COC Hotel Management Students Get Hands-on at Hyatt

If the general manager of a local upscale hotel and restaurant asked for your professional opinion on how to improve the atmosphere and appeal of its featured eatery, how would you respond?

For the group of five College of the Canyons Hotel & Restaurant Management students who were posed this complicated question, the response was altogether well researched, logically organized and professionally presented.

"It was unbelievable," said Barry Prescott, general manager at the Hyatt Regency Valencia. "The students did a great job on presenting their ideas for this project, and there were a number of areas in which I used their ideas."

The project was part of last semester's COC course "Hotel & Restaurant Management 220: Restaurant Operations" taught by department chair Kevin Anthony.

With Prescott preparing to undergo a redesign and refurbishment of the Vines Restaurant & Bar located inside the Hyatt Regency Valencia, and Anthony looking for a new and innovative way to challenge his students, the collaboration was a natural fit for both parties.

"Kevin and I got to talking, and I said 'maybe we could do a little project together,'" commented Prescott. "The thought was perhaps I could use some of the students' ideas and maybe they'll be able to learn something from the experience."

Given a hypothetical design/construction budget of approximately $20,000, the group of students was asked to be creative in their suggestions, while remembering that the project would need to be completed somewhat inexpensively.

As a result, the group focused on a redesign effort that would have the biggest potential impact on future guests.
Included among the suggested renovations which were eventually adopted by Prescott were plans to improve the lighting at the main entrance of restaurant to create a more inviting atmosphere; a rearrangement of the restaurant’s tables and chairs to give a less formal, and more comfortable feel; the addition of an outdoor seating area; furniture reupholstery and carpet replacement; a change of the inside wall décor to include the restaurant logo and accompanying vine design; and eventually, a series of menu changes.

“The college experience provides a great learning environment, but for students to be able to get involved in a project like this and actually see their work change the direction of the project is the neatest thing in the world,” added Prescott. “It’s good for the students, good for the college and it’s been good for us ... I’d love to do more of it.”

Based on the success of this recent collaboration, the college’s Hotel & Restaurant Management department is dedicated to providing its students with additional opportunities to participate in future collaborations of this nature.

“We were very fortunate to have Mr. Prescott and the Hyatt Regency Valencia provide such a tremendous learning opportunity. Our students truly grew with this experience,” said Anthony. “The college’s Hotel & Restaurant Management department would welcome the opportunity to have our students work with any local hospitality company to provide an outsider’s perspective on their operations and, if requested, suggest potential changes and improvements.”

For more information about the COC Hotel & Restaurant Management program, contact Kevin Anthony at (661) 362-3712 or kevin.anthony@canyons.edu.
The Canyon boys basketball team beat Birmingham, 74-48, in the Sierra Canyon Super Showcase.

Dean Hendrix-Davis scored 21 points and had 12 rebounds for Canyon. Marc Cabrera scored 18 points and Ben Taufahema scored 12.

The Canyon boys improved to 16-1 and have won 13 games in a row. The Cowboys open the Foothill League season against Golden Valley on Tuesday.

In college basketball, the College of the Canyons men beat Santa Barbara City College, 68-57. The COC men have won four of their past five games and improved to 8-7 and 2-0 in the Western State Conference South Division.

The College of the Canyons women lost to Santa Barbara City College, 85-79, in a Western State Conference game.

The COC women dropped to 7-11 and 1-1 in conference.
Los Angeles Sports Report

In the NHL, the Kings are home for a game against the Vancouver Canucks at Staples Center tonight.

The Kings are coming off a 3-1 loss to the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday night. They are 2-7 in their past nine games.

Listen to the game between the Kings and the Canucks tonight on AM 1220, KHTS. The puck drops at 7:30.

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COC Men Win Basketball Conference Opener

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[KHTS] – The College of the Canyons men's basketball team beat Pierce College to win its Western State Conference opener, 88-82.

COC led 50-38 at halftime. Ilya Ilyayev scored 31 points. The Cougars evened its overall record at 7-7.

Next up for the COC men is Santa Barbara City College on Saturday. In high school soccer, the Golden Valley boys beat Santa Paula, 2-1. The Grizzlies are 6-6-2. The Foothill League season for the boys begins Tuesday.

The Valencia girls soccer team shut out Granada Hills, 1-0. Sammy Simon scored the lone goal of the game for Valencia, which improved to 11-1-1.

In high school basketball, the Canyon boys beat Rio Mesa, 66-38, and improved to 15-1. Dean Hendrix-Davis scored 18 points for the Cowboys.

The Canyon girls basketball team beat Narbonne, 44-40, in the quarterfinals of the Fairfax tournament. Kali Vittallo and Delaney McCann each scored 12 points for Canyon. The Canyon girls are 14-2.

In the NBA, the Lakers lost to the Houston Rockets, 113-99. The Lakers led, 57-52, at halftime but were outscored 33-15 in the third quarter.

Pau Gasol scored 21 points and had 12 rebounds. The Lakers lost for the ninth time in the past 10 games.

The Clippers beat the visiting Boston Celtics, 111-105. Blake Griffin led the Clippers with 29 points and eight assists.

The Clippers have won three of their past four games.

The Lakers and Clipper meet at Staples Center for a game on Friday night. Tipoff is at 7:30.

In the NHL, the Kings are home for a game against the Boston Bruins tonight. The Kings are reeling and have lost six of their past seven games. They are coming off a 2-1 shootout loss to the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday.

Listen to the game between the Kings and the Bruins tonight on AM 1220 KHTS. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.
Mathews Breaks Record in COC Conference Win

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — Keiona Mathews broke a school record, turning in 45 points on Wednesday night and the Cougars dropped LA Pierce College 98-86 in both teams conference opener at the Cougar Cage. With the victory, COC improved to 7-9 and 1-0 in conference play.

Mathews broke a 25-year old school record that was formerly held by Tressie Millender, who scored 44 points against Allan Hancock in 1988. Mathews, who scored 25 of her 45 points in the first half, shot 42.4 percent (14-33) from the field and was 4-of-8 from the 3-point line. She also added 14 rebounds, six assists and a steal on the night.

By the 5:44 mark of the first quarter, Canyons had built a 36-26 lead over the visiting Pierce Brahmas, but an 18-10 run from the visitors brought the team within two of Cougars, 46-44, going in to the halftime break.

COC dominated the second half, leading for most of the final 20 minutes. Pierce tied it up at 61 at the 11:02 mark after a Shayla Washington jumper, only to see the Cougars explode for a 15-2 run to take back the lead 76-63 with 7:36 left in regulation. Pierce came as close as six points at 2:15, but Mathews and Shawn Kolani combined for eight points over the next 1:15.

Kolani added 23 points and 10 assists on the night, while Ashley Oliver and Nayiri Aslanian had 13 points apiece.

The Cougars shot 43.2 percent (35-81) from the field and held Pierce to 34.1 percent (30-88).

Canyons will return to action on Saturday, Jan. 11 as they travel to Santa Barbara City College for another conference match up at 5 p.m.