Awards!
FBLA STUDENTS RECEIVE MEDALS

• COC FBLA continues to excel since our last All College reported on the June 2014 National Leadership Conference in Nashville and the California State Call Leadership Conference in November 2014.

• In March, COC took 25 students to the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) - Phi Beta Lambda Spring California State Business Leadership Conference held in Ontario.

  ✓ The COC students won two first place medals, five second place medals, four third place medals, one fourth place medal, and one fifth place medal.

  ✓ 300 students from 18 colleges participated, including UC Berkeley, UCLA, UCSD, UC Riverside, USC, Cal Poly Pomona, CSU Fullerton, CSU Fresno, CSU Dominquez Hills, and CSU San Bernardino.

  ✓ 12 COC students qualified to represent California at the National FBLA-PBL competition in Chicago in June.

• Students competed in Knowledge Events to demonstrate their mastery of essential business concepts and skills and analyzed issues in a business case.

These workshops designed to help them promote entrepreneurial ideas, develop leadership skills, and prepare for productive careers. Congratulations to the students and their faculty advisors Bob Maxwell and Stan Wright.
James Glapa-Grossklag, Dean of Educational Technology, Learning Resources and Distance Learning at COC, was elected President of the Open Education Consortium. He will oversee the organization’s management, finances and program, carried out by professional staff around the world. Additionally, he will develop and maintain partnerships with non-governmental organizations and professional associations.

His efforts will provide COC with an opportunity to advance the open education movement as a means to make college more affordable.
Honors Reception – May 8

This year’s event was held in the East Gymnasium and was another outstanding evening, filled with inspiring students and success stories!

After guests arrived, talked with old acquaintances, met new friends, and had a chance to grab some refreshments, we celebrated:

• The 36 students who have completed the UCLA Transfer Alliance Program (TAP),
• The 43 students who are members of the COC Honors Club, and
• The 200 students who were inducted as members of the other honor societies (PTK, Alpha Delta Nu, Alpha Mu Gamma, Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Rho Pi, Psi Beta, Sigma Chi Eta, Sigma Delta Mu, Sigma Kappa Delta and Sigma Zeta)

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!
SCHOLARS AMONG US!

The Financial Aid Office handed out more than 300 scholarships and student awards ranging from $250 to $2,500 during the annual Scholarship and Donor Ceremony on May 13. In all, more than 240 students received awards. Before the ceremony, student honorees were given the opportunity to meet, and personally thank, individual donors and representatives from the scholarship awarding organizations during a reception hosted by the College of the Canyons Foundation in the Performing Arts Center lobby. Congratulations to all of our 2015 scholarship award winners!
The College of the Canyons track & field program sent 11 student-athletes to California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championship in San Mateo. The Cougars returned home from the May 15-16 competition with an individual state championship and several new college records.

- Freshman Ethan Walker concluded his first year by winning a state championship in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.
- Ethan Walker was also named the male WSC Athlete of the Year
- The track & field team enjoyed another successful season, with the men’s and women’s teams combining to bring home 75 All-Western State Conference designations
- Freshman Mikala Fairchild earned female Athlete of the Year honors
Two COC students were recently nominated as members of the 2015 All-USA Community College Academic Team, which recognizes two-year college students who “demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society.”

Over 1,700 students from over 1,000 community, technical and junior colleges competed for the 2015 All-USA team.

From COC, we honor Diego Ochoa-Bolton and Mackenzie Thurston and congratulate them for all their accomplishments!
MEN’S GOLF TEAM WINS!

• The Cougars turned in an impressive season, winning a sixth straight WSC title, second straight SoCal Championship and a CCCAA State Championship — the program’s seventh overall.

• With the 2015 state title COC head coach Gary Peterson becomes the winningest coach in CCCAA men’s golf history.

• Canyons won seven of nine WSC tournaments this season while amassing a 74-3 match play record.

• Sophomore Eric Kim was named WSC Golfer of the Year after averaging 71.1 strokes per 18-holes of play.

• This year’s team included 12 international student-athletes.
The Honors Graduate Reception was held on May 21.

- **Eighty-six (86)** gold braid honor cords were given out to the honorees who achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or greater while attending College of the Canyons.
- Their friends and family were present to recognize the accomplishments of these amazing students.
- The event, held in the Cougar Café, is a beautiful setting as each honoree was corded by Dr. Buckley and Dr. Patty Robinson.
UPWARD BOUND

- One of the graduating seniors in Upward Bound was awarded the 2015 Student Leadership Conference Scholarship.

- Only five of the awardees were from a community college, and Teresa Marcial, a COC student, was one of them!

- In addition, 100% of the students eligible for graduation are doing so this June and all of them are continuing onto college.

- We have students who plan to attend CSU Long Beach, CSU Northridge, UC Santa Barbara, Pierce College, and COC.

- Congrats to these students and to Belinda Acuna, the Director of Upward Bound for COC for her dedication to making this collaborative effort work to the benefit of our local high school students!
COC Professor of Sociology Anne Marenco received the Educator Award for Excellence

- The Award recognizes contributions of educators from around the world whose work has influenced fellow educators to share materials more openly.

- Professor Marenco expanded, adapted and authored openly licensed textbooks that are used by the hundreds of students that she teaches every year.

- She has inspired a dozen other faculty members to do the same, thereby expanding the benefit of no-cost textbooks to thousands of more students.

- It’s estimated that by using openly licensed Sociology textbooks, COC students save $180,000 per year.
We are excited to announce that the Santa Clarita Community College District will be awarded up to $6 million from the California Career Pathways Trust in the local grant category of awards.

Out of 123 applicants, there were:
- 40 grant recipients
- 7 community college districts

“With the Career Pathways program, we are strengthening partnerships among industry, K-12 public schools, and community colleges, and we are providing students with the type of career technical training that employers will reward with good paying jobs, “ said CCC Chancellor Brice Harris.
On March 31 in the PAC from 4-6pm, we were pleased to present Dr. Jackson Katz, an internationally recognized expert and social theorist who was on hand to speak on the prevention of relationship violence.

Dr. Katz is the co-founder of the most widely utilized sexual and domestic violence prevention program in college and professional athletics.

During his presentation to almost 700 people, Dr. Katz was engaging, thought-provoking, and challenged the participant’s conceptions, prompting them to evaluate what people can and should be doing to prevent sexual violence.
PRE-HEALTH SYMPOSIA OFFERED IN APRIL

- There are two events scheduled to be held on behalf of the pre-health clubs on campus, AMSA (American Medical Student Association) and CHAMS (COC Health and Medical Society).

- These are for anyone interested - especially students that are thinking about careers in health care or are interested in mental health.
  - The 3rd Annual Pre-Health Symposium, hosted by the American Medical Student Association, will be held Saturday, April 18 from 8:00am to 2:30pm in the UCEN.
  - The Mental Health Certification event, hosted by COC Health and Medical Society, will be held on Friday, April 24 in Hasley 230 from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Our thanks to Ricardo Rosales, Associate Professor, Biology at COC for his help in coordinating these amazing opportunities for students to discover and explore new career pathways.
A ribbon cutting ceremony on March 25th celebrated our new facility.

Canyons Hall (Student Services and Administrative building) is simply amazing!
I-CUE RIBBON CUTTING

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Institute for Culinary Education (i-CuE) was held April 15.
i-CuE Donor Reception - April 24

On Friday, April 24 the COC Foundation hosted a special reception in the newly completed Institute for Culinary Education, to thank and honor the 700 donors who contributed to the Capital Campaign to build the i-CuE:

- 125 guests were in attendance
- Campaign Chair Diana Cusumano thanked the guests for their support and delivered a champagne toast on behalf of the COC Foundation;
- COC’s friends from Mystic Hills Vineyards and Pulcella Winery donated the wine.

The progressive reception featured our culinary students and faculty.

A great time was had by all!
Classified Appreciation Week - Breakfast

- The Classified Staff celebrated this annual event in style – and were served breakfast by the managers and administrators, at the CCC on Tuesday morning, May 5.
  - Many Classified Staff members traveled to the CCC to have pancakes cooked and served to them by Michele Jenkins!
  - It was an exciting moment when Debbie Sall won the morning’s raffle prize - an iPad!
Did you know? 1,100 college age students die annually by suicide.

- The Third Annual awareness event held May 5 and 6. Each lantern represented the 1,100 students who lose their lives each year nationwide to suicide.
- Designed to raise awareness about the incidence and impact of suicide.
The Classified Appreciation Luncheon and Awards Ceremony was held in the East Gym on Thursday, May 7.

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

- **CSEA Member of the Year:** Ms. Andrea Varney
- **Humanitarian Award:** Ms. Lin Betancourt
- **Dare to Dream Award:** Ms. Mindy Albee
- **Gloria Jackson Service Award:** Mr. Peter Hernandez
- **Professional Development Award:** Ms. Gayle Freund
- **Classified Senate Spirit Award:** Mr. Scott McAfee
- **Employee of the Year Award:** Ms. Jamie Page
On May 13, Ms. Debbie Rio and Dr. Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine (Dean, Enrollment Services and Interim Director, ISP, respectively) took a 12 day recruitment trip to Asia, visiting cities in China and South Korea:

**China**
- They spoke to 400 high school students, parents and administrators in three schools.
- Two schools are now set up to ‘COC track’ classes in Fall 2015 and students will be attending COC as a pathway to higher educational institutions.

**South Korea**
- In Seoul and Gyeonggi Province, they met with government officials and received an endorsement by the Chairman of the Education Committee for the province.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES & PROGRAMS – ASIA TRIP**

![Eager Chinese students surrounding Dean Rio and Dr. Cheng-Levine after the presentation with questions about attending COC and transfer to 4-year universities](image)

The English Village in Korea provides affordable English language and cultural programs for Korean students.

![Two cousins who will be attending COC in the Fall joined Dr. Cheng-Levine and Dean Rio for green-tea ice-cream in the artsy part of Seoul.](image)
MESA TRANSFER & SCHOLARSHIP DINNER - MAY 15

On May 15, twenty-two MESA Fully Qualified students were honored, in addition to the AAUW book and scholarship winners and Lyons Book recipients at a formal dinner event.

- Eleven students have two or more degrees!
- One student will graduate with 5 degrees!
- The average GPA is 3.18!
- Two students are graduating with a perfect 4.00 GPA!

CONGRATULATIONS !!!
The 19th Annual **Student Art Exhibition** is now on display, featuring a diverse range of work created by the college’s talented student-artists.

- They include animation, drawing, photography, painting, sculpture, graphic design, 2D design and film.
- Works are submitted for review and a guest juror selected from the greater Los Angeles arts community curates the exhibition.
- The works then become part of a permanent visual art collection, spanning all disciplines and displayed at the Valencia and Canyon Country campuses.
- This annual showcase event is a great way for us to recognize, and celebrate, our student’s success, while also inviting the community in to see firsthand the work of our talented students.
- The student’s work was also honored during the Alumni Wine & Cheese Event, held on May 19, where over 50 people gathered to share the accomplishments of our student’s work on display recognize them with friends and family present as well.
- The exhibition will be available through June 10.
On May 26, 60 student athletes were recognized for their athletic and academic performance competing on our Athletic Teams.

Over 30 athletes attended the dinner with their families and friends and were acknowledged for both their academic performance as well as their transfers to a variety of universities and colleges throughout the nation.

Congratulations, Cougars! We wish them all well in their future endeavors!
GRANT UPDATES

Three new and exciting grants have been secured!

EWD Communications, Professional Development and Logistics Hub (State Chancellor’s Office)

- Technical Assistance Provider for EWD and Doing What Matters (Formerly the EWD Coordination Services grant)
- $550,000 with $100,000 set aside for professional development and $302,000 set aside for the website
- Grant is one year with renewals up to 5 years
- Joe Klocko and Tim Honadel were the key representatives securing this for COC

K-12 Arts Education Outreach (Ralph M. Parsons Foundation)

- $50,000 for operating expenses, including salaries, professional development for teachers and bus-ins
- Grant is for one year and we can reapply
- Carmen Dominguez and Linda Candib initiated this.

California Career Pathways Trust grant, in partnership with the Hart District (CA Department of Education)

- $5,550,412 over 2 years for curriculum development, dual enrollment courses, equipment, supplies and marketing
- Creates pathways from high school to COC in paralegal/AJ, information technology, advanced manufacturing and construction trades
HONORING OUR RETIREES – MAY 19

- Held in the University Center lobby on May 19, Our retirees were recognized by the Board members, Administrators, colleagues and friends.

- Those retiring are:
  - Britt Anderson
  - Judi Nugent
  - Edel Alonzo
  - Mary Petersen
  - Bill Jarome
  - Kristin Houser
  - Cindy Dorroh
LEAP SOLUTION TEAM PROJECTS

We had twenty-nine proposals for Solution Team Projects this spring. Those that have been selected are:

- **Summer Bridge**: Develop high impact practice designed to help students transition to College.
- **COC Innovation Showcase**: Display annual showcase of student projects.
- **OER-AA-T/My Canyons OER ID program**: Create a transfer degree program that is completely OER supported.
- **Project Match**: Match adjunct recruitment/outreach program for industry professionals to intern/Master’s graduates.
- **Entrepreneurship Center**: Coordinate efforts with the City, the SCV Economic Development Corporation, the COC Business department and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to provide integrated efforts in support of business start-ups in SCV.
- **Improving Outreach to Underserved Populations**: Learn from current successful COC programs like MESA and Upward Bound, “scale up” to benefit a broader cross section of our community’s underserved students.
LEAP 1 2015

- This was the 6th LEAP 1 class offered
- 35 participants
  - 11 classified staff
  - 6 administrators
  - 11 faculty
  - 7 non-COC participants

- 6 Solution Teams
  - Entrepreneurship Center
  - Improving Outreach to Underserved Populations
  - Summer Bridge Program
  - OER (Open Educational Resources) Associate Degree Program
  - COC Innovation Student Showcase
  - Project Match – Training/Mentorship program for those new to adjunct teaching
LEAP 2015 – SOLUTION TEAMS

• Entrepreneurship Center
  o Mentor: Catherine Grooms
• Improving Outreach Underserved Populations
  o Mentors: Eric Lara & Ryan Theule
• Summer Bridge Program
  o Mentor: Denee Pescarmona
• OER- Associate Degree Program
  o Mentor: James Glapa-Grossklag
• COC Innovation Showcase
  o Mentors: Audrey Green, Denee Pescarmona, Daylene Meuschke
• Project Match
  o Mentor: Diane Fiero
COC STUDENTS SHINE!
FORENSICS COMPETITION

After a 5-day competition with 57 colleges from across the nation in April, team members won 2 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 3 bronze medals! This caps off several other big achievements this season, including:

- During the last weekend of February, the COC Speech Team ended their local tournament season with a 2nd place in Limited Entry at the PSCFA Spring Championships held at Moorpark College.
- A 2nd place in Limited Entry at the PSCFA Fall Championships (at Mt. San Antonio College). This is the first season where COC has been honored at both the PSCFA Fall and Spring Championships.
- COC has advanced a competitor to Finals at every tournament this season.
- Known as a “close out”, the team also earned the top three spots in Prose Interpretation at the PSCFA Spring Championships.
- This marks another year where each team member has advanced to a final round in open division.
- This year’s performance at the national tournament was COC’s best finish ever, earning a bronze medal in team sweepstakes!
- Also this year, every person on the team won a medal at either the state and/or national tournaments!

Congratulations to Michael Leach on coaching this team through yet another amazing season!
Back in November, the men’s cross country team hoisted a state championship trophy for just the second time in college history, after they ran to a 79-86 victory over three-time defending state champion American River College at the 2014 California Community College Athletic Association Cross Country State Championships in Fresno.

On March 12, the team gathered in the Cougar Den for a ring presentation ceremony attended by myself, Board President Michele Jenkins, members of the Athletics Department, and friends and family. Needless to say, they were eager to show off their new jewelry.

Congratulations to head coach Lindie Kane and the entire men’s cross country team on this outstanding accomplishment!
MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)

Conference at University of California at Riverside (March 2015)
- There were a total of nine awards given at the conference and the COCMUN team won five of them for:
  - 2 Distinguished Delegate awards
  - 2 Honorable Mention awards
  - Committee Award in the General Assembly (selected by the delegates)

Conference at University of California at Los Angeles (April 2015)
- 2 Honorable Mention awards

Conference at College of the Canyons (May 2015)
- 1 Committee Award (iSummit)
- 1 Honorable Mention award (iSummit)
- 1 Committee Award (General Assembly)
- 2 Honorable Mention awards (General Assembly)
Michael Leach and the members of the Speech team then provided the COC campus, staff, and community the opportunity to see them “in action” at two “Showcase” events, held on May 18 and May 26 at 7pm in Hasley Hall 101.

Those present were able to see and hear some of the award winning speeches given by our talented students in an intimate setting.

As always – they did a great job, and we are so proud of their accomplishments!
A truly exceptional student!

- Doreetha Daniels, who recently celebrated her 99th birthday, will graduate this semester with an Associate Degree from College of the Canyons!
- She has taken all but one of her classes at the Canyon Country Campus and will walk at commencement on June 5th.
- Happy Birthday and Congratulations to this amazing woman and student!
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY
The 2015 College of the Canyons Women’s Conference “Blossom and Bloom: Cultivating Your Personal Growth” fulfilled its promise to engage women of all ages with relevant information, inspiration and motivation.

The event featured a variety of breakout sessions, all-day boutique shopping, a keynote address by Lisa Welker-Finney, vice president of human resources at Boston Scientific Neuromodulation, as well as breakfast and lunch.

Doris Marie Zimmer and Jill Mellady also presented session topics which covered a range of subjects, including: career planning, financial planning, social media tips, relationships, healing from loss and caring for your health.
Initially, on March 26, I hosted the superintendents from the local K-12 districts to welcome the two newest superintendents, Mr. Paul Cordeiro from Newhall and Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi from Sulphur Springs and brainstorm how to expand the partnerships we have developed over the years.

At the next meeting on April 28, the group was expanded and we:

- Discussed an overview of K-12 initiatives
- Generated ideas for expanding our partnerships
- Building on the K-12 Arts Initiative as a model
- Developing curriculum
- Expanding communication across the districts.

This group will bring together leaders from across Santa Clarita Valley to move forward TOGETHER.
ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

This exhibit featured Dr. Bernardo Feldman’s (Music Department) hand-written score, along with visual works; a multi-sensory and interactive experience that questioned your logic and challenged your notions and perceptions; a compelling and surreal orchestral soundscape, which brought together the talents of faculty and staff from the Music, Art, Biology, Media and Entertainment Arts, Dance and Information Technology Departments.

- The Opening Reception was held on April 14 from 2-4pm, and the exhibit was available through April 30.
JOB FAIRS HELD

Valencia Campus – April 15
• Held in the East PE from 10am to 2pm
• Over 80 businesses/agencies were here.
• Workshops were offered in how to use LinkedIn to get more interviews, and how to create a resume to market yourself
• Over 800 job seekers attended!

Canyon Country Campus – April 29
• Held on Cougar Way, CCC, from 10am to 1pm
• 39 businesses/agencies
• Workshops offered in using social media for the job search, and in proactive interviewing
• Over 300 Job seekers in attendance
The Business Alliance was developed to engage local chief executive officers and solicit their input on their needs and major trends in workforce development to ensure that we continue to be responsive to meeting their needs.

I use the feedback to provide input into the state’s Workforce and Economic Performance Advisory Committee (WEDPAC), on which I serve.

The first meeting of the Business Alliance was on April 16.

- A total of 15 business leaders from Santa Clarita Valley representing Quest Diagnostics, Castaic Lake Water Agency, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, AMS Fulfillment, ITT, and Newhall Escrow, to name a few, attended.
- Dr. Barry Gribbons did a short interactive quiz with the group, followed by presentations by Kristin Houser, Joe Klocko, and myself.
- These led to a productive conversation generating ideas for expanding our training and development new programs.
- A follow up meeting will be scheduled in June.
UNIVERSITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE – APRIL 21

- On Tuesday, April 21, from 4-7:00pm, almost 200 people attended the University Center Open House.

- Representatives from our University Center partners were on hand to answer prospective students’ questions on the programs that are offered.

- Open House events provide great information, and host an ever-growing number of people who are finding out about the University Center and what we can do to help attain their educational goals.
COLLEGE DAY HOSTED AT COC – APRIL 24

On Friday, April 26, the Valencia campus hosted College Day to our local high school seniors with a broad overview and introduction to programs, services and academic departments at COC. Here are some highlights:

• 780 Hart District seniors and more than 20 Hart District employees
• 150 COC faculty, staff, administrators and student workers assisted

- Workshop topics included:
  - How to choose a major
  - Preparing for placement
  - COC Honors
  - Preparing for Transfer

• Students “test drove” majors, planned their first semester schedule, and learned the value of being prepared for placement.
• Joint Sponsorship event, hosted by 3SP, BSI and Student Equity.

  ➢ Getting involved on campus
  ➢ Understanding the difference between High School & College
  ➢ New Student Advisement

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WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD – PLAY DAY, APRIL 25

Held from 10am to 2pm in Honor Grove:

- ECE Center Staff partnered with the Executive Board of the So. California Valley Association for the Education of Young Children.
- Six ECE classes and teachers presented activities.
- COC ECE Mentor Teacher Program was involved, as well as the Volunteer Bureau, American Sign Language club, SNAC and Future Educators club.
- Community participation included over 40 children's programs and other organizations including the Sheriff’s Department demonstrating car seat safety, Henry Mayo Neonatal Group, America Cancer Society, Girl Scouts, SCV Adventure Play, SCVi, SCV Family Daycare Association, Canyon Youth Football, SELPA SCV Early Start and more.
- AOC provided 90 volunteers to help that day.
- COC Teach Program (Renee Marshall), provide 80 volunteers and assisted with set-up/clean up and implemented 15 activities.
- Over 400 children and families participated in this amazing event and everyone had a great time!
STAR PARTY - MAY 1

- The 11th Star Party at the Canyon Country Campus was held Friday, May 1, 7:30 – 10:00 pm)
  - Continued the interdisciplinary theme of “What does it take to be an Explorer”
  - 500-600 in attendance!
  - Included student and faculty demonstrations by ASL, the Geography & Geology Clubs, Future Educators Club, and Astronomy & Physic Club.
  - A Catapult Design & Launch Competition was held.
  - Matthew Wallace from JPL was the featured guest: Martian Rovers/interactive Model Rover Demonstration.
On Friday, May 8, the Valley Industrial Association (VIA) held their B2B (Business2Business) and CEO Forum event in the University Center.

- Mr. Dana LaMon was the Keynote Breakfast speaker that morning, and was certainly qualified to speak about diversity! Blind since age 4, Mr. LaMon graduated from Yale and USC and was an administrative law judge for 30 years.
- I was honored to be the Opening Speaker for the event, where I provided information about Generational Diversity in the Workplace.
- Following that, a series of breakout sessions, led by local experts, covered a variety of topics such as Employment Law, Workers Comp and Digital Advertising.
- It was a great event, and VIA did a wonderful job organizing it on our campus.
Legally Blonde

- The Theatre Department presented "Legally Blonde, The Musical" in early May (Friday through Sunday, two weekends, 6 shows total) at the PAC.

- Based on the movie, "Legally Blonde, The Musical" stays true to form with a peppy score and playful book and was engaging to the audience from the opening number.

- The performances were outstanding and the cast included many talented actresses and singers in lead roles.

- But everything else was great as well – the lighting, the sets, the dance numbers, the choreography, the transitions, the live music and band, the costumes, the sound – it was all outstanding!

- Congratulations to the COC Theatre Department, including Paul Wickline and Carmen Dominguez, for making this performance such a hit!
On Tuesday, May 12, the Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation Board met in our new i-CuE facility for their regular meeting.

The Newhall Foundation played a pivotal role in the culinary arts capital campaign by donating funds to develop the facility’s state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen, a hybrid classroom and demonstration area envisioned as a place where both aspiring chefs and culinary-inspired community members will be able to hone their skills.

We were thrilled to give them a tour and they were amazed at the results!
“Creativity is the #1 leadership attribute according to global executives. Organizations must innovate to succeed. Innovation leads to new products, services, business models and new markets. Leaders that embody creative leadership and drive innovation stand out in a complex world.” ~ Alan Williams

- 35 people attended the presentation held on May 15, where Alan Williams discussed the power of applying innovation and creativity into business models.
- Alan provided attendees with a highly engaging multi-media experience using the universal language of music and movies.
UCEN Lobby: The COC vocal jazz choir groups performed:

- Friday, May 15 – “A Salute to the Great American Songbook”
  - Julie Lawson’s groups Just Jazz and House Blend each took the stage for two performances at 6:30 and again at 8:30pm
  - They performed popular Broadway musical numbers showcasing composers like Irving Berlin, Cole Porter and Harold Arlen, to name just a few.

- Saturday, May 16 – “Jukebox”
  - Lori Marie Rios took the stage with her two vocal groups, Voices of the Canyons and Chamber Singers for two shows at 5 and 7:00pm.
  - The groups performed audience favorites with personal reflection and musings.

- Both groups were outstanding, well-received and top notch! If you haven’t had a chance to attend one of these, watch for the next one – you won’t be sorry!
On Wednesday, May 20, several student groups joined together to hold raise relief funds for the victims of the Nepal earthquakes.

- The Associated Student Government, International Studies & Programs, Model United Nations, TEDx, Sustainability Center and many departments on campus were involved.
- Participants were asked to donate $2 or more to write messages of hope on colorful pieces of material which became a visual imitation of the well-know Tibetan prayer flags.
- They were hung in Honor Grove for all to see.
- The event raised $320 toward this effort, plus additional donations received online.
In observance of the nation’s annual Memorial Day, College of the Canyon’s Veterans Center held a flag ceremony for a symbol of remembrance for those who lost their lives while serving in the United States military.

Activities included:

- An opportunity to partake in a Remo Drum Circle held in the Honor Grove.
- A catered lunch which was free for all veterans and dependents.
- A workshop about Veteran culture and resources, held in the Veteran’s Center.
The Spring Scholarly Presentation was given by Dr. Edel Alonso, a counselor at COC, and former President of the Academic Senate.

- Topic: “The Brain, Study Skills, and Memory.” Presentation culmination of Dr. Alonson’s research on a topic that directly impacts students in a positive way.
- The presentation was free and open to the public, and was held on the main stage at the PAC from 6-7 pm. Following her presentation, there was a faculty and staff reception held in the lobby.
- Dr. Alonso did a great job, and over 400 people in attendance enjoyed the information in her presentation.
BUDGET UPDATE
2015-2016 STATE CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE BUDGET UPDATE

- LAO 2015-2016 Updated Revenue Estimates
  - Projects additional Proposition 98 resources
    - Estimated at $723 Million above Governor’s May Revise
      - $80 Million for CA Community Colleges (11% of Prop 98)
  - The Governor has traditionally used more conservative revenue projections in his Budget proposals
    - Concerned with the “boom and bust” cycle of revenue levels
WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW LOOK LIKE FOR 2015-16?

2015-16 Community College System – Governor’s May Revise Budget Proposal

### New On-Going Funding:
- Access/Enrollment Growth @ 3%: $156.5 Million
- Base Allocation Funding: $266.7 Million
- COLA @ 1.02%: $61.1 Million
- FT Faculty Hiring: $75 Million
- Career Dev/College Prep FTES Rate Incr.: $49 Million
- Student Success and Support (3SP): $100 Million
- Student Equity Initiative: $115 Million
- COLA @ 1.02% for EOPS, DSPS, CalWORKS: $2.5 Million

### New One-Time Funding:
- One-Time Funding to Clear Mandate Claims: $626 Million
- Deferred Maintenance/Instructional Equipment: $148 Million
- One-Time Economic Workforce Development Grants: $48 Million
- Prop 39 Energy Efficient Capital Projects: $38.7 Million
- AB86 Adult Education: $500 Million
WILL THERE BE MONEY AVAILABLE?
UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 29 – **Cul-de-Sac**, Literary & Arts Magazine, Volume 8 – Release party, 5:00pm, Pico Hall 101
- May 31 - **Battle of the Bands**, Noon to 5pm, CCC
- June 3 – **Nurses Society Induction Ceremony**, 6:30-8pm, UCEN Lobby
- June 3 – **Electronica Musique & Multi-Media Concert**, 8pm, Black Box
- June 4 – **Nurses Pinning Ceremony**, Noon-1pm, PAC
- June 4 – **Medical Lab Technician (MLT) Pinning Ceremony**, 6-8pm, UCEN 258
- June 5 – **Commencement**, Starts at 8:30am, Honor Grove
- June 12 – **Foundation Board’s Training Workshop** (2-5:45, Art Gallery) and **Installation Dinner**, 6-8pm, i-CuE