College of the Canyons

Van Hook Marks 20th Year at College

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Looking back, it’s probably fair to say that no one at College of the Canyons fully comprehended the scope of changes that were in store when Dr. Diane Gracia Van Hook was selected to succeed retiring Superintendent-President Dr. Ramon F. LaGrandeur in 1988. After 20 years of unprecedented growth, student achievement and significant college achievements, it’s probably safe to say that no one on campus could imagine College of the Canyons without Dr. Van Hook’s extraordinary leadership.

Celebrated as a new leader for a new era on July 1, 1988, Van Hook, a then-37-year-old college administrator from the Lake Tahoe Community College District, was chosen from a field of 23 finalists to fill the position that would be left vacant by LaGrandeur.

When she accepted the position, Van Hook became the youngest-serving superintendent-president in California, and one of only five women to serve as a district-level CEO out of 69 community college districts statewide.

With 20 years on the job, she is the longest-serving CEO in the California Community College system – a feat unheard of in the community college world, and even more impressive considering those 20 years are all with the same college. Since arriving at COC, Van Hook has utilized her energy, commitment, flexibility and unique leadership style to hire and work with talented faculty and staff to develop plans to greatly expand instructional programs, secure a significant increase in funding for the college, add highly needed facilities and a second campus to the college, and develop creative partnerships with the community.

Under Van Hook’s leadership, COC has experienced its most significant period of growth and advancement since the college opened in 1969. Since 1988, the college’s budget has grown from $8 million to $169 million, and its physical space has gone from just under 200,000 square feet to more than 600,000 square feet – allowing the college to form a unique leadership style to hire and work with talented faculty and staff to develop plans to greatly expand instructional programs, secure a significant increase in funding for the college, add highly needed facilities and a second campus to the college, and develop creative partnerships with the community.

GO! Program Offers Accelerated Classes

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GO! Program celebrates 20th year at COC

With skyrocketing prices at the gas pump, Santa Clarita Valley residents do not have to drive very far to enjoy performances by Bill Medley, Art Garfunkel, Los Lobos and Capitol Steps – because they will be performing at the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center in 2008-09.

Unlike past seasons, the new season’s performances will be “clustered” into six different series that cater to specific tastes: the President’s Choice Series, which features headlining performances; the Roots and Folk Series, sponsored by Go Country 105.1 FM, will showcase the best in country and bluegrass music; Almost Free Family Series that will offer affordable family-friendly entertainment; the Cabaret Series will be a unique two-night performance where the audience sits on the main stage; the In Motion Series will fill the center with kinetic energy, and Great Performances will offer more musical and comedic entertainment.

“We’re really excited about the new season we’ve put together, and we think the community will be thrilled with the variety of performances they can experience individually or as an entertainment package,” said Adam Philipson, managing director of the PAC.

Students wait to receive their diplomas during College of the Canyons’ commencement ceremony on May 30. It was the college’s largest number of graduates ever – 1,255, about twice the number of graduates in 2001. Also graduating were 34 International Studies Program students representing countries such as China, France, Germany, Russia, Japan, India, the UK, South Korea, Pakistan and Peru.

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Instructor Teaches New Ideas to Old World

Van Hook

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serve more than 21,000 students in the fall 2007 semester alone.

Within a year of her arrival, College of the Canyons earned the distinction of being the fastest-growing community college in California – prompting the new superintendent-president to initiate an ambitious facilities master plan and a strategic plan that would reshape not only the campus, but what the college would offer the community.

But there were many obstacles in her path, the most significant being the state funding formula for fast-growing community colleges like COC. It was then that Van Hook and fellow college leaders crafted a strategy to lobby legislators in Sacramento to correct the way the outdated funding system viewed the Santa Clarita Community College District – and set on the college’s destiny.

Eventually, her leadership led to the passage of legislation to correct the funding formula, allowing the college to leverage an additional $80 million in state matching funds needed to embark on a long-delayed expansion of facilities at the college.

In 1998, after only 10 years at College of the Canyons, Van Hook had emerged as a powerful, results-oriented advocate for every community college in the state. Aside from her success in persuading lawmakers to change the state funding criteria in the college’s favor, Van Hook generated $56 million in additional revenue that the college would not have otherwise received from 1988 to 1998.

Years of hard work came to fruition in 1999 in an innovative partnership among COC, Cal State Bakersfield and the University of La Verne – a precursor to the university’s new-on-the-campus College of the Canyons Public Information...
Silver Spur Honorees for 2009 Announced

Since relocating to the Santa Clarita Valley in 2001, Harold and Jacquelyn Petersen have developed a reputation for enthusiasm, dedication and generosity toward many of the community’s most benevolent non-profit organizations and causes. As a result, the College of the Canyons community, as well as the College itself, has named them recipients of the Silver Spur Community Service Award for 2009.

The Petersens’ record of community service spans their nearly 60 years of marriage and time spent in Brentwood, Omnaha, Neb.; Pottawattamie County, Iowa; and here at home in Santa Clarita. Harold, president of Petersen International Underwriters, has maintained an active role in the community throughout the years. He supports the The Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley; the Santa Clarita Child and Family Center; the UCLA Alumni Association, and the Mary and Joseph League of Los Angeles. In addition to her involvement with the Boys and Girls Club and the Child and Family Center alongside Harold, Jacquie has given her time and generosity to causes associated with the American Red Cross, Myer Lewis/Tracey Clinic, which provides free medical services for children with hearing loss; Junior League; American Heart Fund and American Cancer Society. She has also served as president of the Mary and Joseph League, and as a volunteer for the Catholic Church.

Most recently the Petersens were honored for their work in the community at the Valentine’s Day Have a Heart Sweethearts event benefiting the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Health Foundation’s ongoing work in funding the Roberta G. Veloz Cardiac Catheter Lab.

The couple’s generous, wide-ranging support for the college has revolved around key projects such as the Dianne G. Van Hook University Center capital campaign and the Silver Spur celebration.

“As members of the President’s Circle, the Petersens have also contributed their time and resources to a group dedicated to striving for the highest levels of excellence in teaching, vocational training, student scholarships and overall campus innovation,” said Cathy Rita, the foundation’s chief operational officer.

“We consider ourselves lucky at College of the Canyons to count the Petersens among our closest friends and strongest supporters,” said COC Chancellor-President Dr. Dianne Van Hook. “We owe them an immeasurable debt of gratitude for all they have done for the college and its students over the years.”

“Honoring them with the Silver Spur award is our way of thanking them publicly for their generosity, their kindness, and their commitment to community service,” Van Hook added. “Thanks to Harold and Jacqueline, all of us in Santa Clarita enjoy a community that wouldn’t be the same without them.”

The Silver Spur Celebration – one of the community’s most popular and elegant evening events – is traditionally held at a historic mansion, club or well-known Los Angeles landmark every spring. The very first Silver Spur celebration gala was held at the Gene Autry Museum in 1989, with Cliffie Stone as the recipient. At the time, the foundation’s board wanted to create a signature event for the foundation that would also reflect the Santa Clarita Valley’s western heritage. The Silver Spur Award committee is co-chaired by Gary and Myrna Condie and Jeff and Kiki Hacker. Previous award recipients include Aggie Agajanian, Scott and Ruth Newhall, Tom Dierkman, John Hoekinson, Robert Ormsby, Dick Luchterfeld, Roberta Veloz, Michael Berger, Lou Garasi, Tom Lee, Jay and Joyce Rodgers, Gary Canumo, Charlotte and Frank Kleeman, Tom Veloz, Rita Garasi, and Wayne Crawford.

The 2009 Silver Spur Community Service Award will honor Jacquelyn and Harold Petersen.

Trustees Honor Van Hook with New Title

Dr. Dianne Van Hook has a new title: Chancellor, Santa Clarita Community College District, and President, College of the Canyons. The new title was unveiled to an appreciative and admiring crowd during a joint meeting of the Santa Clarita Community College District Board of Trustees and COC Foundation Board on May 28.

This year marks the completion of Dr. Van Hook’s 20th year as superintendent-president of College of the Canyons, a period that has seen incredible prosperity at the college and in the Santa Clarita Valley as a whole.

“Developing new programs, new partnerships, new facilities and new ideas doesn’t just happen,” said Board of Trustees member Joan MacGregor. “It must be done intelligently, with vision, with cost-effective and innovative plans, and with a fair amount of tenacity,” MacGregor said. “In Dr. Dianne Van Hook, we have all of those attributes, and more. I know I speak for the rest of the board when I say we are very happy to confer these new titles on this most deserving leader.”

Board member Michele Jenkins, who was on Van Hook’s original hiring committee in 1988, recalls the decision that brought the then-37-year-old to College of the Canyons: “The moment we met Dianne on a site visit to Lake Tahoe Community College, we knew we were looking at a high-impact executive with boundless energy, strength and a sense of vision who would set a new course for College of the Canyons,” Jenkins said. “I am proud and so glad that our board had the courage to hire Dianne and am thrilled about the leadership she has provided over the years. Her many strengths in fundraising, creating and maintaining partnerships, her clear vision of the future, as well as her uncanny ability to hire outstanding people have helped make COC what it is today.”
University Center News

Completion

With the completion of major steel construction back in June, the Dr. G. Van Hook University Center is expected to be finished by April 2009 — with the first classes expected to be held mid-year.

The 110,000-square-foot building featuring glass walls and windows; the design, marble and granite floors, tiled corridors and scenic lighting is located on the district's biggest single building project.

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The high-tech board room allows for digital recordings of all conversations.

High-Tech Board Room Opens for Trustees in Hasley Hall

Bruce Fortine remembers his first board meeting as a member of the College of the Canyons Board of Trustees held in the Hart High School District board room in 1967. Over the years, the faces that made up the board changed, and so did the surroundings.

During the meeting, Fortine noted he had nice board rooms and some not so nice,” said Fortine. The board once had a permanent home in the college’s administration building but moved out when the meeting space was needed for classrooms or offices.

“If it was meetings it’s meetings elsewhere, in classrooms or in the staff dining room, as it did for the last five years,” Fortine said. “But the Valencia campus, a room in the building,” said Jim Schrage, vice president of facilities planning, operations and construction.

“Oftentimes in this room, you feel like you’re in a very professional setting.”

The board room is equipped with technology that allows Limey Mayer, the administrative assistant to the chancellor and Board of Trustees, to control the room’s audio, laptop, LCD projectors and screens, window shades, and sound and microphone levels – from a single touch-screen panel.

“The board’s first meeting there was incredible,” said Schrage, who was impressed by the acoustics of the room. “Our new room is the nicest ever.”

There is also a private, outdoor quad playing musical chairs were over with classrooms or offices.

“The most high-tech and animative is the building,” said Mayer. “It’s the best conference room in the California Community College’s economic and workforce development, faculty training and industry outreach efforts – will allow COC to expand its welding technology program to the Valencia campus.

“The overarching idea is to provide training to build skill sets so students can express their own individuality. To do that, you must have the ability to do so,” he added.

In subsequent semesters, Welding 093: Intermediate Metal Fabrication and Welding 094: Advanced Metal Fabrication will further develop students’ fabrication skills, with the intent to instill in the student’s sophistication in metal fabrication in the future.

“We’ve been training great welders for several years now, but oftentimes our graduating students lack the metal fabrication skills that give them that one-two punch needed for working in several different welding industries,” said Tim Baber, chair of the Welding Technology Department. “This grant expands the opportunities for students to learn the whole package – welding and metal fabrication – and be held in a position to earn more money as entry-level technicians.”

Metal fabrication is a term used to describe the hands-on, practical construction of machines and structures from various materials with the use of drawings, engineering drawings and involving various metal-working processes – including drilling, driving, cutting, welding, grinding, rolling, cutting and welding. Used extensively in the construction of buildings and manufacturing industries, metal fabrication technologies are also increasingly being utilized by healthcare professionals, computer and electronics manufacturers, entertainment and petrochemical industries, to name a few.

“Working as a welder, you’re basically an operator with a torch in your hand welding. But if you’re in a metal fabrication position and somebody gives you a blueprint and says, ‘Build this thing,’ you’re going to be cutting the metal, shaping it, rolling it and doing just about anything else you can imagine to create or build the finished product,” Baber said.

“Hopefully, this grant will help support the spark of creativity, that spark of innovation, which would allow faculty members who want to integrate these types of materials into their classroom the ability to do so,” he added.

“Essentially, those captions are then accessible to someone who is hearing-impaired, or a student with a learning disability who can now review those written sets and included on home DVDs. “According to Glapa-Grossklag, distance education comprises the fastest-growing educational delivery mode within the CCC system. In order to provide access to all students and comply with federal and state law, some components of distance-education classes are required to provide captioning or transcription services. That high-cost obligation is sometimes perceived to be a challenge in the development and delivery of high-quality, media-rich distance-learning courses.

“Most colleges don’t have the financial ability to pay for captioning services; it’s a somewhat costly proposition,” he said. “And sometimes instructors aren’t able to engage their creativity the way they like to. They’re not able to offer their students as rich an educational palatte as they’d like.”

A second goal will be to promote and encourage faculty innovation that will give instructors the ability to introduce more and more captioned multimedia educational materials into the classroom.

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The California Community College’s Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) program has awarded the College of the Canyons Welding Technology Department approximately $300k from the California Community Colleges Board of Trustees (EWD) to provide captioning for television programs and meetings.

“This grant was really necessary to help provide our metal-fabrication program on the market and the emerging opportunity within the industry, but we can always raise the bar higher, and that’s what this grant does. So it’s a very exciting and rewarding project to be a part of,” said Baber.

The college’s welding technology program is part of the college’s Welding Technology and the new metal-fabrication program, contact Baber at (661) 362-3062 or visit www.canyons.edu/welding.
Paralegal Jobs, Program Skyrocketing

When 22-year-old Matthew Morris attains his degree in representing athletes and actors as an entertainment and sports lawyer, instead of creating a prestigious by League institution with his big start – it will be a degree in paralegal studies at College of the Canyons.

Morris was among the first students who joined the paralegal studies program – which began in the fall of 2005 – that allows students to earn an associate in arts degree in paralegal studies.

Encouraged by paralegal professor Deborah Ortkl, Morris decided to become a paralegal because his legal profession has always been a childhood dream of his.

“I was always interested in law,” said Morris. “I was working for a law firm that wanted to train me as a paralegal to get more information.”

He was looking for legal services jobs, so has the need for trained paralegals nationwide. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, paralegal jobs will grow an average of 27 percent by 2012 – which is higher than the expected growth rate for attorneys.

Morris said his paralegal training at COC was very “hands-on” and immediately applied to his job at the time. Paralegals work side-by-side with attorneys and other legal professionals and under the direct supervision of an attorney. They draft various documents, assist the attorney with trial preparation and work directly with clients. Some experienced paralegals can also work as independent contractors and work for different attorneys on specific projects on a contract basis.

The more than 60 students currently working toward paralegal studies degrees at COC must take 10 required classes and three electives.

The college’s paralegal program is currently awaiting approval from the American Bar Association (ABA), which approves both law schools and paralegal programs that are dedicated to offering the best instruction to students.

Considered a lengthy process, the approval includes a comprehensive application with exhibits and a visit by ABA representatives to the college.

“We anticipate that should everything go as planned, the college’s Paralegal Studies Program will be formally approved by the ABA in spring 2009,” said Nicole Lucy, the paralegal studies department chair at the college. Lucy described the average paralegal student as tender as a female between the ages of 30 and 40, working full-time, with some college education and children.

Morris said he felt compelled to apply what he had learned in the classroom to the real world, so he convinced his professors into classrooms and asked about applying for jobs.

“We helped the jury understand the trial,” said Morris, who plans to apply to a law school such as UCLA, UC Irvine or Pepperdine. After graduating from COC in June 2007, Morris was well prepared to study sociology law and society at UC Riverside.

“It put me ahead in many of my classes,” Morris said.

New Title

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The term “chancellor” dates back to Roman times and evolved through the middle ages. In the 13th century, few people besides priest, clerks and monks were literate, and the chancellor was an ecclesiastical. As keeper of the great seal and without a written constitution, the chancellor became, in most medieval kingdoms, the most powerful official. The term has evolved further and today is widely used for any person who is the functional chief executive officer of a college or university.

Van Gibson, chancellor of COC for two decades of accomplishments and a legacy of leadership, noting specifically her many accomplishments over the last year, which includes an award-winning institution, developing and opening a new campus on Sierra Highway in Canyon Country to expand the community and opening of several new buildings on the Valencia campus.

Currently there is a significant amount of construction activity on the Valencia campus. These current projects signify the highest level of construction and preparation for the campus since the original campus was built in the early 1970s. Most of the college’s square footage has been added during the tenure of Van Gibson, who has served as superintendent president since 1983.

“Since he has radically changed this campus not only to keep up with the community’s demands, but to anticipate the educational and training needs of the future,” said Sue Bozman, vice president of district communication, marketing and external relations.

When Van Gibson arrived in 1988, she spearheaded the development of a strategic plan, a vision for the future and the creation of the college’s facilities master plan. The result was a seemingly non-stop series of new initiatives, comprehensive programs and construction projects that continue today – and that has dramatically changed the college’s face and character. The college was housed in four portable trailers immediately following the devastating 1989 Northridge earthquake. In 1998, another 10 major structures had been built or were under construction, among them the Performing Arts Center, the Library, Mennty Hall, the Family Studies & Early Childhood Education Center, Alice Torlakson Performing Arts Center, the Claflin Performing Arts Center, the Life-long Learning Center and the JoinEACH's Rancho University Center, an entirely new campus in Canyon Country.

Construction of the addition to the Physical Education Building and the Dr. Diane G. Van Gibson University Center on the Valencia campus are well under way, as are plans to expand Menthy Hall, the Library, and the Student Services and Administration Building.

The University Center allows students to earn bachelor’s, master or doctoral degrees from a collection of public and private institutions that offer programs here. The idea is to improve access to education by eliminating the need to commute long distances for advanced degrees.

The College of the Canyons' Canyons Country Campus opened in August 2007 with nearly 3,400 students in new, state-of-the-art facilities. When permanent buildings, funded by a combination of Measure M and state funds, are completed, the campus will accommodate up to 10,000 students.


Also operating at the college are the Center for Applied Competitive Technologies and Employee Training Institute, both of which have helped local businesses become more efficient and train employees in the latest emerging fields. In partnership with Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, the college operates the Clinical Education Center at the hospital. And, the College of the Canyons Biotechnology Center provides a 2,000-square-foot clean room in partnership with the Mann Biomedical Park.

To Van Gibson, the energy and strategy involved in obtaining funds, turning program ideas into reality, designing buildings with capabilities to accommodate current and future technology, and following each detail of construction through to completion is important but not her ultimate goal. She pointed out that her sights are always set on making sure the college has the physical and financial resources to meet the training and educational needs within county, from businesses that require state-of-the-art training to individual students who rely on the college to achieve their educational goals.

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Community, Continuing Education is Booming

By continually increasing its course and program offerings in a wide range of subjects and activities, the College of the Canyons Community and Continuing Education department has experienced significant enrollment increases while developing a reputation for providing fun and unique learning opportunities for all community members to enjoy.

Whether wanting to explore a new activity for the first time or looking to upgrade an existing skill, the Community and Continuing Education department offers free and low-cost, non-credit courses in a variety of formats and locations.

“We are always striving to meet the community’s needs and interests,” said Karen Breazza, coordinator of the non-credit division and community education.

“So we have classes for everyone – children, seniors and everyone in between.”

The Community Education division features a large number of classes in career and professional development, art, dance, cooking and computer technology as well as courses designed specifically for kids.

Continuing Education classes are financially supported by the state. As a result, they are offered tuition-free. Current course offerings include English as a Second Language (ESL), citizenship for naturalization, health and safety classes such as the food handlers certification, high school enrichment courses, day-long computer hardware and networking classes, and Emeritus College courses designed for older adults.

Though Community Education courses have always existed at the college in some form, COC’s Continuing Education non-credit course format began in the summer of 2005 and has experienced rapid growth.

In all, the college’s Continuing Education division served more than 3,300 students during the 2008 summer term, up from roughly 2,200 students during the spring 2006 semester.

The Community Education division will expand with the introduction of a new pharmacy technician program set to debut during the fall 2008 semester.

Over the next year, Continuing Education also has plans to unveil a new “success skills” subject area of non-credit education, offering classes for GED preparation, reading and writing, basic math and job-search skills.

PAC Season FROM PAGE 1

The season will kick off on Sept. 12 with Bill Medley, better known as half of the classic 1960s pop duo, “The Righteous Brothers.” A member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Medley will perform some of his most well-known songs such as “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feeling” and the Oscar-winning theme song from Dirty Dancing, “(I’ve Had) The Time of My Life.”

Free-time Grammy award winner Art Garfunkel will usher in the new year accompanied by the Santa Clarita Symphony on Jan. 11. Garfunkel is a world-class performer in his own right with 12 solo albums to his name and a place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

What do you do after a staff job in Congress? Turn to comedy, and that’s exactly what Capitol Steps, a group of former congressional staffers, did. With a hilarious take on sometimes-serious issues, such as the upcoming presidential election, their performance on Sept. 27 should not be missed.

On May 29, Los Lobos will perform a wide-ranging music set of blues, rockabilly, jazz and Latin. The Mexican-American group caught the music world’s attention with their rendition of Richie Valens’ “La Bamba.”

Other shows include performances by the Spencers: Theatre of Illusion; the visual spectacle of DiaPolo; Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago and a special free chamber recital by the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

Besides professional shows, student and community performances will also be included in the upcoming performing arts season, as well as a number of special events such as two intimate and audience-engaging cabaret performances and college theatre department productions of South Pacific and Henrik Ibsen’s A Doll’s House.

For more information about the season and to purchase tickets, visit the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center’s Web site at www.canyonspac.com.

Summer Institute Success

Dozens of students enrolled in the three-week Junior High School Summer Institute were immersed in their choice of film, fine arts, photography, science and theatre programs.

Summer Institute Success 2008/09

September 2008

The Righteous Brothers’ Bill Medley in Concert
Mon, July 14, 2008 at 8:00 pm
Cal State University at Northridge

October 2008

The TwoTaladis
Sat, Oct 11, 2008 at 8:00 pm
An Evening with Susan Egan
Thu, Nov 6, 2008 and free sonata at 1 p.m. showtimes are 7:30 pm
COC Theatre – South Pacific
Sat, Nov 29, 2008 at 8:00 pm
Sun, Nov 30, 2008 at 3:00 pm

November 2008

Geoffrey
Mon, Nov 3, 2008 at 8:00 pm
COC Jazz – Fall 2008 Dance Concert
Sat, Nov 15, 2008 at 8:00 pm

December 2008

COC Dance – Fall 2008 Dance Concert
Mon, Dec 8, 2008 at 8:00 pm
Go Country 115 in Concert
Sat, Dec 20, 2008 at 8:00 pm
COC Music – Holiday Concert
Wed, Dec 24, 2008 at 8:00 pm
COC Dance – Christmas Dance Concert
Mon, Dec 29, 2008 at 8:00 pm

January 2009

Art Garfunkel with the Santa Clarita Symphony
Sat, Jan 11, 2009 at 8:00 pm
Hunt Family Auditorium

February 2009

Bardavus Jazz Dance Chicago
Sat, Feb 7, 2009 at 8:00 pm
An Evening with Liza Minnelli
Fri, Feb 27, 2009 at 8:00 pm
Broadway Musical with Lee Lessac
Sat, Mar 14, 2009 at 8:00 pm

March 2009

June B. Jones
Mon, Mar 2, 2009 at 8:00 pm
Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra
Sat, Mar 7, 2009 at 8:00 pm
COC Music – Spring 2009 Dance Concert
Mon, Apr 20, 2009 at 8:00 pm

April 2009

COC Theatre – A Doll’s House
Aug 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm
The Concert Grand at Mansion
Wed, Apr 15, 2009 at 8:00 pm
Riders in the Sky
Wed, May 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm

May 2009

COC Theatre – Melies Off
May 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm
Tom Rush with the Lovell Sisters
Sat, May 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm

COC Theatre – New Works Festival
May 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm
Play, May 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm
COC Music – Pop’s Concert
Mon, May 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm
COC Music – Choir Present
Sun, May 31, 2009 at 7:00 pm
Les Inconnus
Fri, May 29, 2009 at 8:00 pm

June 2009

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College of the Canyons Community and Continuing Education offers classes designed specifically for kids.
Men's Golf Team Joins Women's As State Champions

The College of the Canyons men's golf team powered through the second round of the California Community College State Championships on May 12, turning in a tournament low 361 for a 7-over-par 72. It was the second consecutive round where the Cougars carded an eagle, as opposed to having to fund a semester-

Forty years ago, College of the Canyons hosted its first basketball game against Cuesta College. Since then, the college has been committed to providing a forum for healthy living and a chance for the community to participate in intercollegiate athletics. That pledge continues with a physical education expansion that includes a new gym and tennis courts.

College of the Canyons understands the importance of providing a place where the community members can come and participate in a sport to keep fit or to learn a new sport," said Len Mohney, dean of physical education and athletics. "The new facility will provide programs and classes for all community members. We have not been able to provide that diversity in the past because the existing facilities. It's the first time since the college was established at the time that the community has been able to participate in physical education programs.

"This community is not only a huge support system for sports, but a lot of people participate in physical activity at different levels," Mohney said. "It just made sense to add another sport to the schedule." With the auxiliary gym and tennis courts, College of the Canyons' new tennis courts have Davis Cup dimensions and will be open this fall.

"We think this format will be attractive to both students currently enrolled at the college and those who haven't taken college classes before," said Diane Fiero, the college vice president for academic affairs and representation. "We believe this program will remove a significant barrier for many potential students." College of the Canyons' new tennis courts have Davis Cup dimensions and will be open this fall.

"I am proud to be able to introduce a new sport to the area."