

Chancellor's Report

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 13, 2016

FBLA Students at National Conference

More than 1,600 of America's best and brightest college students traveled to Atlanta to showcase their talents as Future Business Leaders and to vie for the opportunity to win cash scholarships.

- ▶ Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) held its National Leadership Conference on June 24-27.
- ▶ Participants attended to enhance their business skills, expand their networks, and participate in more than 55 business-related competitive events.
- ▶ Four COC students placed in the top ten in the nation in their categories:
 - Jonathan Maxwell placed seventh place in the category of Computer Concepts and in the category of Information Management.
 - Janeth Avina, Johnzel Iniba, and Dana Levine took eight place in Business Ethics
 - Janeth Avina, Johnzel Iniba, and Dana Levine took tenth place and a \$100 scholarship in Management Analysis and Decision Making



COC Track & Soccer Standout Named Athlete of the Year!

- ▶ Marissa “Mari” Kneisel, a two-sport athlete at COC, was named Female Athlete of the Year by a statewide organization. Kneisel, who is a member of the college’s women’s soccer and track and field programs, becomes the first COC student-athlete to win the California Community College Athletic Association/California Community College Sports Information Association award since its inception in 2012. She is also the first soccer player to be honored.
 - In 2015, she registered 31 goals, 12 assists and 74 points to lead COC in all categories
 - Kneisel led the state in goals, points, shots and shots on goal, while ranking 19th in assists
 - Kneisel went on to win the 2016 Western State Conference title in the women’s long jump and was later crowned the 2016 CCCAA Southern California Champion in the same event.
- ▶ The CCCAA/CCSIA Athlete of the Year program recognizes one male and female student athlete each year based on their respective on-field accomplishments.
- ▶ Kneisel graduated from COC this spring and will be transferring to Gonzaga University in the fall after accepting an athletic scholarship.



Social Media Milestone!

- ▶ The college's Instagram account now has more than 1,000 followers.
- ▶ PIO's New Media Journalist Stephanie Corral has been busy posting campus scenes, short videos, and even some vintage shots from the college's early years.
- ▶ Students, alumni, and community members have noticed and started following.
- ▶ What's popular? Video from the vineyard, and video demonstrating the prototype that will fly on NASA's High Altitude Student Platform (HASP) in September and collect cosmic dust particles from the upper stratosphere.
- ▶ Check it out at <https://www.instagram.com/collegeofthecanyons/>



Exterior LED Lights Installed

- ▶ On June 27, all campus exterior lighting was replaced with Light-Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures, including lighting in 12 parking lots and the East P.E. gym.
- ▶ The switch to LED lighting is expected to make the campus more energy-efficient. Funded by Proposition 39, the LED upgrade project will save the college a minimum of \$25,000 in energy savings every year.
- ▶ The increased intensity of LED lights in the parking lots will also improve visibility, creating safer conditions during evening hours.



Awaiting the Harvest

- It's been two years since College of the Canyons planted vines to provide hands-on training for culinary arts and wine studies students.
- This fall, our California Zinfandel grapes are expected to be harvest-ready! Donated by the late Remo Belli of Remo Drums, the 50-year-old vines were transplanted with the help of local vintners Steve Lemley and Nate Hasper of Pulchella Winery in 2014.
- As preparations for the upcoming harvest are being made, netting will be installed this summer to protect the ripening grapes from birds.
- Ami Belli toured our vineyard this week. While she was here she discussed some exciting possibilities regarding the future of the vineyard!



Ami Belli

Teacher Training

- ▶ College of the Canyons delivered a four-day outreach training event to more than 40 science teachers from the William S. Hart Union High School District June 7th - 10th in preparation for the implementation of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) curriculum at schools across the state.
- ▶ As part of the college's Educational Alliance Outreach, faculty members from the School of Mathematics, Sciences and Health Professions led a variety of hands-on teaching and learning activities that will soon make their way into local classrooms.
- ▶ The training covered chemistry, earth sciences, biology, physics and engineering.
- ▶ The college will continue its teacher training initiative by hosting professional development on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) next week.



Next Generation Science Standards Teacher Training (NGSS)

- ▶ Training for elementary school (4th & 5th grade) science teachers in the Castaic, Newhall, Sulphur Springs and Saugus districts is scheduled next week, July 18 to 21 in Mentry Hall-343.
- ▶ We are expecting 58 teachers in addition to the various superintendents, assistant superintendents, and curriculum directors from the 4 districts.
- ▶ The topics to be covered will include:
 - ✓ Wave properties (4th grade)
 - ✓ Light & sound (4th grade)
 - ✓ Solar energy & heat energy (5th grade)
 - ✓ Gravity & acceleration (5th grade)
- ▶ Teresa Ciardi, department chair for the Earth/Space/Environmental Science department will be leading this training with support from Dr. Eric Lara, MESA Director.

Chancellor's Statistics Institute

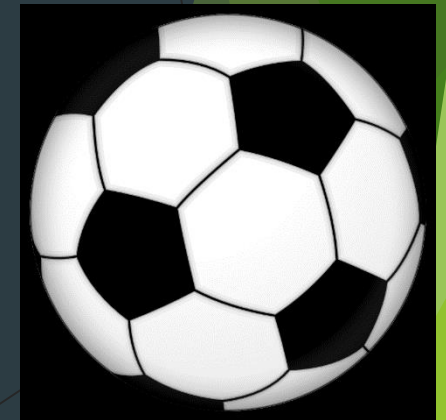
On June 25th, we hosted the 2nd Chancellor's Statistics Institute. So far, the two institutes have been very well received, enlightening, informative and central to our district's efforts to help all California community college students pass a transfer level math class. There were over a hundred faculty members from colleges throughout the state.

Open Courseware Selection

COC has been selected to participate in a strategic partnership with OpenStax to encourage the increased use of free, peer-reviewed textbooks that will help make college more affordable for all students. We are one of 11 institutions from across the nation selected to participate in the partnership. Selected schools are now eligible to receive individualized support from OpenStax in order to help implement the widespread use of Open Educational Resources (OER) on campus.

Soccer Turf Project Underway

- ▶ The upper field and walkway that runs along the west side of the upper soccer field will be closed starting Monday for installation of artificial turf.
- ▶ The closure will remain in effect until the start of the fall semester. There will be no access to the walkway or upper field from lots 8 and 9B, as well as the tennis courts.
- ▶ The southeast entrance to the football field also will be closed during most of the construction.



B.A. in Nursing at COC

- ▶ Local nurses looking to further their education and take their careers to the next level now have access to a new 11-course Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program being offered through National University at the UCEN.
- ▶ The program was developed due to the increasing need for registered nurses across the state.
- ▶ With the debut of this new accelerated program, students will now be able to develop the vital critical thinking, communication and therapeutic nursing skills needed to start a career in a much quicker time frame. A new cohort was launched in June 2016.
- ▶ Additionally, the District has approved a Dual Enrollment Agreement with National University that allows students to concurrently enroll and complete *four* (4) classes towards their BSN while they are pursuing their RN at COC. Upon passing the NCLEX exam, students only have 7 classes left towards completion of their bachelor's degree.


Woo Hoo!



Sage Fire - Special Thanks to COC

Over the weekend, public safety agencies fighting the Sage Fire in Stevenson Ranch used the Valencia Campus as their command center. They were based in Parking Lots 5, 6, & 7 and Pico Canyon Hall was used for meetings, and firefighters used the West and East PE for sleeping as well as using Cougar Den to camp on while they were not out fighting the fires.

We received a very nice message from the LA County Fire Department, thanking our Executive Cabinet members for their “EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT”

 **LA COUNTY FIRE DEPT: SCV-Castaic-Val Verde-Agua Dulce-Gorman**

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Advisory: #SageFire - #College of the Canyons - Special thanks to College of the Canyons!!

Dear Diane Fiero,


Monday July 11, 2016

Today the SAGE FIRE continues rigorous work to move toward full containment. Containment is at 65% this morning with the acres burned holding at approximately 1100.

Three (3) firefighters have suffered minor injuries.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department and our Partners wish to thank Dr. Diane Van Hook, Dr. Barry Gribbons, Dr. Jerry Buckley and the Executive Team at COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS for their EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT and partnership with us over the past several days (and on going).

They have been on site working 24-hours around the clock with Incident Command.



Great job Incident Command leaders!



Summer Institute Started This Week!

- ▶ The popular career exploration-themed Summer Institute at COC is offering three sessions running from July 11 to 14 and 18 to 22.
 - The Summer Institute is open to students entering the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, and provides hands-on career exploration and learning opportunities in a variety of areas and subjects.
 - Enrollment fees range in price from \$225 per child per week.
- The sessions are:
 - ▶ Session 1: July 11-15 - Video game design; Robotics; Photography; Special Effects and Movie Making; Allied Health; Welding
 - ▶ Session 2: July 18-22 - Video game design; Robotics; Photography; Special Effects and Movie Making; How it's made how its done; Sports Medicine and Intro to Architecture: Create, Design and Build



Coming Up...

▶ *On and Around Campus:*

- Opening Day lunch - August 19
- 5 & 10 Year Service Award Luncheon - August 15
- 15+ Year Service Award Dinner - August 16
- Fall semester starts August 22

▶ *In the PAC:*

- The Wizard of Oz - July 23 to August 14
- Comics for the Cause - August 17
- Dancing with our Stars - August 26
- The B-52s - September 18



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