Much Larger Library to Open in 2012

College of the Canyons has broken ground on a major expansion of the Valencia campus library that will more than double its size and significantly expand its resources. The 51,435-square-foot expansion is expected to be completed in 2012.

The expansion will occur primarily on the south side of the existing library, located east of Seco Hall and facing Rockwell Canyon Road. Included in the expanded area will be space to house the Tutoring, Learning & Computing Lab (TLC), along with instructional labs, classrooms, a community resource room, office areas and increased access to the college’s catalog of resources and electronic library.

The expansion plans have long been included in the college’s facilities master plan. The project will also provide an opportunity for college officials to review the services and overall effectiveness of the libraries at both campuses.

Library services were identified as one of three recommended areas of improvement during the college’s 2008 Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation process.

51,435-Square-Foot Expansion Begins; Facility’s Size Will More Than Double

College of the Canyons (at center) and the Del Valle Manufacturing company (right) will be going head-to-head in this real-life simulation created by the Del Valle Training Center in Castaic.

REALISTIC TRAINING

College of the Canyons’ joint venture with the Los Angeles County Fire Department has helped develop realistic fire-training simulations and classrooms at the Del Valle Training Center in Castaic. The one-of-a-kind center features a stretch of “freeway” with a simulated tanker truck accident, foot spill and fire (above), and the “Del Valle Manufacturing” plant (right) that presents trainers with a host of computer-controlled scenarios such as a hazardous chemical spill, explosion and fire (far right). The center is utilized by the college’s firefighter academy and fire tech program, as well as multiple public safety agencies.

The $10 million expansion will result in a library spanning more than 87,000 square feet. Work is expected to be completed in late 2012.

Students Earn Top Honors for Design

They went up against the best and the brightest from California’s four-year universities – and they walked away with the top prize. Perhaps that’s because they are the best and the brightest.

The College of the Canyons architectural design and engineering students earned a first-place award for their unique “sky path” campus transportation idea, a design concept submitted to the 2010 Buildable Visions sustainable development design competition.

The design competition was held in conjunction with the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference hosted by the Los Angeles Community College District.

The design concept submitted to the 2010 Buildable Visions sustainable development design competition.

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College of the Canyons’ has launched a new program to provide accelerated job-preparation programs and stimulate economic development. The Fast Track Institute will work with local businesses to provide intensive, fast-paced courses that offer up-to-date skill training for high-demand positions. Courses take only a few months to complete.

“We are proud to lead the way in creating real solutions that meet the needs of Santa Clarita Valley companies and help local residents obtain skills to launch new careers in industries that are actively hiring new employees,” Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said.

When college officials met with industry representatives to begin developing the program, “we realized that well-paying jobs were going unfilled because the pool of candidates lacked proper preparation,” said Dr. Dena Maloney, vice president of economic development.

The institute will offer 18 initial programs, divided into four areas: manufacturing, green technology, medical/general office and managerial/professional. Classes will be offered at both campuses and a training center in the Valencia Industrial Center. Upcoming classes include Office Administration, beginning Jan. 24; AFPS Operations & Management Fundamentals, Jan. 31; and CNC Machinist Training, Jan. 26.

“There is an urgency surrounding the industry areas we are initially focusing on,” said Pete Bellas, dean of career & economic development. “Local companies need prepared candidates to fill these positions now, and they are willing to hire applicants who may lack experience but have received the proper training.

All students will need to demonstrate their skill set before receiving certification. Courses are fee-based and paid for by students or through the Workforce Investment Act. Certification and student eligibility.

For more information, visit www.canyons.edu/fast-track or contact Bellas at either (661) 362-5182 or pete.bellas@canyons.edu.

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**NEWS OF NOTE**

**MENTHRY HALL EXPANSION COMPLETED**

College of the Canyons unveiled the new 30,000-square-foot Mentry Hall expansion – less than a year after breaking ground on Jan. 10, 2009, Mentry Hall now covers 73,000 square feet and houses the anima

**NEW CULINARY FACILITY PLANNED**

Due to continued student demand for culinary courses, College of the Canyons is in the process of securing funds and preparing designs for the construction of the new facility.

**Scholarship Match Ends in ’11**

The College of the Canyons Foundation has named Diana Cusumano the recipient of the Silver Spur Community Service Award for 2011. “Diana is not only a tireless, dedicated volunteer, but she also is a leader who inspires others to give of themselves,” Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said. “Her legacy of selfless service to the Santa Clarita Valley is amazing.” She is a COC Foundation board member and a founding member of the Library Associates and Education Scholarship committees. She has served numerous organizations over the years and is current chairman of the board.

A mid-January celebration will kick off the Silver Spur Celebration, which will take place at the historic California Club on March 5. For more information, to purchase tickets or become a sponsor, call (661) 362-3434.

The May 23 event will raise additional scholarship dollars as possible before these gift-matching opportunities expire.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to help our local students fulfill their educational aspirations,” said Murray Wood, the foundation’s chief development officer. “There are other non-profit organizations and these scholarships will last forever – and there are very few things in life that last forever.”

For information, contact Wood at (661) 362-3433.

**Collaborative Non-Profit Alliance Launched**

The College of the Canyons Foundation has partnered with the SCV Child & Family Center and the SCV Family YMCA to create a new, mutually beneficial alliance of non-profit organizations known as the Santa Clarita Valley Nonprofit Leadership Network.

“Many of you participating today are representing more than 40 local non-profit organizations,” Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said during the formal launch event in August. “This constitutes the largest gathering of local service organizations and agencies ever convened in the Santa Clarita Valley, and College of the Canyons is privileged to host it.”

With an immediate goal to establish a network of peer-to-peer support for the leaders of non-profit organizations, the network is dedicated to helping organizations collaborate rather than compete.

“In even this time of scarce financial resources, we believe there are still ways to call upon our collective skills and experiences in order to maintain the positive impact we have on the quality of life found in the communities we serve,” said Murray Wood, chief development officer for the COC Foundation and co-founder of the SCV Family YMCA.

Joining Wood as co-founders are Los Bacocio, president of the SCV Child & Family Center, and Chris Clark, executive director of the SCV Family YMCA.

Other non-profit organizations involved with the network include the Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation, SCV Food Pantry, Michael Hoefflin Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley and the SCV-Goodyear Credit Union.

The network meets monthly to share resources and ideas, and provide leadership training and best-practice techniques to strengthen operations of all participants.

The network also plans to offer workshops to enhance both fundraising and organizational capacity by featuring guest speakers and covering topics such as volunteer recruitment, training and development, tax issues, strategic planning and applying for grants.

For more information, contact Wood at (661) 362-3433.
FIRST PERMANENT BUILDING RISES
Applied Technology Education Center to Open at Canyon Country Campus

Just three years after the opening of the Canyon Country campus, construction is under way on its first permanent building, the Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC). Scheduled for completion by spring, it will provide hands-on learning and training in a variety of high-demand fields, each emphasizing “green” technology.

Expected to include five classrooms and about 10,000 square feet of workshop and laboratory space, it will consist of one tilt-up concrete building, four modular buildings, and accompanying restrooms. Grading of the site is completed, underground utilities installed and foundations built. The concrete walls have been poured and erected.

By using a tilt-up construction design— in which walls are poured directly at the site into large concrete panels and moved into position around the building’s foundation—construction crews are able to complete the project relatively quickly.

“The Canyon Country campus continues to grow and evolve in response to the community’s needs,” College of the Canyons Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said. “The Applied Technology Education Center will expand the college’s ability to provide students with cutting-edge education and training that lead directly to employment.”

The $6 million construction project is being funded by Measure M, the $160 million general- obligation bond that voters approved in 2006. College programs slated to move into the new center upon completion include: alternative energy management—solar, plumbing, electrical/electronics, construction management, water systems technology and automotive technology.

One of the center’s many highlights will be a long-awaited permanent facility for the automotive technology program, which currently shares space and operates at Saugus High School.

Expected to encompass approximately half of the 10,000 square feet of designat- ed workshop space, the auto lab will include five automotive bays, a transmission lab, an engine lab, tool cribs and stor- age space, providing the space necessary to house the college’s National Auto- motive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) certified program.

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the University of California, California State University and Teton Valley Community College systems, the competi-
tion invited designs that provide forward-thinking solutions to urban design and transportation issues facing communities on or around their college campuses.

The “Avant Verdant” team from College of the Canyons included Jolene Lain, Denise Alejandre, Charlyn Bjerg, Jorge Cea and Eric Wagner, with adjunct architecture instructor Jason Oliver serving as faculty advisor.

Participating in the competition outside of class and on their own time, the team spent more than three months gener-
at- ing ideas and design solutions to a vari-
ty of issues—transportation, pedestrian access, energy reduction, and generation of on-campus wind and solar energy— affecting the college’s Valencia campus.

“Students enthusiastically chose to address some of the issues they saw related to transportation around the cam-
pus,” Van Hook said. “As their faculty advis-
or, I was extremely impressed with the way they came together and worked as a team to develop their design solution.”

What they came up with was a plan to build an elevated, wind- and solar-pow-
ered tram system called the “sky path,” which could be used to transport students, staff and visitors throughout the 153-acre campus in a quick, efficient, environmen-
tally friendly manner.

Solar tents positioned along the tram path and through five parking lots would work to continually collect the energy needed to operate the tram and light the campus’ exterior, while also pro-
viding shade and minimizing any potential heat island effect.

The students’ innovative ideas. The team is scheduled to present its award-winning design to representatives of Lockheed Martin for further input and refinement.

FLU SHOT EXERCISE TESTS COMMUNITY’S READINESS
College of the Canyons nursing stu-
dents, nurses from the L.A. County Public Health Department, and nursing faculty and staff from the college helped administer more than 1,000 flu shots during the fifth-annual flu-immunization exercise on Oct. 29. The event—a joint effort of the college, L.A. County Department of Public Health, City of Santa Clarita and L.A. County Sheriff’s and Fire Departments—served as a test of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) response to a potential pandemic.

Free flu vaccinations were adminis-
tered to 1,015 people during the four-hour event. Of those vaccinated, 278 were of the nasal variety and 13 were pediatric doses of toxoid-diptheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) and pneumococcal shots also were administered, bringing the total number of vaccinations to 1,578. Tdap is a vaccination for whooping cough.

Unlike the drive-through model used during previous events, this year’s was a walk-through. Vaccines were dispensed beginning at 10 a.m. to community mem-
bers who had lined up outside the Physical Education East building.

While the drive-through concept was popular and successful, the main purpose of the program is to test the readiness ini-
itiative and the community’s response to a potential pandemic. The plan is to treat a mass population as quickly as possible. During the plan, communities are challenged to develop a variety of mod-
els through which vaccines are distrib-
uted. These “points of dispensing,” or PODs, can take many forms, including both the drive-through and walk-through models. During an actual emergency, both models would likely be utilized to inoc-
ulate many people in the shortest time.

Although the majority of patients received vaccinations via the walk-
through model, drive-up accommoda-
tions were available for the disabled.

Public health officials say the exer-
cises held at the college have ranked among the best in California. About 150 volunteers from participating agencies took part.

“I am impressed with how much we learned this year, which makes this event even more useful,” said Michael Joslin, dean of student services and the event’s incident commander. “The planning and implementation of the flu POD fosters cooperation and communication between agencies that otherwise don’t often work together, but who need to be able to coor-
dinate their responses in the event of a large-scale emergency.”

People line up outside the Physical Education East building for the flu-immunization event on Oct. 29. More than 1,000 people were immunized.
Facilities Delivered. Educational Possibilities Expanded.

Hasley Hall, the 58,348-square-foot high-tech classroom building, houses instructional space for computer information technology, business, economics, computer science, cinema and journalism, as well as faculty offices, a board room and other support spaces for Distance Learning and PACE.

Pico Canyon Hall, the 19,762-square-foot music-dance building, houses the music and dance programs, and features a choir room, instrumental room, faculty offices, dance studio, electronic music room and music library.

Aliso Hall and Aliso Lab provide a combined 32,000 square feet of lecture halls and instructional space for biology, physics, astronomy, allied health, chemistry, engineering and MESA (Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement).

The East Physical Education Center provides an additional 21,543 square feet of space, including basketball and volleyball courts, as well as six outdoor tennis courts.

The 70-acre Canyon Country campus, featuring 24,000 square feet of instructional space spread across 28 modular buildings, has made a huge contribution toward meeting the educational and training demands of the eastern Santa Clarita Valley. Since opening in 2001, the campus has benefited from a number of improvements including the opening of the Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheater, a free-standing concert space for education.

The Applied Technology Education Center, the first permanent building on the Canyon Country campus, is now being built and expected to open in the spring of 2011. The 10,000-square-foot facility will allow the campus to offer a variety of new educational and training programs, including alternative energy instructional and support space for numerous degree programs offered by partner universities such as The American College, Brandman University, California State University Bakersfield, Cal State L.A., Cal State Northridge, the University of La Verne, National University and UCLA Extension. The expansive facility also houses the TEACH program, the William S. Hart Union High School District’s Academy of the Canyons, the City of Santa Clarita’s WorkSource Center.

The Valencia campus in late 2009, looking northeast. The Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center is in the foreground at right; Interstate 5 is on the left.

The Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center provides 110,000 square feet of management, automotive technology, construction management, building inspection, landscape management and water systems technology.

The Mentry Hall expansion, a design-build project that was completed in less than a year, added more than 32,000 square feet of instructional space, including two computer labs, a large lecture room, 11 classrooms, a 2-D drawing classroom, a life/drawing classroom, two conference rooms and 12 offices. The $10.7 million Measure M-funded expansion increased the overall size of Mentry Hall to 76,339 square feet.

Work on a 51,000-square-foot expansion of the Library will commence later this year or early 2011. A groundbreaking ceremony was held Nov. 16. The project will house a larger Learning Center lab, as well as an assortment of instructional space for biology, physics, astronomy, allied health, chemistry, engineering and MESA (Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement).

Music/Dance Building Opens

The newly $7 million Pico Canyon Hall officially opens on Aug. 9, 2005, right next to the Performing Arts Center. The new facility will feature an expansive teaching kitchen and sit-down dining area. It will be built immediately south of Mentry Hall.

The planned Student Services and Administration Building will likely be the next major project on the horizon.

Stay tuned. There’s more to come...

Opening Night for the PAC

The Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons opens on Oct. 15, 2004, with a sold-out college stage production of “Big River.”

Field of Dreams

Cougar Stadium gets a field others can only dream of. Synthetic turf that mimics natural grass, without the wear, tear or maintenance. The $1 million project is completed in May 2003.

Measure C Approved

More than 67 percent of Santa Clarita Valley voters approve the $82.1 million general obligation bond measure on Nov. 6, 2001.

University Center Is Born

The Interim University Center opens inside a newly erected modular building on Jan. 22, 2002. Within 18 months, nearly 350 people graduate from programs here, illustrating the critical need for local access to higher education.

Canyon Country Campus Approved

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors grants approval on July 12, 2004, for the college to acquire land for a permanent, second campus that would later be called, appropriately enough, the Canyon Country campus.
When future historians look back at this time, they will likely conclude that College of the Canyons truly came of age in the first decade of the 21st century, a period marked by steadfast community support that fed an unprecedented level of progress.

The community’s confidence in its local college during this time was reflected at the ballot box, where not one, but two, general-obligation bond measures succeeded with overwhelming support. Voters approved the $82 million Measure C proposal in 2001, then backed up their resolve with the $160 million Measure M five years later.

What followed were extraordinary levels of expansion and innovation. Combined, Measures C and M packed quite a punch, providing the funding to construct a wide assortment of new facilities to accommodate an ever-increasing number of educational and training programs, including a novel approach to providing local access to advanced degrees and the establishment of an entirely new campus in Canyon Country.

“We certainly could not have evolved to this point without the optimism and support of our community,” College of the Canyons Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said. “The community’s belief in College of the Canyons, which was reinforced by the passage of these bond measures, has allowed us to convert a promise into a reality, but equally important, have been the key components driving the college’s recent progress, but a lesser-known factor also played an important role. The college has maximized every bond-issued dollar by leveraging other resources. Take Measure C, for example. Although its original value was estimated at $82.1 million, the college leveraged those funds via interest and the refunding of bond proceeds to extract more than $92 million in value, plus another $40 million in matching construction funds from the state. Total dollar value of Measure C? More than $132 million. Actual value? Immeasurably high in terms of the expanded access to education and training opportunities – and the number of students who will gain knowledge and new skills.

“It’s always difficult to quantify value when you’re talking about tens of millions of dollars, but I can tell you with sincerity and conviction that we have utilized and leveraged these bond funds to deliver the absolute maximum value possible,” Dr. Van Hook said. “It’s not just money well spent, it’s a shared investment whose payout will be measured in terms of people’s lives, careers and successes.

Yes, the decade was a momentous one, but the college’s forward momentum is not likely to end soon.

“As one of the fastest-growing community colleges in the country, we welcome the challenge to continue adapting and innovating to meet the educational and training demands of this equally dynamic, fast-growing community,” Dr. Van Hook added. “We promise to impress and inspire for many years to come.”
The $3 million grant focuses on renewable energy training

Collegethe Canyons has been awarded a four-year grant totaling $6.2 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The grant establishes the California Regional Consortium for Engineering Advancements in Technical Education (CREATE Renewable Energy Regional Center), and will create and expand coursework and workforce training programs to address the high demand for renewable energy technicians throughout the state – particularly in the wind and solar energy fields.

"We are very enthusiastic about taking on this leadership role, as the grant will create unique opportunities for students throughout the state," said Chancellor Dr. Diannce Van Hook. "With the funding, we can move forward in equipping students with the skills and education needed to secure well-paying positions. That, of course, will lead to significant economic impacts in those communities where our partner institutions are located."

Funded by the NSF Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program – which was designed to strengthen the preparation of technicians for the high performance workplace of advanced technicians – the CREATE Renewable Energy Center at College of the Canyons is one of just 36 ATE centers of excellence in the nation. College of the Canyons can now begin a wide-scale assessment of the renewable energy curriculum available at partner colleges to better align those programs with the current economic climate and the needs of industry partners and employers throughout the region.

"Our goal is to make sure the curricula of all our consortium colleges meet industry needs and give our students the best preparation possible, so they are well qualified for the emerging renewable careers in our region," said Kathy Alfano, faculty member and CREATE director.

The grant comes at a time when the state’s utilities and power-generation industries are adapting to meet new energy regulations that mandate a reduction in the dependence on nonrenewable energy sources.

Large-scale wind and solar farms are already being built and operated by utility companies including Southern California Edison and A.M. Power. A number of new wind farms have been developed throughout the Tehachapi Pass area of Kern County, a region included in the U.S. Department of Energy’s Advanced Technology Renewable Energy Center.

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Funding will also go toward developing renewable energy programs and workforce training at the consortium’s partner colleges, including Cuesta, Cerro Coso, Santa Barbara City, L.A. Pierce, Oxnard, Merced and Porterville community colleges; California State University, Los Angeles and UC Davis.

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Participating in the Nov. 16 groundbreaking ceremony for the library expansion were (from left) Librarian Leslie Brittel and library staff members Edwin Peppe, Fern Jones, Sylvia Black, Isao Uesugi and Ron Karlin.

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Composer Catán Puts College on Opera’s Big Stage

College of the Canyons faculty member Daniel Catán’s new Spanish opera “Il Postino” has captured the hearts of audiences throughout Southern California, with its highly anticipated world premiere taking place on opening night of LA Opera’s historic 25th Anniversary season.

Based on the Academy Award-winning film of the same name and the novel “Adiós Pescador” by Antonio Skármeta, “Il Postino” tells the story of a邮递员 who discovers the courage to pursue his dreams through his daily deliveries to the famous (real-life) Chilean poet Pablo Neruda.

Catán’s association with College of the Canyons is one of those all-too-rare nights when every individual element melded marvelously into a whole, a performance that reminded us that opera — at its best — can touch emotions and tell stories like no other medium.

Composer Catán Puts College on Opera’s Big Stage

An Interview: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy’s Glen Marhevka Trumpets Jazz Instructor’s Influence

When Big Bad Voodoo Daddy rocked the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons on Nov. 20, one of our own home-grown treasures was in the spotlight.

Glen Marhevka — “The Kid,” as he’s known to band members — began his musical career in the Santa Clarita Valley. Now he’s the lead trumpet player for Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, the band that launched the swing revival and continues to wow audiences around the world.

Marhevka moved to the SCV during junior high, attending Placerita Junior High, then Hart High. We spoke with him about the experiences and influences that inspired him and shaped his career.

• Where did your passion for music begin?
  GM: “When I was in seventh grade my parents took me to a Cab Calloway concert. I was blown away by the music. I can still remember it.”

• You attended Hart High. Can you tell us about those years?
  GM: “I loved Hart. Those were great years, and I had great teachers, especially the band director. He encouraged me to be in the jazz band. In fact, I’m still friends with some of the Hart musicians.”

• Tell us how you chose the trumpet? Do you play other instruments?
  GM: “I don’t know why exactly, I just liked it. My dad played sax and clarinet, so who knows? Maybe it was just something different. I also play piano.”

• Did you ever go to College of the Canyons?
  GM: “Oh, yes, yes. I owe a lot to College of the Canyons. When I was at Hart, the band director there encouraged me to go to COC and take an advanced class, so I did. I found an amazing teacher, Dirk Fischer, who had a jazz improv band. They practiced every Tuesday night, and he took me under his wing. I was only in ninth grade at the time, and I thought I was in way over my head because everyone in the class was much older than me. I acted silly — because I was so young — but Dirk guided me and taught me well. He was patient and so smart. He was amazing. He’s retired now, and I know he is one of the most talented arrangers I’ve ever met. He gave me passion for music and is a big reason I am here today. COC was a huge learning phase in my life, and I owe a lot to Dirk and the College.”

Fischer was on the music faculty from 1977 to 2005, serving as director of the jazz band and an instructor of jazz studies. His compositions are performed by jazz ensembles and orchestras throughout the world.

• Do you think Dirk Fischer will remember you?
  GM: “Yes, I do. But I haven’t seen him in so long. I had to be the one student he ever had!”

Catán has been a member of the college’s music faculty since 1999. Born in Mexico City in 1949, he earned bachelor’s degrees from the University of Sussex and the University of Southampton in Great Britain, as well as a master of fine arts and a Ph.D. from Princeton University.

He has received past acclaim for previous Spanish-language operas, including “Rappaccini’s Daughter” and “Florentia en el Amazonas.” His works have been performed in opera houses from Seattle to Houston, as well as Central and South America. He has also found success as a composer for film and television.

“Catán’s talent on our faculty enhances the status of our college as a place of creativity and innovation and, as that translates to our classrooms, a place of academic rigor and excellence,” said Dr. Floyd Moos, dean of fine and performing arts at the college.

When he entered the music room where Fischer was leading a jazz band practice, he recognized each other immediately. They shared memories and revealed the profound respect they have for each other. Fischer presented his former student with a photo of the COC Jazz Band that was snapped in the fall of 1980, when Marhevka was a member.

“Good memories,” Marhevka said, before sitting down at his piano, Marhevka pulled out his trumpet, and the jazz band realized their instruments. And that’s where we left them, making music and new memories — and undoubtedly inspiring a new generation of musicians.

‘THE KID’ COMES HOME

An Interview: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy’s Glen Marhevka Trumpets Jazz Instructor’s Influence
NFL VET KAPP TO SPEAK AT HALL OF FAME

Enjoy the stories, insights and Witticisms of NFL pioneer Joe Kapp as he headlines the college of the canyons fourth
Athletic Hall of Fame on Jan. 20, 2011. Kapp is a former
Hart High quarterback and University of California, Berkeley
head coach who helped mentor many current NFL players.
Kapp is the latest in a string of prominent Athletic Hall of Fame
keynote speakers, which include the late Sparky Anderson
and the late John Wooden.

Kapp began his football career as a quarterback for the Hart High School Indians and transferred to Cal to play college ball. He spent four years in the NFL with the Vikings and Patriots. Notably, his stand against the league in an antitrust case helped
shape many of today’s NFL contracts.

This year’s inductees include: the 1993 state championship men’s golf team; women’s basketball standout Kyetra Brown, football player and current Hart High football coach Mike Herrington; women’s soccer star Kristine Marbach and football player and current San Francisco 49er, Isaac Sopoaga.

This year’s inductees have a wide range of accomplishments
and showcase the college’s wide diversity of student-athletes.
The 1993 men’s golf team was the first squad to win a state

title in the men’s golf program.
Basketball player Kyetra Brown was one of the most talented
point guards to don the Cougar uniform. Brown, who played on the
1994-95 and the 1996-97 teams, was the conference player of
the year and received All-State honors both seasons she played.

Mike Herrington was a member of the Cougar football team from
1976-77 and remains a loyal supporter. He went on to
become a pillar in the Santa Clarita Valley football community.
He is in his 22nd season as head coach at Hart High School
and has led the team to six California Intercholastic Federation titles.

Women’s soccer player Kristine Marbach was the first Cougar
to earn All-American status in the women’s program. She holds
records as all-time leading scorer, career-goal and single-season
goal leader.

Defensive end Isaac Sopoaga was the first Cougar to earn the
Western State Conference Player of the Year award in 2000 and
has been a six-year veteran with the NFL’s San Francisco 49ers.
His 31 sacks as a freshman at COC still stand as the single-season
record in California community college football.

The ceremony and dinner will be held at the Hyatt Regency in
Valencia. For information, visit www.COCAthletics.com.

College Hosts Soccer Championships

For the second time in as many years, College of the Canyons hosted the 2010 California Community College Athletic Association Men’s and Women’s Soccer State Championships. The college last held the event in 2008, the first time a state title soccer game was held on the College of the Canyons campus.

This year’sInsert Image Here was another great opportunity to showcase everything College of the Canyons has to offer.

The championships, a four-day event that began Dec. 3, included a sophomore showcase, as well as semifinal and final action. Games were held at Cougar Stadium on FieldTurf synthetic grass. The state championship featured four teams from each gender.

With eight teams coming to the Santa Clarita Valley, this event is an excellent chance for tourism dollars to be spent at the surrounding hotels and restaurants,” Lyon said. “When the event was held at the college in 2008, it also brought amazing soccer talent to the city.”

The soccer playoffs began with three regional rounds in northern and southern California before the field of 56 teams from across the state were dwindled down to the top two men’s and women’s soccer squads from their respective regions. Following the semifinal round that brought each gender down to two teams, the remaining teams played on Sunday, Dec. 5 for their respective titles.

Football

The football team faced trouble with the end of the season, losing three of its last four games. COC, Cerritos and Bakersfield College entered the final conference game of the season with identical 3-1 records, and COC set to play at Bakersfield. The winner of the OCC-Bakersfield matchup would earn a spot in the four-team playoffs, which ended in the favor of Bakersfield. Despite losing to Bakersfield College, the Cougars did get invited to a bowl game against Fullerton. In a game that featured 133 points between the two teams, COC didn’t have enough steam to keep up with Fullerton and fell 64-49.

Cross Country

For the first time since 2007, the men’s and women’s cross country teams qualified to run as teams at the state championships. The women were led by Natalie Malone and Kristine Alfaro in the state championship, where the women came in 20th place. On the men’s side, the team completed its race in 21st place with the help of Ryland del Valle, who was the first Cougar to come across the line and finished in 48th place individually.

Women’s Golf

The COC women’s golf team didn’t see much competition during the regular season and won the program’s seventh Western State Conference Championship.

After breaking through the regular season, the Cougars finished 28th at the state championships. The two teams would meet up again at the state championship, where COC took a three-stroke lead headed into the final day of competition. In the final round of play, Irvine Valley came roaring back and turned the three-shot deficit into a four-shot lead over second-place COC.

Men’s Soccer

The men’s soccer team finished out the regular season with a seven-game win streak that moved the Cougars into third place in the Western State Conference. Canyons struggled in the first half of the conference season with a 2-3-2 record, but the second half was a different story. COC beat every team in the conference during its second go-around with each team and played its way to a sixth seed in the playoffs.

Women’s Soccer

In Justin Lundin’s second season as coach of the women’s soccer team, he helped his team move to the middle of the conference standings, finishing with an 11-2-1 and 7-7 conference record, good for fifth place.

Volleyball

After struggling in the first part of the season, the College of the Canyons volleyball team hit its stride and produced wins in the conference schedule. The Cougars earned a bid into the playoffs as the No. 12 seed and were pit against No. 5 Santa Barbara City College. The Vaqueros proved to have too much power for COC, and the Cougars lost in straight sets 25-14, 25-21, 25-21.