

Chancellor's Report and Update



Board of Trustees Meeting
April 13, 2022





**Our COC Team and Students
Shine!**

Tennis Clinches First Championship

The **Tennis** team seized its first *Western State Conference* championship in dramatic fashion Tuesday, March 15th with an **8-1** home win over Antelope Valley College.

- Despite two matches remaining in the season, the team's dominant performance in its **10th** consecutive victory secured the conference title.
- Two days later the team reinforced its command of the court by claiming its **11th** straight win in a home match against Bakersfield College.
- The tennis team debuted in 2018 as the college's 17th athletic program.



Athletics Update



Men's Basketball

- College of the Canyons freshman **Andrew Henderson** has been named to the *2021-22 California Community College Men's Basketball Coaches Associations (CCCMBCA) All-State Team*, capping a season in which he also took home all-conference honors.
- Henderson was one of 23 players, and 10 freshmen, from both the north and south regions to earn **All-State** honors. An additional seven players earned All-State Honorable Mention accolades.



Women's Basketball

- Former longtime College of the Canyons Women's Basketball Assistant Coach **Harlan Perlman** was inducted into the *California Community College Women's Basketball Coaches Association (CCCWBCA) Hall of Fame*, officially becoming the **first** assistant coach to be selected by the organization's Hall of Fame committee.



Athletics Update



Men's Golf

- College of the Canyons was triumphant in its outing at the **Big Rig Invitational** in Bakersfield on Monday, playing in an event that also served as WSC tourney **No. 9**.
- COC sophomore **Hugo Amsallem** took home medalist honors with his **three-under-par** round of **69**. Canyons continues to lead the conference standings having finished **1st** in all but one WSC event this season.



Swim & Dive

- The Cougars competed at the **21st Annual Pasadena Invitational April 8-9th**, with freshman **Bence Endresz** leading the squad with **35** event points.
- His top result came in the form of a **sixth-place** finish in **100-yard freestyle** event.



Athletics Update



COC student-athletes **Ashlynn Heck** (softball) and **Mikey Kane** (baseball) have been named the COC Athletic Department's Women's & Men's Student *-Athletes of the Week* for the period running March 28th to April 2nd.

- **Heck** and **Kane** are the **seventh** set of honorees for the spring 2022 semester.



Ashlynn Heck / Softball



Student-Athlete
of the Week



Mikey Kane / Baseball

College Chosen for Project-Based Learning

College of the Canyons has been selected to participate in the *2022 Institute on Project-Based Learning* at **Worcester Polytechnic Institute** in Worcester, Mass.

- A team led by **Patty Robinson** was selected based on the strength of its application and its potential to effect change. This is the 4th year COC has been selected to participate in this nationwide training.
- The Institute on Project-Based Learning is a **2.5-day** intensive workshop in June.
- Teams of faculty and administrators work with experts to learn about project-based learning and make tangible progress to integrate best practices into their own curricula.



COC Students Honored By Phi Theta Kappa

Students **Marina Onaca** and **Isabella Solorio** have been selected for the **2022 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), All California Academic Team!**

- Grades, leadership and community service determine selection to the *All-California Academic Teams*.
- The students selected represent some of the best of the two million students enrolled in California's 116 community colleges.

Congratulations to these outstanding students!



COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

One of California's Best High Schools



Academy of the Canyons has been named one of *California's best high schools*, ranking **16th** overall, according to Stacker, which specializes in converting data into compelling editorial content.

- The rankings considered eight differently weighted factors, with **60** percent of the score based on **academics and grades**.
- From there, culture and diversity, parent and student surveys on their overall experiences, and teachers each contributed to **10** percent of the score.
- Finally, scores for each school's clubs and activities, health and safety, resources and facilities, and sports constituted **2.5** percent each.
- College of the Canyons has hosted the **middle college high school** at its Valencia campus since its inception in **1999**.

Uniquely Abled Academy Graduation

The *Uniquely Abled Academy at College of the Canyons* honored **10** new graduates of its *CNC Machinist Training* program on **Friday, April 8th**.

- This program, in its **third year**, provides intensive training for individuals with high-functioning autism and prepares them for career paths in industries including aerospace, automotive and medical devices.
- COC has **100%** of placement in the UAA for CNC Machining and expects the same with this **3rd cohort**.
- UAA Students receive:
 - National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Credentials
 - ACT National Career Certification
 - Certificate of SME ToolingU



Funding for Advanced Technology Center

College of the Canyons has received nearly **\$1 million** in federal funding that will help launch the **Advanced Technology Center (ATC)**, a *state-of-the-art* advanced manufacturing and CNC (Computer Numerical Control) production lab to help meet the demand for skilled employees in fast-growing industry sectors.

- **Congressman Mike Garcia** secured the funding through the \$1.5 trillion Omnibus Spending package recently passed by Congress.
- The allocation will equip the ATC with a *state-of-art* **CNC production lab** that includes both simulation machining centers and full production type machining centers, including several CNC 5-axis machining centers, mills, lathes and routers.
- It will also include a full **computer lab** to support programming skills in Computer Aided Drafting and Manufacturing and additive manufacturing tools that will begin 3D printing applications for prototype projects.



College Awarded Innovation Grant

The Workforce and Economic Development Division of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has awarded College of the Canyons **\$125,000** as part of the *CCCCO Invention and Inclusive Innovation (i3) Initiative*.

- The goal of the i3 Initiative is to strengthen community connections and build college, career, and civic readiness, closing the “civic opportunity gap.”
- This project will enhance student **social entrepreneurship** and support **civic engagement** through design thinking, **project-based learning**, and **professional development** training
- COC is one of 18 colleges awarded in this cycle. Many thanks to **Harriet Happel, Patty Robinson, Teresa Ciardi, and Gary Quire** among many others involved in this project.



**INNOVATION
GRANTS**



Meuschke Receives Top Honor



Dr. Daylene Meuschke, *Associate Vice President of Institutional Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness (IRPE), and Student Experience Redesign*, will receive the **2022 IRPE Professional Leadership Award** from the RP Group for her exceptional contributions to student and institutional success.

- Meuschke will receive the award at the **RP Conference 2022**, which was held on **April 12th-13th** in Garden Grove, Calif.
- The annual RP Conference is the largest gathering of institutional research, planning, and effectiveness professionals in the California Community Colleges system.
- ***Congratulations Daylene!***

College Selected for 2022 HASP Launch



For the **sixth** time in a row, the **Aerospace and Sciences Team** has been selected to participate in ***NASA's High Altitude Student Platform (HASP)*** scientific balloon mission, set to launch from New Mexico this fall.

- The college is **one of nine** higher education institutions, and the ***only community college***, to have been chosen.
- The college's **Ourania** student team will focus on detection of antimatter particles, along with the added inclusion of artwork on the exterior to measure the reaction of different pigments and materials to light and temperature in the stratosphere.
- HASP is **1 of 4** NASA projects COC students will have launched to space this summer.

What's New On And Around our Campuses



Job Fair Draws Large Crowd

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

- **Hundreds** of job seekers packed the **East PE building** for the *Spring Job Fair*.
- **73** employers from a variety of industries from the community participated in this event.
- **4** COC departments had representatives - **Employment Center, Internships, COC HR, Student Employment.**
- **2** sponsors had tables - **KHTS, America's Job Center of California (AJCC)**



2022 Women's Conference: Reimagine a New You!

125 Community leaders and entrepreneurs from throughout the Santa Clarita Valley gathered at the University Center for the **2022 Women's Conference** on **Saturday, March 26th**.

- The event featured a variety of specialized workshops and activities, as well as a headlining panel of trailblazing women who discussed their life journeys, how they remain engaged, and how they stayed resilient during the pandemic.
- The ***Leading as a Female Business Owner*** and ***Painting sessions*** were among the best attended and left participants walking away with a plan or a piece of art.



LEAP 2022! Connecting, Engaging, Doing!



Session 1 took place on March 30th with 27 new participants!

I had the pleasure of kicking off LEAP 2022 with a presentation on *Why Connection Is More Important Now Than Ever!*

- Dr. Kevin Walsh facilitated the rest of the program, which focused on *Assessing Your Leadership Capabilities and Strengths.*
- Session 2 will take place on Friday, April 15th and the topic will be *Leading Others - Part 1: Embracing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Valuing Cultural Differences in the Organization*, with Dr. Diane Fiero and Mr. Flavio Medina-Martin presenting along with a student panel.



College Hosts Native Bee Workshop

The **COC Biodiversity Initiative** hosted **15** visiting faculty members from **10** community colleges on April 1st and 2nd to launch the ***Campus as a Living Lab (CALL)*** initiative with a native bee identification workshop funded by the **National Science Foundation (NSF)**.

- The goal of the grant is to increase undergraduate research opportunities for underrepresented students in community colleges.
- Participating faculty were provided the supplies, training, and resources necessary to begin mentoring students on native bee studies.
- The event was coordinated by **Jeannie Chari**, Biodiversity Initiative Coordinator, **Jaime Pawelek** from the Essig Museum of Entomology at UC Berkeley and **Dr. Patricia Palavecino** from Antelope Valley College.



Community Education – Career Exploration Camps

For over a decade, COC has held summer career exploration camps for 6th – 8th graders that the community has fondly come to know as COC's Summer Institute. We are expanding those camps to now include **Winter, Spring, and Summer Institutes**.

- The **1st Spring Institute** was held during Spring Break 2022, **April 4th – 8th**.
 - **Camps:** Architecture/Interior Design (Valencia Campus) and Automotive Technology (Canyon Country Campus)
- Coming up: Summer Institute 2022
 - **Week 1** - Week of **June 13th**
 - **Week 2** – Week of **June 20th**



Classified Professional Development Week

The **24th Annual Classified Professional Development Week** took place **April 5th – 7th**.

- The theme was ***A Healthy YOU in 2022!***.
- The Classified Professional Development Committee organized **12** workshops, covering numerous topics throughout the week.
- Classified staff enjoyed lunch catered by **Stonefire Grill** at the Canyon Country Campus Takeda Science Center Lobby on Wednesday – **Dr. Ryan Theule** provided the welcome.
- Everyone who attended the lunch shared how happy they were to once again have in-person events, and to be able to connect with each other.
- A big thank you to Leslie and the Professional Development Committee!



Canyon Country Campus Updates

CCC Spring 2022 Highlights

- The **Takeda Science Center** has hosted a variety of campus activities this spring, such as:
 - FLEX Workshops and District Meetings
 - Welcome Back and Welcome Week Events
 - Ed/Facilities Master Plan Planning Charette
 - Info Night for High School Seniors
 - Express Admissions Day, and
 - Classified Professionals Development Day Lunch
- Construction continues on the Student Services & Learning Resources Center, which will provide one-stop student onboarding and support, tutoring services, library, meeting and study spaces, and classrooms.



Student Outreach Event

Preview of New Programs at UCEN

The University Center hosted an Open House Preview of its **Fall 2022 Programs** in the UCEN Lobby on **Tuesday, April 12th**.

- Attendees learned firsthand about the degree and certificate programs that will be available this fall, and were able to meet with university representatives, and receive guidance from enrollment counselors and academic advisors.
- For list of new programs:
<https://www.canyons.edu/administration/universitycenter/>



Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook
UNIVERSITY CENTER
COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

April 12, 2022 | 4-7 pm

**FALL 2022
PROGRAM
PREVIEW**

COME SEE THE BACHELOR'S MASTER'S DOCTORATE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS WE OFFER AND TOUR OUR FACILITY.

COCUniversityCenter.com
(661) 362-5111
26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355



Youth Soccer Programs Announced

COC Athletics will be hosting youth soccer players from across the Santa Clarita Valley to participate in **two** upcoming training opportunities: a *Spring Youth Development Program* that started today, **April 13th**, and the *2022 Youth Summer Soccer Camp* starting **Monday, June 20th**.

- Both the spring and summer programs are open to boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade.
- For more information, contact COC Women's Soccer Head Coach Justin Lundin at justin.lundin@canyons.edu or visit www.COCathletics.com



Ukrainians Need Your Help



In light of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, COC Global is asking for assistance for Ukrainian students attending College of the Canyons, as well as others in the community who have been impacted.

- Although the situation is evolving, you can help now by donating grocery cards or similar vouchers to provide Ukrainian students with basic necessities, participating in other donation drives as they arise, and helping raise awareness about the situation and its local effects.
- If you would like to help, please contact COC Global @ cocglobal@canyons.edu to donate to the relief effort.



UPCOMING EVENTS

International Film Festival



INTERNATIONAL
FILM
FESTIVAL

The Modern Languages Department at College of the Canyons is once again hosting this year's **Spring 2022 International Film Festival: *Last Call! These Are a Few of my Favorite Films.***

- As a celebration of **Pierre Etienne's 22nd** and last year as the Director of the Modern Languages Department's International Film Festival, we will screen **nine** of his **favorite films**.
- This semester, we are screening double features showcasing award-winning films from Italy, Germany, Spain, Hong Kong, Japan, and France on five Friday evenings. Remaining dates are: **4/15, 4/29, 5/13, and 5/27**, starting at **6:00 p.m.** in Hasley Hall 101 (COC Valencia campus). Please consult schedule.
- The screenings are free of charge and open to all film lovers who meet College of the Canyons' Covid-19 requirements.



Open House for Interim Multicultural Center

We are excited to announce that we are having an *Open House* for our Interim Multicultural Center (located next Cougar Café) on Monday, April 18th!

- There will be **two blocks of time** for visitors to stop by and visit the Interim Multicultural Center:
 - **Morning Block** (9:00 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.)
 - **Afternoon Block** (1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.)
- We will have:
 - Coffee/pastries/snacks/drinks
 - Meet & Greet Tables
 - Music & Giveaways
 - Programming – **List of upcoming events**



MULTICULTURAL CENTER

OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, APRIL 18 | 9AM - 11AM

NEXT TO COUGAR CAFÉ IN THE CAFETERIA

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT FLAVIO MEDINA-MARTIN AT FLAVIO.MEDINA-MARTIN@CANYONS.EDU OR CALL (661) 362-3559



Art Gallery Presents 'Budding Artists'

The Art Gallery presents the "*Budding Artists*" Annual Art Exhibition and *Silent Auction* starting Monday, April 18th.

- The annual exhibition featuring enthusiastic artwork created by children enrolled in the **Center for Early Childhood Education** runs through **Saturday, April 30th**.
- For more information:
<https://www.canyons.edu/academics/artgallery/exhibitions/upcoming>



COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
ART GALLERY

Lunch Buffets Coming Soon

Starting April 19th the **Culinary Cafe** will begin serving themed buffet lunches!

- Meals are prepared by advanced culinary arts students under the direction of **Chef Daniel Otto**.
- Reservations are now open for select Tuesdays from **April 19th** through **May 24th**
- Seating will cap at **70** guests for each date.
- See Culinary Arts website for more details.



Theatre Presents *Into the Woods*



The Theatre Department presents "*Into the Woods*" on the Main Stage of the Performing Arts Center. The production opens on **Friday, April 22nd** at 7 p.m. and continues through **Sunday, May 1st**.

➤ For more information, go to <https://pac.canyons.edu/shows/>

Star Party Focuses on Mars

The popular **Star Party** returns to the Canyon Country campus on **Friday, April 22nd**.

- Guest speaker **John L. Callas** of NASA's **Jet Propulsion Laboratory** will discuss "*The Robotic Exploration of the Surface of Mars.*"
- Scheduled 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., the event also features high-powered telescopes for viewing the night sky.
- For more information: <https://www.canyons.edu/canyoncountry/>



Where will you be 58 days from now?

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

Star Party

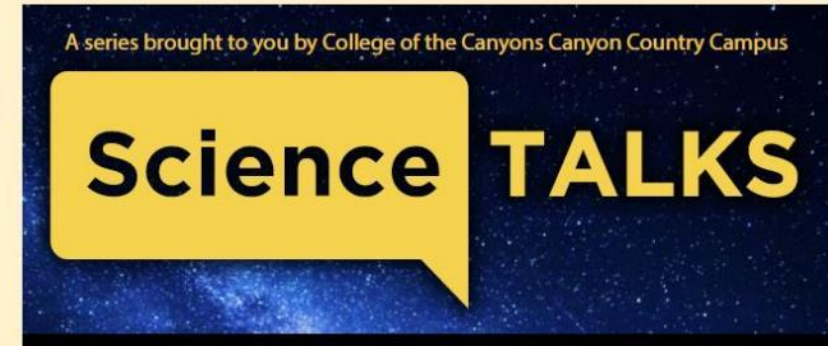
At the Canyon Country Campus

Friday, April 22

7:30pm – 10:00pm

Open to the public

More details coming soon!



Classified Appreciation Week



Each May, we look forward to celebrating our AMAZING classified and confidential staff as part of ***Classified Appreciation Week***. A fun **breakfast (May 3rd)** prepared by the administration and an interactive **luncheon (May 5th)** and awards ceremony is planned this year to recognize the wonderful contributions that the classified and confidential staff bring to the College each and every day.

- The theme for this year's event is ***Cruising Out of Covid***.
- In addition to the breakfast and the lunch, employees are invited to nominate a classified or confidential staff member for one of **seven awards**:
 - **Employee of the Year**
 - **Gloria Jackson Customer Service Award**
 - **Dare to Dream Award**
 - **Humanitarian Award**
 - **Professional Achievement Award**
 - **CSEA Member of the Year Award**
 - **Classified Senate Spirit Award**



SAVE THE DATE: Spring Garden Walk

The Canyon Country Campus will be hosting an *in-person* Spring Science Talks Series **Garden Walk** on **Friday, May 6th** from 9am to 11am.

- All are invited to join for a walk around the Canyon Country Campus, exploring a diverse variety of plants, trees, insects, reptiles, etc.
- Meet in **Lot 3**, at the **flagpole** on that day, and wear comfortable shoes!

The Science Talks Series Presents

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, May 6, 2022

SPRING GARDEN WALK

9am to 11am

at the Canyon Country Campus

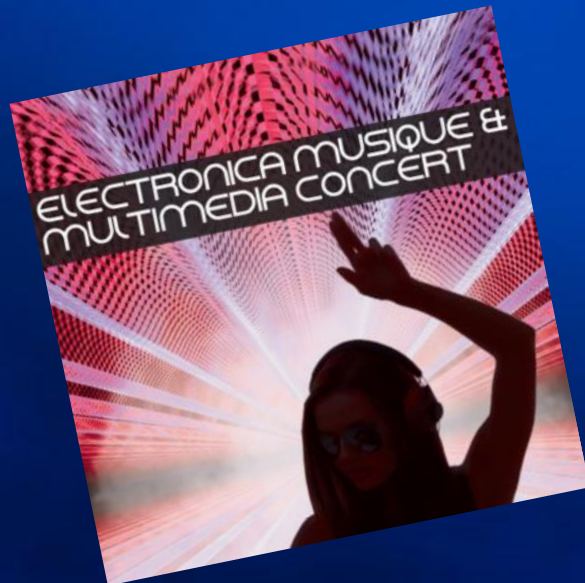
We're back in person! Join us for an educational, fun and healthy morning as we get in our steps, enjoy the fresh air and explore the campus topography!

More info to come...

**GARDEN WALK AT THE
CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS**

Coming to PAC

- Crystal Gayle – May 7th
- Ben Folds – June 17th
- Along with many other student led concerts.
- Tickets can be purchased on our Box Office website:
<https://pac.canyons.edu/shows/>



Next Executive Cabinet Webinar

Our next Executive Cabinet Webinar will take place on **Thursday, May 14th** from **12pm-1pm**

- To Join:
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/96994362406>
- This webinar will be recorded and will be posted at www.canyons.edu/news



Fortine to Receive Silver Spur



The **2022 Silver Spur** event is just one month away!

- This year's theme is ***Old Hollywood***, and will be held at the premiere **Santa Clarita Studios**.
- 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.
- Tickets can be purchased @ **www.cocfoundation.com**

Welcome
Spring!

