million. In describing his feelings toward the planning process for the renovation, Jim Custeau, Chair of the Automotive Technology Department, exclaimed to the Board, “I'm ecstatic, I've planned and have gotten everything that I asked for!” As the P Building is renovated and transformed, so, too, will its name transition to the “Automotive Technology Mall” scheduled for completion by Spring 2005.

As the due dates for the groundbreaking for two new facilities approach, the dream and vision of our Educational and Facilities Master Plan is becoming more and more a reality. In Fall 2004, ground will be broken for the new Science/Technology Mall which will house Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and Computer Information Science programs. This new building will set the stage for future buildings at Cuyamaca College, which will mirror similar design features. Closely following the Science Technology Mall in timeline is the new Student Center, which will sit opposite the Science Tech Mall and be united by a unique patio and landscaping. The Student Center will address the need for campus life and will provide a central hub for student activities and retail services including a bookstore, food services, student health center and student government.

I invite you to be a part of the excitement at Cuyamaca College and join us as we renovate facilities, design new buildings and launch into our future as a college with the vision of “Learning for the Future.”

Sincerely,

Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.
President



Pat Setzer

Academic Senate President's Update

The 2003-2004 academic year is shaping up to be a busy one for the Academic Senate. Several of the recommendations from the College's recent Accreditation Self-Study are activities that fall under the Senate's purview. The most important is the task of revising the faculty handbook. A working group has been formed with the goal of producing a first draft of the new handbook by the end of the Spring Semester.

A second area of interest for the Senate this year has been the new Accreditation Standards adopted in June 2003 by the Accrediting

Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. The new standards emphasize the use of Measurable Student Learning Outcomes at course, program, and institutional levels. It will be the Academic Senate's job to ensure that the faculty assumes the primary responsibility for interpreting and applying the new standards to the College's educational policies and procedures.

And finally, in this time of extraordinary budget challenges, the Academic Senate has been actively involved in local and statewide dialogue about community college funding. Both Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, **Pat Setzer**, and Grossmont College Academic Senate President, **Beth Smith**, have been strong advocates for funding equity within the California Community College system and have had the opportunity to lead discussions on equalization at both the statewide Academic Senate and the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges.

Jan Ford Elected West Vice President of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges

Jan's term of office began at the close of the AMATYC Conference in November 2003 and will end at the close of the AMATYC Conference in 2005 which will be held in San Diego. Her duties include providing leadership and support to projects undertaken by AMATYC and to the affiliate organizations in her region which include California, Nevada and Hawaii. **Congratulations Jan.**



Jan Ford

Fall 2003 Cuyamaca College Service Awards

Faculty, staff, and administrators were recognized for longevity and "Years of Service" to the GCCCD District at the Fall 2003 Convocation.

Making the service award presentations were Cuyamaca President, **Dr. Geraldine M. Perri** and Academic Senate President, **Pat Setzer**.



5 Years:

Debra Babylon
Patricia Bailey
Shari Ball
Susan Crabtree
Greg Gomez
John Lyons
Katherine Meek
Vangie Meneses
Barbara Modica
Nicole Mosa
Phu Nguyen
Ann Sharp
Peter Utgaard



10 Years:

Priscilla Bartholomew
Dave Francis
Sharron Hamlett
Olivia Krausie
Donna Lee-Cristaldi
Selene Miles
Terrie Nichols



15 Years:

Therese Botz
Cathy Bowyer
Connie Elder
Pamela Fleming
Dennis Franey
Donna Hajj
Kay Hartig
Nancy Jennings
Brad Monroe
Sandra Phoenix
Eric Preibisius



20 Years:

Sandy Beasley
Mary Ingram



25 Years:

Val Aubol
James Custeau
Marjie Kallmeyer
Tony Zambelli



30 Years:

Pedro Alvarado
Ezequiel Cardenas
Jim Ney
Kristin Zink



35 Years:

William Moebus

Strategic Planning Underway for 2005-2010

The Cuyamaca College community has geared up to develop a College Strategic Plan for 2005-2010. The planning process, emphasizing broad faculty and staff participation, is one of the hallmarks of the College's "culture of planning." The approach commands extensive buy-in and support from all college constituents and mobilizes the energies and commitment of all offices and departments on campus. What is the recipe for such an effective planning strategy?

The process is initiated through the College's Innovation and Planning Council (IPC). The IPC, chaired by President **Geraldine Perri**, includes representation from all constituencies—faculty, students, staff, and administration. In Spring 2003, IPC members took part in an all-day retreat reviewing an environmental scan of the District service area. **Dr. Brad Phillips**, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, and **Darlene Cole**, Manager, presented internal and external data sources to establish the 5 areas of focus for the new Strategic Plan. Areas identified were: Academic Excellence, Student Success, Facilities and Physical Environment, Community Relations, and Resource Development.

The Fall 2003 college-wide President's Convocation included strategic planning focus area break-out groups. IPC members facilitated faculty, staff and administrators in brainstorming specific activities addressing focus areas. The IPC Writing Subcommittee, faculty members **Pat Setzer**, **Chuck Charter**, **Kristin Zink**, **Patricia Santana** and Vice President of Instruction, **Cristina Chiriboga**, reviewed, edited and organized over 300 responses received from the college community. The goal is to use the ideas for a college-wide survey that will identify the priority activities for each focus area. Survey results will become the implementation agenda for the College over the next five years. The process concludes in Spring 2004, and the College Strategic Plan 2005-2010 will be published for the 2004-05 academic year.

High School & Community Relations Department Brings Them In!

The Cuyamaca College High School and Community Relations Department got off to a busy start this Fall. The Coordinator of the program, **Barbara Meese**, organized seven large campus tours. Perhaps you saw these high school students touring on campus on Friday mornings or you smelled the delicious pizza they were served at lunch time!

them about the wonderful opportunities awaiting each student after they have completed 10th grade or upon graduation from high school.



Barbara Meese

The phone rang with invitations for classroom PowerPoint presentations and to attend college fairs and community events. Student ambassadors and one counselor were busy at 11 different high schools. On a regular basis they met with prospective interested students telling



High School Student Tour Group Enjoys Pizza Lunch

Cuyamaca College Health and Wellness Center

Low blood iron identified as college health issue:

On October 16, 2003, the Health and Wellness Center sponsored a successful campus blood drive. Students, faculty, administrators and staff donated blood while the San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile was on campus. Part of the pre-donation screening is to test for iron levels in the blood. According to the Nurse on the Bloodmobile, low blood iron, or iron deficiency anemia, is a common cause for deferral, especially on college campuses.

What does this mean to our students? Iron deficiency can lead to fatigue, poor concentration, reduced work performance, poor regulation of body temperature and suppressed immunity, which increases susceptibility to infections and disease.

To prevent iron deficiency eat several servings each day of foods rich in iron, including dark green leafy vegetables, legumes, prunes, or extra-lean meat. Adding foods rich in vitamin C improves your body's absorption of iron. Drink less tea and coffee which



contain tannins that inhibit iron absorption.

For more information, visit the Health and Wellness Center, Room A-111. The next campus blood drive will be April 29, 2004.

Health Services Educator Available

The Health and Wellness Center is honored to employ **Peter Hanna** as Health Services Educator while he peruses a surgical residency. Peter received his B. S. in Biology from the University of California-Riverside and his Masters in Health Services Administration from St. Joseph's College in Maine. He graduated from St. Matthew's University School of Medicine in Belize, Central America. Peter brings an enthusiasm for health and sincere interest in students to his classroom talks. Contact Peter to speak to your class at the Health and Wellness Center, Room A-111, extension 4200.

Building a Bridge to the Future



(left to right) Jessica, Jewel, Sierra

The Cuyamaca Child Development Center (CCDC) is helping to build the future... one child at a time.

The long anticipated new CCDC opened its doors Fall 2002 with a wonderful response from families and children at the college and in the community.

It is often said that "children are our future," and the CCDC is working to make that prediction a reality. The children greatly enhance the curriculum in the Child Development instructional program as Child Development students participate in various capacities in the CCDC. The children provide the inspiration for the CCDC to serve as a valuable resource for early childhood professionals throughout Southern California. The children are a link between the local community and the college. The children create a connection between the CCDC and other campus departments and programs when people visit for tours, observations, and events.

As the College grows in enrollment and facilities, the Cuyamaca Child Development Center is a bridge to the future, with professionalism, integrity, and the highest of standards, one child at a time.

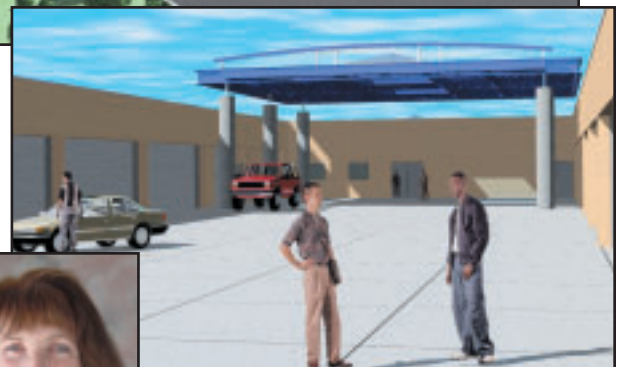
Automotive Complex Gets Needed Improvements and a New Look!

The remodel of the Automotive Technology Complex was Cuyamaca's # 1 priority on the College Facilities Master Plan. Thanks to Prop R, State Scheduled Maintenance Funds and a lot of college planning, in June the college will begin construction to upgrade and expand this very popular instructional area. The project converts older classrooms and labs to up-to-date lecture rooms, adds an automotive small components electronic testing lab, a heavy equipment lab and a computer lab with state-of-the-art automotive diagnostic equipment.

This \$2,884,000 project, including an equipment allocation will result in six "Smart Classrooms". The overall building will be increased from 16,900 gross square footage (gsf) to almost 20,000 gsf. There will be a new lecture room and some of the auto bays will be extended to accommodate new alignment equipment.

A grand scale entrance with new lighting fixtures and a courtyard will enhance the new look. Other improvements include a 3,000 foot canopy to provide shade and rain protection while working on vehicles, new high-efficiency lighting including skylights in the classrooms, remodeled restrooms and a new roof.

The planning and construction are on schedule and will be completed by the end of Fall 2004. So stop by and watch us grow!



(upper) Automotive Complex Entrance
(lower) Courtyard/Classrooms & Auto Bays



Sue Rearic
Interim Dean, Administrative Services

Bob Furry Retires from Math Department

Bob Furry's retirement at the end of Fall Semester begins a wonderful transition for him, but a loss for Cuyamaca. His professional background is quite diverse. Before coming to Cuyamaca, Bob worked as a city engineer, taught high school, worked as Assistant Director of Planning and Research for San Diego Unified School District, and taught engineering courses in South East Asia for 2 years with the Peace Corps.



Bob Furry

Bob started part-time at Cuyamaca in 1987. In 1990, he became full-time with half teaching and half college researcher. When research activities were consolidated at the District, Bob devoted all his time to mathematics teaching. His engineering and technology know-how has been a great asset to the Math Department.

Bob's future plans include travel, continuing his love of language study, teaching engineering part-time at SDSU and spending some quality time with his wife Barbara. One thing we know in the Math department is that we will miss you Bob.

Dr. Marsha Fralick Publishes Second Edition Text

The second edition of "College and Career Success," written by **Dr. Marsha Fralick**, Counselor and Personal Development Instructor at Cuyamaca College, has just been released. The first edition was well-received and adopted by many local community colleges for personal development courses. Because of the success of the first edition, the new second edition is being marketed as a nationwide publication.

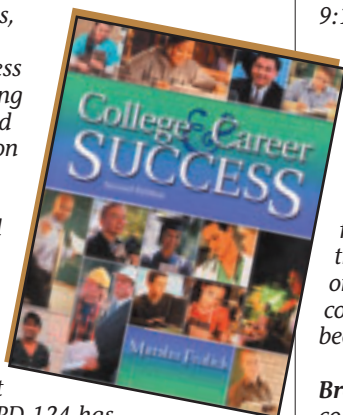


Dr. Marsha Fralick

The textbook focuses on student success in college and future careers. It includes three main areas: college success, career success and lifelong success. Topics include motivation, time management, memory and reading techniques, test taking, note taking, and hints for good writing and public speaking. The career success area helps students choose a major by exploring personality, interests, values, learning style and multiple intelligences, as well as information on career trends and making career decisions. The lifelong success component includes communication and relationships, critical and creative thinking, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, appreciating diversity, understanding life stages and positive thinking.

This textbook is used in Personal Development 124, Lifelong Success at Cuyamaca College. PD 124 has been approved to meet general education requirements for the California State Universities and Colleges and is the first course of this type to be approved for transfer to the University of California. Because of the course content and transferability, over 1000 students at Cuyamaca College take PD 124 each year.

Congratulations to Dr. Fralick!



Spanish Instructor, David Detwiler Travels to Ecuador

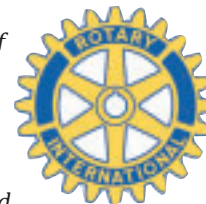
For over thirty years Rotary's International Foundation has sponsored a group study exchange program that sends teams of educators to foreign countries for hands-on educational experiences and cultural enrichment.



David Detwiler

This year, **David Detwiler**, Spanish instructor, was selected from a number of applicants to participate in the program. Mr. Detwiler traveled to Ecuador in November 2003 and, according to Mr. Detwiler, "traveled throughout most of the country." He was part of a team of Spanish-speaking educators who stayed in the homes of local Ecuadorians, worked in classrooms with students, and shared educational ideas and philosophies with their Ecuadorian counterparts.

Mr. Detwiler was selected based on upon a number of criteria set by the Rotary District including his ability to be a good ambassador, fluency in Spanish, commitment and enthusiasm for his vocation and his willingness to grow. Mr. Detwiler experienced and evaluated teaching methodologies of another culture and will share his experiences with college and district faculty, students and staff for the purpose of enhancing teaching and learning in his discipline from a global perspective.



Jim Custeau Receives Award: Kiwanian of the Year

On September 24, 2003, **Jim Custeau**, Automotive Technology Program Coordinator, was recognized by the Spring Valley Kiwanis Club as Kiwanian of the Year! The Club typically recognizes the recipient at its annual installation dinner. However, Jim was teaching the Automotive Tune-up and Diagnosis class on the evening of the event. At 9:15 on Wednesday, approximately twenty members made a surprise visit to the College's Automotive facility.



Jim Custeau, left and Dr. Anthony Zambelli

Oscar Knight, Lieutenant Governor of the Kiwanis Division 31, presented the trophy to Mr. Custeau before members of the Club and Jim's classroom students. Jim was recognized for his generous volunteer efforts in support of Kiwanis community events such as the free Pancake Breakfast at Easter for the children of Spring Valley, the free Christmas Breakfast at the Spring Valley Community Center, and the Stand-down for Veterans. Although Jim has been a member for only two years, his service has already been noted as a major contribution. No better lesson in civic/community service could have been offered to students and colleagues alike.

Brenda Custeau, Jim's wife, was in attendance, as well as long-time colleague and past president of the Spring Valley Kiwanis, **Dr. Anthony Zambelli**, College Business instructor. Representing the College and adding their KUDOS to Jim were **Dr. Cristina Chiriboga**, Vice President, Instruction and **Dr. Madelaine Wolfe**, Division Dean of Instruction.

High School Counselors Visit Cuyamaca

On October 10, 2003, the High School and Community Relations Department at Cuyamaca College hosted the 19th Annual High School Counselor's Luncheon/Conference at the Heritage of the Americas Museum. The event was very well attended with representatives from each high school in the Grossmont Union High School District, Mt. Empire, Christian, Heartland Christian, and Saint Augustine High Schools. Two Adult Schools were also represented.

The event started with lunch on the east patio of the Museum served by the ROP Restaurant Services class from Mt. Miguel High School. Attendees enjoyed eating and talking together, opening remarks by **Barbara Meese** and **Dr. Geraldine Perri**, President, and surprise "gifts" from the Outreach Department. Guest speakers from various departments at the College covered "What's New at Cuyamaca?" Some guests joined **Ted Chandler**, CIS Instructor, for a tour of the CIS and Graphic Design Departments.



High School Counselor's Luncheon



Conference Presenters and Attendees

Feedback from the day was very positive! The counselors left with smiles on their faces and valuable information about the College to be able to refer their students to Cuyamaca College!



Vanessa Giorgi

Cuyamaca Student Featured on Spanish TV Channel

Univision, a Spanish television station, contacted **Barbara Meese**, High School and Community Relations Coordinator, looking for a student to interview about Cuyamaca College.

Vanessa Giorgi, was selected to represent the College. She is now a transfer student at SDSU majoring in Accounting, but continues her nearly three years of employment at Cuyamaca. **Vanessa** and **Dr. Cristina Chiriboga**, Vice President for Instruction, aired on Sunday evening, November 23, 2003. They did an outstanding job representing Cuyamaca College! **Bravo!**



Dr. Cristina Chiriboga

CARE/CalWORKs



How the Grinch Gave Back Christmas

The support for children of the CARE and CalWORKs enrolled students continued with our December celebration. It's All About Children: How the Grinch Gave Back Christmas was the theme for this holiday celebration. Approximately 200 participants that included students and their children, were treated to a catered lunch, entertainment, a surprise visit from the Grinch and gifts courtesy of the Toys for Tots, Marine Corps Reserve Program.

The success of this annual event was made possible in part by generous campus and community support as well as corporate sponsorships such as EDCO Recycling, Star 100.7 Radio, and Mission Federal Credit Union. Campus-wide support came from Associated Students and many staff giving of their time, money and needed gifts and supplies.

The event was held at the El Cajon Community Center on Saturday, December 13, 2003. The joy of the children at the celebration always makes this a fun and moving event for the staff who participate.

ASEP Students Graduate

Eleven Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) students participated in the Fall graduation, culminating 2 years of education and training in preparation for a career in the automotive industry. The ceremony was held on the outdoor LRC pavilion where the setting included a shiny Chevrolet Corvette used for student training by the Automotive Department and a new H2 Hummer, provided by Marvin K. Brown Cadillac, Saab, Hummer of San Diego. The ceremony was supported by national General Motors (GM) and the local GM dealers, who attended to support the students.

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, President, and **Dr. Omero Suarez**, Chancellor, welcomed graduates,

families and friends. **Mr. Randall Wray**, Area Service Manager for General Motors, gave the commencement address, also noting that GM's ASEP Program and Cuyamaca College were both celebrating their 25 year anniversary. **Chris Branton**, ASEP Coordinator at Cuyamaca, gave each graduate a special recognition. **Mr. Michael Kensel**, ASEP Graduate, received this year's prestigious GM Goodwrench "Leadership Award". Mr. Kensel was presented with a plaque and a \$250 Snap-On gift certificate. The graduate's Associate in Science (ASEP) degrees were conferred by **Dr. Cristina Chiriboga**, Vice President of Instruction, and **Dr. Timothy L. Caruthers**, Governing Board President, culminating completion of 52.5 units in the Automotive Program plus general education requirements. Closing remarks were given by Dr. Caruthers. GM provided refreshments for the reception.



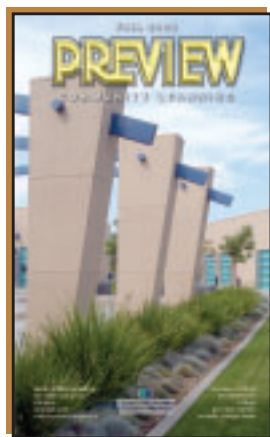
Cuyamaca College ASEP Graduating Class of 2003

United in Memory: 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt

The Heritage of The Americas Museum, in partnership with Cuyamaca College, will be exhibiting the United in Memory: 9/11 Victims Memorial Quilt for the first time in San Diego County. The 15,000 foot quilt, a global undertaking of more than 3,000 volunteers in 17 countries, is dedicated to the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks. It consists of 139 individual ten foot square panels each containing 25 blocks memorializing each and every victim of the attacks on the World Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon, and the passengers and crew of American Airlines flights 11 and 77, and United Airlines flights 93 and 175. The quilt, in its entirety, will be displayed in the Cuyamaca College gymnasium from March 25th through March 28th, 2004, and the exhibit is free to the public. K-12 school groups and college field trips are also encouraged to attend by appointment. Anyone interested in helping to sponsor this exhibit is invited to contact Cheryl Minshew at the Heritage of The Americas Museum, 619-670-5194 or email cheryl.minshew@gcccd.net.



Cuyamaca College Library Display, September, 2003



Community Learning: Swings, Jumps, and Hops!

Do you like to dance, stay physically and mentally fit, or want to learn a new skill? The Community Learning Program, affectionately known as the "Pathway to Credit" can help! Open to students from all walks of life, learning is non-threatening and fun. No worrying about grades or staying in semester-length classes (unless you really want to). Students like what Community Learning offers because classes and workshops are a unique mix and are available throughout East County.

In many ways, this "well-kept secret" of the District functions as a "mini" college within a college. A colorful schedule of classes, the PREVIEW is published and distributed quarterly. Most importantly, the Community Learning staff helps and supports a diverse group of 8,200 students gain "lifelong learning" knowledge and skills. Many are continuing students seeking seasoned instructors.

Next time you receive a PREVIEW or want one mailed to you, give us a call at 619-660-4350. We will be glad to enroll you in the class you have always wanted to take. Yes, you can skip and hop to music, help keep your environment clean; drive safely; draw a landscape; serve nutritious meals and have fun while you learn. Visit our web site at www.cuyamaca.net/preview.

Cuyamaca College Students Assist in Post-Fire Health and Safety Efforts

The students in CCETA - Cuyamaca College Environmental Technology Association, with the untiring leadership of Department Coordinator and part-time instructor, **Mr. Rick Wilson**, were extremely busy after the San Diego County fires.

Wanting to assist fire victims to minimize the long-term health effects, they purchased 600 Air Purifying Respirators (APRs) and distributed them to fire victims throughout the County.

Hearing about their efforts, the American Red Cross asked them to assist in guiding Red Cross purchases and distribution of 8,000 respirators. CCETA Officers: **Michelle Ross, Keith Boyer, Marlo Barge** and instructor, **Rick Wilson**,

distributed APRs to all eight county Red Cross sites. Rick distributed the APRs/Red Cross Comfort Kits to home/cleanup sites. He met with the Crest Fire Department and also offered to help distribute the APRs to fire victims and cleanup crews. While at Lake Cuyamaca, he and CCETA members dropped off APRs for SDG&E crews replacing 2,000 power poles.

Cuyamaca College is proud of these students and Instructor Rick Wilson in coming to the aid of fire victims!



CCETA Coordinator, Rick Wilson Distributing APR Masks



"San Diego On Fire" October, 2003

Athletics:

Player Receives Full Scholarship...



Randy Bland

Former Coyote Randy Bland (San Diego H.S.) has accepted a full basketball scholarship to play at the University of Nebraska-Omaha this fall. UNO is one of the top division two programs in the country. Randy was a two-time All-PCC forward for the Coyotes. Randy was also the first Coyote to receive Honorable Mention All-State honors. Randy left Cuyamaca College holding many all-time records. **We wish Randy the best of luck at UNO.**



Cuyamaca Women's Soccer Has Another Great Season

In Fall 2003, the Coyote Women's Soccer Team concluded the regular season with four wins in a row. That may not sound like much of a feat, but, when you consider that the games were played on four consecutive days, the wins take on a greater meaning. On Tuesday, 11/4, the Coyotes defeated Imperial Valley College 7-0, on Wednesday they shutout Palomar 1-0, they beat SDCC 9-1 on Thursday, and on Friday defeated Southwestern 3-0. At the end of the last match, the athletes and coaches ran a free soccer clinic for youth of East County. Cuyamaca finished the regular season 9-3-2 in conference and 10-5-4 overall advancing them to the playoffs.

Foundation Gives \$1,500 to ASCC

The Cuyamaca College Foundation recently presented a check for \$1,500 to the Associated Students Cuyamaca College (ASCC). The funds are to be used this school year to support student programs and activities. ASCC will determine how to best use the funds to benefit students.

The Cuyamaca College Foundation raises funds as a non-profit, tax deductible 501(C)(3) organization. A volunteer Board of Directors administers the Foundation. **Bill Garrett**, City Manager of El Cajon, is the President of the Foundation's Board. Board members include business leaders, Cuyamaca College employees and community supporters of the College. For more information on the Foundation, or to make a tax-deductible donation to support Cuyamaca College activities, contact 619-660-4331.

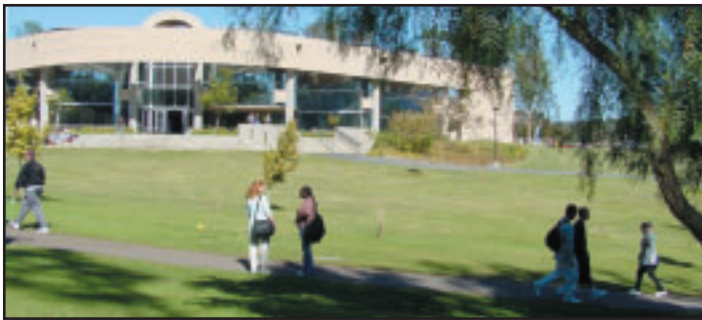
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On behalf of ASCC, Cuyamaca College President, Dr. Geraldine M. Perri accepts check from Foundation President, Bill Garrett

Foundation Plans Upcoming Dinner Dance

Mark your calendars for April 17, 2004, and join the Cuyamaca College Foundation for its annual Dinner Dance. The committee is planning the event to include a live auction, silent auction, raffle and, by popular demand, a marvelous dance band. The Radisson Hotel in Mission Valley will provide a venue for a lot of fun and fund-raising! Rooms will be available at a discounted rate for those who would like to spend the night and relax the following day. Just like last year's successful event, faculty, staff and community members will have an opportunity to participate and to help the College Foundation continue to raise money to support the College mission. Recently the Foundation awarded \$1,500 to the Associated Student Government (ASG) to be used for scholarships and \$30,000 toward a new marquee for the college entrance. If you would like to help plan the event, please contact **Dr. Madelaine Wolfe** at 619-660-4452.



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