

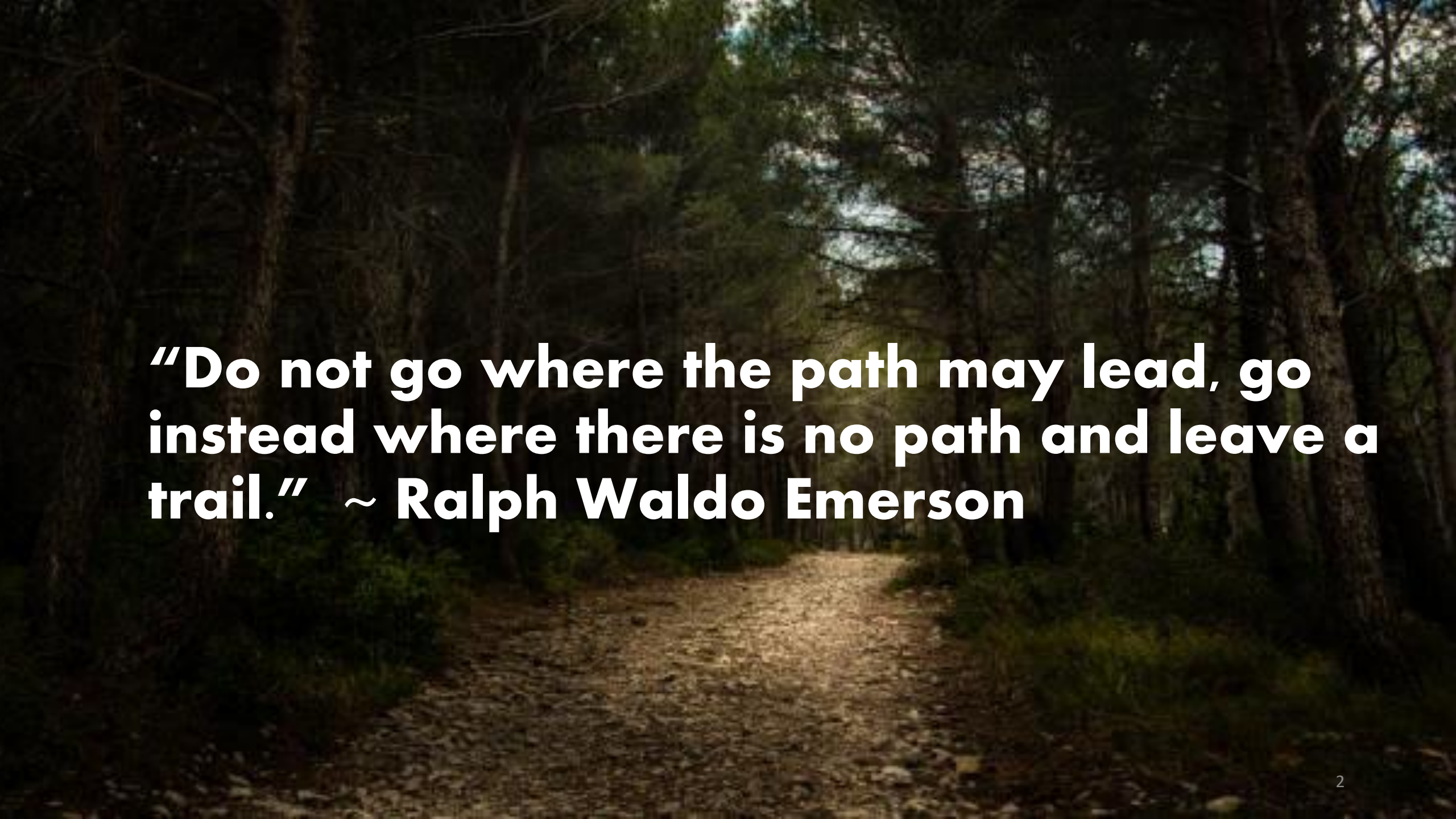
All-College Presentation

Spring 2024



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CHANCELLOR





“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Welcome!

It is my honor to welcome you today to College of the Canyons' All College meeting.

As we celebrate the highlights of this 2023/24 year, it is a time of gratitude and pride as we recognize the many accomplishments and successes that define us as a community college that stands out and continues to inspire and transform the lives of those we serve.

COC Stands Out As A Community College

Today, we will explore the many reasons why COC continues to stand out and be a trailblazer in shaping the future of education for our valley and beyond!

In the 90 minutes we have together, we will cover:

- What have we achieved?
- How do we lead the way in new programs?
- What innovation is opening doors for our students?
- Where do we stand on Guided Pathways?
- How do we support our students?
- What key role do we play in developing the economy and training the workforce?
- What's new with our facilities?
- How do we foster community?
- What's ahead on the budget side?
- What's new with our advocacy efforts?
- How do we celebrate?

How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC Distinguishes Itself Through
Its Outstanding Achievements**

We Are Consistently Among the Best!

COC....

- Ranks among the **top 20** among the **116** California Community Colleges with transfers to UCs and CSUs.
- Saw an **80% increase** in AA/AS graduates as a result of allowing students to bypass remedial classes in English and math.
- Named a *2023 Champion for Excelling in Equitable Course Placement in Campus-wide English Enrollment, Latinx English Enrollment, and Black English Enrollment*. COC was one of 116 colleges to be named.
- Earned the distinction of being included in the group of **850** of *America's Best Colleges for Student Voting* for its commitment to inspiring students to vote and participate in civic engagement.

We Are Consistently Among the Best!

COC....

- Ranked nationally No. 18 for enrolling the largest number of Hispanic students and No. 31 for granting the most degrees to Hispanic students among community colleges by *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine* in 2023.
- Received the *2024 Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement*. COC was one of three community colleges selected nationwide to receive this prestigious award.
- We celebrated the **50th anniversary** of the **Emergency Medical Technician** (EMT) program, which is the second oldest program of its kind in Los Angeles County. Since 1972, our EMT program has trained more than **5,000** students.



COC Has Another Award Winning Year!

- Named *2023 Champion for Excelling in Equitable Course Placement in Campus-wide English Enrollment, Latinx English Enrollment, and Black English Enrollment* by The Campaign for College Opportunity.
- Distinguished as one of the top-performing training providers by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) for **100 percent** job placement of **Uniquely Abled Academy (UAA)** graduates in December 2023.
- Won **Best Magazine Pacific-Western Division 2nd Place** for the “Sweet 16” edition of Cul-de-sac at the *2023 Community College Humanities Association Literary Magazine Competition*.
- Received the *2024 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification*, which recognizes institutional commitment to community engagement. COC is the only California community college to receive this prestigious award.
- Celebrated as our women’s golf team won the *2023 California Community College Athletic Association State Championship*.



COC Has Another Award Winning Year as Staff Were Honored

- English Instructor **Angeli Francois** received the *2022-23 Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Hayward Award for Excellence in Education*.
- Paralegal Professor **Lori Young** won the *2023 Certified Paralegal Champion Award* by the National Association of Legal Assistants.



COC Has Another Award Winning Year as Staff Were Honored

- **Frederick Bobola** was awarded the *California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office 2023 Classified Employee of the Year*.
- Cinema instructor **Mindy Johnson** received the prestigious *June Foray Honor* at the 50th Annie Awards.
- Student Trustee **Jesse McClure** was one of **175** students to be recognized nationally as part of the *2023 ALL IN Student Voting Honor Roll*.



Nursing Program Receives NLN-CNEA Accreditation

Following a successful Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA) site visit, the nursing department has received reaffirmed accreditation from the NLN-CNEA.



The program has achieved an impressive **94.23%** pass rate in the spring 2023 for the National Council Licensure Examination.



Faculty Member Receives Top Honor

Patty Robinson, along with colleague, **Kimberly Rosenfeld** from Cerritos College, gave a presentation on *Hidden Stewards of Democracy: Untapping the Strength of California's Community Colleges to Advance Civic Equity Among the Nation's Most Marginalized Students* at this year's **American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&C) Annual Meeting, Jan. 17th-19th** in Washington DC.

- Patty and Kimberly focused on the critical need for the nation's community colleges, especially California's community colleges, to return to their "**civic mission**" and to advance the principles of democracy through practices of liberal education.
- Practices accessible through transfer, career education, and co-curricular activities found throughout higher education.



COC Administrator and Faculty Receive Stanford Fellowships

Dr. Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine and **Dr. Saburo Matsumoto** are Fellows in the 2023-24 Stanford EPOC Community College Leaders and Faculty Fellowship program.

- The ***Education Partnership for Internationalizing Curriculum (EPIC)*** programs bring together a cohort of community college faculty and administrative leaders to work collaboratively with Stanford staff for **one academic year** (August 2023 – May 2024) on self-designed projects aimed at internationalizing core curricula and developing global competencies among community college students.
- It's a competitive process. For each year's fellowship, Stanford accepts only **10** for the Faculty Cohort (Dr. Matsumoto) and **6** for the Leaders Cohort (Dr. Cheng-Levine).
- Fellows attend a three-day intensive workshop at Stanford in early August, 2023; participate in monthly virtual seminars, develop a project, and present their project outcomes at the end-of-the-year symposium in May 2024.



Students Compete at Conference



Eighteen College of the Canyons students competed at a statewide ***Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) leadership conference*** the weekend of **Nov. 11th and 12th**, with **Christopher Bordbar** taking **first place** in the business pitch competition, which shared a format similar to that of the TV show "Shark Tank." Students from across the state participated in the FBLA California Fall State Business Leadership Conference at California State University, Long Beach.

40 Under Forty Honorees

We congratulated this year's **40 Under 40** honorees from College of the Canyons – **Vida Manzo** from Institutional Development and our very own Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees, **Marilu Ramirez** from the Chancellor's Office at a special awards ceremony on **Thursday, Nov. 30th at Blomgren Ranch.**



Renard Thomas Honored

Renard Thomas, director of the Veterans Resource Center, was honored during Single Mothers Outreach's *Empowering Hearts Gala* on **Friday, Feb. 23rd**.

- Thomas and five fellow honorees had their stories shared in the form of a unique piece of art created by a local artist.
- Upon meeting and engaging with their paired honoree, each artist designed an appropriate composition in their field of artistic expertise.
- The annual fundraising event celebrates single parents who have changed lives and shaped their communities.



How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC Sets the Standard in Pioneering
New Programs**

ADTs Provide Students with Pathways to Higher Education

Out of the **99** Associate Degrees offered at COC, **32** are transferable to CSUs – ADTs.

- Most recently the Law, Public Policy, and Society AA-T degree was approved.
- COC ranks in the top third of community colleges in the state in the number of ADTs offered.
- In addition to Associate Degrees, COC offers **103** credit work force training certificates, and **78** Noncredit Certificates.



We Have Expanded Opportunities with New Courses

The Noncredit Curriculum Committee has approved **16** new courses and **7** certificates to date.

New noncredit courses focus on:

- Architecture and Interior Design
- Book Binding and Book Design
- Commercial Painting
- ePortfolios for Engagement, Reflection, and Assessment
- Generative AI
- Future Instructors Training for Higher Education
- Intro to Model Making
- Nursing Skills Labs
- Teaching International Students
- Teaching P5BL

New certificate courses focus on:

- 21st Century Teaching Practices
- Commercial Painting
- Fundamental Teaching Skills
- Fundamentals of Workplace Communication
- Generative AI
- Model Making
- Nursing Skills Lab

As of July, 1 2023, the college's Curriculum Committee has approved **37** new credit courses in **6** disciplines.

ISP Education Abroad Programs Prepare Students to Thrive in an Interconnected World

Exchange programs

- 1:1 student exchange with partner schools abroad
- Tuition-free
- May have credit transfer implications

Partnership Programs

- Reduced tuition/fees with partner Universities
- Length range between 10 days to a semester
- May or may not have credit transfer implications

Transfer Abroad

- Transfer to a University abroad to complete a Bachelor's degree, some with reduced tuition
- Transfer university decides on credit transfer
- FAFSA-eligible universities available



Introducing the New Improved Hospitality Management Program

The Culinary Arts program has taken on the Hotel Restaurant Management program and rebranded it as **Hospitality Management**.

- This rebranding makes the new program more relevant in today's workforce.
- Placing the Hospitality program under the umbrella of culinary arts enhances the relevance of the program and gives students an advantage in the workplace.



HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS



Prepare for a job in hospitality while earning your associate degree or certificate.

The Hospitality Management program is designed to help students gain experience in the hotel, resort, tourism and restaurant industry.

CERTIFICATES OFFERED INCLUDE:

Specialization in Restaurant Operations	Specialization in Hotel & Resort Operations
HOSP-220 Restaurant Operations 3 units	HOSP-150 Hotel Resort Operations 3 units
CULARTS-055 Culinary Safety & Sanitation 1 unit	HOSP-235 Hospitality Sales & Marketing 3 units
HOSP-101 Introduction to Hospitality 3 units	HOSP-101 Introduction to Hospitality 3 units
CULARTS-156 Front of House 3 units	HOSP-245 Supervision in the Hospitality Industry 3 units
HOSP-104 Guest Relations 1 unit	
Total Units 11	Total Units 12

Current Industry Jobs

- Restaurant Manager
- Assistant Restaurant Manager
- Fast Food Restaurant Manager
- Operations Director-Hotel Services
- Assistant Manager-Room Operations
- Director of Rooms
- Hotel Operations Supervisor

Apply and register at www.canyons.edu/NewStudent
For more information about the program contact michelle.razzano@canyons.edu or 661-362-3621

NOW REGISTERING! Visit www.canyons.edu/schedule



New Health Professions Programs Prepare Students for High Demand Careers

COC is excited to launch our upcoming Health Professions programs which strategically align with the college's mission to be innovative, inclusive, and collaborative with our community's needs.

The Health Professions school has successfully recruited faculty members for all our new programs, which encompasses the:

- Physical Therapy Assistant program (24 technical courses).
- Pharmacy Technician program (scheduled to launch Spring 2025).
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography program (scheduled to launch Fall 2025).
- Occupational Therapy Assistant program (scheduled to launch Fall 2025).



TK Pathway for Teachers

In response to the significant demand for **Transitional Kindergarten (TK)** teachers, COC now offers an additional pathway for currently credentialed teachers to earn the **24 *Early Childhood Education (ECE)*** units required to teach TK.

- The growing need for TK teachers is the result of state legislation that is gradually expanding TK over a four-year period.
- With more than **300,000** students expected to enroll in TK, school districts will need to hire up to **15,600** additional lead TK teachers to meet demand, according to the Learning Policy Institute.
- Originally offered as an accelerated 10-month pathway in 2022-23, this pathway will allow teachers to complete the pathway's nine courses, one at time, in a fully online format, from fall, 2023 through spring, 2025.



Engaging our Senior Community - The Canyons Emeritus and Lifelong Learning Opportunities Program (CELLO)

This program will focus on comprehensive older adults programming and ways to involve seniors in our campus community, including:

- **Non-credit courses** – computers, art, ancestry, crafts, exercise (tap, square dancing), conversational language classes.
- **Community Education** – museums, gardens, Griffith Park, Rose Bowl, Hearst Castle, etc.
- **Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**, events and project work, tutoring, graduation.
- **Foundation Group/Clubs** – book clubs, dinner night, movie nights (film series), dances.
- **Senior speaker series** to enhance existing Belcaro, Friendly Valley programs, podcasts, guest speakers in history classes.
- **Engagement** - Choral group, art shows, make blankets for the BANC, crafters/holiday boutique, senior astronomy club.
- **Mentoring** – Pairing an experienced professional with a COC student in their major.

How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC Demonstrates its Dedication to
Driving Positive Change Through
Innovation**

National Science Foundation Award

COC received a **\$500,000 National Science Foundation (NSF)** award to support underrepresented college students in native bee research, community education and engagement, and habitat patch and corridor creation.

- Builds on existing RCN-UBE Incubator project by providing **five years of funding** for **The BUZZ: Engaging Community College Students in Native Bee Biodiversity Research**.
- Only 8-12 projects nationally receive funding at this level each year!
- **Our Goal** – Provide research experience to hundreds of students through mentoring and course-based research AND increase biodiversity through habitat creation and enrichment.
- Way to go, **Jeannie Chari!**



COC biology students in action supported by a NSF Biodiversity Grant



Grant Supports Native Americans

College of the Canyons has been awarded a **\$1.5 million** grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to fund a **Native American Student Support and Success Program**.

- The **five-year** grant will allow the college to provide support for the educational success of Native American students and strengthen K–12 pathways to and through the California Community College system, including student transfer to the University of California and the California State University systems.
- The grant will also help students connect with Native American mentors to empower and develop leadership skills.
- Currently, the college has a **Native American and Indigenous Alliance** that helps Native American students navigate college, connect with mentors, meet with counselors and financial aid advisors, and discuss issues in a safe and welcoming space.



Grants Development Supports Innovation

Grants Development partnered to support and help departments secure funds for a variety of college needs, including grants such as the following awarded since September 2023:

Chancellor's Office (CCCCO):

- **\$4,000,000** Regional Centers of Excellence (COE) supporting the SCCRC colleges with labor market guidance. (Jeff Gregor and team)
- **\$200,000** Zero Textbook Cost Acceleration grant for Sustainable Design/Development Certificate (Jason Oliver)
- **\$200,000** Zero Textbook Cost Acceleration grant for Land Surveying Certificate (Regina Blasberg)

US Department of Education (DOE):

- **\$1,494,510** Upward Bound Veterans grant to support veteran postsecondary education success. (Renard Thomas and team)
- **\$125,000** Title V Subaward with CSUN for STEM student support (Amy Foote and MESA)

CA Workforce Development Board (WDB):

- **\$500,000** High Road Training Partnership grant to support manufacturing/tech partnership development with regional industry. (Harriet Happel, Justin Wallace, and team)

National Science Foundation (NSF):

- **\$83,000** subaward with Madison Tech on study of clean energy and EV (Gabie Temple and others)

U.S. Embassy, Public Affairs:

- **\$20,842** Public Diplomacy Program to support English online training with Honduras. (Jia-Yi Cheng Levine)

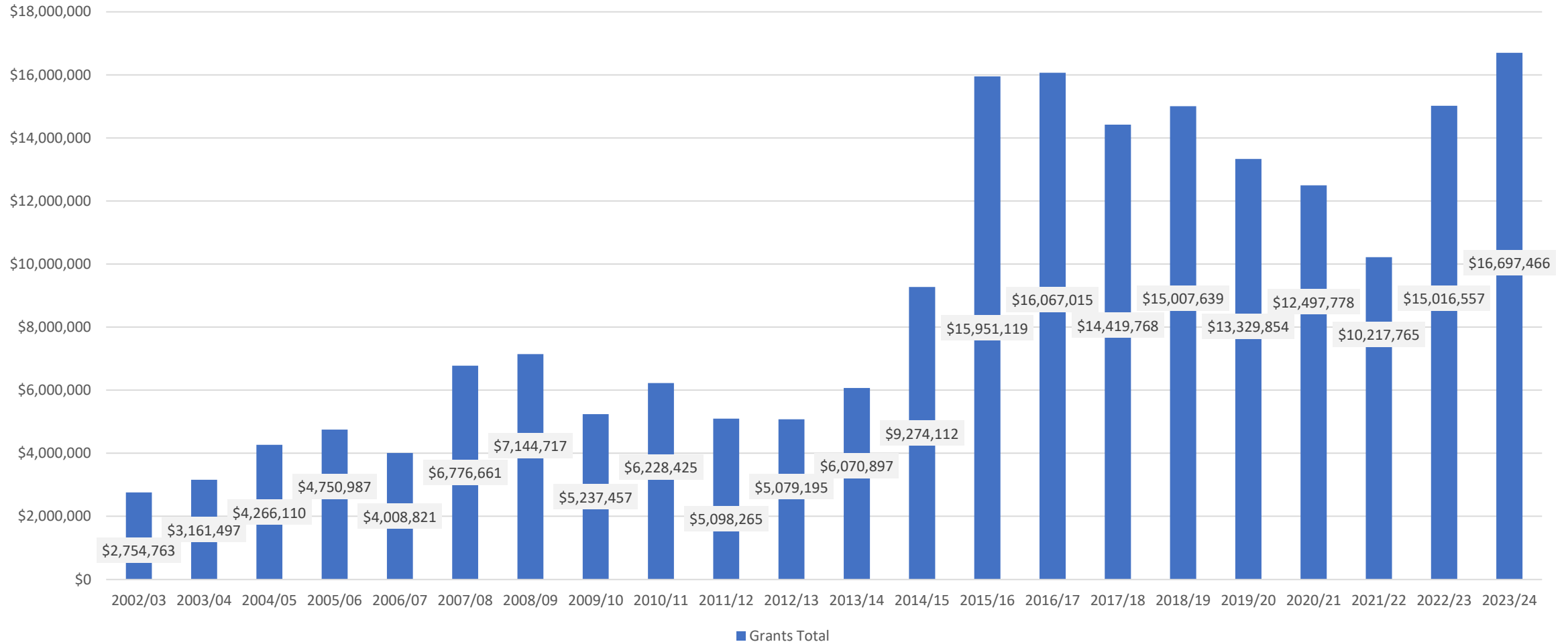
Kaiser Permanente:

- **\$10,000** for early childhood education mental health assessment (Julie Keller and team)

GRANTS DEVELOPMENT – AWARDS REVENUE

- Since 2002-03, COC has generated **\$200** million in grant revenue, including **\$68 million** in the last 5 years
- Secured **\$16,697,466** in grant awards for the current 2023-24 fiscal year – a record breaking total!

Grant Funds Available By Fiscal Year (All)



Empowering Innovation through Mini-Grant Awards

The following mini-grants have been awarded to full-time faculty to support student-based projects during 2023/24:

- Semi-Annual Sociology Book Award – Pamela Williams-Paez
- World Percussion Drumming & Community Well Being
- Fuel up station at ICUE – Cindy Schwanke
- 200 Books – Adam Kempler
- Cul-de-sac Literary & Arts magazine – Alene Terzian
- Speech, Acting, and Vlogging Intramural – Adam Kaminsky
- STEM Expo Event – Patricia Foley & Shane Ramey
- ICUE Lending Library – Michelle Razzano
- Two Dope Scientists on Black Diversity – Stephanie Meredith
- Nurturing Tomorrow's Paralegals through LAPA Student Membership – Lori Young & Nicole Faudree
- MESA 3D Printing Skills Lab – Amy Foote
- NASA HASP Gen 8 – Teresa Ciardi
- Annual California Community Colleges' Civic Engagement Summit – Patty Robinson
- Developing Continuing Education Courses for Individuals with Disabilities – Garrett Rieck



The Advanced Technology Center Serves as a Catalyst for Innovation

College of the Canyons has opened a **14,000** sq. ft. interim Advanced Technology Center (ATC) to provide a world-class advanced manufacturing and technology facility to help meet the demand for skilled technicians in the Santa Clarita Valley and Greater Los Angeles area.

The ATC provides the educational and hands-on training that leads to obtainment of industry recognized credentials needed for employment in today's Industry 4.0 aligned *high-demand, high-skill, high-wage jobs*.



Preparing Students for Success in the Technology-Driven Economy

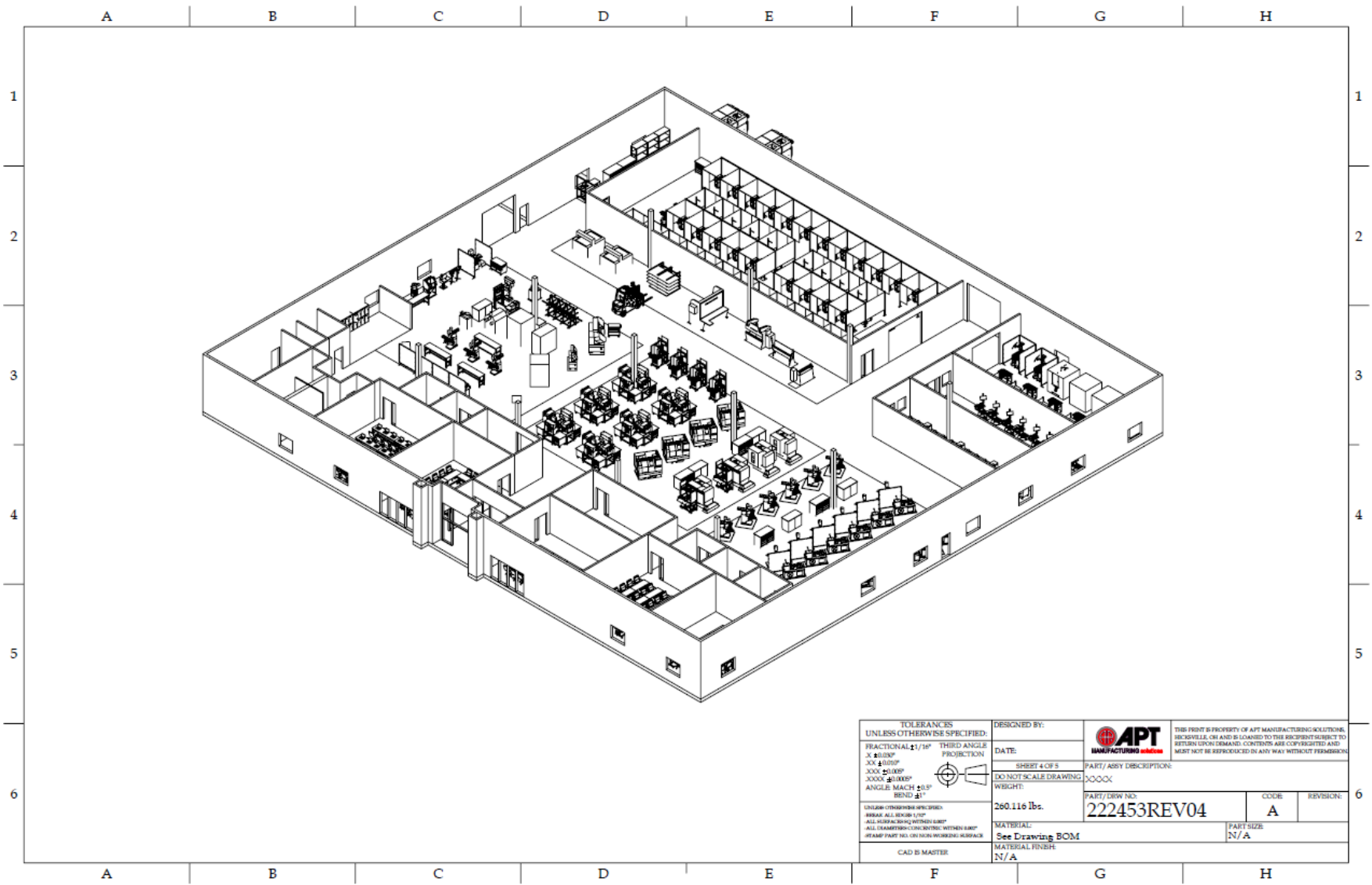
With its cutting-edge facilities, industry-aligned programs, and collaborative partnerships, the ATC plays a vital role in preparing students for success in the rapidly evolving technology-driven economy.

ATC Programs of Study Include:

- CNC Precision Machining and Measurement
- Welding/Fabrication
- Industrial Maintenance
- Automation, Robotics, and Mechatronics
- Milling & Tooling Pathway
- Certified Production Technician (CPT)
- Certified Logistics Technician (CLT)
- Certified Technician – Supply Chain Automation



Permanent Advanced Technology Center Valley Center Drive (30,000 sq. ft.)



- Additional 18,000 sq. ft. of additional available land on north end of building.
- Will allow for future growth in additional programs.
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony planned for spring 2024

How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

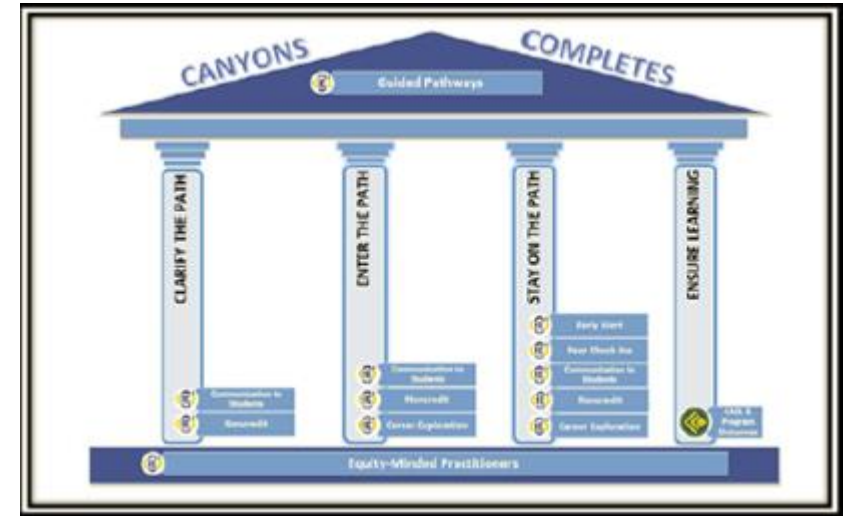
**COC Supports Student Success and
Completion through Guided Pathways**

Guided Pathways Enhances Student Success and Improves Outcomes

In 2017, the California Community Colleges began implementing the Guided Pathways framework. This initiative is a statewide effort aimed at transforming the student experience and improving educational outcomes within the CCC system.

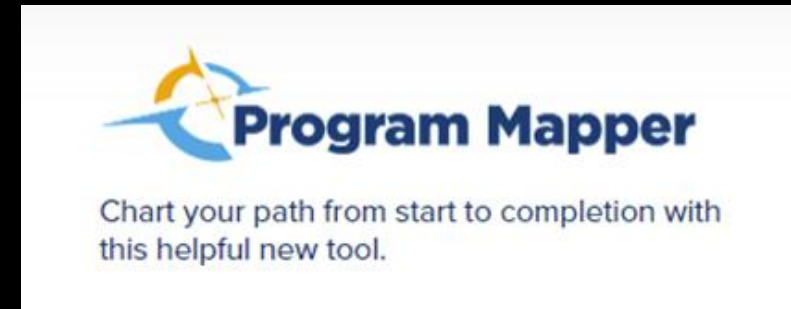
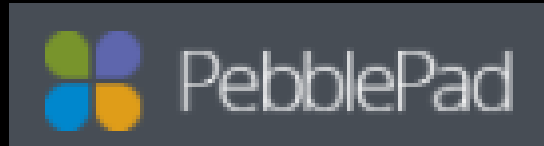
Some key components of Guided Pathways include:

- Development of clearly defined program pathways that map out the courses and milestones students need to complete to achieve their academic and career goals.
- Integration of support services (academic advising, counseling, tutoring, and career services).
- Student access to timely and relevant information about academic programs, career options, transfer opportunities, and financial aid.
- Prioritization of equity and inclusion by addressing disparities in access, retention, and completion strategies among underserved student populations that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- Utilization of data to inform decision-making and drive improvement efforts.



Canyons Completes Partnership Efforts Improve Student Experience and Success Through:

- Program Mapper – **100% of program maps (355) built!**
- Racial Equity for Adult Credentials in Higher Education (REACH)
- Folio Thinking (eportfolio powered by PebblePad)
- Integrative and Project-Based Learning
- Student Support Engagement: Canyons Cares
- Ujima Scholars (Black Student Success Team)
- Canyons Connects (connecting students to resources)
- Equity-Minded Practitioners
- Anti-Racism Speakers Series
- Inclusion/Diversity/Equity/Anti-Racism/Accessibility (IDEAA) Share Repository
- Student Alliances (part of the ICC)



What's Next...



- **Increase use of Canyons Connects** among faculty and support areas to connect students to support services and resources on campus to ensure their success.
- **Focus on currency/accuracy of Program Maps** – update maps to reflect CalGETC requirements and changes made through the Curriculum and SLO processes. As of today, **90%** of maps are current (322 out of 355)!
- **Launch new Program Maps** in Program Mapper (15 in the queue already for 2024/25)!
- **Promote the IDEAA Share Repository** which is a **repertoire of materials** for instructors to support Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-Racism and Accessibility (**IDEAA**) strategies.
- **Promote equitable success, attainment of their goals** and intentionally maximize opportunities for all students through cross-department and constituency collaboration to identify strategies, events, and other activities.
- **Leverage student researchers** majoring in Psychology and Sociology in the **IRPIE office** to assist with surveys, including calling students to gather student voice to inform planning and decision-making!
- **Finalize institutionalization of efforts** started under Canyons Completes into existing programs and departments as State categorical support ends after this year.



How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC Tailors Support Services to Meet
the Diverse Needs of Students**

Overview of Our Student Profile

Understanding who are students are helps us to better serve their needs and improve outcomes by creating supportive, responsive, and inclusive learning environments.

Here’s what we know about our students as of Fall 2023:

	 Statewide CCC	 College of the Canyons
Part-time	74%	75%
Student of color	72%	73%
Economically disadvantaged	64%	50%
Adult student (age 25 and older)	41%	24%
First-generation	35%	29%
Non-citizen	14%	4%
Working learner	64%	64%
With Associate’s or higher	12%	19%
Dual Enrolled	2%	7%

What Are Our Students Saying?

Here is feedback from students based on Fall 2023 Student Survey

Students appreciate	Students Wished for More
Kind and helpful staff	OnlineLive and Online classes
Caring and knowledgeable professors	Supplies in vending machines
Student support programs	Food options/affordable cafeteria food
Availability of resources	Ample parking
Easy access to Canvas/programs	Beginner-friendly website
Clear communication	Help with employment
Different locations	Evening CTE classes

"No challenges. I usually do it online and they respond fast especially counseling."

87 %

expressed they had
No Challenges with
accessing **services** at COC

"No challenges, they have been super helpful and informational. Feel happy that I have the resources and can seek them out."

Student Success Metrics

The number of students who have completed:

- Transfer-level English in their first year has increased from **15%** in 2011-12 to **46%** in 2021-22.
- Transfer-level math in their first year has increased from **7%** in 2011-12 to **34%** in 2021-22.

The number of students who earned degrees (AA/S or ADTs) has increased from **1,125** in 2012-13 to **2,028** in 2020-21, an **80.3%** increase.

The number of students who transferred to a four-year university has increased from **2,089** in 2014-15 to **2,653** in 2020-21, a **27%** increase.

The Bottom Line – The Data Tells Us...

We have seen **SUCSESSES** – We increased...

- Completion rates for **Transfer-Level Math and English** over past 5 years
- Completion of degrees, certificates and transfers to 4-year institutions

BUT, there is still work to be done--

- We need to examine how we are set up to ensure that we're serving our ***part-time*** students well.
- African-American/Black students, First-Generation students and Latinx/Hispanic Males face disproportionate impact in completion/transfer/transfer Math & English completion.

How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

COC is Dedicated to Student Success

Students Invited to 'Fuel Up'

The *College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education* provided free meals to students during its "**Fuel Up**" event on **Thursday, Aug. 24th**.

- Over **500 students** were treated to a delicious Mediterranean style box lunch.
- The meals were prepared by students in the **Advanced Catering** class from noon to 1:30



Building Futures - COC's Student Housing Project

- In 2021, COC partnered with Scion to conduct a Student Housing Feasibility Study.
- Study findings indicated a demand for student housing by a **50%** margin between what is available and what is needed.
- COC applied for a state grant to construct a 100-bed facility for qualifying students.
- On June 30, 2022, the State Budget allocated **\$62,858,000** to build Affordable Student Housing.
- In October 2022, the first allocation of funds in the amount of **\$23M** was received.
- In May 2023, the Governor's budget included language to require individual districts to take out a bond to pay for the construction.



Building Connection Opportunities to Support Student Success

The Institutional Effectiveness & Inclusive Excellence (IE)2 Committee continues to make a difference as a sub-committee of CPT in working in partnership with constituencies across campus to ensure commitment to improving the student experience. Highlights of impacts include:

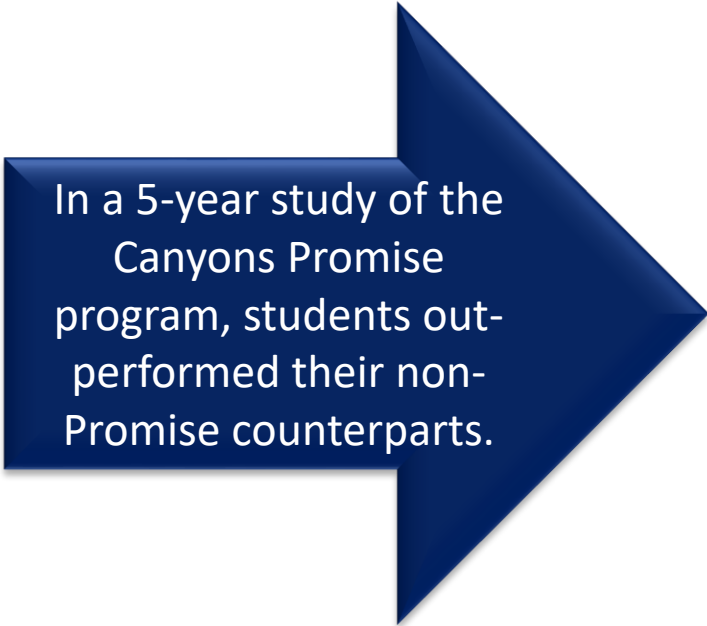
Improving the student experience in partnership with...

- Canyons Connects
- Program Mapper
- PebblePad (ePortfolio)
- Racial Equity for Adult Credentials in Higher Education (REACH)
- Canyons Cares
- Ujima Scholars
- Equity-Minded Practitioners
- Anti-Racism Speakers Series
- Intercultural Center
- IDEAA Coalition

Canyons Promise is Growing in Leaps and Bounds!

The ***Canyons Promise*** program provides incoming first-time college students the opportunity to attend COC tuition-free for their first two-years; and provides students with financial support, high-touch academic/counseling support, and peer support to increase student success.

Canyons Promise has served over **5300** students and saved students over **\$5 million** since 2017. Since then, the program has expanded from serving **250** students to **over 2000** in the 2023/24 academic year!



In a 5-year study of the Canyons Promise program, students outperformed their non-Promise counterparts.

	Promise	Non-Promise
• Persisted Fall to Spring	91%	84%
• Persisted Fall to Fall	81%	69%
• Completed Math & English in 1 st year	55%	31%
• Completed Degree or Certificate within 2 years	29%	12%
• Transferred to 4-year institution	40%	37%
• Average number of units @ end of 1 st year	40	30
• Average GPA @ end of 1 st year	3.26	2.86



What's new with
Open Educational
Resources and Zero
Textbook Cost
pathways?

OER/ZTC by the numbers



During the academic year 2022-23

Online Ed facilitated:

- **37** projects creating or improving OER textbooks and courses
- **7** new OER textbooks authored by our faculty

Online Ed offered:

- **21** OER workshops/training sessions
- **5** OER week-long training courses

Faculty offering ZTC sections saved students millions of dollars.

What's Next for OER/ZTC?



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- 2021: COC was instrumental in securing **\$115M** state funding for a revived state grant program.
 - 2023: COC is the Technical Assistance Provider for the \$115M grant.
 - 2023: Locally, COC secured **\$600,000** for Land Surveying, Sustainable Architecture, and Water Technology ZTC pathways
 - With a Title V grant, funding is available to support OER development in STEM

How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC Empowers Prosperity through
Economic Development & Workforce
Training**

COC Continues to Play a Pivotal Role in Growing Our Local Economy

The Workforce & Economic Advancement Division currently provides focused services in workforce development, training and entrepreneurship to **1,971** businesses and **2,379** individuals.

Other recent noteworthy accomplishments include:

- Developed new courses in Technical Writing and Cisco Certified Network Associate in partnership with Northrop Grumman.
- Currently serving as the lead institution for the South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) **Centers of Excellence** grant.
- Fast Track programs achieved a **90%** graduation/placement rate from our *Advanced Manufacturing Program*.



COC Trains Students for Aerospace Certification Program

COC has partnered with Northrop Grumman to create a training program for the application of low observable (stealth) coatings, an area of expertise that is in high demand.

Highlights of the program include:

- Our Employee Training Institute hires Northrop Grumman employees to teach the 13-week, 130-hour course.
- Four cohorts (total of **58** students) have completed the program to date.
- Fifth cohort started on February 20th.
- COC is the only community college in California to offer a training program for the application of low observable coatings.
- Graduates have the potential opportunity to be hired by Northrop Grumman.



During tour of COC, U.S. Rep. Mike Garcia tries out virtual technology used by Low Observable program.

COC's Uniquely Abled-Academy Continues to Gain Momentum

Launched in the spring of 2018, the Uniquely Abled Academy provides advanced training and support for highly functional autistic individuals to work as Computer Numeric Controlled (CNC) machinists.

- To date, the program has trained **40** students, all of whom found employment after earning a UAA certificate.
- **Fifteen** community colleges across the country have replicated our UAA CNC program.
- By 2025, **10** more colleges will have adopted our program.
- COC was recently recognized as a top-performing training provider by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board for its **100%** job placement of UAA graduates.
- The UAA is set to relocate to the Advanced Technology Center in spring 2024.



ETI Receives Training Award

COC's **Employee Training Institute (ETI)** received **\$749,785** from the **California Employment Training Panel (ETP)** to provide worker training to client companies in the Santa Clarita Valley who wish to retain an up-skilled workforce through customized training programs.

- The two-year reimbursement contract will allow the college to offset the training costs charged to employers who meet the eligibility requirements set by ETP.
- This is the **17th** contract of its kind awarded to the college!
- This contract will bring the total ETP funding to more than \$9 million brought to Santa Clarita Valley employers to offset training costs.



How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC's Professional Development
Continues to Set the Standard in
California**

COC Builds Skills to Shape Futures



COC Professional Development continues to lead the way in California!

- Offered **494** trainings for faculty and staff online and in person in 2023/24
- The New Administrator Mentor Group meets monthly. The overall purpose of this group is to provide new administrators an opportunity to ask questions about their administrative roles and learn what's expected of members of the administrative team.
- Worked with Enterprise Application Systems in 23/24 to offer cybersecurity training for all employees and at both campuses, including:
 - ✓ Cybersecurity: What You Need to Know NOW to Stay Safe
 - ✓ How to Create Surveys and Ensure Data Security
 - ✓ How Faculty are Helping to Combat Enrollment Fraud
- A new LEAP ONE will be offered in Spring 2024 that will focus on ***building confidence to lead.***

Employee Onboarding Redesign

Human Resources has launched a redesign of the employee onboarding experience. The highlights of this program are as follows:

- Implemented **NeoEd** in 2023 as a new Applicant Tracking System and Onboarding Dashboard.
- Established a **toolkit** for supervisors and the new employee.
- Redesigned **new hire orientation** to focus on connections through campus tours, luncheons with their cohort, and key administrators and staff to build foundational resources.
- Hired the Talent Acquisition Manager (Classified Administrator), Courtney Cordova, to oversee outreach strategies in recruiting.

How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC Continues to Redefine
Excellence with Cutting-Edge
Facilities**



Takeda Science Center



- Opened Fall 2021
- 55,000 square-foot, 4-story facility
- Provides significant opportunities for lab/classroom instruction and student engagement
- Added 19 classrooms/labs along with group study, conference, lobby, and other engagement spaces



Student Services & Learning Resources Center



- Opened Winter 2023
- 55,000 square-foot, 4-story facility
- Added comprehensive student services space, multiple classrooms, library, TLC tutoring center, health/wellness center, communications/repro, welcome center, meeting space and group study, faculty/staff tech center, and more.



Health & Natural Sciences Center

- Future Health and Natural Sciences Center at the Canyon Country Campus
- 25,000 SF
- Target Date: Spring 2026
- Anticipated to include depts/functions such as:
 - Anthropology, MakerSpace, Chemistry (including Organic Chem), Biology, Environmental Science, Astronomy, Pharmacy Technician, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Lab Technician, etc.



VAPA/PAC/GALLERY

Commercial Music Recording Studio in Pico Canyon Hall

- Modernization of a lecture classroom into a state-of-the-art recording studio facility in support of our Commercial Music Program (Commercial Music, Recording Technology, & Sound Arts)



Canyon Country Campus Early Childhood Education Center

The Canyon Country Campus Early Childhood Education (ECE) reopened in Fall 2023 following repair work needed after the Tick Fire.

Located in CCC-200/201, the CCC ECE is a beautiful facility with accredited staff that helps to serve this important need.



Student Union at Valencia Campus

Construction on the modernization of the Student Center is expected to begin in Fall 2024 with a duration of 18 months. (We expect to receive DSA approval in April 2024.)

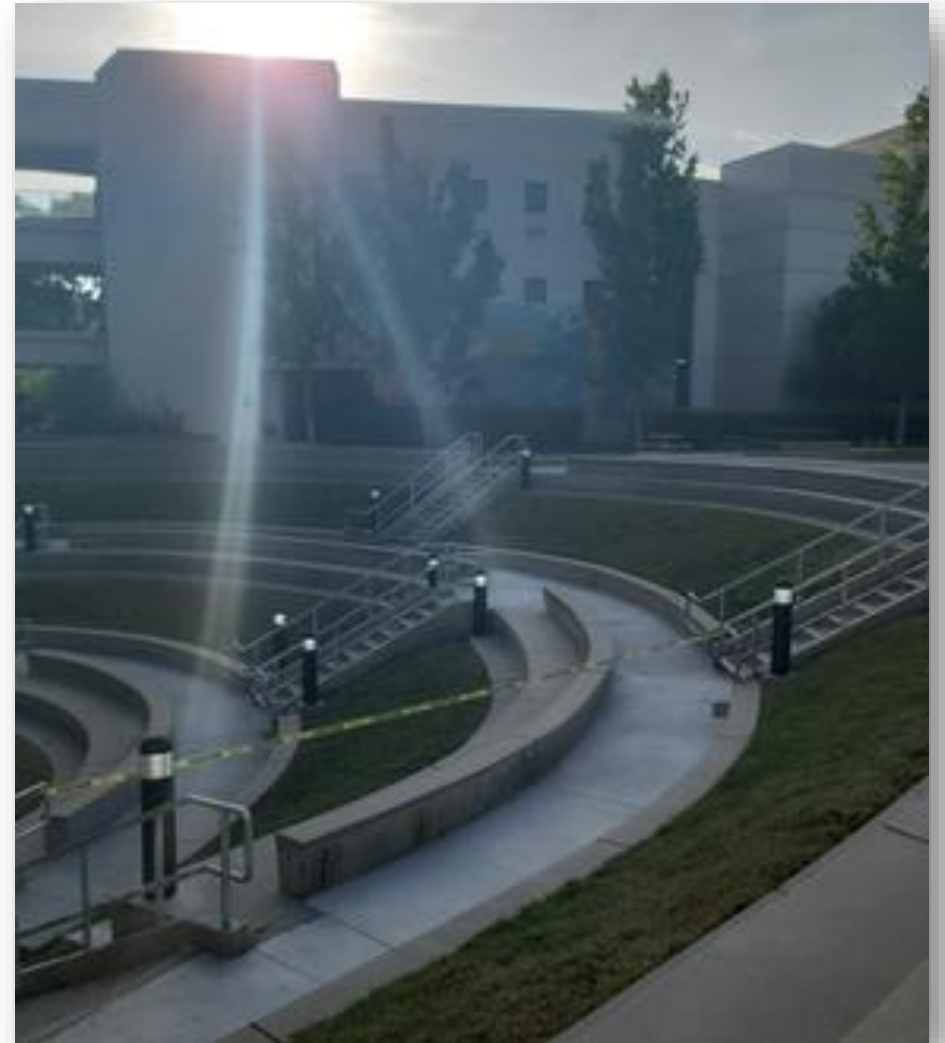
- The programs within the Student Center have expanded; the current space distribution no longer meets the current operational needs; and wayfinding has become increasingly complex throughout the building.
- The existing footprint of the building will remain the same; however the program spaces will be reorganized to meet contemporary program needs and to provide easier wayfinding for students and staff.



ADA Transition Project

Phase I of this long-term, campus wide project was completed in 2020.

Work on Phase II of the ADA Transition Plan began in late 2022. This phase is focusing on ensuring paths of travel – which includes parking, signage, walkways, stairs and ramps – comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Boykin Hall Modernization Project

Construction began in 2022 with a current projected completion of Spring 2024.

The Boykin Hall Modernization Project includes:

- **26,176** assignable square feet of instructional and office space.
- Full seismic retrofit of the building.
- Complete modernization of all three floors.
- ADA compliant upgrades to the adjacent restrooms.
- An elevator.



How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC Fosters Community Through Its
Focus on Inclusion**

Grand Opening of the Intercultural Center

The ceremonial ribbon was cut for the ICC on September 13th, officially opening a new facility designed as a place to meet, build community, and serve as a bridge to student resources.

Programs that live in the ICC include:

- Undocumented Resources Center (URC)
- Native American Student Support and Success Program (NASSSP)
- Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Program
- LGBTQ+ Program including our Alliances, Mental Health Services, and Mentoring.



Voices of Diversity – Guest Speaker Series at the Intercultural Center

Labor leader Dolores Huerta spoke to a packed crowd of **250+** in the ICC to mark Hispanic Heritage Month and Labor Day.

Heurta discussed the evolution of public policy, social justice, and advocacy during her labor and community organizing career; as well as how young people can best serve their communities.



Race relations scholar and author Dr. Shelby Steele spoke to a crowd of approximately **100** in the ICC. Steele specializes in the study of race relations, multiculturalism, and affirmative action.

COC's Political Science instructor, Lena Smyth served as the interviewer for the event which focused on the impact of contemporary social programs on race relations in American society.

COC Enhances Its Impact Through Its Community Partnerships

3M

ABACORP CNC

Advanced Bionics LLC

Aero Engineering & Manufacturing Co.

Aerospace Dynamics International, Inc.

Aerotech Precision Machining, Inc.

Air Flow Research Heads, Inc.

American Rototool

AMS Fulfillment/ Advantage Media Services

Aquafine Corporation

Artesyn Biosolutions USA LLC

Assistance League

Aurora Casting & Engineering, Inc.

Avita Medical

B & B Manufacturing

B. Braun Medical Inc

Bluemark

Boston Scientific Corporation

Bridge to Home

More COC Community Partnerships

Elite Media Technologies

Fashion Square Car Wash

Foreign Language Council

Forrest Machining Inc.

Fralock

Golden Oak Adult School Advisory Board

H & H Machining Center Inc.

H2Scan Corporation

Hart District College & Career Readiness Advisory Board

Hedman Partners

Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital

Honda Performance Development

HRD Aero Systems, Inc.

Human Trafficking Summit

Infinity Precision Inc. DBA Design Engineering

ITT Control Technologies

ITT Industries Aerospace Controls

J & R Precision, Inc.

Jenson USA

More COC Community Partnerships

Photosonics

Picnic Time, Inc.

Quallion

R.L. Anodizing and Plating Inc.

RAH Industries Inc.

RB Machine

Realty Executives Santa Clarita

Remo Inc.

Rexnord Aerospace

Rise and Shine Preschool

RJS Supplies

Rotary Club of Santa Clarita Valley

RTC Aerospace

Russ Consulting

S&H Machine

Salt Creek Grille

San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valley Regional Coalition

Santa Clarita Ballet

Santa Clarita Emergency Preparedness Working Group

More COC Community Partnerships

Stay Green
Steinway & Sons
Stratasys Direct Manufacturing
Summer Institute
Sunvair
Superior Thread Rolling
Talladium Inc.
Technical Manufacturing West
Technicolor Global Logistics
Teledyne Reynolds
The Wonderful Company
Total Resources International, Inc.
Transfer Day
Triumph Actuation Systems - Valencia
Troll Systems Corporation/ T2 Corporation
True Position Technologies, Inc.
UCLA Health
Ultra Violet Devices
Universal Hosiery

Supporting Our Student Parents: Canyons Boys & Girls Club

- Club for student parents to bring school age children to a clubhouse at COC while they attend classes in the afternoon and evening. Benefits include
 - ✓ Student parents enroll in more units and complete their goals faster.
 - ✓ Students who currently are not yet enrolled at COC due to childcare needs, would now be able to enroll.
 - ✓ Employment opportunities for Federal Work study and college assistants.
 - ✓ Creates a college going culture for the children at the club.
 - ✓ Cost - \$60 or less per YEAR!.
- COC BGC Survey results
 - ✓ Students - 43% indicated they would be interested in their children attending an on-campus, Boys and Girls Club after-school care/youth development program while they attend class.
 - ✓ Employees - 45% indicated they would be interested in their children attending an on-campus, Boys and Girls Club after-school care/youth development program while they work.
- Next step is a feasibility study by the local BGC to look at funding needs and timeline.

How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC Builds Success Through Its
Strong Fiscal Management**

2023-24 Adopted Budget (Fund 11 – Operating Budget)

We have a Balanced Budget!

Fund	Description	Total Budgeted Expenditures plus Ending Fund Balance
11	Unrestricted General Fund	\$ 165,171,463
12	Restricted General Fund – Grants and Categorical	\$ 78,424,657
21	Bond Interest/Redemption Fund – Debt service payments on General Obligation Bonds (derived from property taxes)	\$ 52,145,178
29	Debt Service Fund – General long-term debt principal and interest (derived from District resources through interfund transfers)	\$ 1,180,724
32	Cafeteria Fund – Campus food expenses and expenses related to the repair and upkeep of the cafeteria kitchen facility	\$ 46,943
33	Child Development Fund – Operation and maintenance of the Child Development Center	\$ 1,736,932
37	Special Revenue-Asset Management Fund – Expenses in conjunction with any Asset Management efforts	\$ 19,871
39	Special Revenue-Student Center Fund – Annual debt service on the Student Center Remodel	\$ 792,031
41	State Construction Fund – District Capital Construction Projects approved by the State’s Board of Governors	\$ 752,141
43	Capital Projects Fund – District Capital Construction Projects	\$ 6,022,074
44	Scheduled Maintenance Fund – Scheduled Maintenance Projects	\$ 4,980,621
45	Measure E GO Bond Election 2016 Series 2019 Fund – District Capital Construction Projects	\$ 21,757,080
47	Measure E GO Bond Election 2016 Series 2022 Fund – District Capital Construction Projects	\$ 70,683,488
49	Field Turf Replacement Fund – Future field turf repairs and replacement	\$ 599,339
58	Performing Arts Center Fund – “COC Presents” performances held at the Performing Arts Center	\$ 346,482
59	Employee Training Institute Fund – Contract Education offered through the Employee Training Institute	\$ 2,300,394
68	CalSTRS/CalPERS Liability Fund – STRS/PERS Increased Cost - District Contributions	\$ 6,319,703
69	Internal Services-Retiree Benefits Fund – Future retiree medical benefits	\$ 6,972,077
72	Student Representation Fee Trust Fund – Support for governmental affairs representatives for the student body	\$ 623,885
74	Student Financial Aid Fund – Federal and State grants and direct loans to the student body	\$ 20,913,314
75	Scholarship and Loan Trust Fund – Scholarships and awards from the Foundation to the student body	\$ 932,596
TOTAL		\$ 442,720,993

2024-2025 January Governor's Budget Overview

On January 10, 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom Released His Proposed Budget For The 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

- **Budget Deficit:** This Is The Second Year That There Is A Budget Deficit: 2023-24 and 2024-25
- **No Reduction:** Although The Governor's Budget Forecasts A \$38 Billion Statewide Funding Shortfall, There Is No Reduction To The Community College System Budget.
- **Modest Increase:** There Is A Modest Increase In Additional Ongoing Resources For California Community Colleges Appropriations And Categorical Programs, Relying On A Withdrawal Of Proposition 98 Rainy Day Funds.

The Governor's Budget addresses \$37.9 billion deficit

- \$13.1 billion **Reserves:** The Budget Draws Upon Funds From The State's Reserves; \$12.2 M Rainy Day Fund, \$900 M Safety Net Reserve .
- \$ 8.5 billion **Reductions:** The Budget Reduces Funding For Various Items, Climate, Infrastructure, Housing, Vacant Positions, Etc.
- \$ 5.7 billion **Revenue/Internal Borrowing:** The budget includes support from revenue sources and borrows internally from special funds.
- \$ 5.1 billion **Delays:** The Budget Delays Funding For Multiple Items And Spreads It Across The 3 Year Period In 2025-26 Without Reducing The Total Amount Of Funding 2024-25
- \$ 3.4 billion **Fund Shifts:** The Budget Shifts Certain Expenditures From General Fund To Other Funds, E.G. School Facilities.
- \$ 2.1 billion **Deferrals:** The budget defers specific obligations to the 2025-26 fiscal year.

No More Emergency Conditions Allowance! What Does That Mean For Revenue?

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
COLA	8.22%	2.00%	3.50%	3.50%
Total FTES (2% Inc each year)	13,635.00	13,907.70	14,185.85	14,469.57
TCR (Apportionment Revenue)	\$ 133,449,378	\$ 129,521,591	\$ 130,171,598	\$ 132,343,314
SCFF / Stability / Hold Harmless	Stability	Stability	Stability	SCFF
Revenue Incr./((Decr.) from PY		(\$ 3,927,787)	\$ 650,000	\$ 2,171,716
Revenue % Incr./((Decr.) from PY		-2.94%	0.50%	1.67%
Expense Increase from Prior Year STRS/PERS, Steps, Utilities, Insurance, License Fees, Fixed Fringe		<u>(\$4,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$4,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$4,000,000)</u>
Net Short/Over		(\$8,000,000)	(\$3,350,000)	(\$2,000,000)

2024-2025 Community College Budget

- \$48.3 M On-Going Funding:
 - \$ 69.2 M SCFF Increase – 0.76% COLA (Consistent with K-12 COLA)
 - \$ 29.6 M Enrollment Growth @ 0.5%
 - \$ 9.5 M Categorical COLA @ 0.76%
 - \$ 1.5 M Adjustment for Financial Aid Administration
 - (\$ 61.5 M) Adjustment for Affordable Student Housing
 - *Redirect Annual Rental Subsidies to Fund Student Housing Projects That Don't Fit Within Lease Revenue Bond Program*
- \$60.0 M One-Time Funding:
 - \$ 60.0 M Expand Nursing Program Capacity
- (\$111.9 M) Technical Adjustment
 - SCFF Other Base Adjustments
- (\$ 3.6 M) TOTAL CHANGES



How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC Actively Advocates for the Needs
and Interests of Our Students**

CCC Affordable Housing Still on Track



Administration Remains Committed To A Statewide Lease Revenue Bond Approach



DOF is Developing A Proposal For Consideration At The May Revision. Certain Milestones Have To Be Met For Existing Projects That They Will Be Completed With Resources Provided.



Proposes Using Resources Included In The 2023 Budget To Support Those Projects

Nursing Program Support



An increase of \$60 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund to expand nursing programs and Bachelor of Science in Nursing partnerships



To develop, educate, and maintain the next generation of registered nurses through the community college system, subject to future statutory changes



Consistent with 2023-24 budget act which intended to provide \$60 million one-time Proposition 98 General Fund per year for five years, starting in the 2024-25 fiscal year

Cal Grant Reform



The 2022 Budget Act Reflected Provisions Regarding The Fiscal Conditions Upon Which The Cal Grant Reform Act May Be Implemented



The Administration Remains Attentive To The 2022 Budget Act's Provisions Regarding The Fiscal Conditions Upon Which The Cal Grant Reform Act May Be Implemented



Will Continue To Work Closely With The Legislature, The Commission, And Others

School Facility Program

The Kindergarten through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 (Proposition 51), (November 2016)

Which authorized \$9 billion in state General Obligation bonds to support K-12 and community college school facilities construction.

Community Colleges Have a Greater Need – More Than Previous 1/3 Split with K-12 and CSU - To Support Aging Infrastructure

Expects to reach agreement on a bond proposal to be considered in the November 2024 election.

How Does COC Stand Out as a Community College?

**COC Embraces Our Culture Through
Events and Celebrations**

We Love to Party!

Jazz Ensemble Summer Recording

The COC Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Adjunct Professor Darren Castello, raised money for a recording session at a professional studio in Burbank this summer. The Associated Student Government also pitched in with a grant that allowed for the hiring of a cinematographer to capture the session on film and the resulting music video has been uploaded to YouTube.

- The '22-'23 school year was the first time the college has featured an all-student jazz big band in 10 years.
- Enrollment has increased **300%** since Spring '22, the first semester of this newly formed ensemble.
- The increase in enrollment has prompted the opening of a second section for Fall '23, a first for the COC music department.



Welcome Day Draws Hundreds of Visitors

The Valencia campus was bustling on **Friday, Aug. 11th**, for ***Welcome Day***, as new and prospective students visited the campus to learn about majors, career programs, clubs, and student services.

- *Canyons Hall*, the *Student Center*, and *Intercultural Center* were packed with tables where visitors had a chance to meet with college faculty, staff, and students to learn more about the opportunities available at both campuses this fall.
- Representatives were also on hand to help students apply and register, and get information about financial aid.
- Visitors who received at last five stamps on their passport cards earned a free Kona Ice.



Employees Honored for Service

Employees were honored for their years of service during two celebrations at the University Center on **August 14th and 15th**.

- Employees celebrating **5 and 10 years** of service were honored at a luncheon on **Monday, August 15th**.
- Those marking **15 and more** years of service were honored at a dinner celebration on **Tuesday, August 16th**.
- Joan MacGregor was honored as the longest-serving California Community College CEO.



Opening Day 2023

We hosted a magical **Opening Day** celebration on **Friday, Aug. 18th**. "*The Magic Is in the People*" was the theme for this event, which included lunch, entertainment, prizes, and much more.



New Faculty Luncheon

On Monday, September 11th we reignited a **New Faculty Luncheon** in the PAC to welcome all of our new faculty.



COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

New Faculty Luncheon

PLEASE JOIN US

* Monday, September 11th, 2023

11:30am-1:30pm

Valencia Campus
Performing Arts Center (PAC) Lobby

You're Invited

RSVP to Cyndi.Trudeau@canyons.edu and Leslie.Carr@canyons.edu

Hosted by: Chancellor, Dr. Dianne Van Hook and Academic Senate President, David Andrus



Economic Outlook

The **2023 Economic Outlook** for the Santa Clarita Valley was held on **Friday, Sept. 15th**, at the Performing Arts Center.

- The event included an in-depth look at national and local economies, as well as global trends.
- Futurist and author **Jack Uldrich** will discussed future trends, innovation, change management, and emerging technologies, and economist **Mark Schniepp** will release the full forecast.



Transfer Day

Transfer Day returned to College of the Canyons on **Tuesday, Sept. 20th**, with representatives from more than **60** universities on hand to provide students with transfer and admission guidance.



Veterans Collaborative Hosts Inaugural Job Fair

Santa Clarita Veteran Services

Collaborative hosted its inaugural free veterans' job fair at College of the Canyons on **Friday, Sept. 29th**.

- Attendees had the opportunity to connect with local companies looking to hire veterans, additional resources available to them, and government representatives.
- The Santa Clarita Veteran Services Collaborative partnered with the **COC Veterans Resource Center** and **Curtiss Wright Corp.** to make the fair possible.
- There were a total of **45** tables representing different companies and organizations filling up the COC East Gymnasium for attendees to network with.



A Banner Day for Alumni

The College of the Canyons Foundation honored outstanding alumni from various industries and disciplines during an awards celebration on **Saturday, Sept. 30th**.

- The honorees received souvenir banners, smaller versions of those displayed on campus.
- The outstanding alumni are:

Alahna Martinez
Benjamin Budhu
Carlos Orozco
Jammal Yarbrough
Kayla Marquez
Sarah Brewer

Annabelle Hussain
Candise Vogel
Caroline Menjivar
Kari McCoy
Mary MacAdam



Hispanic Heritage Recognition



Dr. Claudia Acosta, chair of the Department of Modern Languages & Cultures, was among a contingent that accepted a proclamation from the **Santa Clarita City Council** on **Tuesday, Sept. 26th**, officially recognizing ***Hispanic Heritage Month***.

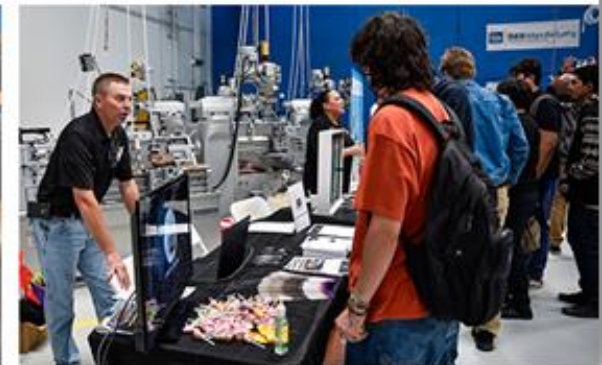
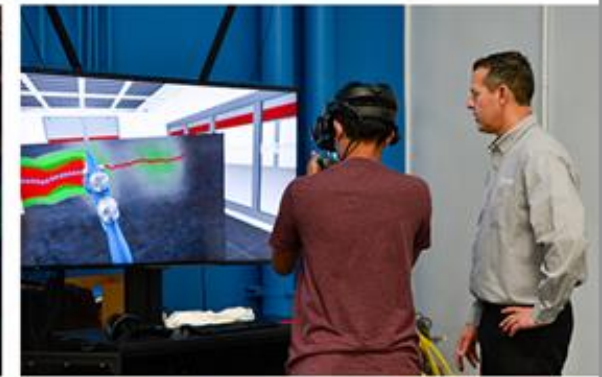
Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 to recognize the contributions of Hispanics to the history, culture, and achievements of the U.S.



Manufacturing Day

College of the Canyons hosted **Manufacturing Day** at the *interim Advanced Technology Center* on **Thursday, Oct. 5th**.

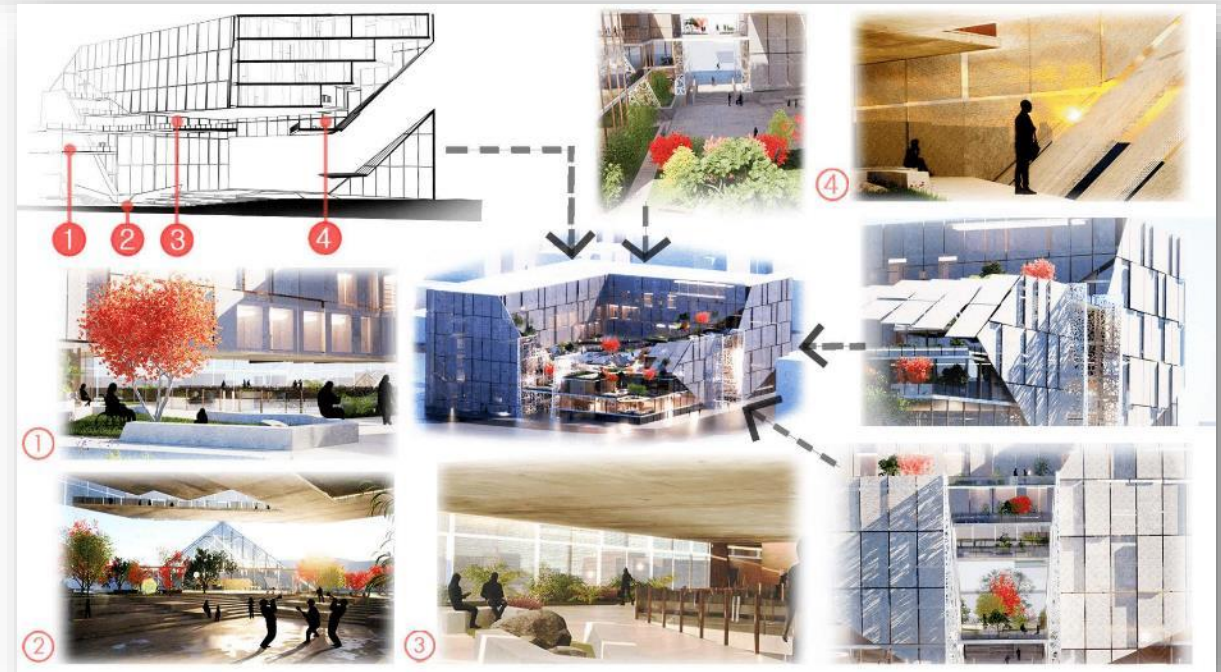
- Over **200** Hart District students attended the event, with **18** businesses showcasing a variety of manufacturing fields.
- Business partners explained some of the latest technological trends and provided insight about potential career paths.
- The Hart District helped secure buses to get the students from their schools to the ATC.



National Competition

A team of College of the Canyons architecture students and their faculty advisors, **Jason Oliver** and **Carlos Gomez**, presented their restorative community design proposal, "**Quarter Note**," at the annual conference for the **National Organization of Minority Architects** Oct. 11-15th.

Themed "**Building Bridges: Towards Just and Joyful Futures**," the prestigious conference in Portland, Ore., was attended by more than **1,200** professional designers, as well as teams from colleges and universities across the nation.



Our System's Vision for the Future

On **Oct. 18th**, College of the Canyons welcomed California Community Colleges **Chancellor Dr. Sonya Christian**, who shared with a group of **77** people the details of ***Vision 2030***, a roadmap for bold and thoughtful action for the state's community colleges.

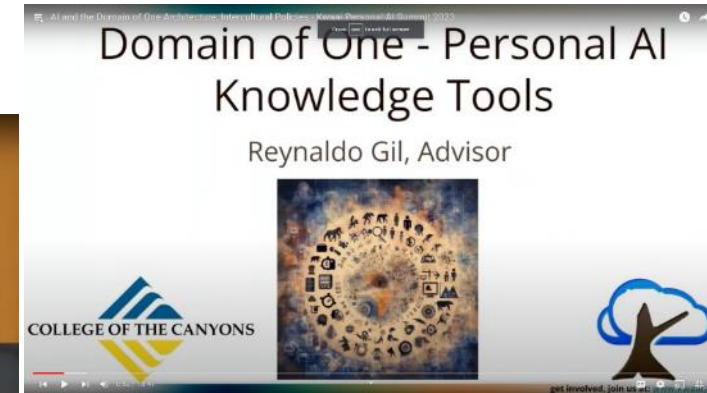
The convening in the University Center lobby highlighted how College of the Canyons leverages the power of partnerships to fuel regional economies and support social mobility.



AI Summit

College of the Canyons in collaboration with Kwaai Lab (pronounced 'kwy') presented the inaugural **Artificial Intelligence Summit** on **Saturday, Oct. 14th** at the **University Center**.

- The theme was “**AI will shape the future. How will we shape AI?**” in light of the ever-changing college and career environments we face today.
- What began as a visit from Ruth Rassool in Dr. Torres’ open office hours developed into this inaugural summit of industry leaders, educators, and thinkers.
- **60** attendees participated *in-person*, **255** via *LinkedIn Live* and **30** via *Zoom*.



Chancellor's Circle Dinner

- The **Chancellor's Circle Dinner** celebrated student success and urged investment in the future against the backdrop of the coolest decade in history.
- ***Let's Party Like it's 1988*** was the retro theme for the **Friday, Oct. 20th**, event at the Valencia campus TLC.
- Nearly **200** Chancellor's Circle members and guests, many sporting eye-popping neon and vintage fashions, were treated to a nostalgic celebration.
- A live band rocked the backdrop with eighties music, while students showcased the results of projects funded by Chancellor's Circle innovation grants.



Lee Smelser Court Dedication

College of the Canyons unveiled the newly named **Lee Smelser Court** during a dedication ceremony **Saturday, Oct. 21st**, that honored the college's first basketball coach and his **31** years of dedicated service.

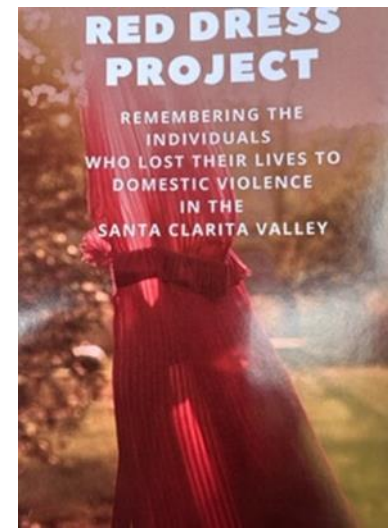
- The ceremony in **West PE's Cougar Cage** was followed by the annual **Blue & Gold** basketball team scrimmage and luncheon.
- The college hired Smelser in 1969 to help develop the physical education department and launch men's basketball program.
- During his career, he amassed **455** career wins and four Western State Conference championships (1985, 1991, 1992, 1994) while dedicating his time, energy, and mentorship to thousands of student-athletes.



Red Dress Project Project

COC's **Golden Z Club** in partnership with the **Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley** hosted a **flagpole** memorial event on **October 25th** for victims who lost their lives due to domestic violence.

- Over **100** students visited the table to learn more about the mission of Zonta, specifically how the organization works to improve the lives of women and girls. Zonta also addresses many of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, including gender equity.
- **Ten** students expressed interest in joining COC's Golden Z Chapter, which is led by faculty advisors Patty Robinson, Faculty Director, Civic and Community Engagement and Jessica Edmond, ESL Instructor and co-lead of the Civic and Community Engagement Steering Committee.



October 25, 2023
10 am - 2 pm



College of the
Canyons
Flag Pole

*Remembering those
who have lost their
lives due to
domestic violence...*



BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Job Fair Attracts Large Crowd

A record **584** job seekers descended on the **West PE gymnasium Friday, Oct. 27th**, for the ***Santa Clarita Job Fair***.

- Of those job seekers:
 - ✓ **183** were Current COC Students .
 - ✓ **401** were Community Members, **161** of which were COC **Alumni** and **20** were **Veterans**.
- **110** companies were represented at the Job Fair as well our partners – City of Santa Clarita, SCV Chamber of Commerce, America's Job Center of California, and the SCV Economic Development Corp.



Art Gallery Event

On **Nov. 2nd** the **Art Gallery** hosted an opening reception for the ***New Visual Arts Faculty*** Exhibition, featuring works created by new faculty members of the Visual and Performing Arts Division.

- **108** guests, consisting of COC students, staff, faculty and students from CalArts attended the reception.
- The artists were present to personally explain their works, giving attendees unique insights into their creative processes and inspirations
- The exhibition features vibrant and diverse work, from photographs and sculptures to video, created by our newest faculty members in the Visual and Performing Arts.



Spring 2024 Cougar Fest

CougarFest was earlier this month to help new and returning students forge connections with campus resources, student clubs, and alliances.

- Hosted by **Campus Life & Student Engagement**, the events took place on **Monday, Feb. 12th** at the **Canyon Country** campus and **Tuesday, Feb. 13th** at the **Valencia** campus
- Attendees had the opportunity to take campus tours, learn about supportive campus resources, and connect with our clubs and alliances through fun booths and amusing activities.



Kindness Week

Kindness Week kicked off on Monday, **Feb. 12th**, with an array of opportunities on both campuses for staff and faculty to participate in activities geared toward forging new friendships and creating meaningful campus connections.

- ***Be the 'I' in KIND*** – Monday, Feb. 12th we had a photo op at the ICC at our Kind Wall and left positive messages with chalk in front of the ICC and Upper Plaza and CCC.
- ***Garden of Kindness*** – Tuesday, Feb. 13th Students and employees were able to grab a rock to paint or write inspirational messages to spread kindness.
- ***Be the Reason Someone Smiles Today*** – Wed. Feb. 14th A DJ filled the air with festive music, hot chocolate, kettle corn, lawn games, therapy dogs, and Cougars are Kind T-Shirts.



The Spring 2024 Semester is in Full Swing

The Spring 2024 semester is fully underway, with just over **13,000** students returning to campus, and **1,879** (credit=1,547 and noncredit=332) class sections being offered in a variety of formats.

As of the end of the first week of the spring semester, we have achieved **100%** of our target of **4,247 FTES**, which is **7%** higher than Spring 2023 as of the end of the first week of classes.



The background of the image is a deep blue sky filled with dark, heavy clouds. A bright light source, likely the sun or moon, is visible near the horizon, creating a strong glow and illuminating the clouds from below. The overall mood is dramatic and contemplative.

What's Ahead?

Baccalaureate Degree Proposal Status

COC submitted a proposal to the State Chancellor's Office for a Baccalaureate Degree (Sustainable Architecture) in January 2023.

- The Bachelor of Arts in Sustainable Architecture Degree program prepares students for Sustainable Building Certification System credential exams and employment in the A/E/C (Architecture/Engineering/Construction) Industry.
- Received Substantive Change proposal approval by ACCJC in preparation for program submission to the State.
- Notified of *conditional approval* by the State Chancellor's Office in May 2023.
- Received CSU duplication concerns in May 2023.
- Addressed CSU objections from Sacramento State with the State Chancellor's Office.
- Developed advocacy strategy:
 - ✓ Initiated effort with other CEOs
 - ✓ Requested legislators send a letter to State Chancellor
 - ✓ Discussed with State Chancellor
 - ✓ Presented solution to BOG member
 - ✓ Submitted opinion letter to Signal



ID.me simplifies how individuals prove and share their identity online.

ID.me was implemented by CCCCO for people who apply through the CCCApply application. This is a way to deter fraud and stop bots from submitting hundreds of thousands of fraudulent applications every year.

- The ID.me process is used by entities such as the Social Security office, the IRS, and many other government agencies.
- Students will need to verify their identity through ID.me by providing their SSN, scanning their Driver's License or state ID, and taking a selfie for the program.
- Students who are undocumented, don't have an SSN, are under the age of 18, or are incarcerated cannot be verified through ID.me.
- There is a button that says "Verify later" if the student does not want or cannot use the ID.me product.

CCCID

The CCCCO is requiring all students to have a CCCID. The CCCID is generated when a person completes the first part of the CCCApply application.

- If a student completes a paper application (noncredit, Rising Scholars, ISAs, some dual enrollment populations, etc.) they do not get a CCCID.
- The CCCCO is now requiring the college to generate the CCCID on behalf of all students that do not complete the CCCApply application.
- This mandates all CCCs to generate an email and password to CCCApply for all students who use a paper application.

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