

Spotlight on Student Services



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DSPS Main Office

A-113
619-660-4239

Monday	8:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) at Cuyamaca College facilitate inclusive and sustainable learning environments and increases opportunities for access and success for students with disabilities through innovative support services. In accordance with the Title V and the Americans with Disabilities Act, Cuyamaca College seeks to ensure equitable treatment in all aspects of campus life.

18th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game



COLLEGE HOUR EVENT!

October 28, 2015 • 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. • Cuyamaca Gym

Come see the Historical Display of Wheelchair Basketball Games since 1998. Luncheon for participants after the game! Opportunity Drawings-Win prizes!

Student Success Workshop

Understanding Disabilities: Information, Resources and Support

Room A-112

Monday, November 16, 2015

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Sign up for the workshops in the Academic Resource Center (C-102)

DSPS Test Proctoring

C-114
619-660-4577

Monday-Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Exam accommodations for students with disabilities are based on their academic accommodations approved by the DSPS office.

DSPS Hi-Tech Center

C-114
619-660-4299

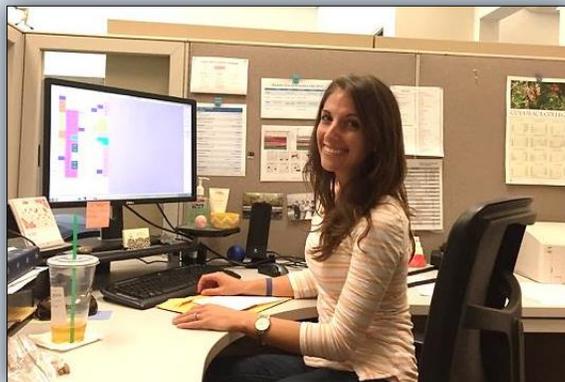
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Friday	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The High Tech Center (HTC) is an instructional technology hub designed to meet DSPS students' needs in adaptive equipment, alternate media, and assistive software/hardware.

Student Success Tip by Beth Viersen

Test appointments must be scheduled by the student five working days in advance for regular tests/quizzes, and ten working days in advance for final exams. Please have exams to the test proctor 24 hours prior to test appointment.

Valerie Peterson: A Key to Student Success



Walk into the office of Disabled Students Programs and Services at Cuyamaca College and Valerie Peterson is one of the first people you'll see. The DSPS specialist works with students, faculty and staff to make sure that students with disabilities are being provided the accommodations to which they are entitled and deserve. "We are here to do all we can for DSPS students to succeed and meet their educational goals," Valerie said. "We don't want them to come here and be disappointed. We don't want to set them up for failure. We want to set them up for success."

People with disabilities are the nation's largest minority, and anyone can join at any time. DSPS provides support services, specialized instruction, and academic accommodations to students with disabilities so that they can participate as fully and benefit as equitably from the college experience as their non-disabled peers.

Valerie was born and raised in Lemon Grove, graduated from Patrick Henry High School in San Diego, and attended both Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges before transferring to San Diego State, where she earned a bachelor's degree in liberal studies with an emphasis in special education.



The door to her career, though, opened while she was attending Grossmont College and Valerie began working in the DSPS office there to help fund her education. That was back in 2005. When a full time position opened up at Cuyamaca College in 2013, Valerie applied and was hired for the job. "It's like a family here," she said of Cuyamaca College. "I've met some really great people in the past 2 ½ years and I've seen some great initiatives that have been implemented. And everything is done for the benefit of the students."

When she's not working, Valerie likes traveling with her husband, a La Mesa Realtor, reading and photography.

Professional Development Workshop

California Disability Laws

October 29th, 2015

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Room C-145

Learn best practices and relevant/cutting edge information regarding educating and promoting the success of students with disabilities at the postsecondary level.

Earn 1 hour of flex credit!

Please RSVP to beth.viersen@gcccd.edu