VISION, MISSION & PHILOSOPHY

College of the Canyons is a high-quality institution staffed by very special people. It is one of the best – if not the best – community college in California. The staff of the college works hard and enjoys a sense of community that makes us different from the rest. We are committed to maintaining this sense of community as we grow, change and improve.

One of the characteristics of College of the Canyons that makes it a great place to work is that its leadership across the campus is strongly committed to valuing people – the people the college serves and the people who do the serving. Elements of that value are evident in our vision, mission and philosophy.

VISION
College of the Canyons is dedicated to being a leading two-year college, recognized locally, regionally, statewide and nationally for technical advancement, institutional effectiveness, student support, model academic and professional programs, excellence in teaching and learning, fostering a broad range of community partnerships, maximizing student access and for the sense of community that we provide to our students and staff.

OUR MISSION
As an innovative institution of excellence, College of the Canyons offers an accessible, enriching education that provides students with essential academic skills and prepares students for transfer education, workforce-skills development, and the attainment of learning outcomes corresponding to their educational goals. To fulfill its mission, College of the Canyons embraces diversity, fosters technical competencies, supports the development of global responsibility, and engages students and the community in scholarly inquiry, creative partnerships, and the application of knowledge.

PHILOSOPHY
We believe in the following values:

TEACHING & LEARNING – We honor and reward high performance for teaching and learning.

RESPECT FOR ALL PEOPLE – We foster a climate characterized by civility, collegiality and acceptance. We expect honesty, integrity, social responsibility and ethical behavior.

PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY – We create relationships providing the foundation of success for chosen current and future partnerships with local schools, colleges and universities, businesses, government and social agencies. These partnerships advance the educational, artistic, civic, cultural and economic aspirations of our surrounding community.

EXCELLENCE – We set the highest standards for ourselves and support the professional development of faculty, staff and administrators.

CREATIVITY & INNOVATION – We are an innovative and creative community. We encourage members of the college community to be entrepreneurial, forward-thinking, creative, persistent, spontaneous, and we welcome changes that will enhance the college’s ability to fulfill its mission.