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President's Report to the Governing Board May 21, 2019

College Hosts First Annual Social Justice Conference

On May 2, Cuyamaca College held its 1st Annual Social Justice Conference, which was organized by Raquel Jacob-Almeida, Instructor of Sociology, and Jesus Suarez, ASG President, and was sponsored by the Student Affairs Office and Equity and Engagement (of the IESE division). The theme of the conference was "*Empowering Through Advocacy*", and its purpose was to bring awareness of activism and opportunities for community involvement to Cuyamaca College students who have long expressed a desire to become actively involved but uncertain as to how to do so. Local activist and community college professor Kirin Macapugay was the keynote speaker; three students from local colleges and universities participated in the Student Activism Panel, and four community members participated in the community activism panel. The conference closed with remarks by Raquel Jacob-Almeida along with a Community Organizations Meet N' Greet luncheon.



Coyote Music Festival



The Performing Arts Department hosted the 11th annual Coyote Music Festival on May 4. The concert featured six bands from the San Diego and Tijuana areas, including Alex Lievanos and Junípero, who are repeat participants. This year's event also included some 20 small-business vendors. The Music Industry Seminar, a class within the department's Music Industry Studies AA program, sponsors the event as a semester-long class project each year. The students in the class pick the artists, design the promotional materials, market the event, organize the logistics, and execute the event; the event is 100% student run. This year, the class partnered with Mannequin Vanity Records, a San Diego-based record label, to promote the event, including collaborating with one of its signed artists.

Art Exhibit Blossoms at Cuyamaca College

The college's Fine Arts and Graphics Design department's exhibit, Art Blooms, showcased fresh floral interpretations of art in various media designed by advanced floral design students from the Ornamental Horticulture department. The 2019 Cuyamaca College Annual Spring Student Fine Art & Graphic Design Exhibition was held through May 17 in the east wing of the third floor of the Communications Arts Center.



The Spring Garden & Butterfly Festival

Perfect weather was the catalyst for a steady stream of visitors throughout the day as Cuyamaca College's Ornamental Horticulture program, the Water Conservation Garden and Heritage of the Americas Museum came together to present the 26th annual Spring Garden and Butterfly Festival. The annual Festival, created by the Ornamental Horticulture program at Cuyamaca College,



student and alumni volunteers helped to make the day a great success. Thousands of community members came to the campus for the plant sales, craft and artesian vendors, tours of the butterfly pavilion, guided tours of the garden, landscape design consultations, museum tours, and butterfly releases. The festival also presented a College Showcase; over 25 academic programs and student services provided information on the many opportunities available here at the college. Old Town Trolley Tours of San Diego provided free narrated rides to and from the garden, museum, and college. Making this year's festival especially noteworthy was the college is celebrating its 40th anniversary and The Water Conservation is celebrating its 20th year anniversary.

San Diego Center for Economic Education Promotes Financial Literacy Month

April is nationally recognized as Financial Literacy Month. Recognizing that students and their families at Monte Vista High School should be financially literate, Cuyamaca College's Department of Business and Professional Studies and the San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College worked with Kenneth Palmer, Personal Finance Instructor at Monte Vista High School, to conduct a Financial Literacy Month activity at the Heritage of the Americas Museum on April 9. Forty parents and students attended a financial literacy workshop which was primarily conducted by students in Mr. Palmer's class. Topics discussed included finance, credit, and debt. The San Diego Center for Economic Education provided funding for the event.

Encuentros Luncheon

A team from Cuyamaca College hosted partners from private industry, the San Diego County Office of Education, local middle and high school principals, and the Encuentros Leadership board to kick off the planning of the 2019 Encuentros Education and Leadership Conference which will take place on Saturday, September 21, here at Cuyamaca College. This conference is focused on strengthening our relationship with our local Latino Community via hosting middle and high school Latino young men and their families to spend a Saturday at the college learning about the many possibilities higher education has to offer, and normalizing the journey of academia to their parents to improve the support received at home. In order for our event to be a success we requested support from our partners as we work with middle and high school teams to invite and secure student attendance at the upcoming conference.



Part-time Instructor Delivers Keynote

Dr. Julie Ducharme, part-time instructor in Business, provided the keynote talk for the San Diego Continuing Education Star Conference earlier this month. She spoke on empowerment, creating and building equity in the college system, and how their vision for change could create guided pathways for students.

Paralegal Studies Department Participates in Law Day



The Paralegal Studies Program along with the San Diego Paralegal Association hosted a table at San Diego's Law Day event. The event was held at the City Heights Community Center.

Construction Town Hall Barbeque Luncheon

The Cuyamaca College community enjoyed a Town Hall meeting with great music and a tasty barbecue hosted by the Facilities department in Central Park (aka the Grand Lawn) on Tuesday, May 14. The Facilities team worked together preparing and grilling a large spread of meats and side dishes as a means to say thank you to the college for allowing them to serve the college community. President Barnes presented an overview of the multiple capital improvement projects as well as the timelines and impacts as the college prepares to embark in construction and improvements this summer.

