



Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting
July 12, 2023



Our COC Staff and Students Stand Out!



Future Business Leader's Earn National Honors



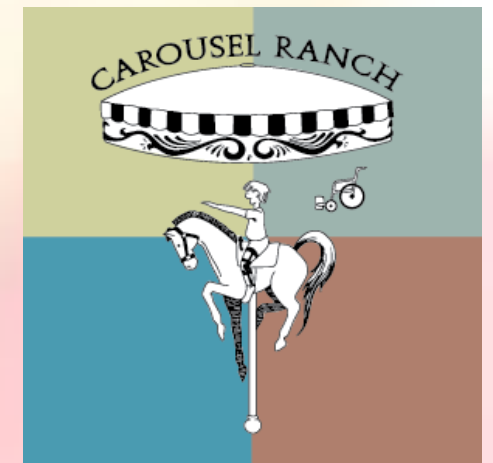
7 College of the Canyons students placed in the **top 10** nationally – including one national champion – during the *Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Collegiate National Leadership Conference* in Atlanta June 22nd to 25th.

- The students were among more than 850 students across the nation who showcased their talents and competed for more than **\$120,000** in scholarships.
- Our COC students competed in the **Business Presentation** category, the **Sales Presentation** category, the **Impromptu Speaking** event, the **Public Speaking** event, and individually in the **Social Media Marketing** category.

First 'Ready to Work' Graduation

The *Ready to Work Academy* celebrated its first graduating class during a ceremony at the University Center on **June 22nd**.

- A partnership between College of the Canyons and **Carousel Ranch**, the program provides certificate courses and work experience to young adults with special needs.
- **9** students completed the program, which encompassed two separate classes: *Workplace Skills in Customer Service for Retail, Food Service and Hospitality*, and the first pilot class in *Culinary Arts*.
- Students participated in classroom training and work experience at partner companies such as **AMS Fulfillment, Bluemark, Salt Creek Grill, and Funburger.**



COC Administrator and Faculty Receive Stanford Fellowships



Dr. Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine and Dr. Saburo Matsumoto are Fellows in the *2023-24 Stanford EPOC Community College Leaders and Faculty Fellowship* program.

- The *Education Partnership for Internationalizing Curriculum (EPIC)* programs bring together a cohort of community college faculty and administrative leaders to work collaboratively with Stanford staff for **one academic year** (August 2023 – May 2024) on self-designed projects aimed at internationalizing core curricula and developing global competencies among community college students.
- It's a competitive process. For each year's fellowship, Stanford accepts only **10** for the **Faculty Cohort** (Dr. Matsumoto) and **6** for the **Leaders Cohort** (Dr. Cheng-Levine).
- Fellows attend a three-day intensive workshop at Stanford in early August, 2023; participate in monthly virtual seminars, develop a project, and present their project outcomes at the end-of-the-year symposium in May 2024.





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Grants Update

Grants Development

Grants Development continues to support college program needs and strategic goals in collaboration with Instruction, Business Services, Student services, and many more. Recent grant highlights include:

- **\$15,016,557** secured to-date for FY 22/23.
- **\$14,183,381** secured for FY 23/24 so far due to multi-year awards.
- **\$10 million** in pending grant awards for future years.



Statewide Zero Textbook Cost Grant Program

James Glapa-Grossklag was selected as *Technical Assistance Provider* for the **State Chancellor's Office** to implement and support the **\$115M** state investment in **ZTC** grants. Major activities include:

- Design and manage grant application processes that may result in **400+** awards to colleges.
- Create and offer professional development courses available to all colleges.
- Coordinate research and evaluation of the project.
- Establish and manage centralized OER support services for all colleges
- Develop and support a community of practice for colleges to learn.
- Host in-person and virtual events.
- Document success stories with blog posts and case studies.
- Develop and deploy network of coaches to engage individually with colleges that need additional support.



Native Bee Biodiversity Research Grant

Received **\$500,000 National Science Foundation (NSF)** award to support underrepresented college students in native bee research, community education and engagement, and habitat patch and corridor creation.

- Builds on existing RCN-UBE Incubator project by providing **five years of funding** for *The BUZZ: Engaging Community College Students in Native Bee Biodiversity Research*.
- Only 8-12 projects nationally receive funding at this level each year!
- To date: **54** students mentored by **15** faculty from **11** MSI community colleges.
- **Our Goal** – Grow our team to **60** faculty, Provide research experience to hundreds of students through mentoring and course-based research AND increase biodiversity through habitat creation and enrichment.
- Way to go, **Jeannie Chari!**



COC biology students in action supported by a NSF Biodiversity Grant



Grant Supports Native Americans

College of the Canyons has been awarded a **\$1.5 million** grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to fund a **Native American Student Support and Success Program**.

- The **five-year** grant will allow the college to provide support for the educational success of Native American students and strengthen K–12 pathways to and through the California Community College system, including student transfer to the University of California and the California State University systems.
- The grant will also help students connect with Native American mentors to empower and develop leadership skills.
- Currently, the college has a **Native American and Indigenous Alliance** that helps Native American students navigate college, connect with mentors, meet with counselors and financial aid advisors, and discuss issues in a safe and welcoming space.





What's New On And Around our Campuses

Foundation Board Installed

The College of the Canyons Foundation held its board installation dinner at **The Cube** on **Thursday, June 22nd**.

- The ceremony marked a milestone in the organization's journey, highlighting the transformative impact of the team's collaboration.
- New board members **Matt Sreden** and **George Reyes** took their oaths of office with enthusiasm as they were installed by Board President **Dr. Edel Alonso**.
- **Gary Horton** and **Fred Arnold** were announced as the board's new co-chairs.
- The event also honored **Tamara Gurney** for her two years of dedicated service.



Unity Through Music & Education Program Recognition

The School of Personal & Professional Learning presented career skills certificates to nearly 40 students who participated in the "*Yes I Can, Unity Through Music & Education*" program on Saturday, June 24th.

The recognition event and celebration was held at the Performing Arts Center.



Summer Institute 2023

The Valencia and Canyon Country campuses were abuzz with activity throughout the month of June, during **two sessions** of the popular **Summer Institute**.

- These photos offer a glimpse of some of the activities that were offered to junior high school students, such as *animation*, *architecture*, *automotive technology*, *babysitter club*, *Esports*, *sports medicine*, *visual illustration*, *wood shop*, and just having fun with new friends!
- Total headcount for both weeks - 215



CCC Update

Summer is going strong at the Canyon Country Campus with instruction, a mix of events, and an exciting Fall ahead. Recent / updating highlights include:

- Summer 2023 Classes: **27 sections** in **7** disciplines.
- Fall 2023 Classes: **214** sections in **38** disciplines – more than a **50%** increase from last Fall!
- Events that occurred and are upcoming at CCC include:
 - Summer Institute (Auto / Construction) – 6/26-6/30
 - College Promise Workshops – 6/27, 7/26, 8/3
 - Low Observable Cohort Graduation – 7/13
 - CCC FLEX Day – 8/15
 - CCC Welcome Back Days and CougarFest – 8/21-24, 8/28



Celebrating 35 Years of Leadership

COC friends and colleagues gathered on **Tuesday, July 11th** to help celebrate **Dr. Van Hook's 35** years of dedication to College of the Canyons.

- Dr. Van Hook thanked everyone for the support they have shown over the past 35 years.
- **140+** people attended the celebration.
- **Eric Harnish** was the MC.
- **Dr. Edel Alonso** and **Chuck Lyon** spoke on behalf of the Board of Trustees. They provided comments on Dr. Van Hook's steady, caring, and remarkable leadership over the last 35 years.
- **Fred Arnold** spoke on behalf of the **Foundation Board** about her ability to foresee opportunities and implement cutting edge ideas and programs ahead of others.
- **Executive Cabinet** presented a red coral gift commemorating her 35th anniversary with the District.





Upcoming
Events

Summer Youth Camps

The **Volleyball** program will be hosting youth ages 8 to 14 to participate in its **2023 Volleyball Camp**.

- **Two** sessions are scheduled: **July 18th to 21st** and **July 24th to 27th**.
- Camp sessions are led by coaches and players from the college's seven-time *Western State Conference (WSC)* champion **Women's Volleyball** program.

7/12/2023



2023 VOLLEYBALL CAMP

SESSION 1

Tuesday – Friday
July 18 -21
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
\$200 per camper

SESSION 2

Monday – Thursday
July 24 -27
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
\$200 per camper

A \$175 'early bird' registration fee before June 15 ... Attend both sessions at discount rate of \$300. Discounts also available for teams registering at least six players.

BOTH SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Open to players (boys and girls) ages 8 to 14.
- Camp sessions led by coaches and players from the **seven-time Western State Conference champion** women's volleyball program.
- Learn basic skills and fundamentals through instruction, skills review and team competition.
- All campers receive a COC Volleyball Camp T-shirt upon check in.
- Proceeds directly support the COC women's volleyball program.



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Welcome Day



Welcome Day returns to the Valencia campus 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Friday, Aug. 11th**.

The event will feature workshops, information tables, and campus tours – all designed to help current and prospective students get connected, learn about college resources, and enroll for fall classes.

If you would like to participate and welcoming our new students at the event, please contact the **Student Services** office.

PAC Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets are on sale for the Performing Arts Center's new Spotlight Series. The series features performances by *Five for Fighting* on Saturday, Sept. 9th, *When You Wish Upon a Star: A Jazz Tribute to 100 Years of Disney* on Sunday, Oct. 1st, *Gin Blossoms* on Friday, Oct. 27th, Men at Work's *Colin Hay* on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, and ukulele phenom *Jake Shimabukuro* on Thursday, Dec. 21st.



Golf Tournament

- Registration is open for the College of the Canyons Foundation's "***Swing for Student Success***" Golf Tournament.
- The Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, **Oct. 2nd, 2023** at the **Valencia Country Club**.
- The event opens at **7:30 AM** for registration, breakfast, and the option to get some practice swings at driving range!
- The **tournament** will kick off with a **9 AM** shotgun start.
- To register, visit **cocfoundation.com**





Enjoy the Summer!