



Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting
November 10, 2020

Bellwether Finalist – Congratulations!



College of the Canyons was recently selected as a **Top 10 Bellwether Finalist** for its submission entitled “*Dismantling Barriers to Support Students: Placement Exams & Developmental courses.*”

- This nationally recognized **Bellwether Award** focuses on cutting-edge, trend-setting programs worthy of replication, where selected community colleges address critical issues through applicable research and the promotion of best practices addressing instructional programs and services.
- Our application highlights the College’s innovative approach to **English** and **mathematics** *assessment* and *course sequence design* that has resulted in increased student completion in transfer-level English and mathematics while greatly reducing equity gaps.
- We will be competing on **January 25, 2021** for the prestigious award via virtual pre-recorded presentation and live Q&A conducted by the *Virtual Community College Futures Assembly*.
- The Futures Assembly affords each finalist team an opportunity to provide a 60-minute presentation to an audience of their peers and an anonymous team of judges selected as subject-matter experts, policy leaders or respected practitioners in higher education.

Awarded Grant to Support Anti-Racism with OER

The Community College Consortium for OER (CCCOER), jointly with COC received a grant awarded by the *William and Flora Hewlett Foundation*, for an **Open for Anti-Racism (OFAR) Project** for the California community colleges.

- The one-year project aims to demonstrate how faculty can use open educational resources and open pedagogy to make instructional materials and their teaching more anti-racist.
- Participating faculty will learn about *anti-racism, open educational resources, and open pedagogy* in a newly developed course entitled *Open for Anti-Racism (OFAR)*.
- Participation in the OFAR course is limited to 15 faculty (full-time or adjunct). Each will earn a \$500 stipend after completing the OFAR course, which includes developing an anti-racist action plan for implementation in a class they are teaching in spring 2021.
- Applications are due **November 20** and notifications will be sent by **December 7**.
- For more information go to: <https://www.oeglobal.org/>

COC Voting Center

A special ***shout out*** to **Dr. Patty Robinson** for organizing and coordinating all efforts to once again set up a Voting Center on campus and engage our students and community!

YOUR VOICE COUNTS

COC VOTE CENTER
VALENCIA CAMPUS, EPEK GYM
ON SITE VOTING:
OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 2
(10AM-7PM)
ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 3
(7AM-8PM)
VBM BALLOT BOX ON SITE

#ELECTIONDAY2020

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Vote Early Day 2020
October 24

COC Vote Center
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Valencia Campus--EPEK

Caring Campus Initiative Conclusion

Caring Campus is a framework, established by the Institute for Evidence-Based Change, that the classified professional staff have been part of since August 2020. They have met 5 times to establish commitments our campus can adopt to show our students we are committed to their success. **Last Friday** the Classified staff concluded **meeting 5** with a presentation summarizing what they have done to implement the commitment plan.

- The commitments are in **2 areas** – one when come back to campus (**traditional**) and one for now while we are in an online environment (**virtual**).

Traditional	Virtual
10ft rule – Ensuring that any students within 10 feet are acknowledged by staff members.	Obtain student contact information when on the phone or through email. This will be useful if there is a disconnection or provide follow – up services.
Name Tags – all employees should consider wearing name tags simply to exemplify that they are staff.	Name Tags and Virtual Backgrounds – this will ensure the student knows what zoom chat room they are in and who they are speaking with.
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Updates from Economic Development

This week is **National Cyber Security Week**, and **Jeffrey Forrest** was asked by the *National Office of Apprenticeship* to serve on the Cyber Security subcommittee to discuss ways to scale apprenticeships nationwide.



- This week is also **National Apprenticeship Week**, and the Strong Workforce Apprenticeship Group (SWAG) at COC will be graduating 5 apprentices as CNC Operators this Thursday, November 12th at Lee's Enterprises, a local manufacturer.
- COC will be wrapping up its **Google IT Certification Program** this month with *Jobs for the Future*. The next step is for COC to integrate the program into its non-credit curriculum, where it can be offered at no charge to prospective students.
- The Strong Workforce Apprenticeship Group has submitted a proposal for **Cyber Security and Data Compliance Analyst**. This is a new occupation, and we are seeking national approval from the Department of Defense for this position.





Flu Clinic

On **Friday, November 6th** from **1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.**, the College's Incident Command Team conducted a Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic.

- Offered ***only to current students***, the flu shots were distributed in **Lot 15** while students remained in their cars.
- The **400 doses** went a long way to address concerns during the COVID pandemic and responds to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's requirement that students receive a flu shot.



Patrons of the Arts

Virtual Artist Talk

The **School of Visual and Performing Arts** hosted their **first** virtual Art Gallery Exhibition & Artist Talk with **Brooke Sauer: *Out in the Blue*** on November 9th. The virtual exhibit will be going on through December 12th.

- Inspired by hikes and adventures with family and friends, Sauer's evocative prints were created by combining painting with a photographic printing process called **cyanotype** (which gives the prints their rich blue color), these works are made using water, light, and the pressed plants the artist gathers while hiking.
- For more information about Brooke and her work visit <https://brookesauer.com>



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Mission Statement Review

On a recurring basis, the District reviews its **Mission Statement** to ensure it remains relevant, and provides the appropriate guidance to our programs and services. The **College Planning Team** is engaged in that process right now. CPT has determined that we should provide an opportunity for campus-wide input into the proposed changes.

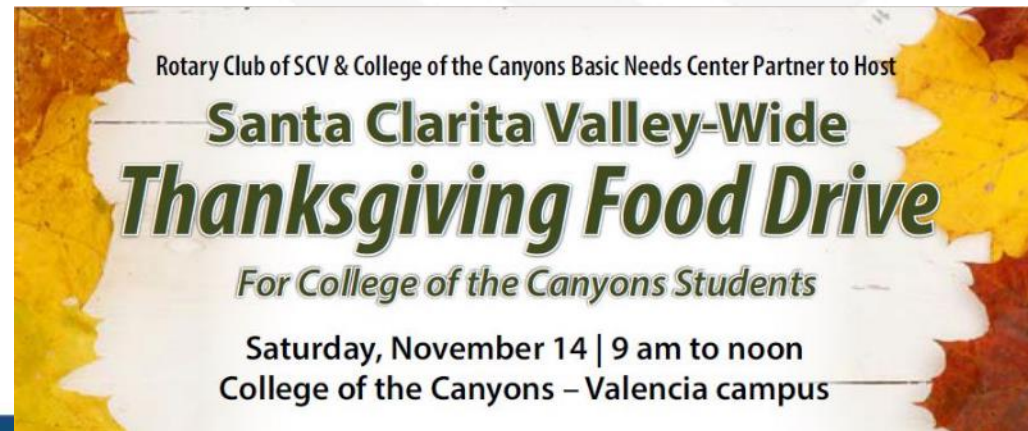
- To that end, CPT has scheduled **two** Zoom opportunities for comments and discussion.
- The **first** will be **Thursday, November 12, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.**
<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/97089733784>.
- The **second** will be **Friday, November 13, from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.**
<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/93683550353>.



Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive for COC Students

The College of the Canyons **Basic Needs Center (BaNC)** and the **Rotary Club of the Santa Clarita Valley** have partnered to host a *Thanksgiving Holiday Food drive* benefitting COC students.

- The drive-thru collection event will take place from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14** at the main entrance to the college's Valencia campus, located at 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road.
- Food will be removed from vehicle trunks by volunteers.



Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office & LA Regional Food Bank Drive-Through Food Distribution Event

Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office, along with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank is hosting a second **Drive-Through Food Distribution** event for Santa Clarita Valley.

- This giveaway provides family-sized boxes of **free food** to community members.
- The event will be held on **Tuesday, November 10th**, from **9 AM** to **12 PM** at **Castaic Lake**.
- The last event on August 12th at the Castaic Sports Complex served **1,800** households. They hope to serve **2,500** on November 10th, so please spread the word!
- The event is **open to all**, and there are no eligibility requirements.



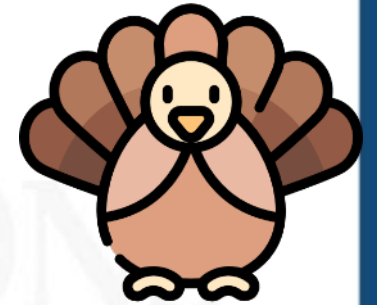
Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive

Thanksgiving Food Drive Needs List

- Stuffing
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned yams and cranberry
- Canned turkey gravy
- Canned peas, green beans, corn (low-salt preferred)
- Hearty & regular soups (low-salt preferred)
- Apple, cranberry, grape, or other 100% fruit juice (32 oz.)



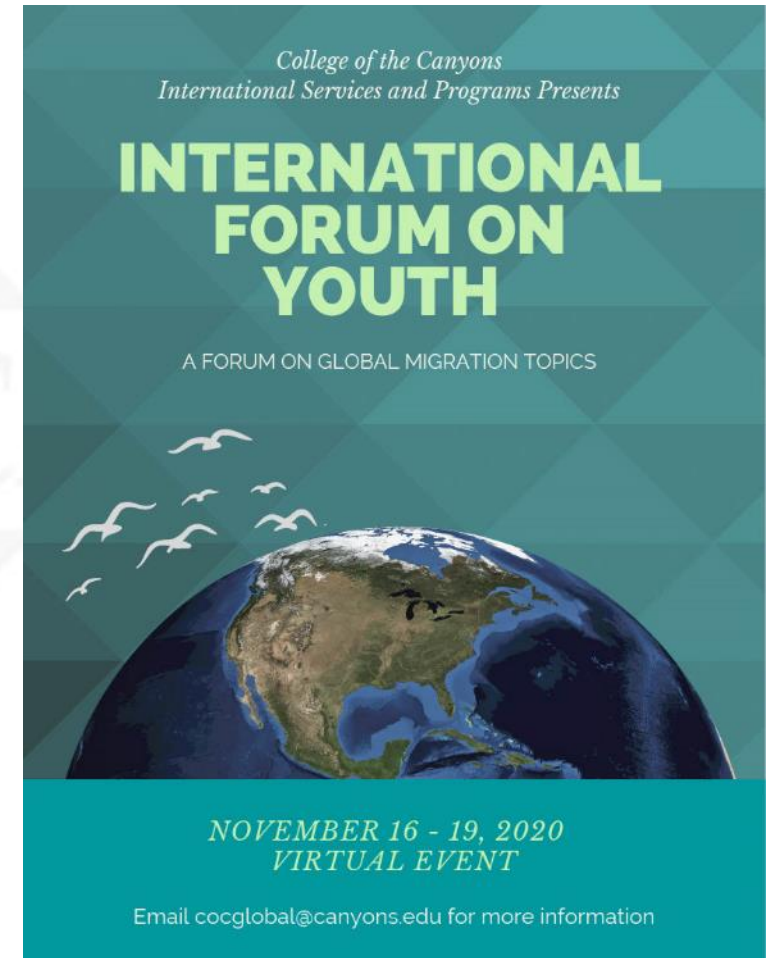
- Regular tea bags and coffee
- Nuts, mini-marshmallows
- Salad dressing
- Muffin or roll mix
- Brownie or cake mix and icing
- Jell-o or pudding
- Canned pumpkin
- Please, **no perishable** and **no expired** food items.



International Forum on Youth 2020

The International Services and Programs (ISP) office is gearing up for their **second** annual *International Forum on Youth 2020* from **November 16 – 19, 2020**.

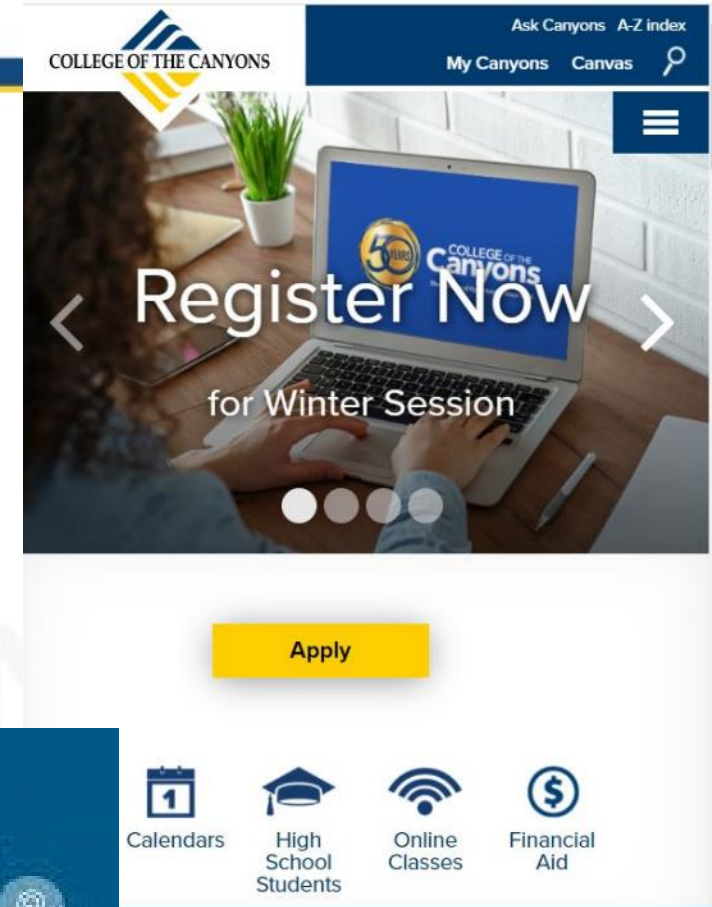
- All students, faculty, staff, and community are welcome, as they are expecting to have participants from around the world!
- This virtual event will be a forum on **global migration** topics and focuses on our COC Mission Statement to, *“embrace diversity, foster technical competencies and support the development of global responsibilities.”*



Website Accessibility Update

IT has been working diligently with faculty, staff, and administrators to improve the accessibility of our website. Making PDFs accessible is the biggest challenge as they are the most difficult to convert. We use a systems called “**Site Improve**” to monitor and report on the accessibility of our site. *As of last week:*”

- **91.6% Accessible**
- **3,010 PDFS; 23% (716) with Accessibility Issues**
- Top Sites Visited after Homepage:
 - **PIO/Notices**
 - **Class Schedule**
 - **A-Z Index**
 - **Orientation Letters**





AN EVENING OF HOPE & INSPIRATION

What's better than an evening started with great friends, a bottle of wine and a personal assortment of charcuterie choices. We've twisted things up this year for BASH.

Start your evening with us as we celebrate special individuals in our community and businesses who have and are still going above and beyond in making a difference during the COVID-19 crisis.

They've inspired us, encouraged us and helped keep us all going!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020 | VIRTUAL

Virtual Event Program Starts at 6:00 pm

Meal and Wine Pick-up from 1:00-3:00 pm

*Entertainment by
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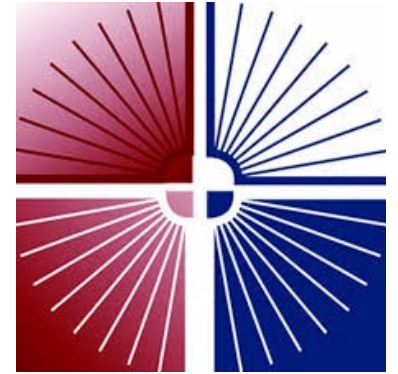
The VIA Bash Event is Back!

The VIA Bash event will return virtually on **Saturday, November 14th** at 6p.m.

If you would like to attend, please let us know ASAP.



2020 Annual CCLC Convention



This year, the CCLC will offer the **2020 Annual Convention** as a fully online virtual event, **Tuesday, Nov. 17 to Friday, Nov. 20, 2020.**

- The Annual Convention is the state's premier professional development conference for California community college leadership.
- This event brings together CEOs, trustees, faculty, staff, administrators, and partners from across the system to share tools, models, and solutions to system issues.
- For more information, go to www.ccleague.org

Save the Date!

Annual COC Holiday Party

Join us for our annual **COC Holiday Party** on **Thursday, December 3rd** from Noon – 1:30pm via Zoom!



COC Annual Holiday Party

A Holiday to Remember

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 3, 2020
Noon - 1:30 pm via Zoom

Join us for some holiday fun and cheer!

Participate in the
Holiday Ugly Sweater Contest!

Special
Holiday Music

Celebrate our December retirees
and get into the spirit with us!

Details and Zoom info to follow!

Mark your calendars and get your
sweaters ready for a chance to win prizes!

COC Memorial for Tami Toon

Yesterday, **75** members of the COC community shared their personal memories and tributes to **Tami Toon** in a virtual celebration of life memorial.

- Tami was feted for her calm personality, her devotion to the Performing Arts Center, her sense of humor and her unwavering kindness.
- The event was moderated by Brodie Steele and concluded with a short video of photos and comments from friends.
- There will be another virtual memorial (open to the public) on **November 18th at 3 p.m.** – Community invitation is forthcoming.



WELCOME FALL!

