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A Word from our Staff

Waiting to transfer, trying to go back to school, earning your associate degree: we all have our reasons for attending College of the Canyons. By the time you read this issue, finals will be right around the corner and another semester will have come and gone yet again. Whether it's your first semester or your fourth year here, our goal remains the same.

It is our mission at The Paw Print to show you everything COC has to offer, from our all-star faculty to our many clubs and alliances, and of course, everything your Associated Student Government does for you. No matter what your college experience looks like, we want to show you everything that your fellow students are doing. And, of course, what you could be doing with them.

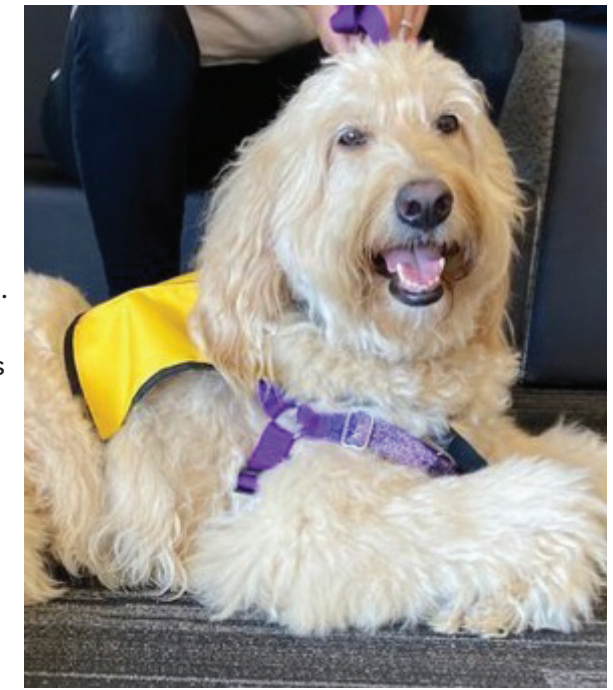
We sincerely hope you enjoy the new issue of our paper, showcasing everything that has been going on during our Fall semester. We hope to see you all in the spring!

A VISIT FROM OUR THERAPY DOGS

On October 4th and 5th, College of the Canyons once again hosted Therapy Dogs at both campuses! Our furry friends visited COC to help de-stress students from 11 AM to 12 PM in the Honor Grove at the Valencia Campus, and the next day at the same time, they could be found in the Science Center Lobby at the Canyon Country Campus. The dogs that came to Valencia included the gentle giant Dusty Rose, the fluffy goldendoodle Ellie, and the adorable Charlie. At the Canyon Country Campus, Hazel, another fluffy goldendoodle, was given an endless supply of scratches and

belly rubs by passing students and staff.

The organization behind this experience is Paws for Care. Their mission is to help the Santa Clarita community by providing free public therapy dogs at local events and after community catastrophes. Charlie himself helped comfort students and staff after the Saugus High School shooting. In case you missed them, fear not! You can expect to see these adorable therapy dogs return on November 29th at the Valencia Campus and December 1st on Level 1 of the Canyon Country Campus Takeda Science Center.



OUR STAFF

Xavier Adams, Allison Alben, Harley Zepeda, and Erik Polanco



LEARN ABOUT OUR TRANSFER FAIR

On September 20, College of the Canyons hosted a Transfer Fair where many Colleges came to provide information about transferring.



CHECK OUT SOME OF COC'S RESOURCES

From meal vouchers to medical bills, the Basic Needs Center aids students in nearly every possible way. More information is available at the QR code on this page.





HOMECOMING 2022

Photos provided by Marissa Kneisel/COC Sports Information, Jesse Muñoz/ Director of Public Relations and Sports Information

One of the biggest events of the semester has finally happened! On October 13th, College of the Canyons' football team played in their annual homecoming game against the Bakersfield College Renegades. Before the game, students, families, and community members enjoyed a tailgate hosted by Associated Student Government (ASG) that was held in Parking Lot 8 between Stadium Way and Campus Drive. Attendees fashioned in western attire were able to partake in a wide selection of activities, including Jenga, cornhole, and marshmallow roasting. Those at the tailgate were also able to enjoy the delicious offerings from Busy Bee Café, Reality Eatz, Flamin Hot Chicken, and Coffee Kiosk. A total of 17 booths were available for students as well, giving out freebies and offering attendees insights into some of the programs at our school.

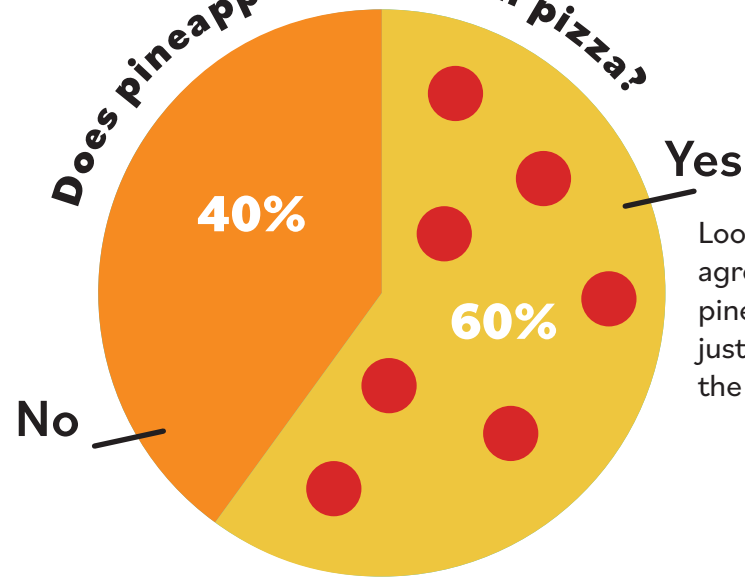
As the tailgate ended, families and friends filled the stadium to support our fearsome Cougars against the Renegades

for the highly anticipated homecoming game that kicked off at 7 PM. Viewers cheered throughout the night, showing their support for our team. Although the night ended in a defeat of 7-17 for our Cougars, every player on the field, including those on the opposing team, put up a valiant effort to win. Despite our loss, several students still expressed optimism in the aftermath of the craze. Kiki, an enthusiastic student attendee, said "I mean we lost, but our players tried their best and that's all you can ask for. It was at least fun." These two lively events created a night full of electrifying energy and closer bonds with friends and family. Overall, it was a great night for everyone attending these exciting events. Even though our team didn't emerge victorious, students, families, and community members still had a great time at ASG's tailgate and Homecoming Game. If you weren't able to attend, we hope to see you there next year rooting for our Cougars!

COUGAR QUESTIONS

We asked students from all around campus for their opinions on everything from pizza to fashion. Let's see what our Cougars had to say!

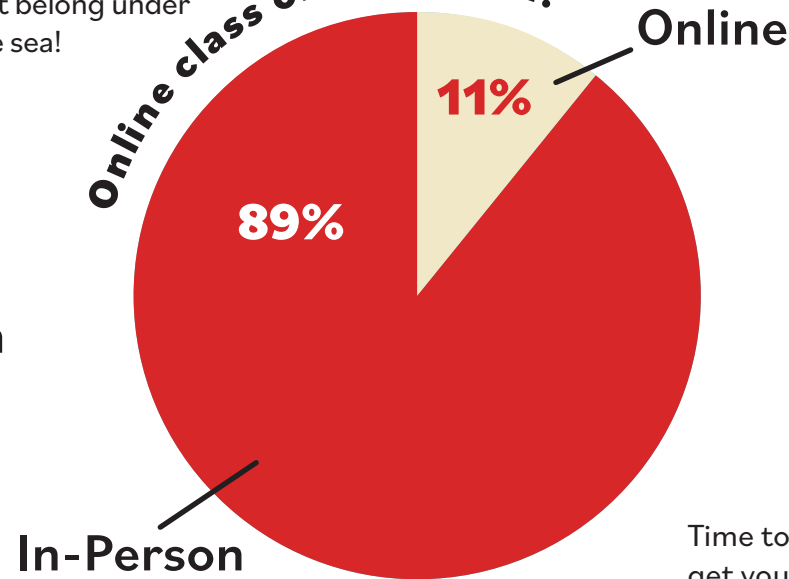
Does pineapple belong on pizza?



Looks like COC agrees that pineapples don't just belong under the sea!

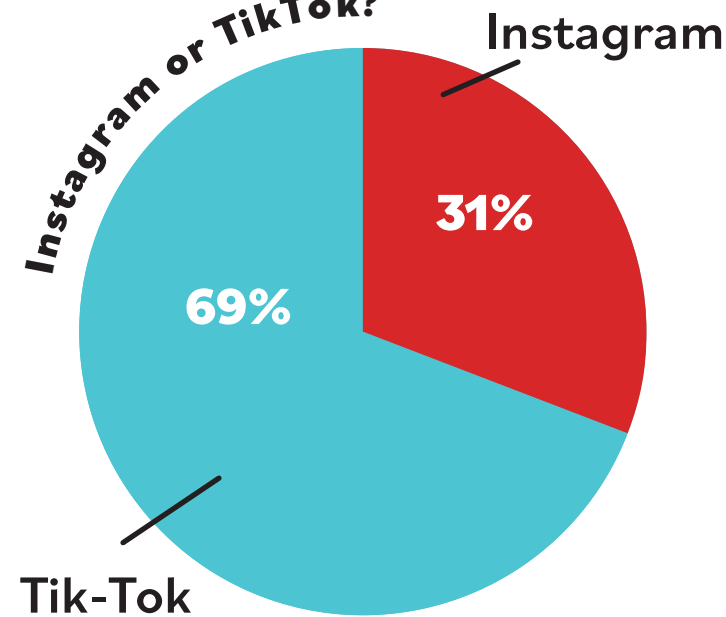
Seems like we should be seeing more faces on campus soon!

Online class or in-person?



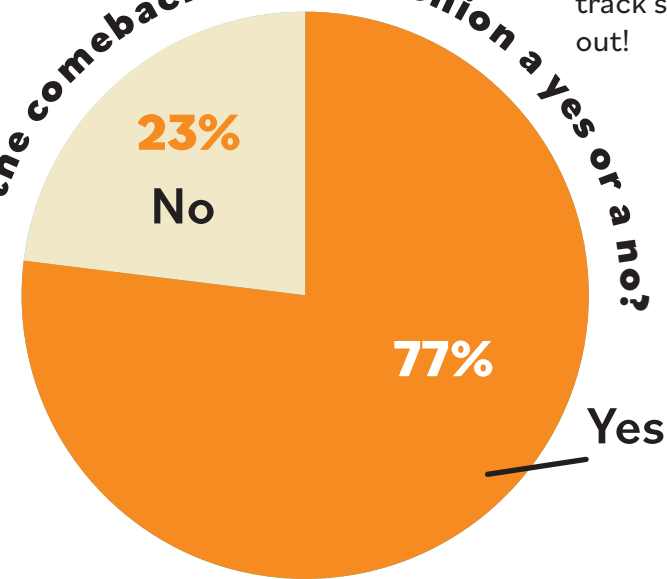
Time to get your Juicy Couture track suits out!

Instagram or TikTok?

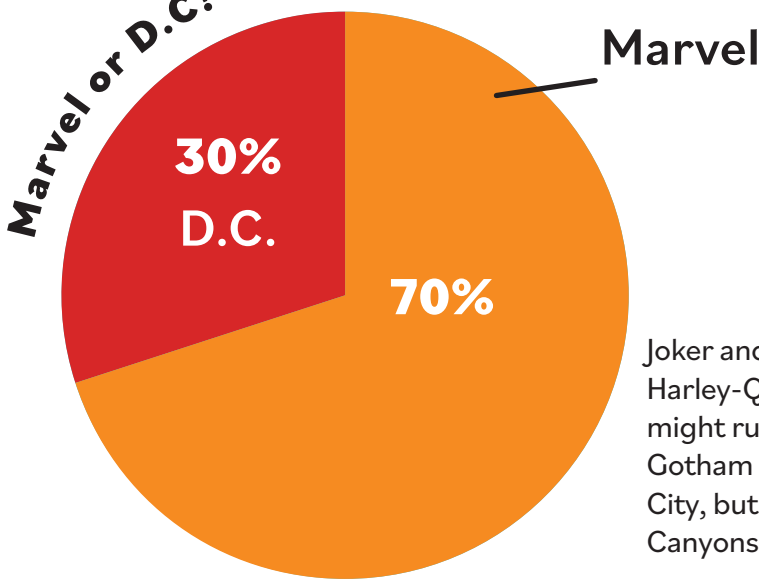


Don't worry Cougars, you should be able to read this article in under 60 seconds!

Is the comeback of Y2K fashion a yes or a no?

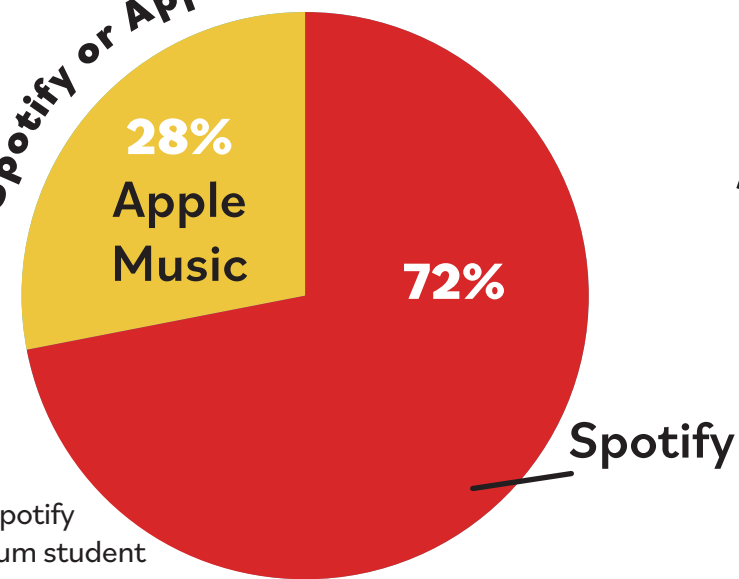


Marvel or D.C.?



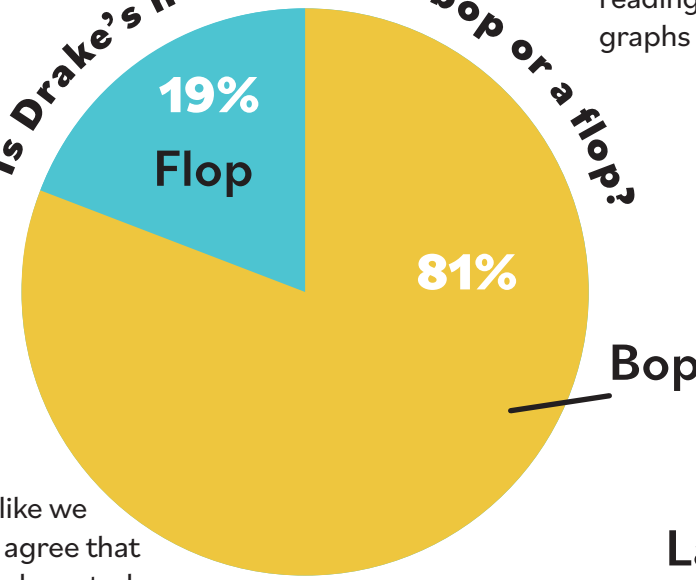
Joker and Harley-Quinn might run Gotham City, but not Canyons!

Spotify or Apple Music?



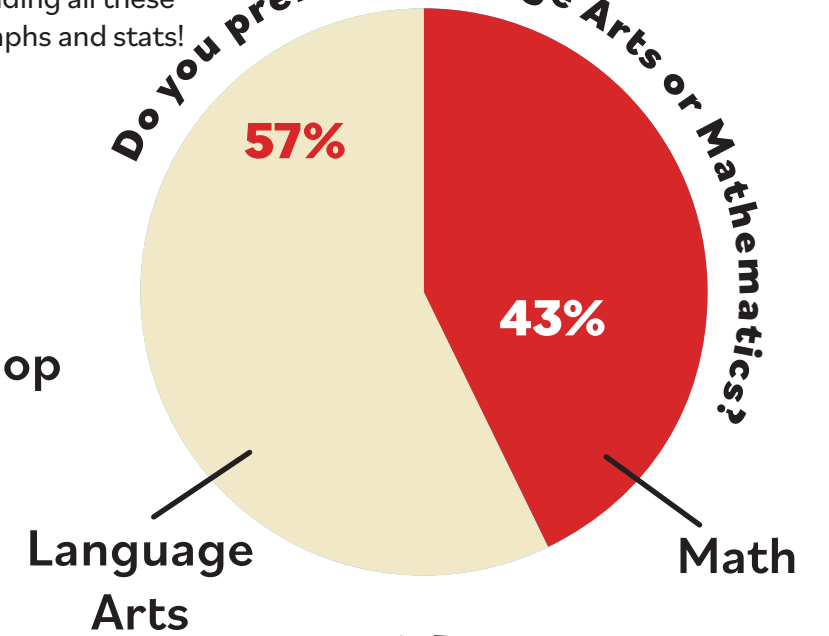
That Spotify premium student discount is too good to resist!

Is Drake's new album a bop or a flop?



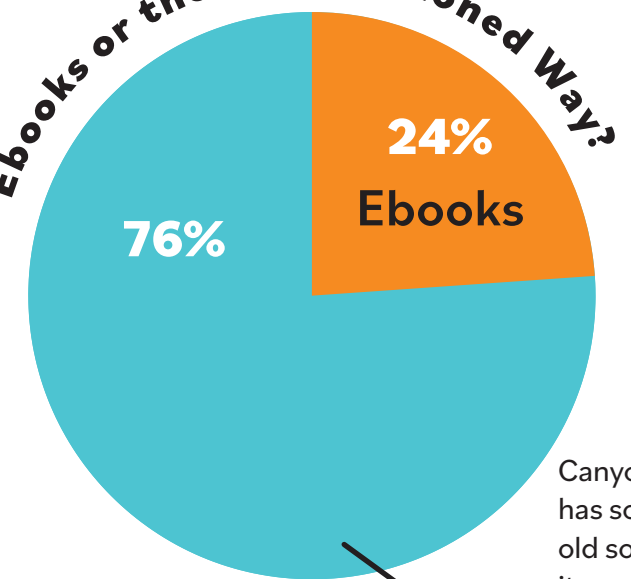
Looks like we can all agree that those who voted Flop, well...their loss.

Do you prefer Language Arts or Mathematics?



You guys must be having a blast reading all these graphs and stats!

Ebooks or the Old-Fashioned Way?



Canyons has some old souls it seems!

TRANSFER FAIR

College of the Canyons hosted a Transfer Fair on September 20th from 10 AM to 1 PM near the Student Center and Canyons Hall Buildings. It hosted 60 accredited public and private four-year universities that included UCLA, USC, Cal Poly Pomona, and Occidental College. These colleges greeted students

with an inviting smile and some souvenirs as they provided valuable information about transferring to their accredited institutions. The event not only gave students the chance to talk with their college representatives, but it helped clear a path for hundreds of students stuck in the transfer process.



CSUN Representatives posing at their Informational Booth



University of Hawaii at Manoa offering more information to students



Transfer Fair: Fall 2022



Occidental College Informational Booth



Students walking around the many booths

ALLIANCES ON CAMPUS

To navigate college successfully, students require a supportive campus environment. Alliances are great resources that offer marginalized students an encouraging and reassuring space to succeed. Here are a couple of alliances hosted at College of the Canyons!

The STEM Equity Alliance assists underrepresented students striving to enter the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The alliance's focus is to offer a helping hand with career building

skills and scholarship opportunities. These come in the form of internships, career workshops such as STEM week, and resume-building assistance. STEM Equity Alliance also offers financial assistance through the C-Scholars Program which is funded by the National Science Foundation. Additionally, they focus on networking with those established in the field, team building, and breaking down barriers in STEM. If you're interested in joining the STEM Equity Alliance, they meet virtually through Zoom Fridays on selected dates.



Photos provided by Stem Equity Alliance Student Leader Ryan Valenzuela



For more information regarding specific alliances, please visit:

<https://www.canyons.edu/administration/ie2/equity/alliances/index.php>

One outstanding alliance is the Trans Alliance. The Trans Alliance undertakes meaningful advocacy work on campus, including fighting for gender neutral restrooms and the Chosen Name Form, which makes it easier for students to use their preferred name on unofficial documents. The alliance also encourages delightful and collective artistic projects where participants can express their unconditional creativity. As the faculty advisor of the Trans

Alliance, Erin Delany, says, these efforts “just makes the campus a more friendly and welcoming place for trans and non-binary students.”

Interested in joining an alliance? College of the Canyons offers other alliances, including: Latinx Alliance, Adult Reentry Alliance, Autism Social Alliance, Black Student Alliance, Gender Sexuality Alliance, Native American and Indigenous Alliance, STEM Equity Alliance, AAP Alliance, Trans Alliance and Veterans Alliance Organization.

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHTS

College of the Canyons houses a variety of different professors and instructors. These outgoing educators have incredibly diverse backgrounds, coming to us from places like the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to film studios like Columbia Pictures. Here are some members of our outstanding faculty!



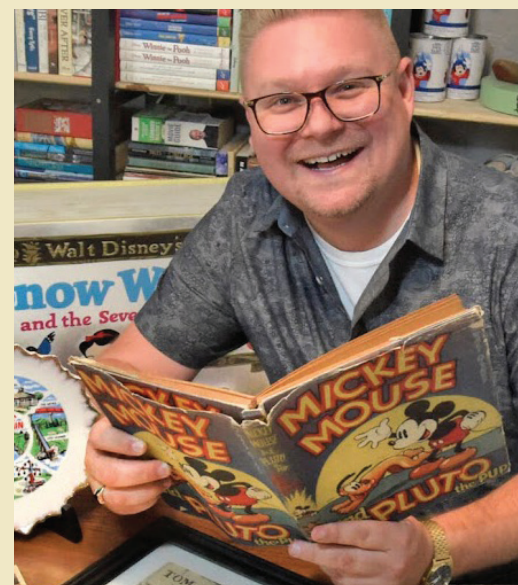
Mireya Milian
Counseling 150 / Counselor

“ Hello COC familia! My name is Mireya Milian, she/hers pronouns. I am a part-time Counselor and Instructor for General Counseling, I love helping students create educational plans, discover themselves in the classroom, and find community on campus. What I love about teaching and counseling is being with students at the cross roads of decision-making like with their educational plan, transfer, or career opportunities. I enjoy working in a community college and connecting with students on campus events! One fun fact about me is that I am a pro car camper - I love the outdoors! ”



Majid Mosleh
Political Science

“ My name is Dr. Majid Mosleh. I hold a Ph.D. from University of Southern California (USC) in Political Science. [A] cool fact [about me]: I realize many college students are undecided these days. But in contrast to that, when I was in 5th grade, I immediately knew that I would major in Political Science; I have not regretted the decision ever since. How do I make a positive impact on students? I display tremendous respect to my students and place great faith in their individual sovereignty. I also inject frequent humorous commentary into my lectures, which helps keep students engaged in the world of politics. ”



Jeremy Patrich
Earth, Space and Environmental Sciences

“ Who is Professor Patrich? I am a(n); educator, geographer, geologist, YouTuber, author, musician, Disney historian, and more! [A] cool fact [about me]: While studying music, I wrote a symphony that was performed by a full orchestra! My academic journey actually began at the College of the Canyons in 2002, studying music; however, I ended up attending a field trip in my geography course, and it truly changed the trajectory of my life. Four degrees later, I am honored to be back where my journey began, now as full-time faculty in the Geography and Geology disciplines!” ”

ATTENTION COUGARS!



Do you plan on graduating in our Spring 2023 semester? Have you already petitioned to graduate?

Petitioning to graduate is required if you are looking to earn an Associate degree or a certificate of completion. You must submit your degree or certification to the Counseling Office **by the end of the first week of the semester in which you plan to graduate.** This means if you're planning on graduating in Spring, your petition must be turned in by the end of the first week of the spring semester. The requirements for your Certificate of Completion are a bit more flexible, as they can be submitted before your last

semester or up until the final day of your awarding term.

In order to submit your petition, you must have submitted transcripts from other colleges or universities you've attended and confirmed that your degree or certificate requirements are complete (or will be complete during the upcoming semester). Then, you can visit our Counseling Office via Express Drop-In Counseling to submit your petition. If you have any questions, feel free to visit the Counseling Office at either campus or the Counseling section of the website for more information: <https://www.canyons.edu/studentservices/counseling/>

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Are you striving to tell a story?
Do you want to grow as a Graphic Designer?

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BANC INFORMATION



We all encounter hurdles in our lives, whether it be from financial worries, family issues, or any other personal struggle. This is where the Basic Needs Center (BaNC) comes in, serving as a pillar of support at College of the Canyons that provides substantial resources to both the Valencia and Canyon Country Campus. Sarah Cox, who works at the Valencia Campus BaNC, states that their mission is to help students "...remove those barriers and continue on their academic journey."

Some resources that the center offers include financial assistance (e.g., utility bills, medical bills), housing, transportation, and even free meals at the Cougar Café. Additional resources consist of

personal hygiene products, clothing, and vouchers for books. Students may, if eligible, also apply for related programs through the center for further assistance. These related programs include both Fresh Success and CalFresh. They provide students with career preparation as well as funds for groceries.

From meal vouchers to medical bills, the Basic Needs Center aids students in nearly every feasible way. For the convenience of students, a great deal of resources is also available online at www.canyons.edu/banc or in-person at Room 204 at the Canyon Country Campus, or in the Student Center-Room 123 on the Valencia Campus.

VALENCIA CAMPUS HOURS:

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Friday
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

If you need access to the Basic Needs Center on either campus, visit the QR code for more information or contact them at (661) 362-3375 or banc@canyons.edu!



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