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## *President's Report to the Governing Board February 20, 2018*

### *Students Participate in San Diego's MLK Parade*

Some two dozen students, faculty, and staff marched in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in downtown San Diego on January 14. The parade, sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, featured various colleges and universities honoring the late civil rights hero.

### *Black History Month*

The Black Student Union, Umoja, Associated Student Government, and Student Affairs & Engagement sponsored several programs throughout the month of February to celebrate Black History Month. On February 2, more than 100 students, staff, and faculty attended the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Malcolm X Celebration. There was a Spoken Word performance, a keynote speech presented by Laila Aziz from Pillars of the Community, and a step show performance by the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity & Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The events continued throughout the month, which included:

- Black Student Union & Umoja Meet & Greet event
- Mental Health in the Black Community
- Black Excellence Panel
- Brotha to Brotha program
- The Pillars of the Community presentation
- Book Club: The New Jim Crow
- Department of History panel



### *DSPS Technical Site Visit*

On Wednesday, January 17 Cuyamaca College's DSPS staff had a Technical Assistance Visit with DSS Solutions and the CCCCO office. The visit was a college-wide effort to look at the needs of students with disabilities and the resources that are currently available. Several focus groups of faculty, staff and administrators were present. Recommendations from the visit can be found on the technical site visit report that will provide a framework of comprehensive services for our students with disabilities.

### *4th Annual Cuyamaca College Powwow*

Cuyamaca College's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Powwow was hosted by the Native American Student Alliance on Saturday, February 3, and was held at the Communication Arts quad. The annual Powwow celebrated Native American culture with participants and vendors from both local tribes and bands as well as others from across the region. Powwows are a celebration of dance, song, and story with deep significance both culturally and spiritually for American Indian People. In Southern California, there is a tradition to also include Bird Singing in the Powwow. Bird Singing has been a tradition among southern Californian Peoples





since time immemorial. The songs tell of the history of the People and are taught to boys at a young age by their male relatives and elders. Our Powwow featured Asha Takuk as our Bird Singing group. One of the lead singers, Ral Christman, a member of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, also teaches at the Kumeyaay Community College which has partnered with Cuyamaca to offer an associate's degree in Kumeyaay Studies. The event was made

possible by generous contributions from the Barona Band of Mission Indians, the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, and Target. The event was co-sponsored by Equity and Engagement, Student Affairs, and the Associated Student Government of Cuyamaca College.

### *Ribbon-Cutting Celebration for the Field Operations Skills Yard*



On Thursday, January 18, the Center for Water Studies Cuyamaca College held a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony celebrating the completion of the construction of its Field Operations Skills Yard (FOSY) facility. This state-of-the-art facility includes a fully operational, above-ground water distribution and an underground wastewater collection system that will enable students to apply their science, technology, engineering and mathematics knowledge in a learning-by-doing, career-preparation focused environment. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by more than 80 people, including a number of

Board members, General Managers, and key personnel representing many of the water and wastewater agencies in our service area. The ceremonies were also attended by a large number of representatives from the waterworks industry manufacturers and distributors community, who as a group donated the majority of the pipes, valves, fittings, meters and other specialized materials for the facility. The total value of their contributions topped \$125,000, demonstrating what a successful public/private partnership can achieve. Since the construction of the project was also made possible by using funds from the Strong Workforce grant from the State Chancellor's Office in Sacramento, Executive Vice Chancellor Van Ton-Quinlivan helped cut the ribbon for the FOSY facility.

### *Women in Water: Exploring Career Pathways Symposium*



On Thursday, January 18, the Center for Water Studies hosted an all-day "Women in Water: Exploring Career Pathways" symposium. This inaugural event presented information to more than 125 attendees about career opportunities in the water and wastewater industry and provided insights about how to train for jobs and build a successful career within the industry. The symposium featured two tracks – one showcased opportunities for starting or transitioning to a career in water or wastewater, while the second track focused on

information and strategies for women already working in the water industry looking for upward mobility. More than 20 successful female water industry professionals served as speakers and panelists at the event where they shared their insights and provided training advice and recommendations to young women from high schools and colleges as well as those considering career changes at this point of their lives. The keynote speaker for this event was Van Ton-Quinlivan, the Executive Vice Chancellor for





Workforce Development and Digital Futures for the California Community Colleges. Ms. Ton-Quinlivan is the force behind new legislation and over \$200 million in new funding for career technical education throughout California. Speakers and panelists for the symposium's sessions included women who have built successful careers in the region's water and wastewater agencies. Based on the overwhelmingly positive feedback from the participants, plans are already underway to make this an annual event. The majority of the cost of putting on the Women in Water event was underwritten by the National Science Foundation "California: WaterWorks – Building the People Pipeline" grant that was awarded to the college in late 2016.

### *Spring 2018 Convocation*

On Wednesday, January 24, the college community came together in the Student Center to inaugurate the beginning of the spring semester. President Barnes' theme, "Guided Pathways: A Catalyst for Institutional Transformation & Equity," highlighted the college's accomplishments while casting the vision for the future. The morning's program included engagement activities to answer the question of why we should engage in the guided pathways work and to discuss the students' perspective of what they want and need from us. Academic Senate President Kim Dudzik bestowed two faculty members the annual Award for Teaching Excellence. Faculty member Dr. Scott Herrin, Health Education instructor, received the full-time faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. Mr. Tom Bugzavich, who teaches Graphic Design, received the part-time faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. These two award recipients were among several faculty members who were nominated for the award. Each nominee received rave reviews from their students who commended and praised their dedication and enthusiasm for teaching and learning. Congratulations to Scott, Tom, and all of the nominees who exemplify Cuyamaca College's commitment to academic excellence and student success. Thirteen new employees were introduced and welcomed into the Cuyamaca College family. The luncheon was provided by Sodexo and the breakfast was sponsored by the East County Schools Federal Credit Union.

### *OH Staff Assist with Garden Design*

Cuyamaca College's Ornamental Horticulture department donated a generous amount of plants and amended soil to revitalize the garden at the new Greater San Diego Academy Jamul office, which moved to the Jamul Primary School campus. Tamara Brown, the daughter of the late OH faculty member Jim Lovewell, coordinated the efforts with John Thomas, OH Coordinator. As a thank you, the students presented John with a piece of garden art.



### *Paralegal Department Chairs Partner Together*



On January 13, at Southwestern College, the First Annual Technology Training Seminar for Paralegal Instructors was held. This all day event introduced faculty to the various software programs used in paralegal instruction. In attendance were board members of the San Diego Paralegal Association. This event was part of the regional collaboration project approved for Strong Workforce funding. In the photo from left to right: Mary Sessom, Cuyamaca College; Emily Morissette, Southwestern College, Paralegal Studies Chair; Darrel Harrison, Miramar College, Paralegal Studies Chair; and Brandon Baker, Cuyamaca, Paralegal Studies Instructor

### ***Math Pathway Program Presented to Board of Governors***

Dr. Julianna Barnes, President, along with Dr. Tammi Marshall and Terrie Nichols from the Math Department, were invited to give a short presentation on our Math Pathway program at the state Board of Governor's meeting on January 16. The BOG asked a lot of questions and were very excited with the progress we have made towards increased success and closing the equity gap. In addition, the team was asked to participate in a Legislative Briefing on the changes in Developmental Education at the Capital. We gave a short presentation and participated in a panel of other educators from around the state.



### ***Free Flu Shots***



It's not too late! While the supply lasts, all Cuyamaca College students and staff can receive their free flu shot at Student Health Services during their business hours. The office is located in the Student Center, room I-137.

### ***Cuyamaca College Launches New Concert Series***

An East County benefactor who has helped transform the San Diego chamber music landscape is underwriting a new series of concerts at Cuyamaca College's Performing Arts Theatre featuring renowned international musicians who have impressed audiences as far away as the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall in Moscow. The concerts are part of a newly launched the East County Harmonics Organization (ECHO) Chamber Music Series. The series began Saturday, February 17, with Bomsori Kim (violin) and Drew Petersen (piano). Kim captured the 62<sup>nd</sup> ARD International Music Competition, a prestigious classical music event in Munich, Germany; Petersen won the 2017 American Pianists Award for classical music. The ECHO Chamber Music Series is being underwritten by Sam Ersan, a vice chair at the San Diego Symphony's Board of Directors who established the Sam B. Ersan Chamber Music Fund at UC San Diego and whose philanthropy includes founding two chamber music groups, the Camera Lucida piano quartet, and the Myriad Trio. Ersan said he was looking at venues for a new chamber concert series in the East County and settled on Cuyamaca College largely because of the welcoming reception he received from college administrators.

# Upcoming Events

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



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Turf and Landscape Seminar

"The Next Decade of Pest Management"

Thursday, March 8, 2018

7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Theater

## Spring Garden & Butterfly Festival

Saturday, April 28, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



## SPRING 2018 CAREER WORKSHOPS



Day & Date	Topics	Time	Location
Wed., Feb. 7	In-Demand Jobs (C2C)	2 to 3 pm	Career Center
Wed., Feb. 14	Strategies for Interview Success (C2C)	2 to 3 pm	Career Center
Wed., Feb. 21	Creating an Elevator Pitch (C2C)	2 to 3 pm	Career Center
Tues., Feb. 27	Choosing a Major	12-1pm	Career Center
Wed., Feb. 28	Building a Résumé (C2C - 2 hours)	2 to 4 pm	Career Center
Wed., March 7	Connect2Careers Portal Registration (C2C)	2 to 3 pm	Career Center
Wed., March 14	Skills for Success: What Employers Want	2 to 3 pm	Career Center
Wed., March 21	In-Demand Jobs (C2C)	2 to 3 pm	Career Center
Tues., April 3	Networking for Success	12-1pm	Career Center
Wed., April 4	Building a Résumé (C2C - 2 hours)	2 to 4 pm	Career Center
Wed., April 11	Strategies for Interview Success (C2C)	2 to 3 pm	Career Center
Tues., April 17	Navigating the Career Fair	12-1pm	Career Center
Wed., April 18	Creating an Elevator Pitch (C2C)	2 to 3 pm	Career Center
Wed., April 25	East County Career Expo	9:30am to 1:30 pm	Student Services Bldg.
Wed., May 2	Connect2Careers Portal Registration (C2C)	2 to 3 pm	Career Center



C2C = Connect2Career Special Guest Presenters

Career workshops - FREE for students, faculty, staff, and the community at large!

Sign up by contacting Cuyamaca College Career Services at 619-660-4436 (or just show up).

[www.cuyamaca.edu/career](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/career)