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President's Report to the Governing Board November 13, 2018

40th Anniversary House Party

Forty never looked so good! Cuyamaca College on October 18 celebrated its 40th Anniversary House Party with approximately 150 guests that included students, faculty, staff, retirees and alumni. Months of planning resulted in an afternoon and evening of music and memories accentuated with food and drink. A slide show depicting the college's beginnings was shown throughout the event. Several founding faculty members (Marsha Fralick, Sam Turner, and Pei-Hua Chou) talked about the early days of the college. Others were filmed as they shared their Cuyamaca College experiences - and their memories will be shown as a video montage during the spring convocation. President Julianna Barnes thanked all those in attendance and detailed a litany of seminal events contributing to what Cuyamaca College is today: a regional leader in higher education and workforce training that is impacting the economy and transforming lives for the better.



Renaming Communications Arts Theatre



New signage officially designating a Cuyamaca College cultural hub as the Samuel M. Ciccati Performing Arts Center and the Samuel M. Ciccati Performing Arts Theatre – in honor of the former college president for a \$1 million gift – was unveiled during an October 18 ceremony here at the college. The \$1 million gift is the largest ever received by the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and will go toward an endowment that will finance scholarships and assistance for Cuyamaca College students in perpetuity.

Wheelchair Basketball Game

Cuyamaca College celebrated its 21st Wheelchair Basketball Game on October 24. This annual event was created in 1998 and has been ongoing to celebrate Disabilities Awareness Month every October. The Cuyamaca College Men's Basketball Team and various wheelchair athletes from San Diego wheelchair basketball teams faced off with each other in this action-packed game. All able-bodied athletes and any spectator that wanted to play was put in the athletic wheelchairs. Teams were then equally mixed to level the playing court. The wheelchair athletes were so accommodating to new players; they made sure everyone got their hands on the ball and was given opportunities to shoot! Along with members of the men's basketball team, staff members Mary Asher Fitzpatrick, Ray Reyes, John Escobedo, and Veronica Corral were brave enough to get on the court in a wheelchair and play in the game.



CARE and CalWORKs Halloween Carnival

Halloween is a fun time of the year, especially when parents and children get into the spirit and dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating, collecting candy from house to house! This year the Cuyamaca College CARE and CalWORKs S.T.E.P.S. programs collaborated to create our first annual Halloween event geared towards Cuyamaca student program participants who are parents and their children. The event featured an informative Halloween Safety workshop, presented by Debra Ferrin, Child Development Instructor. Kids were treated with arts and crafts and a fun Halloween movie. There were hot dogs and chicken sandwiches as well as French fries and bags of popcorn for all those that participated. Parents were encouraged to dress their children in costumes and everyone got a bag of candies. Thirty-two parents, family members and staff, as well as 68 kids, participated in this fun and successful event. We look forward to doing more activities like this in the future.



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Transfer Fair



This year the Transfer Fair was a successful event. The Transfer Fair welcomed over 35 college and university representatives who were on hand to meet with students and provide information on the various programs offered through their respective institutions.

Got Plans? College & Career Fair

In conjunction with Cuyamaca College's High School & Community Relations (Outreach) department, The East County Education Alliance held the 15th annual Got Plans? College and Career Fair at Cuyamaca College on Saturday, October 20. Approximately 1,500 attendees from Grossmont Union High School District came to learn about prospective paths for the future. More than 60 groups participated to offer information to students on options for life-after-high school. Representatives from public and private colleges and universities from California and across the nation, vocational schools, career agencies, and the military were on hand to answer questions and interact with students. Thirty programs from GCCCD and GUHSD participated in the event. Our Financial Aid, Counseling Services, Career Education, and Outreach Departments offered workshops to students on financial assistance, transfer options, two year college options (including the Grossmont Cuyamaca College Promise) and Career Enhancing Marketable Skills.



Anthony Zambelli Honored as a California Hero



State Senator Joel Anderson recognized our very own Anthony (Tony) Zambelli as a California Hero at a California Heroes Day ceremony on Saturday, October 13, at Foothills Church in El Cajon. Tony is the Director of the San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College, where he began teaching in 1979 and where he continues to serve as an adjunct professor. He also is the district coordinator for the *We the People* program, which promotes civic literacy, and he is a selfless volunteer with the El Cajon Elks Lodge, which - among other things - supports former foster youth and the Cuyamaca College UP! program. In addition, Tony is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of La Mesa.

San Diego Center for Economic Education News

Anthony (Tony) Zambelli, Director of the San Diego Center for Economic Education (SDCEE) at Cuyamaca College, conducted a breakout session on Using Public Choice Theory to explain voting behavior at the Arizona Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference in Mesa, AZ on October 20, and conducted a breakout session on Using YouTube Videos to Teach Economics and Personal Finance at the St Louis Federal Reserve Bank Professors' Conference on November 2. Accounting Instructor, Chris O'Byrne, was one of the members of the SDCEE Advisory Board who conducted a personal financial literacy workshop for Grossmont College financial aid employees on October 30th. There are six centers for economic education in California; the San Diego Center for Economic Education is the only one that is hosted by a community college.

Native American Heritage Month

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Library display for November will feature beautiful Native American items from various tribes. Exhibit animals such as the golden eagle and red tail hawk, as well as bison, horse and caribou hides, on loan from the San Diego Natural History Museum will be on display. We will also feature books that address Native American tribes, culture, social issues and myths.

