Advocacy Efforts
Cyber Security Meeting with Congressman McKeon

A meeting was held February 11 with Congressman McKeon and his staff to discuss our cyber-security training efforts and seek his support for the program.

Alan Paller, Chair, SANS (SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security) Institute Board of Trustees, and Co-chair, Secretary of Homeland Security's 2012 Task Force on Cyberskills, outlined the need for training in this area, and the importance of the Congressman’s support.

In particular, Alan asked Congressman McKeon to support the establishment of a “residency” program within the military for successful graduates of the program. Following completion of coursework, students would spend six months working side-by-side with experts in the field on real cyber security projects, similar to the way medical students complete residencies.
We had a great meeting of our college Advocacy Committee, with representatives from faculty, classified staff, administration, as well community partners, including the City of Santa Clarita, Six Flags Magic Mountain, and LBW Insurance.

Our discussion focused on:

- Prop. 30 funding, which will be available to K-12 districts and community colleges for four to seven years, then end unless the state acts to replace it.
- 2013-14 state budget, which could provide new revenue to community colleges for the first time in five years.
- AB 41 – which would put a statewide construction bond on the 2014 ballot. If approved, it would provide resources to build the Science Building at the Canyon Country Campus.
- A review of recently introduced legislation that is of interest to community colleges.
- Prop 39-related legislation, and the potential uses for that funding.
- The Associated Student Government’s recent legislative visits.
- KHTS Legislative Trip to Sacramento.
LEAP Session – Spring 2013

- It’s been an exciting semester for our LEAPers!
- Over the course of the program, they have heard from some outstanding leaders in education, the business world and the community; they’ve used the skills and knowledge learned from the individual sessions to develop a Solution Team project business plan; and they’ve had the opportunity to network with colleagues across campus.
- You are invited to come see what they have accomplished as they make their solution team presentation on Friday, May 17 in UCEN 258.
March 18 & 19, Nine LEAPers went on a road trip with Eric Harnish to attend the annual KHTS Legislative trip in Sacramento.

- They attended an Assembly Budget Subcommittee on funding for Adult Education, and met with various members of the Chancellor’s Office, including Fred Harris, (Asst. Vice Chancellor, College Finance and Facilities Planning to discuss and learn more about the legislative process and how it affects the community college system.
- They had an informative lunch with Theresa Tena, Vice President of Fiscal Policy, Community College League of California.
On Friday, May 17, Dr. Brice Harris, Chancellor of the California Community Colleges will be at College of the Canyons as a guest speaker at LEAP (Leadership Education in Action Program).

He will be speaking on the topic “Focus: A Leadership Imperative” from 8:30 – 10:00am.

If you are interested, please join us in UCEN 258.
What’s Been Happening on Campus?
Spring and Summer Enrollment

• Spring Semester at Valencia Campus
  • We were up 5% compared to the same time last year at beginning of semester (Feb 4)
  • Average (median) class size is 31
• And at CCC...
  • 292 sections were offered
  • Average class size is 33-34
  • Of the 9,500 seats, 8647 were full at the start of the semester!

SUMMER 2013
• 550 sections being offered (both campuses, in first session – those with start date before July 1)
• Currently at 700 FTES (compared to target of 1550, but we haven’t started new students or high school registration yet!)
Welding Program Continues to Expand

There are many exciting and new areas in our Welding program that are in the works!

Weld-Ed Update
- Restructuring of Weld-Ed being proposed in next round of NSF funding 2014

Skills USA
- Proposing for COC to become a Skills USA Chapter

Boy Scout Welding Medallion Badge
- Currently being offered by Boy Scouts of America

Robotic Welding Automation Project
- All three courses and certificate of specialization approved in curriculum

Laser Welding Project
- Working with American Welding Society laser welding standards committee

Proposed Pipe Welding Project
- There is currently an unprecedented demand for pipe welders as a result of new technologies in oil/gas exploration, attrition of journeyman-level pipe welders, and a lack of individuals entering into pipe welding/fabrication trade
COC Welding Program

College of the Canyons and Lincoln Electric
Welding & Cutting Solutions

(video clip)
Copy and paste link below into a browser to view

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TB2_c70i1Aw&list=UUxP9TJelgrj4ld2Wy1uC3Yg&index=1
College of the Canyons will be awarded $284,996 for the next 2 years:

- **$160,000 for capitation** (capacity) in 2013/14 and 2014/15. It funds us $80k a year to take an extra 10 nursing students. This funding will see them through the next 2 years of their education.

- **$124,996 for special programs** (in 2013/14 and 2014/15). We received the full funding amount we requested for special programs
  - We are ranked #2 in the state for those who applied for this funding
  - Special programs (named “Dream to Career”) provides a series of workshops including: pre-nursing students to prepare for entrance exam, assisting with helping MSNs prepare clinical faculty, an interdisciplinary disaster prepared scenario with HMNMH, additional service-learning in under-served area, and support for these activities in the form of a nursing counselor and an adjunct in the skills lab.

- This brings our COC Song Brown funding total to **$1,694,296**

- **We are currently the #1 highest funded community college nursing program in the state!**
Civil Rights Clinic Update

First cohort trained and completed first semester.
- Two students are continuing with the program for a second semester.
- One student is applying for a position with the Dept. of Fair and Equal Housing (DFEH).

Second semester recruitment conducted at the end of fall semester.
- Instructors connected with potential students and personal recruitment was conducted with our COC Honors students

For Spring 2013:
- 14 students applied, 10 accepted, 2 returning to the program
- We are making the DFEH resources part of the COC Open Educational Resources (OER) repository

We are encouraging our students to apply for California state positions...as there are jobs out there!
- The DFEH is hiring and hopes to recruit some of our own students!
Oktoberfest, Oct 18

- Fundraiser for the Emeriti Scholarship Fund
- Organized by the Academic Senate and the COC Foundation
- The “Bavarian Beer Garden” (aka East PE) featured great bratwursts, German salads, fondue, desserts, beer and a costume contest

Kelly Cude, Barry Gribbons, Joe Gerda
Reception for Adam Philipson, Oct 19

- Held in the PAC Lobby, friends from on campus and off campus gathered to enjoy some of Adam’s favorites (junk food!) and share some memories
- A glass cube was given to Adam, engraved with the words, “Your friends at College of the Canyons commend you on your many accomplishments and wish you the best in your new endeavors!”
Family Fall Festival, Oct 27

- Honor Grove, 11:00 to 2:00 pm
- Food, Drinks, Games, Pony Rides, Arts & Crafts, Music, Prizes, Giveaways, Costumes and a beautiful day
- Fun for everyone!
Thirty-two departments with faculty and staff were available to share experiences and answer questions for students.

“Exploring Careers – Choosing Majors” workshop held prior to the event.
Twenty-five COC staff members have earned an AA, BA, Masters or Doctorate degree in the last two years while working full time!

A reception was held in their honor to recognize their achievements. Below are their name and their degrees:

**Associates:**
- Sharon Kramer, AS, Accounting Technician
- Angelica Franco, AA, Math

**Bachelors:**
- Melinda Ursetta, BS, Business Administration – HR management

**Master’s:**
- Kim Haglund, Master of Education
- Bruce Battle, Master of Public Administration
- Mary Brunty, Master of Public Administration
- Brian Weston, Master of Public Administration
- Gina Bogna, Master of Science, Administration
- Celina Baguiao, Master of Public Administration
- Rachael Rodriguez, Master of Business Administration
- Steve Erwin, Master of Science, Educational Counseling
- Yvette Barrios, Master of Arts, Organizational Leadership

**Doctorate:**
- Ryan Theule, Ed.D., Education
- Claudia Acosta, Ed.D, Organizational Leadership
- Hanzel Salva-Cruz, Ph.D., Educational Management
- Vincent Devlahovich, Ed.D., Educational Leadership
- Juan Buriel, Ph.D., Comparative Literature
- Sandy Carroll, Ed.D., Higher Education
Fall Scholarly Presentation

- Held November 7 from 6-7pm
- “Nothing to Smile About: The Vanishing Primates” was presented by adjunct Anthropology Department faculty member Sarah Etheridge, who is an expert in the study of primates
- The event was well-attended and very interesting!
Flu POD Clinic – November 16

- The City of Santa Clarita, LA County Department of Public Health, College of the Canyons and LA County Sheriff’s Department are once again teaming up to conduct a flu immunization Point of Dispensing (POD) on Friday, Nov. 16.
- Inoculations against the seasonal flu will be provided in anticipation of an active flu season.
- The event will be held in the East Physical Education Building at the Valencia campus from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or until the vaccine runs out.
COC Art Gallery Exhibits

- The “Wizard of Kinetic Sculpture” by Internationally known sculptor Jim Jenkins - part sculptor, engineer and choreographer, he creates beautifully crafted and often humorous sculptures featuring enhanced elements of movement and motion.

- Dinah Sargeant’s exhibit of Fabric Paintings had an emphasis on the artist’s passion for creating hand painted/collaged narrative quilts and dolls filled with subliminal meaning and powerful imagery.

- The 17th Annual Student Art Exhibit runs May 7 through May 23 and features 144 pieces of work by our students! Stop by to see the talents we have in these folks!
Body – Mind – Wellness: Healthy Lifestyle Resource Fair

- March 13, Honor Grove – 12:30 to 2:30 pm
- Campus groups and local businesses participated to promote:
  - Healthy Eating
  - Physical Activity
  - Stress Management
  - Health Care
  - Social and Community Connections
- There was music, free (healthier) pizza and salad provided by Zpizza, along with prize drawings
- Weekly seminars (March through May) on various topics, including Healthy:
  - Relationships
  - Eating
  - Money Management
  - Sleep
  - Thinking
  - Sex
  - Physical Activity
  - Coping
COC Women’s Conference, Turning Points – March 23

- The COC Women’s Conference was held in the University Center, March 23, 8:00 to 1:30pm with upwards of 150 attendees.
- Sponsored by Boston Scientific.
- Keynote speaker was Janine Sherman Barrois, Executive Producer CBS TV show, “Criminal Minds”. She gave an inspirational keynote challenging women to believe in themselves and there is no easy way to success. There was an opportunity for Q & A where she was engaging and was given a standing ovation.
- Breakout sessions were in:
  - Balance and Healthy Lifestyle
  - Empowerment & Personal Development
  - Business & Entrepreneur Solutions
The 2013 Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering series just wrapped up their schedule for spring – it was a great success and featured:

- Dr. Michael Sailor, UCSD Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry - Harnessing the Photonic Properties of Silicon Nanostructures for Biomaterials Applications
- Mr. Matthew Wallace, JPL ~ Mars Curiosity Mission
- Dr. Dan Lubin, Scripps Institution of Oceanography ~ Sun & Global Climate Change
- Dr. Richard Squires – CSUN, Geological Sciences ~ Fossil Treasures of the Santa Clarita Valley
- Dr. J. David Jentsch – UCLA, Psychology ~ Inhibitory Control and the Relevance to Addictions
- Dr. Robert Grubbs (Nobel Laureate, 2005 – Chemistry) – CalTech ~ Research to Commercial Products: Applications of Olefin Metathesis Catalysts
Held in the PAC, this well-attended event (approximately 600 people including community members and students).

It was well-received, and included a short question and answer period.

The presentation addressed a geographical explanation of the region and a brief overview of the United States’ historical background with several key Middle Eastern nations.

Dr. Mahdi discussed several current and politically relevant issues facing the U.S. in the region today, including some of the altering points of view and criticisms other nations point to concerning contradictions of the current U.S. foreign policy in the region.
The TEDx Conference was held at COC April 18 – and we were the first community college in the state of California to host such an event!

The TEDx Planning Committee received an impressive amount of proposals and selected a wide variety of topics and speakers to help highlight the day.

The event featured seven spectacular speakers who addressed the theme of “connectivity” at the conference.

The conference attendees were “wowed” by the innovative and creative ideas presented at the conference!

Thanks to the ASG and SBDC’s Young Entrepreneurs Program whose sponsorship helped to make this event possible!
Valencia Campus Job Fair was held April 24 and May 8 at CCC. Held between 11 and 2:00 pm, both events were very successful!

- At the Valencia Campus, 70 employers and 700 job seekers attended, and approximately 200-300 attendees with 32 employers at the CCC had the chance to discover employment opportunities, network and ask questions about the company, present resumes to employers who are seeking qualified applicants, and get direction on how to apply for positions all in one convenient location.

- Congratulations to Anthony Michaelides and his staff for their hard work in making both events such a huge success!
LEAP Solution Teams:

- **Visual Arts Resource Center** – will serve as hub for comprehensive arts development to showcase existing campus resources
- **Marketing of Student Success Task Force (SSTF) Initiatives** – getting the word out about the Student Success Act of 2012 and communicate the requirements with the campus and community
- **Summer Workshops for K-12 Teachers** – offers summer workshops to “teach the teachers” in science, math, technology, basic skills and art.
- **Assessment of Prior Learning (APL)** – allows students or individuals to be tested by a qualified specialist as to what has been learned through non-formal education, training or experience that is worth of credit in a course/program offered by the institution providing the credit.
- **COC Website Project** – evaluate our existing and proposed new website to identify accuracy of information and content to be included.
- **COC Extension** – identify changes, learning needs, and organizational structure within Community and Continuing (non-credit) Education program to formulate a plan to move forward.
- **Adult Developmental Training Center** – a new program to allow adults with developmental disabilities to participate in training to obtain marketable skills and move towards being employment-ready.
Shine a Light On – Suicide Prevention & Awareness

Each year, 1,100 college students end their lives through suicide. This startling number was demonstrated by displaying 1,100 white chairs in the Honor Grove, representing a student who died by suicide last year.

The event was held May 7 and 8 and was sponsored by the COC Student Health & Wellness Center with free food and giveaways.

Also on display were posters and signs with information about the prevention of suicide, and they had guest speakers who addressed a variety of topics related to suicide including prevention, crisis response, and depression, for example.
Economic Development Division
Economic Development Division
Continues to Serve our Businesses

SBDC:
- 4-week QuickBooks Bootcamp – a first for the SBDC!
- Ports of LA – Graduation planned for those that complete 5+ export workshops. *The Port noted that this was the best attended series they have facilitated!*
- Business Entrepreneurship Center (BEC) at Cuesta College renewed the Young Entrepreneur’s Program (YEP) at $15,000 for spring 2013

CACT:
- CNC Cohort #8 (for the un-employed & veterans) will be held May 6 to June 21
- New WEDD (Workforce and Economic Development Division, the new EWD) grant Request for Applications (RFAs) are now available
- A visit was held with Oakland County, Michigan officials who visited COC, ADI and CACT on March 1. They are using our collaboration between CACT and ADI as a model for partnering schools with business.

Young Entrepreneurs
Economic Development Division

Fast Track:
- Upcoming Programs include:
  - First Responder Operational (HazMat) – 16 hours, offered early summer 2013
  - Google SketchUp 8 – 4-week sessions, starting June 3 and 4 (20 hours each session)
    - Proposed by Dorothy Minarsch, Interior Design
    - The class filled up so quickly, they added a second one!

Employee Training Institute:
- Working with Allied Health Division and Henry Mayo Hospital on a dedicated LVN to RN program that will enable 33 of their current LVNs to become RNs

ETI Programs:
- Consortium Classes (advertised to the business community)
  - Beginning SolidWorks
  - Lean Value Stream Mapping
  - Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing (GD&T)
  - Blueprint Reading
ETI Programs - continued:

- Contract Education/Grant Programs and ETP Funded
  - Solid Concepts: Print Reading
  - Donaldson: Print Reading
  - B&B Manufacturing: Print Reading / GD&T
  - Child & Family Center: Excel
  - Fast Track Precision Assembly (BSN/WorkSource)

- Programs in Development
  - Fast Track Electro-Mechanical Systems Technician Program (Lee Hilliard and Sam Bolanos, Electronics)
  - Fralock: 5S and Soldering
  - SGL Technics: Safety/OSHA & Supervisory Skills
  - Pharmavite WorkKeys: Key train, VESL & Computer Skills
  - Henry Mayo: Spanish Translator Program
  - Trigg Laboratories: MS Word/Excel Bilingual
  - Terra Verde Technology (TVT): Energy Systems Tech Training
Economic Development Division

Programs in Development for ETI:

- Exploring a Production Assistant Bootcamp for entry level positions in TV/Film Industry
  - Working with D. Brill, J. Amador, M. Capehart to create curriculum and explore funding from WorkSource Intensive Training Program

- Fast Track Precision Assembly
  - Creating a special offering of the Manufacturing Assembly and Technician Training (MATT) FastTrack program for positions at Boston Scientific Neuromodulation (funded from the Worksource Intensive and Training program)

- RAH Welding Training Program
  - Working with Tim Baber in welding to create a customized welding certification program for RAH Industries in Santa Clarita
WorkSource Center – Helping Place People into Jobs!

- The WorkSource Center has 100 positions posted on the SCV job board, and they are recruiting for 200 additional positions with job recruiters coming on site to meet people. **As an example:**
  - Princess Cruises Expansion
    - In anticipation for a new summer promotion, Princess is planning recruitments through the WorkSource Center for 40-120 positions in area of customer service, accounts receivable and data entry (many are full-time)
Sustainability
SC Environmental Education Consortium Events

SCEEC continues to develop and excel. They have developed opportunities and events where they have made an impact. Recently, they have:

- Received two mini-grants applications from local school teachers to assist them on environmental projects.
- Provided speakers from SCEEC’s Speakers Bureau on environmental issues at SCVi and Woodbury University
- Hosted the Environmental Science Fair with 15 entries from five schools (K-14). Nine winners received prizes and recognitions.
- Co-sponsored the California Bluebird Restoration Project on the COC campus and in the community.

- Nesting boxes are strategically placed on campus to encourage bluebirds population
- We will provide outreach and educational opportunities to K-12 teachers and students
Participated in the City of Santa Clarita’s Arbor Day/Earth Day event at the Central Park where they:

- Honored the winners of the Environmental Science Fair (pictured);
- Educated the public about the importance of biodiversity by helping restore Western Bluebird population in our area (25 bluebird boxes were given out at the event); and
- Talked about the importance of biodegradable products by helping kids plant seeds in biodegradable pots (200 pots with planted seeds were given away).

The tireless members of the SCEEC committee, along with Jia-Yi and myself, include Stephanie Anagnoson, BJ Atkins, Michael Haro, Monica Marshall, Richard Matzen and Evis Wilson. We thank them for continuing to make an impact in our community!
Canyon Country Campus - New Gardens

Restoration project located outside of the biology lab in Quad 3
Great Performances in the PAC
Fall 2012 and Spring 2013

- Chancellor’s Choice Series - *David Sedaris, Manhattan Transfer Holiday Show, Clint Black*
- Almost Free Family Shows - *Clifford the Big Red Dog, Pushcart Players - Red Riding Hood, Ramona Quimby*
- Great Performances Series – *Take 6, Drumline Live, Abbamania*
- In Motion Series – *Atlantic Steps, DanceBrazil*
- COC Music, Theatre, Dance Shows – *Importance of Being Earnest, Student Symphonic Orchestra, Holiday Dance Showcase, Holiday Jazz Band Concert, Studio Jazz Ensemble & Lab Bands – JAZZ IT!, SubUrbia, Symphony of the Canyons, New Works Festival, Dirk Fisher – A Night of Memories, Lend Me a Tenor*
- Community Performances – *Master’s College Concert, Santa Clarita Master Chorale Holiday Concert, Santa Clarita Ballet – The Nutcracker, ESCAPE Theatre – The Music Man, Master Chorale – French Requiems*
PAC Performances to Come

May and June 2013

- Chancellor’s Choice Series - An Evening with Lily Tomlin (June 1, 8pm)
- COC Music, Theatre, Dance Shows - Spring into Future Dance 2022 (May 16-17, 8pm)
- Community Performances –
  - Santa Clarita Master Chorale – A Musical Menu (June 2, 3:30pm)
  - ESCAPE Theatre – Beauty & the Beast (June 21-23, Times TBA)
- Special Events –
  - The Oshun Wings – A Taste of Afrocuban (May 25, 7:30pm)
  - 34th Annual Miss SCV Scholarship Pageant (June 15, 5pm)
Ms. Evelyn “Evy” Warshawski became the new Executive Director of the PAC in March. With more than 25 years of experience, Ms. Warshawski arrives at Colleges of the Canyons having already established an extensive list of programming credits, community partnerships and arts educational programs.

Most recently, Warshawski served as executive/ artistic director at the 460-seat Napa Valley Opera House from 2004 to 2011, where her duties included artistic direction for all booking, presentation and contract operations for the organization’s annual schedule of more than 100 multi-discipline shows and performances.

WELCOME TO COC, EVY!
PAC K-12 Art Education Outreach Efforts

- This is a partnership with the five public school districts in the Santa Clarita Valley:
  - Newhall School District
  - Castaic Union School District
  - Saugus Union School District
  - Sulphur Springs School District
  - Wm. S. Hart Union School District

- Over **20,800 students** have received arts education services such as workshops, assemblies, or bus-in performances during the 2012-2013 school year.

- **4,637 students** attended a total of six (6) bus-in performances in the PAC in 2012-2013.

- Provided one arts education workshop to every classroom in every grade level (K-6) in the Sulphur Springs School district.

- Seven teaching artists (one for each grade level) provided instruction to a total of **5,596 students** in the district’s nine schools.

- Developed comprehensive arts education workshop programs for **four schools** in the Saugus Union School District, as well as an assembly and bus-in programs with several schools in Santa Clarita. These schools attended performances at the PAC and/or were visited by performing artists at their schools. Among these school were Rosedell Elementary (Saugus), Meadows Elementary (Newhall), and SCVi Charter School (Wm. S. Hart).

- Under the auspices of a grant from the Thelma Pearl Howard Foundation, **four (4) Title I schools** in the Santa Clarita Valley, two from the Newhall District and two from the Sulphur Springs District, receiving **10 weeks of instruction** with hip hop teaching artist Tiffany Bong.

- Now in its fourth year, a **California Arts Council grant** supports a **12-week residency** with acclaimed dancer/choreographer Lula Washington in two Santa Clarita Schools.
COC Students Shine with their Many Accomplishments
Model UN Team Goes to Harvard – Feb 13-19

- The Model UN Team traveled to Boston on Feb 13 – arriving in lots of snow!
- Started with a visit to the event at Harvard and the making and seconding of motions to get topics of consideration on the table
- The COC students were **one of only four community colleges** in the United States in the competition, with over 300 colleges and universities in attendance! **What an honor!**
- They did not bring home any “big win”, but they succeeded in many ways:
  - Winning can be described best in looking at the behaviors of the players involved.
  - The COC Model UN team and their coach will always be winners – from their hard work, to the determination and tenacity, to the standards and integrity, to the unwavering tenacity to do the right things, to the unwillingness to compromise on principles, to the courage to risk, to do, to dream and to reach for those dreams!
- **We are so proud of Dr. Phil Gussin and the entire team for representing COC in such an outstanding manner!**
Model UN Team continues to excel....

The COC Model United Nations Team participated in the Long Beach Intercollegiate Model United Nation (LBIMUN) conference.

- It was the first competition since returning from Harvard. Of the ten awards given at LBIMUN, our team won **four awards**!

- The winners included three students who attended the Harvard conference: Daniel Gomez, Pier Mantovani, and Nathan Black. Brantley Toppin, who was attending his first MUN conference ever, also won an award.

A small contingent (six members) of the Model United Nations team attended a two-day conference hosted by the University of California, Riverside (UCR).

- The two veterans on the team, Daniel Gomez and Nathan Black won "Outstanding Delegate" awards in their respective committees at UCR.

- Four of the "newbies" on the team (Parisa Saleki, Vincent Vail, Rolland Bell, and James Choi) turned in solid performances despite having one week to prepare for the conference.

- On more than one occasion, faculty advisors at the UCR conference commented on the strong team fielded by College of the Canyons. And rightfully so – they are impressive! Congratulations to them all!
Speech Team (Forensics) Takes Top Spots

The COC Speech Team earned a big win at California State University, Long Beach in April – winning 1st place at the PSCFA Spring Champs Speech Tournament in the Limited Entry Division!

This season has featured many accomplishments by the Forensics Team, including:

- Winning a school record three First Places at PSCFA, including Derek Isomaki (Impromptu), Shawn Kern (Persuasive), and Hillary Phillips (Programmed Oral Interp.) Other team finalists included Brandon Miller (Informative) and Jessie Warme (Informative.)
- Hillary Phillips won her 1st place by earning 1st place ranks from each of her three judges in the final round. Hillary became the first competitor at COC to qualify for the four-year national tournament.
- Shawn Kern's 1st place makes for two years in a row that COC has won this honor for Persuasive at PSCFA Spring Champs.
- Derek Isomaki's won 1st place in Impromptu. His 1st place is also COC's first ever top win in this event.
- As the team heads to the state and national tournaments, COC has earned a school record 29 final rounds this season. This surpasses the team's previous record of 23 final rounds for an entire season, set just last year, under 9-year team director, Michael Leach.

They also won a school record **five medals** at the 2013 National Phi Rho Pi Speech Tournament held at the Woodland Hills Marriott. Led by nine-year team director, Michael Leach and Alumni coaches, Billy Hatton, Simon Kern, and Loretta Rowley, as well as the ongoing contributions from eight-year Assistant Coach, Tony Laschi, they have made COC very proud!

**After nine days of practice and competition, including numerous 14-hour days, team members won 1 Gold Medal, 1 Silver Medal, 3 Bronze Medals!**

If you’d like to see them in action, the team will hold a **Showcase event May 21 at 7:00pm in Hasley Hall 101.** Contact Michael Leach to confirm your seat (362-3654 or michael.leach@canyons.edu).
Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival

Congratulations are in order...!

- Julie Lawson took two choir groups to this event April 5-7
- “House Blend” and “Just Jazz” with 14 and 13 students in each group, respectively, was selected to travel to this prestigious festival by a panel of judges who reviewed CDs of performances.
- Judges selected the top 6 groups from a variety of categories from across the nation.
  - Both of COC’s vocal groups were selected as two of the six top groups!
  - COC has attended the last 2 years, and placed 2nd in 2011, 3rd in 2012
  - Just Jazz and House Blend performed beautifully at the event, with Just Jazz placing third among a field of choirs from across the nation during the prestigious competition.
  - The group also received two of the competition’s Outstanding Soloist trophies.
  - Congratulations to Artistic Director Julie Lawson and her students on their success!
On April 12, COC student Kristina Smolenski became one of approximately 60 community college students across the nation to receive the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The award will provide her with up to $30,000 per year for each of 3 years to complete her bachelor’s degree at a four-year college or university. She was recently accepted to the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Ms. Smolenski (who is double majoring in art and biology) becomes the first COC student to receive this honor. This is the largest private scholarship available to two-year and community college transfer students in the country. Students must be individually nominated by their institution and cannot apply directly. The good news was presented during a brief ceremony during a LEAP group meeting.
Athletics Update

- Men’s Baseball - Finished with a 24-16 overall record. They fell in two games in the Super Regionals to Saddleback College and Cypress College.

- Women’s Softball - Canyons softball was eliminated in a CCCAA Southern California Super Regional after losing two straight games to region-host Riverside City College on Sunday. The Cougars lost by scores of 11-1 and 10-0 to finish the season 34-11-2.

- Track and Field - Freshman Tim White won a Southern California Championship in the triple jump, and freshman Anthony Fowler broke the school record in the 400-meter dash on Saturday afternoon. Both men will now compete in the same events at the CCCAA Track and Field State Championship Meet on May 17-18 at San Mateo College.

- Men’s Golf – the team topped off an amazing season this past Monday by winning the state championship title at the 36-hole California Community College Athletic Associations Men's Golf State Championship!
Phi Theta Kappa Luncheon, March 6

- Dr. Miriam Golbert (Chair, Biology Department and PTK Advisor) traveled with our PTK students to Sacramento to attend the annual awards luncheon.
- While there, they also visited Assemblyman Scott Wilk and Senator Pavley’s staff at the Capitol.
- The students pictured are Kathryn Webb, Ryan Arroyo, Michael Kramer and Anthony Fernandez.
- Michael, who is also the ASG President, was selected to the All-California First Team!
Sports Medicine Students Achieve Victories at Bailey Arnheim Games

- Saturday, March 9, COC Athletic Trainers Sarah Ehrsam and Chad Peters accompanied student members of the newly established Sports Medicine Club to participate in the Bailey Arnheim Games hosted by CSU Long Beach.

- The Bailey Arnheim Games is a Sports Medicine Competition where students are tested on their taping skills, injury evaluation skills, and a 40 yard dash while carrying emergency equipment.

- COC was the only community college competing! The other schools competing were Athletic Training majors from 4-year universities, all juniors and seniors.

- Our students were outstanding and received the following awards:
  - Written Simulation – 1st and 2nd Place
  - Tape Relay – 1st and 2nd Place
  - Ankle Tape Off – 1st and 3rd Place
  - Super Relay – 2nd and 3rd Place
  - Upper Extremity Evaluation – 3rd Place

- Congratulations to Sarah, Chad and the students!
May 1, 2013 – PAC

- 404 Guests attended the event
- 1,339 students applied for the 2013-2014 Scholarship Program
- 688 students were eligible for scholarships
- 147 students were awarded scholarships

- Of the 147 recipients, 50 were EOPS students
- 27 Osher awards were presented, totaling $27,000
- 12 service awards were presented for Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Gamma Sigma, the Honors Club and EOPS
- Fifty donors were in attendance!
Last Friday night, the annual COC Honors Banquet was held at the Hyatt.

Over 300 parents and students attended this wonderful event to recognize members of the Honors Program, as well as members of the National Honors Societies, along with their faculty advisors.

It was a great event hosted by Dr. Patty Robinson, Dean, Social Sciences & Business.
COC Staff and Faculty in the Spotlight
COC Staff Members Perform!

- Steve Tannehill (Director, SBDC) is also a member of Blue Sky, a local band of five individuals who perform for the sheer pleasure of music!
- Blue Sky and 39 other local musicians participated in raising money for “Bridge to Home Homeless Services” at Hart High Auditorium last month for this worthy cause.
- The 3-hour concert, with 300 attendees, doubled as a tribute to Elton John, as the musicians played 30 of his most well-known works, including “Candle in the Wind”, “Crocodile Rock”, “Benny and the Jets” and “Tiny Dancer”
- Blue Sky plays at local venues such as Schoonerville, Wine 661, TPC, Salt Creek, All Corked Up, and Vincenzo’s.
COC Staff Members Perform and Contribute!

- Speaking of Vincenzo’s, another COC family member, **Fern Jones** (Library Tech), has been a member of the ‘60s rock band “The Screaming Clams” for the last 2 years.
- Fern is also proud that she has been a docent for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) and volunteers her time on the weekends to manage the canyons and trails in our mountains.
- She is a presence on the trails, and talks to people about the history of the area, and provides information about the plants and animals in the area!
Faculty Members Shine

Kelly Cude (Biology) traveled to Florida to attend an Adaptive Learning Focus Group for Majors Biology, sponsored by McGraw Hill.

- She spent three intensive days:
  - testing adaptive learning technologies,
  - providing feedback, and
  - developing strategies to improve these resources.
- Adaptive learning software will constantly reassess students’ progress and map out a learning path tailored just for them. The personalized learning plans identify and re-teach concepts the student does not understand using additional questions and activities until the student reaches proficiency.
- While there, she built relationships and shared teaching and implementation strategies with faculty from educational institutions across the US, and contributed her ideas to this “think tank” of biology professors from around the country.
- She was selected to attend because of her background and expertise in the areas of molecular biology, genetics, and science education.
Classified Development Day and Appreciation Lunch

Come on down to the COC County Fair!

• The annual Classified Development Day event took place earlier today at the Valencia Campus with a theme of “COC County Fair”.
• The event offered a variety of workshops, guest speakers, good food and lots of fun, including a pie eating contest, carnival games, and a dunk-the-administrator dunk tank!
• The Classified Appreciation Luncheon and Awards Ceremony was held in the East Gym to honor the Classified staff.
COC Staff Members Contribute

- **Theresa Zuzevich** (Director, Grants Development) will serve as the Corporate Walk Chairperson for this year’s Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Light the Night Walk on October 26 (Bridgeport Park, approximately 5:00 to 8:00pm)
  - Last year, the event raised $250,000 towards research, patient services and support for patients and families of those affected with the disease.
  - We will also have a COC team led by Cindy Dorroh and Diane Morey.
- **Anthony Michaelides** (Director, Career Services) and **Chad Peters** (Athletic Trainer) ran in the LA Marathon.
Foundation
Chancellor’s Circle Dinner - Oct 27

- Reception held upstairs in new Library Expansion
- Featured 3 great wine/food pairings by i-Cue students
- Dinner, entertainment and program in the TLC lab
- 175 people in attendance
Chancellor’s Circle Luncheons

- Luncheons were held Nov 27 and Dec 3, Feb 20
- Joining me and staff members were:
  - John Carlson (VP, Bank of Santa Clarita)
  - Rob Montgomery (local Wendy’s Restaurants)
  - Yolanda Morton (CEO, Morton Manufacturing)
  - Jim Vail (CFO, Morton Manufacturing)
  - Robert Reyes (Reyes Winery)
  - Bill Miranda (CEO, Latino Chamber, Marketing Professional)
  - Louis Esbin (Esbin Law Firm)
  - Bill Lyon (local community member)
  - Chris Fall (CEO, Advantage Disposal)
  - Steve Corn (Owner, Newhall Escrow)
  - Jeannie & Doug Sutton (CCC Advisory Committee Members)

- These luncheons are cultivation tools for donors and for membership into the Chancellor’s Circle.
- There was a lively discussion and we have some dedicated and motivated supporters in these folks!
Silver Spur – Saturday, March 2 – Globe Theatre

- We surpassed our attendance targets and had approximately 230 people attend this year’s dinner!
- There were six silent auction items and 10 live auction items.
- There was a tour of Universal Studios with two trams.
- It was a wonderful evening toasting two selfless, genuine pillars of our community - - - Pati and Barry Gump!
The Chancellor’s Circle Hosted a Business Breakfast Briefing on March 8 in the University Center 258.

It was presented by Bill Miranda, CEO, SCV Latino Chamber of Commerce - “Hablando de Negocios: Talking Business”

Attendees discussed how businesses can embrace the Latino Marketplace and topics such as:

- Useful insights on how to communicate within the Latino customer base.
- How it can help your business, increase your sales and profits.
- How to market to the fastest growing segment of the population in the United States.

The event was well attended, well received and provided a wonderful opportunity to network.
Culinary Campaign Update

- The Campaign has printed 135,000 McDonald’s postcards, which are being inserted into six local McDonald’s restaurants drive-thru meal bags to promote the culinary campaign.

- I-CuE students have been/will be involved in community events, including:
  - Women’s Conference – March 23
  - Taste of the Town – May 5
  - “Meet the Chef” fundraising event – June 2, TPC

- Chef Otto and Chef Cindy were on the cover of SCV Magazine as a promo for “Taste of the Town”

- We have rolled out the College Family Campaign for the faculty and staff to help raise funds on campus for the Culinary Campaign.

- May 13 – the Campaign hosted a fundraising event at Valencia Wine Company with their local customers and foodies/clientele.
Highlights of Meeting the Needs of the Community
ADI broke ground on a new 88,000 sq ft manufacturing building which will house a production facility for Airbus, mostly for their new A350 XWB Jetliner

Over 160 people attended, including dignitaries from the community, local, and county government, including Buck McKeon

ADI’s presence has generated more than $100k to the city through the use-tax fund

They are an important part of our CACT and our efforts to training employees in the area
Community Resource Event at COC

- 30 campus groups and community agencies in Honor Grove
- Promoting Overall Positive Body Image
- “Women on the Move” band and Hip-Hop Club performance
- SNAC’s “EveryBODY is Beautiful” Fashion Show
- Clothesline Project (Domestic Violence)
Healthy Lifestyle Resource Fair
SCV Senior Center’s Caregiver Resource Day – May 11

- I was invited to give welcoming remarks for the Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center’s annual Caregiver Resource Day.
- It was held on May 11 at from 8:30 to 1:00pm in the University Center.
- The event was an informative day filled with informative speeches, service providers booths and numerous prizes for "almost everyone"!
  - Dr. Samuel Kojoglanian, MD, FACC (Medical Director, Mender of Hearts) was on hand as a guest speaker and to sign copies of his book, “I’ve Got a Big But(t): Dr. Sam’s Surefire Way to Lose Weight, Keep Healthy and Find Abundant Life”
  - A panel presentation on “Options for Care” was held.
  - Rachelle Dardeau, MS, MSW (Executive Director, SCV Senior Center) presented “The Keys to Being a Better Caregiver”
- It was well attended and it was a great event for the Senior Center to highlight all the terrific opportunities they offer to our community!
University Center Programs

We are continuing to expand programs provided in the UCEN for students to pursue their degrees without having to leave the SCV!

• Additional programs to be offered in the University Center:
  • BS Biology (CSULA)
  • BA Public Administration (CSUB)
  • Doctor of Nursing Practice (Brandman)
  • Sociology (CSUB)
  • BA, Criminal Justice, Corrections
  • BA, Criminal Justice, Homeland Security
  • BA, Criminal Justice, Leadership
  • BA, Criminal Justice, Victim Advocacy
  • BA, Criminal Justice, Forensics
  • BS, Computing Technology, Project Management
  • BS, Computing Technology, Information Technology
  • BS, Computing Technology, Business Systems Administration
  • BA, Applied Studies, Supply Chain Systems
  • MA Psychology, MFT & Professional Clinical Counseling
  • MA Psychology, Professional Clinical Counseling

Proposed new program additions for 2013-14
• Facilitated discussion with Cal State Long Beach to offer a doctoral degree in Leadership in the UCEN. Cal State Long Beach is interested, discussions are ongoing.

Total of 55 programs offered in the University Center (old & new)
Events to Watch For...
Through a Department of Commerce (DOC) grant, we purchased fluorescent, and digital microscopes for the Biological Sciences Department.

- Biology faculty members Kelly Cude and Kelly Burke have prepared and imaged samples of flowers, butterfly wings, cancer cells, protozoa and more.
- In August 2013, an exhibit in the Art Gallery will be on display to show off these beautiful and unique images designed to alter people’s perspective of the microscopic world around them.
- It will raise the awareness for students and the community of the training available through our courses, and provides an interdisciplinary approach to science and art which will expand the imaginations and career pathways for students
- Participating Biological Sciences faculty will be better trained and familiar with new equipment to develop projects and curriculum
Intelliresponse Update

Help soon to be available online!

- Virtual Agents (VAs) are software services that engage in automated conversations with students in self-service environments.

- Intelliresponse VAs empower customers through their journey for answers and task completion by simplifying the process of delivering information across multiple interaction channels.

- Intelliresponse will be utilized on “Ask Canyons” – a new site where students can go to ask frequently asked questions and be directed to the answers of commonly asked questions.

- It will be integrated into our new home page for fall 2013, and the old home page for the summer sessions.
Join us for the Welding Technology Open House

Tuesday, May 21 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm, Towsley Hall 128

Tour the metal fabrication lab, see how the CNC plasma cutting equipment is utilized, and witness virtual reality welding in action!
Facilities and Construction Update
We welcomed old friends back (including Jan Kellar) to help us officially cut the ribbon for the Library Expansion/TLC

- Many local representatives were present as well
- Tours were offered following the ceremony

- Funded in part by Measure M, The Learning Center (TLC) boasts over 86,000 square feet of space!
Culinary Arts Building…. Breaking News!

We recently received the final approved drawings back from the Division of State Architects (DSA)!

Over the next few months we will finalize the logistics of getting an estimate of costs, awarding a construction management contract, preparing temporary spaces, relocating the current Village occupants and putting a plan in place to start demolition over the summer.

We can now be assured that the ground can and will be broken for this project in late summer!
Athletic Wall of Fame – Wall Dedication

- Thursday, November 29 from 5-6:00pm
- Join us in the West Physical Education lobby as we officially dedicate the Athletic Wall of Fame
Alumni Hall of Fame – Lunch, November 30

- In November, we inducted three fabulous people into the Alumni Hall of Fame during a well-attended luncheon event held in the Cougar Café.
- The presenters for each honoree did an outstanding job and the inductees were thrilled to receive this honor. The inductees were:
  - Mark Savage (Battalion Chief, LA Fire Department)
  - Janice Dollar (Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank)
  - John Cave (CEO, Aerospace Dynamics International, Inc.)
- Whether it is through business partnerships, our Measure M bond effort, or fund-raising initiatives, Janice, Mark and John have been tireless supporters of College of the Canyons who have personally invested their time and energy on our behalf.
The “Wrecking Ball” Party

Bye-bye to the A-Building Events were held, prior to the demolition of the old Administration Building

- **Tuesday, November 20 – 12:00 to 2:00 pm in DVH’s office**
  Since we couldn’t take years of accumulated “tchotchkes” with us (defined as “toy, knickknack, swag, bauble, thingamajig, doodad, whosie-whatsit, doohickey, gismo, thingamabob, whatchamacallit, widget, or trinket) – everyone was invited to come take a little piece of history to a new home!

- **Thursday, November 29 – 12:00 to 3:00 pm in the A-Building**
  We officially bid farewell and remembered the years of departments, people, and significant events that have happened in this building. Lots of writing on the walls was done to capture everyone’s memories of their time in this building.
New Student Services & Administration Building
Groundbreaking – March 14

- When completed in early 2015, the new Student Services/Administration Building will bring key student support and administrative services together in one convenient location.
- The new 46,000-square-foot facility will create a gateway to the college and streamline the admissions and enrollment process, helping students more quickly reach their goals of transfer or career preparation.

The $15.9 million project will be funded by a combination of state resources, and proceeds from Measure M, the $160 million general obligation bond measure passed by Santa Clarita voters in 2006.
Student Services/Administration
Building Construction Status
Lots of dirt moving!

• The first construction activity is to remove the existing dirt put it back in a uniformly, compacted manner, making sure the building foundations are supported properly and evenly over the entire site.
• This operation was completed over the past few weeks.
• We are still on a 24-month schedule for completion.
Remembering.....
COC Mourns Loss of Local Jazz Legend and Music Professor Dirk Fischer

- Renowned musician, composer and longtime College of the Canyons jazz professor Stewart Roussin Fischer — affectionately known to family, friends, colleagues and students as ‘Dirk’ — died Monday, Feb. 25, in Santa Clarita. He was 88.
- Fischer began his teaching career at COC in 1977 at a time when most academic institutions had yet to fully incorporate jazz studies programs into their curriculum.
- Before retiring in 2005, Fischer dedicated his 28 years at the college to building COC’s music department, while working to establish several of the college’s most endeared and longstanding musical traditions, including jazz band performances at the college’s annual commencement ceremony.
Celebrating
Stewart “Dirk” Fischer
1924-2013