

Chancellor's Report and Update



**Board of Trustees Meeting
May 10, 2023**

Our COC Team and Students Stand Out!



PIO Wins Eight Awards



The Public Information Office was honored by **CCPRO (Community College Public Relations Organization) California** with **eight** awards during the organization's annual conference **Thursday, April 13th**.

- The college received **two** gold awards, for its annual report and a news release feature story; **three** silver awards, for the college catalog, class schedule, and a news release; and **three** bronze awards, for the Monday Report online newsletter, a promotional video, and a second news release feature story.
- **CCPRO California** is a statewide organization that promotes excellence in community college public relations and related professions.

ALL IN Honors Student Leader



Our own Jesse McClure was recently recognized by the **ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge** for his voter registration, education, and engagement efforts.

- McClure was one of 175 college students across the nation who were named to the organization's 2023 Student Voting Honor Roll for going above and beyond to advance nonpartisan student voter registration and turnout.
- Last year's midterm elections saw one of the highest youth voter turnouts in a midterm election in 40 years; an estimated 23 percent of young people ages 18 to 29 voted.

Athletics Update

Baseball Advances to Super Regional

- Canyons is moving on to the **Southern California Super Regional** for the **first time since 2013** after eliminating host Orange Coast College 2-0 in the opening round of the *Southern California regional playoffs* on Saturday.
- College of the Canyons produced **seven All-Western State Conference (WSC), South Division** honorees.

Canyons Softball Sees Six Earn All-WSC Honors

- Canyons softball featured **six All-Western State Conference, East Division** honorees for the 2023 season.

Men's Golf Wins 12th Straight WSC Title, Season Ends at SoCal Championships

- In addition to the title win, four players earned **All-WSC honors**



Athletics Update

Osorio and Buck are moving on to Finals of SoCal Track & Field Championships

- Canyons competed at day one of the 2023 *CCCAA Track & Field Southern California Prelims and Championships* last Friday, with sophomores **Milca Osorio** and **Layne Buck** both advancing to the finals next weekend.

Alyssa Hamilton Shined at Swim & Dive State Championships

- COC freshman **Alyssa Hamilton** carved her name into the history books during the *CCCAA Swim & Dive State Championships*, establishing herself as the *most accomplished* female swimmer in program history.





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Grants Update

Update on Grants

Grants Development supports college program needs and strategic goals in close collaboration with Instruction, Business Services, Student Services, and many more. **Recent grant highlights and notable awards** include:

\$14,906,450 secured to-date for FY22/23:

- **US Dept of Ed: \$3 million** over 5 years: *Title V - Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Grant*
 - Tara Williams: “A Comprehensive Approach to Improving Latinx Student Access, Engagement, and Success” supports student services, counseling, OER in STEM, and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy
- **CCCCO: \$1.5 million** over 5 years: *Native American Student Support, Success Program*
 - Jasmine Ruys, Diane Fiero: Support for Native American students, with COC one of 20 colleges selected.
- **US Dept of Ed: \$598K** over 3 years: *Centers of Excellence for Veteran Support Services*
 - Renard Thomas: Establishment of a Center of Excellence at CCC and enhanced veteran support services.
- **CCCCO: \$300K** over 2 years: *Culturally Responsive Pedagogy/Practices Innovative Best Practices*
 - Tricia George: Support for faculty professional development, curriculum dev, discussion groups.
- **CCCCO: \$162,000** over a 1 year: *Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Student Achievement Program*
 - Diane Fiero: To student support services for AANHPI populations, such as learning communities, counseling, career development, and tutoring.



What's New On And Off our Campuses

Conversation & Culture

The *ESL* (English as a Second Language) and *Modern Languages & Cultures* departments held their first **Conversation & Culture Night**, a collaborative experiment to help students from both programs learn about each other while practicing their language skills.

- More than **90** ESL and Spanish language students participated in the session on **Thursday, April 13th**.
- Future sessions are scheduled 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in Mentry Hall 343.



April Taiwan Trip

Dr. Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine was actively recruiting and partnership-building in Taiwan during the month of **April 14-30th**.

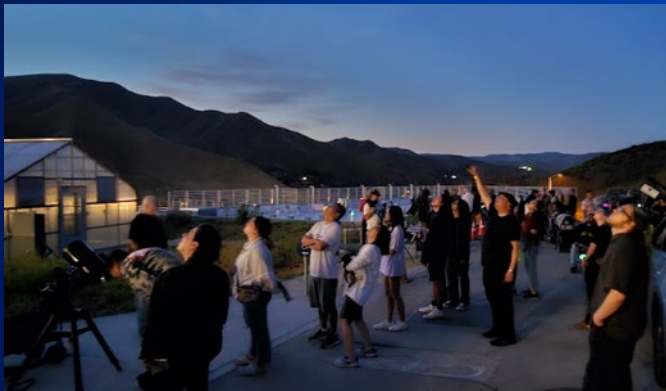
- Dr. Cheng-Levine visited **6** cities over the 10 business days she was there. Through these efforts, COC has established relationships with 5 of the 6 largest cities in Taiwan.
- The media coverage of this visit was even more extensive than in the past, with **42** print or tv station reports sighted just during this trip itself.
- It is estimated that between **40,000** and **50,000** individuals have heard about the College from news reports in the past two weeks alone.
- We should build further on this success and the “celebrity status” that the College now enjoys in Taiwan, which no other US institution has ever been able to garner (especially looking at our peer community colleges).
- The presence of **Dean James Glapa-Grossklag**, a global leader in Distance Education and OER, has enhanced the College’s reputation in Taiwan as a high quality institution, particularly in online learning.



Canyon Country Events

Canyon Country Campus spring activities have featured a variety of exciting milestones. A few recent highlights include:

- On April 18th ASG held a **Student Egg Drop Competition** at the Takeda Science Center
- The *SCV Chamber of Commerce* held a **Chamber Mixer** on April 19th in the Lower Plaza of the SSLRC Lobby.
- **Science Talk Star Party** drew a crowd of 400 guests on April 28th at the Upper Plaza.
- **Garden Walk** on May 5th



Ribbon Cutting Event

I had the privilege of sharing the ribbon-cutting duties with Trustees President Dr. Edel Alonso to officially open our newest building at the Canyon Country campus on **Tuesday, April 25th**.

- The **Student Services & Learning Resources Center** debuted to a throng of community members, elected officials, and college employees.
- The ceremony was followed by a guided tour of the building and a catered lunch.



Cultures Celebrated

On Tuesday, April 25th students were treated to food, activities, games and colorful costumes representing a variety of cultures during the *Associated Student Government's Multicultural Day*.

The event was held in the Student Center.



SCV Job Fair

COC hosted the 2nd SCV Job Fair on Friday, April 28th in partnership with the *Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation, City of Santa Clarita, SCV Chamber of Commerce* and *America's Job Center of California*.

- **639** Job Seekers came through the doors of the East PE gymnasium seeking employment.
- The four-hour event featured 72 businesses.



Latin American Rhythms by Vento Sur

On **May 8th** the *Department of Modern Languages & Cultures* hosted an immersive (interactive) educational recital focused on Latin American Music in Hasley Hall.

- Over **60** COC students and faculty were in attendance.
- **Vento Sur**, whose members are all CalArts alumni, provided percussion instruments for the audience to play the rhythms taught by the musicians.
- The presentation explored the cultural perspectives and practices characterized in the music, how the music functions in society and expresses culture, and the beliefs and history from which the rhythms and dances originated.



International Animation Festival

The inaugural International Animation Festival debuted Friday and Saturday, May 5th and 6th, showcasing *student-produced* animation and bringing aspiring animators together with industry professionals.

- Speakers included **David Heredia**, founder of Heroes of Color, and **Mindy Johnson**, award-winning historian and author of "Ink & Paint: The Women of Walt Disney's Animation."
- Recruiters from **Sony Pictures Animation** and **Dreamworks Animation** participated in a panel discussion that focused on *how to break into the animation industry*.
- Special thanks to Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine and Jeff Baker!



Day of Recreation

On Saturday, May 6th COC cohosted the **Day of Recreation**, in partnership with the City of Santa Clarita.

- The event drew nearly **500** people from the community.
- Activities included a 26 foot climbing wall, extreme scream obstacle course, Inflatable Archery, Soccer Darts, Corn hole, Disc golf, ring toss, giant checkers, Jenga, and connect four, art and crafts, face painting, and a campsite complete with campfire for roasting s'mores.
- The local community donated items that were given out throughout the event as door prizes.



Shining a Light on Suicide

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the *Student Health & Wellness Center* held their annual **Shine A Light on Suicide** event.

- A **1,100** empty chairs were displayed in the honor grove to represent the number of college students lost that take their lives nationally each year.
- There were a host of community providers present to answer questions and link people to available resources.



Uniquely Abled Support Grows



The **Uniquely Abled Academy (UAA)** took a field trip to Valencia-based medical device manufacturer ***Classic Wire Cut*** in April to learn more about the company.

- Classic Wire Cut has employed many UAA graduates and will be one of **10** companies interviewing graduates for careers in manufacturing following the program's next **graduation on Friday, May 19th**.
- The program is offered by College of the Canyons Workforce & Economic Advancement.



UPCOMING
EVENTS

10/12/2022

Artists & Poets Exhibit

The Empowerment Programs celebrate *National Foster Care Month* with an exhibit of artwork and poetry by **Inspire Scholars** students.

- The exhibit is on display throughout the month of **May** in the **Library, Gallery 206**, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sign the pledge to support foster youth and get a free lapel pin.



Celebrate Fine Writing



**POETS
& Writers**
A Celebration of Fine Writing

"Poets & Writers," the English Department's 21st annual celebration of *original writing*, will be held 5 p.m. **Thursday, May 11th**, in the **Shakespeare Garden** near Hasley Hall. Selected works from students, faculty, and staff will be read.

Movie Under the Stars



The **ASG** presents a free outdoor screening of "*Puss in Boots: The Final Wish*" at the Canyon Country campus **Friday, May 12th**.

- Bring a blanket and some friends; complimentary chips, candy, and soft drinks will be available.
- The event is scheduled **7:30 p.m.** outside the **Don Takeda Science Center**.

Classified Appreciation Week



The college will show its appreciation for classified and confidential employees during **Classified Appreciation Week** starting **Monday, May 15th**. Events include:

- **Ice Cream Social** – 2pm to 3pm **Tuesday, May 16th**
 - Canyon Country campus – **Student Services Building, 2nd Floor**
 - Valencia campus – **Honor Grove**
- **Breakfast** – 7:30am to 9am **Wednesday, May 17th** at Upper Plaza, Canyon Country campus
- **Awards Luncheon** – Noon to 2pm **Thursday, May 18th** at West PE, Valencia campus

Faculty in Focus: Bernardo Feldman



The Faculty in the Spotlight series focuses on Music Department Chair Bernardo Feldman on **Monday, May 15th**.

- The series explores faculty members' paths to their current positions, their educational and professional backgrounds, memorable moments, and key takeaways from the rich experience of teaching.
- The event is scheduled **3 to 4:30 p.m.** in **Hasley Hall 101**.

Electronica Musique



The *Music Department* presents its **Electronica Musique & Multimedia Concert** on **Thursday, May 18th**.

- Performing under the direction of composer **Bernardo Feldman**, up-and-coming composers, DJs, and producers present a variety of music, dance and lights of exquisite beauty and boundless energy.
- The free event is scheduled **7 p.m.** at the **Black Box Theater**.

LEAP Presentations



Solution Teams from the current cohort of the *Leadership Education in Action Program (LEAP)* will deliver project presentations **Friday, May 19th**.

- Working under the theme of "*Dream It! Design It! Do It!*," the teams will share their ideas and projected outcomes.
- Presentations are scheduled **10 a.m. to noon** in **University Center 258**.
- All are invited to attend to show your support!

Cul-de-sac Release Party

It has been three years since the English Dept has hosted an in-person release party, so they are thrilled to invite you to the release party for our cul-de-sac (sweet) Vol. 16 in the PAC Lobby on **Thursday, May 25th** from **5-7:30pm**.

- Please come and support our hard-working students who created this volume, and the talented students who will be reading and presenting their literary and artistic works.
- To celebrate our literature magazine turning 16 years old, we will also have food and refreshments (and CAKE) for all to enjoy.

We cordially invite you to our

cul-de-sac
SWEET vol. 16

Release Party!



Thursday, May 25, 2023

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

In the lobby of the Performing Arts Center
Food and drinks will be served

JOIN US!

Be there or be square!

Jazz Ensemble to Perform

Acclaimed jazz guitarist **Dan Balmer** will join the *Studio Jazz Ensemble* for its concert at the Performing Arts Center on **Tuesday, May 30th**.

- Directed by Darren Castello, the performance is scheduled 7 p.m. on the Main Stage.
- Admission is free.
- All are invited to attend to show your support!



Academic Year-End Events Coming Up

As the spring semester winds down, we have many exciting academic events coming up!

- May 11th – Annual Foundation Scholarship Reception (5:30 pm) UCEN Lobby
- May 16th – ISP Achievement Award Ceremony (2 pm) X6
- May 18th – Transfer Admission Recognition (5 pm) UCEN Lobby
- May 18th – Student Athlete Academic Achievement Dinner (6 pm) West PE
- May 19th – Valedictorian Recognition Ceremony (10 am) Cougar Den
- May 19th – MESA Student Transfer Celebration (6 pm) Don Takeda Center
- May 30th – Nursing Pinning Ceremony (12 pm) PAC
- June 1st – MLT Grad Event (5:30 pm) UCEN Lobby
- June 3rd – Graduation Ceremony 1 (8:30am) Honor Grove
- June 3rd – Graduation Ceremony 2 (6 pm) Honor Grove





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