


A vibrant sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright yellow-orange orb on the horizon, casting a shimmering path of light across the dark water. The sky is a deep blue, filled with scattered, golden-lit clouds that catch the light of the setting sun. The overall mood is serene and beautiful.

Chancellor's Report & Update

**Board of Trustees Meeting
September 13, 2017**



*“Leave no stone
unturned in the name
of student success.”*

Recognition

WELCOME! NEW EMPLOYEE LUNCHEON – AUGUST 11

On August 11th we welcomed 17 new employees to College of the Canyons.

- These luncheons are a unique opportunity to meet the new employees in a relaxed environment.
- I enjoy hearing about their interests outside of COC and watching as they start to build relationships within the college.



SERVICE RECOGNITION EVENTS HELD – AUGUST 14 & 15

The college held service recognition events to honor faculty, staff and administrators for their service.

- On Monday, August 14th employees celebrating 5 and 10 year anniversaries were honored at a luncheon in the UCEN lobby.
- On Tuesday evening, August 15th, honorees celebrating milestones of 15, 20, 25 and 30 years were honored during a special dinner in the UCEN lobby.
- Don Takeda, who celebrated his 45th anniversary with the college could not attend the event and was recognized at Opening Day.



Don Takeda – 45 years of service!



Employees celebrating 15+ years of service.



Employees celebrating 5 - 10 years of service.

PATHS BLAZED TO OPENING DAY 2017

Opening Day 2017 was held on Friday, August 18th, bringing the college community together before the start of the new academic year.

- The theme for this year was ***“Blazing Trails: The Pathways to Success”***.
- Guests moseyed through a western town before entering the gym to enjoy tasty vittles from the ISSI Chuck Wagon, as they listened to country tunes played by the Sean Hughes Band.
- Live entertainment started off the program and included COCs own student Hip Hop Dance Team.
- Jill Mellady, along with Murray Wood, announced the winners of the 2017 Foundation Mini Grants.
- New employees were introduced and the service of our 20 – 45 year employees, who were not able to attend the Service Award events, were acknowledged.
- Tables were set up with display materials on the pathways blazed in the last year and attendees were able to talk with the people involved in the initiatives.



PATHS BLAZED TO OPENING DAY 2017



ECE CELEBRATES 35 YEARS!

The Center for Early Childhood Education marked it's 35th anniversary with a celebration on Saturday, August 19th.

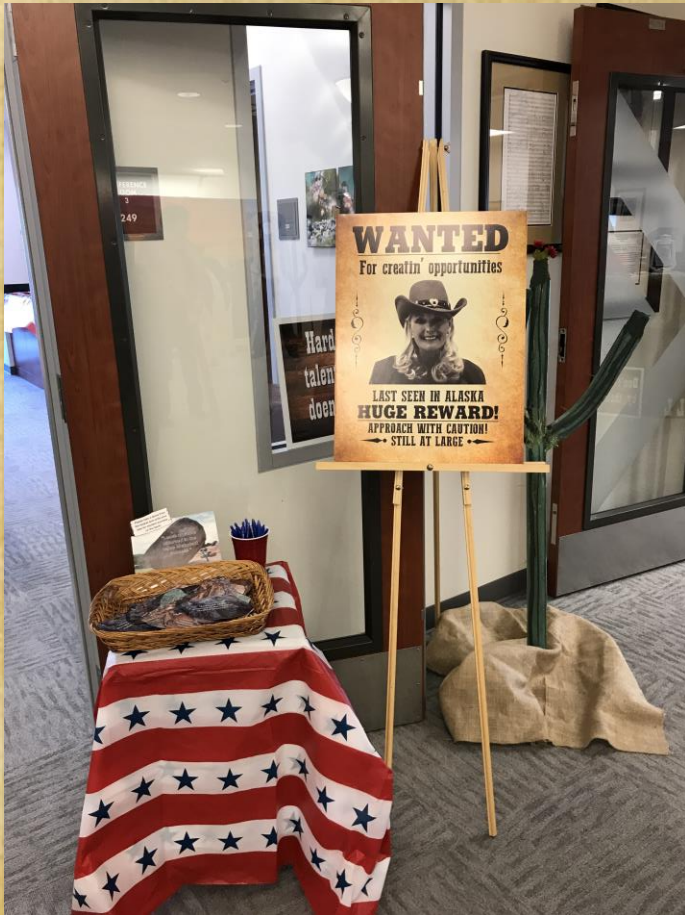
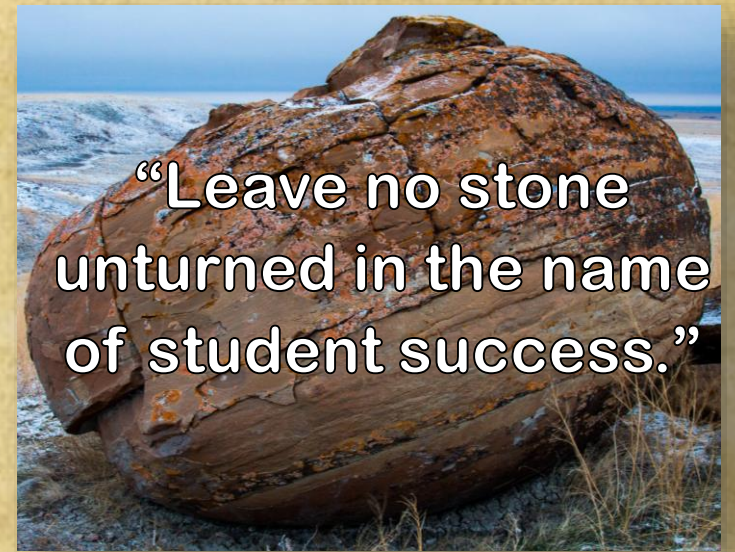
- The event was attended by current and former students, some who now have children attending the Center, as well as teachers and community members.
- The event featured classroom and garden tours, as well as refreshments.
- The highlight of the event was the dedication of the outdoor classroom to **Diane Stewart**, who was recognized for her amazing contributions over the last 35 years.



CELEBRATION!

Faculty, staff and administrators came together to celebrate my birthday and share their ideas for student success.

- Everyone in attendance was given a paper stone and asked to provide their idea for leaving no stone unturned in the name of student success. We have 70 ideas!





ISP MOM THANKS COC

Dr. Cheng-Levine is currently in Tokyo, Japan talking to students and their families about attending College of the Canyons.



4 - Hidetaka Kanazawa

Height: 5'8"
Weight: 175
Year: So
Hometown: Kawasaki, Japan
High School: Bishop Alemany
Position: S

- At an expo last weekend a mother of one of our students waited 20 minutes in line, wearing a COC Cougar T-shirt, to meet Dr. Cheng-Levine. She thanked her for helping to provide an amazing opportunity for her son who is currently attending classes here and playing on our football team.
- This is the photo of the mother, holding a photo of her son, along with a lovely note that she wrote to us.

My son is COC student now.
His name is Hidetaka Kanazawa.
I came here to meet you because
I want to say thank you.
I was surprised when I found
"College of the Canyons" name on
this Expo fair college list.

So I thought I want to come
here.
He enjoys every day and really
having a fulfilling day.
I appreciate he receives many
helps and supports from many
people.

He has been a international
student since 2012.
He graduated Bishop Alemany
High school.

I went Graduation ceremony
with my family. ^{at} Cougar Stadium.

And last year my husband visited
COC campus and cougar stadium
again.

Last week I watched the live
game on Internet TV.

I'll watch tomorrow's game and
also I look forward to the
tomorrow's game very much.
vs Orange Coast college.

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINE

The Department of Photography recently published volume 7 of ml2l, the student-oriented photography magazine.

- This issue focuses on the theme **Born New**, a beginning, a changing of the tide and remembering that there is constantly a shifting of what is new to our world.
- Students provided images of how they interpreted the theme and then expressed a similar feeling in text.
- Copies are available from the Department of Photography.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PETER HEPBURN!

The American Library Association recently announced that Peter Hepburn, COC Head Librarian, was selected as one of two nominees for President of the Association.

- Peter, along with the other nominee, will engage in candidate forums at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Denver in February 2018.
- Voting will take place between March 12th and April 4th.
- Good luck to Peter!



HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS!

The Fall 2017 semester marks the 10-year anniversary of the Canyon Country Campus!

- Over the past 10 years, the 70-acre campus has offered more than **5,000** classes and has served more than **50,000** students.
- This Fall 2017 semester the Canyon Country Campus is offering one of their largest class schedules with more than **260** class sections!
- Nearly **73%** of the 2017 COC graduating class completed at least one course at the Canyon Country Campus.
- To commemorate the 10-year anniversary, a variety of events and student-centered activities are planned. More information will be coming soon!



Partnerships



PATRONS OF THE ARTS – AUGUST 17

The Patrons of the Arts held a committee meeting on August 17th in the PAC.

- Committee members were delighted as they sat around the new Steinway pianos and were serenaded by the music faculty.
- The event was arranged by Dean Carmen Dominguez to thank the Patrons for their support during the acquisition of the Steinways.



COLLEGE LEADERS JOIN STATEWIDE EFFORT TO EXPAND COLLEGE PROMISE

On August 30th representatives from COC joined more than **400** education leaders as part of a statewide effort to improve and expand College Promise partnerships.

- During the conference, educational leaders heard from the heads of **all** public education systems in California and discussed the key elements of successful College Promise Programs.
- Currently there are nearly **55** College Promise Programs in community colleges throughout the state.
- COC launched First-year Promise this Fall through a **\$750,000** grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office.
- Under the leadership of COC Foundation Board Chairman Steve Corn, COC is currently exploring fundraising opportunities to extend the benefits of the First Year Promise Program beyond the term of the grant.
- The representatives from COC gained important information, including how to engage businesses in supporting the program and how to make it sustainable.



ISP WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS – SEPTEMBER 6

The International Student Program (ISP) held a barbeque on Wednesday, September 6th to welcome **58** new ISP students this semester and to celebrate the successes of the program.

- **47** of the **200** ISP students earned a **perfect GPA** of 4.0 during the Spring 2017 semester!
- The COC Chinese speaking population has grown from **3** students in Spring 2015 to close to **50** students in Fall 2017!
- More than **150** Chinese middle and high school students were on campus this summer to check out our campus and see if they would like to study here in the future.
- We now have **4** partner schools in China that have students tracked to attend COC from their first day of high school. The first cohort of **12** students has now arrived and begun their studies here at COC!
- Three new student clubs have been formed by ISP students.



EQUITY SUMMIT – SEPTEMBER 8

Eleven members of our staff attended the Community College League of California Equity Summit on September 8th in Ontario, CA.

- The theme of the summit was **“Equity 2017: Elevating Equity for Social Mobility”**.
- The League hosted an inspiring conference to discuss student success, equity and social mobility.
- Sessions were informative and included:
 - ✓ Equity from the perspective of students;
 - ✓ Relationships between equity gaps in education and empathy gaps in our culture;
 - ✓ Services for low-income, newly arrived and historically underserved students;
 - ✓ Mobility out of poverty and the role of education from the perspective of the LA Chamber of Commerce; and
 - ✓ The social mobility challenge – serving homeless and housing-insecure students.
- Additionally, the math transformation work at COC was highlighted in a new publication by the League and the RP Group – **“Elevating Equity for Social Mobility”**.



COC PARTNERS WITH LINCOLN ELECTRIC TO PROVIDE TRAINING

COC has become the first official Lincoln Electric Education Partner School (LEEPS) in the nation by providing certified robotic training to Lincoln Electric clients.

- This is a multi-tiered program that provides industry certification to welders who meet specific program requirements.
- Prior to this partnership, Lincoln Electric clients on the west coast had to travel to Cleveland, Ohio for training.
- During the three-day training students learn structured programming language techniques, proper editing procedures and error recovery through hands-on exercises in a lecture/laboratory format.
- The first three-day training was held at COC from August 15th – 18th and the next session will be held from December 12th – 14th.
- Lincoln Electric is considered the world leader in the manufacture, development and design of robotic arc welding systems, arc welding, as well as oxyfuel and plasma cutting equipment.
- We are lucky that Tim Baber is a leader in this arena. He is certainly blazin' new trails!



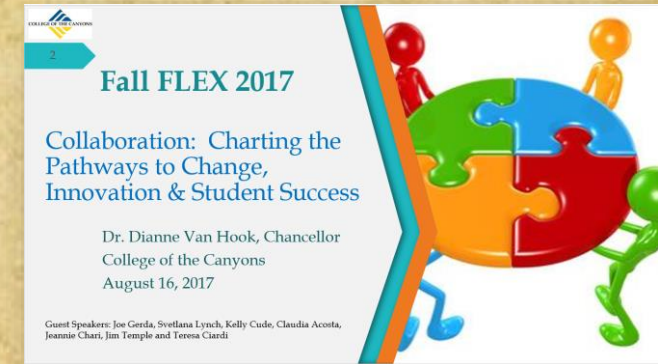
What's New on and Around our Campuses



FALL FLEX – AUGUST 16

I had the pleasure of presenting “**Collaboration: Charting the Pathways to Change, Innovation & Student Success**” during Fall Flex on August 16th.

- **129** faculty and staff attended this interactive workshop which covered:
 - ✓ The Big Picture
 - ✓ Are We Ready To Shape Change?
 - ✓ What’s In Our Future?
 - ✓ How Will We Get There?
 - ✓ Communication Matters in Collaboration
 - ✓ Thinking Differently
 - ✓ What’s Next For Us?
 - ✓ Barriers To Successful Collaboration
- One of the highlights of the presentation included guest speakers sharing their successful experiences with collaboration.



STUDENTS BEGIN FALL 2017 SEMESTER AT THE VALENCIA CAMPUS



WELCOME BACK!



STUDENTS BEGIN FALL 2017 SEMESTER AT THE CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS



WELCOME BACK!



ECLIPSE DAY – AUGUST 21

Students, faculty and staff were awed by the sight of the eclipse on the first day of classes, Monday, August 21st.

- The Earth, Space and Environmental Science Department came prepared for the rare event, providing telescopes, sun spotters and protective glasses for a crowd of observers outside the Aliso Lab.
- It was a similar scene throughout our campuses as observers gazed skyward and witnessed the awe-inspiring sight.



LET'S DO LUNCH IN THE ICUE!

On Tuesday, August 29th the iCue resumed its weekly lunch service.

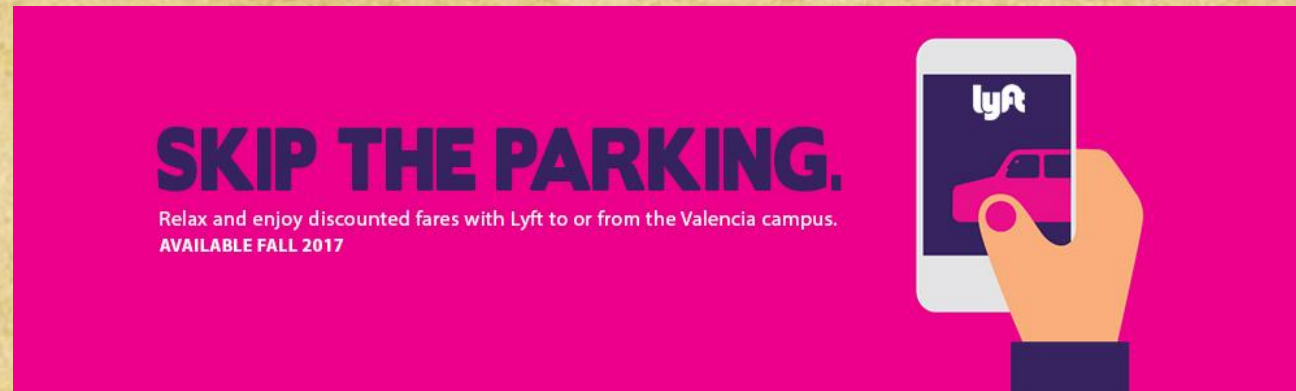
- Our student run laboratory café will again offer a five-course prix fixe lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- The cost is \$25 per person and priority seating reservations are encouraged.
- Please note that this session the lunches will take place on Tuesdays.



SKIP PARKING!

The college recently began offering discounted fares with Lyft for the Fall 2017 semester.

- Students, employees and campus visitors can take advantage of this service and avoid driving to or from the Valencia Campus.
- Service is limited to the first 880 users who enter a special code into their Lyft profiles.
- There are no time or day restrictions when the code can be used.
- The \$5 discount covers up to 5 miles using Lyft Line (the shared option) or Lyft. If you commute under 5 miles the ride is free!
- Lyft drivers usually drop off and pick up from the traffic circle in front of Canyons Hall.



RISE PROJECT LAUNCHED

COC recently launched the Resources for Individual Success in Education (RISE) Project to help improve access to higher education for current and former foster or homeless youth.

- The mission of this program is to increase retention, graduation and transfer rates, as well as promote student learning and development.
- The RISE Project will provide students with counseling, priority registration, progress monitoring and assistance with the purchase of textbooks, meals and transportation.
- RISE Project students will have access to on-campus shower facilities, personal care supplies, workshops, snacks and resources referrals.
- Dora Lozano is the RISE Project Counselor.



Dora Lozano, RISE Project Counselor

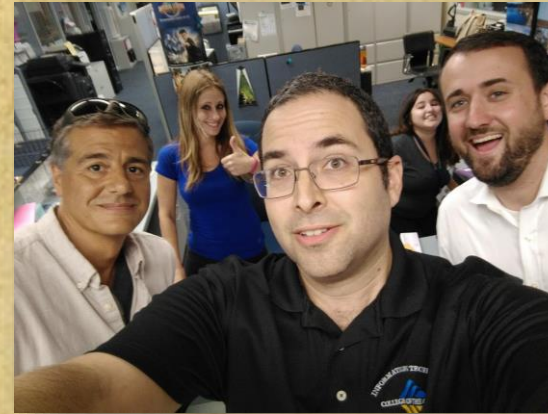


BOT Chancellor's Report

MAC HOLDS A SCAVENGER HUNT – SEPTEMBER 5

MAC held an on-campus scavenger hunt on September 5th as part of a team building exercise and to experience what our students go through in finding different locations around our campus.

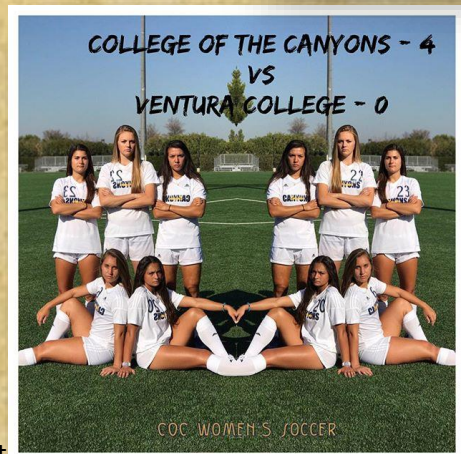
- Teams of MAC members had a list of 24 on-campus locations to visit and had to walk or drive a car (no carts) to get to each location.
- Participants were instructed to either pick up a brochure or take a selfie to confirm that they went to the location.
- Point values were given to each location and the team that accumulated the most points will be given an award at the October MAC meeting.



ATHLETIC UPDATE

COC Athletics are underway!

- **Football** - Canyons is 2-0 heading into this weekend's home opener vs. No. 1 ranked defending state champion Fullerton College. The Cougars picked up a 42-30 victory over AVC in week one, then defeated Orange Coast 30-14 last Saturday. This season all COC football home games will be LIVE STREAMED via SoCalCollegeSports.com.
- **Volleyball** - Canyons is currently the No. 3 ranked team in the state according to the first CCCVCA top-25 poll of the season. The Cougars are sporting a 5-1 record heading into tonight's matchup vs. Long Beach City College. COC sophomore outside hitter Emily Burns was recently named the Western State Conference female athlete of the week.
- **Women's Soccer** - Canyons continues to be included in the national rankings, with the No. 11 Cougars moving up five spots in the most recent United Soccer Coaches Association Junior College Division III poll. Canyons is currently 5-0 heading into this Friday's road matchup with No. 3 ranked Chaffey College.



ATHLETIC UPDATE

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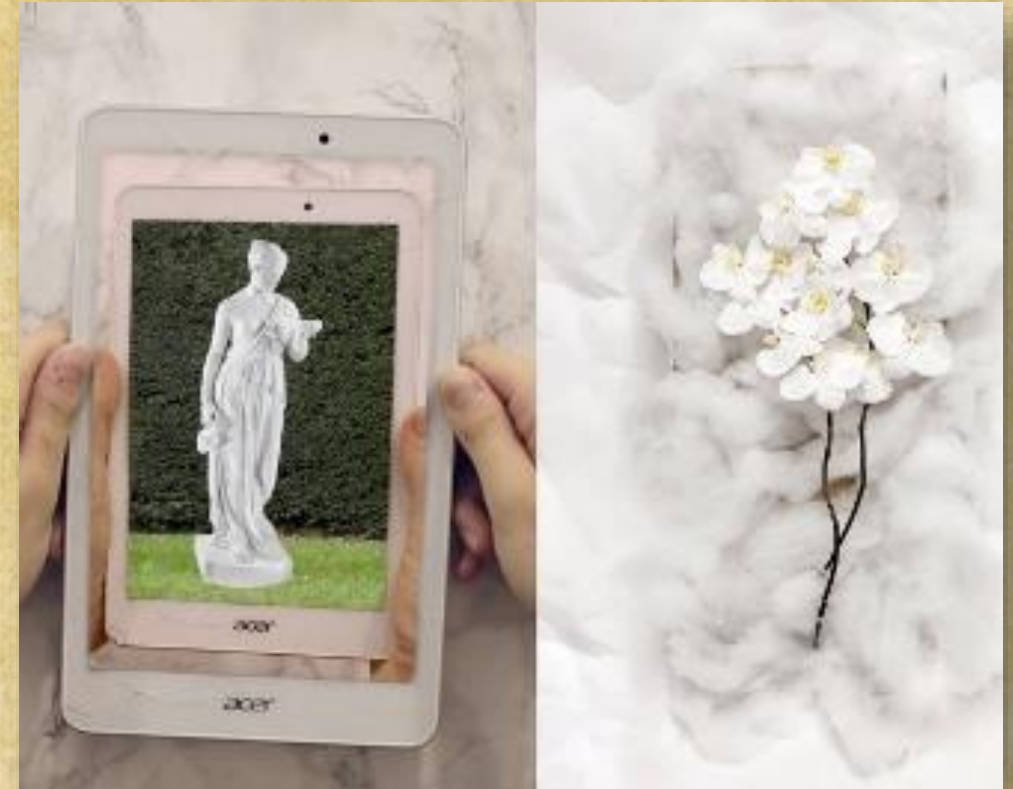
- **Men's Soccer** - Canyons dipped below the .500 mark after a tough 4-1 loss to Chaffey College on Tuesday night. Over the weekend, the Cougars were a 3-2 winner vs. Mendocino College while playing at the annual NorCal Community College Showcase.
- **Cross Country** - The COC cross country program has enjoyed a successful start to the year, highlighted by a season-opening first place finish from the women's team. Last weekend, both programs competed at the annual Fresno Invitational with the men's team running to a 13th place ranking and the women's team finishing third. On Friday, Canyons will host the CCCAA Southern California Preview at Central Park.
- **Women's Golf** - Canyons has placed second at the first two conference events of the season. On Monday, COC freshman JoJo Roeker bested the tournament field with a round of 73 at Santa Barbara Golf Club to earn medalist honors.



COC ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

The first exhibition of the academic year, “*Real Shadows for Mere Bodies*”, will be shown in the COC Art Gallery from September 5th – October 12th.

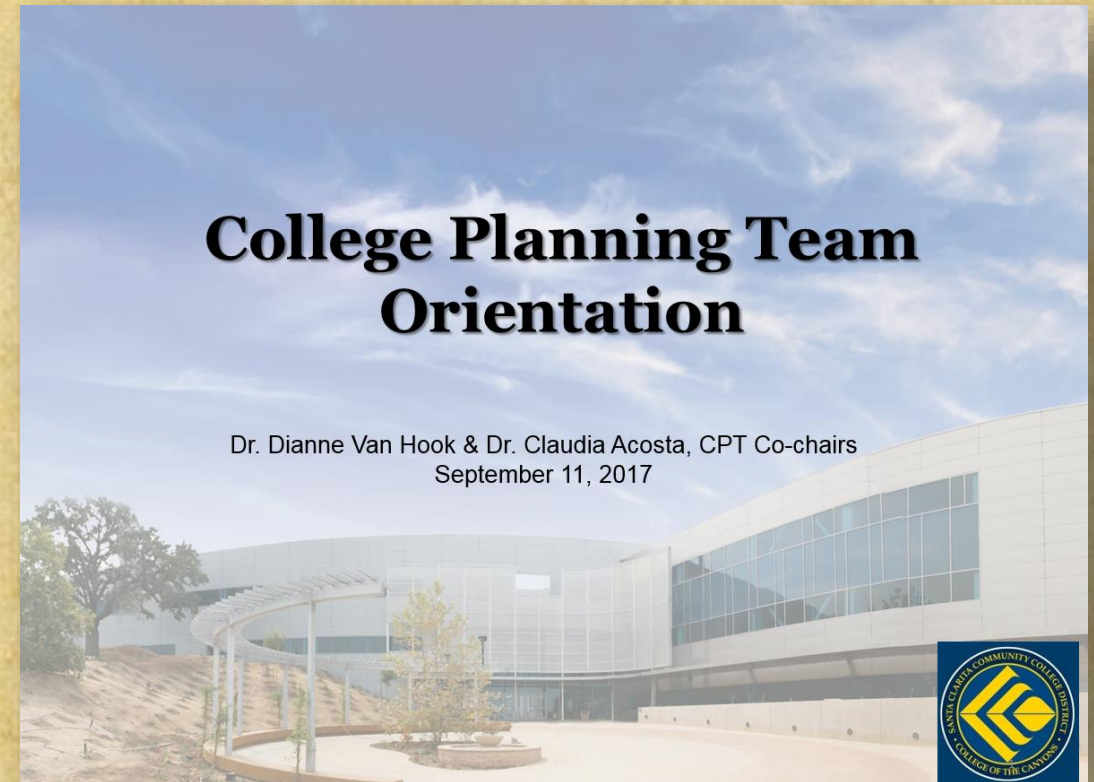
- This two-person exhibition will showcase the work of Los Angeles-based artists Stephanie Deumer and Arden Surdam.
- It will feature dynamic works of art that combine contemporary and traditional visual forms of photography, video and sculpture.
- An artists’ Reception was held on Tuesday, September 12th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.
- A special conversation with the artists will be held on Thursday, September 14th from 2 – 3 pm in the Art Gallery.
- All gallery exhibitions are free and open to the public.



CPT ORIENTATION – SEPTEMBER 11

A CPT Orientation was held on Monday, September 11th to provide new members and existing members with a context of what CPT is all about.

- Topics covered during the orientation included:
 - ✓ What is the College Planning Team?
 - ✓ A Brief History of CPT
 - ✓ Focus of the College Planning Team
 - ✓ Make-up of the membership of CPT
 - ✓ CPT Subcommittees
 - ✓ Roles & Responsibilities of CPT Members
 - ✓ Accomplishments of CPT in 2016-17
 - ✓ Focus of CPT for 2017-18
- A discussion was also held to discuss ideas for improvement.



COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – SEPTEMBER 12

The first Committee on Committees meeting of the academic year was held on Tuesday, September 12th.

- During the meeting we discussed the origin and purpose of Committee on Committees.
- We reviewed the areas of focus that were identified at our meetings in September 2016 and February 2017 and what we have accomplished since then.
- A discussion was also held to set a focus and context for 2017-18.



Upcoming Events

An aerial photograph of the ocean showing a large wave with a thick, white, foamy crest. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the overall scene is dynamic and powerful.

CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE BUSINESS BREAKFAST BRIEFING – SEPT. 15

The Chancellor's Circle is holding a Business Breakfast Briefing on Friday, September 15th in UCEN 258.

- The briefing, entitled **“Your Future is Closer Than You Think”**, will be presented by Bruce Wright, of Macro Strategic Design, Inc.
- Breakfast will be available at 7:30 am with the presentation beginning at 8:00 am.
- Chancellor's Circle members are complimentary. Non-members are \$20.

Business leaders and executives, are you ready for increased success?
Don't miss this presentation by trusted business advisor, Bruce Wright!

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT – OCTOBER 5 - 6

The inaugural **California Community Colleges Civic Engagement Summit** will be held at College of the Canyons on October 5th – 6th.

- The themes for the summit will be **“Reaffirming the Mission of Democracy’s Colleges”** and **“Fostering Civic Engagement Across the Disciplines”**.
- The two-day event will seek to foster a shared understanding of non-partisan civic engagement across the California Community Colleges.
- Conference strands will address strategies to increase voter participation, civic knowledge and community volunteerism.
- Faculty from across the disciplines, student life and service-learning professionals, executive leadership and community partners will be attending.



BODY AND MIND WELLNESS EVENTS – FALL 2017

The Student Health Center is sponsoring a series of Body and Mind wellness events this Fall semester. Coming up in September and October we have:



➤ **September 2017**

- ✓ 9/7 Mental Health & Substance Use 6 pm – 7:30 pm – UCEN 258
- ✓ 9/15 Domestic Violence Summit 8:30 am – 2:30 pm – PAC
- ✓ 9/20 No Texting & Driving 11 am 2 pm – STCN Atrium
- ✓ 9/22 Human Trafficking: It Still Happens Right Here 8 am – 12:30 pm – East PE Gym
- ✓ 9/27 Art with Impact noon – 2 pm – East PE Gym

➤ **October 2017**

- ✓ 10/2 Body Mind Wellness Resource Fair 11 am – 2 pm – Honor Grove
- ✓ 10/2 EveryBody is Beautiful Fashion Show 12:30 – 12:45 pm – Honor Grove
- ✓ 10/12 Building Your Immune System with Sunshine 12:30 – 1:30 pm – BYKH 105
- ✓ 10/21 Purple Walk of Strength 7 am – noon – COC Cross Country Trails
- ✓ 10/25 Breast Cancer Awareness 11 am – 2 pm – STCN Atrium

COMING UP IN THE PAC THROUGH OCTOBER...

September 2017

- **COC Presents: An Evening with Three Dog Night**
Saturday, September 16 at 8 pm
- **COC Music: Juan Pablo Horcasitas – Piano Recital**
Wednesday, September 20 at 7 pm
- **Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company Mexico, Al Son de La Banda**
Saturday, September 30 at 7:30 pm



October 2017

- ✓ **A Piece of My Heart**
October 6 - 14
- **Frozen Sing-Along**
Saturday, October 7 at 1 & 5 pm
- **Stacy Sullivan – A Tribute to Peggy Lee**
Friday, October 13 at 6 & 8:30 pm
- **Put Some Swing Into It!**
Friday, October 20 at 7:30 pm
- **Symphony of the Canyons – Sacra et Profana**
Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 pm



ROBOT CHALLENGE – NOVEMBER 2

COC MakerSpace and the Sustainable Development Committee is holding a Robot Challenge on November 2nd.

- Teams of students will work together to create an eco-zomBEE using a free LEGO Robot kit provided by the COC Valencia MakerSpace.
- The teams will then compete against each other in collecting pollen and nectar on a challenging Halloween themed Native Garden course.
- The competition last Fall was a unique educational experience and the committee is eager to make the competition this year even better!

