Officials at the college’s Canyon Country campus are ramping up for what should be a busy summer session and upcoming fall semester, highlighted by a communitywide celebration to commemorate the campus five-year anniversary this fall.

“Fueled by innovative facilities such as the Applied Technology Education Center, an active student life, bustling classrooms and a beautiful natural setting, this campus continues to thrive,” said Ryan Theule, acting Dean of the Canyon Country campus. “Our five year anniversary celebration will be a wonderful chance for us to commemorate all that has been accomplished in that time, along with the continued opportunities available to students at COC.”

When the Canyon Country campus first opened in the early morning hours of Aug. 27, 2007, COC officially became a college on two campuses, but with one mission — to increase access to education for students of all ages.

From that moment forward, the Canyon Country campus has continued to grow and develop, surpassing all of its early enrollment projections and attracting a wide rage of community support for its ever-growing roster of annual campus events and activities.

Despite early projections that the campus would attract between 1,500 and 2,000 students in its first semester, more than 3,000 students were served at the new location in fall 2007 alone.

Today, the Canyon Country campus serves more than 10,000 students each academic year, with a record high 77 percent of the college’s 2012 graduating class having taken at least one class at the campus.

And with a growing number of new academic programs being introduced at the Canyon Country campus — thanks to the opening of the Applied Technology Education Center in 2011 — the number of students attending the campus each year should continue to rise.

“We are extremely pleased that the Canyon Country campus has become part of the path students are taking from new buildings and academic programs, to an increased number of campus events and activities, the Canyon Country campus continues to find new ways to serve and embrace the community. In early fall 2012, the college will host a communitywide celebration to officially commemorate the five-year anniversary of the campus’ opening.
to achieve their goals and realize their dreams,” said Theule.

In fact, community members who haven’t had an opportunity to visit the campus lately might be surprised to see how much things have changed!

From new buildings and academic programs, to an increased amount of campus events and activities (Job Fair, Star Party and Native Garden lecture series in the last month alone) the Canyon Country campus continues to find new ways to serve and embrace the community.

“This community has been extremely supportive of the Canyon Country campus over the last five years,” added Theule. “Much of our success could not have been attained without that support.”

The campus also recently opened a new community gardening area, located below the main administration quad, with plans to host a variety of upcoming gardening themed events and activities — making the Canyon Country campus a popular destination this spring and summer!

In early fall 2012, the Canyon Country campus will also host a communitywide celebration to officially commemorate the five-year anniversary of the campus.

While event details are still being coordinated, the day is expected to include a mixture of live music, refreshments, campus tours, faculty and student demonstrations and arts activities.

“The fall 2012 semester will mark a very exciting time in the Canyon Country campus’ history,” Theule said. “Stay tuned for exciting updates to follow.”

For more information about the College of the Canyons Canyon Country campus or the upcoming fifth anniversary celebration please visit www.canyoncountrycampus.com.