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## *President's Report to the Governing Board January 21, 2020*

### *Honor Students*

At Cuyamaca College, approximately 940 students made the “honor roll” for the fall 2019 semester. 309 students will receive the Vice President’s honor letter, having obtained a 3.50 to 3.99 grade point average for 12 or more units in which a letter grade was received, and 182 students will be receiving the President’s congratulatory letter, having earned a 4.0 GPA for the fall. In addition, 449 honor letters signed by either the College President or the Vice President of Student Services from both colleges will be mailed congratulating each student on their scholastic achievement while attending classes at both colleges during the fall semester.

### *President's Holiday Party*

On Thursday, December 12, 2019, the Student Center was alight with merriment at the annual President’s Holiday Luncheon. Faculty, staff, and administrators were treated to gourmet faire provided by Cupid’s Catering. President Julianna Barnes donated multiple gifts that were given out to several lucky winners throughout the afternoon festivities. New this year was a photo booth, along with props, for staff to enjoy. Several faculty and staff participated in the holiday baking competition. For the second year in a row, Gwen Nix, from the VPSS office, was the winner with her cherry-dark chocolate dump cake.



## *Mobile Market*



The Cuyamaca College Mobile Market, in partnership with the San Diego Food Bank, sets up on campus on a monthly opportunity for our students who are coping with food insecurities to get free groceries. This program includes both fresh produce, non-perishable canned goods, and occasionally dried pastas. Every third Monday of the month, during a time when state food assistance may be dwindling down, students can come and get whatever they need to feed themselves and their families. And because Cuyamaca Cares understands that food doesn't always last, especially in a large family, it is followed by the Cuyamaca Cares Fresh Joint during the fourth week of the month.

## *Principals Breakfast Meeting*

On December 11, 2019, members of the Cuyamaca College leadership met with six principals and leadership from the Grossmont Union High School District, and the Mountain Empire Unified School District. The meeting served as a conversation between the high schools and GCCCD. Discussions were held about how to better engage high school students, provide more streamlined access to GCCCD, and open lines of communication to better serve all students. A commitment was made to continue the conversations and include front-line staff working directly with students.

## *Community Outreach and Engagement*

President Julianna Barnes and Director of College & Community Relations Christianne Penunuri attended the holiday party for the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on December 12, 2019. Cuyamaca is now a proud member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The event yielded a number of great community contacts including regional leaders in the Hispanic and Asian communities in San Diego. Cuyamaca College has begun conversations with staff at the County of San Diego interested in developing a mentorship/internship program, arranged for campus-wide tours with members of the Filipino community, and is engaging in discussions with the Filipino Press to cover events and student profiles in their weekly publication.



## *Gwen Nix, Administrative Assistant, Submits Her Final Report*



For the past 12 years, Gwen Nix, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Student Services, has been gathering the information for the monthly report to the Governing Board on behalf of the college president. She started writing the reports while serving as the administrative assistant to the Executive Dean of Institutional Advancement and working with the college's foundation. While she has enjoyed putting together the report each month, Gwen will be retiring in February. This will be her last report. Thanks and best wishes to Gwen!