

# Chancellor's Report and Update



**Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 8, 2022**



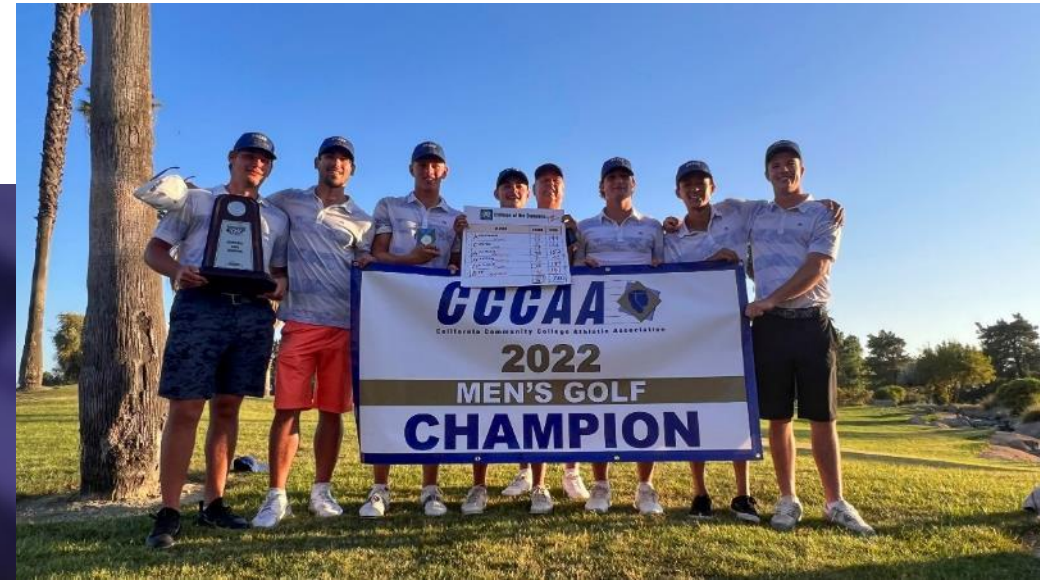
# Our COC Team and Students Stand Out!



# Athletics Update

## Canyons Wins Second *Consecutive CCCAA State Championship*, 10<sup>th</sup> in Program History!

- For the 10<sup>th</sup> time in program history and the second consecutive championship-eligible season, College of the Canyons has been crowned the **California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Men's Golf State Champions**. COC fended off runner-up Saddleback College by two strokes, finishing with a field low 720.
- The team coached by Gary Peterson fended off runner-up Saddleback College by two strokes to secure the California Community College Athletic Association's top prize.



# Athletics Update

**Ballentine and Osorio** lead Canyons to **Three** Top-Five Finishes at State Championship Meet.

- Canyons had **two** Cougars compete at the **2022 California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Track & Field State Championships** hosted by Mt. San Antonio College **May 20-21<sup>st</sup>**.
- **Milca Osorio** ran to a fifth-place finish on the meet's opening day ... then returned the next day to finish seventh in the 5,000m, concluding her freshman season.
- **Matthew Ballentine** threw for a mark of 53.22m (174' 7") during the individual javelin event, to claim **third** and earn JC All-American honors in a season in which he also won the **individual Western State Conference (WSC) javelin championship**. Ballentine was one of **five** athletes in the field of 12 to top the 6,000-point plateau.



# Softball Players Named All-American

The softball team was represented with **two** selections on the 2022 National Fastpitch Coaches Association California JC College All-American Team, with slugger **Ashlynn Heck** and pitcher/utility player **Allyson Melgar** included in the group of **26** honorees from across the state.

- Canyons was one of seven teams to have multiple players selected to the All-American team.
- Honorees must be nominated by their NFCA-member head coach before being selected by coaches in their region



# College of the Canyons Special Celebrations

During the month of May and early June College of the Canyons has been a busy place, with 25 End of the Year special celebrations happening throughout campus. Here are just a few:

- **Valedictorian Recognition Event**
- **Student Athlete Academic Achievement Dinner**
- **Transfer Admission Recognition**
- **MESA Transfer Celebration**
- **Law Scholars Reception**
- **Scholarship Donor Reception**
- **Nursing Pinning Ceremony**
- **MLT Certificate & Pinning Event**

**Thank you to all the program coordinators, faculty, staff, and students!**

# Valedictorians Honored

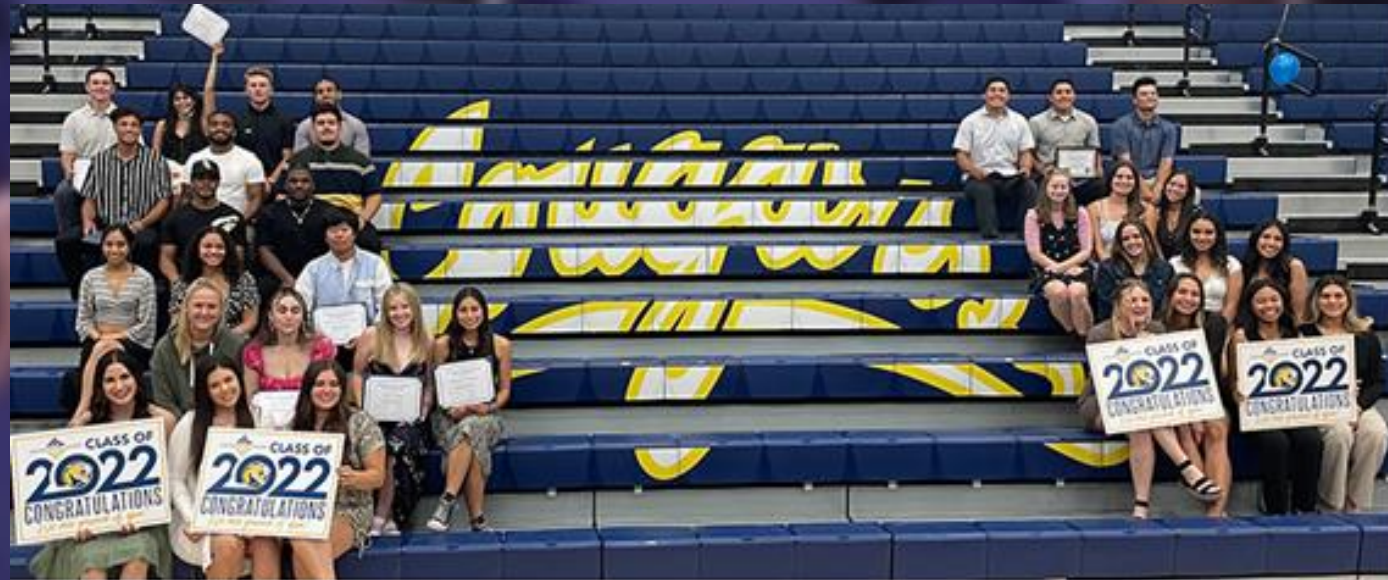


College of the Canyons celebrated the academic achievements of **46 valedictorians** during an event at the Cougar Den on **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. As valedictorians, the students had the **highest academic achievements** of the class of 2022.

# Student-Athletes Recognized

College of the Canyons **student-athletes** were recognized during an awards dinner on **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**.

- Held in the Cougar Cage (West PE Gymnasium), the event celebrated the academic accomplishments of the **84** student-athletes who graduated or will transfer to four-year universities in the fall.
- The event included my keynote speech and the presentation of awards to student-athletes for their accomplishments.





# Transfer Students Commended

College of the Canyons recognized the achievements of 1,362 transfer students during a virtual event on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Among those transferring, **558** will attend Cal State Northridge, **178** will attend CSU Channel Islands, **176** will attend UC Santa Barbara, and **97** will attend UCLA.
- We are so proud of you, and I wish you the very best on a job well done!



**COLLEGE OF THE DESERT**  
TRANSFER CENTER

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
TRANSFER RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 | McCallum Theater

Celebrate your acceptance and receive your Transfer Medallion!

To register [click here!](#) For more information contact the [Transfer Center](#).

College of the Desert | Transfer Center | Phone: 760-862-2351

# MESA Transfers Recognized



Transferring MESA students were commended during a celebration at the Takeda Science Center on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Among the **58** students transferring, **125** degrees were earned, an average **3.54 GPA** was attained, **17** scholarships were awarded, and **14** internships were offered.
- We are so proud of you and so excited to see you take your experiences and help make the world a better place in your own unique ways!

# Ceremony Honors Nursing Graduates

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, 53 soon-to-be registered nurses celebrated their traditional **Pinning Ceremony** with an exuberant group of family and friends at the Performing Arts Center.

- I gave the keynote address, noting the resilience of this group of students, and shared highlights regarding the growth and success of COC Nursing in contributing to the meeting of registered nursing workforce needs.
- **Dr. Jodi Hein**, Chief Nursing Officer, **Providence Holy Cross Medical Center**, encouraged the students to enter their professional lives ready to keep personal, empathetic patient care central to all while remembering the importance of self-care and mindfulness.



# Students Honored During Grad Walk

College of the Canyons graduates who opted for a simpler commencement ceremony were honored for their achievements during **Grad Walk** on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- 400 Graduates participated in this Grad Walk event.
- A traditional commencement ceremony, the first since 2019, was held the following day.



# Congratulations, Class of 2022!



The first traditional commencement ceremony since 2019 honored the Class of 2022 on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- 460 Graduates participated in this Graduation event.
- In all, 2,443 students petitioned to graduate, representing an approximately 3.5 percent increase over 2021
- The Class of 2022 has shown tremendous **grit** and **determination** by reaching graduation despite the unpredictability they faced during the past two years of the pandemic.



# Graduate Puts Life on Track

- When **Sarah Zamudio** walked across the College of the Canyons graduation stage on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, she wore a cap featuring a quote from the film “Up”.
- Zamudio’s COC adventure culminated with **three** associate degrees, but it started in 2019 with a call for help.
- Homeless and couch-surfing, the 19-year-old called her Bowman High School counselor, **Ami Gonzalez**, out of desperation. Ami encouraged her to come to COC, and doing so transformed her life!
- Read her special story here:  
<https://www.canyons.edu/administration/pio/news/2022-06-01-zamudio.php>



# Student Named Cooke Scholar



College of the Canyons student **Isabella Solorio** has been named a **2022 Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholar**.

- Recipients receive up to **\$55,000 per year** toward tuition, living expenses, books, and fees to complete their bachelor's degrees
- Cooke Scholars also receive educational advising, invitations to campus-wide and regional activities, and are eligible for internship and graduate school funding.
- Solorio was previously named a **Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society 2022 Hites Scholar**, which comes with a **\$7,500** award for baccalaureate studies.



# Student Chosen for Citi Program

## CITI UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS IN INNOVATION & DISCOVERY (CUPID)

College of the Canyons student **Brenda Bales** has been selected to participate in the Citi University Partnerships in Innovation and Discovery program this summer.

- The program helps students build pathways to internships and engage them in innovative activities within Citi's corporate umbrella.
- Selected students are interviewed by Citi personnel to work with mentors on real-world, real-time capstone projects that will be presented to senior leaders at the company.



# What's New On And Around our Campuses



# The Silver Spur Event Was a Success!



A special thank you to all who attended in this year's Silver Spur celebration, honoring Bruce Fortine!


- We had **270** in attendance!
- There were **\$33,000** in pledges for the Foster Youth program.



# Discover Day

Student Services hosted a **Discovery Day** event on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Valencia Campus.


- The event was designed to inform new and prospective students about the various student services, academic programs, and campus life opportunities.
- Approximately **400-500** visitors met with representatives from **50+** departments by stopping by information tables, visiting open offices, taking campus tours, and attending workshops focused on different topics including paying for college and Program Mapper.



College of the Canyons  
**DISCOVER DAY**  
SATURDAY, MAY 14 FROM 9AM TO 1PM  
VALENCIA CAMPUS

- Learn about the variety of programs the college offers!
- Talk with college representatives about campus services and student life!
- Explore programs that can assist with paying for college, including financial aid!

Discover the possibilities at College of the Canyons!

[canyons.edu/DiscoverDay](http://canyons.edu/DiscoverDay) 



# Retirees Honored for Service

College of the Canyons held a luncheon celebration to honor **16** retiring employees on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Those honored were **Connie Perez, Deanna Davis, Mary Corbett, Enrique Aldana-Hernandez, Guillermo Cruz, Joy Reilley, Kelly Burke, Susan Hinshaw, Kevin Anthony, Linda Maricle, Deborah Klein, Pierre Etienne, Rebecca Edwards, Ron Karlin, Sam Otoo, and Julie Lawson.**



# Takeda Science Center Exhibit

The Canyon Country campus presented a special artist exhibition and reception on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> by Phoebe Takeda entitled “My Family, History, Future.”

- Attendees had the opportunity to fold commemorative origami cranes as part of the kimono art exhibit as well as interact with STEM student displays.
- The event was held at the Takeda Science Center.



May 20th Special Exhibit  
4-5pm AT THE TAKEDA SCIENCE CENTER  
CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

*Lobby & Classrooms- Light Refreshments*

*“My Family, History, Future”*  
ARTIST EXHIBITION AND RECEPTION with **PHOEBE TAKEDA**

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE STUDENT POSTERS AND AGAROSE  
ART with DR. **SHANE RAMEY**

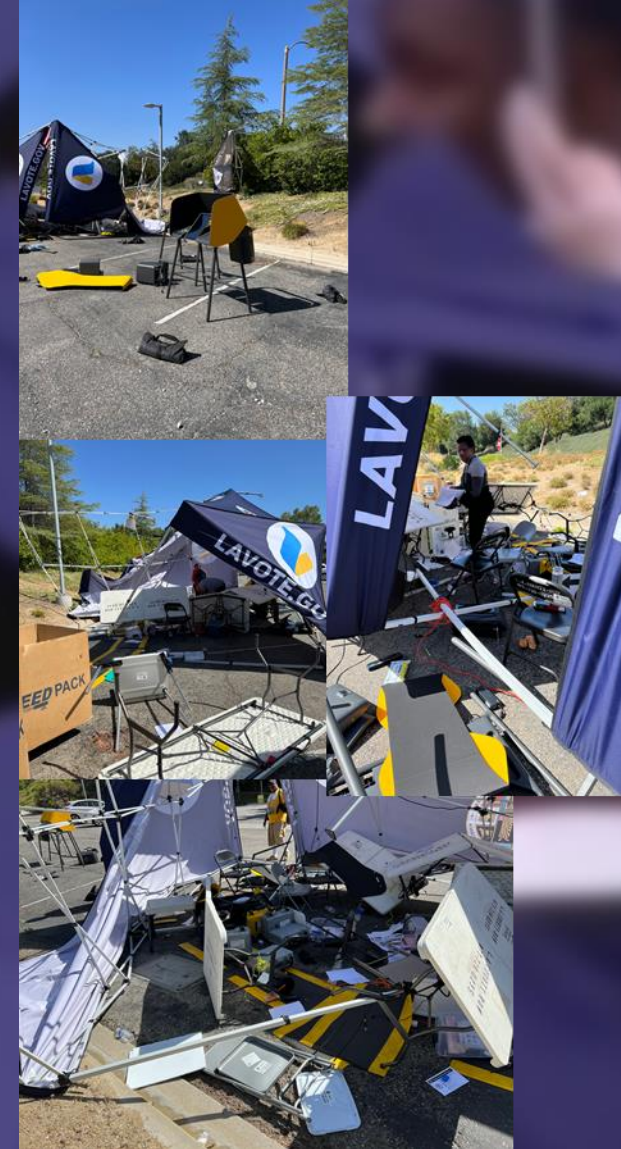


# L.A. County Mobile Vote Center (VMC) at COC May 31, 2022



COC hosted the Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Mobile Vote Center in Lot 4, on May 31<sup>st</sup> – a one-day event for the Primary Election, which the LA RRCC hopes to have as a 11-day Vote Center for the Midterm Election in November.

- Although scheduled to operate until 6:00 p.m., the VMC had to close early because of damage sustained by an unexpected dust devil that touched down on Lot 4 just after 4:30 p.m.





**Have a Great  
Summer!**