

Board of Trustees Meeting September 14, 2022





**COC Stands
Out!**

RockSat-X Soars

NASA's **RockSat-X** rocket launched from Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia on **Thursday, Aug. 11th**, carrying a science payload designed by College of the Canyons students.

- It was the ***Aerospace & Sciences Team's*** second NASA rocket launch this summer.
- After soaring to 91 miles altitude, RockSat-X's payload with experiments from eight colleges descended by parachute and splashed down in the Atlantic Ocean some 64 miles off the Virginia coast.
- RockSat-X is the most advanced of NASA's three-phase rocket research program for college students. The Aerospace & Sciences Team's focus now shifts to NASA's High-Altitude Student Platform (HASP) project, which is *scheduled to launch Tuesday, Sept. 6th*. The science payload will be carried into the upper stratosphere on a high-altitude research balloon.



Athletics Off to a Bright Start

Women's Golf Wins WSC Opener

College of the Canyons teed off the 2022 campaign with an impressive 19-stroke victory over host Santa Barbara City College while seeing all four scoring players finish in the **top-10** of the individual standings.

- COC freshman **Motoko Shimoji** was the event **medalist** with a stellar opening round of **77** at Santa Barbara Golf Club.
- Fellow Canyons freshman **Flora Peugnet** was next with a round of 79 to finish **second** in the field of 35 players.
- Canyons continues its conference schedule on **Monday, Sept. 19th** at San Dimas Country Club.



Athletics



Canyons Football Ranked No. 4 in the State

The Cougars have opened the season 2-0 with a pair of convincing victories to position themselves among the state's best teams.

- COC defeated Antelope Valley 44-13 in week one ... Last Saturday, Canyons was a 43-7 winner over Southwestern College at Cougar Stadium.
- **No. 4** Canyons will host No. 14 Fullerton at 6 p.m. on Saturday
- Check out the games – via **live stream** – on our Canyons Athletics website. Links can be found at **www.COCathletics.com**



Athletics

Cross Country on the Run

Canyons ran at the Oxnard College Invitational on **Sept. 9th**, its second meet of the season.

- COC's men's team finished **sixth** in the field of eight schools.
- **Milca Osorio** represented the women's team by placing **third** in the individual standings. Osorio's time was 20:05.6.
- The Cougars next run at the **Golden West Invitational** on Friday.



Athletics

Student Athletes of the Week #2

College of the Canyons student-athletes **Aly Grodell** (women's volleyball) and **Steven Eakins** (football) have been named the COC Athletic Department's **Women's & Men's Student Athletes of the Week** for the period running Sept. 5-10th.

- Grodell and Eakins are the **second** set of honorees for the fall 2022 semester.
- The first set were **Rebekah Brooks** (women's soccer) and **Julian De La O** (men's soccer).



Aly Grodell / Women's Volleyball

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Steven Eakins / Football



Rebekah Brooks / Women's Soccer

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Julian De La O / Men's Soccer

New Trainings for Our Workforce!



New ETP Sub-Contract with Logix Federal Credit Union

The **Employee Training Institute** launched an ETP Sub-Contract Agreement with Logix to supplement the training they already provide to their employees.

- They are the ***first*** Credit Union to obtain ETP approval for COC.
- **15** new hires are participating in over 90 hours of training.
- We are now planning additional cohorts to partake in the ETP Sub-Contract.



New ETP Sub-Contract: Western Jet Aviation

Western Jet Aviation developed their own *Aircraft Maintenance Training* program and have partnered with ETI to create an ETP-Sub Contracting Agreement.

- The pilot cohort consists of **12** employees taking over 400 hours of training.
- 200 hours will be covered under ETP and the remaining hours will be covered by Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) funds that the AJCC administers.
- We are now planning additional cohorts to partake in the ETP Sub-Contract.



New ETP Training: City of Santa Clarita

ETI Launched a **40 hour *Project Leadership & Management*** training program in partnership with the **City of Santa Clarita**.

- **26** City employees are participating in this training program.
- This is the *first* time the City of Santa Clarita has been eligible to use ETP funding.





What's New On And Around our Campuses



The Canyon Country Campus Celebrates 15 Years!



The start of the Fall 2022 semester brings the milestone of the **15th anniversary** of the Canyon Country Campus, which opened in August 2007.

- More than **67,000** different students have earned course credit here, befitting the access to higher education envisioned for the campus at its inception.
- The first fifteen years have been full of memorable milestones, and the semesters ahead are also full of opportunities to keep these impacts going!
- **Campus events and activities** this academic year will include an ongoing theme of anniversary celebration and engagement, *so stay tuned* for the latest schedule at www.canyons.edu/canyoncountry

Welcome Day Draws a Great Crowd!



Hundreds of current and future students and their families converged on the Valencia campus **Friday, Aug. 12th** for **Welcome Day**, a four-hour event that connected them with campus departments, faculty members, resources, and services.

Employees Honored for Service

Employees were honored for their years of service during two luncheon celebrations at the University Center on **August 15th and 16th**.

- Employees celebrating **5 and 10 years** of service were honored on Monday, August 15th.
- Those marking **15 and more years** of service were honored Tuesday, August 16th.
- Congratulations to all of our honorees!



Opening Day Festivities

Employees gathered in the Honor Grove **Friday, August 19th** to kick off the new academic year at the annual **Opening Day Celebration**. The festivities included:

- A hearty breakfast from ISSI;
- An encouraging reminder that "Everything is Better When We Stick Together";
- Foundation announcements of Mini-grant Awards to faculty; and
- An original performance from COC's own Cover Charge band.
- Guests stuck around afterwards to join a drum circle led by Professor Bill MacPherson.



A Busy First Week!



With the start of the fall semester on **August 22nd**, College of the Canyons welcomed students back to the Valencia and Canyon Country campuses in numbers not seen since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in spring 2020.



Counseling, TLC, Admissions and Records, and Financial Aid were all bustling with activity again, and faculty, staff and administrators were on hand to help new students navigate the campus.



What's Cooking in the iCUE?

The College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education (iCUE) has a number of events lined up throughout the fall semester.

➤ Fuel Up Station

- All students were invited to enjoy a free lunch prepared by iCUE students on **Thursday, Aug. 25th** at the iCUE.

➤ Buffet Lunches

- On Sept. 1st the iCUE Cafe once again began offering weekly **buffet lunches** from **11am to 12:30pm**. Reservations are currently being accepted for **Sept. 22nd** and **Oct. 6th**.
www.canyons.edu/academics/culinary/reservations_page.php

➤ Dinners Coming Soon

- iCUE will be offering dinner service beginning at the end of October.
- Stay tuned for details!



Fall 2022 Cougar Fest

Campus Life and Student Engagement hosted *Cougar Fest* (formerly Welcome Week) on **Monday, Aug. 29th** at the Valencia campus and **Thursday, Sept. 1st** at the Canyon Country campus.

- **600+** students were connected to our **30+** campus resources and **16** student clubs/alliances between both events.
- As we continue to have more students attend classes on campus, they are seeing more of the value in being **on campus**.
- **300** Subway boxed lunches and over **200** Regal movie tickets were distributed to participating students at each campus.
- A special thanks to our wonderful COC staff who support our students!



College of the Canyons Foundation Annual Golf Tournament

The College of the Canyons Foundation's "*Swing for Student Success*" Golf Tournament took place on August 29th at The Oaks Country Club. The day started with breakfast burritos from Nealie's Skillet, sponsored by Fred Little Construction. After a long hot day of golf, the players returned for a reception and awards.

- Proceeds from this year's tournament will help support COC **student scholarships** and other **support programs**, which provide life-changing opportunities and impact a broad range of individuals.
- Funds were raised through a variety of Sponsorship Opportunities, as well as sales of day-of player packages & raffle tickets. The Tournament raised over **\$60,000** for students!



Chancellor's Office Open House



I hosted an open house last **Wednesday, Sept. 7th**, to connect and communicate with colleagues. Approximately **200** people attended.



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Executive Cabinet and ASG Share Ideas

The **Associated Student Government** officers and members of **Executive Cabinet** have regular meetings planned throughout the fall semester to discuss and exchange ideas for enhancing student access, engagement and success.

- Discussion during the **first meeting** last week focused on creating resources for prospective students that would help them better understand and navigate the enrollment process and learn about programs and services on campus designed to support student success.
- In addition, the students shared their suggestions for enhancing outreach and communication with **ESL and AB 540 students**.



Economic Outlook Hosted in the PAC

This year's **2022 Economic Outlook** for the Santa Clarita Valley was held at the Performing Arts Center on **Friday, Sept. 9th**.

- Business leaders discussed corporate resilience and innovation in the face of unique challenges, and economist Mark Schniepp presented an economic forecast.
- More info forthcoming



2022 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK
8:00 - 11:00 AM Pacific | September 9th, 2022
College of the Canyons
Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center

2022 Fall Economic Outlook Featuring:

 ANA FONSECA Logix Federal Credit Union President & CEO	 NATE PATENA DrinkPAK LLC CEO	 JOHN PRABHU LA North Studios Partner
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The Economic Outlook will include an in-depth look into our national and local economies, as well as discuss global trends. This is the only event that provides a detailed economic forecast at the local level.

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Europe In-Person Meetings Lead to Improved COC Student Mobility Opportunities

This week, faculty member **Brent Riffel** is working with ISP to create COC student mobility opportunities. **Jia-Yi** and Brent are visiting a dozen European institutions interested in partnering with COC for scholarship-based semester abroad and degree transfer opportunities. **2+2** is now also, **2+ Europe!**

- Today they successfully inked an agreement for a full-scholarship, iCUE transfer, to **Villars Academy**, a 5-star resort and school in **Switzerland**.
- It is not all indoors! Brent had 3 hours this week to see some of the sights.
- Some of the areas of focus are *Nursing, Culinary Arts, Animation, Psychology, and Business*.



Friday Night Films Return

Last Friday, September 9th marked the return of our *Friday Night Film Festival*, with a double feature showing each night.

➤ The Film Festival will continue to screen on the following dates at 7pm in Hasley Hall 101:

- Friday, September 16th
- Friday October 14th
- Friday, October 28th
- Friday, December 9th

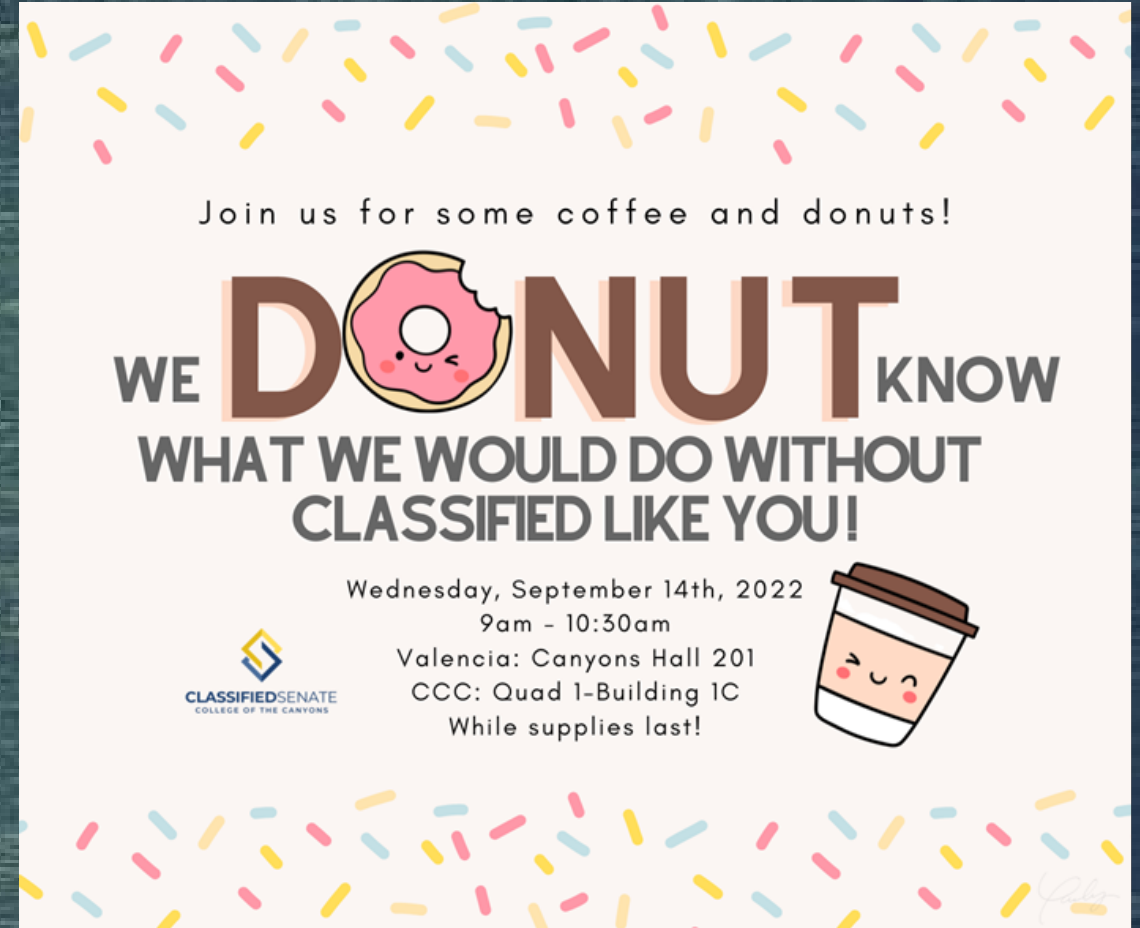
➤ More details coming soon on the Cinema webpage:
<https://www.canyons.edu/academics/cinema/>



Classified Senate Donut Drop

Today, the **Classified Senate** held a **Donut Drop** event at both campuses.

- 75 + Classified Professionals took a morning break to participate in the Classified Donut Drop at both campuses, including graveyard shift!
- The event featured fresh donuts and Starbucks coffee.
- A big shout out to the Classified Senate's Social Engagement Committee for making it all possible!



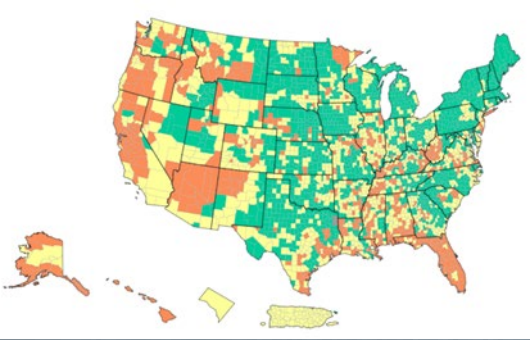


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COVID 19 Update

Coronavirus Update Recent Highlights



- **National COVID-19 community levels** are low-to-medium according to the CDC.
 - 43% are “low,” 40% are “medium,” and only 17% of counties are in the “high” transmission level.
 - LA County is in the **low** transmission category as of 9/13.
- **Statewide**, there are **15.8 cases per 100k** with a **7.8% positivity** rate as of 9/9, significantly **decreased** from 40.7 cases per 100k and 14.5% positivity as of 8/3.
- **Countywide**, LA County averaged **17.9 cases per 100K** and a **7.4% positivity** rate as of 9/9, significantly decreased from 49.9 cases per 100K and 12.6% positivity as of 8/2.
 - **The current LA County DPH Health Order** is continued from 4/21 with conditions generally improving including a decrease in hospitalizations.
 - The College continues to follow the latest developments and maintains a **COVID-19 Containment, Response, and Control Plan** online.



COVID-19 Testing, Vaccination and Notification

COVID-19 Testing is available at *both campuses*.

- **Valencia:**
 - Monday – Friday 8 am to 5:00 pm: **WPEK-109**
 - Monday – Saturday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm: **Parking Structure**
- **Canyon Country:** Monday – Friday 8 am to 5:00 pm: **Quad-1B**
- **At-Home Tests** have been distributed to staff and remain available to pick up at **WPEK-109** or **CCC-1B**, including for students.
- **Vaccination** is available at locations listed at **VaccinateLACounty.com**

COVID-19 contacts/exposures are notified within 24 hours.

- The College community is notified weekly through a link on the Monday Report which connects to PIO’s COVID-19 page: **www.canyons.edu/news**

Month	Reported Cases on Campus	Exposures on Campus
Sept. 2022	12	202*
August 2022	39	680*
July 2022	66	286*
June 2022	46	316*
May 2022	121	1,684*
April 2022	29	436*
March 2022	11	7
February 2022	22	64
January 2022	44	27

- DPH broadened who is considered a “close contact” exposure of someone confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Effective April 15, **this revision significantly expanded the number of people considered to be exposed, and changed how the College reports COVID-19 exposures.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Constitution Day Event

Constitution Day is celebrated across the country on September 17, 2022, and it commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.

- Please join COC's celebration of Constitution Day on September 16 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (PST).
- The event follows the deliberative dialogue format designed by the National Issues Forum and joins facilitators from College of the Canyons, California, Kirkwood Community College, Iowa, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Virginia, and moderator Verdis Robinson, Kettering Foundation.



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SEPTEMBER 16TH
CONSTITUTION DAY

*Multi-Campus/Multi-State
Deliberative Dialogue*

**FREE SPEECH AND THE
INCLUSIVE CAMPUS**

Join our out-of-state peers for a collaborative dialogue.

10:30-12:00 p.m. (PST) College of the Canyons, California
12:30-2:00 p.m. (CST) Kirkwood Community College, Iowa
1:30-3:00 p.m. (EST) Piedmont Virginia Community College

<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/82756396002>

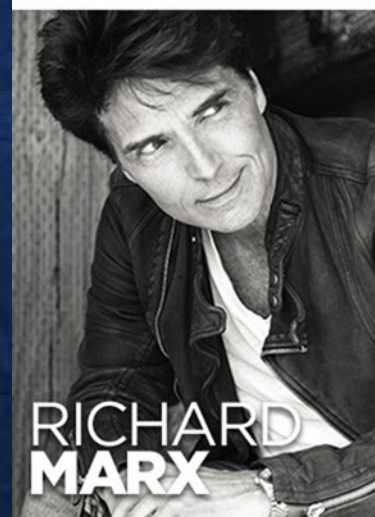
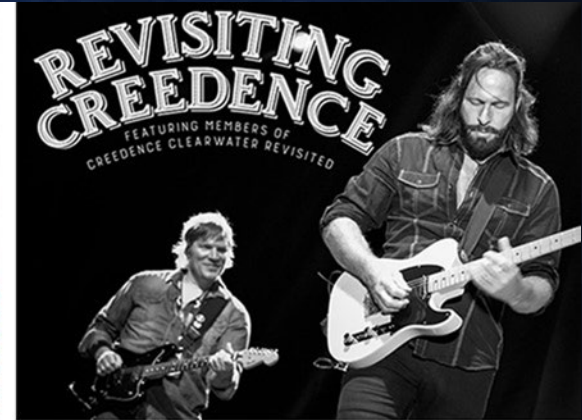
Dial by your location:
+1 669 444 9171 US
Meeting ID: 827 5639 6002

For more information, contact patty.robinson@canyons.edu

2022/23 PAC Season on Sale Now

Grab your tickets for the **Performing Arts Center's 2022/23 Season**, which kicks off **Saturday, Sept. 17th** with a ***sold out*** performance of "**Weird Al**" Yankovic and special guest Emo Phillips.

- The season also features performances by *The Doo Wop Project* (Oct. 1), *Revisiting Creedence* (Nov. 4), **Richard Marx** (Jan. 13), *Naturally 7* (Feb. 10), *Jon Secada* (April 1), *Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience* (May 21), and *Lisa Loeb* (June 3).
- For a complete listing go to: <https://pac.canyons.edu/shows/>.



Meeting with the New President of ACCJC

On **Monday, September 19th** I will be meeting with the new President of the *Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)*, **Dr. Mac Powell**.

- Dr. Powell will be visiting our campus to learn what new programs and initiatives we are offering to promote student learning and success.



60+ Universities Attending



Transfer Day is returning to College of the Canyons on **Tuesday, Sept. 20th**, with representatives from more than **60** universities on hand to provide students with transfer and admission guidance.

- The event is scheduled **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the outdoor area between Canyons Hall and the Student Center.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration



The college will recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success during a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on **Wednesday, Sept. 21st**.

- The event will also highlight local Hispanic businesses, leaders, and entrepreneurs. Food, drinks, music, arts, and crafts will be offered.
- The event is scheduled to start at **8:30 a.m.** in the vicinity of the Valencia campus Honor Grove. ***Additional details will be forthcoming.***
- Additionally, the White House has designated **September 12th-18th** as ***National Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HIS) Week.***

Save the Date: EMT Celebration



Mark your calendar for **Thursday, Sept. 29th** to celebrate the ***Emergency Medical Technician Program's 50th Anniversary***.

- The Celebration is planned **9am to 10:30am** at the **outdoor plaza** near the College of the Canyon's Institute for Culinary Education.
- The event will feature breakfast catered by the College of the Canyons **Institute for Culinary Education**, teaching demonstrations, and information about career paths into hospital emergency rooms, ambulance training, and other careers.



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Enjoy the Fall Semester!