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## *President's Report to the Governing Board April 17, 2018*

### *Cuyamaca College Students Take Top Honors at Cesar Chavez Scholarship Competition*



Cuyamaca College student Ivetth Estrada Reyes was honored at the March 26 Cesar E. Chavez Community Breakfast in Downtown San Diego with the top prize in a community college essay competition – a \$1,000 scholarship and a new laptop computer. Fellow Cuyamaca College student, Likaa Mohamad, took Honorable Mention in the essay competition; Estrada and Mohamad were the only two community college students who were honored. Several hundred people attended the awards presentation at the Westin San Diego. Those applying for the Chavez Scholars Community Scholarship had to write a 600-700 word essay

focusing on the theme of “standing up with courage and boldness for a better tomorrow” and describing a time “when you or someone around you stood up for a cause that you felt would build a better tomorrow.” Ivetth’s essay detailed how her exposure to social and institutional injustices brought her out of her shell and prompted her to become more engaged in standing up for immigrants. She is an active advocate for immigrant rights and educational equity on campus, and is the co-founder of Cuyamaca’s United Dreamers student organization that serves as a support group for undocumented students and allies. Mohamad, a refugee from Iraq, is a straight-A student on track to graduate this spring and who plans on transferring to San Diego State University. When not on campus, she spends much of her time helping immigrants in her El Cajon neighborhood navigate their new life in America.

### *Student Engagement: Dolores Huerta & Cesar Chavez Celebration*

On Friday, April 6, Student Affairs, Associated Student Government, and Equity & Engagement sponsored the Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez event in front of the Communication Arts building. More than 100 students participated in this event and enjoyed free food and entertainment. The keynote speaker was Fernando Vega, who is an accomplished performer and singer. Fernando was nominated for the best musical performance by the San Diego Theatre Critics in 2015. There were also speeches from President Julie Barnes, Vice President Jessica Robinson, and Dean Alicia Munoz. The event included two student poets who performed their original works.



### ***OH Students Blossom at National Competition***

Nine students from Cuyamaca College's Ornamental Horticulture department took part in the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual National Collegiate Landscape Competition which was held at Alamance Community College in North Carolina. Of the 62 colleges and universities that took part in the competition, Cuyamaca College was the only school with three students, Tyler Shannon, Kaitly Bevenour, and Alexandra Trofimov, finishing among the top 25 in total points. Cuyamaca placed fifth over-all nationally among the community colleges taking part in the competition. The National Collegiate Landscape Competition, sponsored by the National Associate of Landscape Professionals, is the largest national competition and career recruitment event for college students studying horticulture and landscaping. Students demonstrate their skills in everything from irrigation troubleshooting to sales presentations and patio building.



### ***Sustainable Turf and Landscape Seminar***

On Thursday, March 8, the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Turf and Landscape Seminar, which was held at the Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theater. Close to 250 students and horticulture industry professionals attended and over \$15,000 was raised for the OH Scholarship Banquet and other club activities. This event not only raised money for the club but connects the OH program to landscape industry leaders.

### ***Athletic Trainer Honored***



Cuyamaca College's Head Athletic Trainer Jamie Adams has been honored by Far West Athletic Trainers' Association (FWATA) with a 2018 FWATA Special Recognition Award for outstanding service.

### ***Outreach Department Receives Recognition Award***

The Outreach Department was presented recently with a special recognition award from the Alpine Union School District. The award recognized the department for their support and participation in Alpine Union School District's Career and College Fair. For two days, our Student Ambassadors presented Cuyamaca College's academic programs and student services to 500 middle school students. Additionally, the staff in Outreach are still implementing the matriculation workshops with our local feeder high schools in efforts to enroll as many students as possible and provide priority registration.

### *Center for Water Studies: Transformation of L Building Begins*

Work is currently underway to transform the existing L Building into the new home for the Center for Water Studies at Cuyamaca College. The reconfigured space will include two large capacity "traditional" classrooms as well as two specialized "hands on learning" teaching spaces. One of these spaces will feature a fully equipped "wet lab", where students will be able to perform many of the same tests that would be performed at a modern water or wastewater treatment plant water quality analysis lab. The second specialized classroom will house our Backflow Prevention Tester class as well as our two Cross-Connection Control courses. Our new Pumps, Motors, and Valves, and Advanced Mechanical Maintenance courses will also be taught in this multipurpose work shop area. The general contractor for this project is Evergreen Cali and construction management services are being provided by Gafcon. The estimated total cost for the project is \$1.2 million dollars and the projected completion date is July 2018. We anticipate being able to fully utilize all of the new Center for Water Studies classrooms, as well as the recently completed Field Operations Skills Yard (FOSY) during our Fall 2018 semester course offerings.



### *20<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Day Celebration*



On Saturday, March 24, students in the Arboriculture class participated in a community tree planting to celebrate Arbor Day. The event was hosted by the City of El Cajon at John F. Kennedy Park. Our students provided advice and assistance to volunteers to demonstrate proper techniques in tree planting. Over twenty trees of various species were planted. Students in this course have participated in this event since 2014. The OH Department also had an information booth to promote our course offerings to the volunteers present.



# Upcoming Events

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



## 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)



*Automotive Skills Day*  
Saturday, May 5, 2018  
Automotive Bays, Building K



## Workshop:

Available social services for Middle Eastern community,  
medical services, and mental health stigmatization

### **An Informational Presentation**

by **Nawal Alkatib**, Ethnic Community Self Help Director  
at the

**Chaldean and Middle Eastern Social Services  
Division of San Ysidro Health**

*April 18, 2018  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
Room F-513*

***Middle Eastern Pastries Will Be Served***

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## Discussion Panel

# *“A Journey to Success, Misconceptions and Stereotypes”*

**April 26, 2018  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Student Center,  
I-208 & I-209**

### **Panelists are:**

Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh  
Sahar Abushaban  
Asma Yassi  
Dr. Noha Ireiqat  
Huda Bahjat

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