Canyon Country Campus Advisory Committee Meeting
November 5, 2014
Creating Memories and Opportunities in our 45th Year!
Fall Semester -
Enrollment is Up!

- Valencia campus enrollment is at 49,705 with 16,478 sections

- Canyon Country campus enrollment is at 8,789 with 290 sections
We continue to meet/exceed our targets for Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) completion, with 133% of our target achieved in the most recent report from the State Chancellor’s Office!
On September 17, The Board of Trustees and members of Hart District gathered for a joint meeting to hear information on how we can partner to work toward career and college readiness for students.

These two groups will continue to work together and find ways to collaborate so that Hart district students can better transition into career technical education courses at COC.

Both COC and the Hart district offer career technical education classes, which provide schooling and training in specific industry areas.
Student Services/Administration Building

• On September 25, I enjoyed an opportunity to accompany the members of the Counseling Department on a tour of the new Student Services/Administration Building.

• They were thrilled to see the new spaces – including their new area in the building!
Student Art in the Student Services/Administration Building

- A great feature of the new building will be the student art collection.
- It began as a LEAP project in 2010, and ASGs support, along with Funds for the Future have enabled us to invest in purchasing student art over the last four years.
- Seven collections will be featured:
  - Work by the COC Art Department Faculty members
  - Work from “Life as Art: Images from an Unseen World” (Micro Biology Photos)
  - Graphics and Multimedia Design Projects, including works from the exhibits of “Where the Good Life Takes You”, “California Dreaming” and “Intersections”
  - Student Photography
  - Student Prints
  - Student Paintings
  - Cul-de-Sac Literary Magazine covers
- This is a wonderful way to celebrate student success!
Culinary Arts Building

• The future home of College of the Canyons’ Institute for Culinary Education is taking shape!
• We celebrated a cocktail reception on the iCUE patio at the recent Chancellor’s Circle Dinner event on 10/25
Center for Civic Engagement

- Congressman McKeon is terming out in the Fall and would like to donate archives from past 22 years to COC (160 boxes of historical documents).

- We are currently discussing the creation of a Center for Civic Engagement which could bring together: Service Learning, Volunteer Bureau, Civil Rights Project, Ethics & Policy Institute and perhaps more.

- Focus on how to cultivate stewardship and servicing of non-profit boards; and, student engagement.

- Priorities for fund raising include:
  - Provide ongoing funding for a Social Sciences lecture series
  - Develop student internship opportunities at the federal, state and local levels
  - Create endowed scholarships in the Social Sciences
  - Develop workshop series that addresses Civic Engagement
  - Identify funding to expand Project-Based Learning for students
  - Identify funding to evaluate, archive and document image relevant components of the McKeon collection.
After almost a year of preparation, writing and evidence collection, COC completed its self-evaluation report!

The Self-Evaluation Report included 426 pages with over 1,000 evidence links.

The Accreditation Team site visited COC from September 29 through October 2, 2014.

The visit included many meetings, forums, interviews, and tours of District sites including the Canyon Country Campus!
Economic Development Division Update

**Pete Bellas**, Dean, Economic Development celebrated his last day on October 3rd and is on the retirement road (again!)

- He is looking forward to joining his wife, singer-musician Susan Rey, on her folk music revival tour in the Spring of 2015.
- Pete was originally hired in 2002 as the Director, CACT. After a brief departure from our managerial ranks in 2008, he returned to COC in March 2010
- Since November 2011 Pete has served as our Dean, Economic Development. We wish Pete well as he embarks on this exciting new stage in his life and his third retirement!

**Joseph Klocko**, will be the Interim Dean, Economic Development. With Pete Bellas retiring in October, the proposal is to transition Joe Klocko into the role of Interim Dean.

- Joe has also indicated that he plans to retire in 18 to 24 months so that makes him an ideal candidate for this transition period during the next two years. Joe’s knowledge of the division and programs combined with his expertise and community connections insures a smooth transition.
Small Business Development Center (SBDC) & Center for International Trade Development (CITD)

• The SBDC was awarded a new grant of $70,000 from the Governor’s GoBiz office. This grant program effectively reinstates funding for the SBDC from the State that has experienced a several year hiatus that began in 2011.

• The funding will allow the SBDC to expand its service offering in its served geographic area.

• The SBDC continues to work with the City of Santa Clarita in support of the opening of the city’s Business Incubator facility this month.
Economic Development Division (cont’d)

Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT)

The CACT has successfully negotiated a two-year extension of the Hass Automation VF-4 5-axis machining center that was originally entrusted to the College in August 2012.

• The machine is valued at $145,000 and provides the CACT the ability to significantly expand its CNC training ability as well as integrating elements of 5-axis training into the CAD and CAM curriculum.

The CACT held a National Manufacturing Day in October at COC which featured a public event with a panel of local manufacturing representatives and 120 students from the Hart District toured local manufacturing companies, visited COC for lunch, movie and tours of the electronics and Welding departments.

• Nationally, Manufacturing Day is when manufacturers across the country host students, teachers and job seekers at open houses designed to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers.
Employee Training Institute (ETI)

The ETI delivered 11 training programs to 141 individuals from 41 companies and organizations with 3,744 training hours during the quarter ending on June 30.

In response to a local manufacturing client’s need for specialized welding certifications for their existing employees, ETI partnered with the Welding department to develop and deliver a new program to meet the company’s need. The 40-hour specialized training course and examination meets requirements of American Welding Society (AWS) specification for the qualification of Welding Inspector Specialists and Welding Inspector Assistants. In addition to developing the training and examination materials, ETI delivered the training program and examinations for the first cohort at COC.
Fast Track continued the five-part series of APICS training offerings to be offered over a year that culminates with individuals achieving the nationally recognized APICS CPIM certification (Certified Production and Inventory Management). This certification is highly valued by manufacturing companies and more than 100,000 professionals have earned the APICS CPIM designation since 1973.

The CNC Fast Track program will offer another cohort early November in partnership with Aerospace Dynamics International. The program has achieved a 75% placement rate on the 129 unemployed individuals who have graduated over the last three years.

The recent ADI fasttrack cohort (12 students) will be followed by another cohort in January with the promise of immediate jobs upon completion!
The College is in the process of formalizing the contract with the City of Santa Clarita to operate the WorkSource Center on a month-to-month basis through July 2015. The month-to-month contract is necessitated by the revamping of the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) to the WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) at the federal level.

The WorkSource Center continues to hold ten to twelve major job recruitments each month in an effort to fill hundreds of open positions throughout the region. The Center sees nearly 1,000 job seekers each month.
Simi Dabah Sculpture Dedication

- On November 6th (1:30 pm, PAC Lobby) we will celebrate the formal unveiling of the largest public collection of pieces by noted sculptor Simi Dabah.
- The artist will be on hand for a discussion of his work, which will be displayed at both campuses.

About Simi Dabah

Simi Dabah, a self-taught artist/welder, has been creating welded-steel sculptures from industrial scrap for more than 40 years. He is a prolific artist who believes that using scrap materials to create works of art is both friendly to the environment and inspirational to the viewer.

His sculptures include a wide spectrum of nonrepresentational designs, and range from table-top size to more than 20 feet high. The pieces are left in their natural state, rusting to a warm patina.

Dabah has a studio in Los Angeles, where he creates most of his pieces. His second studio is in Joshua Tree, a desert community east of L.A., where his sculptures are displayed on 8 acres of land.

College of the Canyons is proud to have the largest collection of permanently installed Dabah sculptures.
Update on Athletics

• COC Volleyball
  ✓ Extended its winning streak to 12 games and is now 16-3 on the season with a perfect 8-0 mark!

• Men’s Soccer
  ✓ Unbeaten in its last four contests and now 9-2-5 for the season with a 7-1-5 conference mark, which is good enough for second place in the WSC South!

• Women’s Soccer
  ✓ The COC women lost their second game of the season last week to Santa Monica but bounced back with a home victory against LA Valley on Friday to regain first place in the WSC South.
  ✓ They are now 11-2-3 for the season with an outstanding 8-1-1 conference record
Update on Athletics

• Cross Country
  ✓ The COC men claimed their second conference championship in as many years, and the COC women’s team finished in second behind the eventual champion Glendale.

• Women’s Golf
  ✓ The women’s golf team finished in first place at the WSC finals held Oct 26-27 in Pasadena, to win the first conference championship since 2010

• COC Football
  ✓ The men’s football team was defeated by Ventura College 64-35. Head coach Iacenda and the Cougars are now 3-5 on the season with a 202 conference mark. They travel next to Moorpark on Saturday, Nov. 8, before closing out the regular season at home on Saturday, Nov. 15.
Recognition, Awards & Accomplishments
COC Athletics Department won its first ever Western State Conference Supremacy Award for the collective performance of its sports program for 2013-14.

With this award, COC unseated 14-time current defending champions, Ventura College.

In 2013-14, COC took home WSC championships in women’s volleyball, men’s cross country, women’s soccer, men’s track & field, men’s golf and a split championship in softball.

Congratulations to the entire COC Athletics department on their continued success! Go Cougs!
Outstanding Accomplishment!

- **ALENE TERZIAN**, (Advisor the “cul-de-sac” literary magazine) announced that the latest addition was selected as the **First Place Winner** in the small college division in the **Pacific-Western Division of the Community College Humanities Association’s (CCHA) 2014 Literary Magazine Competition**!
  - Our entry was **one of over 200 entries** in this category!

- **VICTORIA LEONARD** (Communication Studies) will receive the Sigma Chi Eta Advisor of the Year Award in Chicago, IL (November 20-23)

- **Our CONGRATULATIONS** to Alene and Victoria!
Student Excellence

The Model UN Team
- Competed with great success at an inter-collegiate off campus competition
- Students participated in an elaborate mock United Nations setting and burnished their resume and academic credentials.

Future Business Leaders of America
- The FBLA students swept the Business Case Analysis Competition at the CA Business Leadership Conference!
PTK Student Receives Honor

- Jessie Warme was selected as the recipient of the Phi Theta Kappa’s 2014 Hites Transfer Scholarship, the Society’s most prestigious and largest scholarship!

- **Only 10 students** from more than 2,200 applicants were selected for this $7,500 scholarship!

- Jessie was a valuable member of the Model UN team and the Forensics team. She also volunteered her time and knowledge to travel to Nicaragua with Claudia Acosta to help needy schoolchildren by building and installing water towers they desperately needed.

- She graduated from COC in 2014 and will be attending UC San Diego this fall.

- Congratulations to Jessie on this outstanding achievement!
Facilities Update
Student Services Administration Bldg.

- We are heading down the home stretch! The window frames and glass have finally arrived on site and the glass crew is hustling to get them in.

- The skylight material has been installed and is shedding light on the main concourse on the 1st and 2nd floors.

- All of the drywall has been hung, sanded and most of the walls have been painted.

- Installation of service counters located in the A&R and Financial Aid area has begun.
The East wing of the 2nd floor is already carpeted! Most of the ceiling grid is in and ceiling tiles are being dropped in.

You can now see the inner workings of the elevator shaft.

The concrete contractor is forming the remaining walkways as they prepare to pour concrete over next two weeks. Roofing is complete and has been water tested.

Scheduled to be open on ____________
Institute of Culinary Education (i-CUE)

- The future home of the Culinary program is nearing the finishing stages!
- The building exterior has received its finish coat and exterior scaffolding has been completely removed.
- Roofing material has been applied and is awaiting installation of wall caps.
- Insulation of interior walls is underway and is being followed by drywall insulation.
- Plumbing and final electrical connections continue in anticipation of kitchen equipment delivery.
The grading contractor is on-site and carving out future location of loading dock.

Once dirt work is complete at loading dock, they will begin work on the patio and walkway area in front of dining room.

Roofing material has been applied and is awaiting installation of wall caps.
Grants Update
Grants Recently Received

- NSF IUSE (Improving Undergraduate STEM Education) funds professional development and a train-the-trainer program to train math teachers to teach statistics as a sub-award of Villanova University = $111,673 over 3 years

- U.S. Department of Education (Title V) funds online student services including educational plans, counseling, early notification system and tutoring, faculty mentors and professional development = $2,528,470 over 5 years

- State of California (Go-Biz) funds for the SBDC to hire short-term consultants to help small business owners identify capital = $75,000

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) funds activities across the campus for mental health and suicide awareness = $298,930 over 3 years

- California Community College Chancellor’s Office Institutional Effectiveness Grant COC was awarded a $12.5 million grant ($2.5 million a year for just under 5 years) to increase institutional effectiveness of community colleges while reducing the number of accreditation sanctions and audit findings.
Milestones & Events
The Upward Bound program held its Annual Awards Banquet at COC with more than 130 attendees celebrating achievements of 16 graduates, all of whom went on to college (3 had GPA’s over 4.0!)

16 graduates from the COC and Hart District’s Upward Bound program will begin their first semester of college!

This wonderful partnership with Golden Valley High School assists first generation, low-income students to prepare for college.

CCC Advisory Meeting – District Update
Meet the Chancellor – Welcome Week, Sept 17

- During the second week of the Fall semester (September 15 – 19), 20-30 departments participated in Welcome Week and offered a variety of activities to welcome new and returning students to COC at both campuses.

- Activities ranged from information tables, open houses, workshops, club information, and divisions/departments tables.

- A “Meet the Chancellor” tent was set up at the flagpole (Valencia campus) and provided me with an opportunity to meet and talk with students as they stopped by and introduced themselves, including members of the women’s Soccer Team!
Celebrating the Humanities, Fall Semester

• The Humanities Division hosted this semester’s “Celebrating the Humanities” events.

• Held throughout the fall, the schedule offers a variety of books, movies, literature and discussions to raise awareness and promote the Humanities.

• So far, the following have been offered:
  • Sept 16 - Book of the Year screening of The Namesake
  • Sept 19 – Screening of The Grand Budapest Hotel
  • Sept 30 – Screening of Three Penny Opera
  • Oct 9 - Poetry Reading at CCC (Presented by Prof. Voth)
  • Oct 16 – Book of the Year: Historical Discussion of The Lowland (Presented by Prof. Pennington)

• And coming up, look for the following:
  • Nov 6 - Veteran Cinema: Let There Be Light (Presented by Prof. Voth). An event featuring a film and comments from veterans from WWII and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.
  • Nov 13 – Book of the Year: Closing Discussion of The Lowland (Presented by Profs. Lynch, Kaiserman, and Terzian)
  • Nov 25 - Screening of The Immigrant
  • Dec 1 – Book of the Year: Academic Talk on The Lowland (Presented by Prof Kaiserman)

Our thanks to Adam Kaiserman and the Humanities Department for their help in organizing the event and acting as panelists for discussions.
Happy Birthday, College of the Canyons – Sept 22

- The first classes at COC were held September 22, 1969

- Ongoing 45th Anniversary celebrations this semester, planned by Eric Harnish and 45th Anniversary Committee

- Flagpole commemoration took folks on a trip down memory lane to 1969, looking at music, local happenings, COC history, and the first class of 753 students!
Celebrating COC’s 45th Anniversary!

- On Monday, September 22, Mr. Fortine and Ms. Christine Colindres, ASG President, were interviewed on SCV TV by Tammy Edwards and Dave Caldwell.
- They spent an hour talking about the College in 1969, the first classes at Hart, the first faculty members, Board of Trustees, and establishment of buildings on the campus over the years.
- Christine discussed the ASGs involvement in the 45th anniversary celebrations, as well as the many activities planned for students, staff and community members to help mark this historic occasion.
- The showed was taped and aired later. Bruce and Christine did a great job representing COC and bringing great pride to our College!
College2Career Day, Sept 27

- Held at the UCEN (9-1 pm)
- Hosted hundreds of young people curious about college pathways and potential careers.
- Students of all ages explored promising college programs and career fields
- Opportunity to "test drive" careers with industry professionals and college staff.
College2Career Day, Sept 27

COC faculty/staff answered questions along representatives from more than 25 college departments:

- Sports medicine
- Early childhood education
- Culinary arts
- Emergency medical technician (EMT)
- Photography
- Gerontology/Skills for Healthy Aging Resources and Programs (SHARP)
- Recreation management
- Interior design
- Paralegal
- Physics/engineering
- Fire technology
- Media entertainment
- University center

- Manufacturing
- Business
- Land surveying
- Construction management
- Nursing
- Graphic & multimedia design
- Welding
- Administration of justice
- Architecture
- Counseling
- Health science
- Plumbing
- Electronic systems technology
LeAnn Rimes in PAC, Sept 28

- Over 100 Patrons of the Performing Arts celebrated a pre-show dinner and reception as part of the PAC’s 10th Anniversary!
- We celebrated with a red carpet and iridescent balloon columns, live music, and designer drinks!
- *Nothing Bundt Cakes* provided their bundt cakes, and the evening included a photo opportunity shot by Gary Choppe with the very gracious LeAnn Rimes.
Domestic Violence Event and BMW Resource Fair, Oct 1

- To raise awareness of domestic violence, students were invited to “speak out” by making a t-shirt and encouraged to break the silence and let their voices be heard.

- Held in conjunction with the SCV Domestic Violence Center in Newhall and the Body-Mind-Wellness (BMW) in partnership with COC, t-shirts were made that were then placed on display at the BMW Resource Fair on campus, held Oct. 1 with the Clothesline Project.

- The Clothesline Project is a nationwide opportunity for people to display their t-shirts depicting significant personal meaning or in honor of a loved one who was a victim of domestic violence.

- The colors represent a different type of abuse, and the goal was to raise awareness about this type of violence and other forms of abuse faced everyday.

- On Oct 2, the “Drugs Kill” seminar was offered as well.
Resume Rallies – October 7 & 8

• The largest ever Canyon Country Campus resume rally was held on Oct 8th, with free “resume reviews” for the public, following a Valencia event on Oct 7th.

• The helpful staff in Career Services provide a great service to provide people with the right tools to get into (or back into) the work force.

• Approximately 90 people were assisted with their resumes at these two events!
Congressman McKeon Visits COC, Oct 9

- Congressman McKeon’s office contacted Eric Harnish last week and asked if they could schedule a couple of hours on campus on October 9.
- The Congressman, along with Morris Thomas were on campus for an hour and a half. Specifically they:
  - Met in the Special Collections Room of the Library with Jerry Buckley, James Glapa-Grossklag, Peter Hepburn and Eric and discussed where the Congressman’s memorabilia will be displayed and where documents will be stored.
  - Visited two classrooms (David Andrus’ Poli-Sci 150 classes, which met back to back) and spent 15 minutes in each, talking with students, including one of our veteran students.
Chancellor’s Circle Dinner – October 25

• The Fall 2014 Chancellor’s Circle Dinner was a delightful autumn dinner event!
• We hosted a cocktail hour at COC’s Institute for Culinary Education (iCuE) patio followed by a dinner at The Learning Center, complete with Vocal Jazz students and a keynote on the 45th anniversary, college plans, and celebration of our community partnerships.
Leon Malmed Presentation, October 27

**We Survived ... At Last I Speak** - This is Leon Malmed's true story of his and his sister Rachel's escape from the Holocaust in Occupied France.

- Leon Malmed was born in 1937 in Compiègne, France.
- He emigrated to the United States in 1964, and worked in the High-Tech industry in Silicon Valley.
- He currently lives in California with his wife.

- Mr. Malmed, an accomplished businessman and current member of the Lake Tahoe Community College Foundation Board of Directors, will be visiting COC.

- A presentation/book signing took place Oct. 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Hasley Hall followed by a community event later that evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
PAC Events Coming Up...

- **David Burnham**, November 5 *(Musical Performance)*
- **UK Ukulele**, November 8 *(Orchestra)*
- “The Illusion”, various dates in Nov, *(COC Theatre)*
- **Rockapella**, December 13 *(Musical Performance)*
...With More Events to Come!

✓ **Simi Dabah Sculpture Dedication Event** – November 6, Time TBA

✓ **Star Party** – Friday, November 7, CCC, 7-9:30pm

✓ **Scholarly Presentation** – November 20, 6pm Presentation, 7pm Reception

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
It’s Been a Busy Semester!