A close-up photograph of a bouquet of flowers. The background is filled with numerous purple irises, each with a distinct yellow center. In the foreground, there are several tulips in various colors: yellow, orange, pink, and white. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The lighting is bright, creating a high-contrast, colorful scene.

Board of Trustees Meeting
March 8, 2017

Chancellor's Report and Update

Recognition



FIRST YEAR PROMISE GRANT RECEIVED BY COC

College of the Canyons received a **\$667,000** grant for *First Year Promise Program!*

- Out of **51** community college districts that applied, COC was one of only **14** colleges awarded a CCCCO grant through the *California Community Promise Innovation Grant Program*.
- The First Year Promise program is scheduled to launch this fall with **300** qualifying students.
- Eligible incoming students will enroll in a one-year sequence of courses with priority registration, preceded by summer orientation to learn about majors and receive academic guidance.
- First Year Promise courses will be offered with the benefits of OER textbooks.
- To ensure participating students remain on track, ongoing counseling and student support will also be offered.
- Each of these students will receive a \$100 voucher per semester that can be applied toward other supplies and instructional materials. Free printing services will also be provided in the computer lab.
- More information on *First Year Promise* will be presented at the March 22nd Joint Board Meeting with ASG.



COC STUDENTS PRESENT AT THE HONORS TRANSFER COUNCIL OF CA (HTCC)

Three students from College of the Canyons have been accepted to the Honors Transfer Council of California 17th Annual Research Conference.

- Over **300** students from **31** California Community Colleges will be presenting their research at UC Irvine on Saturday, April 1st.
- This annual research conference gives students in community college honors programs the opportunity to present the results of their work.
- Presenting at the conference makes the student eligible for monetary awards, as well as a chance to submit their work for publication in the HTCC anthology "Building Bridges" published through UC Irvine.
- The COC students faced a very competitive application process and their abstracts were judged to be superior!
- The three students are:
 - ✓ **Naomi Santa Cruz** – Craft Beer for Biodiversity: How Buying Beer Locally Can Help National Biodiversity
 - ✓ **Xochitl Hernandez** – The Female Identity and the Allure of the Beauty Queen
 - ✓ **Chelsea Glickman** – How Advertisements Have Contributed to Childhood Obesity.

Honors Transfer Council of California Proudly Announces
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California Community Colleges.

**Building Bridges.
Constructing Futures.**
Saturday, April 1, 2017 | 8 AM - 4 PM
Hosted by U.C. Irvine



Presentation Format

- Research poster
- Small group oral
- Large group oral
- Individual oral
- Performance



You Could Get...

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- An abstract award
- An HTCC Scholarship
- The Director's Award
- A poster prize

See your honors coordinator for submission deadlines.
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COC STUDENT PUBLISHED IN “THE ASTRONOMICAL JOURNAL”!

In 2015 Professor Teresa Ciardi introduced COC student Mindy Saylor to Dr. David Ciardi at Caltech where she worked as a paid summer research student for 4 months.

- As part of the world-wide effort to confirm and characterize the thousands of exoplanet candidates discovered by NASA's Kepler Mission, thousands of high resolution imaging observations were obtained at some of the world's largest telescopes including the Hale Telescope at Palomar Observatory, just east of San Diego.
- Under the mentorship of Dr. Ciardi, Mindy Saylor worked and went to the telescope, operated the infrared camera that collected hundreds of images, processed the data and analyzed the results.
- Ms. Saylor's work contributed directly to the overall effort of NASA's Kepler Planetary Candidate Follow-Up Observation Program and resulted in two referenced publications in “*The Astronomical Journal*”.
- Congratulations to former COC student Mindy Saylor who has transferred to UC Irvine as an engineering student.



CARE SCV – FEBRUARY 25

The inaugural College of the Canyons "CARE SCV: Cancer Awareness & Resource Expo, took place in the PAC on February 25th.

- The brainchild of biology instructor Dr. Kelly Cude, drew a crowd of approximately **500** people.
- The event was sponsored by Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital and supported by organizations including the American Cancer Society, City of Hope Santa Clarita, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, Santa Clarita Radiation Therapy Center and UCLA Health.
- The daylong fair featured a variety of speakers, displays, activities (including a giant colon and lung) and information.



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL – MARCH 11

I am honored to have been asked to be the Keynote Speaker at the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society Annual Spring Festival on March 11th at Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills.

- Delta Kappa Gamma, a world-wide educational society, is composed of current and retired teachers, dedicated to supporting the careers of future teachers.
- Approximately 200 members from 13 chapters from Southern California will be attending the event to honor, support and celebrate women who have excelled in the field of education.
- The theme of the event is “Building Connections”.



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What's New On and Around Our Campuses



SPRING SEMESTER BEGAN AT COC – FEBRUARY 5

The Spring semester began on February 5th with a robust selection of classes. At the 5 week mark we are at:

Valencia Campus

- **1,455** Sections are being offered
- Of the **44,382** seats, **38,122** are full.
- We are at **86%** capacity.
- Enrollments for Spring 2017 are at **38,122** compared to **38,508** for Spring 2016.
- Average (median) class size is **28**.



Canyon Country Campus

- **251** Sections are being offered
- Of the **8,237** seats, **6,260** are full.
- We are at **76%** capacity.
- Enrollments for Spring 2017 are at **6,260** compared to **6,867** for Spring 2016.
- Average (median) class size is **25**.

Notes:

- Data as of the 4th week of the semester for each spring term included.
- Excludes ISAs, CWO and Non-credit.
- Includes PAC sections.
- Cross-listed sections counted only once.

LOS LOBOS AT THE PAC – FEBRUARY 11

Multiple Grammy Award winning Los Lobos performed in the Performing Arts Center on February 11th.

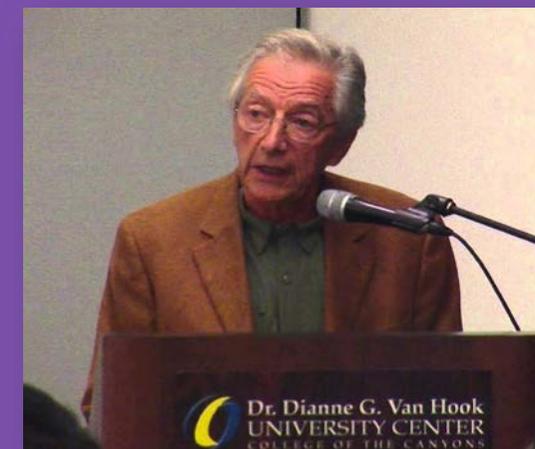
- The sold out performance rocked the house!
- Everyone was on their feet when they played the Ritchie Valens classic “La Bamba”.
- Guests enjoyed a pre-show meet and greet cocktail party prior to the concert.



LEON MALMED VISITED COC – FEBRUARY 14 & 15

Leon Malmed, Holocaust survivor and author, visited COC on February 14th and 15th.

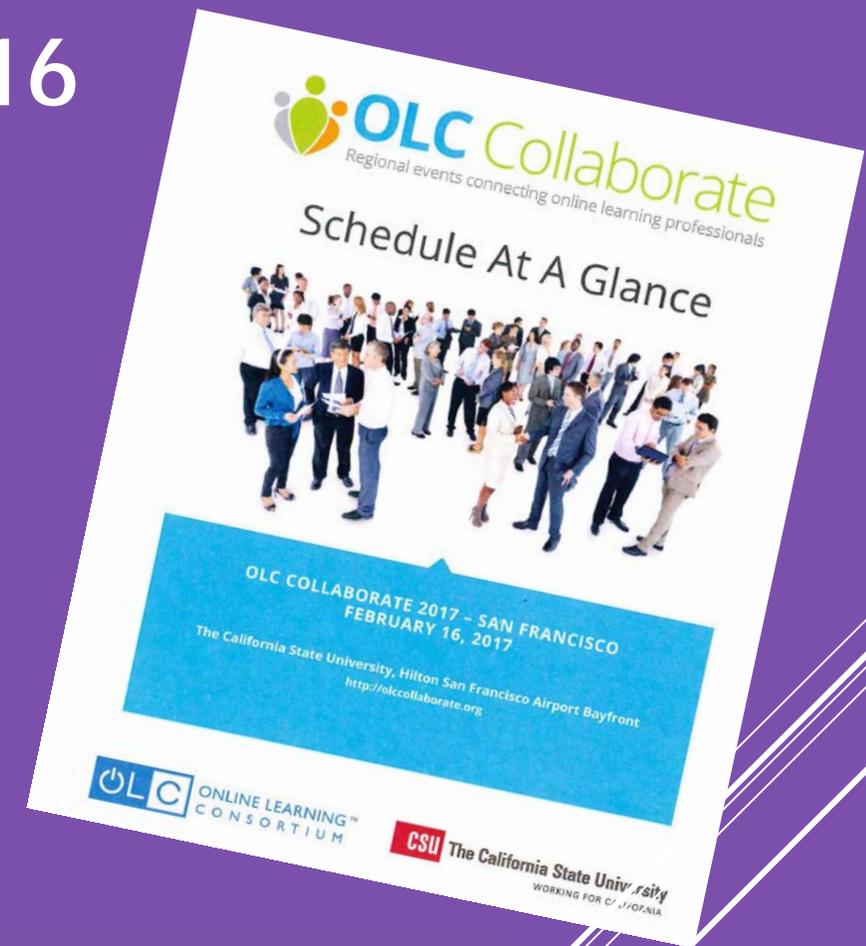
- On Tuesday, February 14th Mr. Malmed worked with Jeff Baker, Masha Vasilkovsky and guest cinematographer Ruah Edelstein in creating the third in a series of animated documentaries in conjunction with the non-profit “Remember Us: Righteous Conversation project”. This project records and documents the stories of the last survivors of the Holocaust.
- More information on the documentary will be presented at the March 22nd Joint Meeting with ASG.
- The two previous films created at the college were “When Man to Man is a Wolf” and Marie Kaufman “C’est Normal”. Both of these films have been shown at various festivals and locations including the LA Museum of the Holocaust.
- Following the filming there was a reception and talk about Cultural Diversity with the Advancement Team and EEO Advisory Committee in the Art Galley.
- On Wednesday, February 15th Mr. Malmed visited a Political Science class and then in the evening spoke to the college and community about this escape from the Holocaust in occupied France.



OLC COLLABORATIVE – FEBRUARY 16

James Glapa-Grossklag and I attended the Online Learning Consortium (OLC) Collaborative hosted by The California State University System on February 16th.

- The one-day conference was held in San Francisco and had over 200 attendees.
- Most of the attendees were from the CSU system, with some Community College representatives.
- In a keynote address I was honored to share our success so far with Online Educational Resources (OER) and made the case that California higher education systems would be wise to understand OER is a game changer in linking students, affordability, expanded access and increased completion.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT - MAKING AN IMPACT – FEBRUARY 17-19

Dr. Patty Robinson, Faculty Director of the Civic and Community Engagement Initiatives, and Robert Wonser, Assistant Professor of Sociology, attended the IMPACT Conference at Washington University in St. Louis in February.

- The conference is historically the largest annual conference focused on civic engagement of college students in community service, service learning, community-based research, advocacy and other forms of social action.
- **Gamma Beta Phi students Julie Martin, Celia Davalos and Leah Walker** attended the conference and had the opportunity to attend a variety of session examining different aspects of civic engagement and community service.
- The Keynote Address was given by former Congressman Richard Gephardt who discussed the importance of “giving back” through civic work.



COC ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS DROP IN DURING OPEN OFFICE HOURS – FEBRUARY 23

On February 23rd I was pleased to welcome **23** COC architecture students and their Professor, Joe Ramirez, during my Open Office Hours.

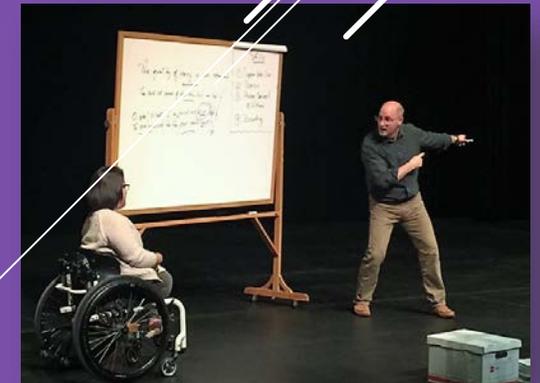
- The students were studying the architecture design of Canyons Hall and I was delighted to give them a personal tour of the Chancellor's Office.
- The students discussed with my staff the design techniques used and asked questions about how the office was suited for the everyday work environment.



THEATRE FESTIVAL – FEBRUARY 24

The Theatre Department hosted a Theatre Festival on Friday, February 24th.

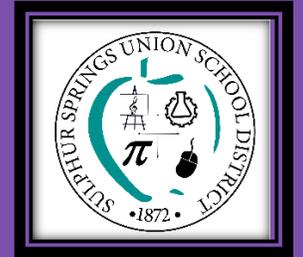
- Over 200 high school students from the William S. Hart Union High School District attended the event.
- Students participated in workshops led by COC faculty which included:
 - ✓ Shakespeare's Language
 - ✓ Armed Combat
 - ✓ Character Voices
 - ✓ Devised Theatre
 - ✓ Theatrical Lighting
 - ✓ Solo Performance
 - ✓ Improv
- Following the workshops, students competed in scene and monologue competitions.



MANY FAMILIES ONE COMMUNITY – FEBRUARY 25

College of the Canyons was pleased to participate in the 1st annual “*Many Families One Community*” event at Golden Valley High School on February 25th.

- This first time event was a partnership between the Sulphur Springs Union School District and the William S. Hart School District to bring information and services directly to families in the community.
- Over 40 local agencies participated.
- Workshop sessions presented by COC staff included:
 - ✓ Foster and Kinship Care Program – Behavior: What Are Your Children Telling You?
 - ✓ Outreach – How Can Your Community College Help You? This presentation was done in English and in Spanish.
- College of the Canyons also staffed resource booths that provided attendees with an abundance of information on the college.



OPEN FORUM ON “FAKE NEWS” – MARCH 1

The Institute of Ethics, Law and Public Policy held an open forum on “*Fake News*” on Wednesday, March 1st.

- The panel discussed the importance of journalism and the ever-evolving role media plays in a democratic society.
- Presenters included faculty members:
 - ✓ Lisa Hooper
 - ✓ Chris Blakey
 - ✓ David Andrus
 - ✓ Majid Mosleh



#YouAreWelcomeHere – MARCH 1

The International Students Program (ISP) and COC Global, an initiative to promote comprehensive internationalization on campus, hosted an event celebrating diversity on campus on March 1st.

- International students shared their experiences at the college, their dreams and aspirations, and foods.
- The event was part of a national movement started by the Study Group and Temple University called #YouAreWelcomeHere.
- This Spring semester, ISP welcomed **55** new students from more than **20** countries.



HOSTED BY ISP
#YOU ARE WELCOME HERE
Lunch is on us 🍷🍔



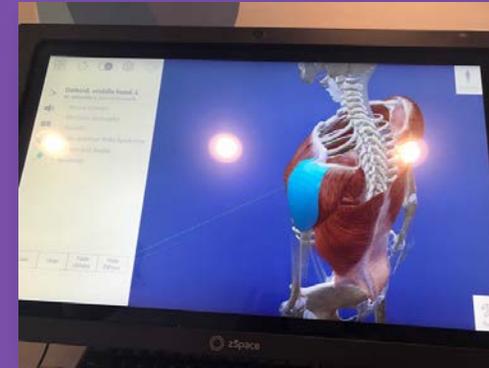
March 1st, 2017
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm
Location: Front of ISP Office

**COME CELEBRATE DIVERSITY!
FOOD - DRINKS
COFFEE & MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

IMMERSIVE CLASSROOM – MARCH 2

The college hosted a demonstration of zSpace technology in the Honor Grove last Thursday, March 2nd.

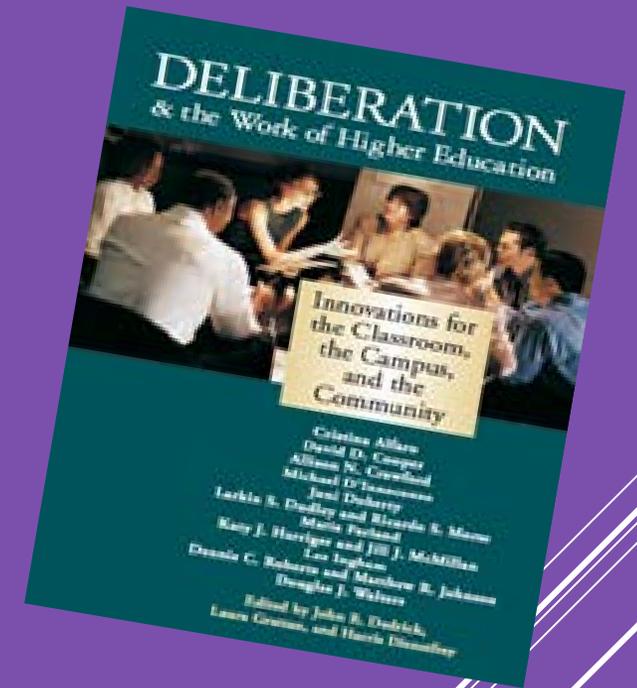
- zSpace is a virtual reality computer that allows users to create lifelike experiences that are immersive and interactive.
- The RV, equipped with 10 zSpace stations, was available for students, faculty and staff.
- This augmented reality/virtual reality-based learning experience uses 21st century skills collaboratively to solve real world problems.
- The zSpace Mobile Classroom Tour is traveling to schools across the nation and was invited to College of the Canyons by the Future Educators Club and their advisors Rene Marshall and Gina Peterson.



DELIBERATIVE DIALOGUE – MARCH 3

Working in collaboration with the Kettering Foundation and The Democracy Commitment, *COC Civic and Community Engagement* welcomed *Dr. John Theis from Lone Star College* and *Dr. Alberto Olivas from Arizona State University* to help train the next generation of civic-minded leaders.

- An all day “train the trainer” workshop was held at COC on March 3rd to train a diverse group of faculty, students, staff and community members.
- Deliberative Dialogues are structured conversations that offer a way to talk about important issues and wrestle with associated hard choices and differing viewpoints.
- Deliberative Dialogues are premised upon the recognition of strengths in other peoples’ positions, showing concern for others, temporarily suspending one’s own beliefs, searching for a common understanding and relying on the participant’s collective knowledge and experiences to arrive at better solutions.



ADOBE CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE WORKSHOP – MARCH 3

George “Lee” White, Assistant Professor, Department of Photography, held an Adobe Certified Associate workshop on Friday, March 3rd.

- Several teachers from the William S. Hart Union School District attended and were inspired to partner with COC to bring this training to their students.
- Six of the seven people who attended the workshop received a certificate as an Adobe Certified Associate.
- This is another example of how our faculty are reaching out and partnering with the high school district.



**CERTIFIED
ASSOCIATE**

COC MEDIA DAY – MARCH 4

COC held the annual Media Day in conjunction with the William S. Hart Union High School District on March 4th.

- Over **400** students from college age to junior high school age participated.
- The event gave the students an incredible opportunity to learn first hand from **30** professionals currently working in the following fields:
 - ✓ Film;
 - ✓ Television;
 - ✓ Broadcast;
 - ✓ Animation;
 - ✓ Public Relations/Marketing; and
 - ✓ Game Design.
- A special thanks to Dave Brill, Jennifer Overdevest, Jeff Baker, Ryanne Meschkat, Ron Entrekin, Carmen Dominguez, Paula Hodge and Daniel Leary.



2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – MARCH 4

The 2017 Women's Conference at College of the Canyons was held on March 4th.

- The theme of the event was *"Inspiring Voices: Making a Difference In An Ever-Changing World."*
- Over **150** women from the college and the community attended the event which featured an exciting lineup of presenters and breakout sessions to help attendees achieve their personal and professional goals.
- The keynote speaker was Kim Goldman from the Santa Clarita Valley's Youth Project.



NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS (NGSS) TRAINING FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS – MARCH 4, 11 & 25

The School of Mathematics, Sciences and Health Professions continued its Educational Alliance Outreach training for local third through fifth grade science teachers on Saturday, March 4th.

- Approximately **50** teachers from Castaic, Newhall, Saugus and Sulphur Springs school districts attended the training.
- Teresa Ciardi led the training, organized by Dean Omar Torres.
- The attendees learned about contextualized experimental techniques to incorporate into their classroom instruction.
- There are two additional trainings scheduled for March 11th and 25th.



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY STUDENT STEM SHOWCASE – MARCH 7TH

Teresa Ciardi and Paul Hodge participated in the first Santa Clarita Valley Student STEM Showcase on March 7th.

- The event was held at Emblem Academy.
- Students from the Saugus Union School District, William S. Hart School District, College of the Canyons and California State University, Northridge participated.
- Guests were be able to interact with students and participate in hands-on STEM seminars.



CLUB RUSH – MARCH 7 & 8

Club Rush was held on the Valencia Campus on March 7th and on the Canyon Country Campus on March 8th.

- Students were able to check out the amazing clubs at COC.
- COC currently has over **30** clubs, with more added each semester.
- Representatives from the Geography Club came by my office for a visit!



Upcoming Events



"BIG WIN" BENEFIT – MARCH 16

The Athletic Department will hold their annual "Big Win" benefit at 6 pm on Thursday, March 16th in the Cougar Cage.

- The evening of food and fun is held in support of the **16** intercollegiate sports programs at COC.
- Highlighting the event will be the annual "Big Win" raffle in which one lucky person will walk away with a \$3,000 grand prize.
- Tickets are \$100 each and include two barbecue tri-tip dinners, four drink tickets and one raffle entry.
- Tickets are available through the COC Foundation.



GARDEN WALK AT CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS – MARCH 25

Enjoy a guided tour of the unique plant life on the Canyon Country Campus:

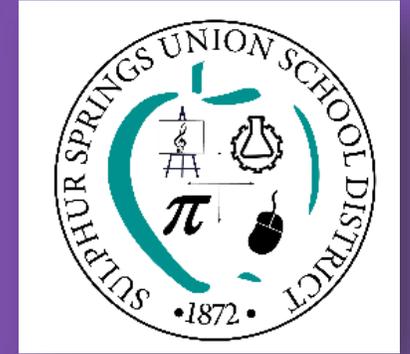
- Explore the campus wildflowers
- Receive an update on the Southern California drought
- Plant a perennial
- Sow wildflower seeds in the Research Garden
- Look at campus plants up close using a microscope



SULPHUR SPRING STEAM EXPO – MARCH 28

On Tuesday, March 28 from 6:30 – 8 pm, the Sulphur Springs Union School District will hold their annual STEAM Expo at Mitchell Community School.

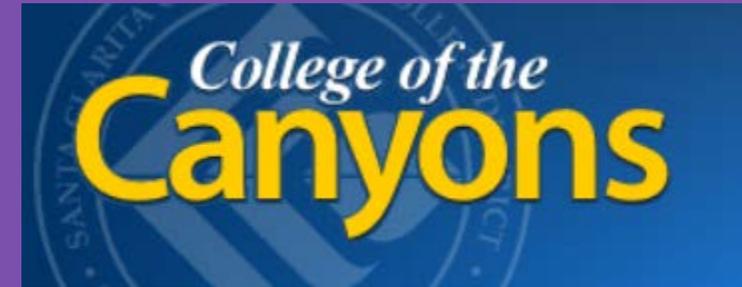
- College of the Canyons has been invited to send a team to the Expo to showcase what COC is doing in the STEAM arena and to show the elementary school parents, students and the community that the skills and practices they are learning now will assist them as they move towards college.
- Sulphur Springs students will showcase their coding skills, robotics work, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)/STEAM Projects and Makerspace activities.
- This event further cements the relationship that COC has with the Sulphur Springs Union School District in the area of NGSS and STEAM.



IEPI PRT TO VISIT COC – APRIL 11

A Partnership Resource Team(PRT) under the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) will be visiting COC on April 11th.

- In December COC requested that a PRT visit us and provide expertise in the area of noncredit.
- PRTs draw on the exceptional expertise and innovation from within the California Community College system to advance best practices and avoid potential pitfall.
- On April 11th the PRT, led by Dr. Anthony Beebe, Superintendent/President of Santa Barbara City College, will meet with key individuals at COC to look out what we are currently doing in the area of noncredit and work with us develop a *Institutional Innovation and Effectiveness Plan*.
- Once this plan is submitted, COC will be eligible to receive a grant of up to **\$200,000** to implement the plan.



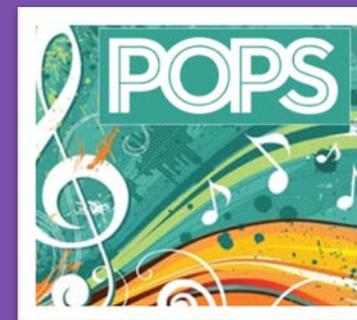
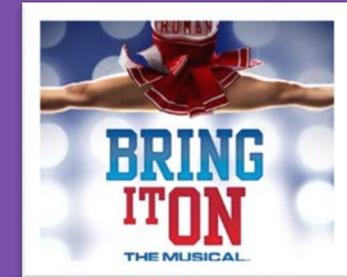
EVENTS COMING UP...

Other events...

- March 18 – Silver Spur Honoring Jack & Doreen Shine – Sheraton Universal

At the PAC...

- March 11 – Miss SCV Scholarship Pageant – (6 pm)
- March 12 – Santa Clarita Master Chorale Classical Masterpieces – (4 pm)
- March 19 – David Burnham – Performing Broadway Show-stoppers – *SOLD OUT!* – (8 pm)
- March 24 – COC Music – Crank Up the Jazz! (7:30 pm)
- March 24, 25, 26, 31 & April 2 – COC Theatre – Buzzer
- March 25 – COC Music – Bon Voyage (7:30 pm)
- April 9 – It's Magic (3 pm)
- April 28, 29, 30 & May 5, 6, 7 – COC Theatre – Bring It On The Musical
- May 12 – COC Music – POPS! Concert (7:30 pm)
- May 13 – COC Music – In Celebration of Nature (7:30 pm)
- May 18 & 19 – COC Dance – May Dances (8 pm)
- May 20 – Lily Tomlin – (8 pm)





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