



# NEWS

April 2008



## Spring 2008

The Canyon Country Campus is blossoming! You have probably noticed the hillsides are in bloom as the winter rains, combined with the sun every now and then, works its magic on our slopes.

Just as the spring brings new growth to the campus, our second semester of operation is evidence of growth as well. In January, we offered 50 sections of classes to meet the demand for short term, intensive instruction over the four-week Winter Session. For the spring semester, we are offering nearly 300 sections with classes running from 7:30 in the morning until 10 in the evening, along with Saturday sections. Our non-credit offerings have increased as well, providing Older Adult and English as a Second Language programs for the community.

In March, our new amphitheater hosted two events. The SCV Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours mixer took place the evening of March 19. On March 31, the SCV Artists Association held a Plein Air (outdoor painting) event in the amphitheater.

This summer, we will be adding another element to our campus when we offer a Science Discovery Camp for students ages 5-11. Look for this in July 2008.

Finally, our Canyon Country Campus Advisory Committee met in mid-February and has developed a strategic plan that has many exciting new ideas and initiatives for the campus over the next several years.

Your pursuit of academic excellence and educational growth is an inspiration to those of us lucky enough to make the Canyon Country Campus our place of work. Thank you for choosing the Canyon Country Campus as your place to blossom!

Dena P. Maloney, Ed.D.  
Founding Dean

## DID YOU KNOW...

You can earn 10 different associate degrees at the Canyon Country Campus through a combination of on-ground and online classes! We are offering classes leading to an associate degree in:

- Business**
- Computer Information Technology**
- English**
- Early Childhood Education**
- History**
- Real Estate**
- Social Science**
- Spanish**
- Transfer Studies**
- Math**

In addition, we are offering a variety of certificate programs including the following Certificates of Achievement or Certificates of Specialization in Business:

- Accounting Technician**
- Accounting (Transfer)**
- Human Resources Management**
- Marketing**
- Small Business Management**
- Retail Management**
- eCommerce**
- Certificate of Specialization: Finance**
- International Trade – Finance**
- International Trade – Marketing**

We are constantly adding new classes, programs and degree offerings, so check in with a College of the Canyons counselor to get the latest information. To reach a counselor at the Canyon Country Campus, call 661.476.3800.

## Highlights for the Summer 2008 Course Offerings:

**CINEMA:** The Cinema Department will be offering two hybrid classes that will meet on Friday mornings and one evening class this summer. Look for Cinema 120, Film Aesthetics, on your schedule.

**ART:** This summer, the Art Department will offer a watercolor painting class, Drawing I, Landmarks of Art, and Beginning 2-dimensional Design.

**BUSINESS:** The Business Department will be offering Principles of Marketing, Business Math, Accounting I, and Business Law this summer.

**REAL ESTATE:** The Real Estate Program will be offering the Practices and Principles courses required for licensure as a real estate agent.

**PARALEGAL:** Are you looking to start a new career? There is a high demand for paralegals in Santa Clarita, Antelope Valley, and San Fernando Valley. Get your start this summer by taking PARLGL 101, Introduction to Paralegal Studies, at CCC on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and learn about internship opportunities. COC has applied to the American Bar Association (ABA) for full approval of the paralegal program, and anticipates receiving that accreditation in the spring semester, 2009. Start your future now!

**Other Classes:** Look for the same robust schedule of IGETC approved transfer courses in anthropology, biology, dance, English, geography, history, math, philosophy, political science, psychology, sign language, Spanish, sociology, speech communications, and health science.

## What's Happening with...

### Parking

- Parking lots have been numbered
- Overflow lot 5 has been re-striped
- The Campus Return Road is now in use for parking and can accommodate up to 80 vehicles
- A Campus Shuttle Service is now operating from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday

### Additional classrooms and labs

- The campus was renumbered during the winter break – making it easier to find classrooms and navigate the campus
- Early Childhood Education Room 201 is now in use
- The Student Health Center in Quad 1 is open twice a week

### Food Services, Bookstore and Campus Gathering Places

- The Market Place Café BBQ is now operational and the menus have been expanded
- The Bookstore is open and now has evening hours until 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday
- The Student Lounge, complete with seating, a pool table and other amenities, is scheduled to open in late March

### Walkways, Stairs, Landscaping

- Stairways and ramps are complete
- The amphitheater is complete

**Remember, you can register for classes, pay fees, buy parking permits, and receive other services on the campus in Quad 1!**



### Full Time Academic Counseling Available

The Canyon Country Campus now has a full-time counselor available to students and potential students! Liz Shaker is now offering counseling services at the Canyon Country Campus on a full-time basis. Liz has worked in the College of the Canyons Counseling Department at COC for about four years. Liz earned a bachelor's degree from UCSD in psychology and a master's in higher education from USC. Liz conducts academic counseling and teaches Counseling 10 and 110, which are career exploration courses.

Liz is committed to empowering students to reach their potential and considers it an honor and privilege to work with students through their academic and career journeys.

Liz knows firsthand the importance of academic counseling and support in order to succeed in college. She says, "As a first-generation college student, I personally struggled and stumbled through the system of higher education. There were several times that I questioned my own abilities and potential, yet there were some very special people who helped support me and encouraged me to persist. I am eternally grateful to them and wish to impact students the way I have been impacted."

Working with Liz is counselor Julie Visner, who provides counseling services at the Canyon Country Campus on Thursday evenings. To make an appointment with a counselor, call 661.476.3900. See the Canyon Country Campus Directory at the back of this newsletter for the Counseling Department hours.

### Campus Shuttle Service Launched

This spring the Canyon Country Campus launched a NEW campus evening shuttle service for faculty, staff and students. The shuttle operates between the hours of 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There are three pick-up points on the campus, with service approximately every 15 minutes. Trained, uniformed drivers will provide you with a safe and friendly escort to your car in our new six-passenger golf cart.

### Expanded Menus at the Market Place Café

The Market Place Café, located in Room 303, has created some great new additions to the menu! Each month the Café is grilling up cheeseburgers, chicken breast sandwiches, all-beef hot dogs and veggie burgers. In addition, Monday through Thursday the Café is offering homemade Soups du Jour and is expanding its offerings of additional hot meal items and snack choices. Stop by and show your appreciation and your appetite to our friends at the Market Place Café!

### Expanded Student Development, Cougar Mentor, and Associated Student Government Services:

The Office of Student Development currently has two job opportunities for students to work as Cougar Mentors at the Canyon Country Campus. To apply, contact Kelly Dapp at 661.362.3983 or visit the Student Development Office in Quad 1, Building 1-B Thursdays between 8 and 11 a.m.

Cougar Mentors and Associated Student Government officers are available on a weekly basis to meet with and assist students at the Canyon Country Campus. Students also are invited to attend activities and workshops that are offered through the Cougar Mentor Program and the Associated Student Government. During the spring 2008 semester, the workshop topics include sexual health awareness, gender communication, and scholarships. Activities include Coffee Talk, a Valentine's Day flower sale, Club Rush, a St. Patrick's Day activity, Spring Fling, and ASG Elections. See the back page of this newsletter for workshop dates.

## STUDENT SERVICES AVAILABLE IN QUAD 1 - C

**Admissions & Records:** Our helpful staff is available to assist with applications for admission, registration, adding classes, dropping classes, ordering official transcripts, and order enrollment verifications. You can also pick up a Schedule of Classes.

**Student Business Office:** We offer the following services: fee payment (cash, check & credit cards), refund requests, purchase of semester and daily parking permits, and provide copies of your Registration Statement. Our staff is available to take your Photo ID, distribute 25 Score Cards to ASG members, and sell movie tickets.

**Program Advisement:** We can help you to choose classes and academic majors, clear course pre-requisites, provide information regarding degree and certificate requirements, transfer requirements, run Degree Audit Reports, and provide referrals to counseling.

**Make Appointments for Other Student Service Departments:** Students can make appointments to see the following departments at the Student Services Window: Career Center, Counseling, Disabled Students, Extended Opportunities Programs and Services, Financial Aid, Health Center, Student Development, Service Learning, and the Transfer Center.

**Assessment Center:** We can conduct assessment tests for English, mathematics and English as a Second Language.

**Computer Lab:** Students may use the computers in this lab to apply for admission, register, add and drop classes, pay tuition and fees, print individual schedule of classes, make counseling appointments, apply for financial aid, apply for a Board of Governor's waiver, check financial aid award status, access the current schedule of classes and college catalog, complete orientation, order official transcripts, print unofficial transcripts, request degree or enrollment verifications, and do homework.

**Health Center:** A registered nurse and/or nurse practitioner will be available during Student Health and Wellness Center hours. No charge is made for most services. A nominal fee is charged for certain laboratory tests or injections. Some of the Health & Wellness services include: treatment of acute illness, mental-health counseling, blood pressure checks, family planning information: pap tests, birth control, pregnancy tests, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, nutritional counseling, vaccinations (some free of charge), referrals to physicians and other health agencies, first aid, T.B. skin test, and laboratory testing.

**Service Learning:** The Volunteer and Service-Learning Center coordinates the placement of students with community agency partners, provides an orientation to the program, and monitors students' experiences so that they may coordinate that activity with their classroom learning.

**Disabled Student Programs and Services:** Our Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) offers educational support services for students with disabilities who are enrolled in college classes. Support services and accommodations include registration and scheduling assistance, issuance of parking permits to the mobility-impaired, academic and vocational counseling, general studies classes/tutorial lab, interpreters, test-taking accommodations, note takers, interagency referrals, and alternate media.

**Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS):** The Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) is a state-funded retention program that recruits, and transitions to work or to university, those students who are eligible. The program's goal is to serve and encourage students from various backgrounds to continue their education at the community college level. Qualified students may receive: academic counseling, personal counseling, vocational/career counseling, peer advising, priority registration, meal cards, financial aid referrals, transfer assistance, college-survival classes, special tutoring, first-day book service, school supplies, computer usage, study skills workshops, and cultural-awareness activities.

**Career Center:** Career Center services offers more than 300 community and campus jobs posted daily; résumé, interviewing, job fair preparation and job search workshops; Internet access; resume-critique service; faxing and phone privileges; semi-annual job fairs; on-campus recruitment; and career exploration, assessment and advisement.

**Campus Activities & Student Life:** Students are strongly encouraged to become involved with student-development activities and opportunities for enrichment outside the classroom. Many of these activities can be found on campus or in the surrounding community. Benefits include leadership development, skill-building, interacting with people and understanding group dynamics, all of which can be utilized throughout one's life.

**Transfer Center:** The Transfer Center provides a variety of services and information for students who are interested in transferring to a four-year college or university. In the Transfer Center, students will find catalogs, brochures, computer information databases, and applications for California State Universities, the University of California and many independent colleges and universities. University representatives from UCLA, USC, California State University, Northridge, among many others, provide up-to-date information on their admission requirements, financial aid, housing facilities, specific majors and much more.

**Counseling:** Students are urged to see a counselor as soon as possible after enrolling at College of the Canyons. Counselors provide valuable assistance with educational and career planning. The specific goal of the counseling staff is to assist students with the effective use of their personal resources and opportunities. Counselors assist students in determining, analyzing, and understanding their interests, aptitudes, abilities, limitations, and opportunities. Counselors are also skilled in providing personal counseling assistance to students as it relates to achieving their educational objectives. Counselors are available on an appointment and drop-in basis.

**Financial Aid:** The Financial Aid office offers a complete array of services designed to help students with college related costs. Fee waivers, grants, loans, scholarships, and work-study programs provide opportunities to students who establish financial need by submitting an application for financial aid called the "FAFSA" (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). All students are encouraged to apply for financial aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) regardless of their financial status.

## Canyon Country Campus Important Dates April - May, 2008

<b>April 3</b>	Cougar Mentor Coffee Talk
<b>April 7-13</b>	Spring Break – no weekend classes
<b>April 21</b>	Tentative - Registration for Summer 2008 sessions
<b>April 23</b>	Spring Fling – Amphitheater
<b>April 23-24</b>	ASG Elections
<b>May 5</b>	Cinco de Mayo Event – Amphitheater
<b>May 15</b>	Final Day Frenzy
<b>May 22</b>	Cougar Mentor Coffee Talk
<b>May 22</b>	Instruction ends for Spring Semester
<b>May 19 - 29</b>	Finals given during regularly scheduled class
<b>May 26</b>	Holiday - Memorial Day
<b>May 30</b>	Commencement

All information in this newsletter is subject to change without notice

Check the College of the Canyons website at [www.canyons.edu](http://www.canyons.edu) or [www.canyoncountrycampus.com](http://www.canyoncountrycampus.com) for the most current information

## Canyon Country Campus Directory

### \*Assessment Center

Quad 1-B	476-3817
M,T,W	2 pm-5 pm
TH	9 am-12 noon

### Bookstore

Quad 3-302	476-3850
M,TH	7:45 am-1:30 pm
T, W	2 pm-7 pm
Closed Friday-Sunday	

### Campus Safety

476-3801

### \*Career Center

Quad 1-B	476-3816
Wednesday	10 am-6 pm

### \*Counseling

Quad 1-A	
M,W	8:30 am-3:30 pm
T	8:30 am-11 pm
TH	8:30 am-7 pm
F	10 am-3 pm
<b>Call 476-3900 to make an appointment</b>	
Fax: 476-3810	

### \*DSPS

Quad 1-B	476-3813
Monday	1:30 pm-4:30 pm

### Early College High School (ECHS)

Quad 5-502A	476-3859
M-TH	7:30 am-4 pm
Friday	7:30 am-3 pm

### \*EOPS

Quad 1-B	476-3814
Wednesday	9 am-1 pm

### Financial Aid

Quad 1-A	476-3804
T,TH	8 am-4 pm
W	11 am-7 pm

### Founding Dean's Office

Quad 1-A	476-3800
M-F	7:30 am-4:30 pm

### Library

Quad 3-306	476-3854
M,TH	9 am-2 pm
T,W	9 am-7:30 pm
Closed Friday-Sunday	

### Market Place Café

Quad 3-303	476-3851
M-TH	7:30 am-2:30 pm
Closed Friday-Sunday	

### \*Service Learning

Quad 1-B	476-3812
TH	10 am-12 noon

### \*Student Development

Quad 1-B, Rm 111	476-3815
Thursday	8 am-11 am

### Student Health Center

Quad 1-B, Rm 109	476-3812
Monday	8 am-12:30 pm
Thursday	2:30 pm-6 pm

### \*Student Services Computer Lab

Quad 1-B	476-3818
M-TH	8 am-7 pm
Friday	8 am-4 pm

### \*Student Services – Main Office

Quad 1-C	476-3900
M-TH	8 am-7 pm
Friday	8 am-4 pm

### Tutoring, Learning, Computing Lab (TLC)

Quad 3-306	476-3857
M,TH	9 am-2 pm
T,W	9 am-7:30 pm
Closed Friday-Sunday	



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