The COC Foundation Makes an Impact and Excels!
The COC Foundation

The COC Foundation continues to make significant impacts for students and the community.

New Chancellor's Circle Members Added:
- Kristen Crellin - School’s First Credit Union (affiliation through Sharlene Coleal)
- Nicole Nilos - Citizen’s Bank (AOC and COC graduate, Jill Mellady is Nicole’s mentor)
- Randall Winter Construction (Friend of the College, prospect of Anna Frutos-Sanchez)

New Sculptures on Campus – Simi Dabah (see renderings below):
- Dr. Van Hook discovered 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 arrangement for transportation and installation of several of his unique sculptures
- Site selection is now under consideration.
Cougar Pride Big Win  March 20

- The 15th annual Big Win Athletic benefit hosted over 150 parents of student athletes, college administrators, college staff, supporters of COC athletics, COC coaches and their families.

- The event raised $19,600 dollars.

- The men’s soccer team and their head coach, Phil Marcellin prepared a Santa Maria style tri-tip BBQ with all the fixin’s.

- All the athletic teams were represented during the event, and a good time was had by all!
Culinary Campaign Update

The construction of the new Institute for Culinary Education is underway and is on track for completion by fall 2014. We’ve been busy with meetings and planning new events!

Visit to Dole Foods Facility – Westlake Village, March 14 - Diana Cusumano and Chef Cindy Schwanke lead a COC delegation to meet key executives at Dole Foods in Westlake. At the meeting we:

- Presented our capital campaign, reviewed dedication opportunities, and discussed the possibility of their support to the campaign with a major gift.
- Extended an invitation to visit the I-CUE facility in Castaic and the new site on campus

New Restaurant Initiative: Diana Cusumano, Bruce Fortine, and Jasmine Foster have been canvassing local restaurants to gain their support to raise funds to dedicate a Savory Kitchen in the new facility.

- They have pledges from 4-5 local establishments

Forming a Campaign Strike Force: The campaign is forming a “young leadership group” of 12 volunteers who plan to raise an additional $100,000 for I-CUE, on a dollar for dollar match.

- We will set up a special solicitor training and tour of our old and new facilities.

Chef Robert Irvine, PAC Live Show, April 25:

- There will be a special, interactive, pre-event limited to a 50 person audience to meet Chef Irvine and cook with him as he prepares one of his signature dishes!

Sierra Pelona Wine Festival: This event will benefit the Culinary Campaign, and will be held on Sat, April 26.

- Local wineries and restaurants will be featured and a portion of the proceeds will go toward our campaign!
Endowment for the Performing Arts

We have formed a committee to design and initiate planning and steps to lay the groundwork and foundation for launching this exciting campaign!

Step 1 - Gather the background information needed for the development of Strategic Plan to:
- Establish the priorities
- Address how the campaign will meet critical community needs
- Set a realistic campaign goal
- Outline relevant COC/PAC programs and services
- Develop a Case Statement
- Establish a timeline (launch, milestones, length of campaign)

Step 2 - Design conceptual facility models and/or site renderings
- Visually focus the campaign program and to portray the campaign “brand” and dedication opportunities

Step 3 – Assessment of Internal Readiness
- Consider the College’s and Foundation’s readiness to undertake campaign

Step 4 - Conduct a Campaign Goal Feasibility Study through private & confidential individual interviews
- Identify a suggested list of leadership-level community stakeholders
- Through individual interviews, ask for their personal and confidential opinions and advice
- In addition, we intend to use these prime stakeholders for potential campaign leadership posts and/or as major gift prospects.
Learning Resource Endowment

This campaign will officially launch at the close of this academic year.

The revenue will be raised through:

- **Naming Opportunities**: Computer Labs, Study Rooms, Special Collections Room, Children’s Reading Corner, Library Rose Garden, New Endowment Wall, the “Tree of Knowledge”

- **Prospects for support are**: Former Library Donors, Industry Sectors; Science, Engineering, and Law, Retired Faculty and Staff, Alumni, Current Faculty and Staff, Civic Organizations, Founding Families of Santa Clarita
Exciting Things Happening on or Around our Campuses
Speed Hiring Event (February 6)

Departments on campus were given the opportunity to secure help for their offices

- Funded CalWorks students attended a mini “job fair” organized by Student Employment, the CalWorks Office, and hosted in the TLC.

- The CalWorks Office on campus picked up 75% of the cost of hiring their student recipients, meaning each department only had to expend 25% of their budget to secure a college assistant.

- The event was very successful! Every student that attended the Speed Hiring will be joining the COC family as a student employee!

Our thanks goes to Yasser Issa (Student Employment), Pamela Brogdon-Wynne (Director, EOPS), and Mojdeh Mahn (Director, TLC) for their exceptional work and efforts to making this a successful hiring process!
Enrollment Update

Winter 2014 Semester
• We expanded the classes available by nearly 200% from Winter 2013.
• In 2013, we offered 100 online classes. In 2014 we have nearly 300 classes at both campuses, and online.
• Of the 300 sections offered, only 12 (4%) were canceled due to low enrollment.

Spring Semester Started on February 10
• Passing Prop. 30 has enabled us to add more classes.
• This spring, we expect to serve 3% more full-time equivalent students compared to last year.
• We expect to serve 10% more full-time equivalent students than 4 years ago.

We are going to offer a robust summer schedule with more than 600 sections planned!

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For 2013/14, the College has brought in $5,499,897 in grants!

New Awards include:

- $2,500 for Foster Youth Scholarships from the *In and Out Foundation*
- $25,000 for SBDC activities in rural AV from the *Wells Fargo Foundation*
- $50,000 matching grant for renovation of MLT Lab space from the *Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation*
- $1,294,215 over 3 years for regional activities for CTE pathways from high school to post-secondary education from the *State Chancellor’s Office*
New Doctorate Program in the UCEN

We have been working with California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) to offer an Ed.D. program in the University Center

- They have an excellent program!
- The program combines K-12 and Community College issues.
- We are still developing the partnership, but would like to start in Summer 2015.
- Stay tuned for more on this exciting development!
The MESA Program presented a series of events to celebrate National Engineers Week and expanded it to all STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) disciplines

- MESA STEM Week gave all STEM students and the college community an opportunity to meet renowned engineers, scientists and mathematicians.
- Hundreds of students participated in panel discussions with industry experts from companies such as the LA Dept of Water and Power, JPL, and The Gas Company.
- MESA Director, Dr. Eric Lara accompanied 22 students to Aerospace Dynamics International (ADI) and learned how airplane parts are manufactured.
- A highlight of the week was an egg drop competition, which was held from the 36’ high Aliso/Boykin bridge. Teams who succeeded in keeping their egg in one piece won gift cards.
Math, Sciences & Engineering Speakers Symposium *(Runs March-May)*

This 3rd Annual event began March 7 and continues through May with engaging speakers, which are free and open to the public!

On March 7, Dr. Tim Hesterberg, Senior Ads Quality Statistician with Google, shared stories about how Google uses data and statistics, and how they are constantly experimenting to make improvements and reach “outside the box” of what hasn’t been done in the past.

Coming up, look for:

- April 1, Dr. John Brophy, JPL, Electric Propulsion Technology Specialist – NASA’s Dawn Mission and Asteroid Retrieval
- April 17, Dr. Walter Metzner, UCLA, Dept of Integrative Biology & Physiology – Bats’ Tale from the Crypt
- April 22, Dr. Skip Newhall, JPL, Technical Staff Member – Special Relativity and Star Travel
- April 29, Dr. Patricia Tavormina, CalTech, Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences - Bacterial Methane Oxidation in Deep Ocean Waters
- May 5, Ms. Cheryl Will, LAPD SID Valley Narcotics Unit – Science of Forensics
New People and Events in the Works…

• Please welcome Dr. Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine as the Interim Director, International Students Program.
• Dr. Cheng-Levine is also the coordinator of the 2014 TEDx conference (Technology, Entertainment and Design), which will be held on April 19 at COC!
  • This is the second year COC has hosted this exciting event.
  • Eight speakers have been selected to address a wide-range of topics
  • Tickets are on sale now! ($20/students, $50/public) Seating is limited!
Summer Institute is on the Way!

Junior high school students can find their passion over summer break!

The COC Summer Institute is returning!

- Classes are taught by college faculty on the Valencia Campus
- Geared for students entering grades 7-9
- Two Sessions offered:

**July 14-18**
- Photography
- Architecture Landscape Design
- Robotics
- Video Game Design
- Sports Medicine

**July 21-25**
- Photo Shop Fundamentals
- Architecture Building Design
- Robotics
- Video Game Mobile Approval Design
- Healthcare
- How It’s Made

For more information or to register, contact 661-362-3653 or visit www.canyons.edu/offices/CommunityEducation
Accreditation is Coming!

In preparation for the 2014 Fall Accreditation visit at College of the Canyons, all sections of the self-evaluation report have been submitted by each representative committee and are in the process of being reviewed by our internal editing team.

The ACCJC has confirmed their Accreditation Team will visit COC during the week of September 29 through October 2!
Veterans Conference

- In December 2013, College of the Canyon’s was present at the California Community College’s league Veteran’s Summit III, which took a look at the various ways to more effectively assist those who served.

- In February 2014, Habitat for Humanity San Fernando/Santa Clarita Valleys honored the “Santa Clarita Seven” at the annual Builder’s Ball Gala. Santa Clarita Mayor, Laurene Weste, presented awards to the sevel, all veterans who represent organizations that provide services to veterans in the Santa Clarita or San Fernando Valleys.

- The seven veteran organizations and leaders from the SCV recognized were:
  - Charlie Company and Renard Thomas, representing College of the Canyons Veterans Affairs Department
  - Dick Jeffries, representing Back to the War Zone
  - RJ Kelly, representing the Veterans Advocacy Network
  - JD Kennedy, representing American Legion Post 507
  - Chuck Morris, representing the Traveling Vietnam Wall, Friendly Valley Veterans Club
  - Bill Reynolds, representing the 9th Infantry Division
Let’s Put Our Hands Together…!
Diane Fiero Honored by Zonta of SCV  (March 8)

- Dr. Van Hook nominated Dr. Diane Fiero (Asst Supt/VP, Human Resources) for Zonta’s Carmen Sarro Community Service Award, which recognizes and celebrates women who personify Ms. Sarro’s attributes of the ultimate community volunteer.

- 14 well-deserving women were recognized for their outstanding service in the SCV, both at work and through their volunteerism and the examples they set for others.

CONGRATULATIONS to Diane Fiero for being such a deserving honoree!
Run, Ryan, Run!

- Our very own Dr. Ryan Theule participated in his first marathon, running the 26.2 mile race in Los Angeles on Sunday, March 9.

- Ryan finished the race in 3 hours and 29 minutes – WOW!

- He finished #743 out of 21,507 total runners!

CONGRATULATIONS, RYAN! We are very proud of your accomplishment!
Institutional Research Gets Two Awards!

COC has received two statewide awards and two major recognitions for our Online Program Review!

- **The Research and Planning Group’s Excellence in Planning Award**
  - Given for innovation, framework, facilitating-evidence driven planning and decision making through collaborative inquiry, integration, and communication.
  - Dr. Daylene Meuschke will accept this award at the RP Group’s Annual Conference on April 11

- **The CCCCO’s Technology Focus Award**
  - Recognizes excellence that evolves out of a comprehensive planning process closely linked to the institution’s mission and vision for the future.
  - Dr. Barry Gribbons and Dr. Jim Temple accepted this award at the Chief Information Security Officers Association (CISOA) Conference on February 24.

- Congratulations to Barry, Daylene, Jim and everyone who has made this such a strong statewide model, including:
  - Noris Lee (programmed the project)
  - Sharlene Coleal and Business Services (involved in the budget module)
  - Paul Wickline and Miriam Golbert (co-chairs of the Program Review Committee)
  - The entire Program Review Committee for their efforts that have had an incredible effect!
Students Shine - Phi Theta Kappa Team (March 28)

Four COC students have been selected for the 2014 PTK All-California Academic Team!

- The Phi Theta Kappa Awards Luncheon, held in Sacramento, is an annual event sponsored by the CCLC to recognize outstanding scholars from California’s community colleges.

- PTK members maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA, and 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.

- Craig Dermody was selected as the Coca-Cola Gold Scholar Winner!

**Congratulations to all PTK members:**
Craig Dermody, Ryan McPeters, Shawnee Stump & Jessie Warme!
Model United Nations (MUN) Team

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

- First conference - held at CSU Long Beach (March 1)
- 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.

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

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!
COC Speech Team Success (Forensics)

March 13-16, the COC Speech Team won 5 medals at the 2014 CCCFA State Tournament in Concord, CA

After a 4-day competition, the COC Forensic team members won:

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!

Next, the team heads to the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament and we expect great things from all the talented students on this team!

CONGRATULATIONS!

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More Student Athlete Success!

Ashley Windsor, a member of the COC women’s golf team, was recently selected to be the female recipient of this year’s 3C4A (Calif Community College Counselors/Advisors Academic Association for Athletics) Student-Athlete Achievement Award!

About the award:

• Given to Honors student athletes who have overcome great personal, academic and/or emotional odds to achieve success while participating in intercollegiate athletics.
• These are the students who benefit from academic advisement programs; they are our motivation and our sense of satisfaction.
• Recognition of the award will be at a luncheon during the CCCAA Conference on April 2 at the LAX Renaissance Hotel.

Ashley is now on her way to graduating this spring with her Associates of Science Degree in Business Human Resources Management, and has also accepted a golf scholarship to the University of Charleston for next fall.

Congratulations Ashley!

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Training Leaders for the Future: LEAP² and FLEX Workshops
On February 6, Dr. Van Hook provided a FLEX workshop entitled “One Style Does Not Fit All: Understanding Generational Communication in the Workplace and Classroom” where we focused on:

- What is a generation?
- What are the four significant generations in today’s society, and how do they different from one another?
- How do different generations in our society play a part in the College workplace?
- What is the impact of having different generations in the same classrooms?
- How do you effectively fundraise for each of the generations?
- How does each generation deal differently with technology?
- How do you market to each generation and get them in?

Following that, another session was held on “Bridging the Gap: Effective Marketing and Fundraising” where we discussed:

- Defining a “generation”
- What makes each generation tick?
- How technology has shaped marketing and fundraising over time
- Tips for effective marketing to each generation
- Tips for effective fundraising from each generation
The LEAP² participants traveled to Valley Trails for teambuilding exercises and to get to know each other prior to the first session, which started Feb. 21.

The twenty-nine participants worked with the facilitators at the site to engage in outdoor group team building challenges.

Everyone had a lot of fun and left the retreat with a strong sense of camaraderie and ready to LEAP into the LEAP² adventure!
LEAP² Sessions Overview

Feb 21 – Leadership at the Next Level & Organizational Culture
- Dr. Van Hook – Review on Organizational Culture & Case Study:
  - Case Study exercise
  - Analysis of leadership
  - Look at leadership styles and types
  - Identify ways to affect positive organizational culture
  - Create opportunities for others to get involved
- Overview of Signature Projects:
  - Review descriptions of projects
  - LEAPers signed up for their project choice

March 7 – Advocacy at the Local & State Government Levels:
Leadership for Getting Things Done!
- “Insider Perspective on Sacramento” - guest speaker Assemblyman Scott Wilk
- Mr. Eric Harnish - overview on Advocacy at COC
- Reports by LEAP members on legislation they researched, and the impact on COC
- Advocacy role play activity

March 21 – Advanced Project Management
- Mr. Ted Mayeshiba, Project Management, ETI, along with Pete Bellas and John Milburn – Overview of plans, processes, strategies and monitoring a successful Project
- Report from LEAP members on advocacy trip to Sacramento
- Interactive session on advanced project management
LEAP² Advocacy Group Trip to Sacto – Mar 17-18
(In conjunction with KHTS Bus Trip)

7 LEAPers traveled to Sacramento to participate in the KHTS advocacy trip

Highlights included meetings with:

- Khaim Morton, legislative director for Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas and Theresa Tena, VP, Fiscal Policy, CCLC shared behind-the-scenes insights on the major budget and policy issues being discussed in Sacramento.
- Fred Harris, Diane Brady, and Susan Yeager from the State Chancellor's Office, provided an overview of community college budgeting and finance, as well as facilities funding, and the prospects for a statewide construction bond on the November 2014 ballot.
- Das Williams, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee discussed his priority for restoring access to higher education in California following five years of budget cuts during the recession.
- Assembly Speaker John Perez spoke at Monday night's group dinner on how California has gone from having a deficit of $60 billion to a balanced budget.
Economic Development Division
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The 2014 Economic and Real Estate Outlook Conference was held at the Hyatt on March 6

- Co-hosted by COC, 325 people attended, and the event was well received
- Guest speakers (Mr. Mark Vitner, Sr. Economist, Wells Fargo (pictured) and Dr. Mark Schniepp, Director, Calif Economic Forecast) noted they look forward to a good year in 2014/15 for the economy, housing and employment markets.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC):

- Feb 27 - Aerospace Trade Connect event was offered
- Feb 28 – A check presentation from Wells Fargo for the Antelope Valley grant with Steve Fox and GoBiz was held
- March 19 – Small business event in the AV with Buck McKeon & JD Kennedy
- April 4 – AV event “Coffee with GoBiz and Assemblymember Fox
- May 16 – Small business event through the Board of Equalization & George Runner (not hosted at COC, but they are partnering with SBDC)
Economic Development Division continued

CACT/DSN Manufacturing (Klocko):
- A CNC Success Story was submitted to the State Chancellor’s Office through Jose Anaya, and they are working with PIO on a press release story about one of our CNC graduates who was hired by ADI and is now back at COC working towards her engineering degree.

Deputy Section Navigators (DSNs):
- Will sponsor the Emerging Technologies Conference in Ventura on March 29.
- Will host a statewide Digital Media Event at COC, June 13 and 14.

Employee Training Institute (ETI):
- HSMWORKS with SolidWorks – Mondays, March 24-July 28.
- There are also many ETI2Go workshops/ sessions offered online!
**FastTrack:**
- CNC Machinist Training (MATT, Welding, AutoCAD) – Program orientation was held March 14
- APICS Detailed Scheduling/Planning – coming up, April to June

**WorkSource Center:**
- Smart & Final Job Fair, March 14, 9-3:00pm
- Job Hunting for the Over-Qualified – March 20
- Demystifying the Community College Employment Process, March 27

**Internships:**
- Interns for Scott Wilk’s and Buck McKeon’s Santa Clarita field offices have been requested by them. We held an intern fair for these offices and submitted 10-11 applications to each for them to select interns.
- The City of LA hired three of our students at the Land Surveying Job Fair! Our Land Surveying students fit the requirements for which they were looking!

**ETI Programs in Development – Discussions are in progress with:**
- Princess Cruises
- 3M Northridge
- Lisi Aerospace
- Loop Aerospace
- TA Aerospace
- Pharmavite
- Crissair
- Transparent Products
- Prop 39 Clean Energy (KERN)
Our Cougar Athletes Succeed!
Cougars in the Super Bowl

Former Cougar Caylin Hauptmann, who plays in the NFL for the Seattle Seahawks, is now a Super Bowl Champion!

This is the third consecutive year, and fourth time overall, that a former COC student athlete has competed on Super Sunday.

• In 2013, defensive tackle Isaac Sopoaga (1999-00) represented the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XLVII.
• In 2012, defensive lineman Jason Pierre-Paul (2007) hosted the Lombardi Trophy as a member of the Super Bowl XLVI Champion New York Giants.
• And, running back J.J. Arrington (01-02) was the first former Cougar to appear in a Super Bowl, as a member of the Arizona Cardinals in 2009.
Members of COC’s 2013 football team signed Letters of Intent:

- Loni Fonua - Florida A&M University
- Wyatt Hixon - University of Sioux Falls
- Sione Faumoelua - Fort Lewis College
- Travion Tucker - Glenville State College
- Jeff Flores - Elizabeth City College

Offers were made to:

- Connor Keeton - Southern Utah, Jacksonville State, Lamar University
- Christian Lucas - University of Cincinnati
- Kevin Carrasco accepted preferred walk on to USC
- Joey Cicoria - Minot State University
- Lance Poole - Fort Lewis College, Ottawa University, University of Sioux Falls
- Alex Vaughn - McKendree University
- AJ Thompson - Fort Lewis College

Congratulations to all our athletes!
GO COUGARS!

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Offers made to:
• Jaylen Bland – UC Riverside (Basketball, will sign in April!)
• Jordan Carter-California Baptist University (Volleyball)
• Cassidy Fitzpatrick-Belhaven University (Volleyball)

Letters of Intent Signed:
• Madison Lomas – Cleveland State (golf)
• Ashley Windsor – University of Charleston in West Virginia (golf)
• Kaylie Sadlon – St. Lawrence University (golf)
• Katherine Koury-San Diego Christian (soccer)
• Samantha Kephart-San Diego Christian (soccer)
• Alexandra Leon-San Diego Christian (soccer)
• Stacey Atwater-Cal Poly Pomona (soccer)
• Allison Oliver-Cal Poly Pomona (soccer)
• Daniela Salinas-Western Illinois (soccer)
Advocacy Efforts
San Fernando Valley’s Joint Higher Education Legislative Reception (February 6)

Three LACCD community colleges (along with COC) and universities hosted a joint higher education legislative reception at CSUN

- Highlights of the discussion related to higher education included the under-preparedness of high school students to complete college level work, and the idea of tying tax credits for businesses to apprenticeship opportunities for students.
- Attendees included Dianne Van Hook, Mike Berger, Michele Jenkins, Steve Zimmer, Murray Wood, Eric Harnish, Ryan Theule, and Jerry Buckley.
- Participating legislators included:
  - Senator Fran Pavley
  - Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
  - Assemblymember Scott Wilk
  - County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
  - Councilmember Bob Blumenfield
  - Councilmember Mitch Englander
  - Councilmember Felipe Fuentes
  - Councilmember Paul Krekorian
  - Councilmember Nury Martinez
Oversight Hearing (February 18)

Assemblyman Steve Fox chairs the Select Committee on Community Colleges (Scott Wilk is also a member).

- Mr. Fox’s office requested COC’s participation in the budget section of the Oversight hearing on the state of California Community Colleges on February 18 in Sacramento.
- Dr. Gribbons volunteered to represent us as part of a panel to discuss the additional funding received in 2013-14 by community colleges ($301 million) and how it will be spent at COC.
- Funding is slowly being restored after years of cuts, and new emphasis is being placed on improving completion rates.
- The governor’s budget proposal for the 2014-15 budget year plan calls for the community college system to receive a 3 percent increase in funding to grow enrollments and a 1.67 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA). Given that colleges have not received COLA in five years, this is an area of significant need.
  - An increase in COLA would enable us to address forced costs without having to draw resources away from the quality of instructional programs and access.
Presentation at ACCCA/ACBO Budget Workshop, Jan 17

✓ Approximately 250 people were in attendance
  • Including representatives of the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO), the Department of Finance, the State Chancellor’s Office, and Assemblyman Wilk and his new Chief of Staff, Mr. Matthew Dobler.

✓ Presented “Ripple Effect” presentation, that focused on:
  • Navigating the complexities educational leaders must comply with while serving the students
  • Examining the possible changes that have the potential to enhance what we can do for students

✓ “Ripple Effect” presentation, was also presented at:
  • Annual ACCCA Conference in San Diego
  • Spring Northern California CEO Meeting
  • Statewide CCCT (Trustee) conference in Newport Beach
Annually, the League's Legislative Conference provides an unique opportunity to connect with other advocates and learn the latest news on higher education in California.

- Attendees learned about:
  - New members of legislative committees
  - Legislative proposals affecting colleges and student learning
  - Advocacy strategies for the current legislative

- COC group met with Senator Pavley, Assemblyman Steve Fox, Senator Steve Knight and Assemblymember Scott Wilk

The Students were very excited to have the opportunity to participate in this trip and discuss various topics with our legislators.
Advocacy Committee

- **Budget Update**
  - The state will use additional one-time revenue to buy down and eliminate deferrals.
  - Funding was included to restore access to students and increase enrollment 3% over the current year.
  - Student fees remain the same at $46 per unit.

- **Statewide Facilities Construction Bond**
  - Polling shows that 64% of California voters approve a statewide education bond being on the November ballot.
  - If it passes, that will mean new facilities for the Canyon Country Campus, which currently has two projects approved by the Chancellor’s Office for construction.
The Campus is Expanding!
Construction Update – SS/Administration Bldg

Our two construction projects on campus continue to progress!

Student Services/Administration Building

- The exterior scaffolding has been set up and work is progressing rapidly!
- As many of you saw during the site tours, the interior wall framing is taking shape.
- Most of the framing is up on the second floor, thanks to our experienced framing contractor.
- The first floor framing and exterior framing are also nearly complete.
- We have begun construction on the bridge that will connect the SS/Admin to the Library.
- This involves drilling 27’ holes for the concrete caissons that will support the bridge.

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Culinary Arts Facility

- Thanks to the COC Foundation capital campaign, the District’s family campaign, the bid savings we captured from our previous projects, and Measure M, we’ve been able to reserve a majority of the estimated project costs.
- The bolting and welding of the steel structure is almost complete.
- The sheet metal contractors are installing the metal decking on the roof.
- As the decking goes in, the concrete contractor is locating and marking the locations for the equipment pads that will be located on the roof.
- This month we will finish welding and begin to prepare the building's surface for the concrete slab.
- The concrete contractor will begin to form the interior and exterior curbs.
- Electrical and Plumbing contractors will begin to locate and install the sleeves that will be located within these curbs!

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Things to Watch for...
Upcoming Events for your Calendars

- Santa Clarita Master Chorale, Mar 30, PAC
- Willie Nelson, Apr 5, PAC
- Tiempo Libre, Apr 11, PAC
- Symphony of the Canyons - Community Performance, Apr 18, PAC
- Robert Irvine Live, Apr 25, PAC
- Sierra Pelona Valley Wine Festival Fundraiser for I-CuE @ Reyes Winery, Apr 26
- ASL Comedy Tour, Apr 26
- RENT - COC Theatre, May 9, PAC
- Alumni Wine & Cheese/Student Photography Awards, May 15, Art Gallery
- Scholarship Donor Reception, May 20, PAC
- Celebration of Dance – COC Dance, May 21-23, Black Box
- Hal Holbrook as Mark Twain, May 31, PAC
- Graduation, Jun 6
- SC Ballet: Snow White – Community Performance, Jun 7 & 8, PAC
- ESCAPE Theatre: The Wizard of Oz – Community Performance, Jun 20 & 22, PAC