A one of the few community colleges in the region offering a summer session, College of the Canyons has made some scheduling and budgeting decisions that will allow it to significantly increase the number of educational opportunities for students this summer.

When summer session open registration begins in May, students will have approximately 480 high-demand “core” class sections from which to choose, representing a wide range of courses that students need to graduate, transfer to four-year schools or meet prerequisites.

The augmented 2012 summer schedule marks a roughly 60 percent increase in classes from last summer, and it’s the largest summer session to be offered at College of the Canyons since 2008.

“By making the decision to increase our summer schedule, the college will be able to provide classroom seats for about 16,000 students,” said Joseph Gerda, assistant superintendent/vice president of instruction. “All summer courses have also been selected based on their high demand, which allows students to register for the classes they need to achieve their educational goals.

College officials have funded the enhanced summer session by using money remaining from the current fiscal year’s budget, as well as funds earmarked for the upcoming 2012-13 budget.

Summer Session Grows

College Commits to Largest Number of Summer Classes in Four Years
College Named to Water Technology Consortium

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of water and wastewater system operators is expected to grow by 12 percent between the years 2010 and 2020, as the nation’s growing population is expected to boost demand for water and wastewater treatment services.

The construction of new water plants to help meet this demand benefited from the amount of current operators quickly approaching retirement age, is expected to create a continuous need for qualified water treatment technicians to fill new positions.

Colleges and universities – which then make their academic programs available to students through courses offered at College of the Canyons.

The College of the Canyons Water Systems Technology (WST) program is designed to prepare students for careers in the fields of drinking water treatment and distribution processes.

Students who complete the college’s WST program are often employed as water distribution operators, treatment plant operators, service representatives, water collection workers and/or waste-water treatment operators. Both types of operators control equipment and processes that remove or destroy harmful materials, chemicals and microorganisms from water. Operators also control pumps, valves and other equipment that moves water into and out of the various treatment processes.

Another key component of the WST program is to provide instruction for water personnel interested in career advancement through continuing education and certification renewal opportunities.

Workshops is also designed to prepare interested students for various certification examinations given by the California Department of Health Services in order to certify water treatment and water distribution operators.

This summer, the college will offer the three-unit course Water 041: Water Distribution Operator II, to 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, June 11 to Aug. 1, at the College of the Canyons.

The course will present intermediate to advanced principles of water distribution, both theory and practical applications. The course will prepare students to sit for the California Water Operators’ Certificate examination.

For more information, call Blasberg at (661) 362-5096 or visit canyons.edu.

For more information, visit coccuniversitycenter.com.

University Center Adds Bachelor’s, Master’s Programs

With the recent arrival of five new degree programs at the Dr. Diane G. Van Hook Center, there are now more ways than ever for residents to earn bachelor’s, master’s degree or professional credentials – without leaving the Santa Clarita Valley.

The University Center currently hosts 38 programs offered by partner universities: California State University (CSU) Bakersfield, CSU Northridge, CSU Los Angeles, University of La Verne, Brandman University (formerly Chapman University) and National University.

The Master of Criminal Justice program will provide an overview of the required management and administration skills needed to thrive in the fields of criminal justice administration, research and development.

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology from National University in 2012 will be of tremendous importance to local students,” said Cathy Ritz, interim director of the public information office.

The University Center of the Canyons was created with the purpose of allowing students to attend schools in California to receive degrees and/or certificates from such spending allows the city to provide programs and services that support the local film community and help attract film productions to the City of Santa Clarita.

While we make a concerted effort to attract and accommodate a wide range of film productions to the campus, we do not do so just because it’s fun for our students and staff. We want to walk through this live on their set way to a college degree,” College of the Canyons President G. Van Hook said. “We do so because we value the economic benefits that film brings to our campus and the Santa Clarita Valley community.”

In 2011 alone, the City of Santa Clarita issued 359 permits, worth an estimated $140,000, related to film productions throughout the Santa Clarita Valley.

Only 10 percent of the film-related jobs are filled by local residents. By working to help attract film productions to the College of the Canyons, the college is supporting an industry that is essential to the economic vitality of the community.

To help accommodate the large number of production crews looking to film on campus, Robin Williams, the College of the Canyons’ film industry liaisons, and every show we’ve ever sent there comes back. And that’s because of Robin Williams and his staff,” said Mike DeLorenzo, president of Santa Clarita Film Studios. “Every chance we have to help our people. The film industry wants to work with the community.

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In years past, campus locations have also depicted FBI headquarters, a White House press room, corporate office buildings, crime scenes, airport terminals, motels, college dormitories, and various high schools and college campuses located in different regions of the country.

In fact, it’s not uncommon for multiple productions to be set up on campus on the same day, as was the case this April when college officials had three productions occupying different corners of the campus.

While there is a wide variety of student and community filming opportunities, the College of the Canyons is the host for only a small percentage of those productions.

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The Drumming is Coming!

Do You Want To Help Break A World Record?

Do you want to join celebrities, community members and 7,600 sixth- and seventh-graders in showing that arts in education is important?

Do You Want To Be Part Of Something Epic?

ROCK THE RHYTHM
BEAT THE ODDS

May 18, 2012
11am-12pm (gates open at 10am)
College of the Canyons • Cougar Stadium
This is a FREE event!

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What Is Rock the Rhythm, Beat the Odds?

Rock the Rhythm, Beat the Odds was born in 2008, the PAC K-12 Arts Education Outreach Program launched in 2008, the PAC K-12 Arts Education Outreach Program. With the participation of legendary musicians Mickey Hart (The Grateful Dead), John Densmore (The Doors) and Remo Belli, founder of REMO Inc., this event has been designed to both entertain and raise awareness of the value of arts education as a vital component in the development of ‘The Whole Child.’

In addition, it’s hoped that this effort will cast a national spotlight on the Santa Clarita Valley, celebrate the unique educational partnerships that have allowed the PAC’s K-12 Arts Education Outreach Program to thrive and show what can happen when a community comes together to make a difference in the lives of students.

PAC K-12 Arts Education Outreach Program

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The program uses the college’s cultural and community resources to expose Santa Clarita’s student population to top-tier, visual and performing arts standard-based arts activities and integrated performing arts learning opportunities. Through school assemblies, bus-in programs, classroom visits and family performances, students can enjoy performances that meet or exceed the state of California’s Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) standards.

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- **Has a tremendous impact on the developmental growth of every child.**
- **Strengthens problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, adding to overall academic achievement and school success.**
- **Teaches children life skills such as developing an informed perception, articulating a vision, learning to solve problems and make decisions, building self-confidence and self-discipline. According to the National School Boards Association and Americans for the Arts, young people who consistently participate in comprehensive, sequential and rigorous arts programs are:**
  - Four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement.
  - Three times more likely to be elected to class offices within their schools.
  - Four times more likely to participate in a math and science fair.
  - Three times more likely to win an award for school attendance.
  - Four times more likely to win an award for writing an essay or poem.

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The ‘Beat the Odds’ Initiative

Originally launched through the organization UCLA Arts and Healing, Beat the Odds is a drum circle-based activity that seeks to maximize creative expression while building social and emotional skills and emphasizing the process of learning over performance. Beat the Odds integrates activities from contemporary drum circles and group counseling to teach skills in focusing and listening, team building, positive risk taking, self-esteem, awareness of others, leadership, expressing feelings, managing anger/stress, empathy and gratitude.

Developed with the combined expertise of a licensed clinical social worker, a drum circle facilitator and a public health educator, the Beat the Odds product is altogether clinically sound, rhythmically engaging and sustainable.

The program can be implemented one classroom at a time, and is designed for delivery by persons with no musical experience. Most importantly, Beat the Odds is inclusive, culturally relevant and does not bear the stigma of therapy.

UCLA researchers have shown that Beat the Odds can significantly improve a spectrum of behavior problems in children, including inattention, withtdrawn/depressed, posttraumatic stress, anxiety, attention deficit/hyperactivity, oppositional defiance, and sluggish cognitive tempo.
About REMO, Inc.

Santa Clarita-based company REMO Inc., has been the world’s drumhead specialist for more than 30 years. The company’s wide variety of drumheads fit every drumming application and have been used by almost every major drummer in the world. Founder Remo Belli is a member of the PAC K-12 Arts Education Advisory Committee and is dedicated to promoting the benefits of arts and music education and music in local schools.

The REMO Recreational Music Center in North Hollywood is dedicated to providing an atmosphere where people from all walks of life, of all ages, with or without a musical background, can experience making music with others in a welcoming, friendly, non-challenging environment — solely to experience the benefit and joys of making music.

Belli, along with Remo President Brock Kaecher, and the entire Remo staff have all been pivotal in helping to bring the Rock the Rhythm, Beat the Odds initiative to life.

In addition to playing a key role in implementing the initial stage the hybrid music education program that is at the center of this event, the company has also produced more than 11,000 commemorative sound shapes (hand-held percussive instruments) that will be passed out at Cougar Stadium on the day of the event and used to break the current drum circle record of 10,180.

Will food and drinks be available for purchase?

A concessions stand will be open, with a limited selection of snacks and beverages.

Can I bring my own food or drink into the stadium?

Yes, but please do not bring glass or alcoholic beverages.

What organizations are arranging this?

The event is being produced by the College of the Canyons, its K-12 Arts Education Outreach Program of the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center, The City of Santa Clarita, UCLA Arts and Healing, all five Santa Clarita Valley school districts with the generous sponsorship of REMO Inc.

What time does it start?

The gates to Cougar Stadium will open to the public at 10am. There will be entertainment/activities on the field from 10-11:00am. The event officially starts at 11:00am and the actual record-breaking part of the event begins at 11:30am.

Do I need to buy a ticket?

No. The Rock the Rhythm event is free to the public, on a first-come first-served event. However, reserved seating can be arranged through ticket purchase. Proceeds to benefit the PAC K12 Arts Education Outreach program.

Do you have a group sale price?

Yes. If you are part of a group of 10 to 24 people, you can receive a 10% discount off the price for reserved seating. Medium groups of 25 to 49 people can receive a 15% discount. Large groups of 50 or more people can receive a 20% discount. If you have a group of 50+ please contact the box office at 661-362-5304.

Where would I park?

Although we are specifically reserving lots 7 and 8 for public parking, areas near the stadium will be impacted as the 7,200 students are bussed to the location. Lots 4, 5 (limited) and 14 will be available, please remember to observe all college signs. No parking in staff spaces or handicap access spaces unless you have an appropriate placard. You also might consider parking at Westfield and carpooling or taking advantage of public transportation, which has many routes to COC.

Where do I enter the parking lot?

If you are parking in lots 7 and 8 (closest to the field) please use the Stadium Way entrance off of Valencia Blvd. Please pay careful attention to those lots marked for Staff.

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PAC K12 Arts Education Outreach Program
The "Beat the Odds" Group

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And a monster thanks to COC's dedicated employees – both past and present! – who gave extra time and energy to make this event such a success!

Check out our website at www.rocktherhythm.org for even MORE thank you's!
Canyon Country Campus Prepares for Fifth Anniversary

The Canyon Country campus is ramping up for a busy summer session and fall semester, highlight-
ed by a celebration to commemorate the five-year anniversary of the campus.

In the early morning hours of Aug. 27, 2007, a size-
able group of College of the Canyons board members, administrators, instructors and staff members gathered outside a collection of newly installed modular build-

ings, strategically arranged on a 70-acre plot of land.

As the first students of the semester made their way onto campus, the college team was there to greet them and make sure they found their classrooms.

At that moment, COC officially became a college on two campuses, but with one mission: to increase access to education for students of all ages.

The year prior to its opening, longtime college administrator Dena Maloney was named founding dean of the yet-to-be-built Canyon Country campus and tasked with helping the college transition to multi-cam-

pus status.

Since its opening five summers ago, the Canyon Country campus has enjoyed continued growth and development. Despite early projections that the campus would attract 1,500 to 2,000 students its first semester, more than 3,000 students were served in fall 2007 alone.

Those early numbers were only a preview of things to come. During the 2010-11 academic year, the Canyon Country campus served more than 10,000 students, with 68 percent of the college’s 2011 graduating class having taken at least one class at the newest campus.

“I’m extremely pleased that the Canyon Country campus has helped the path students are taking to achieve their goals and realize their dream,” said Maloney, who was recently named superintendent-president of Taft College and the West Kern Community College District after nearly 20 years of service at College of the Canyons (see accompanying story).

Significant additions to the Canyon Country campus during the last five years include the 2007 construction of the 10,000 square-foot Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC) – opened. Designed to give students a new selection of hands-on learning and training opportuni-
ties, its 10,000 square feet of workshop and laboratory space allowed the college to immediately expand Career Technical Education training.

The next major step will be construction of more permanent buildings. To help guide the campus through the next five years and beyond, college officials have begun to implement a transition plan.

Ryan Theule, former assistant dean of student serv-
ces at the campus, will fill the position of acting dean, assuming many of Maloney’s duties. Denece Pescarmona, interim dean of humanities, will assume the role of acting associate dean, instruction programs. And, Diane Fiero, assistant superintendent/vice presi-
dent of human resources, will be on site to provide dis-

trict-level coordination.

“The restructuring of the former assistant dean, stu-
dent services position will allow for added support for additional instructional programs that are both ongoing and in the development phase for the Canyon Country campus,” said College of the Canyons Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook. “I feel confident with this new structure in place that the Canyon Country campus will continue to grow and flourish with exceptional leader-

ship at the helm.”

This fall, the Canyon Country campus will host a communitywide celebration to commemorate its five-

year anniversary. While event details are still being coordinated, it is expected to include live music, refreshments, camping tours, faculty and student demon-

strations, and arts and entertainment.

“Fueled by innovative facilities such as the Applied Technology Education Center, active student life, bustling classrooms and a beautiful natural setting, the Canyon Country campus will continue to thrive,” said Theule. “The celebration of the five-year anniversary of the campus’ opening day will be a wonderful chance for us to celebrate all that the college has accomplished, along with the continued opportunities available for stu-
dents to achieve their education goals.”

More information: canyons.edu/campus.com.

Maloney Departs to Head Taft College

After nearly 20 years of service at College of the Canyons, including five years spent as the Founding Dean of the college’s Canyon Country campus, Dr. Dena Maloney has been named Superintendent-President of Taft College and the West Kern Community College District, effective May 1.

“I will never forget my years at College of the Canyons and would like to thank the entire community for all the support they’ve shown to COC and the Canyon Country campus throughout the years,” Maloney said. “I’ve had the good fortune to work with a group of hard-working, dedicated, motivated, innovative and inspiring people during my time here, and I’ll always treasure the memories of this incredible community.

Taft College is located in Taft, about 30 miles southwest of Bakersfield. The college has an enroll-
ment of around 9,000 students and offers more than 40 associate degrees and certificates. “Dr. Maloney helped major college during a significant growth period and excelled in many roles, including generating resources and partnerships to support economic development, offering input for instructional programs, engaging in community out-
reach, and overseeing planning and development of our Canyon Country campus,” Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said. “Someone who has con-
tributed much to our district and even more to the lives of the people with whom she has worked, sup-
ported, nurtured and cared for at COC.”

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 alike. In 1985 the center became the first community college lab school in the state to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Academy of Early Childhood Programs. It has maintained accreditation status ever since.

In time, the center’s tremendous growth necessitated the move to a larger, more permanent location, which would allow the college to expand its ECE serv-

ices.

In 1993, with that goal in mind, a group of children armed with oversized shovels joined a collection of college administrators at a dirt lot located on the southwest corner of the Valencia campus to break ground on the college’s new Family Studies and Early Childhood Education Center. As one of several campus improve-
ments implemented at College of the Canyons for all the 1994 Northridge earth-
quake, the new Family Studies and ECE Center officially moved into its current location following a ribbon-cutting cere-

mony on April 22, 1995. The event fea-
tured an assortment of local dignitaries and preschool children jointly cutting the ribbon. It was held in conjunction with that year’s communitywide “Day of the Child” campus celebration.

In 2009, the ECE program underwent another major expansion with the opening of the Canyon Country Center for Early Childhood Education, located on the Canyon Country campus.

“The opening of our second ECE Center, the Canyon Country campus was a momentous step for our program,” said Diane Stewart, dean of early child-
hood education programs. “The centers remain an important resource for this com-

munity, and will provide countless oppor-
tunities for the families and students we serve.

Thanks to the dedication of our hard-

working staff and the support of the college and our families, we’ve been able to create an exceptional institution that will endure in our valley for years to come,” added Stewart. “We’re looking forward to the next 30 years.”

For more information, call (661) 362-

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SILVER SPUR HONORS

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Dianne G. Van Hook said. “She is someone who has con-
tributed a lot to the lives of the people with whom she has worked, sup-
ported, nurtured and cared for at COC.”

Marvin and Richard Sanders were honored with the 2012 Silver Spur Community Service Award during a gala dinner at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Air Force One Pavillion in Simi Valley on March 3. “This is the most important recognition we at College of the Canyons can afford to anyone, and the support that Richard and Marian have given to the college for so many years, it is only fitting that we honor and celebrate their contributions,” Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said.

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Measure M Delivers on Promises

Much has changed at College of the Canyons since voters approved Measure M in 2006. The college has experienced an unprecedented level of progress that has been fed in large part by the $160 million bond measure, the optimism of an historically supportive community, and the resolve of college leaders to make good on the promises of Measure M.

The most visible changes are the creation of an entirely new campus in Canyon Country and the opening of the Dr. Diane G. Van Hook University Center, which occupies a prominent perch along Interstate 5. But there have been other significant enhancements as well, such as the Applied Technology Education Center at the Canyon Country campus and the expansion of both Mentry Hall and the Library, the latter of which will open for the fall semester. Measure M bond funds will also play a key role in building a new Student Services & Administration building and the College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education.

Measure M has certainly provided the funding to construct a wide assortment of new facilities to accommodate an ever-increasing number of new and innovative educational and training programs. The beneficiaries are those who come to 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 progress, but a lesser-known factor also plays an important role. The college has maximized every bond-issued dollar by leveraging other resources. Although its original value was estimated at $160 million, in the end, the value of Measure M will far exceed that figure via interest and the refunding of value of Measure M will far exceed that estimated at $160 million, in the end, the issued dollar by leveraging other

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This 5,600-square-foot facility will be built just south of Mentry Hall in an architectural style that underlines both the simplicity of the reflective glass surfaces found on nearby structures and underlines an elegant sophistication appropriate for a building that will serve both educational and social functions. Individual elements include a Show Kitchen, Savory Kitchen, Sweets Kitchen, an area for Wine Studies, a Culinary Lab space and the traditional spaces.

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The Measure M pipeline is filled with myriad future projects, including several permanent buildings at the Canyon Country campus, upgrades at the Del Valle Firefighter training facility, replacement of equipment, scheduled maintenance and other secondary effects.

For up-to-date information about Measure M, upcoming Citizens Oversight Committee meetings, agendas and minutes, and other background material, visit canyons.edu/pio and click the “Measure M Committee” button.