A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS
CULINARY ARTS CENTER ON THE MENU FOR 2014

Previewing the grandeur of the main course still being prepared, a ground-breaking ceremony on Aug. 19 marked the official start of construction of the College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education (iCuE). Plans for the state-of-the-art culinary facility call for a roughly 12,200-square-foot building housing a variety of kitchens, classrooms and laboratories. It will be located at the southeast corner of the Valencia campus, near Mentry Hall. When completed, iCuE will provide

A TRANSPARENT BUILDING DESIGN

Goodwill Mission

College of the Canyons students reach out to help needy schoolchildren in Nicaragua

PL N HE D FOR EXP ND ED WINTER SPRING SESSIONS
WINTER SESSION REGISTRATION BEGINS NOV. 12

With the fall 2013 semester in full swing at College of the Canyons, students and community members who haven’t enrolled yet should be reminded that it’s never too late to start your academic journey.

Thanks in large part to funding restored by Proposition 30, students at College of the Canyons will continue to have access to more class sections and educational opportunities than ever during the upcoming 2014 winter session and spring semester.

The winter session is expected to provide about 300 class sections, more than twice the number offered last winter.

“There’s no shortage of classes at College of the Canyons,” college spokesman Eric Harmin said. “I encourage any student interested in attending to apply, register, and take advantage of the

INNOVATIVE PROGRAM COMPLETES FIRST YEAR

Upward Bound, a program designed to increase the number of Golden Valley High School students who earn diplomas and continue their education at the college level, celebrated its first year with an awards banquet on Friday, July 26 at The Learning Center (TLC).

Sixty students, including three graduating seniors who enrolled at the college this fall, were honored for their successful completion of the recent six-week Summer Academy at the college.

“It’s amazing to see how much the program has grown since it started,” said Omar Torres, dean of mathematics, sciences and engineering at the college and the banquet’s keynote speaker. “

SEE UPWARD BOUND ON PAGE 2
The campaign is going really well,” said Binkle, who went to the White House with a group of LAUSD students as part of the campaign. “It’s really making an impact. Obesity levels are declining.”

Binkle loves to teach because it allows him to stay connected. “The most important thing is to give back and pass on knowledge. Cooking is such a historic and cultural trade. I’m interested in passing it on to future generations. Teaching also allows me to get to know trends and stay focused. Reallyrazy teach at COC. The college has been very dear to me.”

Lead culinary arts faculty member, said an “absolutely pleasurable” to have David as part of the COC for the year’s project. “I hope students gain invaluable knowledge and experience from it,” she said.

Binkle is especially excited about the state-of-the-art College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education (ICE), a 12,000-square-foot building that will become the permanent home. “It’s really a sign of success,” said Binkle.

“The college is really listening and watching the trends. The Santa Clarita Valley provides a great deal of restaurant industry jobs. The connectivity of the program is really inspirational.”

College prepares for accreditation

Alleged of the Americans has embarked on a multi-year self-study and application process to reaffirm its accreditation status. Accreditation is a voluntary process to assure the quality of education—and to make those results known to the public by the attainment of accreditation through the process. More than 100,000 students are served by accredited colleges and universities at any given time. (LAUSD) is the corporate entity consisting of three separately organized commissions within the western region, responsible for evaluating institutions of higher education. (LAUSD) is responsible for community colleges in the Community Commission for community and university education. Accreditation is an intensive institutional self-study and outside peer review.

The accreditation is critically important to alma mater colleges as well as other accredited schools qualify for federal financial aid for their students. Accreditation means you can be confident that students will receive an education that meets or exceeds national standards for higher education. Accreditation is also necessary for state licensing and certification. Accreditation provides assurance that educational programs meet high standards of quality and excellence. The college’s accreditation status means that the college is recognized by the state and federal government as meeting the highest standards for higher education.

By enrolling in an accredited college, you can be assured that the college is committed to providing high-quality education and that the college is able to offer its students the best possible educational experience. Accreditation is an important factor in determining whether a college is able to offer its students the best possible educational experience.

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CULINARY

FROM PAGE 1

A modern, efficient and affordable educational center where all aspects of culinary arts will be taught.

The success of any recipe is determined by the availability and quality of the ingredients, the creativity of the chefs, their courage to try new things and their knowledge that the other chefs work with as part of a team are there to help make the meal extraordinary,” said College of the Canyons Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook. “This project is no different. And now that we have the ingredients, and the right team in place, we can get cooking.”

The center will feature demonstration, savory, sweets and banquet kitchens, as well as a chocolate room, wine studies classroom, multiple culinary labs, retail bake shop and a variety of instructor office spaces.

All of the kitchens, classrooms and labs have been designed to train students for occupations in the restaurant and food service industries—one of the nation’s largest sources of private-sector employment.

It’s estimated that the Santa Clarita Valley and greater Los Angeles area leave more than 2,000 restaurants of all types and sizes, which will need well-trained culinarians and food service workers for generations to come.

“Culinary arts is particularly evident at College of the Canyons, where our skilled culinary arts graduates have gone on to work in some of the most prestigious kitchens in the L.A. area,” said Van Hook. “Their success, and the continued growth of this program, have inspired us to create a culinary institute that will not only provide job opportunities for our students, but will also train the next generation of chefs and restaurant entrepreneurs.”

The facility will provide students with opportunities to develop their skills in a state-of-the-art facility while preparing them for careers in the culinary arts.

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STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING RISES

The new Student Services & Administration Building is beginning to take shape on the Valencia campus. The college received final state approval in April, allowing the project to move forward. Crews worked throughout the blistering summer to pour concrete foundations and footings and dig trenches for underground infrastructure. Crews began erecting the fabricated steel beams that form the building’s main frame in August, moving at an amazingly quick pace.

“With the steel framing now finished, the project is currently scheduled for completion in late fall 2014, as was originally planned,” said Jim Schrage, vice president of facilities planning, operations and construction.

The building will accommodate an expanded Admissions & Records Office with computer labs and kiosks for student use, along with a “Welcome Center” to help new students and visitors. Plans also call for a new Financial Aid Office, an expanded switchboard and mailroom, Counseling Center, Transfer Center and Career Center. The roughly $17.8 million project is being paid for with a combination of Measure M general obligation bonds and matching funds from the state.

STUDENTS PITCH IN FOR NIC R GU

Thanks to the efforts of three College of the Canyons student organizations, Miravalle School students in Granada, Nicaragua will no longer have to drink water from a garden hose or miss school entirely in search of water.

Five students traveled to Nicaragua in June as part of an SCV International Program (SCVIP) delegation to complete a global collaboration project for needy families near Granada.

The delegation included members of Alpha Mu Gamma, Associated Student Government (ASG) and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). They collected donations to provide Miravalle students with school supplies and access to clean water.

“These COC students have made a global impact by giving these Miravalle students and their community access to clean water,” said Dr. Claudia Acosta, professor and liaison for international education.

Under the direction of biology professor Dr. Miriam Golibert, PTK students raised money to purchase a water tank. They also paid for the building of a school kitchen and installing a school gate.

“This trip emphasized to me that it’s not enough to send people food or money,” COC student Jesse Warme said. “You need to understand the culture and the problems before you try to fix them.”

The group met with former Nicaraguan President Enrique Bolaños for a private meeting at his home.

“The trip was amazing,” said Adriana Vargas, ASG cultural student involvement officer and one of four students who traveled on ASG scholarships. “Many community members thanked us, and at the end of our trip the kids gathered around us and gave us a hug.

SCVIP is a non-profit focused on promoting and developing mutually beneficial strategic alliances and international goodwill between the people of Santa Clarita and people of international cities.
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Indeed, that instructor’s observation was based on the average four­year tenure of the previous College of the Canyons presidents to that point, but he clearly made an assumption that would prove wildly inaccurate in very short order. When Dr. Van Hook arrived, she immedi­ately went to work developing the college’s first educational and facilities master plan. Five plans later, the college has been radically transformed, the result of a seemingly­non­stop series of construction and improvement projects that continues to this day. Dr. Brice Harris, chancellor of the California community college system, said Van Hook’s leadership has been “radically transformed, the result of a seemingly­non­stop series of construction and improvement projects that continues to this day.”

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College of the Canyons has been propelled forward by a unique combination of community support and daring leadership. Aided by the passage of two multimillion­dollar bond measures over the past dozen years, Dr. Van Hook has presided over the highest level of construction and preparation for the future since the college opened in temporary quarters at Hart High School in 1969. She has substantially transformed the Valencia campus – and provided the vision to create an entirely new campus in Canyon Country – to keep up with community demands, enhance access, and anticipate the educational needs of the future. When Dr. Van Hook arrived in 1988, the college was housed in eight major structures. Today, more than a dozen additional major facilities have been built or expanded, including: the Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center, the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons, the Library and T.L.C. (The Learning Center), Mentry Hall, the Family Studies and Early Childhood Education Center, Aliso Lab and Arts Hall, Pico Canyon Hall, Hasley Hall, the East Physical Education Building and tennis courts, and of course, the Canyon Country campus and its first permanent facility, the Applied Technology Center. Construction has begun on the College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education and the new Student Services & Administrative Building.

These wide­ranging facilities are much more than mere buildings. Each has been designed to serve a specific educational purpose and outfitted with the latest tech­nology. Most importantly, they allow students to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed in the real world.

If one were to ask Dr. Van Hook to reveal her secret of success, she would most likely repeat a familiar mantra that she has widely shared within the campus community: “If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you dream it, you can do it.” It’s a philosophy that has been taken to

25 YEARS OF VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

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time. They were working at night at any of our other locations and the students had to be driven to the community college where they could not access the facilities. This created a major hurdle for the students.

Tell us about your early career. It’s clear how you developed your leadership skills.

As a child, can you remember what you wanted to be when you grew up?

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heart – and is at the core of most, if not all, college initiatives that bear her trademark of excellence. It includes the adventurous, entrepreneurial spirit behind the creative programs – and a track record that other colleges can only dream about.

“People can believe in themselves and the power of teamwork inspire vision, energy, creativity,” Dr. Van Hook says. “Those qualities have helped us develop our full-time staff by more than 300 percent. We’re building a robust building program, and increasing our full-time student count by more than 30 percent. These qualities have helped us develop our full-time student count by more than 30 percent. That philosophy has contributed to an environment where absolutely anything is possible.”

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MEASURE M: BOND MEASURE FUELS PROGRESS

College of the Canyons has experienced an unprecedented level of progress fed in large part by Measure M, the $160 million bond measure that local voters approved in 2006. This success would not have been possible without the optimism of a historically supportive community and the resolve of college leaders to make good on the promises of Measure M.

The most visible signs of progress can be found from one side of the Santa Clarita Valley to the other. On the east, an entirely new college campus has been created in Canyon Country. On the west, the Dr. Diane G. Van Hook University Center was built atop a prominent perch along Interstate 5. Other Measure M-funded projects include the Applied Technology Education Center, the first permanent facility to be built at the Canyon Country campus, and the dramatic expansions of both Mentry Hall and the Library, the latter of which provides an expansive, state-of-the-art home to the heavily utilized TLC (The Learning Center).

Two more major projects are under construction now: the College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education, which will provide a long-sought permanent home for the culinary arts program, and the Student Services & Administration Building. These last two buildings, expected to open in late 2014, will complete the building out of the Valencia campus. Attention will then turn to the Canyon Country campus, where additional permanent buildings have been planned for construction.

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Measure M has provided the funding to construct new facilities to accommodate an ever-increasing number of innovative educational and training programs. The beneficiaries of these projects are those who come to the College of the Canyons for education, training and inspiration now and in the future.

The bond measure is a key component driving the college’s recent progress, but a lesser-known factor has played an equally important role. The college has maximized every bond-issued dollar by leveraging other resources. The original $160 million bond authorization’s actual value is now in the neighborhood of $232 million. The value has increased with the addition of more than $5.5 million in leveraged resources over a range of years. All of this has been accomplished through prudent fiscal measures undertaken by college leaders and the careful oversight provided by the Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee. In the end, the value of Measure M will far exceed its original valuation — and save taxpayers money in the process.

“College of the Canyons has been extremely diligent in managing this funding well and balancing the promises of Measure M — and exceeding them,” Chancellor Dr. Diane G. Van Hook said. “The community has entrusted us with building the best community college ever imagined. We’re making that happen by leveraging Measure M bond funds to attain the absolute maximum value possible. We view this as an investment whose ultimate value will be measured in terms of how we’ve been able to transform people’s lives for the better.”
COUGAR STADIUM FIELD AND TRACK RENOVATED

Cougar Stadium is ready for fall sports! The largest athletic stadium in the Santa Clarita Valley undertook a summer renovation that resurfaced the running track and replaced the playing surface with a higher grade of artificial turf.

The process of removing the previous artificial turf, which was installed 10 years ago, began June 17. It was replaced with a state-of-the-art surface called FieldTurf Revolution, designed to provide an unparalleled level of player safety at a surface temperature up to 40 degrees cooler than traditional artificial turf. The same type of artificial turf is utilized by Division I schools such as the University of Texas, University of Missouri and U.S. Naval Academy. The stadium track also was completely resurfaced with a new 7-mm layer of rubber and granules before being restriped with official collegiate track & field markings. The pole vault/long jump/triple jump runways were completely resurfaced as well.

The approximately $780,000 renovation was funded by a deferred maintenance and replacement account set up jointly by the Santa Clarita Community College District and the William S. Hart Union High School District, whose schools make routine use of the facility. Both districts have contributed equally to the account since the original artificial turf was installed in 2003. The remaining balance was funded by Measure M bond funds, which local voters approved for such purposes in 2006.

MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF A CHANGING WORLD... TOGETHER!

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

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