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## *President's Report to the Governing Board September 12, 2017*

### ***Student Success Day***

On Monday, August 14, 250 incoming first-year students and their families took part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Student Success Day. The event kicked off with a welcome from President Barnes that led into a fun live episode of “Cuyamaca Family Feud” to discuss college success strategies, tips, and reminders to our new students. Guests then had an opportunity to meet faculty and staff while learning more about various programs and campus resources during a tabling event. This family friendly event included campus tours, food trucks, lively music, an art activity to be displayed on campus, and other fun-filled activities.

### ***Training for Student Ambassadors***

During July and August all existing and incoming Student Ambassadors in the High School & Community Relations (Outreach) Department participated in an intense four-week summer training program, totaling 60 hours. Representatives from campus and district departments and programs were invited to educate the Ambassadors on all things Cuyamaca College and GCCCD. In addition, Ambassadors were trained on how to conduct classroom presentations, campus tours, and how to lead high school advising and workshop sessions. When training came to a close, Ambassadors were required to take a written exam, in which they all passed with a 90% or above, allowing them to continue on in their role as student representatives of the college.



### ***Jump Start on the Semester***

The Unlimited Potential! (UP!) and Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES) Programs hosted a Jump Start workshop with support from the El Cajon Elks Lodge #1812. The workshop was designed for youth experiencing homelessness, former foster youth, or youth raised in guardianship. The 17 participants received assistance in completing their EOPS and Financial Aid applications, listened to a student panel regarding strategies for successfully completing college, and registered for their fall courses. Mr. Anthony Zambelli, Elk member and Director of the San Diego Center for Economic



Education here at Cuyamaca College, provided information on the El Cajon Elks Vocational Scholarship. At the end of the workshop students enjoyed pizza and cookies and each received a Barnes & Noble and an Albertsons gift card, both provided by an Elks Foundation Grant. The Jump Start workshop is an annual collaboration between EOPS/CAFYES/UP! and the Financial Aid Office and allows students to get a jump start on the requirements for fall enrollment.

## ***Chaldean College Hour***



Sponsored by the Associated Student Government, Student Affairs, and Equity & Engagement, the August College Hour was an opportunity for students, staff, and faculty to join together to celebrate the Chaldean culture and traditions. The keynote speaker was Mar Bawai Soro, the Eparch of the Chaldean Catholic Church for the Chaldean Catholic Eparchy of Saint Peter the Apostle of San Diego. After the presentation event participants enjoyed some free food from Ali Baba Restaurant while listening to music. There were also table displays presented by the Middle Eastern student club.

## ***Cuyamaca's Cyber Security Club in Competition***

The Cuyamaca Cyber Security Club participated in competitions through the National Cyber League (NCL). Our division consisted of approximately 1,100 universities and colleges around the country competing to see which team can best solve questions posed as a result of a simulated cyber-attack against a virtual city. Our team placed 20<sup>th</sup> in the country, 10<sup>th</sup> in the state, and 1<sup>st</sup> nationally in the wireless security category for their division.

## ***Fall Convocation "Pathways to Success"***

The fall semester officially kicked off on Wednesday, August 16, with our annual Fall Convocation. The morning began with breakfast in the Student Center followed by the official program. President Julianna Barnes addressed a packed crowd in the Student Center, welcoming everyone back to the college for the upcoming academic year. Presentations by President Barnes, Vice President Pat Setzer, Vice President Sahar Abushaban, Interim Vice President Aiden Ely, and Senior Dean Bri Hays highlighted reflections from last year, opportunities for moving forward, the college's Strategic Plan priorities, and accreditation. The theme for Convocation this year was "*Pathways to Success.*" Guest speaker Dr. Darla M. Cooper of the RP Group presented on "*Reimagining our Model to Improve Student Completion: The Guided Pathways Approach.*" Her interactive session included time for attendees to discuss opportunities, challenges, and practitioners' roles in Pathways work at the college. Service Awards were presented to 35 college employees, representing a total of 490 years of cumulative service to the college. Eight new employees were welcomed into the college family.

## ***Instructor Teaches Pesticide Safety in Guatemala***

Cuyamaca College's Don Schultz spent his summer vacation using his expertise to save some lives. Don, the program director of the award-winning Ornamental Horticulture department, volunteered with the Farmer-to-Farmer Program for two weeks in Guatemala instilling best practices in pesticide safety at plant exporters large and small. Sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development, the John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer Program provides technical assistance from American volunteers to farmers, agribusinesses and farm groups in developing and promoting sustainable practices in production and marketing. Volunteers tend to be senior or mid-career professionals with practical industry experience.



Besides serving as Cuyamaca College's Ornamental Horticulture program director, Don also teaches a class in plant pest control, a class that includes identification and control of insects, mites, diseases and other factors that affect ornamental plants and details various methods at keeping such impacts in check.

The production of flowers, ornamental plants and foliage is a growing industry in Guatemala, with approximately 80 percent of production shipped overseas.

### ***CIS Department Awarded Grant***

The CIS department was recently awarded a \$100,000 grant in conjunction with Mira Costa and Grossmont Colleges for a pilot development of a Regional Netlab Hub. Netlab is an environment that uses virtualized computers and networks for classroom content delivery. This system allows instructors to upload labs into virtual computers. The virtual computers are then made available to students 24/7 through the internet. One advantage of the virtualized classroom is safety. Students can experience lessons in the effects of computer viruses without any risk to the schools' or their personal computers. The ability to deliver course content is not limited to Information Technology only. Any course that utilizes a computer and programs can be virtualized and installed in the Netlab environment. A department could purchase software licenses for software that is very useful, but beyond the reach of most students. Virtualizing this software in the Netlab environment allows multiple students access to the program while maintaining assured compliance with the terms of the license agreement.

### ***Solar Eclipse Party***



The Cuyamaca College Physics Department hosted a viewing of the total solar eclipse in the student center quad on Monday, August 21. Miriam Simpson, lead physics instructor, coordinated the event and provided certified eclipse glasses for anyone who stopped to view the eclipse. While there was only 57% coverage of the sun at its peak, it was still a sight to behold.

### ***Fusenot Foundation Charity Spotlights SDCEE***

Each quarter the Fusenot Foundation highlights one of its beneficiaries by providing a more in-depth look at the organization's programs, information on upcoming events, and how Fusenot Foundation grants have successfully been employed to bring about positive change in the community. The San Diego Center for Economic Education (SDCEE) at Cuyamaca College was recently recognized for its work within the San Diego community. Retired instructor Anthony Zambelli is the Director of the organization. The SDCEE is an affiliate of the California Council on Economic Education. Its goal is to assist students in their lives as consumers, investors, entrepreneurs, citizens and members of the workforce.



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# Upcoming Events

A complete list of college activities can be found on our website, [www.cuyamaca.edu](http://www.cuyamaca.edu)

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## Diversity Dialogues for Fall 2017



These workshops focus on a variety of diversity awareness and social justice topics. Students receive a stamp for every workshop they attend; those that attend a minimum of three workshops during the fall and spring semester will earn a “Diversity & Leadership” co-curricular certificate and will be recognized for their efforts at the Student Leadership Reception in May.

All the workshops take place in the Student Center, room I-207

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| Thursday, September 14  | 2:00-3:00 p.m.        | Presented by Mayumi Y. Douglas |
| <i>Developing a Positive Multicultural Orientation towards Diversity: Self Reflection about our Diverse Identities and Cultural Orientation</i> |                       |                                |
| Monday, September 18  | 12:00-1:00 p.m.       | Presented by Grace Bagunu      |
| <i>Diversity &amp; Social Justice</i>   |                       |                                |
| Tuesday, September 19   | 1:00-3:00 p.m.        | Presented by Mary Garcia       |
| <i>Teaching Tolerance – Supporting Students from Immigrant Families and Undocumented Students</i>   |                       |                                |
| Tuesday, September 26   | 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | Presented by Dr. John Escobedo |
| <i>The Border Corrido: Music of Resistance</i>  |                       |                                |

## Career Workshops

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

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| Wednesday, September 27 | <i>The Art of Networking – Using Social Media</i>                       |
| Tuesday, October 10     | <i>Navigating the Career Fair</i>                                       |
| Wednesday, October 11   | 2017 Grossmont College Career Expo at Grossmont College                 |
| Tuesday, October 17     | <i>Job Development</i>  |
| Wednesday, October 25   | <i>Career &amp; Technical Education: Skills for Success</i>             |
| Tuesday, November 7     | <i>Conducting a Successful Job Search &amp; Mastering the Interview</i> |
| Wednesday, November 29  | <i>How to Choose a Major and Career</i>                                 |
| Tuesday, December 5     | <i>Finding &amp; Applying for Internships: Preparing for Summer</i>     |



# LATINO HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

DON'T  
MISS  
OUT  
THE FOOD  
AND FUN!

- BALLET FOLKLORICO EN AZTLAN
- POETRY WITH JIM MORENO W/GUITARIST JOHAN MALDONADO
- DJ RAMBO
- FOOD FEST BY YOUR TACO CONNECT
- FREE SALSA BAR

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

Event from 11:30am-1:30pm

(College Hour: 11:30am-12:30pm)

Cuyamaca College -

In front of the "I" Building (Student Center)

Sponsored by: Student Affairs, Associate Student Government, Student Equity & Engagement, Pathway Academy, and Raza Unida



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