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WELCOME WEEK

Welcome back on campus! After two years being mostly online, we had a great turnout of students, clubs, and alliances that showed up to advertise their club to students.

There were over 50 booths hosted and more than 500 students that attended to connect with various faculty and student leaders to become more involved with the college. It was a great way to join clubs or alliances that interested you enough to become a member and participate in organizations on campus.

Students who attended Welcome Week at the Valencia Campus received a regal movie ticket and a slice of free pizza by visiting booths across the plaza and inside the Student Center. Individual booths gave goods respective to their organization, ranging from cookies to T-shirts. There was also an opportunity to talk with the Chancellor and faculty, to make students feel welcomed at the college by

creating relationships with the staff and to voice their opinions on the College.

Students who attended Welcome Week at the Canyon Country Campus had a similar experience with the various organizations on campus. After attending and interacting with the booths on campus, students were given either subway sandwich or a regal movie ticket. Having a smaller population than the Valencia Campus, Welcome Week at CCC provided a more personalized and focused experience to students attending. This was a great way for students to feel welcomed at their college.

THANK YOU, to the clubs and Alliances that participated in Welcome Week. Having a presence on campus really helps build and strengthen students have on their school, so ASG wants to show their gratitude to the expectation-exceeding number of students attended on both campuses.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month is celebrated every year to help commemorate the sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape our country. To help remember Black History Month, here are some organizations on campus o celebrate African American heritage.

Black Student Alliance:

The Black Student Alliance is an affinity group where students can connect with faculty and staff members, meet with counselors and other advisors, and discuss issues in a safe environment. It is a group that provides a safe space for students who identify as African American/Black to build a community and a sense of belonging at COC.

Some meetings you can attend: 4/13/22, 4/27/22, 5/11/22, and 5/25/22. If you have any questions, you can contact: BlackAlliance@canyons.edu; Anthony.Morris@canyons.edu; Heaven.Warner@canyons.edu; Joy.shoemate@canyons.edu.

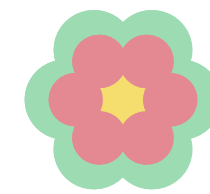
Ujima Scholars

The Ujima Scholars is one of the programs at COC designed to enhance the educational

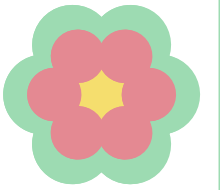
experience of Black/African-American students. They offer mentoring, counseling, instruction, and programming. Some benefits of being in the Ujima Scholars program include: Book vouchers, Scholarships, Gas Cards, Gift Cards, Tutoring, Cohort classes, and Support from a Dedicated Retention Specialist There are certain requirements in order to become an Ujima Scholar. More information can be found on our website, <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/ujima-scholars>

Fun Fact:

Black students from Ohio's Kent State University protested for establishments focusing for Black studies and accomplishments. In 1976, President Gerald Ford issued a month-long observance in the US known today as BHM.



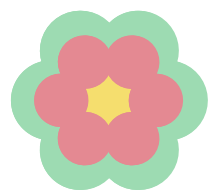
CHINESE NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year is one of the most celebrated events in China. The holiday, which is tied to the Lunar New Year calendar, is to honor many types of deities and offer respect to ancestors. Lunar New Year can be celebrated by anyone in the world. It's one of the most important social and economic holidays celebrated by billions of people in most Asian countries and those of Asian descent

Fun Facts

This Year of 2022, is known to be the Year of the Tiger according to the zodiac calendar. Chinese New Year is known as the Spring or Lantern Festival. During Chinese New Year, a traditional dance called the "Dragon Dance" is performed in Chinese culture like the lion dance. Many Asian people try to avoid negative superstitions during the New Year because they do not want to start their New Year with bad luck.





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COUGAR CAFE

MENU & HOURS

Grab and go salads, sandwiches, snacks, candy, and beverages are also available.

Breakfast

- Egg & Cheese Muffin
- Breakfast Burrito
- Egg & Cheese Omelet
- Avocado Toast
- Cougar Tots
- Large Tater Tots

Lunch

- Hamburger
- Cheeseburger
- DBL Hamburger
- DBL Cheeseburger
- Turkey Burger
- 10pc Chicken Nuggets
- Grilled Cheese

Specials

- Monday**
 Five Cheese Blend Pizza
- Tuesday**
 Chicken Alfredo
- Wednesday**
 Orange Chicken Bowl
- Thursday**
 Chicken Burrito

SPRING SEMESTER HOURS

MON - THUR 8:00AM - 3:30PM
 FRIDAY 8:00AM - 2:00PM

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



College of the Canyons has set up various events to celebrate the contributions women have made historically and continue to make in society. On a daily basis, The Multicultural Center highlights women that have had a great impact on women's accomplishments in the past, and a brief paragraph on their life story.

ASG Cultural Student Involvement Coordinators, Sharika Shahid and Marian Rivera hosted the Re-Empower: Women's History Month Event, that focused on commemorating women throughout history for their strengths in making themselves known within a male-dominated society.

On March 7th, Amy Foote and Leslie Carr spoke on their experiences as a woman throughout their careers and what it was like to achieve their professional position. The

event provided students with clay. The clay symbolized the constant trend in history of women being constantly told to fit the mold of a caretaker, making it increasingly difficult to step out of societal boundaries and pursue their true aspirations. Students used the clay to visualize what they want to achieve in their lives without the impression that they have to be a caretaker. It was an opportunity to shape their goals of a career, a characteristic within themselves, or an item, that was a true reflection of who they are.

The event successfully encapsulated the meaning of Women's History month to the attending students by creating a room for women that focused on the empowerment they have on their own lives. Thank you to the students who attended this event and the faculty that shared their experiences!

TRANSFER SPOTLIGHT

ANNIE EFFINGER

MARINE BIOLOGY AT SCRIPPS INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

I honestly had no clue what I wanted to study after I graduated high school. I knew I loved learning and wanted to go to UCSD for a long time, but I felt very lost during the application process of my senior year in high school. My family and I made the decision that COC for two years was a good option financially, and it would allow me to find my passion, marine biology. During the summer after I graduated from high school, I began taking the general education requirements to transfer and started thinking about what I wanted to study at university. I decided on marine biology because I love the outdoors, nature, and the ocean. It just clicked. I also felt very lucky to be a part of MESA and ASG at COC. MESA was a great opportunity and community to have while I was at COC. Amy, our advisor, also studied marine biology in college, so that was very exciting to hear. Mike, the transfer counselor in MESA was a major help. In the past I had troubles with other counselors, telling me I would not be able to transfer in two years. Mike never once questioned my two-year transfer goal and was constantly meeting with me to help adjust my classes

and schedule. ASG was a great environment where I could branch out and find my voice. I was really quiet growing up, so joining ASG was the right push to get me out of my comfort zone. Both MESA and ASG created safe environments where I made a lot of my lifelong friends. I urge others to join clubs, talk to their classmates, and interact with their professors. The more you say and do, the better network you will build.

I transferred from COC in two years as a STEM major. Just know it is possible, don't let others tell you otherwise. However, I gave up all my summers and winters to complete classes. Summer and

winter classes are also very fast-paced, but they somewhat prepare you for the fast UC quarters system.

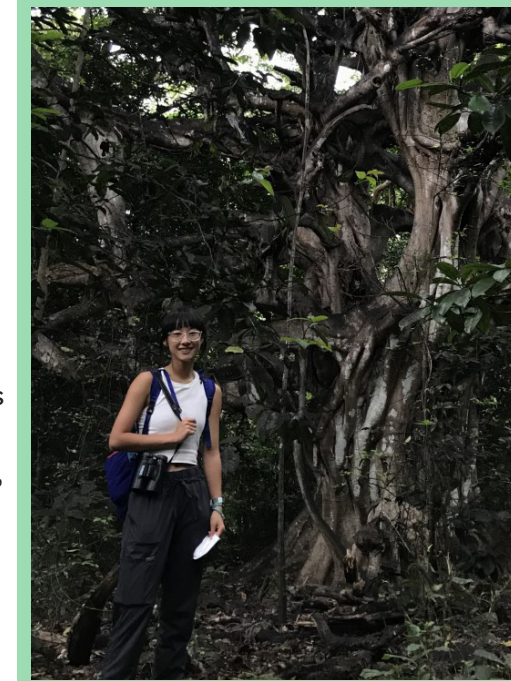
It is important to know your worth. Community college is a great stepping stone and unfortunately, it took me a long time to see that. When I first started COC, my old friends who all went directly to the Cal States would shit on me for it. As I took more classes and got to know more of my professors, I realized that my education at COC was just as good and sometimes even better. My point is to not let other people's words get to

you. In life, you will meet a lot of braggers and self-centered people. Ignore them, they don't want to see you succeed, and you will succeed.

On a lighter note, I am LOVING UCSD. It is the perfect campus for me and I am thriving in all of my classes. I am also beyond grateful for all the friends I have made; I felt like I finally found people that understand me and want to see me grow. If you are looking to apply to the UC system, make sure you complete all the required courses to transfer into your desired major. While answering the UC application questions, I wrote

about past events in my life that related to the major I wanted and had a lot of family and friends read them over. Paint a picture when you write your UC essays. The readers have to look through thousands of applications, writing an honest, yet beautiful essay will be an interesting read that will make your application more memorable.

This is my second year at UCSD and I am looking forward to graduating this spring. Both College of the Canyons and transferring to San Diego have been amazing experiences and I am beyond grateful for them both. I wish you all the best of luck. Hard work and persistence pay off.

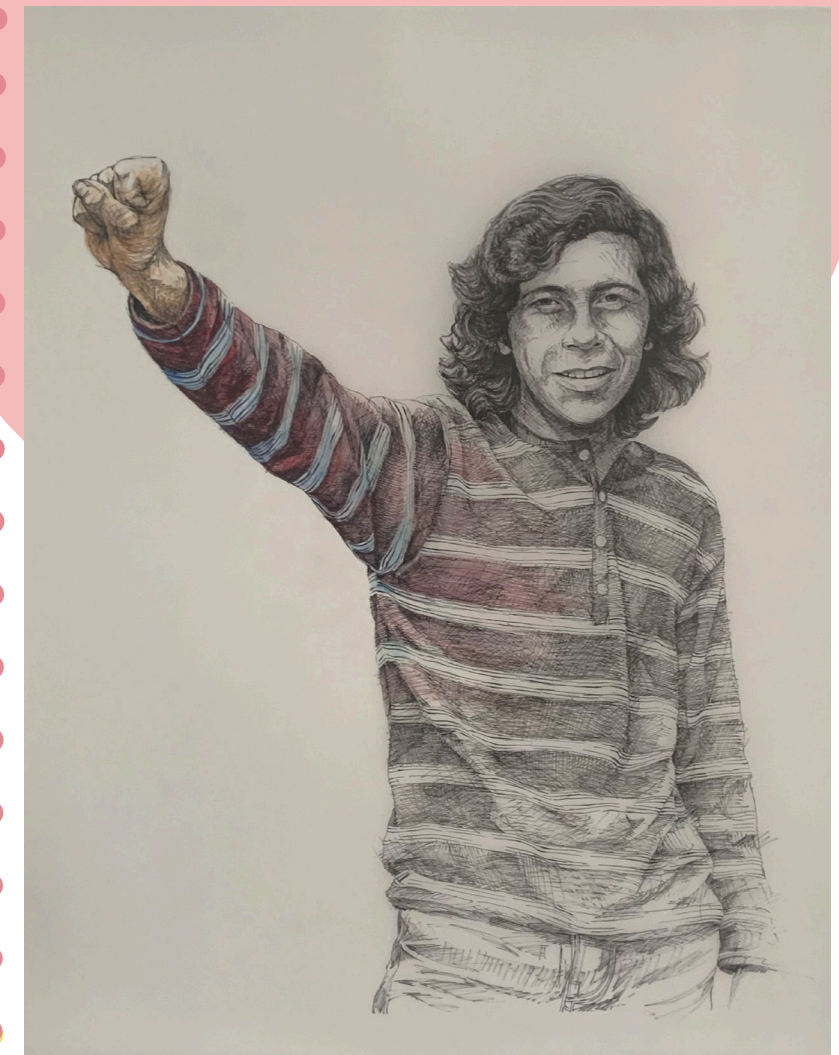


COC'S ART GALLERY

The COC Art Gallery presented a solo exhibition of works by Deborah Aschheim. Aschheim is a Los Angeles based artist whose displayed works reflect past and current events. Her projects focus on people in the moment with the central idea of civic engagement. For instance, her Pasadena Time Travel Series depicts the Chicano Civil Rights movement from the perspective of high school students. Aschheim interviewed participants of the movement from 1968-1973 and drew portraits based on the experiences of activists. The portrait pictured to the top right shows a student involved in a school walkout that protested Proposition 187, a ballot initiative that would have restricted undocumented immigrants from accessing public education and other vital services. Although this ballot initially passed, it was later repealed for being unconstitutional. However, civic involvement played a critical role in increasing awareness of this unjust ballot initiative.

Furthermore, her The Never Facebook Drawings project showcases drawings of people at social events, such as protests and memorials. For this project, Aschheim created her own website called Never Facebook to display works that reflect history in progress. The portrait of the two people on the bottom right depicts a mother and child at Los Angeles City Hall, listening to the speakers celebrating immigrants' rights. Diversity and inclusion are at the forefront of this project as it celebrates civic involvement and social progress. To view Aschheim's ongoing digital project, check out <https://neverfacebook.com/>.

Check out these beautiful works on display at the Art Gallery, which is located on the Valencia Campus in Mentry Hall. Likewise, be sure to view the Art Gallery for Zoom artist lectures and future exhibitions.



East Los Angeles Sheriff's Protest from Pasadena Time Travel Series



External view of the COC Art Gallery



Los Angeles City Hall, no 7 from The Never Facebook Drawings



RE-EMBRACE EVENT

Hey Cougars!

Since the beginning of the pandemic, you, the students, have had limited opportunities to interact with one another. With the start of the Spring semester and an increase of student population on campus, ASG wanted to encourage student interaction by hosting a speed dating, but friendship edition game. Students were prompted to submit their interests on a form prior to the event, in order for students to be matched with people of the same interest. The event lasted for three rotations of 15 minutes, where students sat and chatted with their peers. Along with a conversation, students were given a goody bag filled with candy bars, chips, and water.

Thank you to the participants who helped contribute to an event that let students meet each other and create new bonds.

COC'S RE-INTERACT

The Re-Interact Event was a success! On March 13th at the Valencia campus, students participated in a friendly speed dating type game. Students had a chance to introduce themselves to each other and talk about topics like food, majors, and transfer plans. After two years of online learning, it was nice to destress and catch up with fellow peers. Likewise, members of different campus clubs had the opportunity to introduce their organizations. One of the clubs at the event was spikeball, a new sport that is gaining traction across colleges like UCLA, UCSB, and Cal Poly SLO. Spikeball can be thought of as a mix between volleyball and four-square. This club is actively looking for new members to teach and just hang out with. For more information and a full list of COC clubs, check out <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/campuslife/clubs/list.php>.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, which is the anniversary of St. Patrick's death in the fifth century. St. Patrick was a patron saint of Ireland and national apostle. He was known to explain the *Holy Trinity* using the shamrock leaf. This day is a special day for the Irish because its a religious holiday that has been celebrated over 1,000 years.

Fun Facts

St. Patrick's Day falls during the Christian Season of Lent where Irish families attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Usually, Lenten prohibitions of eating meat will be allowed and people will celebrate and feast on traditional Irish bacon and cabbage. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in America on March 17, 1607.



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