

**Board of Trustees Meeting
November 09, 2022**



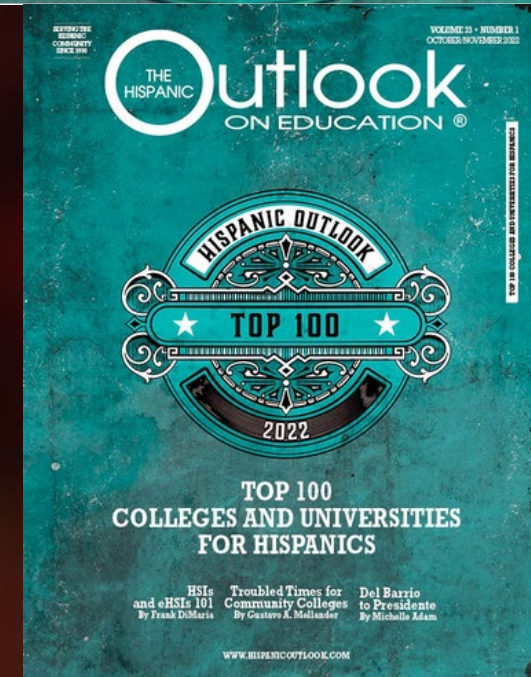


COC Stands Out!

COC a Top College for Hispanics

College of the Canyons has been ranked nationally No. **17** in **The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine** for enrolling the largest number of Hispanic students and granting the most degrees, respectively.

- The college was also ranked **9th** among the Top 10 schools by major for its parks, recreation, leisure, fitness and kinesiology degree programs.
- The college had a Hispanic population of **15,410** students, totaling **49** percent of the total student enrollment, which was 31,696 in 2020-21.
- That same year, of the 3,200 associate degrees awarded by the college, **1,459** degree recipients were Hispanic.



Institutional DEIA Champion Award



College of the Canyons has been honored with the first *Institutional DEIA Champion Award* from the **Association of Chief Human Resources Officers/Equal Employment Officers**.

- Recipients will have effectively demonstrated achievement in DEIA areas leading to meaningful institutional change in professional development, community service, selection and recruitment practices, and through serving and developing opportunities for students, employees, and community members who are historically underserved.
- The award reflects the dedicated work of more than **200** employees and students at both campuses, as well as the support of Chancellor Dr. Dianne Van Hook and the Board of Trustees.
- Receiving the award on behalf of the college were (from left) Flavio Medina-Martin, Diane Fiero, Lauren Helsper, Miranda Zamudio, and Rian Medlin. Presenting the award were ACHRO Officers Christine Phillips, Cheng Yu Hou, TreShawn Hall-Baker, Juli Mosier, Charo Albarran, and special guest from the State Chancellor's Office, Visiting Executive of Educational Excellence and EEO Programs, Dr. Abdimalik Buul.⁴

PIO Recognized by NCMPR



The **National Council for Marketing & Public Relations** recently announced the winners of the **Medallion Awards**, and COC's Public Information Office was recognized in many categories.

- The NCMPR Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in design and communication at community and technical colleges in each of NCMPR's seven districts.
- We won the following awards:

GOLD

- Poster (single or series) – Women's Conference Poster, Newsletter – The Bottom Line Spring 2022, Brochure (single or series) – 2022-2023 PAC Season Brochure, Promotional Video – Long Form – College of the Canyons Tour, Logo Wear – Welcome Day, Television/Video Paid Advertisement (single) – Spring Enrollment 2022, E-Cards – 2021 E-Holiday Card, Postcard – Discover Day Postcard

SILVER

- Notes/Cards/Invitations – Silver Spur Invitation, E-Newsletter – Monday Report, Radio Advertisement (single or series) – Go Summer Ad, Outdoor Media (single or series) – Central Park Billboard, Excellence in Writing – Short Form – Jammal Yarbrough Graduation Profile

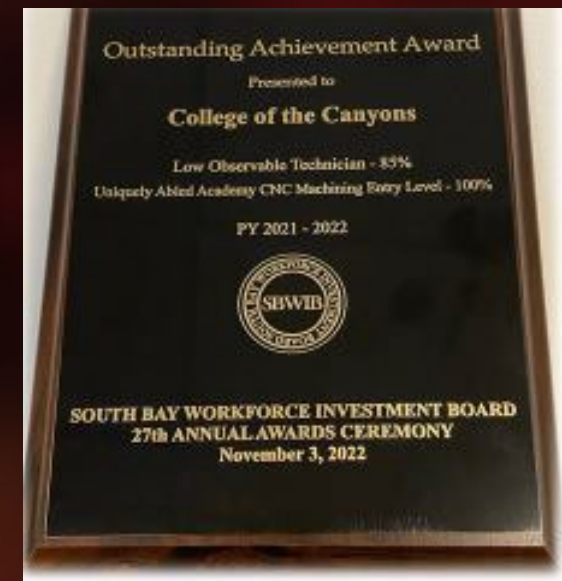
BRONZE

- Annual Report – 2020/2021 Annual Report, Booklet – Silver Spur Program, Excellence in Writing – Long Form – Sarah Zamudio Graduation Profile

Outstanding Achievement Award Received

College of the Canyons' Employee Training Institute and CACT received the *Outstanding Training Provider Award* from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board at the 27th Annual Awards Ceremony on Nov. 3rd.

- Uniquely Abled Academy CNC Machining Entry-Level – 100% Placement.
- Low Observable Technician – 85% Job Placement (100% Job Placement pending Security Clearance)



Bilbruck Named Tech Leader

Tom Bilbruck, Associate Dean for Financial Services, has been named an *Education Technology Leader* in the **2022 EdScoop 50 Awards**, which honors the most influential people in the higher education technology community.

- Bilbruck was recognized for using cutting-edge technology to increase access to higher education for underserved populations, and leading the initiative to improve processing and awarding of aid to first-generation and low-income students.
- EdScoop readers cast more than 200,000 votes to select the winners from a field of **80** finalists.



COC Hosts State Leadership Conference

COC Future Business Leaders of America – Collegiate was proud to host the **FBLA-PBL California State Fall Business Leadership Conference** at the University Center on November 4-6th, 2022.

- COC teams placed **first** and **second** in the “*Business Management*” business case competition and **third** in the “*Corporate Social Responsibility*” business case competition.
- Students from across the state gathered to participate in workshops to enhance leadership and career skills, and to compete in business case analysis competitions.
- Approximately **55** students from College of the Canyons, UC Riverside, Cerritos College, La Positas College, De Anza College, and Diablo Valley College took part in the conference.



Athletics

Volleyball

The volleyball team won the **Western State Conference South Division** championship on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, defeating Glendale College 3-0 to outright claim the title they had clinched at least a share of the week before.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team won its second straight ***Clash at Canyon Tournament***, winning the 14th annual event with an 84-76 day-two victory over Oxnard College on Saturday, Nov. 5th.



Athletics

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team defeated Citrus College 2-0 Friday, Nov. 4th. The victory keeps the Cougars **second** in WSC South Division standings and very much in the running for the conference title.



Cross Country

Women's cross country will continue its season at the **state championship** meet in Fresno later this month after a strong run at the **CCCAA Southern California Championships** in Bakersfield on Friday, Nov. 4th.



Athletics

Women's Golf

College of the Canyons is headed back to the **State Championship Tourney** after taking third place at the **CCCAA Southern California Regional Championship** at El Prado Golf Course in Chino on Monday.



New Trainings for Our Workforce!



COC Hosts Local Industry Chapter

COC hosted the **International Facilities Management Association (IFMA)** – San Fernando Valley Chapter's monthly chapter meeting on Monday, October 19th.

- The goal was to educate IFMA members on COC's commitment to workforce training programs and obtain commitments to create a partnership with the organization.
- Their membership is experiencing large retirements and are having trouble backfilling these positions.



SCV Job Fair

College of the Canyons partnered with the City of Santa Clarita, Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation and America's Job Center of California to host the SCV Job Fair on Thursday, October 20th.

- The Job Fair was hosted in the Canyon Country Community Center.
- **100 Employers** were in attendance at the event.
- Over **230 Job Seekers** attended the event.





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Grants Update

CANYONS HALL
CENTER FOR STUDENT SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Grants Development Update

Grants Development, under Director **Amber Cole**, continues to collaborate with many partners to support program needs and strategic goals, including Instruction, Business Services, Student Services, and more.

Recent office highlights include:

- **\$14,112,050** secured to-date for FY22/23
- **\$16 million** in pending grant awards
- Participation by Amber Cole in the **CASE Federal Funders Taskforce (FFTF)** in Washington, D.C, which included the latest intel and updates from **14 Federal agencies** such as the Departments of Education, Commerce, Energy, Justice, Labor, as well as the National Science Foundation, EPA, NIH, and more—representing over **235** hours of collective work by the taskforce.
- Amber and Ryan also presented a **CASE conference** session on *best practices* in community college grants offices.
- Amber was just announced as a SCV 40 Under Forty awardee!





What's Going On Around our Campuses

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

Rising Stars Feted

College of the Canyons honored its **2022 Alumni Rising Stars** with a *banner reception* at the Cougar Den on Thursday, Oct. 13th.

- **Kiera Coblentz** – School of Applied Technologies
- **Eric Encinas** – School of Sports Medicine
- **Niamani Knight** – School of Business
- **Evette May** – School of Math, Science and Health
- **J.J. Soria** – School of Visual and Performing Arts
- **Sara Vogler** – School of Transfer Studies
- **Justin Wilmers** – School of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- **Gabriela Padilla** – School of Math, Science and Health
- **Tanya Saxena** – School of Math, Science and Health



Homecoming Event

Cougar Stadium overflowed with Cougar spirit on **Thursday, Oct. 13th**, as homecoming was celebrated with pre-game activities, food and entertainment, followed by the mighty Cougars facing off with Bakersfield College.

- Unfortunately, the Renegades were a bit mightier, defeating the Cougars 17-7.
- Winner of the Homecoming Door-Decorating Contest was the **Basic Needs Center (BaNC)**, whose staff (bottom photo) collected the prestigious "School Spirit Award."
- Multiple departments at both campuses competed, with members of the campus community voting to decide the winner.



Pledges of Support

Students, faculty and staff made symbolic pledges of support for undocumented students at a "pledge wall" erected near the Valencia campus flagpole on **Monday, Oct. 17th**. The event was held in conjunction with the statewide *Undocumented Student Action Week*.



Star Party Shines for the 25th Time!

An estimated **300** people attended the **25th Star Party** at the Canyon Country Campus' Upper Plaza on Friday, Oct. 28th.

- Former NASA Armstrong Chief Scientist (retiree) **Albion Bowers** spoke on “Fast Interplanetary Flight”, followed by an informative Q & A session.
- Attendees were kept busy with **13** activity and demonstration tables run by COC clubs, departments and community groups.
- Two local community astronomy clubs shared their high-powered telescopes to the enjoyment of the audience.



Halloween Festivities

College of the Canyons celebrated Halloween with parties at both campuses **Monday, Oct. 31st**.

Employees got into the spirit of the occasion with costumes, food, fun and games, including the traditional (and messy) pie-eating contest.



Garden Walk – A Perfect Day!

Close to **20** attendees, including students, staff and community members enjoyed perfect weather as they walked around the Canyon Country Campus, participating in a variety of activities at our **Fall Garden Walk** on Friday, Nov. 4th.

- Jeannie Chari led the way, identifying plants and trees throughout campus.
- The group enjoyed using the provided binoculars to learn how to spot and identify birds.
- The morning was capped off by using microscopes in the lab to explore the many interesting samples collected during the walk, including leaves, flowers, insects, and pond water.



New ASU Transfer Partnership

College of the Canyons is partnering with **Arizona State University** to provide students a seamless transfer experience with the *MyPath2ASU* program.

- COC students will be able to complete their associate degree and then seamlessly transfer to a wide variety of bachelor's degree programs offered by Arizona State University with classes held online and at their **Los Angeles campus**.
- COC is also working with ASU to make its classes available in the near future at COC's **University Center**.



Election of 2016, Series 2022

Summary of Series 2022 Bond Sale – Santa Clarita Community College District.

- On October 20th, the District sold \$70 million of tax-exempt general obligation bonds.
- The all-in true interest cost is 4.56%.
- The table below provides the estimated financing costs. Fees will be paid from the building fund and any contingency not used will be returned to the building fund.

Firm	Service	Est. Fee	As % of Par
Isom Advisors	FA Fee and Expenses	\$70,050	
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth	Bond & Disclosure Counsel; Special Revenue Opinion	101,500	
US Bank	Paying Agent & COI Bank	2,250	
AVIA	OS Printing Costs	2,000	
S&P / Fitch	Rating Fees	104,500	
LA County	Processing Fee	5,000	
	Contingency	14,700	
	Total COI	\$300,000	0.43%
Raymond James	Underwriter's Discount (includes expenses)	\$273,000	0.39%

- The aggregate debt service to repay the 2022 Bonds, assuming no prepayment, is \$144,467,003.13. This is a payback ratio of 2.06 : 1.
- \$69,427,000 will be deposited into the building fund on the November 10th closing date.

Note: Per CA Gov't Code 15146C, the final costs of issuance will be reported to the board after the sale has closed. Information will subsequently be reported to CDIAC by Bond Counsel.

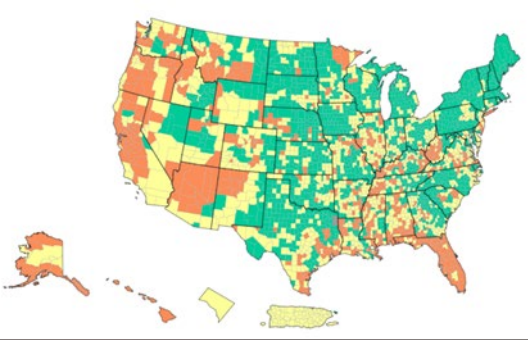


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COVID 19 Update

Coronavirus Update Recent Highlights

- **National COVID-19 community levels** are low according to the CDC.
 - **79%** are “low,” **19%** are “medium,” and only **2%** of counties are in the “high” transmission level.
 - LA County is in the **low** transmission category as of 11/7.
- **Statewide**, there are **6.1 cases per 100k** with a **4.5% positivity** rate as of 11/7, decreased from **8.3 cases per 100k** and **4.7% positivity** as of 10/6.
- **Countywide**, LA County averaged **6.9 cases per 100K** and a **3.5% positivity** rate as of 11/7, significantly decreased from **9.5 cases per 100K** and **3.5% positivity** as of 10/6.
- **The LA County DPH Health Order** was most recently updated from 9/22 to note that masks are no longer required (but recommended) in public transportation. Higher ed guidance updated on 11/2 further aligned COVID guidance with CalOSHA and CDC standards.
- The College continues to follow the latest developments and maintains a **COVID-19 Containment, Response, and Control Plan** online.



COVID-19 Testing, Vaccination and Notification

COVID-19 Testing is available at both campuses – hours updated 11/8 .

- **Valencia:**
 - Monday – Friday 8 am to 5:00 pm: **WPEK-109**
 - Monday – Saturday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm: **Parking Structure**
- **Canyon Country:** Monday – Friday 8 am to 5:00 pm: **Quad-1B**
- **At-Home Tests** have been distributed to staff and remain available to pick up at **WPEK-109** or **CCC-1B**, including for students.
- **Vaccination and boosters** are available at locations listed at **VaccinateLACounty.com**

COVID-19 contacts/exposures are notified within 24 hours.

- The College community is notified weekly through a link on the Monday Report which connects to PIO’s COVID-19 page: **www.canyons.edu/news**

Month	Reported Cases on Campus	Exposures on Campus
November 2022	3	105*
October 2022	50	708*
September 2022	61	1,228*
August 2022	39	680*
July 2022	67	286*
June 2022	48	328*
May 2022	121	1,684*
April 2022	29	436*
March 2022	11	7
February 2022	24	64
January 2022	44	27

* DPH broadened “close contact” exposure definitions 4/15, ² significantly expanding the number of people considered exposed, and changing how the College reports COVID-19 exposures.



UPCOMING
EVENTS

10/12/2022

Uniquely Abled Academy Open House



The **Uniquely Abled Academy** will hold an open house **Tuesday, Nov. 15th** for its upcoming **fourth** CNC training program, which prepares individuals with high functioning autism for manufacturing careers.

- The event is scheduled 6 to 7 pm at the University Center.
- An additional open house will be held Dec. 13th. The training program will run from **Jan. 23rd to April 21st, 2023.**

Master Guitarists

Head's up, guitar fans! Two events are coming up.

- **First**, the Music Department presents a *free workshop* with master guitarist **Miroslav Tadic** on **Wednesday, Nov. 16th**.
 - Tadic will perform *original compositions* and arrangements of traditional music from the Balkans.
- **Second**, the Music Department presents a Guitar Ensemble performing arrangements by Bach, Vivaldi, Dowland and Handel, as well as student compositions, on **Wednesday, Nov. 30th**.
 - The **free** event is scheduled 7 p.m. in the Black Box Theater.



Robin Hood Theatre Production



The College of the Canyons Theatre Department presents "***Robin Hood***" Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 17th to 20th, at the Black Box Theater.

- The clever Robin Hood, the virtuous Maid Marian, and the villainous Prince John battle in Sherwood Forest in this comedic take on the classic tale directed by David Stiers.
- For tickets, go to: <https://santaclaritapac.universitytickets.com>

Speech Competition



The College of the Canyons **Speech Team** will hold an *intramural competition* for all students on **Friday, Nov. 18th**.

- The informative or persuasive speech competition is scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mentry Hall 253.
- Finalists will earn awards, and the top five will receive Visa gift cards.

Movie Under the Stars



The Canyon Country campus and ASG present a free outdoor screening of "***Big Hero 6***" on **Friday, Nov. 18th**.

- The event is scheduled 7 to 9:30 pm in the **Upper Plaza** adjacent to the Takeda Science Center. *Admission is free.*

Don't Miss the Last Fall Dinner in the iCUE!



The Culinary Cafe will be serving up its last five-course dinner on **Tuesday, Nov. 29th**.

- Reservations can be made for times from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- Cost is \$40 per person. Payment can be made via Visa or MasterCard.
- To make a reservation:
https://www.canyons.edu/academics/culinary/reservations_page.php



Electronica Musique



School of Visual & Performing Arts
Music Department

The Music Department presents its **Electronica Musique & Multimedia Concert Thursday, Dec. 1st** in the Black Box Theater. The free event is scheduled **7 p.m.**

Save the Date!



College of the Canyons will hold its *Annual Employee Holiday Party* on **Wednesday, Dec. 7th**.

- "*Holidays Under the Stars*" is scheduled **noon to 2 p.m.** in East PE.
- RSVPs and payment of **\$10** per person must be received by Monday, Dec. 5th. Please contact Leslie Carr at leslie.carr@canyons.edu or at campus extension 3100.
- We will also be having the ever popular **HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST** and **UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER/SHIRT CONTEST!** .

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

