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President's Report to the Governing Board May 16, 2017

Students Present Their Semester-long Projects



Students enrolled in Dr. Tammi Marshall's Math 281 (Multivariable Calculus) class had their semester long group project presentations on Tuesday, May 2, in the lobby of the H-Building. At the beginning of the semester the students are broken up into groups based on their major and asked to discuss topics within their major they would like to research. Based on this information, the students break themselves up into groups of two or three to do this research. This culminates in a "Fair" environment where the students present their research in the form of a tri-fold and a 3-4 minute verbal presentation. In addition, the students walk around looking at the other presentations filling out a "Peer Evaluation Rubric" for three other group projects. Lastly, the students write an individual paper discussing what they learned. This is one of the ways we assess our Program Learning Outcomes for Math.

Communication Department Wrapping Up a Full Semester

The Communication Department is busy wrapping up the Spring 2017 semester. We are excited about the success of our concurrent enrollment courses at area high schools. We currently offer our college courses for concurrent enrollment at two high schools: Valhalla and Health Science High and Middle College, a charter high school in City Heights. We are planning on offering a summer Public Speaking class at HSHMC for the first time this summer and we hope to see this program grow further. We currently offer only one Communication course in fully online format: Communication 110, Mass Media and Society. We piloted two Blended classes (part face-to-face and part online) this semester: a Public Speaking Class and an Interpersonal Communication Class. We are in the process of assessing the effectiveness of these two sections and hope to continue to offer them in the future. In our Group Communication Course, students are finishing up their Community Service Projects. These projects detail their experiences volunteering for local nonprofit organizations, including The United Way, the Surfrider Foundation, and I Love A Clean San Diego. One of our dynamic Communication adjunct faculty, Kevin Corcoran, presented a Ted Talk recently on the topic of challenging his students to step outside their comfort zone. He details the success of his students in his classes in the 14 minute presentation. Since he is an adjunct instructor, he teaches at several campuses, not just Cuyamaca. You can watch Kevin's Ted Talk at the link: <https://youtu.be/loaVQyzKgC0>.

Professionals Meet with Students to Discuss Healthcare Career Opportunities

Guest panelists visited the STEM center at Cuyamaca College on Thursday, April 23, to share about opportunities in the healthcare industry. At least 50 students attended the event. Professionals from the following specialties came to speak to students interested in Healthcare: hyperbaric medicine and wound care (UCSD); emergency and travel nursing; occupational therapy (San Marcos); mental healthcare for veterans (Veterans Administration); military medicine (Navy); public health nursing, and other disciplines within San Diego County.



Automotive Department Getting an Overhaul



With the support of Mr. Larry McLemore, Dean of Career Technical Education, the Cuyamaca College Automotive Department is making significant improvement. The revised departmental plan includes:

A new degree program pathway Automotive ASCCA which will link our students with independent dealerships, manufacturers, and associated members of the association with work experience apprenticeships, cohorts, general education plans, and course sequencing. The program was approved by our Curriculum Committee, and now is in the process of reviewed at the District level. Our Ford ASSET program has been approved as a distance education pilot project for Ford Motor Company. Department Chair Brad McCombs was recently accepted into the SDSU Learning Design Technology graduate program. We will use our college resources to evaluate the use of distance education for automotive standards and training. We are very excited about increasing student access to our program. This major concept is contagious. We have been contacted by BMW North America, and are attaining exposure. We are implementing standardized testing for our general program students using ASC student tests. This will help our department evaluate SLOs and provide a national standard for student base knowledge. The department is implementing organized laboratory assignments, which seems like an obvious methodology, but has not been applied within our department. This means adjunct faculty will have cars and lab exercises arranged for them, and increase student learning. Faculty within the department are in the process of separating lecture instruction from laboratory instruction. This will allow students to have more access to the lab and more time to complete assignments. Room K-114 is being converted into a distance education classroom. We are putting microphones and cameras into the room which will facilitate lectures to be recorded and allow students to attend our lectures and programs remotely. This is an expensive but rewarding project. We appreciate our technology specialists who are working with us to make K114 state of the art. The department is also in the process of removing more than 30 old training vehicles from our department, and removing old unused equipment. Lastly, we are editing and revising our department curriculum with students as the main focus.

Another Cuyamaca College Automotive “Skills Day” in the Books

The 38th annual “Skills Day” Competition with the local high school automotive programs was held on Saturday, May 6, at the Cuyamaca College Automotive Department. We also had our Cuyamaca students competing against each other. Students arrived at 7:00 a.m. to participate in the half day event in a “Basic” competition for beginning high school students, and an “Advanced” competition for the 2nd-4th year students. Prizes were purchased from automotive funds and donations from ASCCA Local Chapter 24, Napa Auto Parts, O’Reilly’s Auto Parts and WPD (World Parts Depot).



Volunteers from Automotive Service Counsel of California helped run the competition. Mr. Stuart Terry from Stuart Terry’s Automotive and Mr. Steve Vanlandingham from Van’s Automotive were judges. Many other people from ASCCA, O’Reilly’s and the College automotive staff were here to help judge, score, entertain, and feed the crowd. There also were driving simulators with real sprint cars. Snap-on tools were also awarded to students for the contests; thanks goes to Snap-on tools for the support! Please remember to support our local ASCCA shops and our Foundation for their wonderful efforts. Special thanks to Mr. Dave Newkirk and his wife Sue of Hontech Automotive for supplying and serving lunch. Mr. Mitch Mendenhall from East County Diesel and ASCCA Chapter 24 president, along with his boss and co-owner Mr. Bobby Field, were busy cooking and cleaning. Our own Charles Koether (math instructor) was instrumental in bringing a Model-T 1913 truck. Mr. Mark Olinger of ATS (Automotive Technical Services) spoke to students and high school instructors about preparation for diagnosis and how diagnosis specialists are becoming a career option and necessary. A big thank you to Cuyamaca College President Dr. Julianna Barnes and our Dean Larry McLemore for attending! All high school students were sent off with a goodie bag provided from various donations and the automotive program. Setting up and organizing the event was no small task. Thanks to the automotive department staff: Mr. Chris Branton, Mr. Brad McCombs, Mr. Jim Hannibal, Mr. Will Lewon, Mr. Rich Gingery, Mr. Justin Pinnell, Mr. Jeff Crocker, Mr. Adam Letourneaux, as well as our auto students. Thanks, too, to Cuyamaca staff Ms. Patty Branton, Ms. Laci Diaz, and other classified staff that helped. It takes a team to do this, thanks to all!

Public Service Career Day

Cuyamaca College hosted a Public Service Career Day on Wednesday, April 19, in the Central Park. About 40 public service organizations and agencies participated, including State Senator Joel Anderson’s office; the Armed Services YMCA; the YMCA of San Diego; the San Diego Fire Department; the FBI; and the East County Career Center. The event was free and open to the public.

Spring Garden Festival and Butterfly Festival



The Spring Garden Festival, put on for 24 years by the Ornamental Horticulture program at Cuyamaca College, combined this year with the annual Butterfly Festival held at the Water Conservation Garden. Ornamental Horticulture students and staff prepared for the festival by growing thousands of plants in anticipation of the biggest day of the year for the O.H. Department. Over 60 student volunteers helped to make the day a huge success. The Water Conservation Garden was also busy all day with plenty of family-favorite activities along with their popular Butterfly Festival. Visitors also enjoyed the many activities in the grand lawn and the Heritage of the Americas Museum.



Coyote Music Festival a Howling Good Time

Cuyamaca College's answer to Coachella returned Saturday, May 6, with the 9th Annual Coyote Music Festival, organized, produced and promoted by students in the innovative Music Industry Studies program. The free, family-friendly event featured two outdoor stages in Central Park with six local bands playing homegrown music ranging from alternative rock to folk. The students benefit from Cuyamaca College being the only school in the county to offer a transfer degree program that combines training in music theory, literature and performance with studies in music technology and business. That mix of instruction helps students develop as musicians, learn to operate and use the college's recording studios, work with bands to create demos and other promotional materials, and to plan and produce concerts and festivals with multiple stages.

Achieving the Dream Coaches Visit College

On Thursday, May 4, Cuyamaca College hosted a visit from our Grossmont-Cuyamaca District Achieving the Dream coaches Dr. Ken Gonzalez and Dr. Byron McClenney. The ATD coaches joined 40 members of the campus community to participate in a day of meaningful activities which resulted in robust dialogue and reflections on efforts in the past year with student success and equity within the four institutional priorities (Guided Student Pathways, Acceleration, Engagement and Validation, and Organizational Health), while also identifying challenges and upcoming opportunities in each area of focus. The student perspective was shared via Cuyamaca's own 2017 Achieving the Dream scholar Jesús Suarez, and a 10-minute video that students themselves created for the ATD event. At the conclusion of the event, both Dr. Gonzalez and Dr. McClenney expressed their satisfaction and excitement with Cuyamaca's past, current, and planned efforts in student success and equity.



San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College Celebrates its 10 Year Anniversary

On Wednesday, May 3, community leaders and legislative representatives came together to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College. Cuyamaca College is the only community college in the state that supports a Center for Economic Education at its campus; the organization serves as the provider of economic programs for K-12 schools in San Diego County and surrounding areas. SDCEE helps schools to integrate the teaching of economics across all grade levels. The keynote speaker for the evening was Ms. Allysun Walker-Williams, president and chief executive officer at the California Council on Economic Education. Anthony Zambelli, Economics Instructor, served as the emcee for the evening. Special appreciation was expressed to several members of the organization, including Mr. Bill Verbeck, who has supported the organization from its conception. Mr. Verbeck is the recipient of an honorary Associates degree from Cuyamaca College in 2015.



Trained Citizens Put Skills to Test in Disaster Scenario

More than a hundred emergency response volunteers from throughout San Diego County assisted “victims” of a simulated explosion during a test of their skills at Cuyamaca on Saturday, April 22. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members are residents certified in basic emergency skills such as putting out small fires, triage and minor search and rescue. Twice a year the teams participate in regional exercises that allow them to train together. CERT teams play an important role in a comprehensive approach to readiness. In a large-scale disaster fire fighters or police may be tied up, and a CERT volunteer might be the first to respond. About 60 CERT members



participated in one of two sessions, which included nearly 50 volunteers from the college and community posing as victims in makeup depicting shrapnel wounds and burns. CERT program managers and instructors from several San Diego County CERT programs served as facilitators, safety oversight and evaluators. A number of Building Marshals from Cuyamaca College participated as role players. This gave them a bird’s eye view of how injured people would react, what the process is for assessing the situation, triage of patients, and medical operations. The Drill was a huge success and participants from the campus learned a lot.

Upcoming Events

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



Concert Series – the final concerts of the semester

Cuyamaca College Theatre

For more information, call 619-660-4627 · www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts

Thursday, May 18 Cuyamaca College Choir 7:30 p.m.
Directed by Paul Infantino

Monday, May 22 Zimbeat 7:30 p.m.
Music from Africa

Tuesday, May 23 Cuyamaca College Concert Band 7:30 p.m.
With Grossmont College Concert Band



Spring 2017 Career Workshops

The Career Workshops are free for students, faculty, staff, and the community at large. Workshops are held in the Career Center, room A-221. Last one of the semester!

Monday, May 22 “Build & Update a Better Resume” 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Gear Up for Finals

Wednesday, May 24; Tuesday, May 30; and Thursday June 1
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Student Center Room I-207

Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Tutoring will be available in the following subjects: Anatomy, Art, ASL, Biology, BOT, Business, Chemistry, Child Development, CIS, Electronics, French, Graphic Design, Health Education, History, Humanities, Math, Physics, Social Work, Sociology and Spanish!

Limited Availability: Art History, Arabic, Aramaic

39th Annual Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, June 8

5:30 p.m.

Communications Arts Building

After Commencement Party -- Celebrating Another Successful Year at Cuyamaca College

Thursday, June 8

45 minutes after the end of the Commencement Ceremony

No-host bar and hors d'oeuvres

Water Conservation Garden