

# COLLEGE *OF THE* CANYONS

# ANNUAL REPORT *21/22*



# MOVING *FORWARD* TOGETHER



TAKEDA SCIENCE CENTER LECTURE BUILDING

## Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook Chancellor



**“If you want to lift yourself up,  
lift up someone else.”**

~ Booker T. Washington

It was so inspiring this year to see significant numbers of students return to campus. Whether they were attending classes, gathering to study, competing in sports, or accessing needed services in program offices, they brought renewed energy and excitement to the Valencia and Canyon Country campuses that had grown quiet during the pandemic.

Being together as students, faculty, staff, and administrators has enhanced our sense of connectedness, which is essential to fulfilling our mission of offering the highest quality educational opportunities and engagement to our community. A robust in-person student presence creates a rich and vibrant campus experience that fosters shared learning opportunities away from the classroom. Moreover, being together sparks collaboration and new ideas. And, as we have seen repeatedly this year, those lead to new advancements and significant accomplishments that benefit our students and the wider Santa Clarita community.

### **We Achieved Amid Adversity**

Although the lingering effects of the pandemic were still felt in the 2021-22 academic year, we celebrated multiple achievements that speak to the determination and resilience of our students in the face of adversity, as well as the dedication of our faculty and staff to press forward with achieving our goals in the face of uncertainty.

Chief among our accomplishments was seeing the college's accreditation renewed for a seven-year term by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). This is the best outcome possible after undergoing the commission's two-year review and evaluation process. Receiving the highest rating available speaks to the professionalism and excellence of the college's faculty, staff, and administration.

We received another affirmation of our academic quality when the Automotive Technology program's accreditation was recertified through the National Automotive Technicians

Education Foundation. Completing a thorough onsite review by four NATEF evaluators and being recertified demonstrates to potential employers that our students are trained to the highest standard and they are ready to work in today's high-tech automotive environment.

### **Our Students Continued to Excel**

Our students marked significant accomplishments this past year as well. Graduating nursing students achieved the highest first-time pass rate in COC Nursing Program history, with the state Board of Registered Nursing reporting a pass rate of 95 percent. And, College of the Canyons received the second highest team score in the nation for the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) Student Mathematics League Test.

College of the Canyons also had the distinction of having a student selected as a 2022 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholar. The award provided Isabella Solorio with a \$55,000 annual scholarship to complete her bachelor's degree. Isabella's other honors included being named to the 2022 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All California Academic Team and being selected as a national Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar.

### **We Removed Barriers**

The achievements of our students serve as inspiration for our efforts to create opportunities and develop programs that continue to enhance their access, engagement, and success.

We saw significant success this year, as we worked to remove barriers posed by the cost of education.

- We secured a \$1.5 million National Science Foundation grant to fund the S-STEM Equity Alliance Scholars program, which is designed to increase enrollment and graduation rates among science, technology, engineering, and math majors by providing \$10,000 scholarships to students from underrepresented student populations.

# BY THE NUMBERS

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**\$272,105**

College of the Canyons Foundation scholarships awarded to 321 students

**\$10,217,765**

Grant revenue generated to launch innovative new programs

**\$2.1 MILLION**

External funding to provide business and industry training

**19**

COC's national ranking for Hispanic student enrollment

**95.24%**

COC's highest-ever pass rate on national nursing license exam

**55,000**

Square footage of the new Student Services/Learning Resources Center



**WE'RE  
BACK!**

# 2,444

Graduates in 2022

## 1,830

Associate of Arts/Science Degrees

## 1,427

Associate of Arts/Science  
Transfer Degrees

## 2,942

Certificates of Achievement  
& Specialization

## 23%

Median wage increase of students who  
completed career education courses

### Unduplicated Headcount

**69%** Part-time (0-11 units)

**31%** Full-time (12+ units)

# 33,905

Students served in 2021-22

**Female: 43%**

**Male: 57%**

### Students By Ethnicity

African-American	5.5%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.2%
Asian	6.5%
Latinx/Hispanic	46.8%
Multiethnic	3.1%
Filipinx/Pacific Islander	4.2%
White Non-Hispanic	29.4%
Unknown	4.3%

### Students By Age

19 or younger	27.0%
20 to 24	20.5%
25 to 29	11.6%
30 to 34	9.4%
35 to 39	8.2%
40 to 49	12.8%
50+	10.5%



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

By collaborating with partners across the community, College of the Canyons creates new possibilities for students and serves as a resource for the Santa Clarita Valley.

## FUTURE COC STUDENTS EXPLORE PATHS ON DISCOVER DAY

The college hosted the first-ever Discover Day, a campuswide event that drew nearly 500 visitors. More than 50 college representatives from various academic programs, student services departments, and student organizations were on hand to answer questions about various college programs, campus services and student life.



## Law Enforcement Technology Program Launched

The first of its kind, the Law Enforcement Technology program focuses on emerging trends and potential applications for new technologies in criminal investigations and other law enforcement operations. The program allows students from anywhere in the world the opportunity to earn an associate degree and/or a professional certificate in this emerging field of law enforcement.





## Uniquely Abled Academy Matches Students with Careers

The Uniquely Abled Academy graduated another cohort of students ready for advanced manufacturing jobs. A groundbreaking, first-of-its-kind collaboration with local employers, UAA focuses on creating job opportunities for uniquely abled individuals by matching their abilities to in-demand jobs. By partnering with educators, developmental specialists, and representatives from state and local social service agencies, UAA creates programs that train, employ, and provide ongoing support for autistic students and others seeking well-paying jobs.



## COC Hosts OER Conference

To share the best practices and expand the use of OER across the state's three higher education systems, COC hosted the first statewide Open Educational Resources (OER) conference. The conference brought together representatives from the California Community Colleges, California State University and University of California to promote collaboration. Recognized as a leader in advancing OER and Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) materials, College of the Canyons saved students \$2.5 million on the cost of textbooks in the past year.

## Addressing Housing Insecurity & Affordability

COC launched the PLACE Project: Partnerships for Listening and Action by Communities and Educators, which brings together students and local community members to address housing insecurity and affordability. Through collaboration with campus

members and community partners, COC can gain a better understanding of the housing crisis and potential solutions. College of the Canyons is the only community college participating in this nationwide project.

## Manufacturing Day Goes Virtual

The 2021 virtual Manufacturing Day event drew an audience of more than 7,000 students, who connected with thought leaders in manufacturing and advanced technology and gained the inspiration, information, and resources needed to pursue their education and launch future careers.



## 'Ready to Work' Academy Returns

On hold for more than two years because of the pandemic, the Ready to Work Academy resumed training this year. A partnership between College of the Canyons and Carousel Ranch, the program provides certificate courses and work experience to young adults with special needs. Courses offered include Workplace Skills in Customer Service for Retail, Food Service and Hospitality, and Warehouse Fulfillment and Logistics. Students participate in training courses and work experience at partner companies such as Starbucks, Holiday Inn Express, Bluemark, and AMS Fulfillment.

# INNOVATION & DISTINCTION

College of the Canyons is consistently recognized for innovative efforts that enhance student access, engagement, and success.



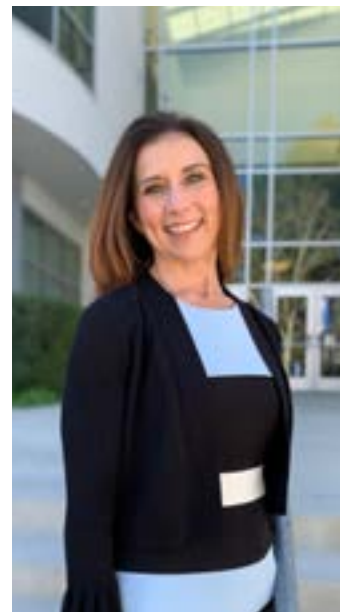
## Awards Recognize High Transfer Rates & Course Placements

The Campaign for College Opportunity named College of the Canyons an Equity Champion for Excellence in Transfer for Latinx Students for being one of California's leading community colleges that support Latinx students on the Associate Degree for

Transfer pathway. As well, the organization named COC a 2022 Champion for Excelling in Equitable Course Placement in Campuswide English Enrollment, Latinx Student English Enrollment, and Black Student English Enrollment.

## State Bar Recognizes Pathway to Law School Program

The College of the Canyons Pathway to Law School program was awarded the California Leadership-Access-Workforce (LAW) Diversity Champion award from the State Bar of California for its efforts to provide a pathway to a law school education for students at the community college level.



## Research Leadership Recognized

Dr. Daylene Meuschke, associate vice president of institutional research, planning, and institutional effectiveness, and student experience redesign, received the 2022 Professional Leadership Award from the RP Group for her exceptional contributions to student and institutional success. The RP Group is a statewide association that helps California Community Colleges gather, analyze, and act on research to strengthen student success.

## Leading the Way in Textbook Affordability

James Glapa-Grossklag, dean of educational technology, learning resources, and distance learning, was named a Michelson 20MM Foundation Open Educational Resources (OER) Fellow to help shape textbook affordability strategy and priorities. Michelson 20MM is a private, nonprofit foundation that supports innovation in education and higher learning initiatives.



## National Award Denotes Business Excellence

The college's Contracts, Procurement and Risk Management department received the 2021 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Purchasing Institute. Recognized as the premier award for the public procurement profession, it is given to organizations that demonstrate excellence in innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership.





## COLLEGE'S ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMED

A two-year institutional review process culminated with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) reaffirming accreditation for College of the Canyons for another seven-year term, the highest possible accreditation outcome.

The commission commended the college for “fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, professional development, and entrepreneurship that is infused throughout the institution, resulting in unique opportunities that enhance student engagement and success.”

Accreditation is a voluntary process colleges and universities undergo to evaluate and assure the quality of education used by the American higher education community – and to subsequently make those results known to the public.

The college began compiling its self-evaluation report in spring 2020 and submitted it to the commission in December 2021 before a team of peer evaluators virtually visited the college in March 2022.

## Chamber Honors Veterans Resource Center Director

Veterans Resource Center Director Renard Thomas was recognized by the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce at the 11th Annual Salute to Patriots event, which honors local veterans for their service and community leadership. An Army and Army Reserve

veteran with more than 20 years of service, Renard deployed for 18 months in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Under his leadership, the Veterans Resource Center serves more than 600 veteran students attending COC.



## Nursing Marks Highest NCLEX Pass Rate

The College of the Canyons Registered Nursing (RN) Class of 2021 had a 95.24 percent National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate for the first quarter of 2021-22, which is the highest quarter result in the program's history. Nursing school graduates must pass the NCLEX exam in order to practice in the U.S.

## Hispanic Enrollment Earns National Ranking

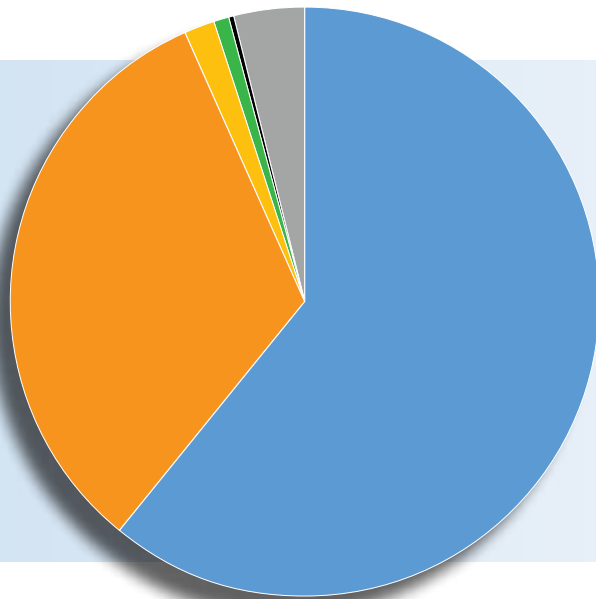
The *Hispanic Outlook on Education* magazine ranked College of the Canyons No. 19 nationally for enrolling the largest number of Hispanic students. The magazine rankings for the Top 100 Community Colleges for Hispanics were based on

data for community colleges with the highest number of Hispanic students enrolled during fall 2019 and spring 2020. COC's Hispanic student enrollment totaled 47 percent of the total student enrollment.

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## Fiscal Resources Expand Services to Students

College of the Canyons is committed to expanding and enhancing student enrollment, programs and services by pursuing funding sources beyond state allocations. Grants awarded by state and federal agencies, along with private foundations, fund innovations across both campuses. Sound fiscal management also remains a top priority, as evidenced by consistently strong audit results. Since 2002, the college has received the highest possible rating on 97 percent of its finance and performance audits that review the district, the foundation and general obligation bonds.

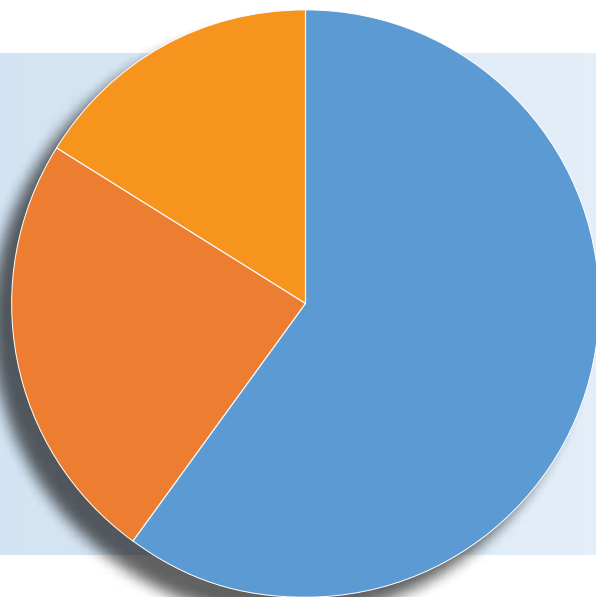


### 2021-22 Revenues

(Unrestricted General Fund)

<b>Apportionment, Property Taxes &amp; Enrollment Fees</b>	<b>\$77,965,365</b>	<b>60.98%</b>
<b>Other State Sources</b>	<b>\$41,462,378</b>	<b>32.43%</b>
Local Sources	\$2,366,802	1.86%
Facility Use Rentals	\$1,059,487	0.83%
Federal Sources	\$99,963	0.08%
All Other Sources	\$4,895,523	3.83%

**TOTAL REVENUES \$127,849,518**



### 2021-22 Expenses

(Unrestricted General Fund)

<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$76,101,418</b>	<b>60.22%</b>
<b>Benefits</b>	<b>\$30,150,993</b>	<b>23.86%</b>
All Other Expenses	\$20,121,579	15.92%

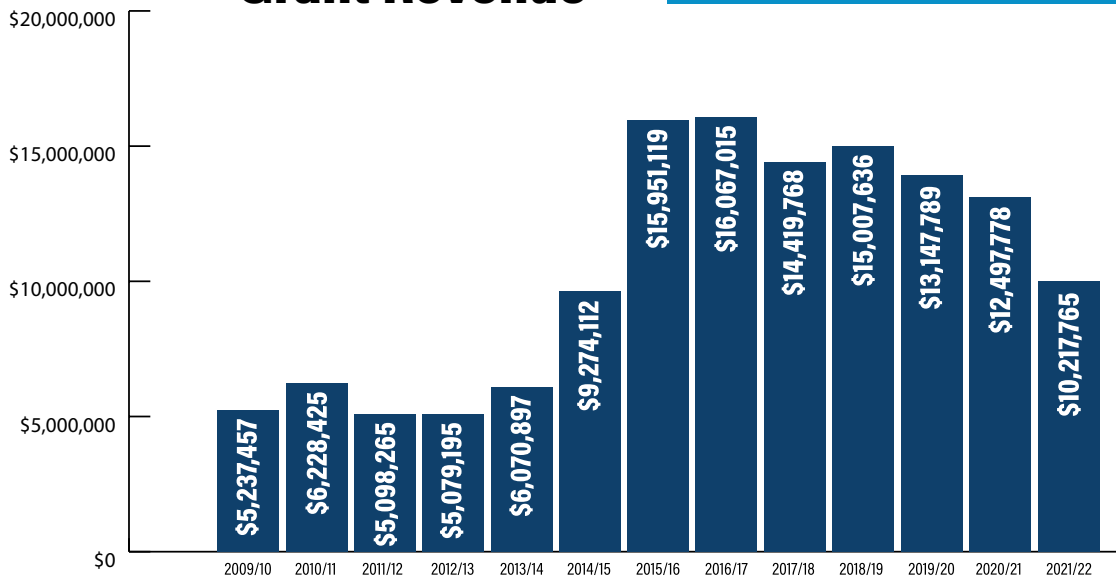
**TOTAL EXPENSES \$126,373,990**





Funds construction pre-apprenticeships to train students with workforce-ready skills and serve the needs of the construction industry in the Santa Clarita Valley.

## Grant Revenue



# HONORING THE CLASS OF 2022

College of the Canyons hosted multiple celebrations for its 2022 graduates to honor their tenacity, dedication and persistence. Smaller ceremonies honored specific student groups in the weeks leading up to graduation. This year marked the return to a traditional commencement ceremony in the Honor Grove, held for the first time since 2019. Grad Walk, a new tradition that originated in the pandemic, gave graduates and their families the opportunity to celebrate with group photos together on the graduation stage.





# The Class of 2022

- 2,443 students petitioned for graduation, representing a roughly 3.5 percent increase from last year's graduating class.
- 105 majors represented
- 881 students earned two or more degrees
- 1,027 students graduated with honors - 3.5 GPA or higher
- 119 valedictorians - 4.0 GPAs



# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

College of the Canyons continues to modernize and expand its facilities at both campuses with funding provided by Measure E, the \$230 million bond measure local voters approved in 2016.

## CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

### Takeda Science Center

The four-level Science Center hosted its first classes in fall 2021, bringing modern classrooms and laboratories to the heart of the campus, and meeting the growing demand for courses in the sciences. Also completed were outdoor common areas and an amphitheater shared with the Student Services/Learning Resources Center.

### Student Services/ Learning Resources Center

Construction continued in 2022 on the Student Services/Learning Resources Center, whose exterior design will mirror the recently completed Takeda Science Center. Spanning 55,000 square feet, the building houses key student support services such as the TLC (The Learning Center), Library, and Student Health & Wellness Center, as well as classrooms and staff offices. It is scheduled to welcome students in 2023.

### Public Health Building

The next major permanent facility at the campus continued to take conceptual shape this year, as planning and design work moved forward on the Public Health Building. The 25,000-square-foot facility will replace the modulares in Quads 3 and 4, and provide classroom and laboratory space for fast-growing health-related programs.





## VALENCIA CAMPUS

### Boykin Hall

A comprehensive interior renovation of the college's original science building is under way to bring it up to date with current standards. Built in 1975, Boykin Hall will receive seismic upgrades, along with replacement of all plumbing, HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), electrical and data systems. When completed in late 2023, it essentially will be a new building from the inside out.

### Student Center

Modernization plans for the Student Center are under development, with construction set to begin in 2023. Built nearly 50 years ago for an expected 5,000-student campus population, the 40,000-square-foot building will see food services moved to a more visible and convenient location, new meeting and social spaces, and added offices for Student Development departments. The changes will transform the dated facility into an active, vibrant area that fosters increased student engagement in campus life.

### Multicultural Center

Designed as a dynamic learning space with programming and opportunities to support the college's goal of enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion, the Multicultural Center will make its home on the ground floor of Bonelli Hall. When renovation of the space is completed in 2023, it will be home to many alliance groups, the Undocumented Resource Center, group workshops, events, meeting rooms, open study space, college and community trainings and counseling services.

### ADA Transition Plan and Barrier Removal

Planning for Phase II of the ADA Transition Plan and Barrier Removal was completed, and work began in late 2022. This phase will focus on ensuring paths of travel – which includes parking, signage, walkways, stairs and ramps – comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Phase I of this long-term, campuswide project was completed in 2020.

# A FOUNDATION OF GROWTH

The past year saw the College of the Canyons Foundation do what it does best – build community partnerships and help students achieve their goals. With pandemic restrictions eased, the Foundation resumed hosting its signature events that bring together community members who are passionate about supporting students.



## Silver Spur Honors Bruce Fortine

After a two-year delay, Bruce Fortine received the Silver Spur Award for Community Service. Known in the community as “Mr. COC,” Bruce was first elected to the college’s founding board of trustees in 1967. Returning to the board in 1991, he served for 25 years, and is now a member of the Foundation board. The event raised more than \$140,000 for the College of the Canyons Foundation and more than \$33,000 for our INSPIRE Scholars Program, which assists foster youth to meet their educational goals.

## Chancellor’s Circle Celebrates Canyon Country

More than 200 guests gathered on the Upper Plaza at the Canyon Country campus for the annual Chancellor’s Circle Dinner, which celebrates the local business owners, successful alumni, and community leaders who join the Foundation’s most prestigious membership support group. The event offered a sneak peek of the new Takeda Science Center, while students and faculty showcased the fascinating projects and research they pursued with funding provided by Chancellor’s Circle mini-grants.



## Scholarships Fuel Student Success

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Foundation awarded 321 scholarships to 301 students, totaling \$272,105, in May 2022. By enabling students to pay tuition and buy books and supplies, scholarships remove financial barriers to higher education and help students achieve their goals.



## Finding a New Home in Santa Clarita

After nearly 40 dislocated Afghan families settled in the Santa Clarita Valley in January 2022, more than 30 adults enrolled in classes at College of the Canyons. The Foundation Board of Directors authorized \$6,000 from the Student Resource and Success Fund to purchase laptops, which enabled students to bolster their English skills and work toward finding jobs. The fund was created in 2020 to assist students dealing with unexpected financial hardships and emergency situations.





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Workforce and Economic Advancement Division worked to help regional businesses and industries obtain highly skilled employees to meet their labor needs through various training programs.



## Low Observable Training Program Continues to Grow

In 2021, College of the Canyons launched the first-of-its-kind Low Observable (stealth) training program in partnership with Northrop Grumman. With three student cohorts successfully completing the training, the program took off in 2022. Each graduate received a contingent offer of employment from Northrop Grumman, pending a background check. As the program continues to evolve and grow, it has added additional curriculum and hands-on training to expand the scope of skills students learn.



## Partnering with the City of Santa Clarita

For the first time, the Employee Training Institute (ETI) partnered with the City of Santa Clarita to develop and implement a leadership and management training project for 24 city employees. Given the program's initial success, additional training opportunities are being planned to support City of Santa Clarita employees.



## Lief Labs Training Program Launched

The Employee Training Institute (ETI) obtained a \$1.5 million Employment Training Panel (ETP) training reimbursement contract from the state in late 2021. Since that time, ETI has worked to bring those training dollars to companies in the Santa Clarita Valley, including Lief Labs, a leading dietary supplement manufacturer headquartered in the Valencia Commerce Center. ETI partnered with Lief Labs to develop a 100-hour "Introduction to Mechanics" course for its maintenance and production team. Following the successful completion of the first cohort, a second cohort was launched to train additional departments. Future training programs in development include courses for Lean Six Sigma, strategic planning, leadership and supervisory skills, English as a Second Language, and many others.



## 2021-22 BY THE NUMBERS

- \$2.1 million in external revenue raised
- 1,791 clients/companies served
- 4,938 individuals served
- 1,014 entrepreneurs counseled
- 208 jobs created locally
- \$1.4 million in client sales growth
- \$25.8 million of client capital raised

# CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

With the opening of a new building, and construction moving forward on another, the campus continues to grow its academic and student services capabilities.

## Takeda Science Center

The Takeda Science Center at the Canyon Country campus opened to students in fall 2021, doubling the amount of instructional space on campus. It includes four biology labs, four chemistry/science labs, a large lecture hall, three computer labs and seven other classrooms. Moreover, it includes nine group study rooms, and numerous places for students to gather. A December 2021 ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened the building, which is named in honor of retired Biology Professor Don Takeda, who began a 46-year teaching career at College of the Canyons in 1972.



## Student Services & Learning Resources Center

Together with the Takeda Science Center, the new Student Services & Learning Resources Center (SS/LRC) will serve as the focal point of the Canyon Country campus. The two buildings sit side by side, book-ending a spacious plaza and amphitheater. The SS/LRC provides integrated student support functions, library and tutoring services, as well as classrooms adjacent to the Science Center. Like the Science Center, the Student Services & Learning Resources Center is a four-story, 55,000-square-foot building.





## **A Space for Science**

In just its first year of operation, the Takeda Science Center has hosted classes in:

**Astronomy**

**Biological Sciences**

**Chemistry**

**Environmental Science**

**Geography**

**Geology**

**Mathematics**

**Physical Sciences**

**Sociology**

**Water Technology**

# COUGAR ATHLETICS



**Back in Action!** Canyons athletic programs returned to play in fall 2021 after implementing a robust return-to-campus plan designed to ensure the health and safety of student-athletes, coaches and support staff. COC athletic programs had been out of action since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic but quickly re-established their winning ways.



## Salcedo Achieves Historic Cross Country Run

Freshman Danielle Salcedo ran down history in 2021, becoming the first California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Women's Cross Country Individual State Champion in COC history. Salcedo's state championship run capped a season

in which she finished the season undefeated in community college competition, also winning the CCCAA Individual Southern California Regional Championship and Western State Conference (WSC) Individual title.

## Women's Volleyball Reaches State Championship Tourney

Canyons won its final seven regular-season games to narrowly qualify for the Southern California Regional Playoffs, then proceeded to win three straight postseason matches to assume the role of Cinderella and advance all the way to the CCCAA State Championship Tournament in Fresno, where they eventually placed fifth. The state championship tourney appearance was the fourth in program history, and third since the 2015 season.



## Herrick Marks Milestone Win Before Retiring

Longtime women's basketball head coach Greg Herrick picked up his 600th career victory on Dec. 17, 2021, in an historic 78-67 win over Rio Hondo College. The milestone was one of several highlights for a Cougars team that advanced to the

postseason for the first time in three seasons. At season's end Herrick announced his retirement, stepping away from the program after a 30-year run that included 16 conference championships, 24 postseason appearances and a career record of 611-288, good for a .680 winning percentage.

## Men's Golf Takes Second Straight State Title

Canyons captured a second straight CCCAA State Championship, the 10th state championship in program history, all coming under head coach Gary Peterson. COC previously won the state title in 2019 before having the 2020 and 2021 seasons cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Along the way, Canyons also won its 11th consecutive Western State Conference (WSC) Championship.



## Women's Tennis Nets First Conference Title

COC women's tennis, which launched in 2018, won the first Western State Conference (WSC) Championship in the program's young history with an undefeated run through the conference schedule that came after a nearly two-year layoff due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Canyons then hosted the first playoff match in program history before seeing several individuals advance to compete in regional competition.

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



**INDIVIDUAL**  
**DANIELLE SALCEDO**  
**Women's Cross Country**  
 First in program history



**TEAM - MEN'S GOLF**  
 Back-to-back champions,  
**2019 & 2022**  
 10th state title in program history

## SOCAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



**INDIVIDUAL**  
**DANIELLE SALCEDO**  
**Women's Cross Country**  
 First in program history



**INDIVIDUAL**  
**HUGO AMSALLEM**  
**Men's Golf**

## WESTERN STATE CONFERENCE TEAM TITLES



**WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
 12th title in program history



**MEN'S GOLF**  
 11th consecutive title



**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
 First in program history

## WESTERN STATE CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL TITLES



**DANIELLE SALCEDO**  
**Women's Cross Country**



**MATT BALLENTINE**  
**Men's Track & Field**  
**Javelin**



**LAYNE BUCK**  
**Men's Track & Field**  
**Long Jump**

## WESTERN STATE CONFERENCE OF THE YEAR PLAYERS



**DANIELLE SALCEDO**  
**Women's Cross Country**



**LULU SALLOOM**  
**Women's Basketball**



**REBEKAH BROOKS**  
**Women's Soccer**



## COACHES OF THE YEAR



**Patty LaBat**  
**Women's**  
**Tennis**



**Justin Lundin**  
**Women's**  
**Soccer**



**Gary Peterson**  
**Men's Golf**

- Our College of the Canyons Foundation awarded 321 scholarships to 301 students, totaling \$272,105 that will help them continue to pursue their educational goals.
- And, we committed \$500,000 of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund money to hiring an additional 100 student workers in Fall 2021, helping to enhance student engagement as students returned to campus in the wake of the pandemic.

Ensuring that students feel connected to College of the Canyons and that they take advantage of the many resources we offer remains a key priority. We are particularly excited about the Multicultural Center, which opened this year in an interim location in the Student Center. Work is under way to create a permanent facility within Bonelli Hall. When completed in 2023, it will feature meeting rooms and open study spaces, and facilitate group workshops, events, and college and community trainings.

### **We Collaborated with Our Community**

As our local economy continues to bounce back from the disruption of the pandemic, we remain focused on developing partnerships that bolster employee training and workforce development.

We launched the first-of-its-kind Low Observable (stealth) training program in partnership with Northrop Grumman. Three student cohorts successfully completed the training, with each graduate receiving a job offer from Northrop Grumman.

Aided by a \$1.5 million state-funded training contract, we developed a 100-hour “Introduction to Mechanics” course for the maintenance and production team at Lief Labs, a leading manufacturer of dietary supplements headquartered in the Valencia Commerce Center.

The Uniquely Abled Academy’s CNC Machinist Training program, which trains individuals with high-functioning autism and prepares them for career paths in industries including aerospace, automotive and medical device manufacturing, continued to successfully graduate students from the program and help them begin careers using their new skills. The program has a job placement rate approaching 100 percent.

### **Let’s Give Credit Where Credit is Due**

What we accomplished this year was remarkable, especially given the challenges we dealt with along the way. The credit for our success belongs to our trusted partners, people like you who see the value in collaboration and are willing to work together for the benefit of our students and to create new opportunities for their growth and development.

We could not have achieved what we did this year without you. Your belief in us and our abilities inspires us to continually improve and look for new ways to enhance what we can do for students, and the community at large.



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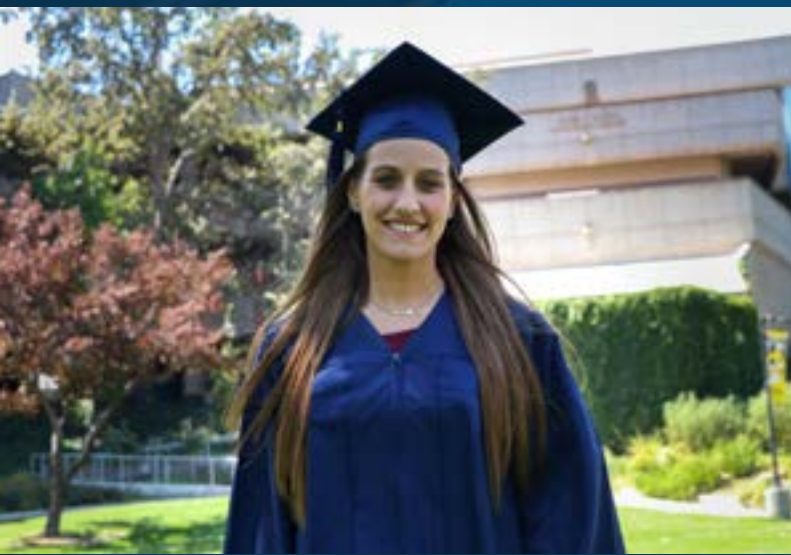


# MISSION

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College of the Canyons delivers an accessible, holistic education for students to earn associate degrees, certificates, and credentials, to prepare for transfer, and to attain workforce skills. The College champions diversity, equity, inclusion, and global responsibility, while providing clear pathways in an engaging, supportive environment where all students can successfully achieve their educational goals.





## **SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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