

Chancellor's Report and Update



Board of Trustees Meeting
February 08, 2023

Recognition



Faculty Member to Receive Top Honor

Cinema instructor **Mindy Johnson** will be honored for her work during the **50th Annual Annie Awards** – the "Academy Awards" of the animation industry.

- Johnson will receive the June Foray Award for charitable impact for her groundbreaking discoveries into the earliest women and under-represented groups in the animation and film industry.
- Past recipients of the award include legendary voice talent June Foray, film critic Leonard Maltin, and Oscar-nominated producer Don Hahn.





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Grants Update

Grants Development

Recent highlights include:

- **\$14,905,550** in grant awards secured to-date for FY22/23.
- Due to multi-year grants, more than **\$14,363,536** has already been secured for next year's FY23/24 and there are currently nearly **\$5 million** in pending grant awards overall.
- Recent awards include:
 - **FCCC: Pathways to Law School. \$99K** to support development of COC law school pathways (Leads: Liz Shaker, Nicole Faudree, Harriet Happel).
 - **CCCCO: Calculus Learning Lab. \$100K** to streamline pathways between Pre-Calculus and Calculus I and support PD and a community of practice (Lead: Saburo Matsumoto, Anzhela Grigoryan)





What's Going On Around our Campuses

Athletics

Cougars sports is off to a great start!

- The **Baseball** team won their second game in as many days, this time handing host Allan Hancock College its first defeat of the season in an 8-3 comeback bid that saw **Ryan Camacho's** grand slam help the Cougars secure another victory.
- **Women's Basketball** - team came away with a 48-36 defensive-minded victory at Citrus College on Saturday, as the Cougars rode the hot hand of Hannah Tolentino and LuLu Salloom controlled the glass. Canyons (15-9, 9-2) has won **seven** of its last eight games.
- **Softball** - The softball team claimed a lopsided 18-2 victory then came back for a tight 1-0 affair to sweep a doubleheader at Riverside City College on Friday.
- **Tennis** - The tennis team won its first match of the season with an odd 5-0 final score at Cypress College on Friday.



Road to Employment

Over 135 students and community members alike attended "Road to Employment Day," which allowed them to explore career-education programs that lead to gainful employment in the community.

- The event, sponsored by the *College of the Canyons Employment Center*, was held atop the Valencia campus parking structure on **Saturday, Jan. 28th**.
- The following employers participated in the event: **Cal Trans, City of Santa Clarita** and the **US Army**.



Chancellor's Circle Dinner

The Canyon Country Campus hosted our annual **Chancellor's Circle Dinner** on Friday, February 3rd in the new Student Services & Learning Resource Center.

- **Sean Hughes** and his band played during the cocktail hour.
- **William McPherson** and his group of drummers played just as dinner was about to be served by Wolf Creek.
- **Ryan Theule** opened up the night highlighting all of the wonderful ways the CCC has grown in the last 15 years.
- I took the opportunity to share about the things the Foundation and the college have done to support students, as well as this year's initiative of spreading kindness.
- One of our very own Culinary Arts Students, **Evelyn Contreras**, now working for Wolf Creek Catering, created the menu for the evening and assisted in the preparation of the meal.



Canyon Country Campus Updates

The new **Student Services & Learning Resources Center** is ramping up to support Spring students thanks to the great work of Student Services, Facilities, Business Services, and Computer Support.

- **CCC Spring Instruction** includes **150** classes in **25** disciplines.
- **Recent/Upcoming Event Highlights** include:
 - 2.3 – Chancellor's Circle Dinner
 - 2.16 – CougarFest at CCC
 - 4.28 – Science Talk: Star Party
 - 5.5 – Science Talk: Garden Walk
 - More details online at www.canyons.edu/ccc



Chancellor's Circle Dinner



New Facilities at CCC



FLEX Tour in SSLRC



Glimpse of Early Spring

Introducing Kindness Week

We are excited to introduce our new initiative, *COC Employees are Kind!*

- In honor of **National Kindness Week (February 14-20, 2023)**, HR will be hosting a series of events throughout the week on both the Valencia and Canyon Country Campuses.
- Please see the flyer for information regarding event themes, times, and locations.

COC Employees are Kind
Kindness Week
February 14-20, 2023

Monday, 2/13
Kindness Kickoff
Show your Cougar pride and drink the Kindness Kool-Aid 11:30am-1:30pm by the flagpole outside of Canyons Hall and Upper Plaza on the Canyon Country Campus! (*Refreshments and T-shirts will be distributed!*)

Tuesday, 2/14
Orange you glad to show kindness?
Wear Orange and stop by the flagpole at the Valencia campus and Upper Plaza on the Canyon Country Campus between 11:30am-1:30pm to grab a flower and write a note to a colleague.

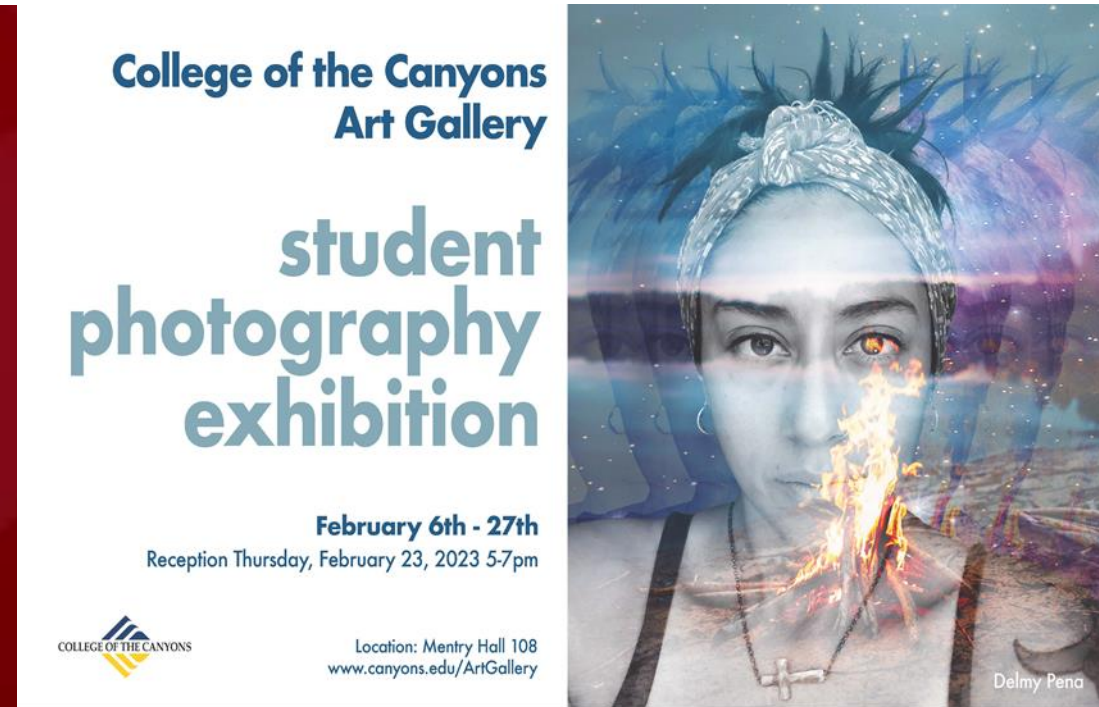
Wednesday, 2/15
Cougars are WILD about Kindness
Wear animal print today and stop by the flagpole on the Valencia campus and Upper Plaza on the CCC campus to pick up chalk and write kind messages throughout campus!

Thursday, 2/16
Floating into a Long Weekend with Kindness
Wear your new Kindness Matters T-shirt and join HR at the flagpole on the Valencia campus and Upper Plaza on the CCC campus from 11:30-1:30pm for a root beer float as we "float" into the long weekend!

On Display at the Art Gallery

The COC Art Gallery is currently showcasing a **Student Photography Exhibition**, featuring works by students in the *School of Visual & Performing Arts Photography Department*.

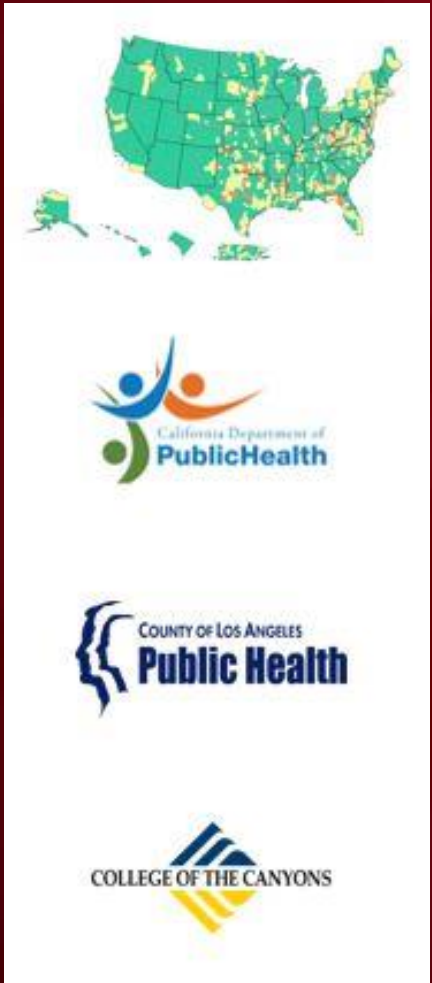
- Exhibition: **February 6th – 27th**
- Reception: **February 23rd** from 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- The Art Gallery is located in **Mentry Hall 108**



COVID 19 Update



Coronavirus Update Recent Highlights



- **National COVID-19 county community levels are currently low:**
 - **70%** of counties are “low,” **26%** are “medium,” and **4%** of counties are in a “high” transmission level as of 2/6.
 - LA County is in the **low** transmission category since 1/20. Masks are recommended by DPH in indoor settings, and county metrics and hospitalization rates are monitored to inform guidance.
- **Statewide**, there are **6.1 cases per 100k** with a **5% positivity** rate as of 2/6, decreased from 10 per 100k with a 10.8% positivity as of 12/1. (CDC weekly rate: 78.2 as of 1/24.)
- **Countywide**, LA County averaged **11.6 cases per 100K** and **5.3% positivity** rate as of 1/24, decreased from 17.1 cases and 11.5% positivity as of 12/1. (CDC weekly rate: 93.3 as of 1/24.)
- **LA County DPH Health Order:** The most recent DPH update was 9/22. The College continues to follow developments, maintaining a **COVID-19 Containment, Response, and Control Plan** online.

COVID-19 Testing, Vaccination and Notification

COVID-19 Testing is available at both campuses:

➤ **Valencia:**

- Monday – Friday 8 am to 5:00 pm: **WPEK-109**
- Tuesday – Saturday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm: **Parking Structure**

➤ **Canyon Country:**

- Monday – Friday 8 am to 5:00 pm: **CCC-202A**

➤ **At-Home Tests** remain available to pick up at **WPEK-109** or **CCC-1B**.

➤ **Vaccination and boosters** locations listed at [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinate.lacounty.gov)

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
February 2023		
January 2023	18	158*
December 2022	20	258*
November 2022	64	754*
October 2022	52	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

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming to the PAC



The Performing Arts Center presents **Naturally 7**, described by Quincy Jones as “the best a cappella group in the world,” this **Friday, Feb. 10th**.

- “A cappella” so vastly underplays their sound that they coined the phrase “**vocal play**” to more accurately depict what they do: transform voices into human instruments to produce music of any genre.
- The event is scheduled 8 p.m. on the Main Stage.

CougarFest is Here

Next week **CougarFest** returns for the spring semester to help new and returning students forge connections with campus resources, student clubs, and alliances.

- Hosted by *Campus Life & Student Engagement*, the event is scheduled 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday, Feb. 13th** at the Valencia campus and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 16th** at the Canyon Country campus.
- For more information visit the Campus Events page on our website.



Hosted by Campus Life & Student Engagement

COUGARFEST

Spring 2023

Come join the festivities and learn about all the campus resources available along with clubs & alliances you can join!

Monday | Feb. 13th | 11AM - 2PM
Valencia | Student Center

Thursday | Feb. 16th | 11AM - 2PM
Canyon Country | Science Center (level 1)

Chance to redeem 1 prize:
1. Tote Bag
2. Jersey Mike's Sub
3. Regal Movie Ticket
while supplies last

For more info, visit
www.canyons.edu/cougarfest

Silver Spur



Next month, the College of the Canyons Foundation will honor **Randy and Mitzi Moberg** with the **2023 Silver Spur Award for Community Service** in recognition of their longtime support of the college and philanthropic contributions to in the community.


- The celebration will be held on **Saturday, March 11th** at **Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach** in Oxnard.
- See the COC Foundation website for more details.



Discover Day

Discover Day returns to the Valencia campus **Saturday, March 18th**.


- Students will be given the opportunity to explore the campus services, resources, academic programs, and student life activities available to them.
- The event is scheduled 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the outdoor area between Canyons Hall and the Student Center.
- See the Student Services web page for more info.



College of the Canyons
DISCOVER DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 18 FROM 9AM TO 1PM
VALENCIA CAMPUS

- Learn about our exciting programs!
- Explore campus services and student life!
- Discover financial aid opportunities and classes with zero textbook costs!

Free Food • Campus Tours • Giveaways
www.canyons.edu/DiscoverDay



Navy Choir to Perform



The Sea Chanters, the Navy's official chorus, will be performing at the Performing Arts Center on **Tuesday, March 21st**.

- The Sea Chanters have performed at numerous events, including the Kennedy Center Honors and with the National Symphony Orchestra for the National Memorial Day Concerts.
- This **free concert** is scheduled for 7 p.m. on the Main Stage.

Athletic Hall of Fame Event



The College of the Canyons Athletics Department will honor its newest Hall of Fame inductees during a reimagined event on **Wednesday, March 29th**.

- **The 2023 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** will be held at the Performing Arts Center.
- Inductees include:
 - Harlan Perlman, Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball (1992-2019)
 - 1986 State Championship Baseball Team
 - 1996-97 State Runner-Up Women's Basketball Team
 - 2007 State Finalist Women's Volleyball Team
 - Chris Lowe, Track & Field, 2011 & '12 CCCAA State Champion

Spring Institute Registration Open



Registration is now open for *career-exploration camps* for junior high students during the **Spring Institute**.

- Scheduled to start **Monday, April 3rd**, the hands-on sessions will focus on e-sports, interior design, MakerSpace and sports medicine.
- All camps will be offered 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Valencia campus.

**Welcome Back
Students!**

