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## *President's Report to the Governing Board* *March 16, 2016*

### **Students Earn Top Honors**

Two Cuyamaca College students have been named to the 2016 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Community College Academic Team – among the most prestigious honors for community college



students in the state. ASGCC President, **Ms. Mariah Moschetti**, was one of 31 students named to the 2016 PTK All-California Community College Academic 2<sup>st</sup> Team. In addition, Mariah was one of just 50 students nationwide selected as a Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar, an honor that comes with a \$1500 award to help her further pursue her studies. Selection as a Coca-Cola Gold Scholar was based on scores the students earned in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition, in which more than 1,900 applications were received for this year. This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.



**Ms. Sophia Balanay** was one of just 31 students securing a spot on the 2016 PTK All-California Community College Academic 2<sup>nd</sup> team. The Community College League of California will be hosting the Annual Phi Theta Kappa awards luncheon in Sacramento to honor all the students who made the PTK All-California Team.

### **Cuyamaca & Grossmont College 2016 Spring Scholarship Awards Event**

More than \$80,000 in scholarships was awarded to 142 students at Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges in a joyful event Saturday that honored the students' accomplishments and recognized the challenges they faced during their journey to academic excellence. The scholarship award ceremony for both colleges was held at the La Mesa Community Center and was sponsored by the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges, the philanthropic arm of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. A total of \$33,191 in scholarship money was awarded to 53 Cuyamaca College students. Many of the students were awarded Osher scholarships, the result of a statewide community college scholarship fund established by the Bernard Osher Foundation in 2011.



### **First Year Experience Students' Updates**

Cuyamaca College's FYE program has established free printing for FYE students. In partnership with the Academic Resource Center (ARC), FYE provides free printing for all current FYE students that are in good standing with the program. Students are allowed to print for free only at the ARC, and they must show their school ID which has an FYE sticker with its logo. Each student is allotted six pages per day and will only be available during the academic semester.

**FYE Rising Stars:** On Friday, February 19, thirty-nine FYE students were recognized with a breakfast celebration before their *Coun 150: Transfer Success* course for achieving a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above in the fall semester. Students enjoyed a continental breakfast, awards, and a personalized letter from Cuyamaca President, Dr. Julianna Barnes. Students were honored and validated for their efforts by their peers and counselors.



**Student Success Workshop:** In an effort to prevent students from becoming academically disqualified from Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges, the FYE program has established its new intervention strategy, a mandatory *Student Success Workshop*. After their *Coun 150* course, nineteen FYE students who are in danger of being placed on lack-of-progress or academic probation attended a required workshop led by the Acting FYE Coordinator. During the workshop, they learned about academic policy and student success strategies that will help them avoid potential disqualification. Each student signed an agreement with the coordinator to meet for a one-on-one follow-up session; this is just one of many intervention strategies that the FYE program utilizes to increase student retention and success.

**FYE field trip:** On Friday, February 26, forty-five FYE students and five counselors met at 7:00 a.m. to board a chartered bus for a trip to UC Riverside to participate in its Community College Transfer Student Conference. Students were provided with pertinent information regarding the transfer process, support services, academic programs and student life. In addition to these resources, students also attended workshops on Chicano/Latino and Native American cultural awareness and empowerment. This field trip was the first of five; in the upcoming months FYE students will have the opportunity to visit UCSD, SDSU, and UCLA.



**Student organization for DREAMERS:** First Year Experience students, **Ms. Iveth Estrada**, and **Ms. Arely Reyes**, are paving the way and pioneering as the founders of the first student organization for undocumented students (DREAMERS) at Cuyamaca College. Seeing the need for campus resources, networking, and solidarity for Dreamers at Cuyamaca College, Iveth and Arely took the initiative to create a safe space for undocumented students and allies. With the assistance of the Acting First Year Experience Coordinator, **Ms. Mary Garcia**, FYE Assistant, **Ms. Gabriela Soto**, EOPS Counselor, **Ms. Elizabeth Salinas**, and EOPS Student Services Specialist, **Mr. Eddie Vasquez**, Ms. Estrada and Ms. Reyes have successfully created the student organization recognized as "United Dreamers/Soñadores Unidos." The club is led by students for students, but it welcomes support from staff and faculty allies. United Dreamers meet every other Friday of the month from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Cross-Cultural Room in the Student Center.

### **Faculty Member Published**

**Ms. Kari Wergeland**, Library, had her poem "Camping in the Desert" published in the magazine *Two Thirds North* 2016.

### **Tutoring Team Present at Conference**

Cuyamaca College's tutoring team will be conducting 4 presentations over 2 days at the Tutor Expo, a 3CSN Learning Assistance Community of Practice conference being hosted at City College. The team will present on everything from how to create effective relationships between embedded tutors and instructors, the why and the how of our scientific writing tutoring program, how to create campus buy-in for tutoring, and how to design meaningful quantitative data studies.

### **Cuyamaca College Wellness Walkers**

During the month of February, the Cuyamaca College Wellness Walkers reported a total of 5,259,730 steps taken. Walkers meet during the lunch hour on the second Thursday of each month for walks together around the college.

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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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## **Career Workshops**

“Choosing a Major and Career Selection”

Wednesday, April 13

12:00-1:00pm, Career Center A-209

“Interviewing Techniques”

Monday, April 18

12:00-1:00pm, Career Center A-209

“Social Networking for Professional Success”

Wednesday, April 27

12:00-1:00pm, Career Center A-209

“Resume Writing”

Monday, April 4

12:00-1:00pm, Career Center A-209

“Navigating the Career Expo”

Monday, May 2

12:00-1:00pm, Career Center A-209



## **2016 East County Career Expo**

Wednesday, May 4

9:00am to 2:00pm

Student Center, I-207



## **Diversity Dialogues**

These workshops focus on a variety of diversity awareness and social justice topics. Students who attend and participate in a minimum of 3 workshops during the current academic year earn a “Diversity & Leadership” certificate and will be recognized for their efforts at the Student Leaders Reception in May.

Wednesday, March 30

“Asian Pacific Islander Women in Pop Culture” presented by Grace Bagunu, USD

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in F-702