Campus Wide Initiatives & Highlights
Fall Semester - Enrollment is Up!

- Valencia campus enrollment is at 49,705 with 16,478 sections and a fill rate of 90%

- Canyon Country campus enrollment is at 8,789 with 282 sections and a fill rate of 88%
Accreditation Update

- After almost a year of preparation, writing and evidence collection, COC has completed its self-evaluation report!

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

- The Accreditation Team site visit is scheduled for September 29 through October 2, 2014.

- The Team has requested approximately 30 different meetings.

- Tours of CACT/ADI and the Canyon Country campus have been planned as well as a “Meet and Greet” scheduled for Monday, September 29 in the UCEN Lobby.
Happy 45th Anniversary!

- It was 45 years ago -- on Sept. 22, 1969 -- that College of the Canyons held its first classes.

- As part of its ongoing 45th Anniversary Celebration, College of the Canyons hosted a campus-wide commemorative event at the Valencia campus flagpole.

- Highlights of the Chancellor’s speech included a look back at 1969: music from the era, what was going on in the country and in Santa Clarita, how our campus came to be, and what COC’s first day looked like on September 22, 1969 (including the 753 students who showed up for classes).
During the second week of the Fall semester (September 15 – 19), 20-30 departments participate in Welcome Week and offer a variety of activities that help welcome new and returning students to COC at both campuses. Activities range from information tables, open houses, to workshops.

A “Meet the Chancellor” booth was set up at the flagpole (Valencia campus) and provided an opportunity for students to stop by and introduce themselves to me!
Congressman McKeon is terming out in the Fall and would like to donate archives from past 22 years to COC (160 boxes of historical documents).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.
Signature Events – Partnerships in the Making
Visit from Universidad TecMilenio – July 6 through 18

- A group of 12 visiting students from TecMilenio campuses located across Mexico spent several days studying English and interacting with COC staff and students.

- Designed to assist international students enhance English language skills, the development of the College’s intensive “English for Business” course represents the first time that Universidad TecMilenio has partnered with a California college for a student exchange program.

- I had the pleasure of hosting these students at a welcome luncheon and tour of the Valencia campus.

- Their visit also included a trip to City Hall and an American-style BBQ hosted by ISP.
Summer Institute for Teaching Statistics – July 24

- Summer Institute for Teaching Statistics is a pilot project for a NSF Grant that facilitates much-needed statistics training to community college math instructors on a national scale.

- This 3-day seminar was funded through a COC Foundation grant and focused on deepening conceptual and statistical knowledge to enhance the teaching of Introductory Statistics at the community college level.

- Internationally renowned statistics educators, Dr. Allan Rossman and Dr. Beth Chance led the majority of 18 hours of presentations and learning activities.
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!)

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

16 graduates from the COC and Hart District’s Upward Bound program will begin their first semester of college!
COC Golf Tournament – August 4

- More than 100 golfers turned out to “Swing for Scholarships” at the COC Foundation Golf Tournament held at Valencia Country Club.

- Participants had great things to say about the tournament and were pleasantly surprised by the comparatively milder temperatures of the day!

- The tournament was planned over the past year by Foundation Board of Directors Golf Committee members: Joe Klocko (Committee Chair), Fred Arnold, Shawn Fonder, Dave Davis and Foundation supporter and COC Staffer Carl Ebaugh, as well as the Foundation staff!

- The committee was pleased to report that the tournament over-achieved its revenue goal and came in under expenses!
COC hosted the 25th Advanced Care Excellence for Seniors (ACES) Workshop in the University Center.

Nearly 100 nursing educators from all over southern California attended the full-day workshop.

Funded by a grant from the Archstone Foundation.

Dr. Susan Gross and Ms. Elaine Tagliareni from the National League for Nursing presented interesting information on incorporating ACES into the classroom.
Welcome Back to start of another great year!

- COC hosted its annual Opening Day Celebration as the opening ceremony for the Fall semester and the Colleges 45th Anniversary.

- Audience members, including many college retirees, were treated to a variety of song-and-dance routines intermixed with cameo appearances from the likes of Elvis, Rocky Balboa, Jack Sparrow and M.C. Harnish – aka MC Hammer.

- Faculty, staff and administration were invited to a celebratory luncheon while taking a look back at “COC Through the Decades”.
Opening Day Luncheon – August 22

- We had lots of historical memories (t-shirts, bond measure signs, photographs, retirees in the room and their memories in the program, and a trip through the decades!)

- A lively version of “You Can’t Stop the Beat” from Hairspray was performed, along with the “Dances over the Decades” by several ASG Officers.

- Service awards were presented to employees obtaining 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and even 30 years at COC! Our very own Michele Jenkins reached the 30 year mark this year!
Opening Day 2014
As a result of collaboration between the ISP, SCV Economic Development Corp. (SCVEDC) and COC EDD, we hosted a visit for Yuhuatai High School officials from Nanjing, China.

This was an official visit from Yuhuatai High School (one that Jia-Yi visited in April) to establish a partner-school relationship with COC.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formally establishing COC as a partner school was signed on August 25!
The Art Gallery is presenting a collection of works by nationally renowned, Los Angeles-based public artist, May Sun, as the first exhibition of the Fall.

Having been exhibited both nationally and internationally, Sun’s work is primarily based in sculpture, multimedia installation and photography.

“In the Studio and Out in Public” includes recent studio work including mixed-media installations and paintings as well as Sun’s multiple commissions in public art spanning more than two decades.
International Students Welcome Event – Sept 4

• ISP and ASG hosted a Welcome Back to School event to help integrate international students into the campus community.

• Also launched at this event, the Peer Mentor and the Faculty/Staff Mentor Programs, encourage others to serve as mentors for ISP students.

• Over 140 attendees – 19 offering to serve as mentors this semester.

• Thanks to Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine and the ASG officers for making this event such a success!
Held on September 16, the Open House provided prospective students with information regarding 40+ bachelor’s and master’s degree program offered the Center by partner institutions.

Over 150 attendees were able to talk with university representatives, learn about financial aid programs, meet with counselors and fill out admissions applications.
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.
Constitution Day – September 17

- Constitution Day is the day the highest law of the land was ratified at the Constitutional Convention.

- The Political Science Dept., the History Dept., ASG and Financial Aid recognized this special day with the following events:
  
  - Constitution Day Information Table – Honor Grove
  - Panel Discussion in Boykin Hall
  - Votes for Women – the Fight for the 19ᵗʰ and The Problem of Slavery in the Federal Constitution in Mentry Hall
Recognition, Awards & Accomplishments
Canyons Athletics Wins 1st WSC Supremacy Award

- 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!
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!
California Dreaming Exhibit – Newhall Library

- From October 1 through February 1, 2015, “California Dreaming” will be on exhibit in The Community Room at the Old Town Newhall Library.

- This exhibit features work of COC’s illustration students from the Graphic and Multimedia Design Departments as students explore a variety of drawing styles using digital and traditional methods.

- This is one of two partnership events for this year with the City.

- A Reception will be held on Wed, Oct 8 at 7:00pm at the Newhall Library to honor our students and their great artwork! Join us for light appetizers, live music and a chance to meet these artists.
Outstanding Accomplishment!

- Congratulations to Alene Terzian and the English department for receiving a First Place award for the “cul-de-sac” literary magazine.

- The award is for the 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!

- Alene has been invited to attend CCHAs Division Conference in Seattle this October to receive the award.

- Alene received a letter from the Community College Humanities Association informing her of this prestigious honor.
COC Sustainability Center Gets Honorable Mention

- The California Community Colleges Board of Governors announced the winners of the 2014 Energy and Sustainability Awards.

- Awards were presented in Sacramento at the Community College Facility Coalition Conference on Sept 9 to community colleges/districts that promote energy efficiency and sustainability on their campuses.

- COC received an honorable mention in this category for its water conservation and petrochemical devices project.
The California Community Colleges Online Education Initiative (OEI) has recently made three executive appointments. The newly hired “permanent” leadership team members replace members of the OEI Launch Team.

- **On own John Makevich has been appointed Director of Strategic Planning and Operations for the CCC OEI.**
- In this role, John is responsible for providing leadership that supports the mission of the OEI. The position also plans programs, develops the budget, integrates the activities of other OEI components and supervises project staff and task forces.
- John will be serving with Jory Hadsell, who has been appointed Chief Academic Affairs Officer, and Bonnie Peters, who is the new Chief Student Services Officer.
- **Congratulations to John – we will miss him, but know he will do great things for many students across the community college system!**
Facilities Update
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.
Student Services Administration Bldg.

- 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.
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.
Institute of Culinary Education (i-CUE)

- 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.
We Have Issued More Bonds!

- The third Issuance of Measure M GO Bonds has been scheduled to be finalized as of September 24, 2014. This issuance was discussed at our Measure M Committee meeting on April, 24, 2014 and a Resolution approved by the Board of Trustees on June 25, 2014.

- Series 2014 = $25 M

Projects identified for the $25 million issuance are as follows:

$6.5 M  Scheduled Maintenance / Match
$4.0 M  CCC Science Building – District Match
$3.0 M  ADA Scheduled Maintenance
$2.5 M  Student Services/Admin Bldg-6,000 sq. ft. -Tenant Improvements
$2.5 M  Secondary Effects Bonelli/Seco
$1.5 M  CCC Parking Lot
$1.5 M  Student Services/Admin Building – Furniture/Equipment
$1.5 M  Technology Infrastructure
$2.0 M  Contingency
$25 M  Total
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**
Money for STEM Scholarships

- We were recently invited to submit an application for Edison International to once again make a $20,000 STEM Scholarship grant to COC.

- Edison International and Southern California Edison (SCE) Company continue to provide grants that are essential for our future STEM grads.

- SCE received lots of visibility and leveraging with the student grants.

- Congratulations and thanks to COC Foundation Board member and SCE employee Anna Frutos-Sanchez for her dedication to help our continued partnership thrive and benefit our students.
What’s on the Horizon?
JOIN US FOR THE
10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON CELEBRATION
PRE-SHOW DINNER AND RECEPTION
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

WITH LEANN RIMES

$75 per person or $135 per couple

Sunday, September 28, 2014
Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center At College of the Canyons
26455 Rockwell Canyon Road – Lot 3

4:30 p.m. Cocktails
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. PAC lobby open
7:00 p.m. Curtain

Net proceeds benefit the Patron’s of the Performing Arts (POPA) POPA Choir, Doreen Chastain Society

Seating is limited
To purchase tickets to the dinner or LeAnn Rimes performance please call PAC Box Office at (661) 362-5304

Attire: Country and Western
We Survived ... At Last I speak
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.

Leon will be visiting COC October 25-27.

Presentation/book signing scheduled for Oct. 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Hasley Hall

Community event scheduled for Oct. 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (location TBD).
Upcoming PAC Events

Na Lei Hulu I Ka Wekiu, Sept. 26

Basetrack, Oct. 5

Jason Latimer, Oct. 25

UK Ukulele Orchestra, Nov. 8

LeAnn Rimes, Sept. 28

Mavis Staples, Nov. 1

Jack Hanna, Nov. 2

Rockapella, Dec. 13
• **Pete Bellas Retirement Party** – October 1 at 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm, UCEN Lobby

• **Manufacturing Day 2014** – October 2 at 6:00 pm, Mentry Hall, Room 348

• **Oktoberfest** – Fri, Oct 17, 4:30-7:00pm, UCEN Lobby and Patio (proceeds benefit the Emeriti Scholarship)

• **Chancellor’s Circle Dinner** – Sat, Oct 25 (5:00pm – I-CuE for a Social gathering, followed by 6:15pm dinner in the TLC)

• **Simi Dabah Recognition Event** – November 6