

OUR COC TEAM AND STUDENTS SHINE 06/12/19 **BOT Chancellor's Report**

UNIQUELY ABLED ACADEMY RECEIVES RECOGNITION

cocs Uniquely Abled Academy provides job training for individuals with high-functioning autism that prepares them for work as CNC machinists.

- Our program was awarded "The Star Performer Innovation Award" at the Contract Education 2019 Summit in recognition for making exceptional contributions to the field of workplace education and training.
- Workforce and Development Training News also highlighted our program in its' recent publication.





SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CELEBRATED

Following the May 7th annual **Scholarship Awards Ceremony** where we awarded a **record setting 330** scholarships totaling **\$296,280** to **289** students:

- A special event to honor the donors and connect them with the student recipients was held on Wednesday, May 15th in the University Center lobby.
- It was extremely rewarding for the students to meet the donors and make that special connection to someone they have never met before, but believes that they can be successful. It has a such an empowering impact on our students.



VETERAN AND DEPENDENT GRADUATION DINNER

& RECEPTION

It was my pleasure to participate in the *Veteran and Dependent Graduation Dinner and Reception* on Friday, May 10th where we congratulated the students and presented them with their cords and pins to wear at graduation.

- This year we had 66 veteran graduates, with 18 having a GPA of 3.5 or above and 36 having a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- > The top **5** majors included:
 - ✓ Business Administration for Transfer
 - ✓ Accounting
 - ✓ Liberal Arts & Science
 - ✓ Psychology for Transfer
 - ✓ Administration of Justice for Transfer
- We were pleased to have State Senator Scott Wilk and representatives from our other elected officials attend the event to honor our veterans.



MEN'S GOLF WINS 2019 CCCAA STATE TEAM &

INDIVIDUAL TITLES

COC won the 2019 California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championship by a whopping 18 strokes at the Silverado Resort & Spa on Monday, May 13th.

- This is the *9th overall state championship* for the Men's Golf Team (1993, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019), all under the guidance of head coach *Gary Peterson*.
- Freshman Nobu Wakaari won the individual state title, capping off a season in which he was named Western State Conference Player of the Year.
- Golfers Nobu Wakaari, Jules Lavigne and Anguerrand Visin earned All-State team honors.
- The COC Athletics department now boasts a combined 34 state championship (18 team and 16 individual) across 17 intercollegiate sports programs!





CLASSIFIED STAFF ANSWERS THE CALL

COC expressed its appreciation for the classified staff during a Ghostbusters-themed *Classified Appreciation Week*.

- Classified staff were treated to breakfast at the Canyon Country Campus on Tuesday, May 14th.
- On Thursday, May 16th, an awards luncheon was held at the Valencia Campus.
- Congratulations to award winners:
 - ✓ Justin Smith Classified Employee of the Year;
 - ✓ David Day Gloria Jackson Customer Service Award;
 - ✓ Silvie Faust Humanitarian Award;
 - √ Jess Love Dare to Dream Award;
 - ✓ Dianne Avery Professional Achievement Award;
 - ✓ Angelica Franco CSEA Member of the Year; and
 - ✓ Michael Monsour Classified Senate Spirit Award.





MESA TRANSFER DINNER

We were excited to celebrate the academic accomplishments of our 77 MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) Transfer students on Friday, May 17th.

- This year MESA students are transferring with an average GPA of 3.52, up from 3.37 last year.
 - ✓ 4 students have a perfect 4.0
 GPA!
 - √ 35 students are graduating with a 3.75 GPA or above; and
 - √ 62% of the transferring class have a GPA of 3.50 or above.
- 35 students are graduating with 2 or more degrees, 25 students with 3 or more degrees.
- Congratulations to our transferring MESA students!











REMEMBERING GUIDO SANTI

On Friday, May 17th faculty, administrators, staff and students gathered for a special afternoon and evening to remember *Guido Santi*.

- Guido Santi, who passed away in February, was a full-time faculty member in the Cinema Department and a renowned independent documentary filmmaker.
- Born and raised in Italy, his passion for films brought him to the U.S. where he met his wife and directing partner, Tina Mascara.
- Friends and family shared memories of Guido and then watched three amazing films that Guido had selected to end the Spring semester.



















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COC RECEIVES DONATION FOR AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM

On May 20th COCs *Automotive Program* received a donation of a **2019 Subaru Ascent** from **Subaru of America, Inc.**

- > COCs Automotive Program is one of 90 partnerships formed with Subaru nationwide.
- This vehicle will allow the students in the *Automotive Technology Program* to have live, hands-on experience and training working on a modern-day, computer-controlled vehicle.
- Subaru will also provide free online courses and trainings that will allow the students to advance their technical skills and gain valuable knowledge from trained Subaru professionals.





STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED

The Athletics Department honored more than **90** graduating and/or transferring student-athletes during the **Student-Athlete Academic Achievement Dinner** on Thursday, May 23rd.

Overall, the students achieved a 3.09 GPA while helping the college win two state and two regional titles (men's and women's golf) and four conference championships (football, men's and women's golf, and men's soccer).



NURSES PINNING CEREMONY

Congratulations to our **61**Nursing Graduates who were honored during a traditional pinning ceremony on Wednesday, May 29th.

- 56% of the students are concurrently completing coursework for their BSN and 98% of them will be actively pursuing their BSN within 6 months of graduation.
- This class of nursing graduates brings the total number of nursing students who have graduated from our program to over **2,000** since 1999!



COC SBDC RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS SBA AWARD!

Congratulations to Catherine Grooms, Director of the COC SBDC for receiving the "Excellence and Innovation Award 2019" from the Small Business Administration.

- This honor was presented at the Small Business
 Awards held on May 29th at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.
- Congratulations to Catherine and the entire team in our Small Business Development Center!



MEDICAL LAB TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM PINNING CEREMONY

Congratulations to the 10 graduates of *COCs Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) Program* who received their pins on May 30th.

- Following the pinning, graduates gave short speeches thanking their professors and preceptors, along with their classmates, partners and family members who supported them throughout the journey.
- This program prepares students for employment in clinical laboratories, industry and biotechnology.







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SIGMA DELTA MU INDUCTION CEREMONY

Sigma Delta Mu, the National Spanish Honor Society, lota of California Chapter, held their 2019 Induction Ceremony on Thursday, May 30th, inducting 15 students and 1 faculty member.

- In October 2013, COC established the lota of California Chapter, and since the first induction in **2014**, have inducted a total of **58** students.
- Sigma Delta Mu recognizes excellence in Spanish among 2-year college students.
- Inductees must have a cumulative grade point average of **3.0** or higher and have studied at least one semester of Spanish at the college level.
- Dr. Claudia Acosta serves as the Chapter Sponsor/Advisor.





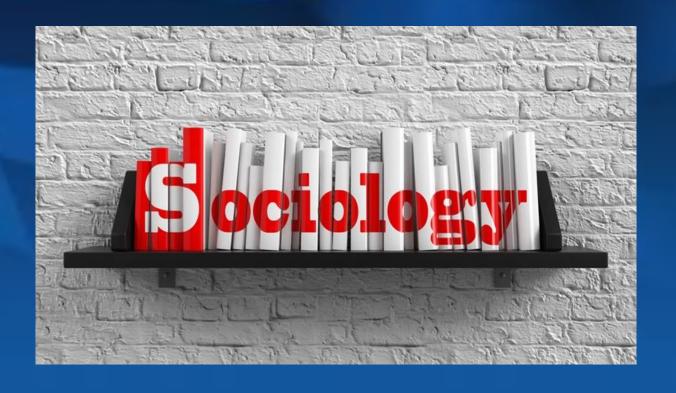




30th SEMI-ANNUAL SOCIOLOGY BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the student recipients of the 30th Semi-Annual Sociology Book Awards!

- First Place Kaoutar Mouktabis for the essay "Does Islam Really Promote Hate and Violence".
- Second Place Lauren Nicodemus and Renee Shultz for their PowerPoint on "Our Solutions to the Unjust Killing of Animals."
- Third Place Rosa Garcia for her annotated bibliography and PowerPoint "Capitalism and the Exploitation of Workers."



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER TRAINING PROGRAM

Over **80** people attended the *American Sign Language Department Interpreter Training Program Completion Ceremony and Showcase* on Friday, May 31st in the UCEN Lobby.

- Congratulations to the 16 interpreting Program Completers, which included 12 graduates from the program who have completed the Support Service Provider for Deaf Blind Certificate of Specialization.
- Interpreting internships this academic year included the Hart School District, Palmdale Unified School District, Burbank Unified School District, Braille Institute of America and Local Deaf Community Internships.









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FIRE TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Edison International awarded **10** COC fire technology students with **\$1,000** scholarships to cover tuition, books and school-related fees.

- The scholarships were awarded through a \$25,000 grant from *Edison International* in support of the college's development of fire personnel.
- COC was one of five California Community Colleges selected to pilot the program because of our successful fire technology program and service to a wide demographic of students.
- Through the grant COC has purchased valuable hands-on training equipment, as well as awarding a total of *twenty* \$1,000 scholarships over the last year.





FIRE TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS IN ACTION

Two of our *Edison International* scholarship winners – *Sean O'Connor* and *Jake Federico* – work at *Six Flags Magic Mountain* as *Emergency Medical Technicians* where they provide fire and life safety services to park guests and employees.

- ➤ Both were on duty on Sunday, June 9th when the *Sky Fire* erupted and burned right up to the amusement park property.
- Sean and Jake put into practice what they have learned in class and helped with structure protection, scratch lines and mop up.
- It is great to see our Fire Tech students using the skills learned in class!







2019 GRADUATING CLASS IS THE LARGEST EVER!

COC honored our 2019 graduating class, the largest in school history, during the college's *50th* annual commencement ceremony on May 31st.

- The class of 2019 had **2,467** students petition for graduation, a **10.5%** increase from the class of 2018.
- The class represents 120 majors with 817 students graduating with two or more degrees.
- ➤ The average *GPA* for the class of 2019 was **3.18**:
 - √ 725 students graduated with honors (3.5 or higher GPA); and
 - √ 46 students had a perfect 4.0 GPA and qualified as valedictorian.
- The average age of a COC graduate was 24, with the oldest student in the class being 65 years old and 42 students who were only 17 years old!
- There were **68 veteran** graduates, **77 MESA** graduates and **77 student-athletes**.
- Also, this year we were pleased to have **105** *First-Year Promise* students graduate from the first cohort that launched in fall 2017.





GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 2019 WILL BE HEADING TO:

Arkansas State University

Cal Lutheran

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Cal Poly Pomona

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

CSU Channel Islands

CSU East Bay

CSU Fullerton

CSU Long Beach

CSU Los Angeles

CSU Northridge

CSU San Jose

CSU San Francisco

CSU Sonoma

CSU San Diego

Lubbock Christian University

Midamerica Nazarene University

Mississippi Valley State University

Missouri State

Ottawa University

Portland State University

South Dakota State

Texas Tech University

UC Davis

UC Santa Barbara

UCLA

University of Arkansas,

University of Maine

University of Michigan

University of San Diego

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ACADEMY OF THE CANYONS HOLDS GRADUATION IN HONOR GROVE

The graduation ceremony for **102** *Academy of the Canyons* students was held on June 1st in the COC Honor Grove.

- > 70 students attained at least one Associate Degree from COC.
- ➤ A dozen students earned a 4.0 GPA from COC and 40 students graduated with a 3.5 - 3.99 GPA from COC.











A SPECIAL INVITATION... OPEN 2020 WORKING GROUP

We were extremely honored that our own *James Glapa-Grossklag* was selected to be a member of the *Open 2020 Working Group*.

- ➤ This group, led by *MIT and The Hewlett*Foundation is comprised of leaders and innovators in *Open Educational Resources* and is devoted to crafting a vision for the future of Open Education.
- As the teaching and learning landscape continues to evolve, the group will identify opportunities for open learning resources and new open technologies to further support and enhance accessible knowledge.
- COC is the only community college in the group which also includes *Harvard*, *Stanford*, *MIT* and *Berkeley*, *among others!*







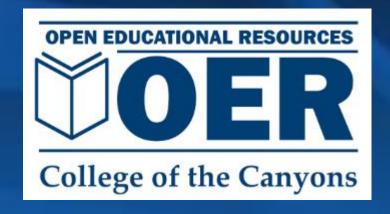
CALIFORNIA VIRTUAL CAMPUS ONLINE EDUCATION INITIATIVE

COC has received two grants totaling \$500,000 for Open Educational Resources (OER) through the California Virtual Campus – Online Education Initiative.

- The first grant will provide funding for us to expand online and OER for Architecture, ECE, Surveying and Water. This will result in all four programs being online and ZTC.
- The second grant will provide funding for us to continue and expand the leadership role we have had with the statewide ZTC program since 2017, where we provide technical support to other grantees pursuing OER and ZTC projects.



California Virtual Campus – Online Education Initiative





COC EXCHANGE LEADER

Congratulations to *Cindy Stephens* on being selected as a *Child Care Exchange Leader*.

- The Exchange Leadership Initiative (ELI) was launched in November 2014, with the intention of making leadership more visible in the field of Early Care and Education.
- Cindy is joining more than 300 current Exchange Leaders.
- Cindy's passion for the field, along with her commitment and perseverance over the years, made her an impressive candidate for this honor.
- Cindy will be included in an article featuring the newest Exchange Leaders in the July/August issue of *Exchange Magazine*.







SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENT WORKSHOP

I was honored to participate in the *Speaker's Appointment Workshop* held on Saturday, May

18th in the City of Santa Clarita Council Chambers.

- Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon is hosting workshops throughout the state in order to recruit the best candidates to represent the people of California.
- > These workshops bring together a panel of Speaker appointees to share their experience in applying to a board/commission and to share about their current roles within their respective boards/commissions.
- Joining me on the panel were Ramon Rubalcava and Kit Cole.
- This event was co-hosted by Assemblymember Christy Smith.







2019 CEO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

I was honored to be a part of the *CEO*Strategic Leadership Program (CSLP)

Committee that planned and presented the CEO Leadership Academy held in June in Tahoe City.

- The Academy is designed specifically to address the unique challenges and opportunities confronted by leaders of California Community Colleges, while also building relationships with colleagues.
- This is the only professional development training for California Community College CEOs by California Community College CEOs.







COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

JUSTIN HUNT RECEIVES STATEWIDE RECOGNITION!

Congratulations to *Justin Hunt*, Classified Senate President at COC for receiving the *California Community Colleges (4CS) President's Service Award!*

- Justin leads by example, exudes compassion, has integrity for the governance process, is a generous human being and a visionary.
- Justin possesses a profound effect toward translating the vision of participatory governance into reality for classified staff.
- We are incredibly proud that the statewide organization has chosen Justin to receive this well deserved award, which is being presented at the *Classified Leadership Institute* Awards Dinner this Friday, June 14th in Lake Tahoe.









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PRE-HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) held their 7th annual Pre-Health Symposium on Saturday, May 11th in the University Center.

- This free, one-day conference for pre-health students, parents and community members provided the opportunity to learn about health care careers.
- Physicians assistants, nurses and physicians spoke about what they practice, and provided insight to those in attendance to help them to select the right career path.
- > Dr. Micah Young was the keynote speaker.





FUTURE EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

The Future Educators Club hosted a free *Future Educators Conference* on May 18th in the University Center with over **150** in attendance.

- From COC, the Hart District and private schools in the SCV shared their expertise and provided strategies and resources to the attendees to assist them along their pathway.
- CSUN and the University of Laverne had resource tables and there were over 15 employers who participated in the Job Fair, with one person hired on the spot!
- A lunch panel shared their personal experiences and keynote speaker *Dr. Mariane Doyle* from the Hart District discussed "What Makes a GREAT Teacher".
- ➤ This was the best turnout in 4 years, with outstanding feedback from the attendees!



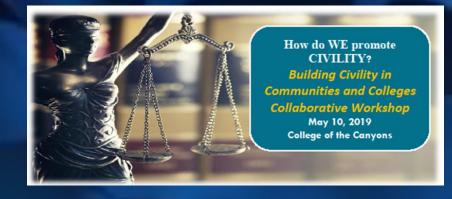




HOW DO WE PROMOTE CIVILITY?

The idea of creating a *civility campaign* within the SCV community originated over 1 ½ years ago. Since that time, *Patty Robinson* from our *Center for Civic Engagement* has been meeting on a regular basis with city employees to create a plan and our former PIO *Sue Bozman* has been involved as well.

- As part of this plan, the Center for Civic Engagement sponsored "Building Civility in Communities and Colleges" on Friday, May 10th.
- Laura Burgis and Lisa Brown from The Human Values Center were the featured facilitators.
- > The group of **20** participants focused on:
 - ✓ Personal values assessment and activities;
 - Creating a foundation for change and understanding the value of civility;
 - ✓ Identifying needs and challenges of the organization;
 - ✓ Creating a network for change and determining key indicators and effective stakeholders; and
 - ✓ Creating an action plan for positive change and civility.
- The plan is to meet again in the fall to continue the dialogue while increasing overall campus and community participation.







ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO EXPAND ITS REACH VIA TRAINING EVENTS

The Employee Training Institute (ETI) at College of the Canyons continues to provide local businesses with training. Some of the recent programs include:

- ➤ A 2-hour Supervisor Training in Sexual

 Harassment Prevention for 20 employees at

 HRD Aero Systems, a local manufacturer that
 prides itself on becoming the largest
 independently owned Safety Equipment Repair
 Station in the world.
- A new *Lean Six Sigma Training Program* for 13 employees at *Simplify Optics*, a local optometric laboratory that provides lenses for Optometrists/Ophthalmologists throughout Southern California.







CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE BUSINESS BREAKFAST BRIEFING

On Friday, June 7th Corey Quinn, Chief Marketing Officer for Scorpion presented the Chancellor's Circle Breakfast Briefing to over 60 local business people.

- The presentation was based on 7 Keys for Marketing Success.
- Corey touched on issues including the importance of:
 - ✓ Online Reviews;
 - ✓ Search Engine Optimization (SEO);
 - ✓ Local Service Ads; and
 - ✓ How businesses should utilize Voice Search in their digital advertising strategy.
- Corey did an excellent job in tailoring his conversation around the needs of local business owners.
- The event was free for Chancellor's Circle members and \$20 for non-members.





WORLD OCEANS DAY

In partnership with the Sulphur Springs Union School District, COC celebrated *World Ocean Day* on Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th.

- On Friday evening, over 75 people attended the viewing of Otter 501 in the Hasley Theater.
- On Saturday, over 350 children and parents engaged in hands-on events prepared by COC faculty in both scientific and culinary exploration that included:
 - ✓ Student Presentations
 - Diatom Cookie Creation Workshop
 - ✓ Glitter Forensics Workshop
 - ✓ Microscopic Oceans Workshop
 - ✓ Statement Pin Making
 - ✓ Ocean Acidification Workshop
 - ✓ Model Boar Make Workshop
 - ✓ Energy of Waves Workshop

The Sulphur Springs administrators, parents and children had incredible things to say about the faculty, our campus and the activities that engaged their children!













CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE COMMITTEE MEETING

The *Chancellor's Circle committee* held a meeting at the home of chairperson *Jill Mellady* on May 30th.

The committee members were treated to a presentation from two mini-grant recipients, *Theresa Ciardi* (HASP Program) and *Dora Lozano* (foster and homeless students).









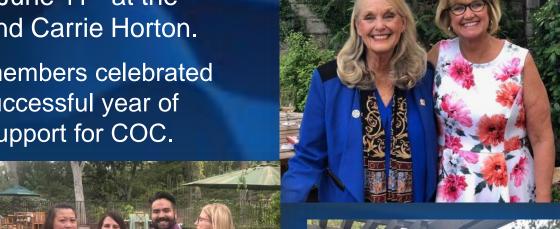




CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE GARDEN DINNER PARTY

The *Chancellor's Circle* hosted a *Garden Dinner Party* yesterday, June 11th at the beautiful home of Gary and Carrie Horton.

Chancellor's Circle members celebrated the end of another successful year of Chancellor's Circle support for COC.











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PATRONS OF THE ARTS RECEPTION

Our *Patrons of the Arts* members enjoyed a reception in the PAC and met the cast of *Bright Star: A New Musical*, the COC Theater spring production.

Members walked the set and were able to see how COC Theatre brings the show to life.









ART GALLERY PRESENTS STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

The *COC Art Gallery* presented the *23rd Annual Student Art Exhibition*, an eclectic collection of art work created by talented COC student artists.

- This annual showcase included drawings, photography, painting, sculpture, graphic design, animation, and 2D and 3D design.
- Works were submitted for review and a guest juror, L.A. artist Devon Tsuno, curated the exhibition.
- Congratulations to the 2019 selections for the COC Permanent Student Art Collection:
 - ✓ Annika Lusse Whimsical Wind Media: Bristol Paper
 - ✓ Alexander Shapiro Two by Fur Media: Wood + Copper Wire
 - ✓ Patricia Loyola Awake Media: Charcoal
 - ✓ Michael Montemayor Overwatch Media: Sumi ink watercolor on aged Shoji Paper







COUGAR PALOOZA!

Cougar Palooza was held on the Valencia Campus on Tuesday, May 14th.

- > This showcase was a celebration of the work done this year in *Institutional* Effectiveness and Inclusive Excellence (IE)2 workgroups and *LEAP* to help increase student access, engagement and success.
- Each workgroup showcased their work and collected feedback.
- Students, faculty, staff and administrators joined in on the celebration!



SHINE A LIGHT

On May 14th and 15th, the **Student Health & Wellness Center** sponsored "**Shine a Light**" - a powerful lantern display representing the **1,100** college students who lose their life each year to suicide.

- Community partners were on hand to answer questions and provide support.
- In coordination with this event a **Suicide Prevention**Intervention and Response Training was held to help participants identify the risk factors and warning signs of suicide. Mental health issues addressed included:
 - ✓ Recovery and stigma;
 - ✓ How to respond compassionately and effectively;
 - ✓ How to support individuals who may be experiencing significant distress; and
 - ✓ Knowing where to locate community resources that can help those in need.
- Flashlights and sandwiches were given to anyone who had the **Suicide Prevention Lifeline** in their phone.
- ➤ This event was recently highlighted in the *California*Community Colleges Health and Wellness publication.







MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

Over **200** guests attended the **5**th "**Movie Under the Stars**" night at the Canyon Country Campus on Friday, May 17th.

- Engaging family activities, led by the Center for Early Childhood Education, preceded the screening of Disney-Pixar's "Ratatouille".
- ASG provided movie snacks, while a food truck was on hand for dinner.
- This fun event provided an opportunity for the Canyon Country Campus to highlight summer registration opportunities, the upcoming summer rush event and progress on facilities and pathways.



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OUT OF DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK

The COC football field served as the site of the 1st Annual Santa Clarita Valley Out of the Darkness Walk on Saturday, May 18th.

> The event was held by the *American* Foundation for Suicide Prevention to promote mental health and suicide awareness.

> The walk included 160 people participating on 26 teams.

Local groups including the Child & Family Center, Mental Health America and Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services were available for

support.





IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO SERVED

A pre-Memorial Day event was held on the Valencia Campus on Wednesday, May 22nd.























UPCOMING EVENTS

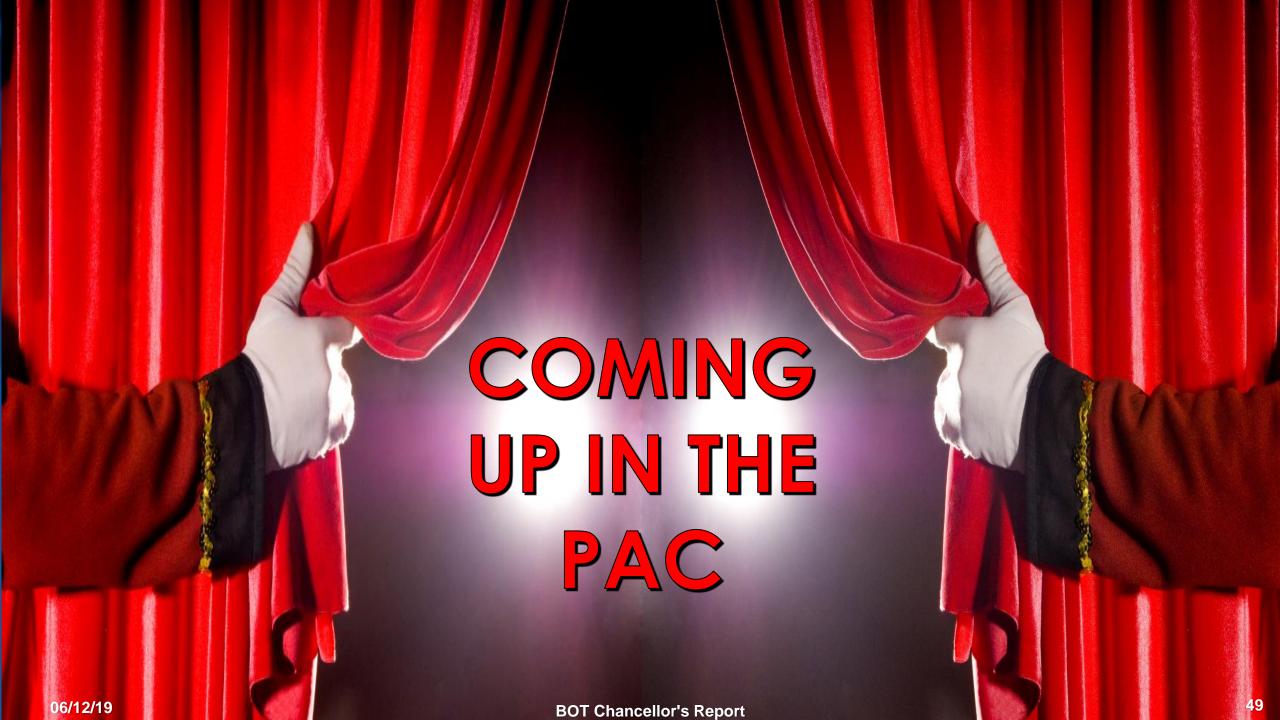
- 6/18/19 Foundation Board Installation Dinner
 Sand Canyon Country Club 5:30 pm
- > 8/12/19 Service Award Luncheon for 5 & 10 years
 UCEN Lobby 11:30 am
- 8/13/19 Service Award Dinner for 15+ years
 UCEN Lobby 5 pm
- > 8/16/19 Opening Day!

 More Information coming soon.









2019/20 PAC SEASON!

The 2019/20 PAC Season features a wide range of talented performers, musicians and family-friendly programs.

Season packages
 went on sale to the
 general public this
 week and
 individual tickets
 go on sale on
 June 17th.

























REMEMBERING CARL BOYER

COC mourns the passing of community leader, humanitarian, author, world-respected genealogist, devoted family man and former COC Board Member, *Carl Boyer III* who passed away on May 29th.

- Carl's community involvement began locally when he and his wife Chris moved to Santa Clarita in 1966.
- ➤ Carl served on his local homeowners association, COCs Board of Trustees (1973 1981), the former Castaic Lake Water Agency Board, and was a founder of the City of Santa Clarita, as well as a founding Council Member (1987 1998) and Mayor in 1991 and 1996.
- Carl believed in the people's right to make decisions for themselves and he worked hard to create a government that was open, accessible and responsive.
- Carl's life goal was simple but profound... He wanted to be a useful member of society. And that he was!
- Our sincere condolences go out to his family.

