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President's Report to the Governing Board August 15, 2017

Ford ASSET Program Returns



July 2017 saw the first graduating Ford ASSET class at Cuyamaca College since 2013 with 16 students receiving recognition for completing the rigorous Associate of Science course of study. A two-year hiatus for the program came to a close when the class began their two years of studies in the fall of 2015. According to Brad McCombs, Automotive Technology Coordinator and instructor, Cuyamaca's Ford ASSET program is the only one in the county and one of only three statewide, and is

recognized as one of the best training programs in the world. Its two-year timetable is intensive with no summers off, but the payoff is immeasurable: an associate of science degree transferable to California state universities, Ford Motor Co. certifications, and a near-guaranteed job upon graduation. The keynote for the graduation was Roger Henry, Parts and Service Director for Ford's Southern California region. Most full-time jobs as entry-level dealership technicians make between \$21 and \$35 an hour.

STEM Summer Boot Camp

CSI Cuyamaca College: a STEM Summer Boot Camp introducing a group of Cuyamaca College students to the dedication required in studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics got under way July 24 with a classic whodunit – the discovery of a “victim” felled by a bullet and a directive to work as a team in collecting blood samples, analyzing DNA and engaging in an abundance of research over the following three weeks to solve the faux crime. Seventeen students took part in the boot camp, which ran through August 11, and involved extensive lab work combined with a crash course in technical reading and writing. The boot camp is the first chapter of a five-year, federally-funded effort aimed at boosting the number of Cuyamaca College science, technology, engineering and mathematics graduates who transfer to a California State University or University of California campus.



Counseling Services Offers Student Orientation in Arabic

The Fall 2017 initial orientations in Arabic for our Arabic speaking students were sponsored by Counseling Services. The workshops were attended by over 100 students over a series of five workshops led by Cuyamaca College instructor Ms. Aklas Sheai. The workshops served to educate prospective and current students on how to navigate the community college system and were specifically geared toward the needs of Arabic-speaking students learning English as a second language (ESL students). The workshops covered information about the required paperwork for various campus departments, including Admissions & Records and Financial Aid. During the workshops students also learned of additional opportunities for support at the College through the Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS)

department. The workshop material reflected the needs of the students, with everything from information on how to apply for college to assistance in registering for classes and filing admission and financial aid forms among the topics covered. The workshops provided a clear and detailed overview of the opportunities available at the college as well as the administrative processes for moving forward.



College's Cyber Security Program Receives National Recognition

Cuyamaca College's Cyber Security program was recently ranked among the top 10 online programs offering associate's degrees nationally – being the only public college, community or 4-year, in California to make the list. The rankings for online cyber security programs were announced in New Orleans on July 27, by CyberSecurityDegrees.com, a cyber security resource and academic ranking site that rates programs annually. The goal of the rankings is to focus on each program's success in academic quality; affordability and return on investment; and student satisfaction.

Career Technical Education Programs Strong Workforce Stars

Three of Cuyamaca College's career education programs are being honored by the California Community Colleges system for providing students with the skills needed in new higher-paying jobs. The Water & Wastewater Technology and Environmental Health & Safety programs were commended because virtually every student taking part in those career readiness efforts have found a job in their field of study and are boosting their earnings by 77 percent, according to data collected by the California Community Colleges. Cuyamaca's Ornamental Horticulture program was commended because 76 percent of participating students working in the profession are earning the regional living wage. All three career education programs have earned a spot among the ranks of Strong Workforce Stars for helping students increase their earning power and social mobility. Strong Workforce Stars is a new annual commendation for career education programs within the 114-campus community colleges system.

Counseling Services to Offer Class on Financial Success

In collaboration with Financial Aid, the Counseling Department will be offering a course titled Counseling 095: Academic and Financial Aid Planning, starting Fall 2017. This is a .5 unit, Pass/No Pass, non-degree applicable course that will cover strategies related to financial and academic success. This course is open for all students to enroll, however it is intended for students needing to submit a Financial Aid Petition who have not met Satisfactory Academic Progress. This will allow us to better serve at-risk student populations by teaching applicable skills related to education planning, time management, studying, and financial literacy.

College to Launch UMOJA Scholars Program

In Fall 2017, Cuyamaca College will be piloting the UMOJA Scholars program, which is a new Student Success program. UMOJA, (a Kiswahili word meaning "unity") is a community and critical resource dedicated to enhancing cultural and educational experiences of African American and other students. The UMOJA Scholars program at Cuyamaca College is a student success program aimed for closing the equity and achievement gaps for students that identify as Black, African, and/or African American, which are disproportionately impacted.



The Harvest Pantry

As students begin their first day of the fall semester they will have access to the Harvest Food Pantry. Located at the Health & Wellness Center, this food pantry will provide food assistance to students in need. The Harvest Pantry provides short-term relief and offers referrals for additional community food resources for ongoing assistance with food insecurity.

Coyotes Continue to Race to Victory

The 2017 version of the USA Track and Field Nationals in Sacramento were greatly influenced by Cuyamaca College. Assistant Track and Field Coach, Bryan McBride, won his first ever USATF Championships by winning the High Jump. He jumped 7' 6.5". He qualified for the IAAF World Track and Field Championships which are being held this week in London. Best of Luck to Coach McBride!

On the road, 3 former Coyotes placed 1st, 2nd and 5th in the Men's 20km Racewalk. Emmanuel "Natos" Corvera led the way, winning his first ever USATF Title in a time of 1:26:43. Nick Christie was no slouch himself with his time of 1:26:49. Alex Belavance, in his first ever 20km National Championship race, placed 5th with a time of 1:32:39. All 3 guys walked to their best times of their careers. All 3 got started by learning to racewalk from Cuyamaca College's own Coach, Tim Seaman. The photo of Natos is courtesy of Eduardo Corvera.



Upcoming Events

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

Professional Development Week

August 14-18

Professional Development Week includes many learning opportunities and is the major vehicle for faculty participation in Professional Development activities.

Fall Convocation & Luncheon

Wednesday, August 16

Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Program begins at 9:00 a.m.

Lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Student Center

Welcome Week for New & Returning Students

August 21-25

Sponsored by Student Affairs, Associated Student Government, and Equity & Engagement

Career Workshops

All the workshops meet from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. and meet in the Career Center, room A-221

Tuesday, September 12

How to Choose a Major and Career

Wednesday, September 27

The Art of Networking – Using Social Media

Tuesday, October 10

Navigating the Career Fair

Wednesday, October 11

2017 Grossmont College Career Expo at Grossmont College

Tuesday, October 17

Job Development

Wednesday, October 25

Career & Technical Education: Skills for Success

Tuesday, November 7

Conducting a Successful Job Search & Mastering the Interview

Wednesday, November 29

How to Choose a Major and Career

Tuesday, December 5

Finding & Applying for Internships: Preparing for Summer



College Hour Chaldean Culture & Traditions

Monday, August 28, 2017 • 2:00 to 3:00pm • Grand Lawn



Student Government is pleased to sponsor
a very special College Hour,
Chaldean Culture and Traditions.
This event will include speakers, food, and music.



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