What is the value of a community college education?

• Two-thirds of California’s first-time higher education students begin their academic careers at a Community College.
• Seventy percent of California nurses received their education at a Community College.
• For every dollar California invests to get students in and through college, the state’s economy receives a $3 net return on investment.
• $1.6M is the average lifetime earnings of a graduate with an associate degree – $400,000 more than for a high school graduate.
• Community Colleges train 80 percent of all California firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical technicians.
• 8 of the top 10 fastest-growing occupations require a postsecondary education.
What is the Chancellor's Circle?

• The Chancellor’s Circle is a partnership between College of the Canyons and a diverse group of businesses, community members, non-profit groups, government leaders and others who are committed to strengthening our community - by actively supporting strong private and public partnerships.

• The underlying tenet of the Chancellor’s Circle is the strong belief that by working together we can add value to the community, provide support for creative and innovative programs that enrich community businesses and provide needed workforce skills that will strengthen and sustain our economy - and that we can achieve, by working together, much more than we can by working alone.

What are the goals of the Chancellor’s Circle?

• Develop a strong, integrated, supportive network of community stakeholders who understand and foster the belief that higher education is the key to a strong, vibrant and competitive local and national economy.

• Continue to grow the support network by identifying “new members” and encouraging “new ideas and methods” that can be used for our college and our community to excel through the 21st Century.

• Raise funds to assist deserving students in affording college and mitigate roadblocks to educating our community.

• Raise funds for special programs that enhance educational access for students.

• Spread the word locally, regionally, statewide and nationally about the unequaled quality, innovation, effectiveness, relevance and value of a College of the Canyons education.

How can I help the Chancellor’s Circle?

• Become a member and encourage others to get involved and support - financially and with a “roll up your sleeves effort” - the many programs that College of the Canyons offers to the community.

• Spread the word that College of the Canyons is a college that is a “cut above the rest” and deserves wide-ranging support. Consider COC’s:
  - Award-winning Chancellor
  - Award-winning faculty
  - Award-winning academic programs
  - Award-winning Small Business Development Center
  - Award-winning academic teams
  - Award-winning sports teams
  - Award-winning professional development program
  - And dozens of other awards that bring distinction to the college

• Support innovative programs that meet community and business needs such as:
  - Fast Track training
  - Center for International Trade Development
  - Applied technology programs
  - College to Career programs
  - And much, much more

How do I get more information?

• Visit the Foundation Website at: www.canyons.edu/Offices/Foundation/

• Call: 661-362-3434

Did you know?

• College of the Canyons enrolled nearly 16,333 students in the Fall 2012 semester.

• Enrollment at College of the Canyons is estimated to nearly 26,000 students by 2018.

• The Canyon Country Campus served 5,141 students during the Fall 2012 semester. Of the 1,317 students in the college’s last graduating class, 1,014 (77 percent) took at least one class at the Canyon Country Campus.

• The number of Board of Governors Fee Waivers awarded in 2011-12 increased 115 percent from 2006-07 (3,589 in 2006-07 compared to 7,741 in 2011-12).

• Over the past five years the financial aid dollars awarded to our students has increased 366 percent ($4,479,969 in 2006-07 to $20,866,557 in 2011-12).

• The Economic Development Division, which includes the Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT), the Employee Training Institute (ETI) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), generated $2,777,205 in 2012, enabling the college to serve more than 4,000 employees at nearly 1,000 area businesses.

• Since 2003-04, the Economic Development Division has generated more than $163.3 million in revenue for the benefit of local companies.