

Chancellor's Report

Board of Trustees Meeting
December 7, 2016

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Activities On and Around Our Campuses

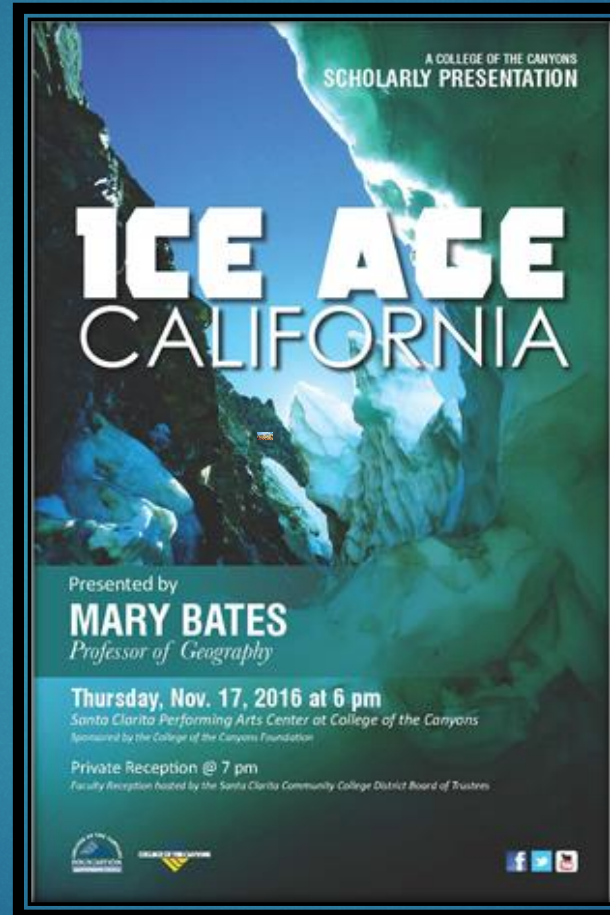
COC Partners with AMS Fulfillment to Offer Apprenticeships

- COC is partnering with Advantage Media Services (AMS) Fulfillment to offer apprenticeships in warehousing and shipping.
- The program will start in January 2017 with **13** apprentices, who will be full-time employees of AMS Fulfillment and will take COC course work related to their jobs.
- This commitment enabled COC to apply for **and receive** the California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI) grant in the amount of **\$260,000**, which will pay for the entire cost of related instruction for all of the apprentices at AMS Fulfillment!
- After the apprenticeship is complete, apprentices will receive a certificate or credential and may be eligible for a pay increase and/or promotion with their employer.
- This is the first partnership of its kind in California!



Scholarly Presentation – November 17

- The first Scholarly Presentation of the year was held on November 17 in the Performing Arts Center.
- Mary Bates, Professor of Geography and Department Chair, presented “Ice Age California”.
- The Board of Trustees hosted a private reception following the presentation.



Honoring Veterans

- The Civic Engagement Club created a powerful visual display of military uniforms, boots, helmets, flags and religious symbols at the Canyon Country Campus in November to raise awareness that 22 veterans commit suicide in the US every day.
- Conceptualized by the club's Veterans Committee, the display was created by student veterans Christopher Borja and Christopher Sebring, both wounded during their military service.
- At the Valencia campus, the Veterans Resource Center hosted an information fair to provide student veterans with access to a variety of services available to them.



COC SBDC Receives Top Honors

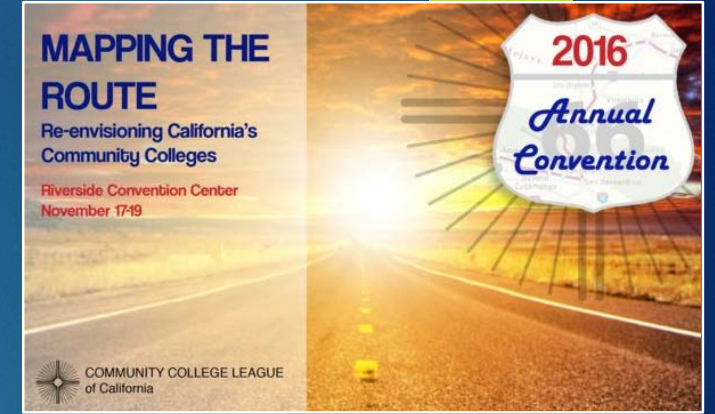
- On November 9th the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), hosted by College of the Canyons, was named the 2016 Top Performing SBDC within the Los Angeles Regional Network, outperforming the region's seven other Centers.
- Under the leadership of SBDC Director Catherine Grooms, the team of expert advisors helped clients in the Antelope, San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys access **\$31.6 million** in capital, while starting **61** businesses and creating **470** jobs.
- **Four** SBDC advisors won the "Top Capital Award" for generating the most capital for clients.
- Additionally, the SBDC has received a **\$25,000** grant from Wells Fargo Bank that will allow them to provide entrepreneurial training and comprehensive one-on-one technical assistance to military veterans and their family members.
- The West Regional Military Grants Program began with a veterans entrepreneurship training session on Thursday, November 17th in the UCEN.
- The SBDC is the SBA's largest service program and provides high-quality business and economic development assistance to small business owners and entrepreneurs.
- College of the Canyons is proud of its partnership with the SBA in advancing economic development and entrepreneurship throughout the region.



Catherine Grooms, Director and Paul Mazbanian, Asst. Director

COC Presents at CCLC – November 17 - 19

- College of the Canyons was pleased to take the lead in several presentations at the recent Community College League of California Annual Convention in Riverside.
- I was on a panel discussing *“Working With Your Foundation to Engage Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni and Emeriti in Fundraising.”*
- Vincent Devlahovich and Juan Buriel presented *“It Takes a Barrio: Mentoring Latino Students into Higher Education.”*
- Daylene Meuschke, Jasmine Ruys, Sab Matsumoto and Audrey Green presented *“Bringing It Together: Integrating Plans to Achieve Student Outcome Goals.”*
- Barry Gribbons and I were on a panel to present *“The Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) - Mapping the Way to Institutional Effectiveness.”*
- Patty Robinson presented *“The Need to Serve: Promoting Civic Engagement and Global Citizenship.”*



SCEEC Green STEM Summit – November 19

- Over **200** junior high, high school and community college students attended a one day Green STEM Summit at COC on Saturday, November 19th.
- Sponsored by the SCV Family of Water Suppliers and organized by the Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC), this free event offered interactive information about job shadowing, internships, college planning, mentoring and careers.
- Students were able to explore the different environmental science programs from **14** Southern California colleges and universities.
- Keynote speakers included Dr. Jerry Buckley, VP of Instruction at COC and Mr. Michael Haro, an environmental engineer at Lockheed Martin.
- Part of the program included a “speed mentoring” session where students discussed careers and the future of environmental sciences with professionals from companies and organizations such as the Valencia Water Company, Boise Paper, the City of Santa Clarita, CBS, Disney Corporate and the LA County Fire Department.



Native American Culture Event – November 21

- Lectures on Native American culture and issues were the focus of an event presented by the Anthropology Department, Anthropology Club and Civic Engagement Steering Committee.
- The event was held in the Honor Gove on Monday, November 21st.
- Speakers included Dr. Jim Adams, a native plant botanist, and pharmacologist, as well as local Chumash and Tataviam descendants.



IEPI Indicators Workshop – November 28

- COC hosted an IEPI “*Indicators and Goalsetting*” workshop on November 28th in the UCEN.
- More than **40** people attended from nearby colleges and the State Chancellor’s Office.
- In addition to Barry Gibbons and Daylene Meuschke from our staff, presenters included Stacey Fisher (CCCCO), KC Greaney (Santa Rosa Junior College), Jane Saldana-Talley (Santa Rosa Junior College) and Jake Kevari (Copper Mountain).
- Every California Community College is required to set goals on IEPI indicators and this workshop was a good opportunity to share new indicators and provide guidance on details in setting goals for the purpose of driving improvement in institutional effectiveness.
- A second workshop will be held in Northern California on January 13th.



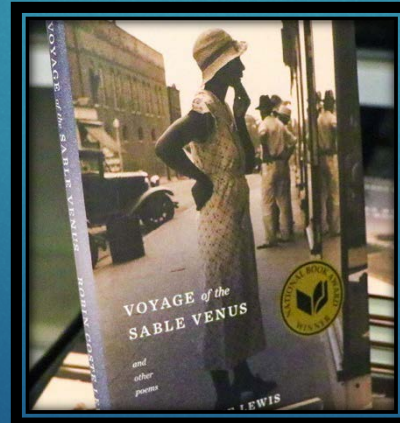
International Music & Dance Festival – November 29

- The Department of Modern Languages presented the Fall 2016 International Music and Dance Festival on Tuesday, November 29th.
- This was a collaborative educational event featuring folk and popular music and dance performances of world cultures.
- Featured performers included:
 - ❖ Luna Tapatio Ballet Folklórico
 - ❖ Percussionist Gino Gamboa
 - ❖ Vento Sur Quartet
 - ❖ D'Wilfri DanceArt



Celebrating the Humanities – November 29

- Author Robin Coste Lewis read a selection of poems from her 2015 National Book Award-winning *“Voyage of the Sable Venus”* at the Performing Arts Center on November 29th.
- After reading excerpts from her book, she took questions from the audience and offered some advice to aspiring writers, *“If you don’t like to do hard work, don’t become an artist”*.
- The special presentation was part of the “Celebrating the Humanities” program.
- Professors Alene Terzian and Adam Kaiserman introduced the artist.



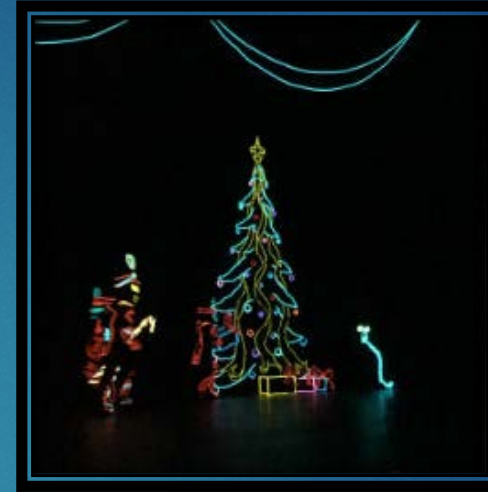
McKeon Leadership Conference – December 2

- ❖ US Air Force General T. Michael Moseley (retired) led a fascinating discussion during the McKeon Leadership Forum held in the University Center on December 2nd.
- ❖ General Moseley spoke about national and global security, including cyber security, radical Islam and the roles of the United States and China.
- ❖ Students and community members attended the event.
- ❖ Congressman Howard “Buck” McKeon (retired), Former Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, paid tribute to Mr. Bruce Fortine for his service to the college and to the Santa Clarita Valley.



A Very Electric Christmas – December 4

- On December 4th the community was treated to the award-winning show “A Very Electric Christmas” by the Lightwire Theater Group.
- The performance was done in complete darkness with performers wearing costumes and using props that were lined with bright, colorful lights that brought the characters to life.
- Prior to the show guests participated in a variety of great family activities with arts and crafts stations and family photo displays.



Foundation Hosts Holiday Party – December 5

- The COC Foundation held their annual holiday party on Monday, December 5th at Persia Lounge.
- Over 65 people attended, including Foundation Board Members, Foundation Staff, Board of Trustee Members and spouses.
- During the event, the Foundation gave a farewell presentation and gift to Michele Edmonson celebrating her service to the Foundation on the occasion of her retirement.
- A festive, good time was had by all!



Seven COC Football Players Receive All-SCFA Honors

- The Southern California Football Association (SCFA) announced that **seven** COC football players are among the honorees from the National Division, Northern League.
- Four players earned All-SCFA First Team honors:
 - ❖ Tyler Bjorkland, sophomore offensive lineman
 - ❖ Marquise Brown, freshman wide receiver
 - ❖ Dorian Gerald, freshman defensive lineman
 - ❖ Austin McKinney, sophomore punter
- Three players were named to the Second-Team:
 - ❖ Blake Austin, sophomore safety
 - ❖ Tylan McBride, freshman running back
 - ❖ Sione Taufahema, sophomore defensive tackle



COC to Receive an IEPI PRT Visit



- COC was recently approved for a Partnership Resource Team (PRT) visit under the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI).
- The area of focus will be on non-credit programs.
- PRTs draw on the exceptional expertise and innovation from within the California Community College system to advance best practices and avoid potential pitfalls.
- We look forward to welcoming the PRT this Spring.



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All College Facilities Update December 5 & 6

- All College Facilities updates were held on December 5th and 6th in the UCEN.
- Jim Schrage and I updated the packed room on facilities planning, construction and plans for the future.
- The Canyon Country Campus joined us via webcast.



COC Holiday Party – December 6

- The COC employee holiday party was held on Tuesday, December 6th.
- The event included a delicious holiday meal and entertainment by “Cover Charge”, a student band directed by Bill Macpherson.
- Retirees Kathy Alfano, Sylvia Black, Michele Edmonson, and Mimi Spankroy were honored for their service to COC.
- Congratulations to Fiscal Services for winning the door decorating contest!
- Special thanks to Jim Temple for emceeding the event, Diane Fiero for conducting the games and the entire committee, headed by Leslie Carr, for putting on such a festive and fun event!

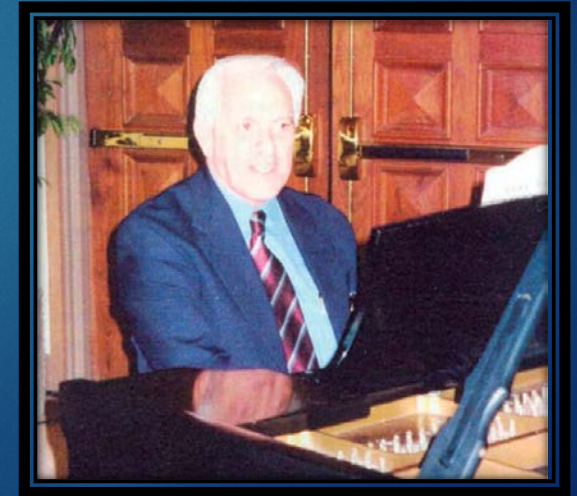




In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of members of the COC family...

- **Richard Clemence** was among the earliest faculty members hired at COC. Throughout his tenure he was not only a full-time faculty member, but also department head of the Administration of Justice Department. Richard also managed and taught in the Private Security Academy, a job training program on the COC campus. He retired from COC in 1986.
- **Fred D'Astoli** passed away on Thanksgiving Day. Fred was hired in 1999 and spent almost 13 years teaching at College of the Canyons before retiring. He served as English Department Chair, created the curriculum for the English 71 program, and assisted in the design of facilities for basic skills students. Fred also played an active role with the Academic Senate, both as a division representative and then as VP. He also served for several years as the facilitator for the New Faculty Orientation. Fred was among the first full-time faculty members to teach exclusively at the Canyon Country Campus.
- Richard and Fred inspired their students and changed so many lives so that they could thrive in the workforce. Their legacy will live on through their students.



Remembering Doug MacGregor

- Doug MacGregor, husband of Board of Trustees member Joan MacGregor, passed away on November 15th.
- Doug was a familiar face at COC events for many years. He always enjoyed meeting and getting to know students, faculty, staff, administrators and supporters.
- Joan and Doug were married almost 31 years and together have four children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
- Doug was a Navy veteran, proud of his Scottish heritage and a loyal Angels fan.
- A scholarship in Doug's name will be established in the COC Foundation.
- A memorial service will be held this Sunday, December 11th at 2 pm at the Scenic Hills Clubhouse, 26207 Rainbow Glenn Drive, Santa Clarita.

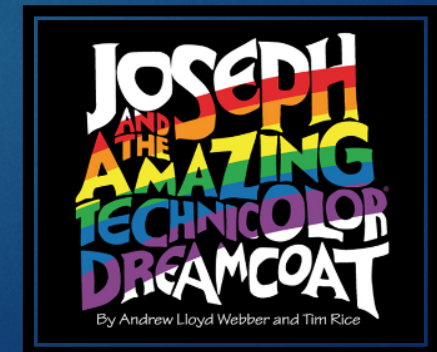


Upcoming Events



Events Coming up...

- **The Chancellor's Cabaret Series In the UCEN:**
 - ❖ December 9 – COC Vocal Jazz Ensembles – “*Jazz Tidings*” (6:30 & 8:30 pm)
 - ❖ December 10 – COC Chamber Singers & Voices of the Canyons – “*Christmas Tapestry*” (5 & 7 pm)
- **In the PAC:**
 - ❖ December 8 – COC Dance – “*Dancing into December*” (8 pm)
 - ❖ December 11 – Santa Clarita Master Chorale – “*Holiday Traditions*” (3:30 pm)
 - ❖ December 17 & 18 – Santa Clarita Ballet – “*The Nutcracker*”
 - ❖ January 20 – Black Violin (8 pm)
 - ❖ January 27 – 29 - ESCAPE Theatre: “*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*”
 - ❖ February 11 – COC Presents: Los Lobos (8 pm)



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