

**Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center at College of the Canyons
to hold August 2009 Open House**

The Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center is located on the College of the Canyons Valencia campus where one can earn a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees. Currently 28 programs are offered from partner universities such as CSU Bakersfield, CSU Northridge, University of La Verne, Chapman University, UCLA Extension and National University. By bringing bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from four-year colleges and universities to the College of the Canyons campus, the University Center removes barriers for students wishing to pursue their higher education goals, especially for working adults and single parents. The concept is especially appealing to those who don't have the time to commute to traditional university campuses. Since it opened in 2002, more than 1,200 students have received degrees and credentials through the Center.

Community members interested in learning more about the University Center and its programs can do so by attending an Open House from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, August 20, 2009 in the new permanent facility. During the event, prospective students and curious community members will be able to talk to university representatives, learn about financial aid programs, meet with academic counselors and fill out admissions applications. In addition, attendees can learn about the many new programs to be offered in the permanent center.

The University Center is best accessed via University Center Drive, the southernmost campus entrance on Rockwell Canyon road. Parking in the campus parking lots 13, 14, and 15 is free for this event.

For more information about the College of the Canyons University Center open house event and programs visit our website at www.canyons.edu/universitycenter or call (661) 362-5474 or email universitycenter@canyons.edu.