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What a great start to our campus summer programs! With our students and faculty back after a brief break and the launch of College for Kids there is a sense of excitement as each day begins. I'm enjoying seeing young participants with instruments, tennis rackets, and beach towels headed to their activities. Thank you to all who have worked to ensure the smooth start to our summer session!

Accreditation Dr. Deb Wulff continues her amazing leadership of the Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) process as she prepares for transition. The Cuesta College accreditation team is on track to have a full draft of the compiled by the end of the month. Drs. Wulff and Bontenbal drafted a timeline that provides wonderful opportunity for review, input, and revision and have done an excellent job of ensuring that the benchmarks are being met. Standard narratives are being drafted this summer with comprehensive review to begin in early fall.

AWS Alexa Hackathon Out of 1,084 participants, the Cuesta College team tied for fifth place at the national Amazon Web Services Alexa Skills Hackathon. Led by instructor Bob Sfarzo the Cuesta team project, Quest Assist, is now available as a skill in the Alexa store. Congratulations on a great outcome at your first competition! More detail is available [online](#).

Cougar Welcome Day NCC There was an incredible turn out for our North County Campus Cougar Welcome Day. Despite weather that rapidly turned into a storm, students and families filled the workshops and sessions of the Saturday morning event. Thank you to the many fantastic Cuesta College employees that answered Jeff Alexander's call for volunteers!

Foundation Wins Again! The Cuesta College Foundation was awarded for overall performance in the public two-year institution category for the second year in a row by CASE the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. CASE is recognizing Cuesta College Foundation with the 2019 Circle of Excellence Award recognizing best practices in advancement. Congratulations to Executive Director Shannon Hill, Board President Anita Robinson, and the entire Cuesta College Foundation team!

Back to Pool Day In case you missed the ribbon cutting, the pool is open! Make sure you take a few minutes to take a look at the beautiful and busy new pools. You can sign up for a class through our Community Programs or drop in for lap swim. More info online [here](#).

*Happiness is not something you postpone for the future;
It is something you design for the present.*
Jim Rohn

Warm regards,



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