College of the Canyons honored its 2014 graduating class – the largest in college history – during the 45th annual commencement ceremony at the Valencia campus on June 6.

The class of 2014 had 1,343 students who petitioned for graduation, representing a roughly 2 percent increase over 2013’s 1,317 graduates.

The 2014 class represented 85 majors, with accounting ranking as the leading field of study with 153 graduates, followed by nursing (99), psychology for CSU transfer (71), administration of justice (71), liberal arts and sciences (68) and biological and physical sciences (63 students).

Sixty students graduated with two degrees, and two students earned three degrees.

The class of 2014 was 59 percent male (793) and 41 percent female.

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4 STUDENTS NAMED ALL-CALIFORNIA

In recognition of their academic achievements, demonstrated leadership abilities and commitment to community service, College of the Canyons students Craig Dermody, Ryan McPeters, Shawnee Stump and Jessie Warme have been named to the 2014 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Community College Academic Team.

The four COC students were among the 75 California community college students who were selected for this honor in April.

In addition to receiving the Phi Theta Kappa team honors, Dermody was also named the Coca-Cola Foundation Gold Scholar and received a $1,500 scholarship.

“I am very proud of these student’s accomplishments,” said Miriam Golbert, Phi Theta Kappa advisor and biology department chair. “They represent the best of the 2 million students enrolled in California’s 113 community colleges. This win rewards their outstanding academic efforts along with their deep commitment to community service, two of the Phi Theta Kappa major hallmarks.

The college’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter (Alpha Nu Xi) was also honored with a Distinguished Chapter Officer Team Award, along with 29 other chapters, at NerdNation 2014, Phi Theta Kappa’s annual convention held in Orlando, Florida from April 24-26.

The college’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter also won the Distinguished Chapter Award and Distinguished Honors in Action Project Award.

Students work during the school year researching and writing a scholarly research paper worthy of entering these awards,” said Golbert. “They utilize their research to develop a project that would benefit the college and the community. Their project this year was ‘Green Infrastructure’ with a presentation to the City Council and ideas on how the Santa Clarita Valley can conserve water.

Phi Theta Kappa chapter officer teams are chosen based on the team’s demonstration of exceptional teamwork, leadership, Phi Theta Kappa society engagement and enthusiasm for the Hallmarks of the Society (Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship).

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2 million members and 1,300 chapters located in all 50 of the United States, U.S. territories, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Germany, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, United Arab Emirates and Palau.

The organization’s mission is to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students, while providing opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programs.

Students who would like to join Phi Theta Kappa must:

- have completed at least 12 units of transferable coursework;
- maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5;
- adhere to the moral standards of Phi Theta Kappa;
- receive an invitation to join from the campus chapter.

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YES, IT’S A VINEYARD!
California Zinfandel grape vines take root at Valencia campus

For nearly 45 years College of the Canyons has cultivated an unequalled reputation for providing access to higher education, job training and, by extension, opportunity. But with the addition of a recently installed vineyard at the Valencia campus, that reputation may soon include a nod toward viticulture.

Situated among the slopes located in the western section of campus, the college’s new vineyard includes high-quality California Zinfandel grape vines, which were donated to the college by Remo Belli Vineyards in Paso Robles, and transplanted by local vintners and friends of the college Steve Lemley and Nate Hasper of Pulchella Winery and tasting room.

“The addition of a vineyard to our Valencia campus couldn’t come at a better time,” Chancellor Dr. Dianne Van Hook said. “It will perfectly complement the culinary arts facility we are building, creating unique learning opportunities for our students.”

The installation began Feb. 1, with Lemley and Hasper transporting and replanting the 50-year-old vines – establishing College of the Canyons as one of the only Southern California community colleges to maintain an operational vineyard. Those original vines were cloned and planted during the spring, significantly augmenting the new vineyard.

The newly installed vines “hold quite a bit of history,” Lemley and Hasper said, having originally been planted by famed Central California viticulturist Richard Sauret for Remo Belli Vineyards in 1969.

Hailed as one of the godfathers of vineyard management for the Central Coast, Sauret is widely credited for pioneering the start of Paso Robles grape farming in many ways, with his grapes still garnering awards nearly 45 years later.

Now, that rich legacy will have the opportunity to take root at College of the Canyons.

“We are very excited to be able to transplant and manage these vines, which have such a rich history, and are associated with an area we are so familiar with,” said Lemley, co-owner of the Pulchella Winery and tasting room, which recently relocated their crush pad facility and tasting room from Paso Robles to downtown Newhall.

Recognizing the unique opportunity to play a role in the development of the college’s new vineyard, local winemaker Robert Reyes, owner and operator of Reyes Winery in Agua Dulce, donated an additional set of grape vines to the college.

Those vines were planted along the hillside overlooking the original vineyard site in June.

“This vineyard is a testament to the power of partnerships,” Dr. Van Hook said. “It is proof that we can do more together than we can alone. Remo and his wife Ami, Nate, Steve and Robert are amazing supporters of College of the Canyons, and we are proud to be the recipient of their generosity and selfless service.”

Although Pulchella Winery has volunteered to oversee the vineyard for the next several months, that responsibility will eventually be handed over to students and faculty at the College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education (CICE). In addition to the multitude of classroom curriculum applications that the vineyard could potentially create for students enrolled in culinary arts and/or wine studies, the college will also be able to surplus portions of its annual grape harvest to local winemakers looking to blend the grapes with their own.

Proceeds received from the surplus can then be used to augment the college’s annual budget and help fund operational costs, while providing students and community members with increased access to educational and workforce training opportunities.

NEW DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROGRAM

College of the Canyons faculty member Dr. Jia Yi Cheng-Levine has been named interim director of the International Students Program (ISP) – a position that has already taken the vivacious new leader around the world in an effort to better inform international students about the educational opportunities available at College of the Canyons.

In her new role, Cheng-Levine will provide administrative oversight to all ISP operations, while managing all development and support operations, enrollment management activities, partnership initiatives, marketing campaigns and other student support services available to international students.

“This program has room to grow and we’re moving at a very quick rate,” Cheng-Levine said. “I was already in China on my first official day of work. We’re making connections and building relationships with educational organizations all over the world, and we are on the right path to making COC a globally recognized institution.”

Originally formed in 1997, the program provides international students with an academic and cultural support system, ensuring success at the college and beyond. Currently, the ISP serves students from 47 different countries.

ISP counselors work individually with students to establish meaningful academic goals and develop plans to graduate and/or transfer to four-year institutions. ISP statistics indicate 99 percent of international students who express a desire to transfer to a four-year school actually do so.

The department also works to raise cultural awareness on campus by hosting events and activities that promote social and professional interaction, help connect students to the surrounding community, and further the department’s goal of internationalization.

Cheng-Levine arrived at COC in 2005 as a faculty member in the English department. During her time in the classroom she also served as the department chair, and lead faculty member for department’s English 101 course.

Cheng-Levine has also been a driving force behind several of the college’s annual events and campus/community partnerships including the TEDxCOCcollegeofthecanyons conference, the COC Sustainability Center and the Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCCEC).

Since officially beginning her new position with ISP on April 1, Cheng-Levine has already traveled to Vancouver, China, Hong Kong and Singapore; earned the BSA’s welding merit badge.

THE MANY MERITS OF WELDING

The College of the Canyons Welding Technology Department and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Western Los Angeles County Council partnered to offer eight local scouts the opportunity to earn their welding merit badge.

Welding faculty and volunteer welding instructors were on hand for an interactive morning of fun and instruction, designed to introduce participating scouts to the world of welding, while providing access to the tools, equipment, materials and training needed to earn the BSA’s welding merit badge.

The group of participating scouts were able to tour the college’s state-of-the-art welding and metal fabrication labs and use the college’s equipment.

They also learned about welding safety, common welding processes, and the variety of exciting opportunities available to students who are interested in pursuing careers in welding.

At the end of the day, each of the eight scouts completed their individual projects on the day by meeting all of the requirements necessary to earn the welding merit badge.

“To be able to host this group of scouts in a structured environment where they could be exposed to the world of welding, and learn something that may lead to a potential career, is huge,” said Tim Baber, chair of the college’s welding technology department.

“This event was a win-win situation for everybody.”
The 2014-15 Season features:

Paula Poundstone – Emmy Award-winning comedian, author and humorist, Sept. 6, 2014
Dave Mason – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and co-founder of the band Traffic, Sept. 18, 2014
LeAnn Rimes – Grammy Award-winning, multi-platinum selling country artist, Sept. 28, 2014
Mavis Staples – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Nov. 1, 2014
Jack Hanna – Legendary wildlife expert and TV personality, Nov. 2, 2014
Stephanie J. Block – Tony Award and Drama Desk Award nominee, March 7, 2015
2Cellos – Croatian cello virtuosos Luka Sulic and Stjepan Hauser, March 23, 2015
Arlo Guthrie – American folk singer and veteran songwriter, April 12, 2015
Bobby McFerrin – 10-time Grammy Award-winning artist, April 18, 2015
Carolina Chocolate Drops – Grammy Award-winning acoustic group, May 19, 2015

In addition, patrons will have multiple opportunities to mix and mingle with their favorite artists during meet-and-greet events, often held in support of the PAC K-12 Arts Education Outreach Program.

The 10th Anniversary Season also includes the Arts on Campus program, as well as the Art Gallery’s 2014-15 exhibitions.

Other acts and artists visiting the PAC for the 2014-15 Season include:

• Travis Brass
• Orquesta de Baja California
• Na Lei Hulu I Ka Wekiu
• Basetrack
• Illusionist Jason Latimer
• United Kingdom Ukulele Orchestra
• Rockapella
• Versa-Style Dance
• Story Pirates
• Trinity Irish Dance

The PAC will also host a number of college theatre, music and dance productions, as well as community performances such as “Beauty and the Beast,” “The Little Mermaid” and “The Nutcracker” (Santa Clarita Ballet); “Annie” and “The Sound of Music” (ESCAPE Theatre), and musical programs “A British Holiday,” “Mozart: Requiem” and “Defying Gravity” with Stephen Schwartz (Santa Clarita Master Chorale).

Since opening its doors in 2004, the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center (PAC) at College of the Canyons has become a mainstay for world-class entertainment and performing arts education, while forging strong ties with the local community.

During the last 10 years, the PAC has welcomed more than 130 touring shows to the main stage, including a long list of legendary, award-winning headlining acts such as Paul Anka, Wayne Newton, Michael Bolton, Kenny Loggins, Pat Benatar, Three Dog Night, WAR, Chris Botti, Clint Black, Martin Short, Louise Anderson, Lily Tomlin, Anthony Bourdain, Robert Irvine and, during the last season, Wynonna Judd and the iconic Willie Nelson.

Built to help further promote the arts in the Santa Clarita Valley, the venue has become a vital joint-use facility for the college and the city, showcasing a diverse variety of professional and community-based acts and artists and other community events, as well as the talented work of students from the college’s Fine and Performing Arts Division.

An integral part of the college’s original educational and facilities master plan for more than 30 years, the PAC first opened on Oct. 15, 2004, with a sold-out performance of the COC theatre produc-
TOP AEROSPACE FIRMS HIRING FAST TRACK GRADUATES

British billionaire Sir Richard Branson's Southern California-based The Spaceship Co./Virgin Galactic has joined a growing list of aerospace companies looking to fill their entry-level employment needs through the College of the Canyons Fast Track Institute.

The company hired Fast Track graduate Morgan Kennedy a mere three-and-a-half weeks after completing the Fast Track Institute’s CNC Machining program.

The Spaceship Co. (TSC) has established a goal to build the world’s first fleet of commercial sub-orbital spaceships and carrier aircraft in an effort to make access to space safe, reliable and affordable. In 2012, Virgin Galactic, the world’s first commercial spaceline and sister to TSC, fully acquired the firms, bringing commercial space travel one step closer.

For many students like Morgan, the idea of being part of a team working to make space travel into space might seem nothing more than a far-fetched, science fiction-inspired dream reserved for the ranks of NASA engineers and scientists. But with the Fast Track fast-track fair’s proven ability to provide aerospace firms with highly skilled employees trained in the areas of CNC machining and manufacturing assembly processes, that dream is fast becoming a reality for more and more Fast Track graduates.

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Taiwan in an effort to help educate foreign students about the benefits associated with attending a community college, while touting COC’s global reputation as an innovative leader in the field of higher learning.

During her most recent trip, Cheng-Levine spent 16 days visiting China, Hong Kong and Taiwan in a dual role as ISP interim director and as a delegate of the Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation’s Los Angeles County Trade & Investment Mission, organized by L.A. County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

As a member of the delegation, she had an opportunity to meet with individual companies and organizations representing business interests interested in expanding into the U.S. market, particularly in the Santa Clarita Valley. She used the trip as an opportunity to schedule additional meetings with key Chinese policymakers and school administrators in a variety of educational settings.

Included among the stops were visits to Cheng-Levine’s alma mater, Lo-Dong High School in Taiwan, where she delivered a presentation to more than 90 students and their families about the mission of the California community college system, the low cost of attending a community college as opposed to a four-year school, and the multitude of academic and career opportunities associated with studying at COC.

“I had a circle of students standing around me and waiting to ask questions after the presentation. They couldn’t wait to learn more,” Cheng-Levine said.

Since returning from China, Cheng-Levine and the ISP staff have been working to develop a new eight-week American Cultural Experience & Language Learning Program for international students interested in eventually attending COC.

With the program debuting this summer, the ISP department is also in need of host families and ambassador students to help participating international students make the transition to American culture.

“By growing the International Students Program at College of the Canyons, we work to create cultural awareness on campus and in the community,” Cheng-Levine said.

“Additionally, as international students become part of the COC family, their families will want to expand their businesses to the Santa Clarita Valley, boosting our local economy and creating jobs for our residents.”

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female (550), representing a 20.6 percent increase in the percentage of male graduates over 2013.

Academically, 271 students graduated with honors – requiring GPAs of 3.5 or higher – and 24 students with a perfect 4.0 GPA, granting them the status of valedictorian. The College of the Canyons Class of 2014 had a graduation rate of 84.8 percent.

The graduates’ average age was 26. The oldest was 72, with seven graduates over the age of 60. The youngest graduate was 16.

Notably, 68 veterans graduated on a day that coincides with the date of the annual D-Day Invasion, which occurred on June 6, 1944. Thirty-nine veterans graduated the previous year.

Also graduating were 19 international students.

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Independent audit confirms bond funds spent properly and legally

Since the bond’s passage in 2006, 14 independent audits have been performed on the college’s Measure M financial statements – both a financial and performance audit each fiscal year beginning in 2006-07 – without a single finding. Measure M bond funds have been used on a wide variety of major facilities projects and campus expansions, including construction of the Canyon Country campus and creation of the Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center. Other projects include construction of the Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC) at the Canyon Country campus, the dramatic expansions of Meny Hall and the Library/TLC (The Learning Center) at the Valencia campus, and, currently, the still-under-construction Student Services & Administration Building and the culinary arts facility.

The college’s next phase of bond-funded construction is scheduled to take place at the Canyon Country campus, with plans for three permanent buildings. In fact, the district’s $22 million bond reserve balance and $45 million in future bonds still pending, the college has already secured the needed money to qualify for state-matched funding and, eventually, begin additional construction in Canyon Country.

Under the current state funding formula the college is scheduled to pay roughly 15 percent of all pre-approved construction projects at the Canyon Country campus, with the state then expected to cover the remaining balance. Such a scenario would equate to the college spending approximately $3.6 million on the first building, $3.7 million on the second building and $4.2 million on the third building.

Meanwhile, the state would then be expected to contribute $14.1 million, $20.9 million and $16.8 million, respectively, per project. Despite their readiness, college officials are currently in a holding pattern, as all future construction plans are contingent on the state being able to place a statewide facilities construction bond on a future ballot.

For more Measure M information, visit www.canyons.edu and click “Measure M Oversight” in the “About Canyons” menu.

CONSTRUCTION OF CULINARY ARTS CENTER STILL COOKING

Chancellor establishes new matching-fund initiative

Despite still needing a little bit more time in the oven, the completion of the College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education (I²C) is progressing rapidly, with the project scheduled for completion this fall. Including several kitchens, multiple culinary labs and classrooms and a central dining area, the state-of-the-art culinary facility will occupy approximately 12,200 square feet on the southeast corner of the Valencia campus.

Construction of the facility is scheduled for completion this fall, with an anticipated occupancy in the spring of 2015. As part of the College of the Canyons Foundation’s ongoing Culinary Arts Capital Campaign, the college has raised approximately $375,000 toward the purchase of a wood-burning pizza oven. In addition to the capital campaign, Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook has announced a new “matching fund” initiative for community members still interested in supporting this project. From now through the end of 2014, the Chancellor’s Office will match, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, all contributions to the matching fund initiative.

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T he students from College of the Canyons’ Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda received awards during the organization’s California State Business Leadership Conference.

More than 400 students from 15 colleges and universities, such as UCLA, UC Berkeley and UC Davis, participated in the conference in Los Angeles from March 28 to 30.

In all, 19 members of the college’s FBLA club participated, with more than half of them taking home medals. Paul Dezso, who received a third-place award in Accounting Principles, and David Tushin (third place in Sports Management and Marketing) qualified to represent California at the FBLA’s national conference.

Competitions allowed students to demonstrate individual mastery of business concepts and skills, as well as compete as teams by analyzing issues in business cases and making recommendations to a panel of judges.

The Winners

PAUL DEZSO, THIRD, ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES
PAUL DEZSO, FIFTH, JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION
JONATHAN MAXWELL, FOURTH, NETWORKING CONCEPTS
DAMIAN DAVIS: THIRD, SPORTS MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING
DEEGG BOLTON & WYATT THOMPSON: THIRD, BUSINESS PRESENTATION
PAUL DEZSO & TYLER LARSON: FIFTH, BUSINESS PRESENTATION
DEEGG BOLTON, DAMIAN DAVIS & ALLISON SILVER: THIRD, FINANCIAL ANALYSIS & DECISION-MAKING
SUHAN AHMADIAN, JAMES LEI & UNGERYA THORNHILL: THIRD, STRATEGIC ANALYSIS & DECISION-MAKING

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College of the Canyons Sprinter Robert Green

FROM THE BATTLEFIELD TO TRACK & FIELD

College of the Canyons student-athlete Robert Green never competed in track & field when he was a student at Lancaster High School, but today he’s a valued asset to a Cougar track & field team that recently won its first conference title since 1970.

The 23-year-old former Marine took up sprinting only two years ago.

“Rob has been a great addition to the team. He’s a leader who’s sure of what he wants and never has a problem explaining what we want him to do,” said Track & Field Assistant Coach Denean Hill, who works with the team’s sprinters. “Other people on the team have been running since they were young, but he still had to learn the basic language of everything. What people see on the track is one thing, but it’s the end-product of eight or nine months of training and hard work.”

The sophomore, whose recent military service includes tours in Afghanistan, is humble about his experiences.

“For the most part, (enlisting) was something I was doing because I was interested in history and politics,” said Green, who competes in the 100-meter, 200-meter and 4x100-meter relay events, with a personal best of 11.19 seconds in the 100m. “I just thought it would be good for my future.”

While track & field may not be as intense as his service overseas, it still requires a team of individuals to stay committed to each other in reaching a common goal.

“You meet the same kind of people and get that same sense of camaraderie and brotherhood with the track team,” he said. “It’s also similar in that you meet people from all walks of life.”

Green said he hopes to continue his political science/history career, and to teach and coach track in some capacity.

“Rob would make a great teacher because he communicates with others well,” said Hill. “He does a great job of distinguishing what kind of learners people are.”