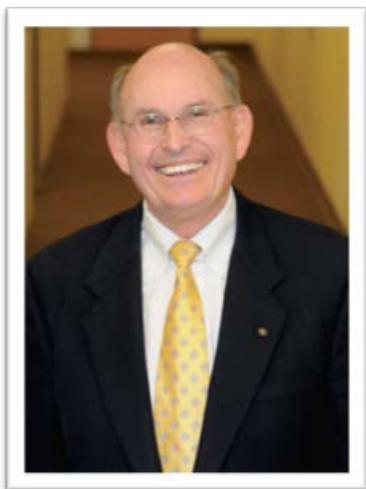




# CUESTA COLLEGE

## President's Newsletter

July 15, 2016



Dear Cuesta College,

Summer session is well underway and general registration is now open for fall. I hope you all are taking time this summer to enjoy your family and friends and this beautiful place we call home. Fall Opening Day is right around the corner (August 12) and I look forward to seeing everyone as we kick off the 2016-17 school year. Until then, enjoy the July Newsletter. My monthly newsletters can always be found on the Cuesta website by [clicking here](#); if you would like for an event or accomplishment to be considered for inclusion in a future newsletter, please email Media Relations Coordinator [Lauren Milbourne](#).

Dr. Gil Stork  
Superintendent/President

## What's New?

### Large Cat Sighting

On the afternoon of **July 11**, a large cat was spotted near the SLO Campus Facilities Department, which is located behind the college campus on Colusa Road. Officers with the Cuesta College Police Department responded to the reported sighting but were unable to locate the animal. It could not be confirmed whether the animal was a mountain lion or bobcat. As a precaution, warning signs have been placed throughout campus and will remain up through Monday, July 18. Mountain lion sightings should be reported immediately to Campus Safety at (805) 546-3205. For more info, click [here](#).

### New Bus Stop on SLO Campus

On Monday, **July 18**, the RTA bus stop on the SLO Cuesta College Campus will obtain a new location. The stop is currently located at the front of the campus near parking lot 3; it's new location will be toward the back of campus on Chorro Valley Road, near the Gym (building 1400). For more details, click [here](#).

### Six Associate Degrees for Transfer on the North County Campus

Beginning **this fall**, Cuesta College will offer six Associate Degrees for Transfer exclusively from the North County Campus. Although we offer a total of 25 transfer degrees, this is the first set of ADTs available entirely on the North County Campus. The two-year scheduled plan for six Associate Degrees for Transfer are being offered in response to the needs of our North County residents. The degrees are Administration of Justice, Agriculture Business, Business Administration, Communication Studies, Psychology, and Sociology. For more details, click [here](#).

### **Kids in Business Fair**

The second session of the Kids in Business class (a part of the summer program College for Kids) will culminate on Wednesday, **July 20**, with the Kids in Business Fair from 12:30pm-2:00pm in the Cuesta Café Foyer. The students are excited to market, display and sell their merchandise, so mark your calendar and consider supporting their efforts. Some of the business names and products: Goopy Goodies (brownie ice cream sandwiches), Terra Pots (plant pots with clay animals attached), Neat Notes (customized notebooks) and Galaxy Goo (glitter slime).

### **Asmat Tribesman Coming to Cuesta College**

An exciting cultural experience will be taking place on the SLO Campus later this month. Cuesta College's Harold J. Miozzi Art Gallery is set to host a trio of Asmat - an ethnic and indigenous group of New Guinea people - in a cultural exchange that will showcase the artistry of the Asmat culture. On **July 26**, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., in the Harold J. Miozzi Art Gallery courtyard, three Asmat artists will display hand carved drums, demonstrate traditional drumming and perform ceremonial dances. Elaborately carved Asmat masks and costumes will also be on display. The Asmat have one of the most well-known woodcarving traditions in the Pacific, and their art is sought by collectors worldwide. For more details, click [here](#).

For more information on college news, [click here](#).

## **Congratulations!**

### **Cuesta Welders Best in Nation**

Congratulations to the team of three Cuesta College welding students who brought home the gold from the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference held last month in Kentucky! The trio placed first in the Welding Fabrication competition. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row that Cuesta has stood on the SkillsUSA national podium. Click [here](#) to read more about all seven students who competed at nationals and to see a photo of the welding fabrication team and their faculty advisor/welding instructor Mike Fontes. Congrats to all the CTE faculty advisors who coached this year's qualifying students through the national competition.

### **Rodeo Club National Competition Results**

Cuesta's Rodeo Club returned from the College National Finals Rodeo competition in Wyoming last month with the team placing 19<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Aaron Williams placed 8<sup>th</sup> in bull riding and won the second go-around. Lane Lowrey took home 4<sup>th</sup> place in the team roping-heading competition, and Will Centoni landed at 15<sup>th</sup> in the saddle bronc riding. A special thanks to Rodeo Club Coach Clint Pearce and Rodeo Club Advisor Dr. Anthony Koeninger for their guidance this year. A look at the team's road to nationals can be found [here](#).

### **Cuesta College Receives Prestigious Award**

Cuesta College, the City of San Luis Obispo, and Cal Poly were recently honored with the Larry W. Abernathy Award at the International Town and Gown Association Annual Conference recently in Chicago. The Abernathy Award is given out annually to the city and university that best exemplify the mission of the ITGA: "strengthening town/gown partnerships." In this case, an exception was made to recognize all three organizations for their collaborative roles in producing the San Luis Obispo Neighborhood Wellness/Community Civility Effort (Civility Report). For details on this prestigious award, click [here](#).

# In the News

Over the past few weeks, good news about Cuesta College was featured in the following media segments:

- The college's brand new **backpacking course** (KINA 236) was previewed in a popular [Tribune](#) article last month, and recently featured on [KSBY](#) in segment featuring a hike with the class on the Johnson Ranch Trail. Look out for another feature on the course next week in the *Tribune*!
- The [New Times](#) previewed the upcoming **Asmat cultural experience** (mentioned in What's New above).
- A rallying cry to get students to **sign up for fall** semester courses was proclaimed in the [New Times](#) column Cougars & Mustangs.
- Cuesta College is the recipient of a **\$1,000 donation** from the Channel Chief Giving Circle, a new philanthropic effort led by technology industry leaders and CompTIA, the nonprofit association for the technology industry. [PRNewswire](#) did a piece on the new giving program.
- The Harold J. Miossi Art Gallery's current exhibit "**Invisible Abundance**" got a shout out in the [New Times](#). FYI, the exhibit's opening reception was filmed and will soon be uploaded to the college's [You Tube](#) site; check back soon if you missed the great event.
- The [Paso Robles Press](#) helped inform the community of the new **North County Campus Transfer Degrees**.
- Two Cuesta College students were among 18 community college students chosen to receive the **2016 Gold Standard Scholarship Award** from Coast Hills Credit Union and were featured in the [Paso Robles Daily News](#) and the [Tribune](#).
- Cuesta College's connection to the recent local stage performance of Pirates of Penzance via **Central Coast Gilbert & Sullivan** was spotlighted in the [Tribune](#).

# Hello/Goodbye

As the Cuesta family changes, I would like to acknowledge our new full-time employees, changes in assignments, and those employees, both full-time and part-time, who are retiring. At the July 6 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following individuals were welcomed aboard (no retirements were approved at this meeting):

## Faculty New Hires

- Cynthia Wilshusen, Library/Learning Resources and Distance Education (Instructional Designer – One- year temporary)
- Karen Wilson, Licensed Vocational Nurse

## Classified New Hires

- Eva Brown, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of WED&CP
- Kathryn Nelson, Accounting Technician II
- Emma Saperstein, Harold J. Miossi Art Gallery Coordinator

## Management/Supervisor/Confidential New Hires

- Patricia Ewins, Interim Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Student Services and College Centers
- Bryan Millard, Director of Police & College Safety Services

#### **Change in Assignments**

- Monica Mercer, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Student Services
- Madeline Medeiros, Interim Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Janeal Blue, Human Resources Specialist
- Diane Bergantz, Fiscal Analyst, Special Projects, Grants and Categorical Programs

## Mark Your Calendar

Cuesta College has a variety of great events going on each month; here's a list of some coming up. For full details on college events, check out the [Cuesta College Events Calendar](#).

- July 18: Bus stop moves to back of campus
- July 20: Kids in Business Fair
- July 26: Asmat tribal performance (Miossi Gallery)
- August 1: Deadline to apply for the Promise Scholarship
- August 3: SLOCCCD Board Meeting
- August 8: Scholarship Reception
- August 12: Fall 2016 Opening Day Ceremony

## Questions? Comments?

We hope you enjoyed the President's Newsletter.

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