



# Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting  
October 9, 2019

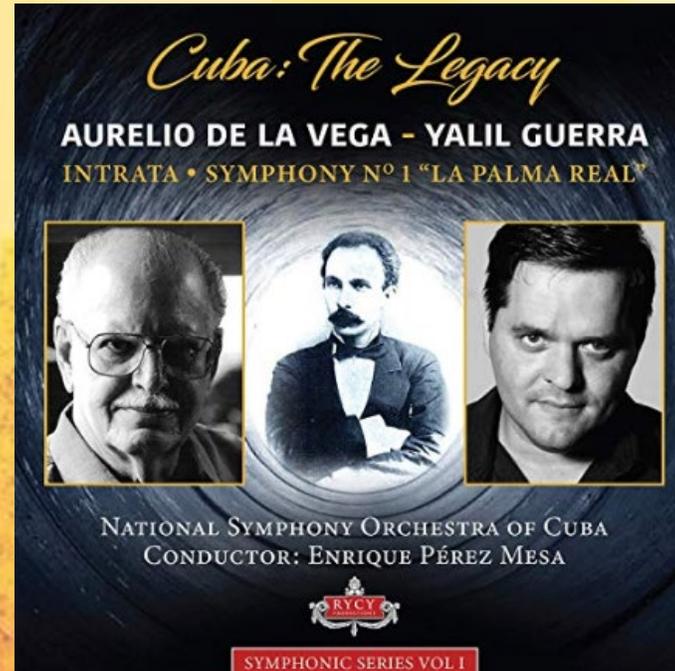
# OUR COC TEAM AND STUDENTS SHINE!



# MUSIC PROFESSOR NOMINATED FOR LATIN GRAMMY

COC music professor **Yalil Guerra** received a Latin Grammy nomination in the **Best Classical Album** category for his album **“Cuba: The Legacy.”**

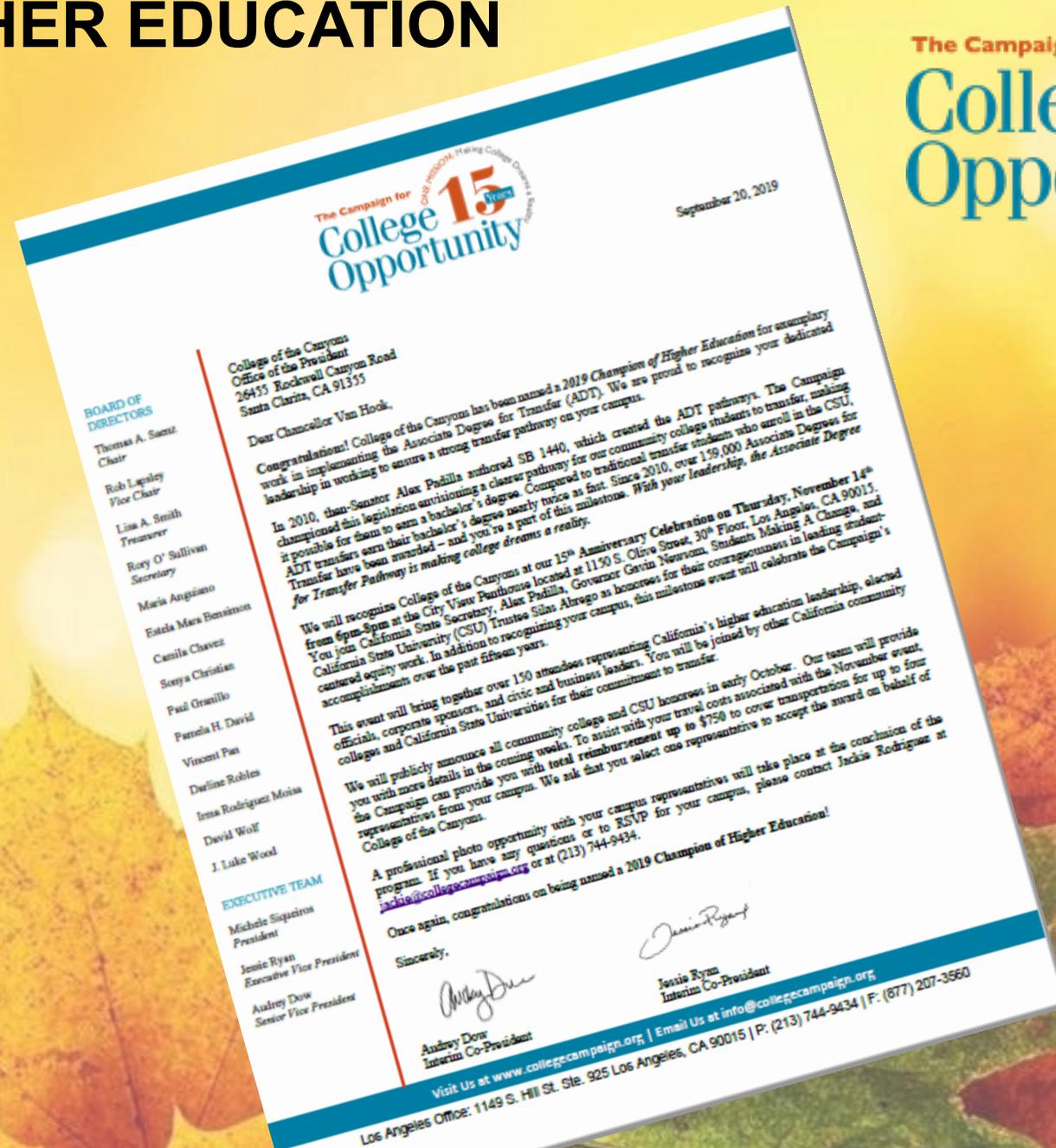
- Guerra has taught at COC for three years and shares his passion for music with his students.
- The **2020 Latin Grammy Awards** will take place on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the MGM hotel in Las Vegas.



# 2019 CHAMPION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

College of the Canyons was honored to be recognized as a **Champion of Higher Education** for the second year in a row!

- This award is given for exemplary work in implementing the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) and recognizes our dedicated leadership in working to ensure a strong transfer pathway.
- The award will be presented on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> by the Campaign for College Opportunity.



# MODEL UN STANDS OUT IN FIRST COMPETITION OF SEASON

The **COC Model United Nations (COCMUN)** team attended their first competition of the season on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Santiago Canyon College.

➤ More than **130** delegates participated in the conference.

➤ Congratulations to COCMUN team members:

- ✓ **Megan Boye** – Outstanding Delegate
- ✓ **Sebastian Cazares** – Distinguished Delegate
- ✓ **Victoria Dangtounda** – Best Delegate
- ✓ **Brylee Flores** - Distinguished Delegate  
(COCMUN Club President)
- ✓ **Brandon Huetter** – Outstanding Delegate
- ✓ **Mariah Lima-Kuderer** – Distinguished Delegate

➤ Faculty Advisor **Dr. Phil Gussin** accompanied the students to the SoCalMUN and was extremely pleased with their performance both in winning awards and in providing leadership to others.

➤ Congratulations to the entire team for their dedication, hard work, passion and organization!



# BRUCE FORTINE NAMED 2020 SILVER SPUR RECIPIENT

The COC Foundation was pleased to announce ***Bruce Fortine*** as the 2020 recipient of the “***Silver Spur*” Community Service Award.**

- Bruce’s role as a founding board member, his involvement since before the inception of the college, and the important role he played in establishing the college as an innovative learning institution has particular significance this year as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- His service to our college and the community has been marked by singular dedication and relentless enthusiasm.
- A date and location for the 2020 Silver Spur Celebration has not yet been finalized.



# COC LEADS THE WAY



# COC TO PARTICIPATE IN APPRENTICESHIP INITIATIVE

College of the Canyons has been selected to collaborate in the ***U.S. Department of Labor Growing Advanced Manufacturing Apprentices Across America (GAMAAA) Program.***

- This program will prepare and place **5,000** workers into pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship roles.
- Led by ***West L.A. College*** and the ***South Bay Workforce Investment Board***, the program was funded by a **\$12 million grant** from the *U.S. Department of Labor* to support expanding registered apprenticeship in advanced manufacturing, primarily in the aerospace and bioscience industries.
- This award propels COC on to the national stage in the conversation regarding apprenticeships.
- This collaboration between colleges from different regions is historic and will become a pilot for encouraging similar partnerships among the **115** California Community Colleges.



# ASSESSMENT OF PRIOR LEARNING SUMMIT

On September 20<sup>th</sup> we welcomed **24** participants to the ***Assessment of Prior Learning Summit*** at COC.

➤ The event, organized by ***James Glapa-Grossklag***, included speakers from:

- ✓ Council of Adult and Experiential Learning
- ✓ Norco College
- ✓ West Hills Community College District

➤ Key topics discussed included:

- ✓ The impact of APL;
- ✓ Title 5 changes;
- ✓ Best practices; and
- ✓ Serving veterans.



# Partnerships



# ASL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN “EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE”

Four of our *ASL students* and one alumni participated in the City of Santa Clara *“Evening of Remembrance”* on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

- The community Walk of Remembrance ended at the Youth Grove in Central Park and was followed by the *Evening of Remembrance* where our students interpreted a song for the grieving family and friends in attendance.
- The event is held in memory of local youth who have died in traffic-related incidents.
- We are so proud of our students who showed such kindness to those who gathered for the event.



# LOGIX JOINS US ON THE VALENCIA CAMPUS

The Marketing Department of **Logix Federal Credit Union** held a strategic planning session in our Art Gallery and dined in the iCuE on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

- It is always a pleasure to share our facilities with our Foundation partners.
- We are extremely appreciative to Logix for their support of our First-Year Promise Campaign and Foundation Golf Tournament.



# BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETS AT COC

COC was pleased to host the ***Business Alliance*** meeting on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

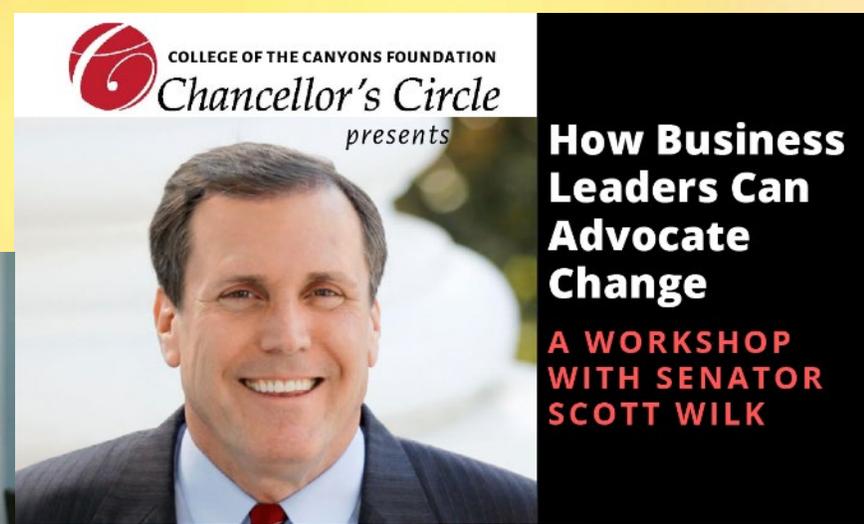
- The meeting featured more than a dozen representatives who discussed the challenge of finding good people in a good economy.
- COC shared information on our robust work-based learning programs (internships and apprenticeships), and classes we offer in soft skills (customer service, critical thinking and problem solving).



# CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE BRIEFING

The Chancellor's Circle welcomed **State Senator Scott Wilk** to present "**How Business Leaders Can Advocate Change**" on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

- **Two** workshops were offered with over **40** local business leaders, Chancellor's Circle members and college leadership attending.
- Attendees gained first-hand knowledge on how best to navigate the system; how the legislative process really works; and some techniques that will help to ensure that their voice is heard.
- Of the **over 30** Chancellor's Circle Briefings held, this is the first one led by a State Senator!



# COC AND LOGIX: PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

I was pleased to speak to the *LOGIX Board of Directors and Executive Management* at their retreat on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Montecito.

- The audience was extremely engaged as I discussed:
  - ✓ An Overview of Economic Development at COC;
  - ✓ Why Do We Do Economic Development;
  - ✓ How LOGIX is Partnering with COC; and
  - ✓ What's on the horizon between COC and LOGIX?
- I always enjoy working with our partners to continue to build strong, lasting relationships!



# SCV EDC & CALARTS HOST PUBLIC OFFICIALS NIGHT

The SCVEDC and CalArts hosted a Public Officials Night on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at CalArts.

- COC trustees **Mike Berger** and **Steve Zimmer** joined other local elected officials, and **Congresswoman Katie Hill** and **Assemblywoman Christy Smith**.



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**CaLARTS**

# CANYONS BaNC RECEIVES DONATION

We were extremely pleased to accept a donation from **Valencia Business Associates** in the amount of **\$2,900** to support our **COC BaNC**.

- This donation will help the **COC BaNC** in providing students with food, clothing, personal hygiene items, and assistance with housing and social services coordinated through community providers.



# GIRL SCOUTS SUPPORT COC RISE PROGRAM

*Girl Scout Troop 1312* from Stevenson Ranch recently delivered a donation to support the **RISE** program.

- The girl scouts built a rolling cart, that they signed, and provided school supplies and snacks for our RISE students.
- We are very appreciative of their efforts and willingness to assist foster and homeless youth.



# What's New On And Around Our Campuses



# NEW COLLEAGUES TOUR SCV

On Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> **Jim Temple, Eric Harnish** and **Leslie Carr** provided a tour of the SCV for new staff.

➤ They enjoyed touring:

- ✓ Castaic High School
- ✓ COC Non-credit sites
- ✓ Canyon Country Community Center site
- ✓ Carvalho Sports Complex
- ✓ COC Canyon Country Campus
- ✓ Downtown Newhall and Library
- ✓ City of Santa Clarita building
- ✓ Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital



# TRANSFER DAY 2019

Our annual *Transfer Day* was held on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

- More than **50** colleges and universities participated, providing students with information, advice and resources to map out the next destination on their educational pathway.



# 2019/20 SEASON OPENER AT THE PAC

Grammy award winning singer/song writer **Rick Springfield** rocked the PAC on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to open the *2019/20 PAC Season*.

- The audience got up close and personal with the man and his music in a special intimate solo performance that included interactive multimedia and storytelling.
- Prior to the event **54** guests attended the pre-concert dinner in Pico Hall, assisted by four members of our Volunteer Bureau.
- **Dauzat St. Marie** opened the performance.



# LATINX & HISPANIC HERITAGE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The *LatinX and Hispanic Heritage Cultural Festival* was held on the Valencia campus on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

- The event featured:
  - ✓ An art exhibit by **Angela Divina**, the first Latina transgender artist to be featured in a one-person show at COC;
  - ✓ Cultural tables,
  - ✓ **Mariachi Arcoiris del Los Angeles**, the first openly LGBTQ mariachi band;
  - ✓ Dancing;
  - ✓ Food; and
  - ✓ Hands on making of tortillas.
- A film screening of **“La Distancia Mas Larga”** was also held in the Hasley Hall Theater.



# 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY HOMECOMING

Under the Cougar Stadium lights, we welcomed hundreds of faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members to our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Homecoming** on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

➤ The event featured pre-game festivities including:

- ✓ Family activities,
- ✓ Food vendors,
- ✓ Music,
- ✓ Photo opportunities, and
- ✓ Giveaways.

➤ At half-time, the COC alumni in the stands, as well as current students and former and current staff, were invited onto the field for a group photo.

➤ Our mighty Cougar football team scored 21 points in the second half to hand previously unbeaten Cerritos College its first loss of the season!



# 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY HOMECOMING



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# CONGRESSWOMAN KATIE HILL VISITS COC

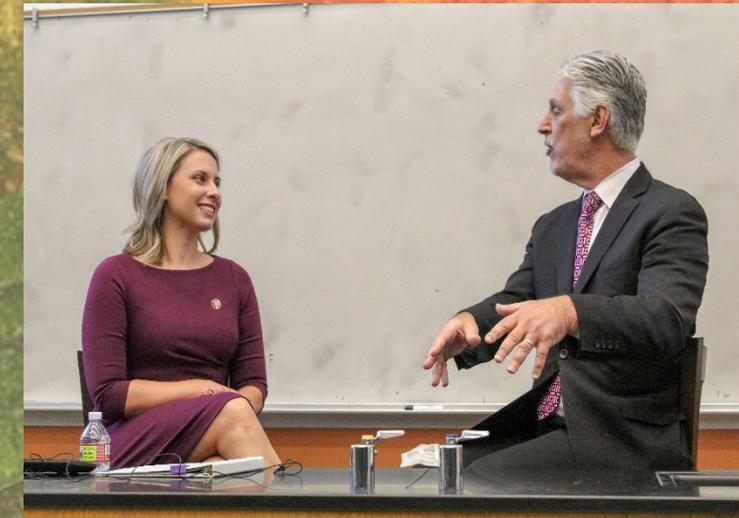
We were proud to have **Representative Katie Hill** stop by College of the Canyon on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- **Representative Hill** toured our welding and manufacturing class facilities.
- She also met with political science students, participating in a panel discussion and Q & A session led by **Dr. Phil Gussin** that covered a wide range of topics including educational affordability, homelessness, and impeachment.
- In the afternoon Congresswoman Hill visited with faculty, students, and staff to talk about the circumstances surrounding this immense barrier for our students as well as others who are afraid to become our students.



# CONGRESSWOMAN KATIE HILL VISITS COC

- **Eric Harnish**, who was the initial point of contact for Congresswoman Hill's visit, coordinated the visit with the leadership of **Ms. Wendy Brill**.
  - ✓ **Ms. Brill** has been involved in the initiative to bring our congressional representatives to the college for our students to be able to share their personal stories about pursuing an education, supporting themselves, and supporting their families all while they are being forced to live in the shadows.
- **Ms. Brill** and **Dr. Claudia Acosta** helped to identify students to come in and share their stories with Congresswoman Hill.
- Coupled with the first-hand stories of the struggles that our students and their families face, there was focus drawn to the ***Institutional Challenges, Recommendations, and Promising Practices in Effectively Serving Undocumented California Community College Students.***



# CONGRESSWOMAN KATIE HILL VISITS COC

## ❖ *Challenge 1*

Inadequate Ability to Outreach to Undocumented Students and Protect Student Data

- ***Recommendation and Promising Practice 1***

Improve Identification, Student Data Protection, and Outreach

## ❖ *Challenge 2*

Insufficient Instructional Support/Campus Wide Training

- ***Recommendation and Promising Practice 2***

Increase Staff Training and Support

## ❖ *Challenge 3*

Need for Dedicated Stakeholders, Staff and Space at Each Campus

- ***Recommendation and Promising Practice 3***

Formalize Support for Dedicated Stakeholders, Staff, and Space at Each Campus

# CONGRESSWOMAN KATIE HILL VISITS COC

## ❖ *Challenge 4*

Need for Better Access for Financial Support

- ***Recommendation and Promising Practice 4***

Improve Access to Financial Support for all Undocumented Students

## ❖ *Challenge 5*

Need to Increase Student Engagement and Direct Services to Increase Student Retention

- ***Recommendation and Promising Practice 5***

Expand Strategies to Promote Student Retention

## ❖ *Challenge 6*

Need for Definitive Guidance from CCCO

- ***Recommendation and Promising Practice 6***

Ensure CCCCO's Statewide Guidance and Policy Support

# FALL JOB FAIR

Our *Fall Job Fair* was held on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, with more than **90** employers in attendance and **4** virtual employers!

- An estimated **700** job seekers attended.
- According to the surveys, every employer in attendance expects to hire at least one person interviewed at the job fair.



# CCC SCIENCE CENTER FLEX TOUR

On Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> Facilities and Canyon Country Campus staff hosted a guided tour of the Science Center construction project.

- A mix of **20+** faculty and staff attended, with the opportunity to observe the project up close and ask questions.
- Follow-up meetings this semester will review and discuss ideas for active learning lab space, and other furniture details.
- The next tour is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Registration is through the Frontline professional development page.



# ATHLETIC UPDATE

## FOOTBALL

- Canyons has won four straight games after suffering a week one defeat.
- They begin National Division, Northern League play with a special Thursday night edition of Cougar Football on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
- All Cougar football home games are live streamed through a broadcast partnership with [www.SoCalCollegeSports.com](http://www.SoCalCollegeSports.com) and also replayed on channel 20.



## WOMEN'S GOLF

- Sophomore **Haruka Koda** took home medalist honors in a third straight conference event as COC took the top three individual spots and a team victory on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Antelope Valley Country Club.
- Canyons now boasts a team record of **20-0** and is at the top of the WSC standings.



# ATHLETIC UPDATE

## MEN'S SOCCER

- Canyons took a **1-6-1** overall record into its home conference match against Oxnard last night.



## CROSS COUNTRY

- Canyons competed at the WSC Preview on Friday.
- The men's team placed **3<sup>rd</sup>** among the 10 conference schools, while the women finished **6<sup>th</sup>** among the 8 competing programs.
- The Cougars run at Moorpark College on Friday.



# ATHLETIC UPDATE

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- Canyons is the number **25** ranked team in the state, having won **5** of its last **6** games.
- The Cougars return to conference action today at Glendale College.



## WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Canyons, with a record of **3-3-3** has played to a draw in **3** straight matches and remains unbeaten in conference play.



# Upcoming Events



# UPCOMING PRT

In two weeks we will host our 2nd PRT. This team, led by Dr. Gil Stork, retired CEO from Cuesta College, will help us identify ways that we can get better.

Specifically, it will focus on allowing us to:

- Design and develop a framework to integrate in-reach and outreach into district-wide operations and functions on campus;
- Develop a process and infrastructure that invites and generates input and feedback that initiates messaging to expand partnerships and opportunities to engage student workplace learning opportunities and public and private initiatives;

# UPCOMING PRT

- Strategically advance our outreach efforts to increase enrollment of concurrently enrolled students, as well as those who are working to achieve degrees and certificates to meet industry standards and competitiveness while working full-time;
- Design and further develop a college and career going culture within our local elementary, junior high and high schools to provide clear guidance as it relates to *Pathways* and *2+2 Opportunities* for our district to expand concurrent enrollment opportunities; and
- Develop activities that promote communication and understanding of the roles played by people on campus to build strong communication between disciplines/offices, programs and our two growing campuses.

# UPCOMING PRT

In anticipation of this second visit of the team in November, college committee members are being asked to evaluate the “who”, the “how”, and the “what” that is missing in their functioning, with a special emphasis on how they communicate about the work that they do; how others can get involved; and how they can focus the work so it supports the other parts of the committee structure.

This will not only be used to improve how we function, but will help to eliminate duplication, enhance cooperation, solicit input across silos and engage more members of the campus community.

As a part of our work with the PRT, we will be securing external professional assistance to develop a tool that will help us clarify how many people know about how the groups, departments, and committees on campus work together,(all which can be improved); how they see their role; as well as identify ways that communication, structure and inclusion will be enhanced in our planning and decision making processes.

It should be fun and lead to exciting opportunities!

# COMING UP IN THE PAC IN OCTOBER 2019

## ❖ *Boy's Life – COC Theatre*

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Through Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>

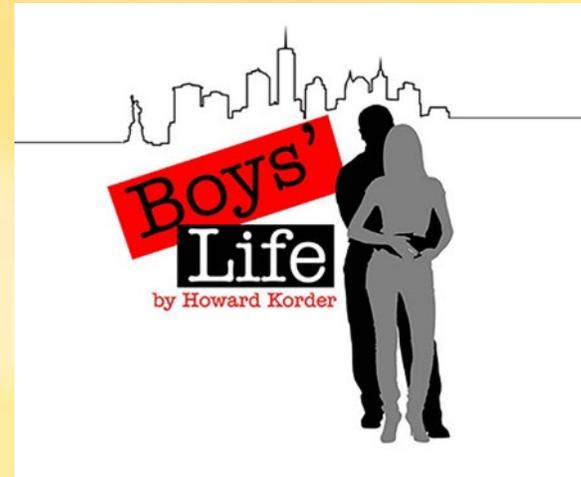
Black Box Theatre



## ❖ *Santa Clarita International Guitar Festival*

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – 8 pm

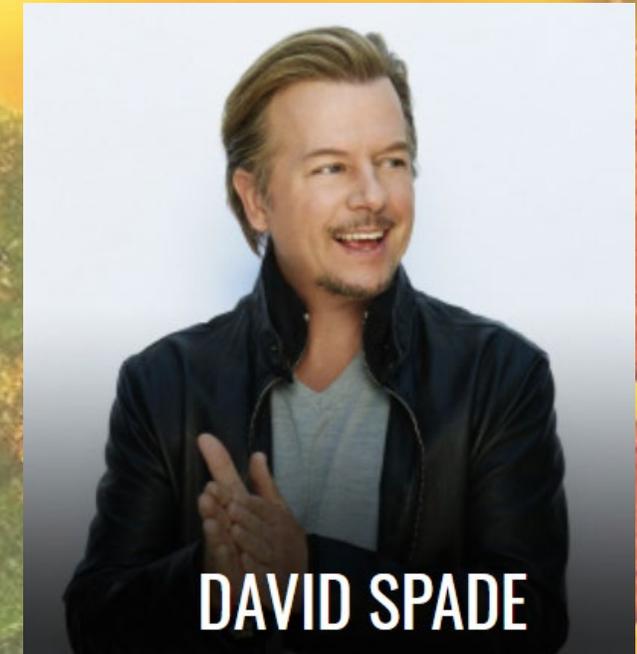
PAC Main Stage



## ❖ *Big Band Swing – COC Music*

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm

PAC Main Stage

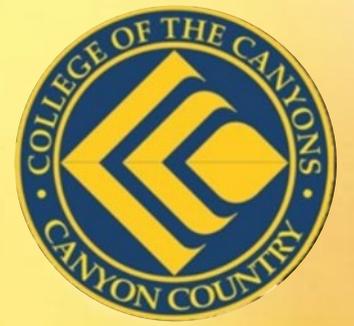


## ❖ *David Spade – COC Presents*

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 8 pm

PAC Main Stage

# COMING UP ON THE CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS



There are a lot of exciting things coming up on the Canyon Country Campus:

- **Movie Night** – Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ Children’s activities start at 5:30 pm;
  - ✓ **“Monsters University”** starts at 7:15 pm;
  - ✓ Free movie snacks will be provided; and
  - ✓ Food/beverage are available for purchase.
  
- **Fall Star Party** - Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm – 9:30 pm celebrating:
  - ✓ CCCs 20<sup>th</sup> Star Party;
  - ✓ COCs 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and the
  - ✓ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the moon landing!
  
- **Fall Garden Walk** – Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ Count your steps and enjoy the campus topography, along with other fun activities.



# GREEN STEM SUMMIT

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Green STEM Summit** will take place on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 12:30 pm in the Student Center on the Valencia Campus.

- This free annual event for high school and college students will explore careers in a variety of STEM fields including:
  - ✓ Natural & Physical Sciences;
  - ✓ Biomimicry & Biotechnology;
  - ✓ Engineering & Technology;
  - ✓ Environmental Art/Ethics/Design; and
  - ✓ Advanced Manufacturing (MakerSpace)
- Students will receive hands-on mentoring by industry, government, and academic STEM professionals.



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# In Memorial

# REMEMBERING MARVENE LIKE

All of us at College of the Canyons were saddened to hear about the passing of **Marvene Like** on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Marvene and her husband Don were great friends of College of the Canyons, supporting our students at the annual Chancellor's Circle Dinner, the Silver Spur Celebration, as Patrons of the Performing Arts, through the Moberg/Like Scholarship and with our Resources for Individual Success in Education (RISE) program.
- Marvene enjoyed going to fundraising events and was a wonderful supporter of local non-profits, including College of the Canyons and Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital.
- We extend our sympathies to Don, Mitzi, Randy, and all of the Like and Moberg families.



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

