



Campus Growth Helps Keep College Fun

In the last year, the College of the Canyons Canyon Country campus has continued to expand and evolve, while being discovered by a growing number of students and community members.

Along with the growth in enrollment and expansion of facilities has come an infusion of student-led campus events, activities and traditions that have set the tone for what community members can expect to find on campus in 2011.

During the fall 2010 semester the Canyon Country campus offered more than 250 class sections, representing a 27 percent increase in the total number of classes offered during fall 2009. As expected, eager students looking to meet their career and educational needs at College of the Canyons quickly filled those sections.

With that enrollment surge, the Canyon Country campus experienced a 32 percent increase in the number of full-time-equivalent students (FTES) and a 26 percent increase in the total number of students on campus during that same period.

“Last semester we had more students attend classes at the Canyon Country campus than ever before,” said Dr. Dena Maloney, Vice President of the Canyon Country Campus and Economic Development. “That’s exciting because it means that students and community members are aware of the campus and all the valuable resources it has to offer.”

The campus will soon have a



Construction crews at the College of the Canyons Canyon Country Campus help lift into place one of four concrete walls that will form the campus Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC), which went up in November. Scheduled for completion in mid-spring 2011, the ATEC will provide students with hands-on learning and training opportunities in a variety of cutting edge subject areas.

major new resource to offer students and community members upon completion of the eagerly anticipated Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC) building, which will provide students with hands-on learning and training opportunities in a variety of cutting-edge subject areas. The building’s walls were lifted into place in November, meaning completion of the campus’ first permanent building is now only a few months away.

To help welcome students back to campus at the start of the fall semester, the Canyon Country campus Associated Student Government (ASG) hosted a college-wide barbecue, attracting an eager crowd of hungry students. Later in September, ASG students organized a public 9/11 memorial in the campus’ Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheater in remembrance of

all those who lost their lives that day.

Meanwhile, the campus continued its nearly three-year-long Canyon Country Campus Cares blood drive, in partnership with the American Red Cross and Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, with the first of two campus-wide blood drives. Since the drive began in March 2008, approximately 264 pints, or 33 gallons, of blood have been collected — contributions that have made a significant difference in the health of nearly 800 patients!

The popular Canyon Country campus “Star Party” was also held for a third time in October, inviting all community members back to the Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheater to put their eyes to the celestial sky in search of Jupiter.

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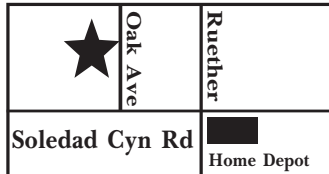
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"We've had very strong community feedback about our Star Party events," Maloney said, "and hope to make this a Canyon Country campus tradition that families will look forward to each semester."

Though rain forced the cancelation of the Halloween-inspired outdoor movie night on Oct. 30, the ASG continued its lineup of fun fall semester activities with a "Native November" campus-wide Native American cultural celebration and Thanksgiving canned food drive that began in early November.

Later in the month, students once again transformed the Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheater into a patriotic memorial, this time in honor of the nation's many deserving veterans — especially those with COC roots.

"It's been a great semester with some cool new student life activities, exciting campus events and lots of memorable moments," said Ryan Theule, Canyon Country campus Assistant Dean of Student Services. "With some of the new events we have planned for the spring this should be an especially exciting semester to be in Canyon Country, so stay tuned!"

Back on campus in 2011 will be a pair of community blood drives taking place in March and May, the fourth installment of the Canyon Country Campus Star Party sometime in late spring and, weather permitting, more outdoor movie nights!

However, highlighting the spring 2011 schedule of events will be the first ever Bikes and Bites: A Canyon Country Campus Food Fest and Fun Ride, to benefit the Canyon Country campus student scholarship fund.

Including an approximately eight-mile-long community bike ride through Canyon Country and an on-campus food festival, the event is being held Saturday, May 14, in conjunction with the City of Santa Clarita and in anticipation of the 2011 Amgen Tour of California, which will pass through Santa Clarita on May 22, 2011.

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