CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

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Board of Trustees and COC Foundation Board
May 28, 2014
IT’S BEEN A BUSY SPRING... SINCE MARCH!

Recent Events on our Campuses
Art Gallery Show, March 29-May 1

Francine Matarazzo presented her own unique visual poetry of work during recent exhibition “Garden of the Poet; Iran and Beyond” which was held in the Art Gallery March 29 through May 1.

• Francine has been exhibiting locally, nationally and internationally since 1980.
• She works abstractly using highly charged, lyrical compositions imbued with saturated color, collage and mark intensity to convey a complex emotional content.
• The results are stunning pieces of work and were beautifully displayed in the Art Gallery!
Adult Re-Entry Mentor Lunch, April 1

• A kick off meeting was held for the students and staff members who are planning to participate in the Adult Re-Entry Mentor/Mentee program this spring.
• Renard Thomas did a great job putting the lunch together and provided an orientation to the group.
• This is a great program that matches students with staff members who can offer guidance and assistance during the student’s educational endeavors.
COC in China, April 5 – 13, 2014

• LA County Supervisor Michael Antonovich led a trade mission supported by the American Institute for International Development to visit Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China.
• The focus was on foreign direct investment attraction from China to Los Angeles.
• Members of the delegation held a debrief presentation/discussion on April 17 with information being provided by Steve Tannehill and Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine, COC’s representatives during the trip.
Earth Arbor Day - Sustainable Development & SCEEC, April 12

Hosted by the City of Santa Clarita and held at Central Park, this all day event had almost 7,000 people attend! (No parking!)

• Our Sustainable Development Center (SDC) and Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC) was in attendance with an information booth.
• SDC/SCEEC provided an opportunity for kids to paint a bluebird house to take home.
• Students from all local K-12 schools participated in a science fair, and 6 displays with 12 students were at the event to share their projects.
• Dr. Jerry Buckley was on hand to help with judging those presentations, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners were awarded.
• Newhall Land donated sapling oaks, which were given out to participants!
TEDx Conference – Saturday, April 19

This year’s TEDx theme “Perspectives” focused on the idea that epiphanies often come not from learning a previously unknown fact, but rather, by reexamining the ones we already know. The conference featured an amazing list of guest speakers:

- Charles Chase – Manager, Revolutionary Technology Programs, Lockheed Martin Skunk Works
- Annette Craven – Director of the Doctor of Business Administration Program, University of the Incarnate Word
- David Andrus – Professor of Political Science, College of the Canyons
- Frank Oviedo – Assistant City Manager, City of Santa Clarita
- Jane Skeeter – CEO and Founder of UltraGlas, Inc.
- Lisa Solis – Co-Founder, Justin Time Children’s House
- Kelly Cude – Professor, Biological Sciences, College of the Canyons
- Kelly Burke – Professor, Biology, College of the Canyons

The event was a wonderful success, and we thank the speakers, as well as ASG, the SBDC’s Young Entrepreneurship Program, Logix and TEDx for sponsoring this opportunity.
Tim Wise – Diversity Event, April 21

Held on Monday, April 21 in the PAC, the event featured prominent anti-racist writer Mr. Tim Wise.

- The event was held from 2:30 to 4:30, and Mr. Wise held a book signing after the lecture, “Colorblind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat from Racial Equality”
- Staff and faculty members attended the event on campus.
- Mr. Wise discussed the pitfalls associated with the idea of “colorblindness” while arguing in favor of deeper levels of color-consciousness in both public and private practice.
- The lecture raised everyone’s awareness of how we are each perceived and received in a variety of situations, and opened the dialogue to challenge our own unconscious biases and behaviors.
The College has begun to develop a new Student Equity Plan.

- The Plan requirements have been provided by the State Chancellor’s Office.
- Requirements include basing our plan on data as it relates to the achievement of students from different racial groups, age groups, disabilities, gender, and economic status.
- Planning began on April 22 at the Student Equity Summit, which was held in UCEN 258 from 1:30 to 5:30.
- Forty-six people attending (including students, staff, faculty and administrators) were in attendance where we reviewed and discussed:
  - Our current practices and success related to this important topic
  - What the data shows us, with an emphasis on areas that can be addressed by our plan.
  - Our internal RFP process related to Student Equity.
  - The evaluation requirements.
  - How the plan will come together.
Job Fairs Held

Valencia Campus – April 23
• Held in the East PE from 10am to 2pm
• Over 60 businesses/agencies were inside the gym to offer insight into their companies and talk with people looking for a new job or to change careers.
• Workshops were offered in “Proactive Job Search” and Interview Tips”
• Over 800 job seekers attended!

Canyon Country Campus – May 7
• Held on Cougar Way, CCC
• 30 businesses/agencies were present with booths and representatives
• Workshops offered
• 400 Job seekers in attendance

As you can see, both events were VERY well attended!
Measure M Oversight Committee Meeting

• Prior to the meeting, a tour of the Culinary construction project was offered to the members of the committee.
• Committee members met in what will be my office on the second floor of the new Student Services/Admin building – April 24, 4-5pm.
• The agenda included:
  – Anticipated Issuance of GO Bonds (information provided by Jeff Baratta)
  – Review of Life-to-Date Expenses by Project
  – Update and Review of Measure M Projects
• Our committee members remain engaged, involved and excited about the work we are doing to benefit the community through the use of these General Obligation bonds!
Shine a Light - Suicide Prevention Awareness, April 29

Did you know? 1,100 college age students die annually by suicide.

- Each lantern represented the 1,100 students who lose their lives each year.
- Sponsored by COC Student Health & Wellness Center, the two-day event raised awareness about the incidence and impact of suicide.
- Guest speaker Kathleen Snyder also held a discussion for students.
Star Party - May 2

• People were encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, and family members. Food and beverages were available for purchase at the Cougar Café.

• The event was well-attended and enjoyed a beautiful night with friends and family.

• Beginning at 7:30 pm, Dr. Charles Beichman (Exec Director, NASA Exoplanet Science Institute), provided information on the James Webb Space Telescope, which is set to launch in 2018 and will allow astronomers a better understanding of exoplanets.

• After the presentation, attendees were able to view the skies through a number of telescopes that were set up around the campus from local astronomy groups and clubs.

• Funds raised from food and beverage purchases went toward the Dr. Ram Manvi Memorial Scholarship fund.
COC Children’s Play Day, May 3

- Honor Grove, Saturday, May 3 – 10:00am to 2:00 pm
- It was an ECE Center Staff effort in partnership with the Exec Board of So. Calif. Valley Association for the Education of Young Children
- Six ECE classes and teachers presented activities and the COC ECE Mentor Teacher Program was also involved, as well as the Volunteer Bureau, American Sign Language club, and Future Educators club.
- Community participation included over 40 children's programs and other organizations (Boys and Girls Club, Henry Mayo Neonatal Group, SC Environmental Education Consortium, SCVi, SCV Family Daycare Association, Saugus School District child care programs and more......
- AOC provided 55 volunteers, and the ROP Child Development class provided 5 volunteers
- COC Teach Program (Renee Marshall), provide 80 volunteers and assisted with set-up/clean up and implemented 15 activities.
- Over 350 children and families participated in this amazing event
Classified Appreciation Week – Breakfast, May 6

There are SUPERHEROS amongst us – the Classified Staff!

- The Classified Staff celebrated this annual event in a SUPER way!
- The breakfast, served by the managers and administrators, was held at the CCC.
Classified Appreciation Week – Lunch, May 8

The **Classified Appreciation Luncheon and Awards Ceremony** was held in the East Gym on Thursday, May 8.

- Winners of the awards, voted on by the Classified Staff members were:

  - **CSEA Member of the Year:** Rick Olsen
  - **Humanitarian Award:** Ronna Randall
  - **Dare to Dream Award:** Justin Hunt
  - **Gloria Jackson Service Award:** Sharon Johnston
  - **Professional Development Award:** Cindy Biehahn
  - **Employee of the Year Award:** Derek Lund

**CONGRATULATIONS!**
Honors Banquet – May 9

This year’s event was another outstanding and beautiful evening, filled with inspiring students and success stories!

At the dinner, we celebrated:
• The 30 students who have completed the UCLA Transfer Alliance Program (TAP),
• the 70 students who are members of the COC Honors Club, and
• the almost 140 students who were inducted as members of the other honor societies (PTK, Alpha Mu Gamma, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Rho Pi, Psi Beta, and Sigma Chi Eta)

Our thanks to Dr. Patty Robinson and all the advisors of the student honor groups for their time, energy, inspiration and dedication to making our students reach for – and achieve – their educational dreams!
Volunteer Bureau Lunch, May 13

The Volunteer Bureau held this recognition lunch on Tuesday, May 13 in UCEN 258.

• As of May 2014, we have placed 433 volunteers in 78 campus departments and offices.
• When the Volunteer Bureau began in 2011, only nine departments and offices were participating. This is a growth of nearly 86.6%!
• If volunteer hours could be measured, it is estimated that our volunteers have contributed approximately 16,000 hours of their time, each year.
• 170 people attended the fantastic lunch, and a wonderful tribute to the volunteers was made by staff. My thanks to Yasser Issa for his amazing efforts in coordinating this event!
Students from the nursing, fire technology and EMT programs witnessed a live demonstration of the Upland Fire Department’s REACH MediEvac EC-135 helicopter.

It landed at COC’s upper athletic field on May 15 as part of a career-exploration presentation delivered by former nursing student and current REACH Chief Flight Nurse Patty Murphy.

More than 100 students gathered at the field as Campus Safety officers and REACH staff helped guide the helicopter to its landing spot.

Upon landing, students were greeted by Murphy and four of her crew members, who spoke to students and answered questions about their career experiences working as nurses, EMTs and firefighters aboard the critical-care air ambulance.

Students also were invited to board the aircraft to view the cockpit, sit in the passenger area and examine the aircraft.
“Rent” in the PAC, COC Theatre – May 16-17

• The Theatre Department staged its production of the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning musical "Rent" at the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center.

• Set in New York’s East Village, “Rent” follows a year in the life of a group of struggling artists and musicians who fight for their dreams, loves and “La Vie Boheme” while living under the shadow of AIDS.

• The college’s production featured a talented and diverse cast of students and community members, including the reigning Miss Mexico City and COC theatre graduate Setareh Khatibi.
Battle of the Bands, CCC, May 18

- The inaugural “Battle of the Bands” event was held at the CCC on Sunday, May 18 with **450 people** in attendance.

- **Six amazing bands** competed for prizes and glory in front of a panel of celebrity judges, music professionals, and a lively crowd.
  - The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners all included current or former COC students

- We also had a **car show contest** with 20 beautiful cars!

- A nice variety of food was available for purchase, and everyone enjoyed the company of music legends and celebrity judges.

- The event also brought the community onto this beautiful campus and allowed us to highlight the instructional programs and student life.

- **All in all, it was a “rocking” success!**

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OPEN OFFICE HOURS – Spring Semester

I’ve been ON THE ROAD AGAIN this spring…

Topics have included:

• 45th Anniversary Celebration
• A Marching Band at COC
• Expansion of our Service Learning Program
• Using student photography on monitors campuswide
• Showcasing student success on campus

• Student art collection expansion and display of their work around campus
• Athletic program review
• Next Athletic Hall of Fame
• Partnerships with the Boys & Girls Club
• An Assessment Institute and the rewarding of best models/practices
• An ASL flash mob ….and MORE!

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West Ranch High School Science Project, May 16

As part of our DSNs efforts for **Career Pathways** and utilizing the grant money to work with high schools, we partnered with West Ranch High School (WRHS) science students who used our 3D printer to build a project:

- The project - **a weather balloon** - was coordinated with WRHS faculty member and our DSNs (Joe Klocko and Paula Hodge) who coordinated with about 100 students who were involved in all aspects of the project from design to construction to media coverage.
- Students used the Valencia HS CAD system to design the payload container. This was a great example of intra-district cooperation.
- The team had access to the CSUN clean room to load the collection material in an ultraclean environment to avoid possible contamination.
- Once the CAD design was completed by VHS, the payload container was printed at the COC CACT facility. *The 3D printing effort took about 65+ hours to print, consumed $240 of material cost, and has an estimated retail value of over $1,000.*

**In summary, the weather balloon project:**

- Was a science experiment only done once before - by NASA!
- Was designed to carry the project aloft to over 100,000 feet, then:
  - At a preset altitude, the payload canister top separated from the canister bottom exposing a substance called Aerogel to collect space particulates (aka cosmic dust)
  - At a higher altitude, the payload canister closed, and was released to return to earth by parachute
- Students recovered the payload using GPS location information.
- The Aerogel was analyzed by electron microscope for evidence of a successful collection event.
Foundation Events
Willie Nelson in the PAC! April 5

The “pre-Willie” event prior to the concert was a great success!

• Approximately 85-90 people attended.
• It gave us an opportunity to thank our donors and those who support our efforts.
• We provided information about the endowment campaign.
• We even had the opportunity to celebrate Steve Zimmer’s birthday (which was April 7)
• There was great food (Wolf Creek), great people in attendance, and everyone had fun!
• The concert was sold out, and his opening act featured his two sons.
• Willie’s sister played the piano during his concert!
Chancellor’s Circle Prospect Lunch, April 24

*Held on April 24 in my conference room, it was a full house!*

Prospects and recently joined new members from eight different entities joined in for two hours of great conversation, questions and an update on what is happening and what is in store on BOTH COC campuses!

Robert Irvine – Pre-event and Concert, April 25

The pre-concert event was held from 6-7:30pm in the Music/Dance Studio (PICO-101)

• Approximately 75 people were in attendance, which was a fundraiser for the Culinary Arts Institute.

• Mr. Irvine provided a cooking demonstration to the group.

His show in the PAC followed at 8:00 pm and was sold out...
Sierra Pelona Valley Wine Festival (Reyes Winery), April 26

- The event was VERY well attended (matter of fact, parking was difficult to find!)
- The Festival attendance this year was approximately 30% higher than last year for the winery, with nearly 1,000 participants.
- Reyes Winery donated funds to support COC’s Wine Studies Program, joined the Chancellor’s Circle, and donated 100 Syrah grape vines for the COC Vineyard.
In an effort to help local business owners see their enterprises thrive and expand, Rick Hernandez, President, Syntesis Global, LLC, was the speaker at the May 2 event, entitled “Growing Your Business in the 21st Century, A New Era”

- Mr. Hernandez is an author, speaker and management advisor with more than 20 years of experience in helping to assist small business owner improve their quality and performance metrics. He provided useful insights about:
  - How to take a business to the next level in the areas of overall performance, change management and personal accountability.
  - New concepts to increase leadership capabilities, strategic thinking and the ability to adapt to new and demanding roles during times of change.
  - How to achieve excellence in service, innovation and market differentiation.
- The event was well received, with approximately 40-50 people in attendance.
Scholarship Donor Reception and Awards, May 20

- This year’s event was another stellar event – we awarded $175,000 in scholarship funds to 260 students.
- Held in the PAC on Tuesday, May 20, it began with a reception in the lobby, with an opportunity for students to meet the donors and personally thank them for their generosity.
- The awards followed at 6:30 pm.
- During the ceremony, the students provided words of appreciation on stage, recognizing the donors who established the scholarships.

Facts at a Glance:
- **578 Guests** attended the event
- Over **50 donors** were in attendance
- **1,819** students applied for the 2014-2015 Scholarship Program
- 726 students were eligible for scholarships
- **241 students** were awarded with scholarship funds
Dr. Karyl Kicenski presented an eye-opening discussion entitled “Cashing in on Crime” which focused on the American “prison market,” prison privatization and the burgeoning businesses associated with the construction of prison facilities.

Dr. Kicenski noted that one of the most significant trends in the field of American criminology today is the emergence of the U.S. prison market that has resulted in a highly developed enterprise system designed to mine wealth from those who have been sentenced to prison.

She also points to the disturbing contradiction between the arguments for prison privatization and the ever-increasing rates of incarceration and recidivism in California and across the nation.

A large crowd attended, and the presentation was very well-received!

Our thanks to the Foundation for making this such a memorable and great event!
LEAP$^2$ Sessions

Leadership Education in Action Program
LEAP² – April 25

Several CEOs and VPs participated in the LEAP² session, held on Friday, April 25 where the focus was “Leadership from the CEO and Executive Leadership Levels”.

Present to discuss Leadership Challenges, Opportunities and Expectations were:

**CEO Panel:**
- Dr. Jerome Hunter, Chancellor, North Orange CCD (retired), Distinguished Lecturer at CSU, Fullerton
- Dr. Kindred Murillo, Supt/Pres, Lake Tahoe Community College
- Dr. Monte Perez, Pres, Los Angeles Mission College

**Vice President Panel:**
- Dr. Patrick Jefferson, Exec VP, Student Learning, Ventura Community College
- Mr. Ron Nakasone, VP, Admin Services, Glendale Community College
- Dr. Chris Villa, VP, Student Services, Fresno City College
Following that, Dr. Frank Gornick, Chancellor, West Hills CCD, who has served on many Accreditation Teams, discussed some lessons learned and helping hints for this involved process.

After lunch, a Fundraising panel provided information about the aspects of raising money for community colleges. Panelists on hand to answer questions and provide insightful hints and information were:

- Ms. Cathy Ritz, COO, COC Foundation
- Mr. Murray Wood, CDO, COC Foundation
- Ms. Jill Mellady, Past Chairwoman, COC Foundation Board
- Ms. Doris Marie Zimmer, Current COC Foundation Board Chairwoman
- Mr. Steve Zimmer, Past COC Foundation Board member
Applause!
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Congratulations to COC Golf Athlete Ashley Windsor on receiving the (3C4A) Student Athlete Achievement Award!

- Ashley received her award at the Celebration of Scholar Athletes Luncheon held on April 2 at the Renaissance LAX.
- I was pleased to attend the lunch to help Ashley celebrate, along with her parents, sister as well as Michele Jenkins, Len Monhey, Chuck Lyon, and Gary Peterson.
- Ashley has an amazing success story, and has accepted a scholarship to the University of Charleston in West Virginia.
Model United Nations (MUN) Team

The COC Model United Nations team attended two conferences in March and April – and did very well!

March 1 – Conference at CSU Long Beach
- Two veteran delegates, Nathan Black and Jessie Warme, were asked by the organizers to serve as chairs, due to their reputation for excellence.
- Craig Dermody won “Outstanding Delegate” in the Security Council.

March 15-16 – Conference at UC Riverside
- Only two “Committee Awards” are given, which are determined by votes of the delegates participating in the conference (65 delegates from six schools).
- Both awards went to COC students, Nathan Black and Naomi Cheriegate.
- Outstanding Delegate award - Jessie Warmie for her representation of China.

April 6 – Conference at UCLA (LAMUN)
- Over 200 delegates from 27 colleges/universities (including Stanford, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego and many other 4-year schools)
- Outstanding Large Delegation award (second best large delegation) went to COC!
- Twenty COC students attended – eight of them won individual awards!

Congratulations to all members of the MUN Team!
Ashley Kwon, Iris Lopez, Liz Delgado, Audrey Whelan, Kendall Jackson, Gio Cervantes, Logan Weiss, Matt Hardaway, Ricky Rodriguez, Craig Dermody, Marco Cardenas, Musha Ahmad, Ahkil Cherukupally, and Brandon Gonzalez

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COC Speech Team Success (Forensics)

At the 4-day State Tournament in Concord, CA (March 13-16), the COC Forensic team members won five medals:

- 1 Gold Medal
- 2 Silver Medals
- 2 Bronze Medals

• The gold medal went to **Kristina Ewing** for **Informative Speaking**. This was her second tournament and the first gold medal in this category for COC!
• Silver medals went to **Hillary Phillips** and **Linda Giron** – **Oral Interpretation**
• Bronze medals were earned by **Chris Mundy** (Informative Speaking) and **Kyle Duffy** (Prose Interpretation).

As a result, **COC won 5th place as a team** in the Limited Entry Division!

At the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in Denver, April 7-12:

• The team won **gold, silver and bronze** medals
• COC team ranked **8th place** in their division, landing them with the **second best finish** ever at Nationals!
• **Hillary Phillips** won a 3 medals (one in each color!), and ranked **18th out of 332** competitors in the nation – the highest ever for COC!

**Congrats to Michael Leach and the Speech Team!**
Four COC students were selected for the 2014 PTK All-California Academic Team!

- On April 3, four Phi Theta Kappa students were honored at the annual PTK Awards Luncheon held in Sacramento – Craig Dermody, Ryan McPeters, Shawnee Stump and Jessie Warme.

- PTK members maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA, participate in honors programs and are active with academically rigorous coursework; awards, honors, and receive recognition for academic achievement, leadership and service to the college and community.

- Our students were 4 of the 75 students selected from the 112 California community colleges.

- COC’s PTK chapter (Alpha Nu Xi), has been recognized as one of the 30 international Most Distinguished Chapter Officer Team for their work this last year in finding solutions for our water issues in the SCV.

- And, Craig Dermody was selected as a Coca-Cola Gold Scholar Winner! There were over 1700 applicants, and Craig received one of the 50 awards that were given!

Congratulations to our PTK Team members and their Advisor, Miriam Golbert.
Ten students from COC’s FBLA team medaled in competitions at the FBLA California State Business Leadership Conference held in LA in late March.

- Two of the COC students qualified to represent California at the National FBLA-PBL conference to be held in Nashville in June.
- Over 400 students from fifteen colleges and universities participated.
- Nineteen members of the COC FBLA club participated in the Business Leadership Conference.
- All members also engaged in workshops designed to help them promote entrepreneurial ideas, develop leadership skills, and prepare for productive careers.
- Students were accompanied by FBLA-PBL faculty advisors Bob Maxwell and Stan Wright.
On April 11, I traveled to Pomona to attend the 2014 RP Group Conference where COC received the Award for “Excellence in Planning” for the Integrated Online Program Review and Budget Planning model during their luncheon.

It was given to COC for the work done by Dr. Barry Gribbons (Asst Supt/VP, Institutional Development); Dr. Daylene Meuschke (Director, Institutional Research) and Mr. Paul Wickline (Chair, Theatre Department).

I was proud to accept the award on behalf of the College, and thrilled to spend time at the luncheon with Daylene, Paul and Omar Torres (Dean, Math, Sciences & Engineering), who had joined us as well.
Man and Woman of the Year Dinner

CONGRATULATIONS to Steve and Doris Marie Zimmer for being nominated for the 2014 Man and Woman of the Year Award!

Steve Zimmer was nominated by the SCV Child & Family Center for his tireless drive and dedication as a member of their Board of Directors.

Doris Marie was nominated by the COC Foundation recognizing not only her many years of service to the Foundation, but as an amazing, passionate and driven Chairwoman of this Board, and her service to the College of the Canyons.

While Steve and Doris Marie did not take home the actual award that night, they are winners to us – each and every day and we are lucky to have them as part of the COC Family!
Early Childhood Education – Curriculum Alignment Project (CAP)

• The California Community Colleges Curriculum Alignment Project has engaged faculty from across the state to develop a lower-division program of study supporting early care and education teacher preparation.

• The Lower Division 8 represents evidence-based courses that are intended to become a foundational core for all early care and education professionals.
  ✓ 101 Community College in California have agreed to participate in CAP.
  ✓ 78 are officially aligned, 5 are provisionally aligned, and 2 are in the revision process to align their courses.
  ✓ We were officially aligned in March 2014.

• We will now be working on the CAP Expansion Alignment that includes a specialization in Infant/Toddler, Special Ed. and Administration.
Check Out COC’s **Coaches of the Year!**

- Lisa Hooper  Women’s Volleyball Western State Conference **Coach of the Year**
- Justin Lundin  Women’s Soccer Western State Conference **Coach of the Year**
- Ted Iacenda  Football Western State Conference **Coach of the Year**
- Belinda Kane  Men’s Cross Country Western State Conference **Coach of the Year** & Men’s Track and Field Western State Conference **Coach of the Year**
- Gary Peterson  Men’s Golf Western State Conference **Coach of the Year**

**Other Outstanding Accomplishments, Affiliations and Achievements**

- Phil Marcellin  Men’s Soccer Western State Conference Rep. and Past President of the Men’s and Women’s Soccer Coaches Association
- Chris Cota  Men’s Baseball Western State Conference Rep.
- John Wissmath  President of the Southern Cal. Softball Coaches Association
- Gary Peterson  President of the Men and Women’s Golf Association
- Howard Fisher  Men’s Basketball Western State Conference Rep. and Vice President of the Men’s Basketball Coaches Association and next President
- Chad Peters  Vice President of the Athletic Trainers Association and Incoming President
- Chuck Lyon  One of the Presidents of the Southern California Football Alliance
- Len Mohney  Past President of the Western State Conference and Management Council Representative for the Cal. Community College Athletic Association for Baseball
The College continues to apply for and receive grants, including:

• **The Archstone Grant** is for the Geriatric Nursing Faculty Development Initiative.
  - Received **$149,215** over 3 years to provide faculty training for nursing instructors to add geriatrics into their courses.

• The **Small Business Development Center**, received a **$25,000** grant from Wells Fargo to deliver additional services in the Antelope Valley (Apr 5).

• **RISE grant** (Rural Investment for Sustainable Economies) - focus on job creation, economic and community development for underserved rural areas.

• Accepting the check for the SBDC was Pete Bellas and Ramone Roberts (SBDC representative, AV).
More Grants!

Arthur N. Rupe Foundation
• **$45,000** to offer additional sections of CNA and Home Health Aide courses in partnership with AV College
• John Cordova is project director (DSN)

California Colleges for International Education
• **$3,000** for marketing campaign for ISP program
• Anh Nguyen is project director

California Department of Education (AB86)
• **$221,880** for planning of adult education to be offered by COC in partnership with the Hart District – noncompetitive
• Diane Stewart is project director
Updates on Construction Projects and Other New Things on our Campuses
The Latest on Campus Construction

Student Services/Administration Building

• Metal framing is very near completion!
• Installation of interior/exterior door frames
• Stairs were welded into place at the South entrance
• Pedestrian bridge had metal cages dropped 27’ into the ground and filled with concrete. They extend 15’ above the ground
• The bridge was put into place on May 23!
Institute of Culinary Education (iCuE)

Estimated construction funds acquired thanks to:
- COC Foundation
- District’s family campaign
- Bid savings from previous project
- Measure M funds

Building to house:
- All kitchens (instructional & teaching)
- Full service restaurant & retail market
  (both open to public)

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Institute of Culinary Education (iCuE)

Now complete:

✓ Building’s steel support framing erected
✓ Concrete slab has been poured
✓ Gas, electrical & plumbing now up through ground - ready to be fed through building

New work started:

✓ Exterior framing
✓ Concrete contractor pouring dining room floor with a colored concrete finish

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Sustainability in Facilities

Prop 39 Projects

• Upgrade to our Energy Management System. Funds derived from Prop 39, $515,000 PLUS over $150,000 in energy incentives

• This project will bring our entire campus online and compatible with our Digital Automated HVAC controls system - which will lead to even more energy savings!

• Project began in early May 2014 and will continue through September 2014.

Water filling stations

• In collaboration with the Foundation and ASG facilities has been replacing drinking fountains and installing water bottle refilling stations in their place.
Gardens of the Canyons

- Continued development of the meditation garden.
- Purchased and installed 2 new trees and 2 benches.
- Offered a free compost making course with master gardener and Foundation Board member, Diane Benjamin
- Built a bridge and a shed
- Composted the ground for the gardens
- Community Garden currently full and has a wait-list for plots
- Turned over two times a year
Metal Sculptures on Campus

- Mr. Simi Dabah’s sculptures are coming to our campus!
- I was introduced to his sculptures at another community college, and we contacted Mr. Dabah to see if he’d be interested in donating some to College of the Canyons.
- The facilities department has been working with the Dabah’s caretaker and making arrangements for transportation and installation of several of his unique sculptures.
- The site selection is now under consideration – below are some renderings of what they might look like on our campuses!
Got an electric car? At COC – that’s no problem!

We recently installed four Electric Charging Stations in Lot 15 (near TLC) for vehicles that need a charge!

• Each receptacle provides a 20 amp, 120 volt power supply
• This is new on campus, so as we see the usage throughout the spring semester, we will report back to you on how they are being utilized!
• We are planning on doing the same at the Canyon Country Campus!

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Coming Up...!
COC Graduation – Friday, June 6

• This year’s Graduation ceremony will be held in the Honor Grove and will begin with the faculty and student processional at 8:30am.
• During the ceremony, we will honor Bob Tolar, a 26-year Mathematics Professor, who will be retiring from the faculty at College of the Canyons.

It’s an exciting time of year!
Summer Registration and Sessions Offered

• We will be offering approximately **630 sections**
• Total seats **offered** so far are **21,063** (as of 5/23/14)
• Total **enrollments** so far are **9,872**
• Fill rate is 47%
• 70 sections are full with waitlists

*And we still have several weeks of registration!*
Services for Students and Parents

• Parent Orientation – August 5
  ✓ Prepare parents for their child’s transition to COC
  ✓ Last year, over 600 parents attended
  ✓ Introduce the parents to FERPA
  ✓ Discuss their role in their child’s college life
  ✓ Inform parents of student services available to their child
  ✓ Distribute Parent Handbook

• Planning Welcome Day – August 15
  ✓ All incoming freshman welcome at the Student Services Open House
  ✓ Workshops for counseling and financial aid
  ✓ Give-aways for students
  ✓ How to use “My Canyons” Assistance
  ✓ Ensure registration is complete
  ✓ Meet with counselors
Upcoming Events

- May 29 – Athletic Recognition dinner, 6-8:30pm, UCEN 258
- May 29 – “Cul-de-Sac” literary/arts magazine unveiling, 5:30-7:30pm, PICO-101
- May 30 – Cabaret Series “Jazz Alley”, 7:30-9pm, UCEN Lobby
- May 30 – Comedians of the Canyons, 8-9:30pm, PICO Hall-202
- June 3 and 4 – Solopalooza (Theatre), 7:30 pm, Student Center-130
- June 5 – Meet the Grant Makers, 11:30-1:30pm, UCEN
- June 6 – Commencement, Honor Grove
- June 7 – Academy of the Canyons Graduation, Honor Grove
- June 10 – Women’s Conference – UCEN, 8am to 1:30pm
- June 24 – Foundation Installation Dinner, 6pm, TPC