



NASA HASP PROPOSAL FOR 2017 HAS BEEN ACCEPTED!

- COC students are again reaching for the stars!
- Their payload "Electrostatic Cosmic Dust Collector" (ECDC) has been granted provisional acceptance for flight on HASP (High Altitude Student Platform) 2017.
- They are in the process of correcting any issues raised by the reviewers and expect to be granted "full flight status" shortly.
- This is the second time that College of the Canyons was chosen in the HASPs programs 10-year history and only the second time a California school was selected. Both times it was COC!
- Congratulations to Teresa Ciardi, Chair of Earth, Space and Environmental Science Department, and her students!



Teresa Ciardi and student Daniel Tikhomirov holding a model of the ECDC made in our COC MakerSpace.

COC STUDENT ACCEPTED TO CORNELL UNIVERSITY

- Christopher Tarango began his college studies as a biology student at College of the Canyons.
- While taking Bio 106 in the Spring of 2010 he attended Camp Tahquitz where he fell in love with field work.
- He then took Bio 130 and joined "Hands on Earth" where he helped grow ideas in regard to the Community Garden and Compost Project.
- Christopher transferred to UC Santa Cruz to finish his undergraduate degree.
- He recently sent a note to Jeannie Chari, Professor, Biology/Environmental Science, to let her know that he was accepted into the Ph.D program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Cornell University where he will be following his passion and studying birds.
- It is such a pleasure to hear how our programs, in this case Field Studies, made a difference for our students and sent them on a career path that they love.







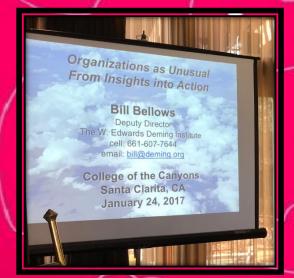
CPT PLANNING RETREAT – JANUARY 24

- > The CPT Planning Retreat was held on January 24th.
- Bill Bellows presented "Organizations as Unusual From Insights into Action".
- Participants discussed what great opportunities are approaching and participated in group activities as well as integrated planning.









CONTRACT ED SUMMIT AT COC - JANUARY 26 & 27

- Over 50 Contract Education Professionals and others representing more than 36 California Community Colleges attended the Contract Education Summit 2017 at COC on January 26th and 27th.
- The event was organized and sponsored by California Corporate College and Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy – Sandra Sisco, Director & Statewide Technical Assistance Provider - Contract Education.









CONTRACT ED SUMMIT AT COC - JANUARY 26 & 27

- > Presentations included:
 - College of the Canyons Economic Development Division
 - California Corporate College New World of Work 21st Century Skills
 - ✓ Leveraging WDB/WIOA & Adult Education
 - ✓ Leveraging Contract Education to Meet Strong Workforce Performance Goals
 - ✓ Emerging Leaders Institute
 - Contract Education Marketing Tool Kit Roll Out
- Attendees enjoyed a tour of AMS Fulfillment, Inc. and a presentation on the partnership with College of the Canyons Apprenticeship Program and Contract Education programs.
- One of the participants sent an email saying, "I must admit, we are very envious of the wonderful Training Institute and all of the great programs and activities going on at COC! Thanks for demonstrating excellence in Contract Ed!"





ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME – JANUARY 27

- The Athletics Department honored the 2017 Hall of Fame class during a special dinner and ceremony at the Hyatt Regency Valencia on Thursday, January 27th.
- > The inductees included:
 - ✓ 2004 National Champion Football Team
 - ✓ Sha'Tasha Allen Women's Basketball
 - ✓ JJ Arrington Football
 - ✓ Jessica Gomez Cross Country/Track & Field
 - ✓ Ulrich Grigsby Meritorious Service
- ► The Hall of Fame committee did an excellent job of selecting student-athletes, coaches and teams that left a significant mark on the Athletics Department and exemplify what it means to be COC Cougar.



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Chancellor's Report – Board of Trustees N

OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE (OER) SUMMIT 2017 – JANUARY 31

- COC held the 2017 OER Summit on January 31st in the University Center.
- More than 130 representatives from throughout California, some travelling from as far away as San Diego Mesa College and American River College, attended the summit.
- Representatives from the CSU Chancellor's Office and the CCC Chancellor's Office attended as well.





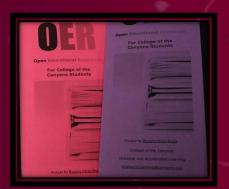






OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE (OER) SUMMIT 2017 – JANUARY 31

- Seven students participated in the student panel and voiced their opinions that they "Wished more professors used OER."
- > Highlights of the faculty panel included:
 - "Using OER is not easier than using a commercial textbook, but it's good because it forced me to engage with the material again."
 - "Using OER promotes academic freedom, because I get to decide what to focus on rather than just following the textbook."
 - "Using OER has increased retention and success in our program."











CCC COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT HELD - FEBRUARY 2

- The Canyon Country Campus hosted a College Information Night on February 2nd.
- 35 families attended, with the majority from Canyon High School.
- Many students completed an application on the spot in preparation to begin classes.
- Information was provided specifically for high school seniors on the admission process, student support services and degrees/certificates.
- Presenters included Liz Shaker (Counseling), Tony Law (Academic Advising), and Kari Soffa, Loida Sanchez, and Paloma Herrera (student) from Outreach & School Relations.
- The workshop team also presented information on Canyon Country Campus educational opportunities and important dates.





CCLC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE – FEBRUARY 2

- A team of board members, staff and students from COC attended the CCLC Legislative Conference and received updates on the state budget from key personnel in the Chancellor's Office, the Legislature and the Department of Finance.
- Meetings in the Capitol gave us an opportunity to share how the governor's proposed 2017-18 budget will impact College of the Canyons and emphasize the need for more ongoing funding, rather than the one-time funding included in the proposal.
- We met with Senator Wilk, who took the students, Diane Fiero and Andy McCutcheon to visit the Senate floor.
- We also met with Assemblyman Dante Acosta and his legislative director and talked with staff in Senator Stern's office.









FLEX WEEK - JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 3

- We had a very successful FLEX week!
- There were over 50 workshops held throughout the week.
- Workshops were designed to revitalize and inspire improved teaching skills and provide faculty with an opportunity to reflect on their teaching, help our students to be resilient, meet challenges head-on and successfully achieve their educational goals.
- Workshops focused on a variety of topics within our strategic goals of:
 - ✓ Institutional Effectiveness
 - ✓ Teaching and Learning
 - ✓ Student Support
 - ✓ Leadership
 - Campus Climate
 - **Human Resources**
 - ✓ Technological Advancement
 - ✓ Cultural Diversity
 - ✓ Health and Wellness



Training

Knowledge, competencies

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FLEX WEEK - JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 3

- On February 2nd I was pleased to present "Nuts and Bolts of Practical Leadership."
- The focus was:
 - ✓ Conflict Resolution
 - ✓ Active Listening
 - Relationship Management
 - ✓ Facilitating Effective Meetings











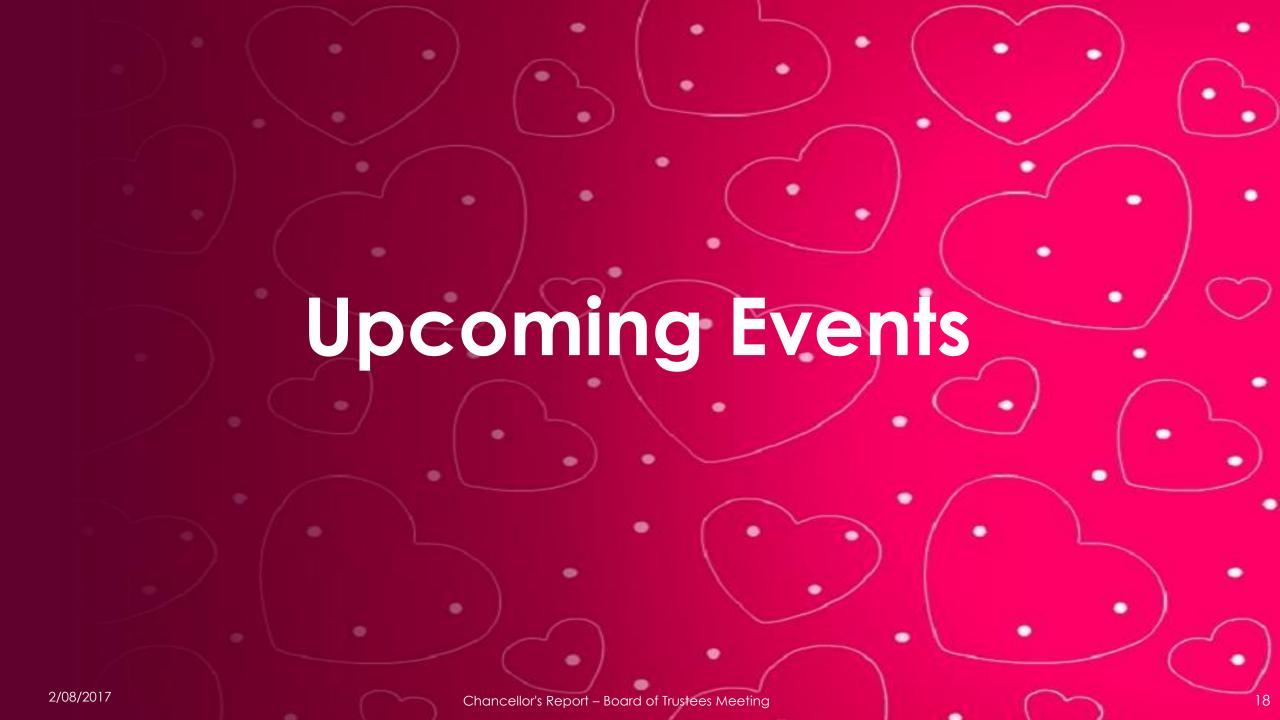
PARKING IMPROVEMENTS OVER WINTER BREAK-

- Over the winter break we completed parking improvements in lots 5, 6 and 8.
- How did it work out? Well, a picture is worth a 1,000 words!
- 203 Parking spaces were added!
- At the PEAK of the highest-enrolled day/time this first week of the spring semester, there were still a few spots waiting to be filled.
- > Success!









ADVANCE YOUR CAREER WITH STATE-FUNDED TRAINING – FEBRUARY 9

- John Milburn, our Director of the Employee Training Institute at College of the Canyons is presenting at the San Fernando Valley APICS event on Thursday, February 9th at California State University Northridge.
- > His topic is "Advance Your Career with State-Funded Training".
- > APICS is encouraging anyone who is seeking to advance their career or to kick-start the transition into a new career to attend John's presentation.
- John has more than a decade of experience as a training and organization development specialist.
- As Director of the Employee Training Institute, John develops and delivers training programs targeted to assist local employers respond to changing markets, technology and the skill development needs of their employees.





MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KEVIN JENKINS – FEBRUARY 13

- A special memorial service will be held for our colleague and friend Kevin Jenkins on Monday, February 13th in the PAC Lobby.
- ➤ The service will be from 6:30 pm 7:30 pm.
- Kevin will be deeply missed by his family, his colleagues, his students and his friends at College of the Canyons.
- We hope that you can join us as we remember Kevin.



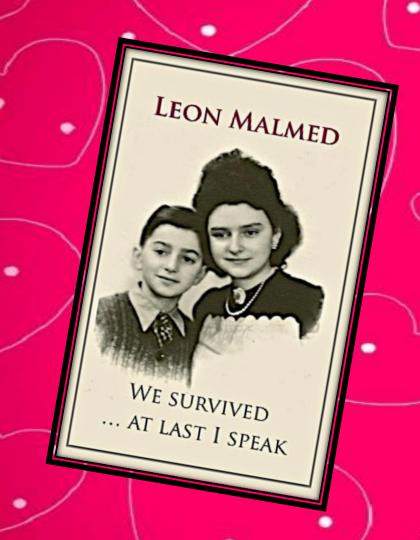
LEON MALMED TO VISIT COC - FEBRUARY 14 & 15

- Leon Malmed, Holocaust survivor and author, will be coming to College of the Canyons on February 14th and 15th.
- On Tuesday, February 14th he will be working with Jeff Baker, Masha Vasilkovsky and guest cinematographer Ruah Edelstein on two animated documentaries:
 - ✓ "C'est Normal"
 - ✓ "When Man to Man is a Wolf"
- The goal is to create a collection of narratives under an umbrella project with a working title "How We Survived".
- The educational objectives are:
 - ✓ To increase student success through mentorship from a professional filmmaker.
 - To document the history and honor the courage of the human spirit through an animated documentary.
 - To give young people an opportunity to connect to community through civic engagement.
- Following the filming there will be a reception and talk about Cultural Diversity with the Advancement Team and EEO Advisory Committee in the Art Gallery from 2:00 3:00 pm.



LEON MALMED TO VISIT COC - FEBRUARY 14 & 15

- On Wednesday, February 15th Leon will visit a Political Science class from 9:30 – 11 am and a Sociology class from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.
- ➤ Leon will be in UCEN 258 from 7:00 pm 9:00 pm to recount the true story of his and his sister Rachel's escape from the Holocaust in occupied France. When their parents were arrested in 1942, their courageous and heroic French neighbors promised to watch and shelter their children until they returned. Leon bares his soul in his narrative of love and courage, set against a backdrop of the greatest moral outrage of the modern era. But through it all, his story is one of goodness and the triumph over evil.
- The Wednesday evening event is free and open to the community.



ART GALLERY EXHIBIT – FEB. 14 – MARCH 23

- The COC Art Gallery first exhibition of the spring will be a showcase of Los Angeles-based painter Lisa Adams in the exhibition "Sight Specific".
- > Ten of Adams' paintings created within the past three years will be displayed.
- > An Artist Reception will be held on February 22 from 2 4 pm in Mentry Hall 108.
- > The exhibit will be shown in the Art Gallery from February 14th March 23rd.
- > The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.





COMMITTEE RUSH – FEBRUARY 15

- On Wednesday, February 15th from 12:00 2:00 pm we will be having a committee rush event in Canyons Hall 201.
- Committees will be there to provide information on the "who, what, when, where and why" of their committee and recruit new members.
- The Committee Rush held during FLEX week had over **15** committees represented and resulted in several sign-up from interested employees.













CSU AB 798 COLLEGE TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 16

- I have accepted an invitation to speak at the CSU AB 798 College Textbook Affordability Conference in San Francisco on February 16th.
- I will be speaking during the General Session on "Sustaining Textbook Affordability Programs for Long-Term Student Success".
- As more higher learning institutions delve into the textbook affordability landscape, it is becoming more important that there are spaces for sharing insights and best practices for navigating campus and state policies, developing effective program strategies and utilizing outcomes to make informed decisions.
- I was asked to present based on College of the Canyons' culture of innovation that has enabled our OER initiative to be embraced across the institution in ways that make a concrete difference for students.







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BUSINESS SERVICES ACADEMY – FEBRUARY 16 – JUNE 22

- COCs Business Services Department is conducting a series of workshops for understanding the "ins and outs" of business services.
- Upcoming workshops include:
 - "How to Get What You Want: The Procurement Process" on Thursday, February 16th.
 - "Show Me The Money!" on Thursday, March 16th.
 - "I Was Awarded a Grant... Now What??" on Thursday, April 20th.
 - "Crash Course in Contracts" on Thursday, May 18th.
 - "Do You Speak Pay-Stub Lingo?" on Thursday, June 22nd.
- All workshops are being held in UCEN 258 from 2:30 pm
 - 4:00 pm on the dates noted above.

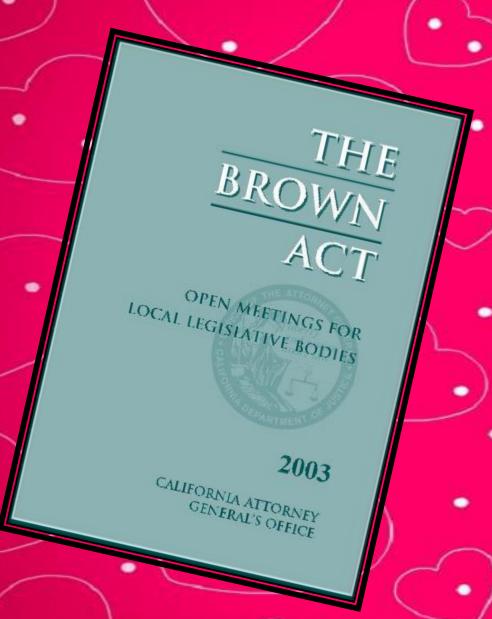






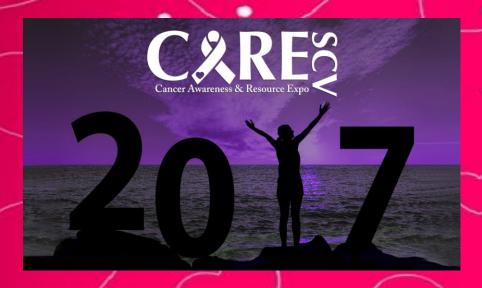
BROWN ACT WORKSHOP - FEBRUARY 22

- College of the Canyons is hosting a Brown Act
 Workshop on Wednesday, February 22 from 2 pm 5
 pm in UCEN 258.
- Trustees and CEOs from local school districts, surrounding college districts, the City of Santa Clarita and local water boards have been invited to participate.
- The workshop will provide and create a common understanding among experience Board members, new Board members, as well as, elected officials and the chief executive officers of those entities on anything that's new and different with the Brown Act, while explaining how various circumstances need to be handled.



CARE SCV CANCER AWARENESS & RESOURCE EXPO - FEBRUARY 25

- The Care SCV Cancer Awareness and Resource Expo is being organized by COC Biology Professor Dr. Kelly Cude and will feature a special address by Dr. Rena Callahan from UCLA Health.
- COC is hosting the event in partnership with the American Cancer Society, City of Hope and title sponsor Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital.
- The event will take place from 8 am 3:30 pm in the PAC and will feature on-site health screenings, as well as survivor resources and support from various cancerrelated organizations.
- Cancer experts representing City of Hope, Providence Holy Cross and Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital will give presentations covering dietary prevention of cancer, cancer screening, genetic testing in cancer, innovations in radiation therapy, targeted therapy and immunotherapy.
- Admission is free and open to the public.



CANCER AWARENESS

with enlightened speakers, experts, health screenings, resources and support.

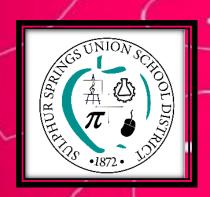


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 20178 AM TO 3:30 PM • SANTA CLARITA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

MANY FAMILIES ONE COMMUNITY - FEBRUARY 25

- The Sulphur Springs Union School District and the William S. Hart District are presenting "Many Families One Community Family Resource Fair" on Saturday, February 25th from 8:30 am 2:30 pm at Golden Valley High School.
- College of the Canyons will be providing speakers and will have two resource booths – one with general college offerings and one for Canyons Extensions.
- Presentations by COC will include:
 - ✓ Foster and Kinship Care Program Behavior: What Are Your Children Telling You?
 - Outreach How Can Your Community College Help You? This presentation will be done in English and in Spanish.
- More than 600 families are expected to attend the event to learn about everything from getting your child ready for kindergarten, to family health issues, to available community services to establishing a college going culture.
- This free event is open to the public.







SCVI HONORS STEVE & DORIS MARIE ZIMMER – MARCH 11

- SCVi Charter School will celebrate "Vision in Education" on March 11th honoring Steve and Doris Marie Zimmer.
- Proceeds from the annual event provides support to the charter school's programs serving pre-K through high school learners.
- Amber Raskin, co-founder of SCVi said, "We are overjoyed to celebrate Doris Marie and Steve Zimmer as our 2017 Vision in Education Honorees. Their dedication to meeting the needs of students at every level is directly in line with SCVi and iLEAD Schools philosophy of individualized learning."

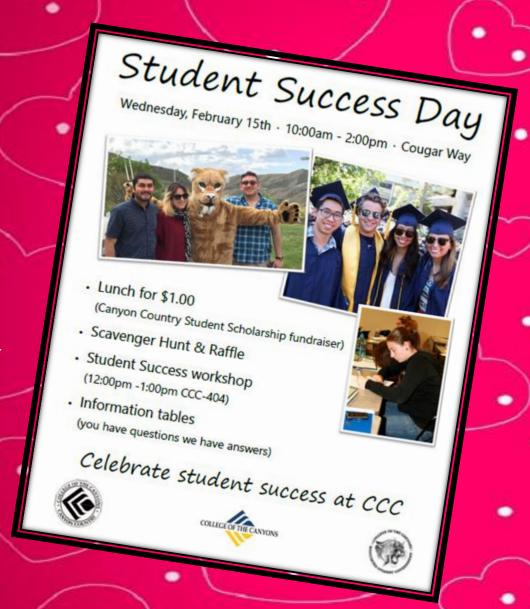






UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

- Student Success Day February 15
 Welcome Week styled event featuring an ASG BBQ and helpful outreach and engagement activities by student services departments and supporting programs.
- ECE Family Movie Night February 24
 Biannual Early Childhood Education Center movie night.
- SBDC Workshops April 13, 20, 27
 The SBDC will hold a three-part workshop on entrepreneurship.
- Spring Garden Walk April 15 Community-oriented event featuring a campus garden tour and discussion of native and drought-tolerant species and biodiversity.
- Star Party May 5
 This always popular event returns with a focus on the alien moons of Saturn and astrobiology.



EVENTS COMING UP...

On campus...

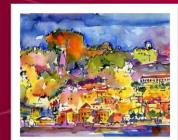
- March 4 Women's Conference UCEN (8 am − 4 pm)
- March 18 Silver Spur Honoring Jack & Doreen Shine **Sheraton Universal**

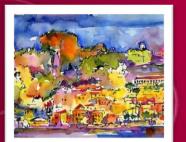
At the PAC...

- February 11 COC Presents: Los Lobos (8 pm)
- March 12 Santa Clarita Master Chorale Classical Masterpieces – (4 pm)
- March 19 David Burnham Performing Broadway Showstoppers – SOLD OUT! – (8 pm)
- March 24 COC Music Crank Up the Jazz! (7:30 pm)
- March 24, 25, 26, 31 & April 2 COC Theatre Buzzer
- March 25 COC Music Bon Voyage (7:30 pm)
- April 9 It's Magic (3 pm)
- April 28, 29, 30 & May 5, 6, 7 COC Theatre Bring It On The Musical





















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