

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
October 13, 2021**



# COC Stands Out!

# HASP Project Launch a Success

The *Aerospace and Science Team's* NASA High-Altitude Student Platform (HASP) project (pictured in the module above with the NASA logo) successfully launched from **Fort Sumner, New Mexico** in the early morning hours of **Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**.

- *Congratulations, team!*
- On **October 1<sup>st</sup>** our HASP 2021 experiment was **returned to COC** for student inspection of the structure and internal systems, and all was intact!
- This year's HASP had the youngest leadership team we have ever had! The COC Team leaders were all **17!**



# Nursing Graduates Make History!

The **California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)** reported 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (July 1- Sept. 30) *first-time pass rates to all nursing programs* in the state.

Nursing programs are required by the BRN to maintain a 75% first-time pass rate, although students do have the ability to re-take the examination.

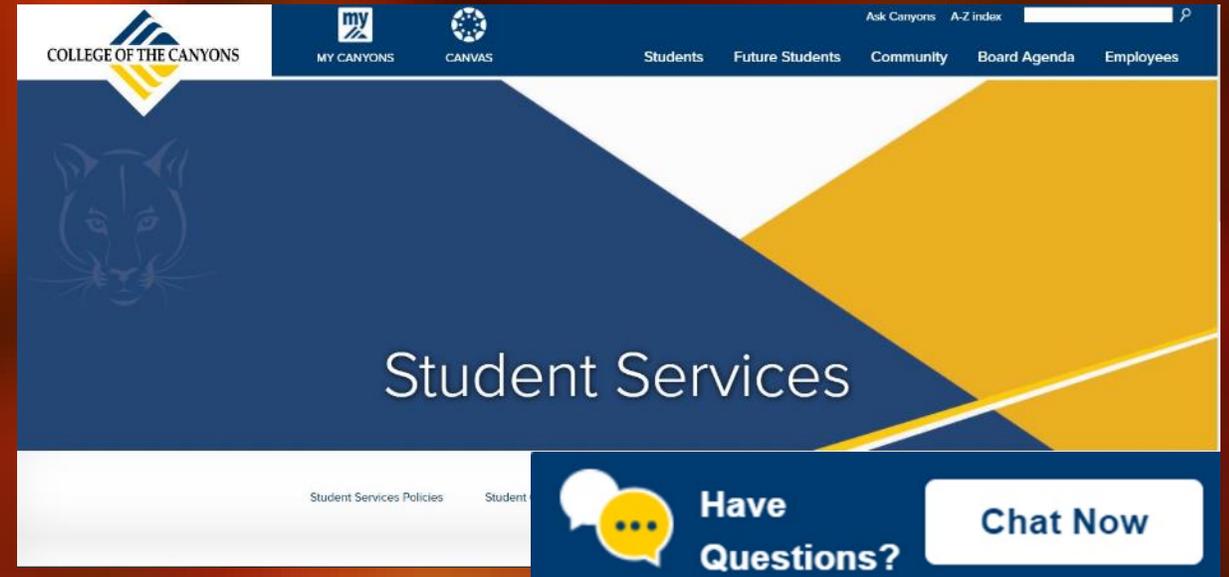
- For FY 2020-2021, COC Nursing topped **90%** first-time pass rate for the first time ever.
- For the recently reported first quarter, 40/42 COC graduates passed, at a rate of over **95%**. **This is the highest quarter first-time pass rate in COC history!**
- These graduates (pictured in Fall 2019) benefitted from significant investments in simulation equipment and virtual simulation technology to supplement direct clinical experience (Including COVID-19 testing and vaccination) during the pandemic.



# Student Services Chat Bot – Has Now Gone Live!

On our website, we have live Chat now available for our students to connect with a staff member to answer quick questions or navigate the website!

- This idea came out of a LEAP 2021 proposal to improve the website experience of our students.
- The new service was rolled out on October 4th as a soft launch. We will do a marketing push shortly to the campus and community





# What's New On And Around our Campuses



# Athletic Update



Cougars sports is in full swing!

- **Football** beat the defending state/national champions – Riverside City College!
- **Upcoming Home Games:**
  - Women’s Soccer, October 15, 4pm, vs. Citrus
  - Men’s Soccer, October 15, 6:30pm vs. Glendale CC
  - Women’s Golf, October 18, 10am, @ Sand Canyon
  - Women’s Volleyball, October 15, 6pm vs. Citrus
- Check out the games via **live stream** on our COC Athletics website.  
<https://canyons.prestosports.com/landing/index>



# Study Abroad Virtual Fair

On **October 7-8<sup>th</sup>** International Services & Programs (ISP) hosted a virtual live stream event for students to learn about the various Study Abroad options available this summer to them.

- 6 partner universities from England, France, Italy, and Belgium, presented on their study abroad program options for COC students
- Program Types:
  - **Transfer Abroad** – Student can complete a BA abroad in 1 year after completing their AA at COC.
  - **Tuition Free** – Semester Bi-lateral exchange programs. Partner university received student tuition free for 1 semester.
  - programs – Reduced cost program options through partner institutions for semester-length or shorter programs abroad



*Farnham, England*  
University for the Creative Arts



*Brighton, England*  
University of Brighton



*Rennes, France*  
Rennes School of Business



*Florence, Italy*  
Florence University of the Arts  
- The American University of  
Florence



*Lyon, France*  
Centre d'Etudes Franco-  
Américain de Management  
(CEFAM)



*Mechelen, Belgium*  
Thomas More – University  
of Applied Sciences

# Manufacturing Day at College of the Canyons

The Economic Development Division hosted a virtual **Manufacturing Day Celebration** on **October 8<sup>th</sup>** to an audience of over **7,000** students.

- **Thought leaders** in *Manufacturing and Advanced Technology* came together to provide inspiration, information, and resources the students would need to advance their education and future careers.
- **Partners** in COC's Manufacturing Day 2021 included:
  - S.T.R.E.A.M. – Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, Mathematics
  - William S. Hart Union High School District
  - City of Santa Clarita
  - Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation (SCVEDC)
  - California Manufacturing Technology Consulting (CMTC)



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# Volunteer Bureau Launches Student Diversity Forum

*Diversity Spoken* premiered on **October 8<sup>th</sup>** and welcomed **16** participants.

- **Diversity Spoken** aims to:
  - **Engage** non-native English-speaking students to expand their vocabulary, improve their verbal communication skills, and converse with confidence.
  - **Empower** students to shine a light on their cultures, history, and experiences and promote diversity.
  - **Connect** students within an interactive social forum to exchange ideas and strengthen the COC student community.
- Students were excited to share their personal “Name Stories” and cultural backgrounds.
- Volunteers facilitated activities and provided a safe and welcoming virtual environment for students.
- To join Diversity Spoken (**Fridays at noon**), visit via Zoom Meeting ID:  
**998 2576 1725**



# The Fall 2021 Civic Dialogues Series Has Begun

The *Center for Civic Engagement* launched the first of its **Fall 2021 Civic Dialogues Series** on **October 8<sup>th</sup>** with a special session by **Elizabeth Clay Roy, CEO of Generation Citizen**.

- The series is part of an intersegmental Bringing Theory to Practice grant collaboration among College of the Canyons, Cerritos College, Los Angeles City College, CSUDH, CSULA, CSUN, and 3CSN.
- Elizabeth Clay Roy discussed the importance of engaging today's young people in civic learning and democratic engagement.
- The next Civic Dialogue will take place this Friday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>** from **10am-12pm**.
- Register through the California Community Colleges' Success Network (3CSN) or place the link:  
<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tc-2srzgtG9WbHCK0fygxDtMs3ZVzPkxZ> in your browser.

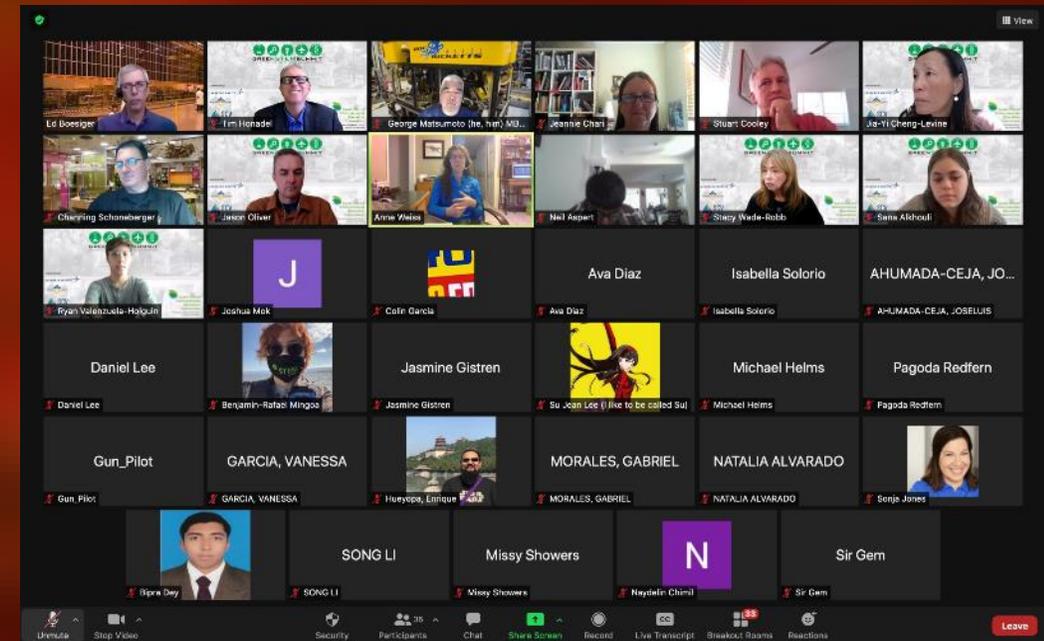
The flyer is a vertical rectangular graphic with a dark blue background. At the top right is the College of the Canyons logo, which consists of a stylized 'C' made of blue and yellow geometric shapes. Below the logo, the text reads: 'The Center for Civic Engagement Civic Dialogues Series 10.08.21 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. CivicEngagement@canyons.edu'. To the right of this text is a portrait of Elizabeth Clay Roy, a Black woman with long braids, wearing glasses and a blue top. Below the portrait, her name and title are listed: 'Elizabeth Clay Roy CEO, Generation Citizen'. At the bottom of the flyer, there is a dark blue box containing the text: 'Rebuilding American Democracy through the Collective Power of the Nation's College Students. Register through 3CSN: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tc-2srzgtG9WbHCK0fygxDtMs3ZVzPkxZ'. At the very bottom right, there are two logos: '3CSN' and 'BTTP'.



# Focus on Green STEM Careers

COC and the *Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC)* hosted the **2021 Green STEM Virtual Summit** on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> to introduce students to green careers.

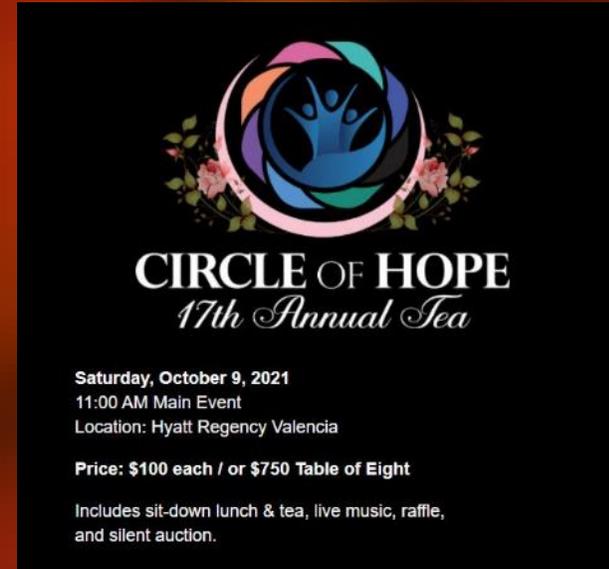
- Geared toward high school and college-age students, the event featured **9** amazing presentations by leading professionals from STEM industries, research labs and non-profit organizations.
- There were **200** participants, including students from a dozen states within the U.S., as well as from places as far away as Iceland, Argentina and Taiwan.



# Kelly Cude Speaks at the Circle of Hope Charity Tea Event

Kelly Cude was invited to be this year's *keynote speaker* for the **Circle of Hope's 17th Annual Charity Tea** on Saturday, **October 9<sup>th</sup>**.

- This year's event was held in the **Hyatt Regency's Main Ballroom** with creatively themed tables to celebrate holidays from St Patrick's Day and Halloween to National Chocolate Day and World Safari Day.
- Kelly Presented – "*What my diagnosis has TAUGHT me: a teacher's perspective*" to a group of **250** attendees.



# LatinX & Hispanic Heritage Cultural Festival

This week, October 11-15<sup>th</sup> the *Department of Modern Languages & Cultures* is hosting the **2021 LatinX & Hispanic Heritage Cultural Journey**, in celebration of *Hispanic Heritage Month*.

- The cultural spaces will not only celebrate the diversity of cultures and people, but also will provide current perspectives to promote an intercultural dialogue
- More than **16** sessions are being presented by very passionate instructors
- Go to the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures page for a listing of remaining events:  
<https://www.canyons.edu/academics/languages/events/index.php>

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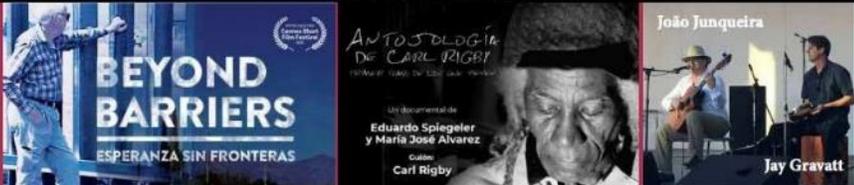


2021  
**LATINX & HISPANIC HERITAGE  
CULTURAL JOURNEY**  
CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
**OCTOBER 11-15**  
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**GUEST PRESENTERS:**



**BEYOND BARRIERS**  
ESPERANZA SIN FRONTERAS

**ANTOLOGÍA DE CARL RIGBY**  
Un documental de Eduardo Spiegeler y María José Álvarez  
Creador: Carl Rigby

João Junqueira  
Jay Gravatt

# New Name – Same Great Program

Our RISE program has changed their name to **INSPIRE Scholars**. Our students and the department decided it was time for an update and wanted to bring inspiration back to the students.

- We have changed our name, but not our **purpose**.
- **INSPIRE Scholars** exists to improve access to higher education for current/former foster and homeless youth; increase retention, graduation and transfer rates and promote student learning and development.



# Grants Development Update

The College has secured **\$4,587,932** in grant awards to-date for the 2020/2021 year, with many more ahead.

- Recent grants include support for student needs and STEM education including:
  - ***National Science Foundation S-STEM: \$1,493,379*** over five years for student mentoring and scholarships in high need science programs (Patricia Foley)
  - ***Mathematics, Engineering, & Science Achievement (MESA): \$281,735*** over three years for academic preparation, support, and student services. (Amy Foote)
  - ***NCAS NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars: \$50,000*** over three years for training and a student support event (Teresa Ciardi)
- Director **Amber Cole** is coordinating a “***Meet the Grant Makers***” planned for November 10th in conjunction with the SCV Nonprofit Leadership Council as a virtual forum to bring funders and community non-profits and groups together. **Funders and details** to be announced online soon.
- **Upcoming opportunities** are anticipated in the areas such as advanced technology, apprenticeships, housing insecurity, technology, and student achievement as the office works closely with all areas of the college and many community partners.

# Updates from the Canyon Country Campus

- **Instruction at CCC** continues for Fall in **11 disciplines**.
  - Administration of Justice, Astronomy, Automotive Technology, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Early Childhood Education, Environmental Science, Geology, Mathematics, ESL, and Water Tech.
- **Spring 2022** will bring an increase in in-person offerings with 156 class sections in **25 disciplines**, including approximately **70 classes** within the Takeda Science Center.
- Forthcoming Science Talks will provide an opportunity to showcase STEM excellence as part of ongoing community engagement, with additional details available online:
  - **Science Talk – Star Party** – Fri, **October 29<sup>th</sup>** @ CCC
  - **Science Talk – Biology Demo** – Fri, **November 19<sup>th</sup>** via Zoom
  - Visit [www.canyons.edu/canyoncountry/events](http://www.canyons.edu/canyoncountry/events) for more details.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

# Grand Opening of our Undocumented Resource Center

Please join us for the grand opening of the **Undocumented Resource Center** on **October 21<sup>st</sup>**.

- **Via Zoom** from 10:00am to 11:30am  
**ID: 579 552 4461**
- **In-person** from Noon to 3:00pm in the Student Support Center 123

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS  
Undocumented Student Resource Center

## UNDOCUMENTED RESOURCE CENTER GRAND OPENING

*"Together We Rise"*

In conjunction, with the Undocumented Student Week of Action, join us in celebrating the URC!

**Date:**  
**October 21st, 2021**

10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Welcome Zoom Event  
Zoom ID: 579 552 4461

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
URC Open House  
Student Support Center 123

# Hiring Fest is Almost Here!

On Friday, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** the Career Center will hold an **in-person Hiring Fest** at the University Center.

- Participants will have an opportunity to meet **one-on-one** with potential employers from a variety of industries.
- The Hiring Fest is **FREE** and open to the public!
- **Hiring Fest Prep Workshops** on **October 18<sup>th</sup>** and **19<sup>th</sup>**.
- Please follow the link for complete details: [www.canyons.edu/HiringFest](http://www.canyons.edu/HiringFest)



# Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) Is Coming

The *Dreamers Together Task Force* would like to invite you to participate in the **Undocumented Student Action Week** events, **October 18-22<sup>nd</sup>**, as they engage, collaborate and empower students to increase the concentric circles and safety and care available for undocumented students on/off campus.

- For a complete *list of event* activities visit:  
<https://www.canyons.edu/studentservices/enrollmentservices/dreamers/dreamerevents.php>



**DREAMING TOGETHER**

## UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT ACTION WEEK

October 18 – 22, 2021

The Dreamer's Together Task Force would like to engage, collaborate and empower students to increase the concentric circles of safety and care available for undocumented students on/off campus. We will explore personal reflection, the impact of trauma, what on/off campus resources are available and how students can become more involved at COC.

**Monday, October 18, 2021** "Commemorating 20 Years of CA's Landmark Legislation AB540 Conference: A Celebration and Call to Action"  
Time: 1:00am to 2:00pm  
Hosted by Immigrants Rising  
[Register for here for Immigrants Rising Conference](#)

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021** "Equitable Student-Centered Design to Ensure Undocumented Student Success"  
Hosted by CCCCO as part of the 2021 Systemwide Webinars  
Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm; [Register for Systemwide Webinars](#)

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021** "Innovative Uses of Funds to Support Undocumented Students"  
Hosted by CCCCO as part of the 2021 Systemwide Webinars  
Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm; [Register for Systemwide Webinars](#)

**Thursday, October 21, 2021** "Effectively Using Data in a Complex Environment"  
Hosted by CCCCO as part of the 2021 Systemwide Webinars  
Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm; [Register for Systemwide Webinars](#)

**Friday, October 22, 2021** "Policy Context: Undocumented Student Rights & Resources"  
Hosted by CCCCO as part of the 2021 Systemwide Webinars  
Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm; [Register for Systemwide Webinars](#)

For information about Dreamers Together Taskforce (DTT) Events or to contact DTT Chairs, please see below:

- ❖ Dr. Hernan Ramirez
- ❖ Flavio Medina-Martin
- ❖ Marilyn Jimenez

Click here for [CCCCO 2021 System Wide Webinar](#)  
For more information visit: [www.canyons.edu/dreamers](http://www.canyons.edu/dreamers)

In partnership with:

- COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
- Multicultural Center
- IMMIGRANTS RISING
- California Community Colleges

# Upcoming Business Alliance Meeting

The next **Business Alliance Meeting** will take place on **October 20<sup>th</sup>** from **8am-9am** via **Zoom**.

- **Topic: *Rent Moratorium*** being lifted, as well as the employment benefit moratorium and the implications on people looking for work.
- **Panelists** include: Holly Schroeder, John Musella, Ivan Volcheck, and Selina Thomas.
- **Zoom Meeting ID: 242-342-573**



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**BUSINESS ALLIANCE**

## California's COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act and the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PAU)

Beginning October 1, 2021, the law requires any property owner wanting to evict a tenant for failing to pay rent to apply for rental assistance before proceeding with an eviction lawsuit. However, depending on your specific circumstances and where you live, there may be additional protections and requirements for both property owners and their tenants. Additionally, the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) federal assistance benefits ended September 4, 2021. Business owners, Self-employed workers, Independent contractors, People with a limited work history and many others are affected. Attend our upcoming Business Alliance meeting and hear from experts on the impacts of these moratoriums being lifted and the implications on those needing housing and employment.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021**  
**8:00 AM to 9:00 AM**

**Zoom Meeting ID**  
**242-342-573**



**Happy Fall!**