

I am Hanaa Alkassas, and I have been teaching at Cuyamaca College for six years. I have two Master's, one in Theology, and one in Education, specializing in teaching language learners. I first began as a teacher of Arabic here at Cuyamaca, but Cuyamaca has been helping me grow far beyond what I ever envisioned myself being. During my time at Cuyamaca I have learned about promoting student equity and closing the learning gap between students. I have been involved in many committees as well, and I always strive to further increase my knowledge and my accomplishments at Cuyamaca. I attend all the conferences and professional developments that I can to further my teaching skills and pedagogy so that I can enhance the student's learning experience with equity minded classes and curriculum.

Currently, I am a part of the Student Success Equity Committee and the Institutional Learning Outcomes Direct Assessment Project. Working with the local campus OER Liaison, I am writing a proposal for a free Arabic OER textbook to close the equity gap that arises from financial difficulties. Every year for the past four years, I have been an active participant of the Middle Eastern Heritage month at Cuyamaca. With my perspective as an immigrant from the Middle East, it has been a pleasure to present and teach about my culture and see it celebrated. I am grateful for the opportunities Cuyamaca has provided me with over the past six years, and I am looking forward to enjoying many more and paying back the kindness that has been shown to me here. I am asking for your endorsement and vote as the **Part-time Faculty Officer-at-Large**.

