

Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting
March 08, 2023



COC Stands Out



Speech Team Honored



The College of the Canyons **Speech Team** earned **second-place** honors at the *Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association Spring Championship* at Mt. San Antonio College Feb. 24th to 26th.

- Team members also won individual awards:
 - **First Place**, Persuasive Speaking – **Deion Wilkes**
 - **Second Place**, Informative Speaking – **Karen Marin Flores**
- The team is preparing for competition against both two-year colleges and four-year-universities at the upcoming California State Championship.

COC Faculty Nominated by NASA Team Students

COC faculty member, **Teresa Ciardi** was nominated for this year's **2023 SCV Woman of the Year** by her NASA Team students.

- Current and past honorees of the *Santa Clarita Valley Man & Woman of the Year Awards* gathered together on Wednesday, March 1st for an evening of celebration at the “Paparazzi Party” event .
- Teresa is one of 32 nominees - 17 women and 15 men.
- This year's Man & Woman of the Year will be announced at the Gala event on **May 5th** at the Hyatt Regency Valencia.
- Congratulations Teresa!



Athletics Update

Men's Golf

- Canyons remains undefeated in **Western State Conference (WSC)** play after shooting a five-man score of **363** at the conference event hosted by Allan Hancock College on Monday.
- All four scoring golfers finished their round in the 70s, with sophomores Kieran Bye and Dom De Luca shooting a two-under-par round of 70 to share medalist honors with a third player.
- The Cougars are gunning for their **12th** straight WSC title in 2023.

Swim & Dive

- Canyons saw its men's team finish runner-up at WSC, meet No. 1 hosted by Allan Hancock College on Feb. 17th, representing the Cougars' best finish at a conference meet since 2019. The women's team finished **fifth** at the meet.
- The Cougars finished first in three events with freshman Christian Cruz taking the top spot in both the 50-yard freestyle (23.78) and 100-yard backstroke.
- COC is back in the water March 9-11 at the 44th Annual Cuesta College Invite.



What's New On And Around our Campuses



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Spring 2023 CougarFest

CougarFest returned to the Valencia campus **Monday, Feb. 13th**, and the Canyon Country campus **Thursday, Feb. 16th**.

- **400+** students were connected to our **35** departments/programs and **16** clubs/alliances between both events.
- **188** Jersey Mike sandwiches, **125** Regal movie tickets and over **100** COC tote bags were given to participating students who visited a certain amount of tables.
- A mother and COC adjunct faculty member shared that her son came home all excited after he and his friends had fun attending CougarFest. He said he got free food and even spoke with a counselor. She said they all loved it and shared how this is making a difference for our students.



Kindness Week

Dr. Rian Medlin and the HR team successfully executed COC's newest initiative – **Kindness Week**! Throughout the week, HR hosted the following activities:

- **February 13th** – The **Kindness Week Kickoff** was a “popping” success. We distributed **700** bags of freshly popped Kettle Corn, Kool-Aid Jammers, stickers, and Kindness Bingo Cards. We also distributed “**Kindness Matters**” t-shirts to employees.
- **February 14th** – COC employees and students dawned **orange** and were given an orange carnation with a card where they wrote a note to their colleagues to show some “**love and kindness.**”



Kindness Week

- February 15th – *Cougars are WILD about kindness.* COC employees dressed in animal print and wrote kind notes and affirmations on an interactive art piece.
- February 16th – *Floating into a Long Weekend with Kindness.* COC employees wore their new Kindness Matters t-shirts and grabbed Root Beer Floats!



Kindness Bingo

The **Kindness Bingo Challenge** went through February 24th and employees were challenged to complete 50-tasks in order to win a prize. We had 3 people turn in their bingo cards with all **50-tasks** checked off!

- Cyndi Trudeau (AAV, Instruction) was among the first to complete the challenge and made it a family activity.
- Daniela Moreno (Instructional Lab Tech, Chemistry (CCC))
- Daiana Bogosian (SS Coord III – Off-Site Education)



Kindness Initiative What's Next

- Dr. Medlin, Dr. Jasmine Ruys, Dr. Lauren Elan Helsper, and Sarah Cox, are organizing a ***Clothing & Item Drive*** during **Discovery Day** where COC community members can drop off slightly used items for our students and employees to take.
- Dr. Medlin is sending out weekly **Kindness Opportunities and Ideas** to inspire the community to continue the kindness.



Culinary Cafe Lunches Are Back

The Culinary Cafe began serving its five-course prix fixe lunch in-person on **Tuesday, February 14th**.

- Meals are prepared by advanced culinary arts students under the direction of **Chef Daniel Otto and Chef Michelle Razzano**.
- The lunches have been so popular that reservations are completely booked through **March 21st**.
- Keep an eye out for future openings.



COVID 19 Update



Coronavirus Update Recent Highlights

- **National COVID-19 community transmission levels are low, decreased from last month:**
 - **82%** of counties are “low,” **16%** are “medium,” and **2%** of counties are “high” transmission level as of 3/3.
 - LA County is in the **low** transmission category since 1/20.
- **Statewide**, there are **6.9 cases per 100k** with a **6.5% positivity** rate as of 3/3, slightly increased from 6.1 cases per 100k and 5.0% positivity as of 2/6.
- **Countywide**, LA County averaged **7.3 cases per 100K** and **5.2% positivity** rate as of 3/3, slightly increased from 6.9 cases and 3.7% positivity as of 2/6.
 - LA County’s Board of Supervisors will **end the local COVID-19 emergency at the end of March.**
 - The most recent LA County DPH **Health Order** was 9/22 with updates anticipated soon.



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**

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
March 2023		
February 2023	23	629
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

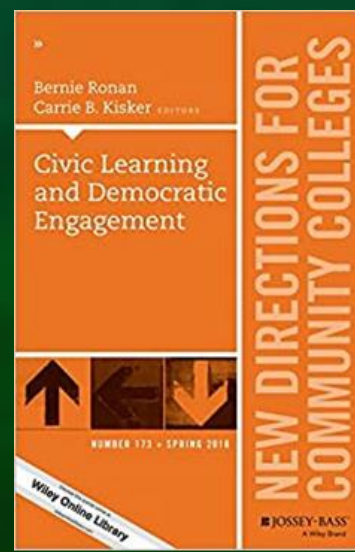
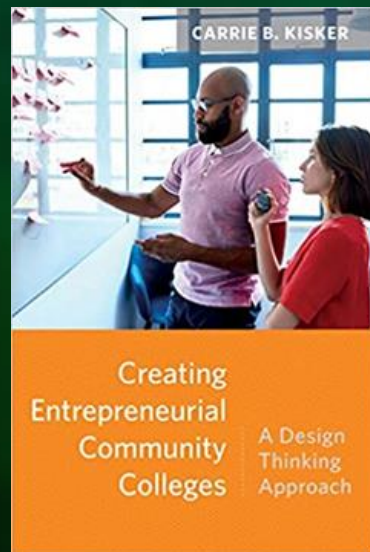
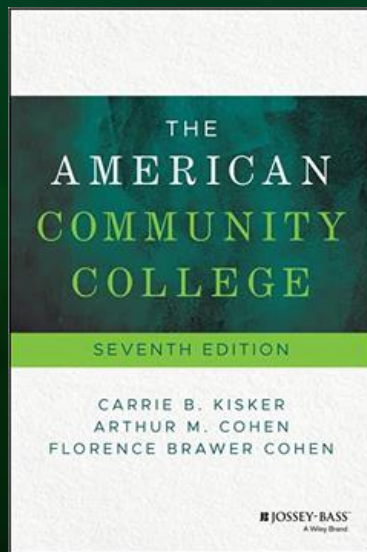


UPCOMING EVENTS

Civic Dialogues Are Back!

The Center for Civic Engagement is once again presenting its *Civic Dialogues Series* on Fridays through April 7th.

This Friday, March 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. we welcome Dr. Carrie Kisker, President, Kisker Education Consulting, and Director, Center for the Study of Community Colleges, as she discusses *Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement as a Cornerstone of the Integrative Mission of Community Colleges*.



Celebrating Women in Cinema

The International Film Festival presents a provocative slate of films celebrating the *vision of women in cinema* – from femme fatales on screen to renegade directors behind the camera.

The festival kicks off 6 p.m. **Friday, March 10th** with a free screening of the French film "Three Colors: Blue" in Hasley Hall 101.



March	April	May
3/10 In French <i>Three Colors: Blue</i> France, 1993 Brent Riffel	4/14 In Italian <i>Me, Myself & Her</i> Italy, 2015 Andrea Davis	5/5 In French <i>Chocolat</i> France, 1988 Magdali Pourabedi
3/24 In German <i>Corsage</i> Germany, 2022 Heidi Esslinger	4/28 In Portuguese <i>Aquarius</i> Brazil, 2016 João Junqueira	5/19 In Spanish <i>Camila</i> Argentina, 1984 Claudia Acosta



Silver Spur is Here!



31ST ANNUAL
SILVER SPUR
CELEBRATION

This **Saturday, March 11th** the COC 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 at the **Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach** in Oxnard.



Industry Insight Series

Visual & Performing Arts presents an **Artist Talk** with **William Camargo Claudio** on **Wednesday, March 15th**. The free event, part of the Industry Insight Series, is scheduled 5 p.m. in the Art Gallery.

More Industry Insight Series Events:

- **Artist Talk** with **Rhombie Sandoval** at 5 p.m. on **Thursday, March 23rd** in the Art Gallery.
- **Master Class & Artist Talk** with **James Montagna** at 11 a.m. **Tuesday, March 28th** in Mentry Hall 209.



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ART GALLERY



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



Women's Conference

The annual College of the Canyons **Women's Conference** will return to the University Center on **Saturday, March 25th**.

- Scheduled **8am to 2pm** on **Saturday, March 25th**, this year's in-person conference will feature an exciting lineup of presenters and breakout sessions designed around the theme "**Think Big, Speak Up!**"
- Admission is \$35 (\$25 for students and college staff with ID) and includes access to all events and activities, catered meals, and a raffle drawing ticket.
- For more info, go to: <http://www.canyons.edu/wc>

College of the Canyons
2023 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
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**THINK BIG
SPEAK UP!**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 25
2023
8 AM - 2 PM**

- Speaker panel
- Breakout sessions
- Luncheon

DR. DIANNE G. VAN HOOK UNIVERSITY CENTER
www.canyons.edu/wc

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Celebration of Life for Michele Jenkins

Michele's family asked that the details for her upcoming Celebration of Life be shared with the COC community.

- Scheduled for **11 a.m. Sunday, March 26th**, in the lobby of the University Center, and all are invited to attend.
- Please RSVP here <http://evite.me/Z4Crg9DvJg> if you plan to attend.



Athletic Hall of Fame Event



The **2023 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** is taking place under a reimagined event format on **Wednesday, March 29th**, at the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center.

- The event begins at 4:30 p.m. with a special '**Blue Carpet**' reception featuring music, photo opportunities, memorabilia displays, hot appetizers and no-host cocktail hour.
- 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.

SAVE THE DATE: Star Party - April 22!

Join us as we kick-off the Spring '22 Science Talks series with:

Star Party - at the Canyon Country Campus

- **Friday, April 22 - 7:30pm – 10:00pm**
- **More details coming soon!**

A series brought to you by College of the Canyons Canyon Country Campus

Science TALKS



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