

DATE: January 8, 2007
TO: Cuyamaca College Community
FROM: Geraldine M. Perri, President
RE: **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and Welcome to the Spring 2007 Semester!

I hope your holiday was all you wished it would be and that this letter finds you well rested, rejuvenated and still enjoying the pleasures of the holiday season as we prepare for what's certain to be a very exciting 2007. At the beginning of each New Year I enjoy sharing all the good news from our many accomplishments with you, and this year there is even more great news to share than ever! The Cuyamaca College extreme makeover is well under way and the construction of the new Science & Technology, Student Center, and Communication Arts buildings continue to infuse the college with great and palpable excitement.

Creativity, innovation, academic excellence and student success abound at Cuyamaca College and your efforts on campus continue to make the difference for our students and help make this college the wonderful place that it is. Thanks to the selfless and tireless efforts of our faculty and staff, the college has recently added a new Associate of Science degree in Social Work to its many offerings. Additionally, the accreditation self-study teams continue their reviews and assessments, and their findings only validate the many wonderful things that we all know make this college so unique and special. The progress we have made and are continuing to make in our accreditation self-study process will become fully realized with the visit of the Accreditation Team in October.

Additionally, our enrollment numbers are up for this past summer and Fall semesters as well as the winter intersession. Thanks to the exceptional efforts of the many individuals involved with the evening calling campaign and our many, many other outreach, recruitment and enrollment efforts, we anticipate that our Spring will be equally positive.

Speaking of Spring, the upcoming semester promises to be unprecedented with many exciting events and activities. Most notably, our students will begin enjoying the benefits and resources offered by the state-of-the-art Science and Technology Building. I would like to personally invite you to join me for the official Grand Opening on April 19th. Our Student Center and Communication Arts buildings are also advancing so rapidly we can hardly keep pace. Each day brings us closer to their completion! And, as if those projects are not enough, the passing of Proposition 1D has made it possible for us to move forward on our Business/CIS building.

In addition, the Cuyamaca College Foundation will be hosting its annual Dinner Dance on April 28th at the San Diego Mission Valley Marriott. Last year, thanks to you - the volunteers who contributed the hundreds of hours to help make this event so successful, the Dinner Dance raised over \$100,000 for the college. A record for Cuyamaca College! We look forward to breaking that record this coming year!

These are just a few of the many highlights that I am pleased to share with you. I invite you to learn more about the upcoming semester by joining me and your colleagues for the **Spring Convocation and Golden Coyotes Awards Ceremony on January 17th**. Our event begins with breakfast from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. at the gym followed by the formal (and very fun) program at 9:00 a.m.

Every one of you has made a personal and professional contribution to this great college and continue to help make it the great institution that it is. Every time you politely answer the phone, patiently help a student with a question, serve on a committee, assist with a project, or smile to someone you pass along the way, you contribute to making Cuyamaca College a community college of academic excellence. It's "The Cuyamaca Way" and I want to thank you for doing your part!!

These are most definitely exciting times for Cuyamaca College, and I am glad that you're a part of the Cuyamaca College community. Thank you for your enthusiasm, participation and support.

Welcome to the spring semester!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geraldine M. Perri". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'G' and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.
President