



Cuyamaca College Academic Senate Part-Time Faculty Instruction

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I would like to nominate myself for service as a part-time faculty member of the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate. I am a graduate of Cuyamaca College with associate degrees in Biological Sciences and Ornamental Horticulture-Nursery Technology. As a student at Cuyamaca College, I knew I had found a community that would support my growth to achieve my education and career goals. I returned to Cuyamaca College in 2018 to teach in the Ornamental Horticulture department.

I want every student who takes classes from our college to feel they are in a place that supports them and wants to see them grow. I am currently participating in Work Based Learning and the Strong Workforce Faculty Institute programs where I am learning to incorporate opportunities for equity and career exploration into my courses. In addition to the field trips my classes currently participate in to learn about job opportunities in the horticulture industry, I will begin incorporating panels of professional horticulturists into our classroom lectures and job shadow assignments so students can begin to imagine their future careers in the industry and learn the pathways to get to those careers.

I am committed to representing part-time faculty as we work together to fulfill the Cuyamaca College vision of "Equity, Excellence, and Social Justice through Education". I have been both taking classes and working closely with Dr. Stanley Rodriguez to learn more about Kumeyaay culture, language, and practices and am excited to spend time helping to build the Kumeyaay Village site on campus.

I am humbled and proud to have been nominated for the Spring 2022 Teaching Excellence Award. I am that the work I am doing is making a positive and lasting impact on the lives of students. I know that serving on the Cuyamaca College Academic Senate will help me to build bridges that will support my part-time colleagues and the students we serve.