

Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting
March 09, 2022



COC Stands Out



MESA student Arely Castillo and NCAS project

MESA student **Arely Castillo** was recently chosen to be part of **NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS)**, where scholars discover NASA's research and missions through a guided experience during a *five-week* course that affords scholars the opportunity to learn about NASA missions and research. Upon completion Arely was chosen to participate in a team project competition.

- Arely took on the challenge of being the **project manager** of the team, and their project was the ***Umbra Pertetua*** by Mercury Gold, which came in **first place**.
- Arely was also invited to apply to a prestigious ***James A. Abrahamson Space Leader Fellowship*** through the **ISS National Laboratory** for advancement of science in space due to her exemplary work done on the project.
- Arely is also waiting to hear back from **Boston University Physics Research Summer Internship**.



COC Speech and Acting Team Wins Big in Fall and Winter

The **COC Speech Team** enters record number of students at online tournaments during Fall and Winter semesters - **30** students at **13** tournaments.

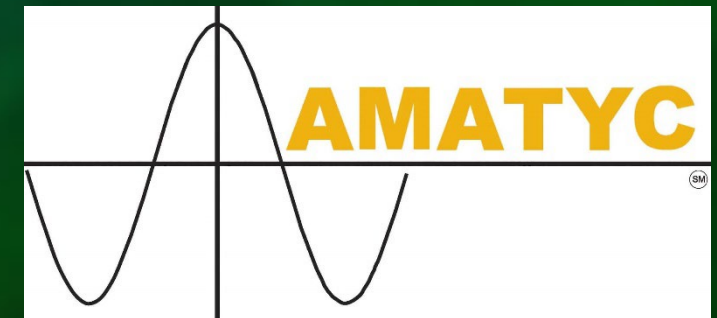
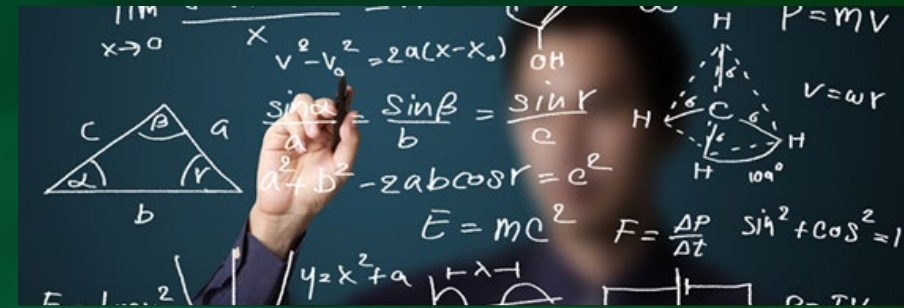
- Online tournaments have allowed the Speech Team to compete in twice as many tournaments, including in **Northern California, Illinois, and Missouri**, that were previously unfeasible.
- Our students rose to the challenge every time, meeting as early as 5:30am to compete. We're so proud of the results. Of the **13** tournaments we've competed in, we've advanced competitors to the final round **15** times!
- A heartfelt congrats to our team's accomplishments:

- **Abi Royster**: Prose, 2nd NCFA Spring Championships and Moraine Valley Tournament, Prose, 4th MAFA State Championship
- **Chase Dalton**: Impromptu, 1st Tabor-Venitsky Tournament, Prose, 4th and Impromptu, 5th at NCFA Spring Championships
- **Josie Jose**: Prose, 1st NCFA Spring Championships, Prose, 1st Moraine Valley Tournament, Prose, 1st PSCFA Fall Champs, Prose, 3rd Talk Hawk Tournament
- **Sarah Morehouse**: Informative, Bronze Medalist at Annual Griffin Invitational
- **Sherin Yueksel**: Informative, Gold Medalist at Mt. SAC Speech Tournament
- And **many more!**

Math Score Second Highest in Nation

College of the Canyons received the second highest team score in the nation for the *American Association of Two-Year Colleges Student Mathematics League Test*, which is a two-round competition that tests the problem-solving skills of students across the nation.

- The first round of the **AMATYC exam** was held at COC on **November 5th**. The second round will be held at the college on **March 4th**.
- Of **29** College of the Canyons students who competed, the cumulative scores of Praneel Samal (**first place**), Roman Yakunin (**second place**), Melquicedec Avila-Cruz (**third place**), Zhiyuan He and Osmaan Mysorewala placed the college on the scoreboard with **66.5 points** ahead of 51 other teams.



College Wins Diversity Champion Award

The College of the Canyons Pathway to Law School program has received the *California Leadership-Access-Workforce (LAW) Diversity Champion* Award.

- The certificate program serves underrepresented groups, first-generation college students, and first-generation students.
- This semester **131** students have self-identified as Pathway to Law school participants
- Over the last **four years**, **303** students have participated in the Pathway to Law School program, with approximately **250** Pathway to Law classes being offered each semester.
- Congratulations to **Nicole Faudree** and **Liz Shaker** for all you have done to make this an exceptional program!



College Receives Apprenticeship Grant

College of the Canyons has received a **\$250,000** grant from the **California Apprenticeship Initiative** to train students with workforce-ready skills and serve the needs of the local construction industry.

- In partnership with the *Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters (SRCC)* and *William S. Hart Union High School District*, the college will offer a **pre-apprenticeship to apprenticeship** pathway to **50** students.
- Upon completion, students will be prepared for one or more of the SRCC Union Registered Apprenticeship programs under the umbrella of the **Southwest Carpenters Training Fund**.
- The project is expected to benefit both **students** and **industry** while contributing to the state's economic recovery emerging out of the COVID-19 pandemic.





Athletics Update



Men's Basketball

- Canyons finished the season 15-11 overall and 7-7 in conference play to rank **third** in the *Western State Conference (WSC), South Division Standings*.
- The **15** wins were the most since the 2014-15 campaign. The Cougars had **four** players earn **All-WSC Honors**: Andrew Henderso and Dillon Barrientos were *All-WSC First-Team* selections



Women's Basketball

- Freshman **LuLu Salloom** was the *WSC, South Player of the Year* and an *All-State First-Team* selection.
- Head coach **Greg Herrick** moved to **611** career wins at the college after achieving the 600 milestone during the first half of the season.





Athletics Update



Women's Tennis

- Canyons entered Tuesday's home match vs. Ventura College with its unblemished conference record and eight-match streak on the line. COC is **9-2** on the season and has not lost since Feb. 2nd.
- With four regular season matches remaining on the schedule **Head Coach Patty LaBat** and the Cougars could be in store for the program's **first** conference title.



Softball

- Canyons swept a home doubleheader vs. visiting Riverside City College on Saturday, improving to 8-4-1 on the season having posted wins in **nine of its last 10 games**. The Cougars have swept **four** doubleheaders along the way.
- **Head Coach John Wissmath** begins the week with **348** career wins at the college





Athletics Update



Men's Golf

- All six Cougars starters finished in the top-12 of the individual field as College of the Canyons stayed undefeated in conference play with a four-stroke victory over runner-up Santa Barbara City College at Oakmont Country Club on Monday.
- Canyons has won four straight Western State Conference (WSC) events on the year.
- Canyons next competes at the WSC event hosted by Antelope Valley College on **Monday, March 14th** at **Antelope Valley Country Club**.



College Helps Afghan Refugees

College of the Canyons has provided assistance to Afghan refugees, who arrived in the Santa Clarita Valley earlier this year following the U.S. military withdrawal from their country.

- The **International Services and Programs (ISP)** department stepped up to provide assistance with legal matters, housing, ESL activities, and enrollment at College of the Canyons.
- So far, **22** refugees have enrolled in **46** non-credit classes, and additional assistance and resources are being provided by numerous college entities, throughout campus.
- If you would like to help, please call ISP at (661) 362-3580.





What's New On And Around our Campuses



Spring 2022 Welcome Week

The Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement hosted over 30 booths, with over 20 club booths on both campuses for our *Spring 2022 Welcome Week*, February 14th and 17th.

- Although we were in a hybrid format, we are proud to say that 500+ students were connected to our campus resources and clubs/alliances through both of our events.



Artist Talk

On February 24th the *Multicultural Center* partnered with the *Art Gallery* to host a virtual **Artist Talk** with comic book artist **Kumasi J. Barnett**, as part of their Black History Month events.

- 98 participants logged on to hear his lecture and ask questions.
- The exhibition is still on view until **March 31st** (Gallery 206, 2nd Floor, Library Building)
- **Gallery hours** are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 – 4 pm and by appointment



Culinary Cafe Lunches Are Back

The Culinary Cafe began serving its five-course prix fixe lunch in-person on **Tuesday, March 1st**.

- Meals are prepared by advanced culinary arts students under the direction of **Chef Daniel Otto**.
- Although current dates through March 29th are fully booked, **additional dates for *themed lunch buffets*** are expected to be added in **April** following spring break. ***Watch your email for the announcement.***



Basic Needs Center



Basic Needs Center (BaNC) updates.

- BaNC is now delivering food with our new truck!
- The BaNC has forged new community **partnerships**, including *BevMo* (GoPuff), *Smart and Final*, *Ralphs*, and the *Salvation Army* (who provides fresh produce to the BaNC each week).
- **Meal Vouchers** are available to students for the Cougar Café.
- **Vending Machine Vouchers** are available for the Canyon Country campus.
- Thank you to our supporting partners!
- Future expansion of the BaNC will include **Social Worker Interns**.




Spring 2022 Civic Dialogues Series

The Center for Civic Engagement launched its virtual *Spring 2022 Civic Dialogues Series* on Friday, March 4th with artist/activist Deborah Aschheim.

- This Friday, March 11th Ashley Finley, *Vice President for Research and Senior Advisor to the President at American Association of Colleges and Universities* will address the topic: “*Assessing Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement*” from 10am to noon.
- Please register through the *California Community Colleges' Success Network (3CSN)* to obtain the meeting room Zoom link at <https://conta.cc/3IEJXSu> .



The Center for Civic Engagement
Civic Dialogues Series
03.11.21
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
CivicEngagement@canyons.edu

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Ask the Psychiatrist

Last night, **March 8th**, the *Student Health & Wellness Personal Counseling Program*, in collaboration with the *National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)*, once again hosted an **Ask the Psychiatrist** open forum Q&A session, for students and the community.

- **Dr. Neil Hartman MD PhD**, who has been donating his time to the program for the last four months, was the resident psychiatrist answering questions for the evening.
- The event was well attended, and addressed various issues related to caring for children with Schizophrenia, mental illness and student homelessness, substance abuse, depression and medical treatment options for mental illness.
- The program has been offering these sessions to the community for **8 years** now, and has recently increased session offerings to once a month, since COVID.



Student Health and Wellness Center

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The **Student Health and Wellness Center** is set to expand service to **24/7!**

- We now have ProtoCall available to our students.
- After hours, weekends, and holidays, callers to SHWC will be directed to a live person to help them with their needs.
- **Crisis and intervention services** are included in the service, as well as referrals.
- **Live March 14th!**



Currently at the Art Gallery

Deborah Aschheim's *The Never Facebook Drawings* and the Center for Civic Engagement's *PLACE Project* drawings are on view through March 24th.

- The exhibition features Aschheim's wonderful pen and ink drawings from several bodies of work. The *Never Facebook Drawings* are portraits of many of the people the artist has met at voter drives, mutual aid actions, rallies, protests, vigils, and memorials.
- The *PLACE Project*, co-led by **Patty Robinson** and **Jessica Edmonds**, brought together the *Center for Civic Engagement*, the *City of Santa Clarita*, *Bridge to Home (BTH)*, and the *Santa Clarita Senior Center*, along with COC students to examine issues of **housing insecurity** and other pressing equity.



Canyons Promise Accepting Applications



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Sign-ups for the **Fall 2022 Canyons Promise** program are now open.

- We already have over **250** students who have signed up!
- Deadline for student to apply is **May 2nd**.
- See www.canyons.edu/promise for more information.

Business Alliance Meeting

Our Business Alliance meeting on **February 16th** was a huge success, thanks to the panel of insightful and talented business owners and leaders!

- This meeting was a first step in a larger initiative on how we can support Black and African American Business owners and leaders in our valley and surrounding region.
- Our next steps include convening again to develop ideas and actions that will positively support these business owners and entrepreneurs going forward.
- We appreciate our incredible speakers for sharing their experiences and insight with us!



Education Alliance

The Education Alliance, which consists of COC leadership and the Superintendents of all 5 school districts, met on **February 28th**.

- The meeting occurred at **the Canyon Country Science Center** and a tour was provided.
- Meeting topic **highlights** included:
 - Spring 2022 status update, planning for COVID-19 restrictions/testing
 - Outreach, in-reach, and resource fairs
 - Community Education/Dual Enrollment opportunities
 - College Going Culture Update
 - Kennedy Center Partnership update
- Next meeting will be on **March 30th**.



Kelly Cude

Kelly Cude, Professor Biological Sciences was featured in this month's Elite Magazine.



Biology 107 is Alive and Well!

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of visiting Professor Cude's Biology 107 classroom.



New Employee Luncheon

Today we welcomed our new employees at the New Employee Luncheon in the UCEN Lobby.

There were 35 in attendance, which included 20 new employees, our Board members, Joan MacGregor and Michele Jenkins, Executive Cabinet members, and our Professional Development Team.





UPCOMING EVENTS

In-Person Job Fairs Return to COC!

The **Employment Center** (formerly known as *Career Services*) will be hosting an in-person **Job Fair** this **Friday, March 11th** to connect a variety of local employers with those seeking positions ranging from entry-level to management.

- Location: East Gym, Valencia Campus
- Time: 9:00am-12:00pm
- 70 employers from a variety of industries will be participating in this event.
- For a list of employers and additional info: www.cocjobfair.com



The poster features a blue and yellow color scheme with decorative arrow graphics. At the top is the College of the Canyons logo. The main title 'JOB FAIR' is in large, blue, outlined letters. Below it, the event details are listed in a clear, sans-serif font. The bottom section includes a website link for more details, a COVID-19 disclaimer, and contact information for the Employment Center, including a phone number, email, and social media handles.

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COC EMPLOYMENT CENTER PRESENTS

JOB FAIR

IN-PERSON EVENT
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FRIDAY MARCH 11, 2022
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
EAST GYM, VALENCIA CAMPUS

FREE PARKING IN STUDENT LOTS UNTIL 2PM

MORE DETAILS AT: WWW.COCJOBFAIR.COM

*COVID-19 PROTOCOLS WILL BE ENFORCED. CHECK [DETAILS](http://WWW.CANYONS.EDU/NEWS) BEFORE ATTENDING:
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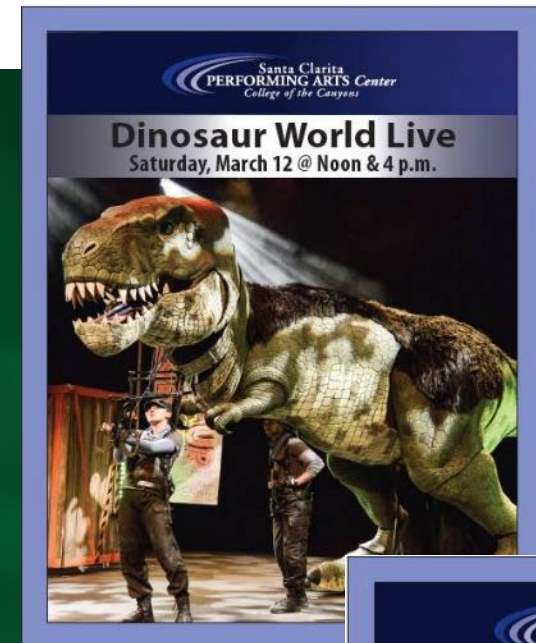
EMPLOYMENT CENTER

The Spring PAC Season Begins This Weekend!

This weekend the PAC Spring 2022 Season begins with **two great shows**:

- On **Saturday, March 12th** at **12pm** and **4pm**, we welcome ***Dinosaur World Live*** back to the PAC for audiences ages 3+ (previously appearing in 2020).
 - Using stunning puppetry to bring remarkably life-like dinosaurs to the stage, this interactive show presents a host of impressive pre-historic creatures.
- On **Sunday, March 13th** at **7pm**, we are honored to present legendary singer-songwriter and imaginative interpreter of an eclectic array of musical genres, **Judy Collins**.
- Tickets for both shows can be purchased on our Box Office website: <https://pac.canyons.edu/shows/>



Upcoming Business Alliance: Salute to Women Leaders in Business!

Our next Business Alliance Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23rd from 8am-9am

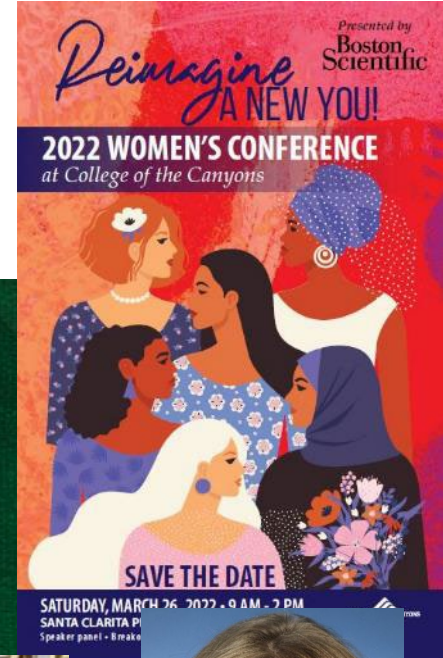
- The role of women in business continues to grow, with more women becoming CEO's of major corporations, and others launching their own ventures.
- COC will highlight some of the achievements of women business leaders in our area.
- For more information, please contact: Yarely Gonzalez at yarely.Gonzalez@canyons.edu



Women's Conference

This year's *in-person* Women's Conference features an exciting lineup of presenters and breakout sessions designed to “*Reimagine a New You!*”

- Scheduled 9am to 2pm on Saturday, March 26th at the *Performing Arts Center*, the event features a panel of trailblazing women who will discuss their journey to where they are now, what keeps them engaged, and how they stayed resilient during the pandemic.
- Panel speakers include:
 - Patsy Ayala (Santa Clarita Valley Latino Chamber of Commerce Board Member)
 - Deanna Austin (Princess Cruises Chief Commercial Officer)
 - Niamani Knight (COC Alumni and Founder, S.T.R.E.A.M. Global Innovations)
 - Valerie Bradford (NAACP SCV Branch President); and
 - Myself
- For more info, go to: <http://www.canyons.edu/wc>



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!

Where will you be 58 days from now?

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Star Party

At the Canyon Country Campus

Friday, April 22

7:30pm – 10:00pm

Open to the public

More details coming soon!



Fortine to Receive Silver Spur



The College of the Canyons Foundation will honor **Bruce Fortine** with the *2022 Silver Spur Community Service Award* on **Saturday, May 14th** for his longtime support of the college.

- The event will be held at Santa Clarita Studios starting at 6 p.m.
- For more information, call (661) 362-3434

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