

#### **SBDC Award Finalists**

This year, at the SCV Chamber Awards and Installation Gala, the Small Business Development Center at COC was selected as a finalist to receive the "Pandemic Leadership Award" for its work in assisting companies with the Paycheck Protection Program. The SBDC has provided assistance to more than 500 companies, and continues to be the leading resource in the Santa Clarita Valley for employers looking to access resources to help them get through these difficult times.



#### **AWARD NOMINEES**

**Business of the Year (nominees)** 

JSB Development

Mercedes Benz of Valencia

UV Resources

Rising Star Award (nominees)

6 Degrees Consulting One True North

Video Bump

Entrepreneurial Spirit Award (nominees)

Bluemark

Newleaf Training and Development

SchlickArt Photography and Video Services

Tickets \$50 (no meal included)

Register at www.SCVChamber.com

#### Pandemic Leadership (nominees)

24-7 Events

California Institute of the Arts

California Bakery

Hon. Cameron Smyth, City of Santa Clarita

**Evolve Business Strategies** 

Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital

Kaiser Permanente

KHTS

Poole, Shaffery & Koegle, LLP

**Princess Cruises** 

Results Fitness

Salt Creek Grille

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

hosted by College of the Canyons

SCV Water Agency

Slaters 50/50

The Old Town Junction

The Signal UCLA Health

Wolf Creek Restaurant & Brewery

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Thursday
January
28th

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

Chamber of Commerce.



You are cordially invited to the premier business event in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Join Business and Community Leaders as we celebrate the achievements of businesses in the Valley and Install the 2021

Nominations are open for the Santa Clarita Valley Business Choice Awards!



6 PM - Cocktail Reception

7 PM - Virtual Dinner and Program

To Register or for more information go to www.SCVChamber.com



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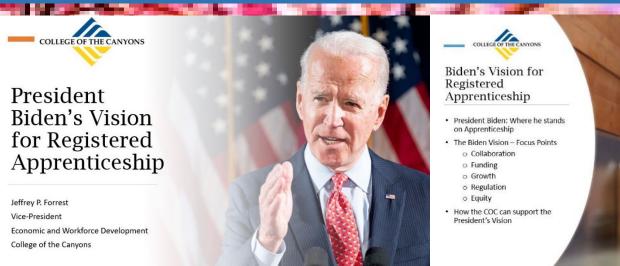
## **Workforce Training 2021**



The COVID-19 pandemic is creating changes in how businesses operate and the skills they need from their employees.

The Economic Development Division is responding to this trend by developing new programs and modifying existing initiatives such as Registered Apprenticeship.

Last month, Jeff Forrest and John Milburn offered the first of these new workforce training workshops.



## **2021 COC Business Alliance Meeting Topics**

The Business Alliance at COC brings together local employers and workforce development stakeholders to discuss relevant topics impacting the economic development of our region, while informing the college on how to align its instructional programs with the needs of employers. This year's topics include:

- February Celebration of Black-Owned Businesses In honor of Black History Month, the COC Business Alliance will recognize the contributions of African-American entrepreneurs to SCV.
- **→ March** Salute to Women Leaders in Business
- > April Your Brand: How to Create it, and Share it With the World
- > May Small Business Month
- > June Building Your Team to Achieve Excellence
- > July Virtualization: Strategies for Your Business
- > August Small Business Month Part 2 "It's Go Time!"
- > September Hispanic Heritage Month

## **New Business of Acting Classes**

#### **THEATRE**



ONLINE CLASSES FRE

This class is for professionals wishing to become more familiar with the business aspects of the acting industry as well as those seeking a career as a professional actor. Note: This is not an acting or a technique class.

#### **BUSINESS OF ACTING (NC.THTR 060)**

24.00 - 30.00 hours

Examines acting as a business and presents approaches to becoming a working professional in the entertainment industry, including marketing materials, representation, audition/submission announcements, professionalism.

 Section #55028 • Sat • 12:00PM – 4:00PM • May 1 – May 22 • OnlineLive + 8 hrs. Online

#### AUDITIONING SKILLS FOR ACTORS (NC.THTR 061) Coming Soon

24.00 - 30.00 hour

Recommended Preparation: NC.THTR-060

Presents the processes for auditioning for professional work in theatre, television, film, and commercials; including selection, preparation, and performance of material with which to audition.

Earn a Certificate of Completion: Business of Acting

- NC.THTR-060 Business of Acting and
- NC.THTR-061 Auditioning Skills for Actors

#### To take these online courses, students must:

Have access to Internet Have a home computer Possess basic computer proficiency

Registration instructions can be found on the back of this flyer.





Need help with enrollment?

A big thank you and shout out to **Christopher Boltz**, **Theatre Department Chair**, for spearheading curriculum development for *FREE* theatre online classes offered through the **School of Personal** and **Professional Learning**.

- Two courses were created to help actors become familiar with the business aspects of the acting industry, such as:
  - How to Market Yourself
  - Auditioning Standards, and more.
- The first class is set for late Spring and the second class will be offered in Summer.
- > Students completing both classes can receive a certificate in The Business of Acting.

#### Flu Shot Drive-Thru

The Student Health & Wellness Center hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> Drive-Thru Flu Vaccination event last Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> on Lot 2.

- > Students Services has also set up Temp Stations to check the temperatures of students before they come on campus for in-person vocational courses.
- > Students with temperatures below 100.4 receive a sticker clearing them to go to class.

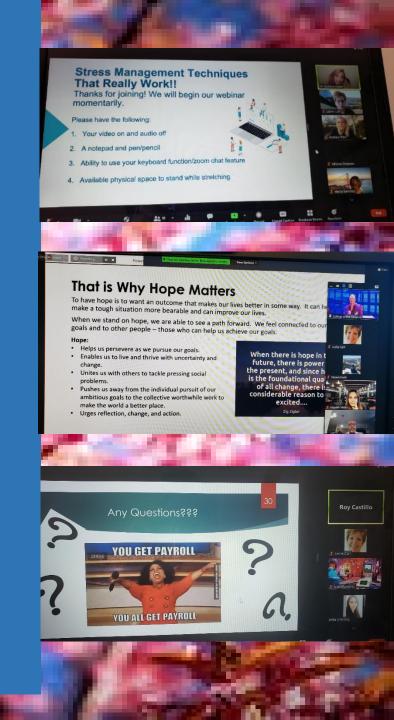


## Spring FLEX Week

The Faculty Professional Development Committee, chaired by Teresa Ciardi, organized **Spring Professional Development/FLEX Week**, which took place **February 1 – 5, 2021**. The week consisted of exciting and informative workshops offered online via Zoom!

The theme was **Embracing All Cultures in a Time of Crisis: Focus on Diversity, Inclusion, Well-being, and Self-care**, and there were 30+ sessions offered that focused on this theme as well as improving teaching, student learning, student success, and leadership, including:

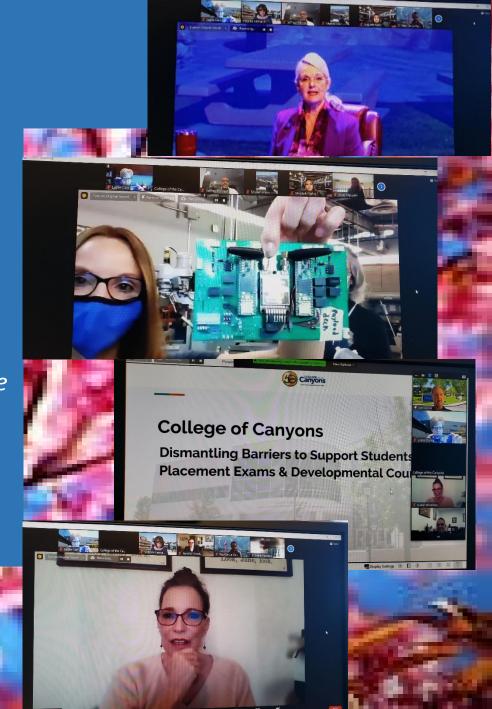
- Flipping the Switch Work vs. Life Balance During COVID-19
- Supporting International Students' Mental Health
- Diversity Talks 2.1: The Power of Allyship How to Be a Good Ally
- Spring Convocation
- Don't Worry, Be Happy! Stress Management Techniques that Really Work!
- How to Improve Your Well-Being and Best Practices for Self Care
- OER/ZTC: A Complete Introduction
- Resetting Hope: The Belief That Things Will Get Better
- Tired of Teaching to Little Black Boxes?



#### The Chancellor's FLEX Week

Last Thursday, I presented a **Spring FLEX Workshop** entitled, **Resetting Hope: The Belief That Things Will Get Better**, during which I featured a series of Spotlight Sessions by individuals who have gone above and beyond to meet student needs during the COVID pandemic.

- Teresa Ciardi RockSATX and HASP Projects
- Victoria Leonard Communication Department
- Susan Hinshaw Kennedy Center Theatre Festival
- Student Nursing Video "Emotional Exhaustion Takes Toll on Frontline Medical Staff"
- Joe Gerda Bellwether Award Project
- ASG Students The Student Online Learning Experience During COVID.



## Machining NASA Parts in the Fab Lab



In the midst of this pandemic, with the support of our college, the Aerospace & Science Faculty Advisor Team continue to work toward completing the NASA missions for which our students competed and were selected.

- In past years, students have been the ones machining parts, but this year all the machining must be completed by the advisors, who are following the direction of the students (it is their project) and making the parts that they designed for NASA RockSatX. While completing the NASA RockSatX payload which is due to NASA by March 1, students are also beginning work on their 2021 NASA HASP payload after recently learning they were selected for that program as well.
- Advisors drop sets of materials at doorsteps so students can design structures, complete tests, and assemble the parts that Greg Poteat and Teresa have machined. It is a huge effort, but they are smiling behind those face coverings because they know they are enabling students to be a part of something real, to launch their experiments to space!

## **Spring Welcome Week**



Spring 2021 Welcome Week is an opportunity to welcome back our new and returning students. Considering we are still primarily providing remote services, it is more important than ever to help our students feel supported. These events will help us connect students to campus resources, community resources as well as our student organizations. We know that reaching out to students early in the semester is the best time to let them know that we are here to help and support them along their academic and career pathways.

- Welcome Week will be taking place February 22-February 26, 2021.
- For students, the week will be jam packed with over **35** amazing **sessions** covering everything from how to get involved in student organizations (at *CougarFest*), to finding out how to get a mentor, as well as figuring out how to choose a major. Student will definitely walk away feeling more confident and excited as they navigate through their journey here at COC.
- Information can be found on the website at www.canyons.edu/welcomeweek2021





**Industry Insight Series Special Guest** 

The School of Visual and Performing Arts Industry Insight Series is excited to feature *An Evening with Pete Souza: Eyewitness to History* on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

- Esteemed American photojournalist and best-selling author, Pete Souza has served as the *official White House* photographer for **President Ronald Reagan** and **President Barack Obama**.
- Documenting two very different presidential administrations has provided Souza with a unique vantage point and his expertise in the craft of capturing historic moments through photography is unparalleled in the field.
- Contact Dean Jennifer Smolos for Zoom details: jennifer.smolos@canyons.edu.



## **IT Recognized for Pandemic Response**

The College of the Canyons Information Technology department will be recognized with two awards at the 2021 California Community College Chief Information Systems Officers Association (CISOA) Virtual Technology Summit on **Thursday, Feb. 11** for their outstanding support in transitioning the college's operations and instructional programs to a remote environment in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- > The division's Computer Support Services (CSS) Team will receive a CISOA 2021 **Technology Excellence Award**, which annually recognizes demonstrated excellence through technological advancements by a community college.
- In addition, Dr. James Temple, the college's Vice President of Technology, who leads the IT division, will receive a 2021 Excellence in Technology Leadership Award by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), which distinguishes individuals demonstrating exemplary leadership contributions within the technology profession





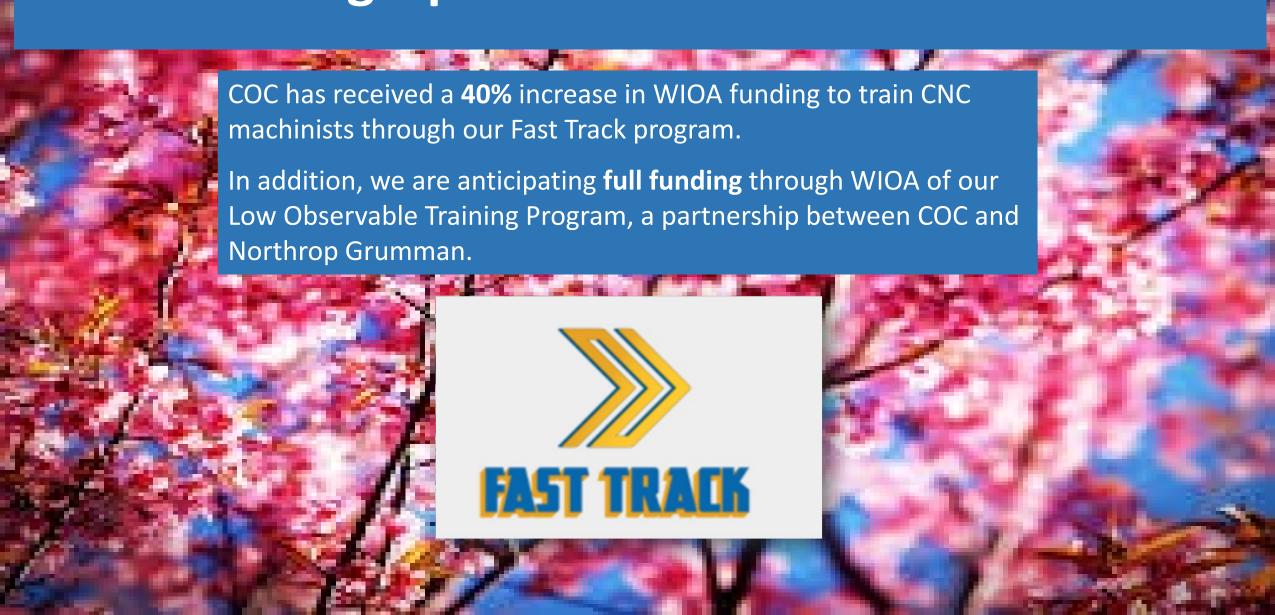
## **COC Receives US DOE Open Textbook Pilot Grant**



College of the Canyons was awarded a 3 year OER Grant totaling **\$370,149** by the US Department of Education. The funding will enable COC to:

- Design and deliver online courses for faculty at consortium partners to link OER with equity and culturally responsive teaching.
- Design and deliver online training for support staff and student workers at consortium partners on best practices for developing and promoting OER.
- Organize and host virtual and in-person events to promote a community of practice in OER practices across the state.
- COC faculty will have the opportunity to create OER in collaboration with faculty from consortium partners, via mini-grants managed by West Hills.





## **Black History Month**

In celebration of Black History Month 2021, COC will be presenting it's February film series.
Participants will view ahead of time and discuss the exceptional contributions made by African Americans in cinema on the following dates:

- 42 Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30PM
- > 13<sup>th</sup> Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:00PM
- Hidden Figures Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30-12:30PM
- Selma Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:00PM

Santa Clarita Community College District in collaboration with the African American/Black Student Alliance and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

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Discussion - Friday, February 26, 2021 (3:00-4:00)

Discussion Zoom: Students: Canvas/Employees: Frontline/E-Mail

FLEX credit will be offered. Please register at: https://app.frontlineeducation.com

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Flavio Medina-Martin, director, diversity and inclusion, at Ext. 3559.

## **COC Advanced Technology Center**

#### **Our Progress to date features**

- Integration of Advanced Manufacturing/Milling & Tooling/Computerized Machining (CNC);
- Welding/Material joining;
- Integration of Personal Fabrication (Welding, Fab Lab, and Makerspace),
- Construction Technology building Trades –
   Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, and Masonry; and
- Industry 4.0 and integration with the Internet of Things (IoT).

#### Year- One (current year, 2020-2021)

- Focusing on:
  - Curriculum alignment for AB288 Dual Enrollment classes with Castaic High School,
  - Acquiring the AMATROL Learning Platform system for the advanced manufacturing and the associated virtual trainers for the lab and classrooms;
  - Hosting the Milling and Tooling Pathways in the MakerSpace to accommodate the pilot for Northrop Grumman in late spring 2021.

## Meeting with Congressman Garcia



Had an opportunity to discuss a variety of topics with Congressman Garcia which included:

- The importance of federal funding to support job training, especially in aerospace, which is critical to not only the regional economy, but national security.
- Increasing availability and flexibility of Workforce Investment Board funding
- ➤ Need for public safety training to ensure law enforcement and firefighting agencies can maintain staffing levels following a wave of retirements.
- Providing financial aid for part-time students. With the pandemic, more students need to work to support themselves and their families, so they are taking fewer units and therefore not eligible for federal financial aid.

## **Annual 2021 CEO Symposium**

The CEO Symposium is the annual convening for California Community College chancellors, superintendent/presidents and presidents from across the state.

- Virtual Conference Thu, Feb 25, 2021 to Fri, Feb 26, 202
- > CEOs will engage in discussions to address the challenging issues and opportunities facing our system.
- This CEO-only event provides a forum for statewide leaders to convene panel discussions, share information and promising practices, and network with colleagues in an informal environment



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