

You can join, too! The Alumni Network is seeking to reconnect with current and former OH students, department friends and industry partners. Please forward this newsletter to any friends or co-workers who have been connected with Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture. To join our email list and receive updates regarding future Alumni Network events, contact us at:

OHalumni@gmail.com.

Include when you were involved with the department and what you are doing today. We'd love to know how our OH community has planted itself and grown!

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Get Involved

Since its founding in 1980, countless students have benefited from the educational opportunities provided by the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Department. Each student came to school with different needs or expectations. Many students enrolled in classes to enhance their work skills or acquire the credentials needed to advance in their place of employment. For others it provided a practical and affordable path to a new career. More than a handful came for personal interest and to improve their home garden experience. If you are one of these OH alumni you are invited to reconnect with the department, faculty, staff, industry partners and other former students by joining the Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Alumni Network.

Why have an Alumni Network? In both our personal and professional lives relationships are important elements of our success. The purpose of the Alumni Network is to encourage and develop the many relationships formed through connections with the OH Department and to support the educational program for future generations of horticulture students. This will happen in several ways. The Alumni Network will work to **strengthen communication** and **develop networking opportunities** between alumni, industry partners and the OH Department. There will also be several events during the year designed to **foster fellowship** as well as **provide learning opportunities** to keep alumni and department friends current with industry trends and developments. The Alumni Network is proud of the many ways students have become involved in the horticulture industry and will provide opportunities to **recognize alumni accomplishments**. Former students, industry partners and department friends have been key to the on-going success of the OH Department and The Alumni Network will provide rewarding opportunities to **support the OH program**. Whether you've taken one class, finished several degrees within the OH program or are a department friend you are invited to renew your relational ties by becoming a part of the Alumni Network.



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