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Cougar Football Named Top Preseason Team in Nation



Cougar football's home opener is September 13 against Santa Barbara. Game time is 7pm.

When the College of the Canyons football team takes to the field on Sept. 6 for the season's opening game against Antelope Valley, the team will have more to prove than just their mettle.

The team was recently ranked as the No. 1 football team among community college football programs across the nation by Street & Smith's Sporting News College Football 2008 Yearbook, but even so, head coach Garrett Tujague doesn't feel the pressure.

"I'm a huge fan of 'it's not where you start but where you finish,'" said Tujague.

That doesn't mean Tujague underplays the significance of the ranking.

"As a football player or a college football fan, you go pick up this magazine," said Tujague. "I was more excited for the players and the coaches to have their efforts be seen, it was a proud moment for them."

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NEWS & VIEWS FROM COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS FALL 2008

Chancellor's REPORT



Dr. Dianne Van Hook

I always look forward to the beginning of the Fall semester at College of the Canyons. There is a palpable energy in the air as we greet new and returning students, orient new faculty members, offer new programs, open new buildings, and meet, head on, the opportunities and challenges of the new academic year.

On many college campuses, summers are traditionally quiet times. Not so at College of the Canyons! Last year we worked diligently to open the Canyon Country campus, Hasley Hall on the Valencia campus and we added new programs for both campuses. This summer we have worked on our Accreditation Self Study and an Economic Impact

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The \$394,117 Economic Workforce Development grant provides the college with the ability to offer metal fabrication classes and to expand degree and certificate programs.

Grants Fund Leadership Initiatives

College of the Canyons has received five grants—roughly amounting to more than \$5 million for 2008-2009—from the California Community College System (CCCS) Chancellor's Office to help fund the college's welding and nursing programs enabling the college to carry out two new statewide roles. Also the college has been named as the CCC System's statewide coordinator of annual Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) conferences and meetings and as the designated clearinghouse for captioning and transcription services funding.

The \$394,117 grant from the California Community College's EWD, will provide the means for

the college's welding department to offer students a series of metal fabrication courses and to expand its current program to include a degree and certificate of achievement program option in metal fabrication, available in the fall 2008 semester.

"We've been training great welders at COC for several years now," said Tim Baber, chair of the college's welding department. "But oftentimes, our graduating students are lacking the metal fabrication skills that give them that one-two punch needed for working in several different welding industries."

Baber said that the grant will help students learn "the whole package," and will put them in the posi-

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Accreditation Team To Visit College

As one of the community's most trusted and highly respected public institutions, College of the Canyons recently completed a campus-wide institutional self-study report as part of its application for reaffirmation of accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission

of Community and Junior Colleges.

Accreditation is a voluntary process colleges and universities undergo, performed in this case by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, to evaluate and assure the quality of education used by the American higher education

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Van Hook

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Report to the community, completed a new Educational and Facilities Master Plan that will be our roadmap for adding new programs and the facilities to teach them in through 2012, and we opened a new physical education facility with tennis courts in Valencia while we paved parking lots and added services at the Canyon Country campus.

With more than 21,000 students attending College of the Canyons in Fall 2007 and Spring 2008, and with the college facing double-digit enrollment growth projections for the foreseeable future, we are reminded of the responsibilities we have to stay ahead of demand and be ready for opportunities when they present themselves. If the past is any indicator of the future, the demand for more new programs and more available seats in our classrooms; for in-depth training for businesses; increased progressive partnerships with business, industry and government; enhanced training in high-tech fields; and public demand for access locations and delivery modes will continue to increase. And all of this demand is coming despite the harsh realities of increasingly-problematic state budgets.

College of the Canyons has done very well over the years finding ways to meet increased demands for services and access. That is due to an innovative and creative staff and faculty as well as an incredibly supportive community that is not afraid to tell Sacramento how important it is to properly fund community colleges. Our community knows how important our college is to the economic health of the Santa Clarita Valley, by providing trained workers to keep our businesses running and competitive, as well as nurses, teachers, first responders in a variety of disciplines, and much more.

In my 20 years at College of the Canyons, I have been blessed with a team – not only at the college, but throughout

the community - that steps up to challenges; creates opportunities; works together toward common goals; puts muscle, sweat, heart, soul and spirit behind everything that needs to be done. The “can-do” spirit and championship mindset that exists within the campus community combined with the positive attitudes, sharp focus, determination, innovation, follow through, tenacity and desire by each staff and faculty member to help students achieve their goals, is the secret of this college’s success and is a source of great pride for me.

In October, we are hosting a team of people from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges that will determine our accreditation status. Accreditation is



the process for evaluating and assuring the quality of education used by the American higher education community. It is a process through which colleges set standards for good practice, monitor the quality of programs and services through regularly scheduled peer-based evaluations, confer accredited status, and make the results of accreditation review known to the public.

Accreditation is important to us because it provides a credible, knowledgeable, third party look at the way we conduct our educational mission. Its aim is to promote continuous improvement within our institutions and it provides assurances to the public that we are delivering the best services possible.

I am confident that the Accreditation Team will be pleased with what they’ll find at College of the Canyons. I know that they will be impressed with the extensive array of student outcomes, of the high-level of planning and plan execution that we conduct here, of the outstanding faculty and classroom pedagogy, and the incredible support of our community.

While the Accreditation Team diligently digs into its work, our team will be charging ahead with a new set of projects that will enhance access to education, provide for new and better educational experiences on our campuses and in our classrooms and help prepare students for the skills they need in our increasingly complex world. As a matter of our college’s culture, we generally are not content to simply do things the same ways we always have. To meet the evolving needs of the future we pride ourselves in moving forward with doing things for the first time. New “firsts” for this year are to:

- Break ground on the 19,000-square-foot Media Arts building expansion project.
- Open the East Physical Education building, which features new classrooms, a sport court, and tennis courts.
- Finish designing and begin construction of the Library/Tutoring, Learning Computing Expansion project.
- Complete installation of new signage to help students and visitors.
- Launch intensive five-week, online classes under the auspices of the GO! Program.
- Implement intensive, five-week classes at both the Canyon Country and Valencia campuses as part of the Personalized Accelerated Learning (PAL) program for college success.
- Double the size of our non-credit offerings in ESL and Basic Skills.
- Establish a College Skills Task Force for “Advancing the Student-Ready College.”
- Move to multi-year scheduling so students can plan better.

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‘Dream and Discover’ at Entrepreneur’s Event

Steve Uzzell, Pamela Cox-Otto Slated to Speak

College of the Canyons will host the third annual Dream and Discover Entrepreneur Conference at the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, Oct. 7 with keynote speakers Pamela Cox-Otto, a communication strategist and Steve Uzzell, an award-winning photographer and entrepreneur.

The conference will provide tips to business owners and entrepreneurs about how to better plan for business growth by using marketing tools and using transition periods to their advantage.

“This is the first time we have two nationally known speakers at the confer-

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 - Steve Uzzell
 - Pamela Cox Otto
- Learn from the experts
- Participate in “Speedbiz” workshop







Info: www.canyonsconference.com

Technology Program Awarded for Innovation

Manufacturing based companies in search of new employees need look no further than the College of the Canyons Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) — winner of the California Community Colleges’ Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) program 2007-08 Exemplary Innovation Award.

The EWD Exemplary Innovation Award recognizes excellent project development relating to entrepreneurship and innovation within the California Community College (CCC) system. Winners must demonstrate the development of a highly innovative and unique project, which is responsive to a specific and critical need within the business community and can be replicated at other sites across the state.

“There was an impressive list of nominees for this award, so we’re really very pleased that our program was chosen,” said Pete Bellas, an administrator of the college’s CACT. “This kind of recognition will help bring about more industry partnerships and give us more opportunities to serve our students and the community.”

This year’s winning project, the Fast-Track Manufacturing Boot Camp — a collaboration among the College of the Canyons

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Performing Arts Patrons Sought

Community members wanting to play a more critical role in achieving the artistic and educational mission at College of the Canyons can now do so as members of the COC Patrons of the Performing Arts.

With a goal to enhance the artistic life of both the Santa Clarita Valley and the college’s performing arts programs, the Patrons of the Performing Arts function to help bridge the financial gap between ticket sales and performance costs in order to continue bringing both world-class performers and emerging new artists to the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center (PAC) stage.

As members of the performing arts center, patrons will play a crucial role in continuing to develop the arts locally while strengthening the PAC’s reputation as a center for cultural activity in the SCV.

Specifically, member donations directly support the college’s performing

arts departments and the ability to educate, shape, nurture and prepare the next generation of talented artists, and the COC performing arts endowment campaign — established to contribute much needed resources to realize PAC strategic goals and provide arts education outreach activities and academic programs.

“This year we have reenergized the Patrons of the Performing Arts membership program with new levels, new perks and a new focus,” said Adam Philipson, PAC Managing Director. “By becoming involved, community members can demonstrate their commitment to bringing first-rate arts education and outstanding theatrical offerings to Santa Clarita.”

For more information about the College of the Canyons Patrons of the Performing Arts or to become a member, please visit www.canyonspac.com, or call the COC Foundation at (661) 362-3434.



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New Campus Celebrates First Year

Canyon Country Campus Attracts Thousands of Students

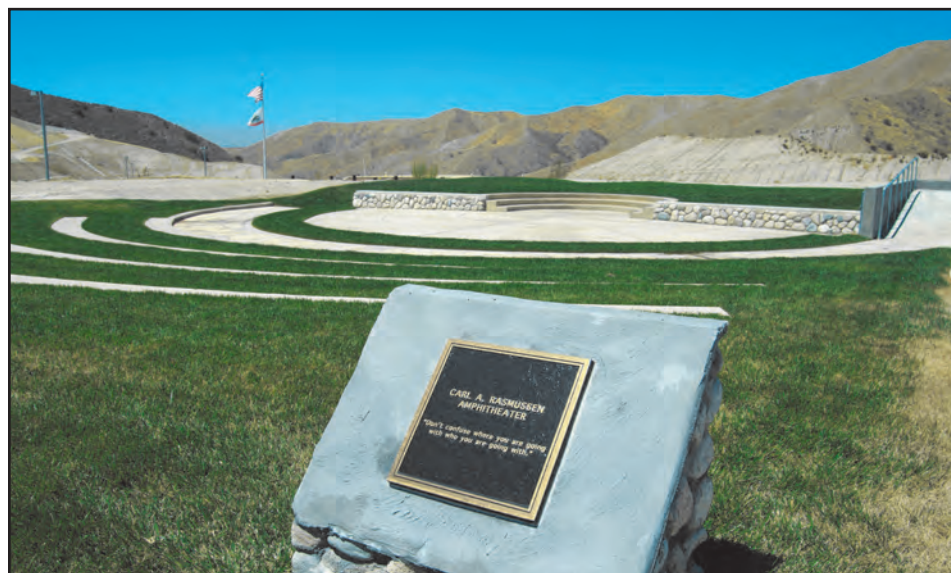
It has been nearly a year since the asphalt was poured into the parking lot at the College of the Canyons Canyon Country campus a weekend before classes started, but since then, the campus has come a long way.

In its opening semester, the campus enrolled 3,400 students, offered 700 classes, 13 degree programs and 10 certificates of achievement.

"I am thrilled with the tremendous reception that the college's Canyon Country campus has received from students, local businesses and the community at large," said Chancellor Dr. Dianne Van Hook, "as evidenced by incredible enrollment and support for our programs each semester during the first year. None of this would have been possible," stressed Dr. Van Hook, "without fantastic planning, attention to every detail – from construction, to course selection, to the day-to-day operations of the campus. And it could not have been done without the unwavering support, commitment and determination of our dedicated staff, outstanding faculty and enthusiastic volunteers from the Canyon Country community.

The first year achieved some important milestones:

- The opening of additional facilities including a Student Lounge, Staff and Faculty Technology Center, Student Health Center, Science labs, Library, Tutoring and Computing Center and Early Childhood Education classroom.
- The launch of a campus shuttle service that offers transportation from classrooms to campus parking lots in the evening.
- The expansion of Admissions, Counseling and Financial Aid services to include full-time staff.
- The establishment of a campus newsletter distributed throughout the community.
- The completion of the Canyon Country Campus Advisory Committee Strategic Plan and the 2007-2012 Educational and Facilities Master Plan.
- The naming of the campus amphitheater, the Carl A. Rasmussen amphitheater,



Above: The Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheatre on the College of the Canyons Canyon Country Campus will be the site of performances and events throughout the year.

Right: Signage, lighting and landscaping have added to the collegiate environment at the Canyon Country campus.



named in honor of Larry Rasmussen's father, Carl.

"As we look towards the future, our plans will be inspired by the collective creativity and innovation of our staff, faculty, students and the community," said Dr. Dena Maloney, the founding dean. "As an example, this year we will be adding landscape maintenance, green construction, alternative energy management and solar technician training, and other new, cutting-edge programs. These programs reflect our commitment to preparing students for the future and meeting the needs of our community."

Other future plans for the campus include the construction of a Career Technology Education Center—which will provide hands-on learning and training in the constructive and automotive trade programs with an emphasis on environmentally friendly technology—and Building One, the first permanent building to be construct-

ed on campus. The multi-story building will contain student classrooms and house student service functions. Other construction plans include a Main Plaza, which will serve as the primary pedestrian drop-off entry and the designated center of the campus, and a Landscape Maintenance Lab, a research and learning lab to encourage innovative and environmentally sustainable landscapes and hands-on learning opportunities for students.

When the campus is fully built, it is expected to serve up to 10,000 students.

Petersens To Be Honored At Silver Spur

This spring the College of the Canyons Foundation Board of Directors will honor Harold and Jacquelyn Petersen with the college's 2009 Silver Spur Community Service Award, for the enthusiasm, dedication and generosity they have displayed toward many of the community's most benevolent non-profit organizations and causes.

The College of the Canyons Silver Spur Celebration will be held the evening of Saturday, March 7, 2009.

Though this year's location has yet to be revealed, the annual event is traditionally held at a historic museum, club or well-known Los Angeles area landmark — and is widely considered to be one of the community's most popular elegant evening events.

"We owe the Petersens an immeasurable debt of gratitude for all they have done for the college and the community," said COC Chancellor Dr. Dianne Van Hook. "Honoring the Petersens with the Silver Spur award is our way of thanking them publicly for all the generosity, kindness and commitment to community service they have shown over the years," continued Van Hook. "Because of people like Harold and Jacquie, residents of the Santa Clarita Valley are able to enjoy a community that pro-



JACQUYLN AND HAROLD PETERSEN

vides outstanding services for those most in need. They have made our community a better place to live and learn, and for that we are extremely thankful."

Since relocating to the Santa Clarita Valley in 2001 the Petersen's generous and

wide-ranging support for the college has revolved around several key projects including the Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center capital campaign and the annual Silver Spur celebration.

In addition, Harold and Jacquie are both members of the President's Circle — a group of prominent community leaders, alumni members and corporations that are dedicated to success at the college — and have been major contributors to the COC Annual Fund, which provides the college with the financial resources needed to support and strive for the highest levels of excellence in teaching, vocational training, student scholarships and overall campus innovation.

In addition, Harold is a supporter of 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.

Jacquie, who is involved with both the Boys and Girls Club and the Child and Family Center alongside Harold, has also given her time and generosity for causes associated with the American Red Cross; the John Tracey Clinic; the Junior League; the American Heart Fund and the American Cancer Society.

Making Progress



With the structure's major steelwork now finished, the 110,000 square-foot Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center is scheduled for completion by April 2009. Located on the southern boundary of COC's Valencia Campus, the \$38 million building will house up to 10 partner universities and offer more than 70 degree and credential programs from schools including UCLA, Chapman University and both CSU Bakersfield and Northridge.

New Recreational Management Director Named

College of the Canyons has named former Santa Monica College athletic director Dr. Rhonda Hyatt director of the college's recreation management program.

As the program's sole faculty member, Hyatt will be responsible for the development and organization of new recreation management courses and curriculum; the articulation of more program transfer agreements with surrounding four-year schools; student outreach and recruitment efforts; and the development of community partnerships which will foster increased recreational programs and educational opportunities.

"Having lived in the Santa Clarita Valley for a number of years I've been able to follow the tremendous progress, growth and innovation that has gone on here at College of the Canyons," Hyatt said. "So I'm looking forward to joining the team and working to develop an enhanced mission and vision for the college's recreation management program, that will fit the needs of both this campus and the surrounding community."

Dr. Hyatt comes to College of the Canyons after spending the last four years as the athletic director at Santa Monica College. Prior to that, Hyatt spent one year as the Senior Associate Athletic Director at

California State University, Northridge — preceded by four years as the Assistant/Associate Athletic Director there.

Having earned an Ed.D. from UCLA, Hyatt also holds an M.S. degree in Physical Education from the University of Arizona and a B.S. in Education with an emphasis in Athletic Training from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"Dr. Hyatt's vast knowledge and extensive professional experience will make her an all-important asset to the continued development and success of the college's Recreational Management classes and programs," said Len Mohny, dean of physical education. "Under her guidance College of the Canyons will be able to better equip our students with the skills and training needed to pursue careers in a variety of sports and recreation related industries."

Introduced in 2006, the 23-unit recreation management program at the college involves a mix of classes and field experiences designed to prepare students for transfer to a four-year recreation management program. Coursework includes classes in facilities management, recreation and the environment, planning programs and events for recreational purposes, and therapeutic

recreation with special populations, as well as courses in sociology and psychology.



Dr. Rhonda Hyatt became director of the college's Recreation Management program in August.

FastTrack

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CACT, the Cerritos College CACT, El Proyecto del Barrio, Aerospace Dynamics International Inc. and other industry partners — works to prepare at-risk youth, ages 18 to 21, for upwardly ladder careers in manufacturing.

"One of the biggest issues facing manufacturing is attracting new people to the industry," Bellas said. "We've been very good at working with people who are already in the industry and upgrading their skill levels and helping them move into higher positions, but we've struggled to attract new talent. So this program is really giving the industry that extra push to be able to go out and recruit."

Developed in response to the needs of the north Los Angeles County manufacturing



Dr. Bruce Getzan, Economic Development Dean for the college, with the prestigious awards.

industry that were finding it increasingly difficult to fill entry level positions, including

Computer Numerical Control (CNC) operations and setup technicians, the FastTrack Manufacturing Boot Camp program was originally started as a pilot program in 2004.

Since its inception, the partnership has operated 10 FastTrack Boot Camps, with a 92 percent career field employment rate among graduates.

The future of the FastTrack Manufacturing program also looks bright with the CACT already discussing the possibility of using the same FastTrack techniques to train entry level candidates in other manufacturing fields — including precision medical assembly and electromechanical diagnostics and repair.

For information about the FastTrack Manufacturing Boot Camp program or the College of the Canyons Center for Applied Competitive Technologies please call (661) 294-9809.

Community Education Offers New Classes Pharmacy, Fashion, Fitness, Law Enforcement

This fall, the Community Education Program at College of the Canyons is offering several new programs and classes that will help people gain the skills and experience necessary to further their careers in the fields of health, modeling, fitness and law enforcement.

"Community Education classes meet community needs quickly and effectively," said Gina Bogna, the interim director of Community Education at the college. "The programs are structured to help people gain employable skills, or update their skills set, without having to spend a great deal of time in school."

Pharmacy Technician — The Pharmacy Technician program, offered in collaboration with Boston Reed College, is an especially timely addition with the current growing need for trained technicians, she said.

By 2014, the U.S. Department of Labor estimates that the demand for pharmacy technicians will grow nearly 30 percent.

At the completion of the Pharmacy Technician program—a 302-hour course consisting of 182-hours of classroom instruction and a 120-hour pharmacy externship—students will receive a certificate and become eligible to register as pharmacy technicians in California. The program will also prepare them to take the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam.

Under a pharmacist's supervision, pharmacy technicians help pharmacists package or mix prescriptions, maintain client records, refer clients to the pharmacist for counseling, and assist with billing, payment, purchasing and inventory control.

Designed for working adults, the classes will be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the College of the Canyons Valencia campus, starting Oct. 11.

The class costs \$2,295, which includes books, consumable supplies, and the externship and course completion certificate fees.

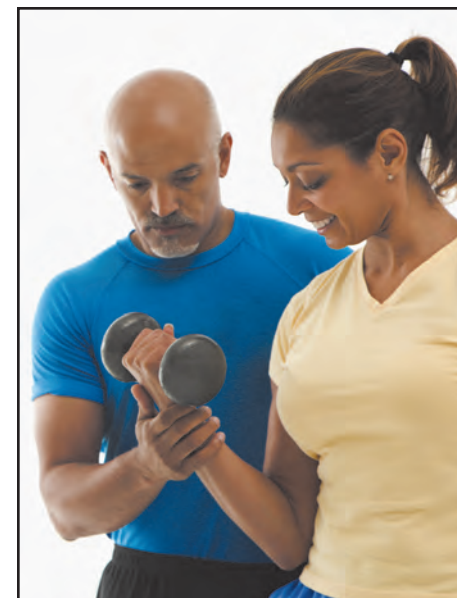
Students must be at least 18 years of age and must have a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to externship placement. Students need competency in, or

completion of, a basic computer operations course. A pre-assessment for math and English will be required prior to registration.

Fashion Modeling — Community Education is also offering instruction in the world of fashion modeling. The course teaches students the basics about the multi-billion dollar, international industry of professional modeling and talent and about the different types of models that grace magazine covers, billboards and television screens. Students will also learn how to get their modeling careers started, how to be well-photographed and will have the chance to experience a photo shoot.

The class will meet once on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at the College of the Canyons Valencia campus.

Fitness — Fitness trainers can broaden their group exercise offerings and earn continuing education units with the new course, Step Up to Step for Fitness Professionals. The class is offered in collaboration with the World Instructor Training Schools, a national certifying organization that trains people to become personal fitness trainers and group exercise instructors.



New Community Education programs expand career options for Santa Clarita Valley residents.

Students will learn 10 techniques that demonstrate correct posture, body mechanics specific to stepping and five essential safety guidelines. Students will also learn how to link four 16-count combinations and apply two different cue methods for smooth transitions.

The \$55 class will meet once on Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at the College of the Canyons Valencia campus.

Law Enforcement — Career Planning for Law Enforcement a seminar, will give attendees a comprehensive and candid understanding of what a career in law enforcement entails. Interested attendees will learn the best way to prepare for the entry fee process and receive valuable tools for successful employment and advancement.

Taught by retired Lt. Ronald Shreves, the \$79 class will meet once on Oct. 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the College of the Canyons Canyon Country campus.

For more information about Community Education classes and programs, visit the department's website at www.canyons.communityext.net.



Van Hook

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- Continue developing new educational programs, including speech language pathology assistant, nanotechnology, instructional aide, with a special education emphasis, and human services, with options in gerontology, addiction studies, and general services.
- Finish designing the new two-story Student Services/Administration Building to replace the current facility.
- Advocate on the Budget to keep growth and COLA funding for the 2008 – 2009 Fiscal Year.
- Unveil a much-needed renovation of the cafeteria that features new serving spaces and a teaching kitchen for our Culinary Arts Department to expand.
- Launch a new three-year project funded by the National Science Foundation to recruit, mentor, and support Biology, Chemistry, Engineering and Mathematics majors.
- Finish construction of the University Center and welcome additional four-year college and university partners.
- Launch new Career Technical Education classes, and expand existing ones, at the Canyon Country Campus with the addition of a new building.



New floor tiles are being installed as part of a major cafeteria renovation that will include a Culinary Arts teaching kitchen.

- Finalize plans to build a Public Safety Training Academy in conjunction with Los Angeles County Fire Department at Del Valle.
- Establish a Biotech Clean Room on the Valencia campus.
- Launch a College Ambassador Program. And this is just the beginning of the work plan for 2008 - 2009! We will accomplish these things and many more during this academic year because we are enthusiastic and we are energetic. We believe that "If you can

dream it, you can do it." We are committed to acting – day in and day out – to meet our community's needs. As a result, there is no place on earth that I'd rather work or a group of people I'd rather work with than College of the Canyons faculty and staff. We work together and succeed because we care a great deal for our students, our community and about the value and power of education.

Dr. Dianne Van Hook is Chancellor of the Santa Clarita Community College District.

Entrepreneur

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ence," said Dr. Bruce Getzan, dean of economic development at the college.

Cox-Otto will open the conference with her presentation "Marketing to Multi-Generational Audiences," which focuses on how businesses can reach audience groups through marketing and communication strategies, and how to improve employee retention and recruitment levels, while strengthening marketing strategies.

With a great sense of humor, Cox-Otto's all-time favorite speaker's review came from a college president who remarked, "If Robin Williams were a woman, he would be Pam."

At last year's conference, Uzzell dazzled attendees with his stunning photography presentation, "Open Roads, Open Minds."

Back by popular demand, Uzzell will conclude the conference with his new presentation, "The Nature of Transition," which will focus on how businesses and individuals can make the most of transition periods.

"His presentation will address how to deal with transitions in the economy, businesses and in our professional lives, all while trying to be successful entrepreneurs," said Getzan.

Joe Allison from Solid Concepts, Dan Katz from Hollywood

Aviators and Harry Dickinson from Delta Scientific will also speak during the "Entrepreneur Spotlight Sessions—Experiences that Work" portion of the conference.

Tickets are \$65 at the door, \$59 in advance and \$20 for students with a valid student ID.

For an additional \$20, attendees can also attend SpeedBIZ, an interactive session with eight Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Professional Business Consultants and center sponsors Poole & Shaffery, LLP and Citibank representatives. The fee also includes lunch.

Like the business version of speed dating, participants in the SpeedBIZ panel can informally speak with business consultants and ask business related questions, before a bell chimes and it is time to move on to the next consultant. The process is repeated, ensuring participants with a quick, informative and fun alternative to an in-depth business consultation.

Sponsored by Citibank and the City of Santa Clarita, the conference is organized by the College of the Canyon's Economic Development Division which includes the Small Business Development Center, Center for Applied Competitive Technologies, Employee Training Institute, and the i3 Advanced Technology Incubator.

For more information about the conference or to register, visit www.canyonsconference.com

New UCLA Program Prepares ESL Teachers

This fall students interested in obtaining a Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) certificate will be able to do so at the College of the Canyons Interim University Center through a series of UCLA extension courses.

The UCLA TESOL Certificate Program will provide students with the major competencies necessary to specialize in English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction within the United States — in addition to qualifying students to teach non-credit ESL courses at COC.

"College of the Canyons is currently experiencing a great shortage of teachers qualified to teach in our ESL program," said Barry Gribbons, COC assistant superintendent-vice president of institutional

development, technology and online services. "So we're delighted to have the UCLA extension program on board to help satisfy this tremendous need in the community."

Being offered at the COC Interim University Center for the first time during the fall 2008 quarter, the three-unit course "Language Development and Acquisition" will meet Saturdays from October 4 through October 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$350.

Also set to debut this fall, the two-unit course "Language Structure and Usage" will meet Saturdays from November 1 through November 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$275.

Subsequent courses in the UCLA TESOL Certificate Program series will

continue to be offered at the COC Interim University Center through the Spring 2009 semester. Classes within the program's coursework series are alternately offered on weekends, evenings and online to better accommodate working adults.

Though developed primarily for students interested in completing the 36-quarter units needed to obtain the TESOL certification, students may enroll in individual courses for their own personal growth or professional development without applying to the certificate program.

For course descriptions and more information about the UCLA TESOL Certificate Program at the COC Interim University Center visit www.uclaextension.edu/teachers or call (310) 825-4581.

Football

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As far as the team is concerned, they are well aware of the top ranking and are very excited, said Tujague, "but we don't talk about it much."

Tujague, who measures success differently by the team's ability "to represent the college in a positive manner," led the team to a 9-3 record in his first season as head coach. With Tujague at the helm of the program, he helped the Cougars reach the second round of the playoffs, after missing the post season in 2006. He was also honored with a Co-Western State Conference Coach of the Year award and had 20 athletes named to the all-conference team.

Canyons will begin the 2008 football campaign as a member of a new conference.

In November of last year, the Southern California Football Association (SCFA) approved a realignment of the Southern California football conferences — the National and American Divisions with three regional conferences in the National Division and two regional conferences in the American Division — in an effort to create a more competitive balance among the Southern California football teams. The National Division will consist of the historically stronger teams. College of the Canyons will be a part of the National Division,

Northern Conference, which includes Allan Hancock, Bakersfield, Glendale, Moorpark, Pasadena and Ventura.

"We will be playing against more matched teams," said Tujague.

But Tujague also stresses the importance of having all the necessary equipment for a great season.

Thanks to a private \$10,000 donation this year, the team purchased an EndZone camera that helps evaluate the team's tackle-to-tackle performance. They will be able to take a critical look at each play in high-definition after each game.

"Every legitimate football team has one," explained Tujague.

Another loyal donor to the team is KB Homes, whose \$10,000 donation will go towards the purchasing of new uniforms.

"We have had the same pants for 10 years and the same jerseys for seven," said Tujague.

But none of that matters because the team's fans go to games to watch the team play, regardless of what they are wearing.

"Our fan base is unbelievable," said Tujague. "I didn't understand how much this is in the public eye. It matters."

To make a donation to the COC Football team, contact the Foundation at (661) 362-3434.



Cougar football won its first national title in 2004.



Athletic Projects Completed

The 21,543 square foot, East Physical Education Building provides additional space for athletic activities such as badminton as well as housing PE classrooms, lockers and offices. Six new tennis courts also opened in the fall semester. Both projects were funded in part by Measure C, the local bond measure approved by voters in 2001.

Accreditation

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community — and to subsequently make those results known to the public.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) is the corporate entity, consisting of three separately organized commissions within the western region, which is responsible for monitoring and evaluating institutions of higher education. The commission responsible for community colleges is the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), which evaluates and accredits public and private postsecondary institutions that offer two-year education programs and award the associate degree.

Including both a self and outside evaluation of an institution's adherence to set standards of good practice, and an ongoing analysis of the overall quality of programs and services offered by the candidate institution, the accreditation process is conducted not only to assure the quality of the institution, but to encourage institutional improvement.

A college or university that has been granted accreditation status has been found to meet or exceed previously stated criteria of educational quality — meaning

the institution functions with an appropriate purpose, can demonstrate that purpose, and has the resources needed to accomplish that purpose, while showing evidence that it will continue to strive to do so in the future.

A college then maintains accreditation status through adherence to accreditation criteria by following a six-year cycle during which the institutional review process — including an annual report, annual fiscal report, midterm report and completion of an institutional self-study and peer evaluation visit — is continuous.

Having most recently gone through the re-accreditation process in 2002, College of the Canyons began organizing and performing a roughly 18-month-long self-study involving every department and office at the college. In all, more than 100 faculty, staff members, administrators, board members and students dedicated hundreds of hours to produce a comprehensive institutional self-study report.

“Because of the daily work that goes into running a college there isn't always time to undergo the in-depth introspection that a comprehensive self-assessment requires,” said Sue Bozman, vice president of communications, marketing and external relations for College of the

Canyons. “So the opportunity for the college to collectively reflect on what we do, how we are doing it, and what we can do better is extremely beneficial to us in our goal to serve our students and the surrounding community in the best way possible.”

Currently the college is preparing for an all-important peer evaluation visit from the Commission, scheduled for late October.

“College of the Canyons has approached the accreditation process and development of this self study with enthusiasm and seriousness, and consequently we are extremely proud of the result,” said college Chancellor, Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook. “We welcome the Commission to our campus and hope that when they, and indeed the public, read this report they'll recognize our belief in possibilities, appreciate our joy in striving to accomplish what is best for our students and share our enthusiasm for a college that is always on the move.”

To read the full College of the Canyons Comprehensive Institutional Self Study Report, or for more information about the Reaffirmation of Accreditation application process please visit: www.canyons.edu/Offices/PIO/Accreditation.

Grants

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tion to earn more money as entry-level welding technicians.

Nursing students will benefit from the two grants totaling \$550,000 that were awarded to the college's nursing department to help increase nursing enrollment at the college and develop an ongoing transfer agreement for COC nursing to students to California State University, Northridge.

The Enrollment Growth and Retention Program for Associate Degree Registered Nurse Programs grant will provide the college with approximately \$442,000 over a two-year period, which will be used to fund two new full-time faculty nursing instructor positions.

The second grant, the Associate Degree in Nursing to Bachelor's Degree Nursing Collaborative grant of approximately \$100,000 will be used to develop an articulation program and accompanying curriculum plan for the college's nursing graduates

for a more seamless transfer process to the nursing program at CSUN.

The nursing department currently admits about 100 students into the program every year, but by hiring more instructors, “the nursing department will be able to increase its enrollment by admitting approximately 40 more students to the program each year,” said Sue Albert, dean of allied health at the college.

As the new statewide coordinator for the CCC system's annual economic and workforce development and conference meetings, the college has been awarded with a \$394,117 grant.

Renewable after five years, the Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) Program Coordination Services grant will allow for the creation of three new positions in the college's economic development division, such as project coordinator and conference services coordinator.

“Our economic development program is one of the best in the state and the awarding of this grant is recognition of that,” said

Bruce Getzan, dean of economic development at the college.

The CCC System Chancellor's Office also awarded a five-year \$3.9 million grant to the college to assist its operations as the designated clearinghouse for the funding of all distance education captioning and transcription services within the 110-member CCC system.

The grant—which will come in five annual \$780,000 disbursements—will be used to contract outside captioning vendors to assist community colleges across the state that are in need of captioning and transcription services for their distance education programs.

“This grant will allow College of the Canyons to be of great service to the entire California Community College System,” said James Glapa-Grossklag, dean of distance learning programs and training at the college. “The other 109 community colleges, as well as our own faculty and staff, will all be looking to us to support their efforts, and that's very exciting.”

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