

A vibrant field of purple lupines and orange poppies under a blue sky with light clouds. The purple lupines are the dominant feature, with several tall, dense spikes of flowers. Interspersed among them are several bright orange poppies. The background shows a clear blue sky with some light, wispy clouds. The overall scene is bright and colorful, suggesting a sunny day in a garden or field.

Chancellor's Report & Update

Foundation Board Meeting

March 27, 2018

Recognition



BAND OF BROTHERS & SISTERS EXCELLENCE AWARD – FALL 2017

The COC Chapter of the Student Veterans of America recently announced the “**Fall 2017 Band of Brothers & Sisters Excellence Awards**”.

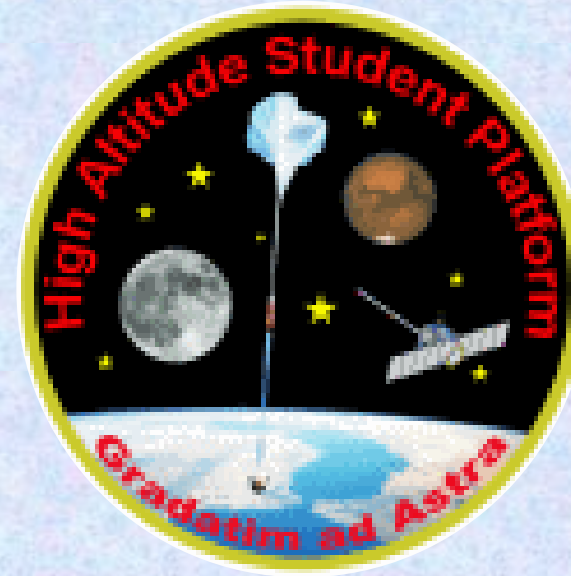
- These awards are a partnership between Student Veterans of America, COC Foundation and donors to offer awards designed to support our military veterans and active duty reservists.
- Congratulations to award winners:
 - ✓ **Jasmine Gabriel;**
 - ✓ **Gilbert Sanchez; and**
 - ✓ **Christian Sullano.**



GREAT NEWS FROM THE ASTRONOMY PHYSICS CLUB!

Two teams of students have been working on proposals and designs for two different NASA student payloads (science experiments) and both teams have been accepted to participate!

- One of the projects will be manifested on **NASA's RockSatX** rocket which is set to launch in June 2018. This team successfully competed against universities across the nation and passed three design reviews of the payload.
- The second project was accepted for the **NASA High Altitude Student Platform (HASP)**. This team also competed against universities from across the nation. No other community college has ever flown on HASP **three times** and COC has been **selected three years in a row!** NASA HASP will launch in August/September 2018.
- We are incredibly proud of our students and of their amazing advisor Professor Teresa Ciardi.



SAND CANYON COUNTRY CLUB SUPPORTS FYF

Tech entrepreneur and General Manager of the Sand Canyon Country Club, Steve Kim, presented a check for **\$50,000** to COC on Thursday, February 22nd.

- This two-year commitment, designated as the **Sand Canyon Country Club Scholars** contribution, will financially support **50** First-Year Promise students.



COC SELECTED AS THE 2018 EMPLOYER & SERVICE PROVIDER

On February 22nd our Center for Applied and Competitive Technologies (CACT) was selected as the **“Employer and Service Provider for 2018”** by the SCV Mayor’s Committee.

- This annual Awards Celebration was held in our iCUE.
- We were thrilled to be selected to receive this award and look forward to our continued partnership with the Department of Rehabilitation and the Santa Clarita Valley Mayor’s Committee.



MODEL U.N. EXCELS!

Congratulations to the Model U.N. team for their success at the UC Berkley and CSU Long Beach Model U.N. competitions!

- At the first competition of the season held on March 1st – 4th, hosted by UC Berkley, our team competed against mostly four-year institutions.
 - ✓ COCMUN members **Sara Cole** and **Joel Szakmeister** received “**Verbal Commendation**” awards.
- At the LBMUN competition, held March 9th – 11th we competed against both four-year and two-year institutions.
 - ✓ Of the **14 COCMUN delegates, 8 won awards!**
 - ✓ Of the **6 new COCMUN delegates, 4 won awards!**
 - ✓ COC was named “**Best Delegation**” for the second year in a row!
- Thank you to MUN Advisor Phil Gussin, MUN Club President Ronnie Lopez and MUN Club VP for their leadership.



SOROPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP

On March 8th COC CALWORKS student **Lupe Izguirre** received the **“Live Your Dream” \$2,000 Soroptimist Scholarship**.

- Lupe has been a student at COC for the last three years and will be graduating this spring.
- She is an exceptional work study student in the EOPS office.
- **Congratulations to Lupe!**



MONTEREY NEXT GENERATION JAZZ FESTIVAL

Congratulations to **Julie Lawson** and the “**Just Jazz**” vocal group for placing 3rd in the **Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival 2018** held on March 9th & 10th.

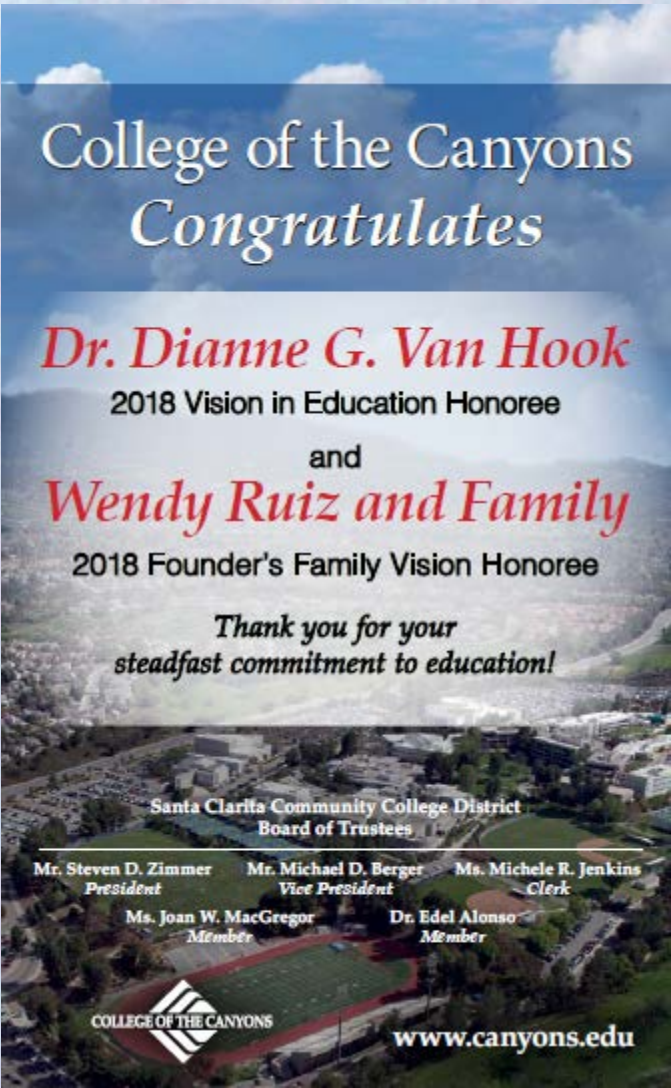
- This is the 8th time that “**Just Jazz**” has been invited to perform at this festival and the 3rd time that “**House Blend**” has been invited.
- After opening for **Imani Gonzalez** in the PAC on Friday night, the group left COC at 6:30 am on Saturday morning for Monterey.
- Both groups performed in front of an audience on Saturday afternoon, but without judges. The actual competition, with judging, took place on Sunday afternoon.
- Congratulations also to COC student **Max Smith** who won the outstanding soloist award for his amazing scat solo on “**Fascinating Rhythm**”.



SCVI FOUNDERS FAMILY VISION HONOREE

Congratulations to **Wendy Ruiz and her family** on receiving the **Founders Family Vision Award from SCVi** on Saturday, March 10th.

- Wendy and her husband Robert are extremely active at SCVi. Wendy was the driving force in the creation of Little iLeaders, their preschool program, and continues to coach and mentor the program.
- Additionally, Wendy is a member of their Board of Directors and has served in a variety of capacities, including in her new role as part of the LEAD Schools Development Board.
- **Congratulations to Wendy, Robert, Ryan, Riley and Ramsey on this honor!**



TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

COC was pleased to accept two Chancellor's Office Technology Awards on Monday, March 19th.

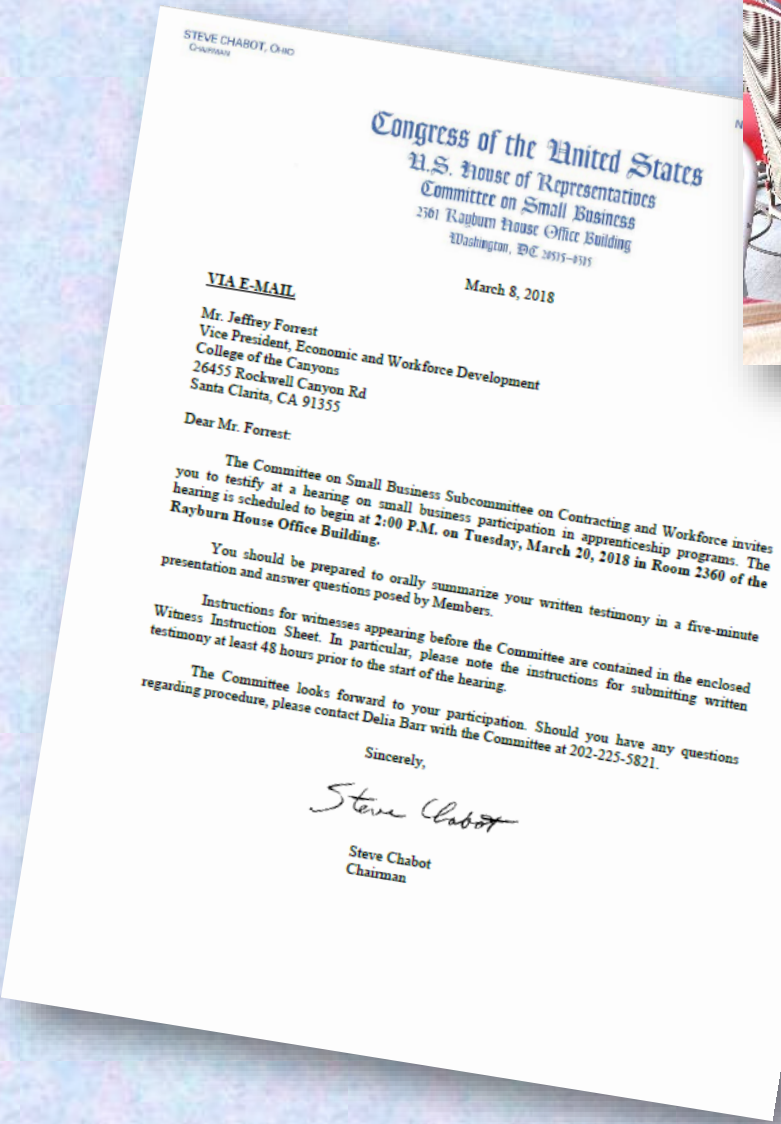
- The Chancellor's Office Technology Focus Award recognizes a college that has identified and solved significant problems to the benefit of students, staff and/or faculty. COC received this award for our **Amazon Project** that streamlined and improved the registration process and financial aid application process for our students.
- **Jim Temple** received the Chancellor's Office Technology Leadership Award which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary effectiveness, influence, diplomacy and career achievement within the field of higher educational technology management.
Congratulations to Jim!



MR. FORREST GOES TO WASHINGTON

Jeffrey Forrest, VP of Economic and Workforce Development, testified in Washington, DC on Tuesday, March 20th at a hearing on small business participation in apprenticeship programs.

- Jeffrey provided testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business.
- He was invited by Chairman Steve Chabot, US Representative for Ohio's 1st Congressional district.
- Thanks to Jeffrey for braving the Nor'easter to represent COC so well!



COC STUDENT HONORED BY SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

The national office of Sigma Kappa Delta informed English professor and SKD advisor Ruth Rassool that COC student **Sabrina Arris** won every scholarship and award for which she applied.

- Sabrina is an English major with a focus on creative writing. She worked on the literary magazine *Cul-De-Sac* last year and works as a tutor in the TLC.
- Sabrina is an active member of the COC chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, one of only three chapters in California.



SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

The English Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges

NURSING PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

COC is honored to be recognized by the *National League for Nursing* for accreditation of our *Associate Degree Nursing Program*.

- ***COC is the first program in the State of California to receive this accreditation.***
- Accreditation is for the maximum term of 6 years (through 2/29/2024).
- Congratulations to Mary Corbett, our Nursing Program Director and everyone involved with our Nursing Program for their commitment to providing quality nursing education!



**Commission for Nursing
Education Accreditation**



PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM COMPLIANT

The *American Bar Association (ABA)* site team concluded their visit recently and found our *Paralegal Studies Program* to be compliant and is recommending to the ABA that the approval of our program continue.

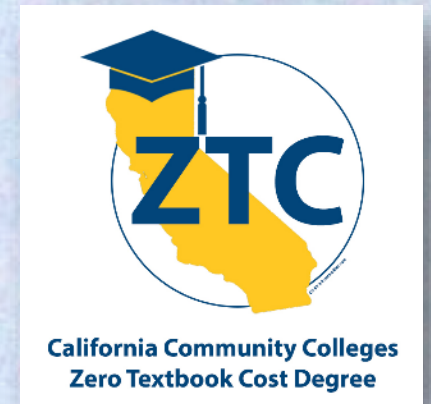
- The team had a few recommendations that will help us to continue to strengthen our program.
- Congratulations to Department Chair Nicole Faudree and faculty member Lori Young!



COC GRADUATE WINS GLOBAL AWARD FOR PROMOTING OER AT COC!

Natalie Miller graduated from COC in 2017 with AS degrees in Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics, along with a Certificate in Web Design.

- Natalie was a member of MESA, Phi Theta Kappa, Cougar Peer Educators, and Honors; and
- She worked as a College Assistant in Distance Learning/OER.
- Natalie is the recipient of the **first-ever Student Award** from the **Open Education Consortium**, to be conferred at the Open Education Global Conference in Delft, Netherlands this April.
- Natalie's contributions to OER at COC include:
 - ✓ Designing and creating a marketing campaign for OER at COC;
 - ✓ Designing a logo for the statewide ZTC degree program; and
 - ✓ Facilitating sessions for faculty from across the state at our OER summits.
- Congratulations to Natalie!



Partnerships



CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE MEETING – FEBRUARY 6

The Chancellor's Circle Committee met at Salt Creek Grille on February 6th.

- They received a financial update, discussed future events and fundraising plans for 2018, as well as ways to recruit new members.
- Members of the committee also got a chance to meet Mr. Corey Quinn, Chief Marketing Officer at Scorpion, who will be presenting at the Chancellor's Circle Breakfast Briefing on February 23rd.



DIGITAL MARKETING LIKE A BOSS!

Corey Quinn, Chief Marketing Officer for Scorpion Internet Marketing, spoke to a packed house at the Chancellor's Circle Breakfast Briefing on Friday, February 23rd.

- Corey talked about the importance of updating your business website and shared tips for smarter social media, highlighting the influence of Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.



SPACE AND INNOVATION EXPO

The COC Makerspace hosted the iLead/SCVi “*Space & Innovation Expo*” on March 2nd.

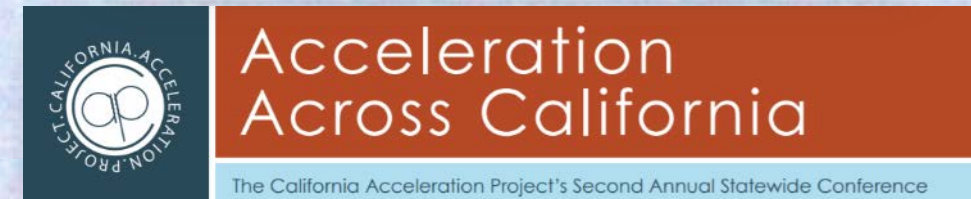
- Over 400 students, parents and guests attended the event which featured a keynote speaker and hands-on activities provided by the Makerspace staff.
- The keynote speaker was Dr. Jacob Cohen, NASA Ames Chief Scientist.
- iLead/SCVi students showcased their “*Space & Innovation*” themed science fair projects.



MATH FACULTY CONTINUE TO LEAD THE WAY

The **California Acceleration Project (CAP)** held their 2nd annual conference “**Acceleration Across California**” March 8th – 10th.

- The event hosted **470** faculty and administrators eager to learn about best practices related to placement reform and implementation of **AB705**.
- Representative Jacqui Irwin welcomed the group to the three-day conference.
- **Sab Matsumoto, Preeta Saxena and Joe Gerda** presented on both our placement process (the model for AB705) and recent data that will affect Guided Pathways.
- **Joe Gerda** also served as a panelist on a PPIC presentation of Statistics Pathways.
- **Kathy Kubo** was one of the co-organizers of the event.
- We are very proud of our math faculty for continuing to lead the way and helping to provide professional development for their peers.



SCV ECONOMIC OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

COC was proud to partner with the SCV EDC to present the 2018 Economic Outlook Conference on Thursday, March 9th at TPC in their new tent.

- Speakers included:
 - ✓ President & CEO Holly Schroeder of SCV EDC;
 - ✓ County Supervisor Kathryn Barger;
 - ✓ Dr. Mark Schneipp of California Economic Forecast;
 - ✓ Dr. Mark Vitner, Managing Director & Senior Economist at Wells Fargo; and
 - ✓ Executive Producer of NCIS Mr. Mark Williams.
- I was pleased to speak about the positive economic impact that COC is making on our local economy and our successes in training the workforce and preparing our students for the jobs of tomorrow.
- All of the speakers were optimistic for the upcoming year, saying the growth the valley has seen so far, is just the beginning.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OER SUMMIT

Early Childhood Education and Distance Learning partnered to organize the ***ECE OER Summit*** on Friday, March 9th at College of the Canyons.



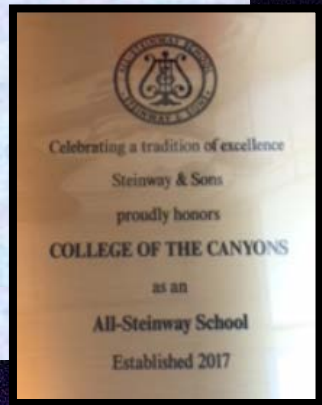
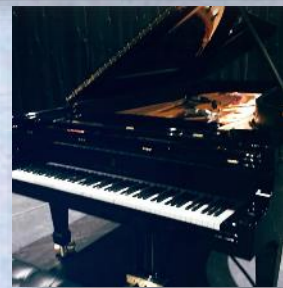
- **56** participants from **33** community college and **1** CSU attended, including **30** virtual participants.
- Participants learned about Online Educational Resources (OER) best practices, collaborated in small groups and developed content outlines for 8 ECE open textbooks.
- The event provided a platform for continued virtual collaboration.
- ***COC continues to lead the way in expanding course offerings and majors that use OER.***



PATRONS OF THE ARTS MEMBERS EVENT – STEINWAY & SONS SCHOOL

Our *Patrons of the Arts* enjoyed an exclusive member-only cabaret event on Friday, March 9th.

- Members enjoyed a evening of fun as they sat on the PAC stage to celebrate COC as an **official Steinway & Sons School**.
- Members enjoyed delicious cuisine and hand-crafted beverages, while listening to our award winning “**Just Jazz**” student vocal group and an amazing performance by Jazz Singer **Imani Gonzalez**.



GIG PILOT EVENT & PARTNERSHIP WITH SAMASCHOOL

In response to the growth of the “GIG Economy”, COC has partnered with Samaschool, a leader in preparing students for the freelance economy.

- Students from our **GIG Cohort** will have access to courses offered through a special partnership with Samaschool where they will learn how to market themselves, negotiate deals and earn money as freelancers.
- Samaschool is a San Francisco-based nonprofit focused on preparing low-income populations to succeed as independent workers.
- Our GIG pilot event was held on, March 13th.
- Students discussed their goals to create opportunities for additional income and gain work experience.
- **24 community colleges across the state are participating in the GIG Pilot, with COC serving as the lead institution.**
- COC is proud to be a part of this innovative partnership!



FAST TRACK CNC MACHINIST TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATION

The Economic Development Division hosted the CNC Machinist Training Program graduation on Friday, March 16th.

- This program is for candidates seeking entry-level positions in CNC manufacturing operations and a long-term career path in manufacturing.
- **11** students graduated from the program on March 16th.
- **6 students have already been hired by local manufacturing companies**, with the other **5** still in the interview process.



8TH ANNUAL WALK FOR KIDS

The Michael Hoefflin Foundation held their 9th annual *Walk for Kids* in Cougar Stadium at COC on Saturday, March 17th.

- Nearly a thousand people walked and raised funds for this local non-profit that assists children diagnosed with cancer and their families.



“MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR LIFE” – WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

The **2018 COC Women’s Conference**, presented by Boston Scientific Neuromodulation, drew a record crowd on Saturday, March 17th.

- The conference featured an exciting lineup of presenters and breakout sessions centered around the interests of women in our community.
- The keynote speaker was Ms. Lisa Welker-Finney, Human Resources Vice President at Boston Scientific.
- Many of the speakers talked about how participants could use local resources to make an impact in the community.
- A special thank you to many of our Foundation Board members who participated as speakers and sponsors of this conference.



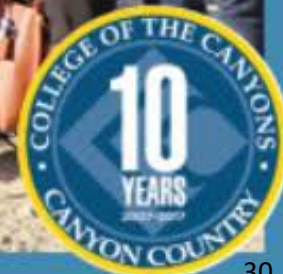
What's New on and Around our Campuses



Canyon Country Campus

SCIENCE CENTER GROUNDBREAKING!

January 24, 2018



CCC SCIENCE CENTER



The Science Center is a significant new addition to the Canyon Country Campus, as it provides eight new and much-needed labs, along with multiple classrooms, lecture rooms, student gathering spaces, and faculty offices.

This facility will allow COC to add more lab courses, which are always among the first classes to fill, and are those with the longest waiting lists, and it will enable us to **get more students on their educational paths** in state-of-the-art spaces.

The Science Center is the most significant change to this campus since it opened 10 years ago. It will be the largest building built on the campus to date, and dramatically expands available classroom and lab space at CCC.



CHEECH & CHONG – FEBRUARY 9

Grammy Award-winning Cheech and Chong played to a sold out crowd on Friday, February 9th.

- This hilariously irreverent, satirical, counterculture, no-holds-barred comedy duo were as funny today as they were in the 1970s and 80s.
- Prior to the event, a gourmet dinner, prepared by Chefs Cindy Schwentke and Daniel Otto, was available in the iCuE.



LARRY HURST ARTIST TALK – HE’S BACK!

Patrons of the Arts were treated to an enlightening artist talk by our own *Larry Hurst* at his exhibition in the COC Art Gallery on Saturday, February 24th.

- The exhibition features a selection of his own works of art spanning some **40** years.
- This show brings together works from his precise and elegant geometric abstract paintings; his nuanced and poetic collage; and his intensively hand-crafted sculptures.
- Another artist talk was held on Thursday, March 1st with over **80** attendees gathering to hear Larry talk about his collection.
- The exhibit will run through March 29th.



THE CHIEFTAINS – 56TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

The iconic Irish band “The Chieftains” performed to an enthusiastic crowd at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, February 24th.

- This six-time Grammy Award winning band has uncovered the wealth of traditional Irish music and updated it with their own exhilarating style.
- Prior to the concert, Patrons of the Arts members attended a special reception in the Art Gallery and a post-show meet and greet with The Chieftains.



POPCORN & PATHWAYS

Two “*Popcorn & Pathways with the President*” were held in March.

- I had the pleasure of meeting with students to discuss:
 - ✓ What their academic journey looks like;
 - ✓ Have they started on their path;
 - ✓ What can we do to help them stay on their path; and
 - ✓ How can we better ensure they reach their destination.



Attention COC Students!

Dr. Dianne Van Hook invites you to...Popcorn & Pathways with the President

Please join Dr. Van Hook and your fellow students for some popcorn and conversations surrounding our exciting Pathways initiative at COC.

What does **your** academic journey look like?

- Are you clear about your academic plan?
- Have you started on your path?
- What can we do to help you stay on your path?
- How can we better ensure you reach your destination?

Come prepared to answer these questions and more!

Thursday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. to Noon **or**

Tuesday, March 20 at 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The Chancellor's Office, Canyons Hall, Rm. 250

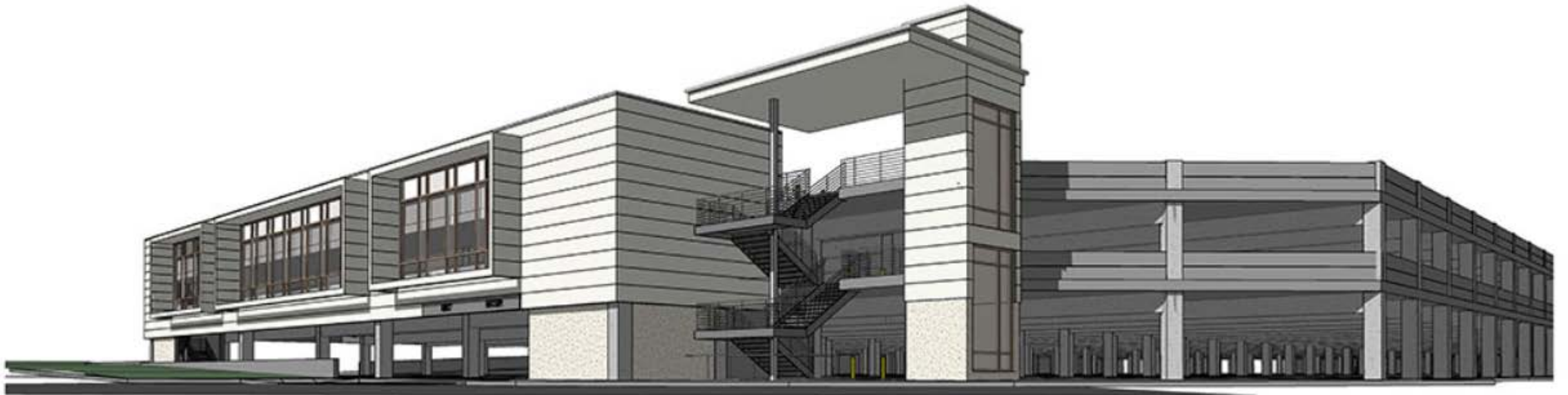
No need to RSVP. Just show up at either of these sessions! If you have any questions, please contact the Chancellor's Office at (661) 362-3400



VALENCIA CAMPUS PARKING STRUCTURE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Along with spring, March brought the beginning of construction on the new parking structure at the Valencia campus.

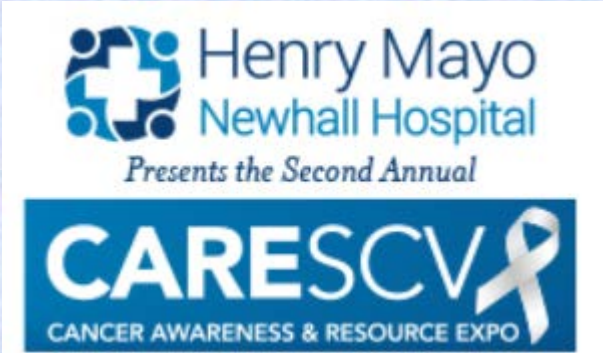
- It is exciting to see this much-needed and much-discussed project get started.
- Extensive efforts were made to minimize the temporary disruption caused by taking **700** parking spaces offline during construction.
- When completed, the tri-level structure will have capacity for **1,659** vehicles and will include **50** free charging stations for electronic vehicles.



CANCER AWARENESS AND RESOURCE EXPO

The *2nd Annual Cancer Awareness and Resource Expo*, sponsored by Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, was held in our PAC on March 24th.

- Breakout sessions featured Oncology experts in Skin Cancer, Immunotherapy, Men’s Health and Nutrition.
- A panel of experts, moderated by broadcast journalist Bella Shaw held a Q & A.
- Community resources and support services were also be available.



SILVER SPUR CELEBRATION HONORING HOWARD “BUCK” MCKEON

The **28th annual Silver Spur Celebration** was held on Saturday, March 24th in the Air Force One Pavilion at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

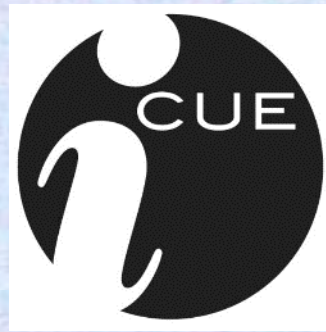
- The COC Foundation was proud to honor **Howard P. “Buck” McKeon** for his community contributions, career achievements and ongoing advocacy for education.
- **Representative McKeon** has supported the Santa Clarita Valley for more than **50** years as a businessman, community leader and elected official.
- Thank you to Silver Spur Chairmen **Nick Lentini** and **Brian KoeGLE** and the Foundation staff for another very successful event!



LET'S EAT!

The iCue team has your table waiting!

- Our students are serving lunch in the iCue on Thursdays this month.
 - ✓ The last bountiful buffet-style lunch of hot and cold dishes will be served on March 29th.
 - ✓ The cost is \$20 per person, Visa/Mastercard and debit/credit cards only.
- ***Dinner service will begin in April.***
 - ✓ Enjoy a prix fix four course meal for \$35 per person on Tuesday evenings, starting April 17th.
- A priority seating reservation offers you the first available table upon arrival for the size of your party.



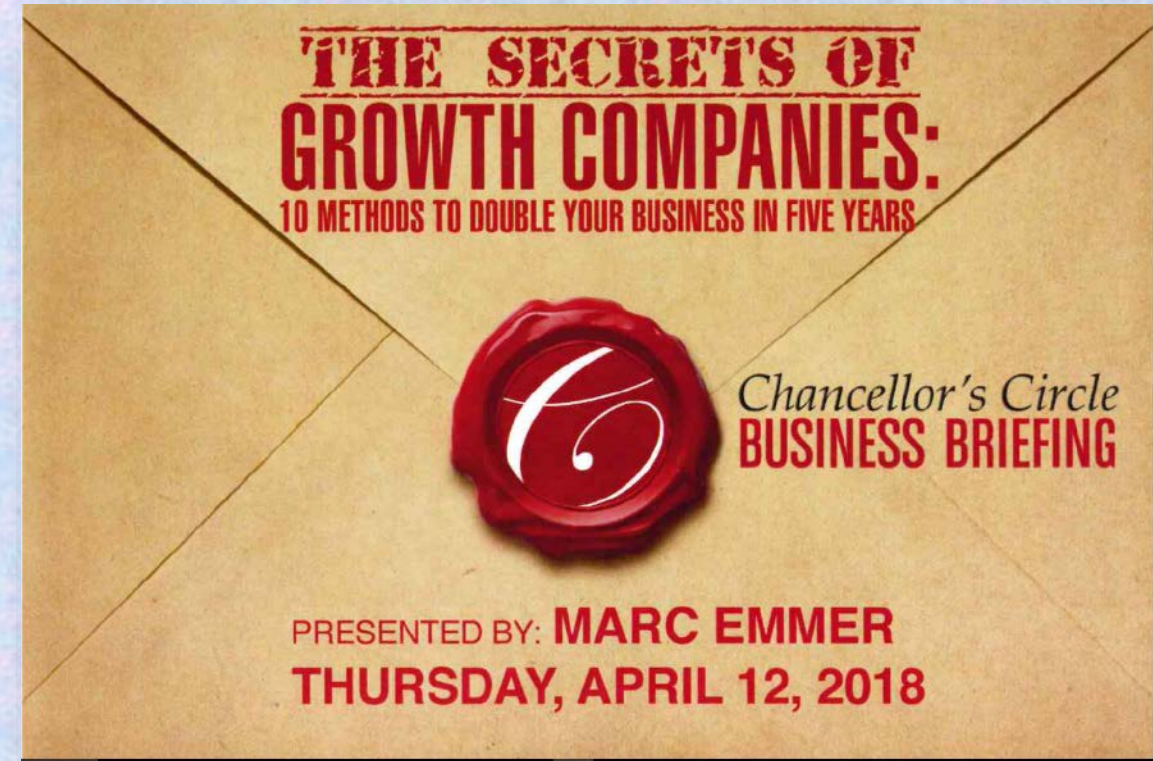
Upcoming Events



CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE BUSINESS BRIEFING

The Chancellor's Circle will be holding a "**Business Briefing**" on "**The Secrets of Growth Companies: 10 Methods to Double Your Business in Five Years**" on Thursday, April 12th.

- The Business Briefing will begin at 4 p.m. and will be held in the University Center.
- The cost is \$10, Chancellor's Circle Members are complimentary.
- Following the briefing will be a Wine & Cheese Book Signing and Panel Discussion at 5:30 p.m.
- Tickets for the Wine & Cheese event are \$20, Chancellor's Circle Members are complimentary
- Attendees at the Wine & Cheese event will receive a complimentary copy of "**Momentum: How Companies Decide What To Do Next**".



GARDEN WALK AT CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

The spring Garden Walk will be held at the Canyon Country Campus on Saturday, April 14th from 9 am – 11 am.

- **Jeannie Chari**, Professor of Biology, will lead a guided tour of the unique plant life on the Canyon Country Campus.
- Participants will use microscopes to explore plant details, learn about light pollution and the effects on biodiversity, and gain tips on creating bird habitat.



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD PLAY DAY

Celebrate *Week of the Young Child Play Day* on Saturday April 14th from 10 am – 2pm at COC.

- Bring your children, grandchildren and friends for four hours of age-appropriate play and stimulating interaction in an outdoor setting.
- This event is free and open to the public.
- This event is sponsored by the COC Center for Early Childhood Education, Southern California Valley Committee and the COC TEACH program.



IT'S STAR PARTY TIME AGAIN!

We have a stellar lineup for the Star Party on Friday, April 27th at the Canyon Country Campus.

- ***“Detwinkling the Stars to Study Exoplanetary Systems”*** will be the topic of guest speaker Dr. Vanessa Bailey, Staff Scientist at JPL.
- Interactive demonstration and activity tables will be provided by our students, faculty and staff.
- High-powered telescopes for night sky viewing will be provided by local astronomy clubs.
- Another highlight of the event will be our portable planetarium.
- The event is free and open to the public.



COC SUMMER INSTITUTE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration is now available for the *2018 Summer Institute*.

- This hugely popular, hands-on career exploration summer program for junior high school students will be held from July 9 – 13 and July 16-20.
- Sessions will include:
 - ✓ Robotics
 - ✓ Video Game Design
 - ✓ Architecture: Tomorrow's Designs - **New**
 - ✓ Health & Human Services - **New**
 - ✓ Girls Who Code - **New**
 - ✓ Auto Technology - **New**
 - ✓ Sun Wind & Fire
 - ✓ Sports Medicine/Rehabilitation
 - ✓ Science Pathway - **New**
 - ✓ Cyber Patriot - **New**



COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
SUMMER INSTITUTE
Hands-on career exploration for Junior High students!
Help your Junior high student find their passion!
For students entering grades 6-8
The COC Summer Institute features fun, exciting and engaging sessions that include hands-on activities and interactive presentations. Classes are taught by college faculty at the Valencia campus. Join us for a fun-filled experience!

JULY 9-13
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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL 661-362-3300 OR VISIT WWW.CANYONS.COM/MUNITYTEXT.NET

The above camps are open to all participants going into grades 6 through 8 in the fall 2018.



Coming Up In The PAC

COMING UP IN THE PAC THROUGH JUNE 2018

- ❖ **Almost Maine – COC Theatre**
March 23 – 31
- ❖ **Mark Nadler**
April 7
- ❖ **Little Shop of Horrors**
April 27 – May 6
- ❖ **Pops Concert – COC Music**
May 11
- ❖ **Symphony of the Canyons**
May 12



- ❖ **COC Dance**
May 17 & 18
- ❖ **Olate Dogs**
May 19
- ❖ **COC Music**
May 24
- ❖ **COC Music**
May 31
- ❖ **Santa Clarita Master Chorale**
June 2
- ❖ **Santa Clarita Philharmonic**
June 3
- ❖ **Santa Clarita Ballet - Coppelia**
June 9
- ❖ **Escape Theatre - Oliver**
June 15 - 23





Happy Spring!