# Chancellor's Report and Update



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**Board of Trustees Meeting** November 8, 2019

## OUR COC TEAM AND STUDENTS SHINE!

#### **BOYKIN RECEIVES STATE RENOVATION FUNDING**

COC was pleased to receive state funding to begin planning much needed renovations to Boykin Hall, our 44 year-old science lab facility on the Valencia Campus.

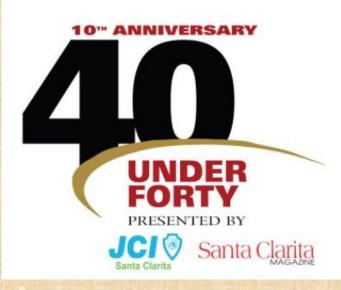
- Thanks to the efforts of Senator Scott Wilk and Assemblywoman Christy Smith the 2019-20 state budget includes \$397,000 from Prop. 51 that will fund preliminary plans and working drawing for the renovation project.
- The total cost of the Boykin Hall modernization is \$9.4 million. Of that, the state is expected to provide an additional \$4.4 million in Prop. 51 funding in the 2020-21 budget.
- The college's share of the project (\$4.6 million) will come from Measure E.



#### **40 UNDER FORTY HONOREES NAMED**

Congratulations to *Amy Lagusker-Komen, COC Mathematics Instructor*, for being named one of the SCV 40 Under!

It is inspiring to see one of our hard working, dedicated and passionate faculty honored for their efforts on behalf of College of the Canyons and our students!





#### PARALEGAL STUDENTS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Ten Paralegal students attended the *Los Angeles Paralegal Association's Annual Conference* on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

- The conference, held in Glendale, was particularly memorable for student Kendra Pfalzgraf, who was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.
- Faculty members Nicole Faudree and Lori Young accompanied the students.
- > Attendance was made possible with a *Chancellor's Circle mini-grant*.



#### **COC AT THE VIA BASH**

College of the Canyons was represented well at the Valley Industry Association (VIA) *"Black & White Bash"* held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Valencia.

- The event celebrates the accomplishments of local businesses and supports VIA programs.
- Vicki Engbrecht, Hart Superintendent, received the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Other award winners included:
  - ✓ Business of the Year Hyatt Regency Valencia
  - ✓ Volunteer of the Year Sue Tweddel, Primerica
  - ✓ Rising Star Thrivent Financial
  - ✓ VIA Vision & Inspiration Award Wm. S. Hart Union High School District



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#### **INTERIOR DESIGN STUDENTS EXCEL AND WIN!**

Congratulations to our Interior Design students for winning the *People's Choice Award* at the International Interior Design Association Southern California Chapter *Haunt Couture* competition.

- The event fuses fashion, design and architecture, and challenges designers to create and construct inspiring haute couture fashion from interior design materials.
- Nine large interior design firms participated along with three schools, with COC being the only 2-year school competing.
- > COC has won awards 4 out of the last 5 years!
- Congratulations to faculty advisor Holly Hitt-Zuniga and our amazing students.

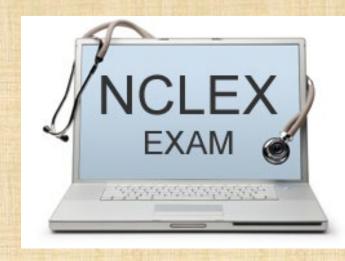




#### **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING OUR STUDENTS SET THE STANDARD!**

We recently received our July 1 – September 30 *NCLEX pass rate* report for our Nursing students.

- NCLEX is also know as the National Council Licensure Examination and is a standardized test that every state regulatory board uses to determine if a candidate is ready to become licensed as an entry-level nurse.
- For July 1 September 30, 2019 first time, US educated, the pass rate was 88.23%.
- COCs first time pass rate for July 1 September 30, 2019 was 92.86%!





### **MODEL UNITED NATIONS TAKES ON TROJANMUN**

Our Model UN team participated in the *TrojanMUN conference* October  $24^{th} - 27^{th}$ . This conference, hosted by USC, is considered to be one of the most dynamic conferences in the country.

- Congratulations to the entire team, including the following award winners:
  - Brylee Flores, COCMUN President Outstanding Delegate
  - ✓ Rosa Garcia Honorable Mention
  - ✓ Brandon Huetter Outstanding Delegate
  - ✓ Mariah Lima-Kuderer Honorable Mention
  - ✓ Victoria Dangtoumda Honorable Mention
- We are also proud of our COC MUN alumni Joel Szakmeister (now at UCLA) and John McCloud (now at UC Berkeley) for being designated "Best Delegate".
- > Dr. Phil Gussin does an amazing job as the Faculty Advisor.

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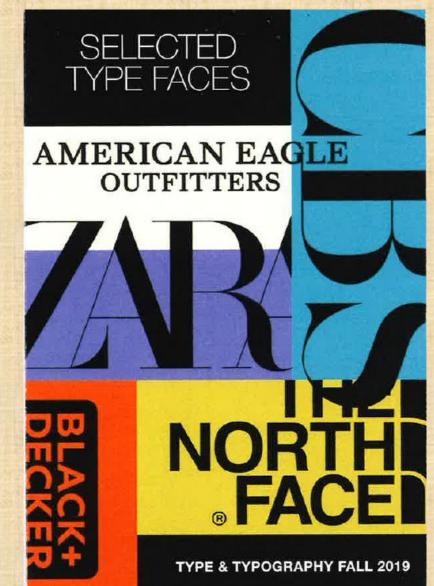




#### GRAPHIC MULTIMEDIA DESIGN STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED

Congratulations to our *Graphic Multimedia Design students* on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of their *Type and Typography Fall 2019* specimen book.

- This project provides our students with a foundation for understanding the ways that they interact with type in the world around them;
  - ✓ How to recognize specific typefaces; and
  - Gives them the satisfaction of seeing something they designed, professionally printed and bound.
- Full-time faculty member Shannon Doronio sent me the recent publication and commented on how much she loves working with our students to build new and innovative opportunities to prepare them for further education and career positions.



#### MICHAEL LEVIN, AOC ALUMNI – DRIVEN FOR A BETTER WORLD

Meet *Michael Levin*, a determined and driven young man who has, at the age of 22, already traveled the world, and attended Ivy League and elite schools on both coasts.

- Michael attended AOC and graduated with both his high school diploma and an Associate's Degree in Mathematics from College of the Canyons.
- Michael went on to graduate from UC Berkeley in two years with a Bachelor's in Economics.
- He then went on to Columbia Law in New York City, and then transferred to Stanford University.
- At the age of 22 Michael graduated with a law degree and a Master of Science in Environment and Resources.
- This fall Michael will join Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliff's technology companies in Santa Monica, where he will counsel startups focused on the environment.
- > We are incredibly proud of Michael Levin!



## COC LEADS THE WAY

#### **2019/20 FUNDING FOR STATISTICS INSTITUTE**

The State Chancellor's Office has confirmed that, for the second year in a row, the *Chancellor's Office Statistics Institute (COSI)* will be funded in the full amount of **\$88,000** for the 2019/20 academic year.

- This funding will allow us to continue to provide professional development that supports mathematics faculty on how to better teach statistics, which directly relates to the implementation of AB705.
- We are planning 5 day long workshops and 1 multi-day new-to-statistics workshop.
- The grant last year allowed approximately 360 faculty from over 80 community colleges to participate in these workshops in the craft of teaching statistics.

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#### **INNOVATION SCHOLAR IN AUSTRALIA**

James Glapa-Grossklag was invited to serve as "Innovation Scholar" at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

James facilitated workshops on Online Educational Resources (OER) for staff and faculty and delivered the opening Keynote "Digital Citizenship in an Age of **Disruption and Openness**" for this annual conference.

This recognition underscores the global reputation of COC as a source of innovation!



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#### STUDENT CENTERED FUNDING FORMULA

As a member of the *Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) Oversight Committee* I participated in a conference call meeting on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

- The SCFF Oversight Committee reviewed and made recommendations on the following elements and their inclusion in the supplemental allocation and a proposed implementation plan:
  - ✓ First generation college students, including a timeline for data collection and incorporation into the funding formula, by no later than the 2022-23 fiscal year; and
  - The definition of a low-income student and whether to adjust the point system to better reflect low-income students in regions of the state with a high cost of living.



#### **STUDENT CENTERED FUNDING FORMULA**

As a member of the *CEO Taskforce* I participated in a conference call meeting on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The *CEO SCFF Taskforce* focused on:

- Reviewing a proposal by Joe Wyse, Superintendent/President, Shasta College on SCFF: A Way Forward for the CCC System by advocating for:
  - ✓ Base level funding;
  - ✓ Stopping the re-benching of the metrics;
  - ✓ No district should be able to grow its funding under the SCFF at the expense of other districts; and
  - ✓ A new method for stability in funding.
- We also requested a simplified message and resolution at the statewide CEO meeting.



#### LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE MEETS WITH COC ISP

We were pleased to welcome a group from *Long Beach City College* on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to meet with our *International Services and Programs (ISP)* staff, students and administrators to learn about *ISPs* operations and recruitment strategies.

- At this visit, requested by LBCC, we presented an overview of how ISP works at College of the Canyons;
- Discussed how COC mitigates unpredictable political climates;
- Had students from Germany and China discuss their experiences with the program; and
- Concluded with a discussion on how the two Districts can collaborate and bring attention to international education at the State level.
- Joining us from LBCC were:
  - ✓ Vivian Malauulu, President, Board of Trustees
  - Reagan Romali, Superintendent-Presidents
  - ✓ Marlene Drinkwine, Vice President Business Services
  - ✓ Yvonne Gutierrez, Dean, Enrollment Services
  - Nohel Corral, Dean Counseling & Student Support Services
    - Erin Murphy, Interim Director, Special Projects



# Partnerships













#### **ETI PARTNERS WITH CARDINAL HEALTH**

In late September, the Employee Training Institute began training a new cohort from *Cardinal Health.* 

- 26 leads and front-line supervisors are taking a series of 8 Career Skills Courses.
- All of these classes will be taught onsite at Cardinal Health.



## **Cardinal**Health<sup>™</sup>

#### SEXUAL HARRASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING PROVIDED BY ETI

The *Employee Training Institute* continues to partner with local businesses to offer *Sexual Harassment Prevention Training* as mandated by SB1434.

- Talladium.com recently had 39 employees participate in the onehour non-supervisory training and 7 employees participate in the twohour training.
  - On October 21<sup>st</sup> Hedman Partners had 16 employees participate in the one-hour nonsupervisory training and 10 employees participate in the twohour training.







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#### **IEPI PARTNERSHIP RESOURCE TEAM VISITS COC**

We were pleased to welcome an *Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) Partnership Resource Team (PRT)* headed by *Dr. Gil Stork*, retired CEO from Cuesta College, to COC on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- The visiting team met with faculty, staff and administrators to gather information on what is currently being done in our in-reach and outreach efforts.
- The PRT will be visiting us again soon to help us with our *Innovation and Effectiveness Plan* that will come with a seed grant of \$200,000.

We look forward to improving our in-reach and out-reach efforts, while helping to eliminate duplication, enhance cooperation, solicit input across silos and engage more members of the campus community.



**Participate | Collaborate | Innovate** 

### **KINDERS GO TO COLLEGE**

Kindergartners from *Old Orchard Elementary School* visited College of the Canyons on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- The kinder students, also known as the Class of 2034, toured the campus and participated in science and chemistry experiments with our college students.
- Kindergarteners from all 10 Newhall School District schools will visit COC before the end of the school year.
- It is never too young to light the spark in developing a college going culture!

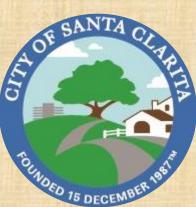


#### **SCV CAREER SPARK**

COC partnered with the City of Santa Clarita on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **SCV Career Spark**.

- This event brings teens and local business professionals together to help youth find their passion in nontraditional careers.
- 40 teens and 10 business mentors participated in this event.
- Mentors represented companies including Walt Disney, Morgan Stanley, SCV TV, COC and others.







#### **RAMPAGE MARCHES AT IN COUGAR STADIUM**

**Thousands** of students, musicians, and parents descended upon Cougar Stadium on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> for the **26**<sup>th</sup> **annual** William S. Hart High Regiment's **Rampage Marching Band and Field Tournament**.

More than 30 bands were in attendance with 6 Williams S. Hart Union High School District bands competing.

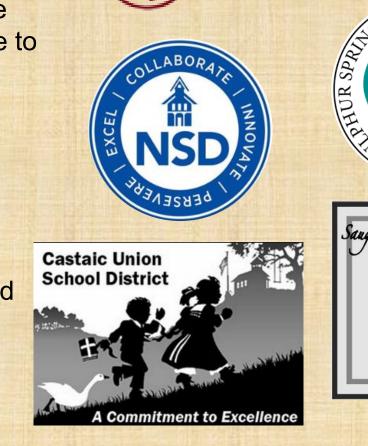
West Ranch High School won the sweepstakes trophy.



#### **SCV EDUCATION LEADERS MEET AT COC**

On Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> we were pleased to host the SCV Education Leaders for a meeting that focused on:

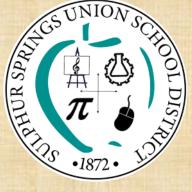
- K12 Arts Initiative; and
- > College Going Initiative.
- > Ken Striplin joined us for the second half of the meeting and the Educational Leaders were able to share their concerns regarding:
  - $\checkmark$  Security on their campuses;
  - $\checkmark$  Transportation to support the arts;
  - ✓ Advocacy priorities; and
  - Coordination with the city on initiatives including homelessness, food insecurity and other issues.

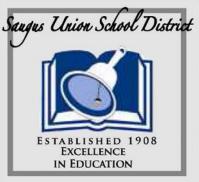






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#### FACILITIES & FACULTY COLLABORATE ON BOYKIN REMODEL

Recently Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Facilities Planning and Operations *Jim Schrage* met with instructional faculty to discuss plans and get input for the Boykin remodel which is currently in the planning stage.





#### **GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKE OUT**

On Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> COC participated in the *Great California Shake Out*.

Employees and students received multiple text messages, emails, and voicemails to let them know to evacuate and when it was clear to reenter the buildings.







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#### **MOVIE UNDER THE STARS AT CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS**

Over **100** people attended the Canyon Country Campus *"Movie Under the Stars Night"* showing of *"Monster University"* on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

- ECE and ASG hosted family activities before the movie that included crafts and pumpkin painting.
- ASG provided movie snacks, helped to promote the event and engaged the attendees.
- This event is a great example of collaboration between the Canyon Country Campus, ECE and ASG.









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#### **DAVID SPADE AT THE PAC**

Stand-up comedian *David Spade* brought uproarious laughter to a full house at the PAC on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Prior to the event, **50** guests were greeted by David Spade at a pre-show party.







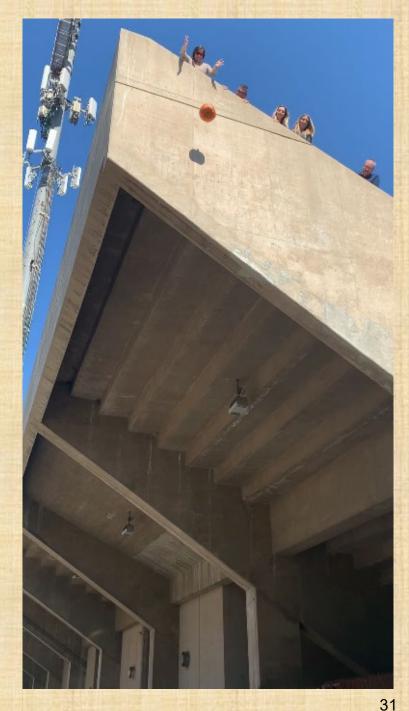


#### **PUMPKIN SMASH**

The *Pumpkin Smash* was held in the football stadium on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

- COC staff worked as teams to modify pumpkins and then toss them from the top of the stadium to a grey tarp on the ground in the "drop zone".
- Expert judges examined the orange skin pieces in the circle to find the "biggest remaining piece of skin visible to the naked eye.
- The team whose biggest piece in the circle was smaller than everyone else won!
- Congratulations to "DSPS" for winning the competition. They were followed closely by second place finisher "CCC Staff".





#### **EXECUTIVE CABINET MEETS WITH ASG LEADERSHIP**

The Executive Cabinet met with ASG leadership on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to collaborate on a variety of topics including:

- An update on the Canyon Country Campus;
- Establishing an emergency fund for students in need;
- Steps needed to plant more trees on both the Canyon Country and Valencia campuses;
- Establishing an online platform to
  communicate with students regarding
  ASG events and initiatives; and
- Collaborating on advocacy efforts such as city support for bus transportation.





### **COC CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN**

Over 200 COC staff celebrated Halloween in Harry Potter style on Thursday, October 31st.

- Congratulations to:
  - ✓ Susan Tuminaro from my office who won the individual costume contest as Granny Clampett;
  - ✓ Admissions & Records and Counseling who tied for the best group costume;
  - ✓ Instructional Support for winning the pumpkin contest (they were also the only entrant...); and
  - ✓ Justin Hunt for winning the pie eating contest.
  - Jim Temple served as the emcee and Andy McCutcheon expertly portrayed Professor Dumbledore.
- Thank you to the planning committee: Sarah Dettman, Mauricio Escobar, Justin Hunt, Michael Monsour, Ashley Murphy, Stephenie Tesoro, Brandon Thompson, Wendy Truijillo, Michelle Wall, Theresa Zuzevich and headed by Leslie Carr.













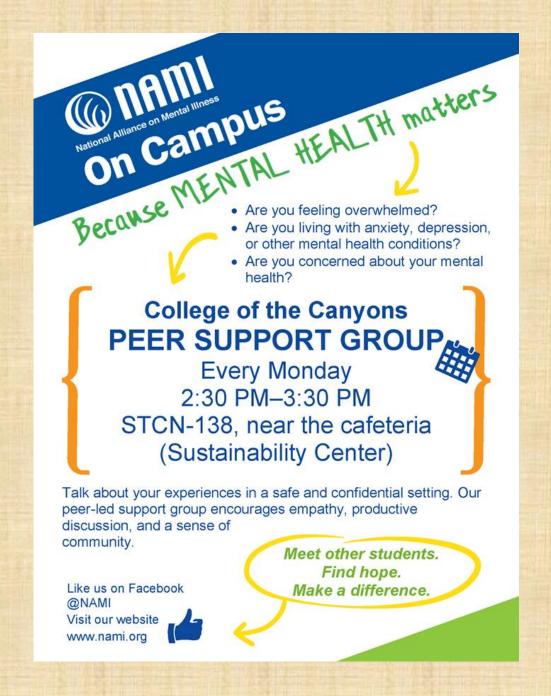
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#### PEER SUPPORT GROUP

The *Student Health and Wellness Center* in collaboration with *NAMI* (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is offerieng a *peer support group* for our students who are dealing with mental health concerns.

- This peer-led group will give students the opportunity to share their experiences with each other in a safe and confidential setting.
- The meetings will take place every Monday from 2:30 – 3:30 pm in the Sustainability Center.



## ATHLETIC UPDATE

- Canyons has won seven straight contests and boosts a record of 7-1 after defeating Ventura College in a wild 48-38 comeback victory, having trailed by 14 points in the third quarter.
  - This victory was the 50<sup>th</sup> career win for Head Coach Ted lacenda.

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

- COC continued its impressive 2019 run on Monday by winning their 19<sup>th</sup> straight conference event and claiming a second straight Western State Conference Championship.
- Sophomore Haruka Koda won the individual championship for a second straight season and joined Paige Heuer, Jessie Lin and Shabana Poswal as All-WSC honorees.
  - The 2019 conference crown is the program's **10**<sup>th</sup> overall and third since 2014, all under the guidance of coach *Gary Peterson* who was named the conference *Coach of the Year*.





#### ATHLETIC UPDATE MEN'S SOCCER

- Canyons is unbeaten in its last three matches heading into Tuesday's game (one win and two draws).
- The Cougars have a **2-10-3** record for the season.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

- Both the men's and women's team had a strong outing at the 2019
  Western State Conference Finals on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The men finished 4<sup>th</sup>, just three points out of 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- > The women finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall.
- Both squads head to the Southern California Regional Championship meet in San Diego for a 6<sup>th</sup> straight season.

## ATHLETIC UPDATE

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- Canyons won 9 of the last 10 matches.
- The Cougars sit two games out of the conference top spot with two regular season games remaining.



#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Canyons won 4 straight games, and 6 of its last 7, to generate momentum heading into the payoffs.
- The Cougars currently sit in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the WSC, South Division with 4 games to go.

#### ATHLETIC UPDATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Canyons won two games at the "Clash at Canyons" event held this year at Oxnard College.
- This was the first time since the 2012-13 season that Canyons started the season 2-0.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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- Canyons will start the 2019-20 season on November 21<sup>st</sup> at the annual three-day Ventura-Kiwanis tournament.
- The Cougars home opener is scheduled for Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.





#### **OFFICE 365 MIGRATION PROJECT**

The IT Department has been working on a migration plan for moving employee email to Office 365 since we began providing email to students in 2011.

- In order to accomplish this task we needed to assess:
  - ✓ Accessibility and reliability;
  - ✓ Security;
  - ✓ Spam Filtering/Archiving;
  - ✓ Cleanup of 4,000 accounts;
  - ✓ Handling migration.

We are excited to begin the migration of mailboxes on December 16<sup>th</sup> which will give our employees access to Microsoft Office in the cloud and expanded email space.



# **Upcoming Events**

#### GARDEN WALK ON THE CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

Enjoy a guided tour of the unique plant and insect life at the *Canyon Country Campus* on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 11 am.

- The tour will start with a short chaparral fire regeneration talk;
- Followed by a hike of the campus;
- Where you will get the opportunity to identify insects, birdwatch, plant a native plant, explore with microscopes and more!
- This event is free and open to the public.
- To join the tour meet at the flagpole in parking lot 3.



#### **COMING UP IN THE PAC IN NOVEMBER 2019**

#### Stunt Dog Experience Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

- 2 pm & 6 pm PAC Main Stage ◆ The Learned Ladies by Moliere COC Theatre November 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Black Box Theater
- Electronica Musique
  Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>
  7 pm FREE
  PAC Main Stage
  Rock/Pop/Soul Revue
  COC Music
  Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>
  7 pm FREE
  PAC Main Stage

STUNT DOG EXPERIENCE

Saturday, Nov. 9

ELECTRONICA MUSIQUE

Wednesday, Nov. 20

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**The Learned Ladies** 

by Moliere

THE LEARNED LADIES

Nov. 15 to 24

**ROCK/POP/SOUL REVUE** 

Friday, Nov. 22

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#### **COMING UP IN THE PAC IN DECEMBER 2019**

#### \* The Beach Boys

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm - PAC Main Stage Holiday Concert **COC Music** Friday, December 6th 7:30 pm – PAC Main Stage Symphony of the Canyons Saturday, December 7th 7:30 pm - PAC Main Stage Holiday Lights Santa Clarita Master Chorale Sunday, December 8th 4 pm - PAC Main Stage



# In Memorial

### **REMEMBERING LEE SHULMAN**

All of us at College of the Canyons were saddened to hear about the passing of long time community philanthropist and COC supporter *Lee Shulman* on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Lee served in the Air Corps as a cryptographer in China, Burma and India.
- In 1943 the plane Lee was in was shot down by machine gun fire and he spent four months recuperating, before serving another 1 ½ years in the military.
  - Lee became a pilot in 1958, has flown for many organizations, and along with his wife Joyce, served as co-chair for Angel Flight West.
- In 2012 Lee was one of the few Americans granted the "Wright Brothers Master Pilot" award by the FAA for 50 years of flight safety.
- Lee's passion for life, his care and concern for his fellow human beings, his devotion to his family and his deep love of his country made him a true American hero!







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## **REMEMBERING MARILYN METTERS TODD**

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our long-time friend and colleague *Marilyn Metters Todd.* 

- Marilyn started working at the College when Community Services was headed by Bruce Fortine, becoming a full-time employee in graphics in 1981.
- As our only graphic artist, Marilyn had primary responsibility for the style and look of most of our publications and the college logo.
- She served as a mentor to many as the college embraced technology.
- Marilyn retired in 2003 and returned to her home in Avila Beach, California.
- Marilyn is survived by her two children Todd and Megan, both graduates of COC.
- Marilyn will be long remembered for her contributions to College of the Canyons, for bringing joy to those around her and for being such a dear friend and colleague.

