

# Chancellor's Report

Board of Trustees Meeting  
January 25, 2023



# Students in Focus



# Aerospace & Science Team Activities

Our Aerospace & Science student team is in full swing as Spring begins:

## **HASP 2023**

- Submitted proposal on January 6 for 2023 NASA HASP mission.

## **RockSatX 2023**

- Students have continued to work through the break, prototyping and working on our next NASA deliverable due in February which is a "Sub-System Tests Reveiw" where we must demonstrate that all individual sub-systems like our flight computer and capsule ejection systems are functioning.

## **RockOn 2023**

- The 2023 mission will be in person this year. Students will build and test their payload during a 1-week interactive workshop at NASA Wallops and then observe it launch on a sounding rocket and retrieve their payload for analysis.

## **GLEE 2024**

- Our team is working on the mini-payload that will go to the moon aboard Artemis in 2024 and contirbute to the knowledge base needed for inhabiting the moon.



# Athletics Update

## Women's Basketball Pushes Winning Streak to Five

- The Lady Cougars defeated visiting Glendale College **68-67** in thrilling fashion last Saturday, with the victory moving Canyons into a tie for **first place** in the *Western State Conference (WSC), South Division* standings.
- COC is currently 11-8 on the season and has now won **five** straight games heading into the final stretch of the regular season.



# Spring Athletics

## Spring Sports Seasons Set to Start

COC spring sports seasons get underway this week with **baseball, softball** and **women's tennis** all set to see action beginning this week. Season start dates are listed below:

- Softball vs. Folsom Lake — **12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>**
- Women's Tennis vs. Orange Coast , **12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>**
- Baseball @ Saddleback College – **2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>**
- Men's Golf @ Pt. Conception Open, Day 1 —**12 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>**
- Swim & Dive Intersquad Meet — **Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- Track & Field @ Battle of Regions (Bakersfield College) — **Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**



# Low Observable Graduation 3<sup>rd</sup> Cohort

On Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> we graduated 14 participants in our *Low Observable Technician Program* in partnership with Northrop Grumman.

Graduates are now in the process of obtaining their **Security Clearance** so they can work on highly classified programs.





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# Grants Update

# Grants Development

Grants Development, under Director Amber Cole, continues to collaborate with many partners to support program needs and strategic goals.

Recent office highlights include:

- **\$14,409,050** secured to-date for **FY22/23**, not including more than \$5M in appropriations requests also supported by the Office.
- **Recent award:**
  - **\$260K** for developing a new **UAA Robotics Program**
- **\$10 million** in pending grant awards.





# LA Care Health Plan Grant Award for 2023 CalFresh Outreach



College of the Canyons was awarded **\$145,000** to provide **CalFresh** outreach and application assistance. This grant will run from ***January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023***. The funding will be used to expand upon existing CalFresh services offered through COC. Specific uses for this money:

- **Hiring** additional short-term employees and students who can serve as ambassadors and expand program outreach to Canyon Country Campus.
- **Increasing visibility** to local farmers markets where their CalFresh can be used and matched.
- **Hosting Webinars** for students taught by staff to help answer myths regarding eligibility requirements.
- Sending out informational flyers and marketing materials about CalFresh to community members
- Conduct **outreach to low-income families**, students already receiving fee waivers and Pell grants.

# COC Receives \$25,000 Stanley Black & Decker Grant

College of the Canyons has received a **\$25,000** grant through **Stanley Black & Decker's** second *Global Impact Challenge* to provide support to students enrolled in the college's new Construction Technology pathway.

- As a **Makers** grant recipient, COC is among 91 organizations that will help skill and reskill **roughly 210,448** makers throughout 2023.
- The grant will allow us to hire a **pre-construction technology lab technician** to increase the likelihood of student completion and career success.
- The pre-construction technology lab technician will work onsite to provide **50** COC students with one-on-one attention, additional instruction, and mentorship support.



# \$5.3 Million in Federal Funding

COC has been awarded \$5.3 million dollars in federal earmark appropriations for the following programs.

- **\$2 Million:** To provide equipment and technician training for new Advanced Technology Center.
- **\$1 Million** for a new ATC Robotics Lab, which will be located in the new Advanced Technology Center
- **\$2.3 Million** - Fire Academy to fund an Apparatus and associated equipment for the new Accredited Regional Training Program.



# Training Our Workforce!



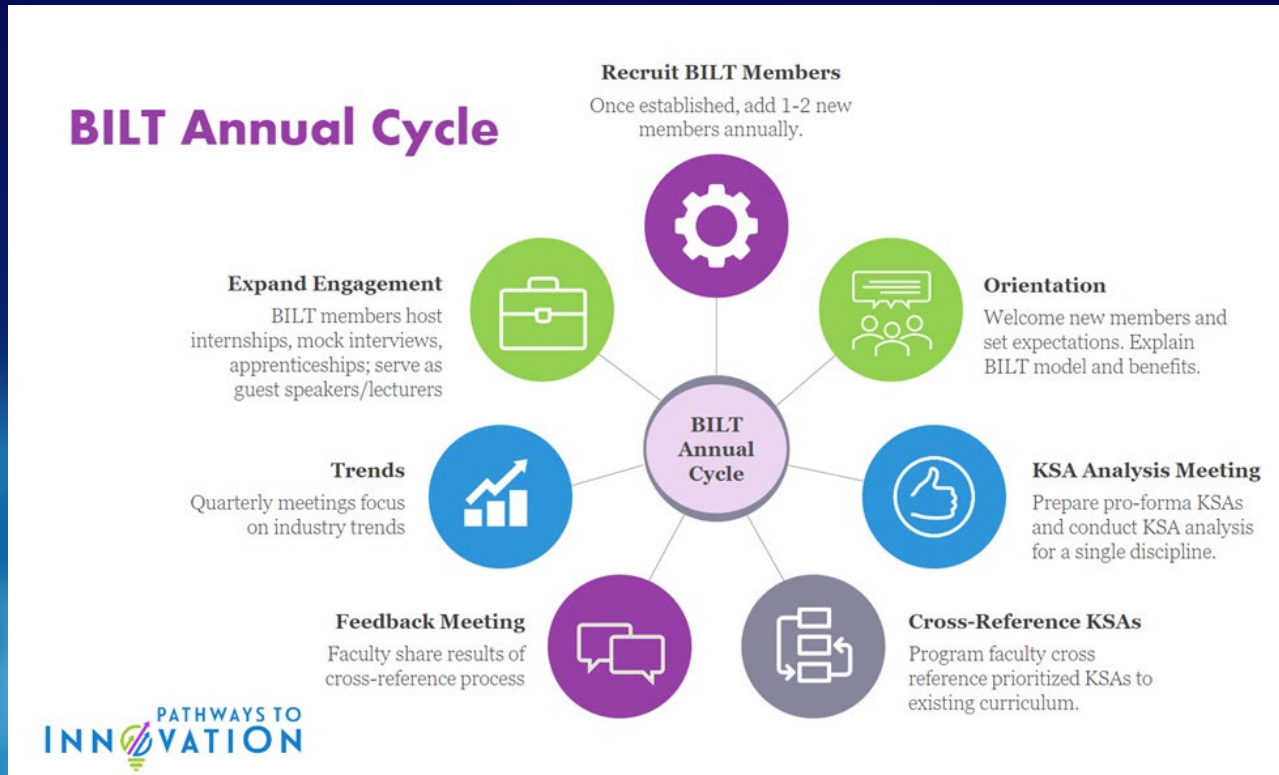
# ETI Partners with Stay Green

The Employee Training Institute was able to secure Employment Training Panel (ETP) funding for local employer Stay Green for the very first time.

- ETI is supporting a **24 hour Leadership Development** training program for **10** Stay Green Employees.
- Additional training programs are under development.



# COC Accepted into Pathways to Innovation Cohort



COC was selected to participate in the *Pathways to Innovation BILT (Business & Industry Leadership Team) Academy Cohort 3*.

- The BILT model is a new framework of engaging businesses to obtain feedback on new curriculum & updating existing curriculum.
- COC is focusing on **Advanced Manufacturing** for our first BILT.





# What's Going On Around our Campuses

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# Online Self-Assessment Readiness Now Live!

COC students now have an **online self-assessment** tool that will enable them to evaluate their ability to be successful in a remote setting before enrolling in online classes.

- The self-assessment enables students to reflect on their technology skills, learning style preferences, and online learning resources.
- After completing the self-assessment, students are provided feedback that links them to available college resources such as student support pages, the orientation letter page, and how to contact Online Education.
- Special thanks to James GG, his team and Stephen Burns from IT!







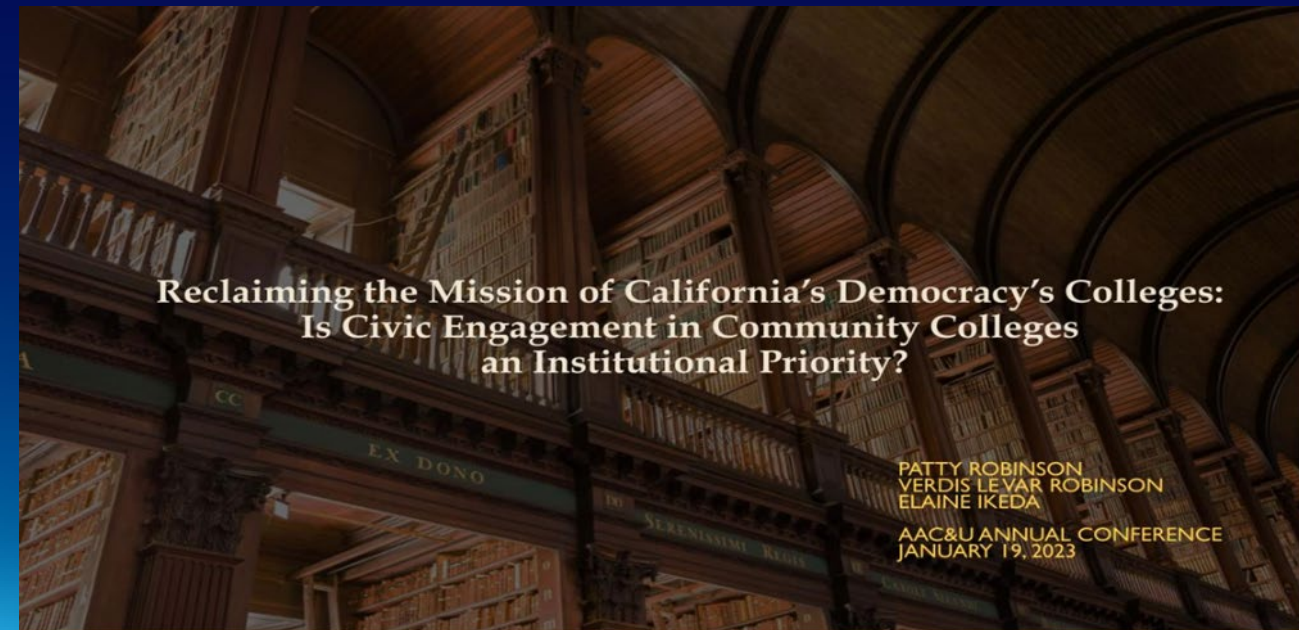
AAC&U Annual Meeting

**RECLAIMING** LIBERAL EDUCATION

January 18-20, 2023 • San Francisco, CA

**Patty Robinson** represented COC at the **2023 AAC&U Annual Meeting** this month by participating in **two sessions** where she:

- First, discussed findings, concerns, and recommendations, joined by colleagues from the *Kettering Foundation* and *LEAD California*, addressing the civic mission of CCCs from her recent sabbatical project.
- Second, reflected upon preliminary observations of findings from COC's participation in AAC&U's nationwide *Civic Engagement Rubric Project*.



# Canyon Country Campus Update

- Staff have begun moving in to the new **Student Services & Learning Resources** on campus and continue to setup the offices and functions to serve students. Many thanks to Facilities, Business Services, and Computer Support in particular for supporting the exciting but complicated logistics.
- **Instruction** for the campus includes approx. **17** classes for the intersession and approx. **170** classes in **25** disciplines for the Spring. CCC-specific Program Maps are also available online for students thanks to the great work of guided pathways liaisons and team.
- **CCC FLEX Day** will be held **Wed, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**, including lunch and workshops along with updates on the campus, programs, services, and facilities. Upcoming Spring event plans will be posted to the website soon.



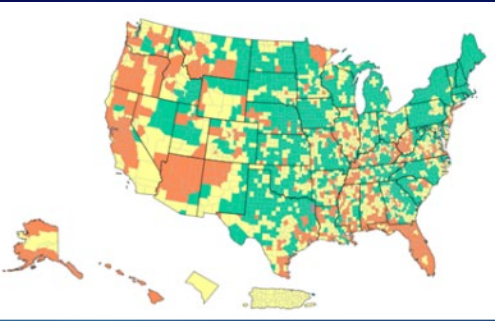
# COVID 19 Update



# Coronavirus Update Recent Highlights

- **National COVID-19 community levels are low-to-medium** with some winter season surges:

- **63%** of counties are “low,” **31%** are “medium,” and **6%** of counties are in a “high” transmission level as of 1/24.
- LA County is in the **low** transmission category since 1/20. Masks are recommended by DPH in indoor settings, and county metrics and hospitalization rates are monitored to inform guidance.



- **Statewide**, there are **10 cases per 100k** with a **6.1% positivity** rate, decreased from 13.1 per 100k with a 10.8% positivity as of 12/1. (CDC weekly rate: 78.2 as of 1/24.)
- **Countywide**, LA County averaged **11.6 cases per 100K** and **5.3% positivity** rate as of 1/24, decreased from 17.1 cases and 11.5% positivity as of 12/1. (CDC weekly rate: 93.3 as of 1/24.)

- **LA County DPH Health Order:** The most recent DPH update was 9/22. The College continues to follow developments, maintaining a **COVID-19 Containment, Response, and Control Plan** online.



# COVID-19 Testing, Vaccination and Notification

COVID-19 Testing is available at both campuses:

➤ **Valencia:**

- Monday – Friday 8 am to 5:00 pm: **WPEK-109**
- Tuesday – Saturday 7:30 am to 3:30 pm: **Parking Structure**

➤ **Canyon Country:**

- Monday – Friday 8 am to 5:00 pm: **CCC-202A**

➤ **At-Home Tests** remain available to pick up at **WPEK-109** or **CCC-1B**.

➤ **Vaccination and boosters** locations listed at **VaccinateLACounty.com**

COVID-19 contacts/exposures are notified within 24 hours.

➤ The College community is notified weekly through a link on the Monday Report which connects to PIO's COVID-19 page:  
**[www.canyons.edu/news](http://www.canyons.edu/news)**

Month	Reported Cases on Campus	Exposures on Campus
January 2023	7	95*
December 2022	20	258*
November 2022	64	754*
October 2022	52	708*
September 2022	61	1,228*
August 2022	39	680*
July 2022	67	286*
June 2022	48	328*
May 2022	121	1,684*
April 2022	29	436*
March 2022	11	7
February 2022	24	64
January 2022	44	27

DPH broadened "close contact" exposure definitions 4/15, significantly expanding the number of people considered exposed, changing how the College reports COVID-19 exposures.



UPCOMING  
EVENTS

10/12/2022

# COC Road to Employment Day

This **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**, COC will be hosting the *Road to Employment Day* event.

- Students will have the opportunity to explore COC career education programs that lead to gainful employment.
- For each **Career Technical Education (CTE)** program, we will have at least one employer embedded with the program to be available to talk about opportunities for employment in their organization upon completion of (certificate or degree) in the program.
- **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the Parking Structure
- Visit [www.canyons.edu/cteevents](http://www.canyons.edu/cteevents) for more info.

**College of the Canyons**

**ROAD TO EMPLOYMENT DAY**

Explore career education programs that lead to gainful employment right here in Santa Clarita!  
Both COC faculty and SCV employers will be on hand to connect you to real opportunities!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

**9AM - 1PM** Parking Structure  
(corner of Rockwell Canyon Rd & Valencia Blvd)

Visit [www.canyons.edu/CTEEvents](http://www.canyons.edu/CTEEvents) or  
email [Harriet.Happel@canyons.edu](mailto:Harriet.Happel@canyons.edu) for more details

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EMPLOYMENT CENTER

*Don't just find a job, discover a CAREER!*

# Spring Professional Development/FLEX Week

The **Spring 2023 Professional Development/FLEX Week** is just around the corner!  
**January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- This year's theme is *Connecting with Each Other* and consists of **50+** exciting and informative workshops offered in person and via Zoom that will help us be the best we can be at our jobs and when serving our students and community.
- Information about the sessions offered that week can be found on the **Professional Development** website.
- For additional info, email: [sarah.dettman@canyons.edu](mailto:sarah.dettman@canyons.edu).



**Spring Professional  
Development/FLEX week**



# Chancellor's Circle Dinner



The **Chancellor's Circle Dinner** is just around the corner!

- **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 5 p.m. cocktails | 6 p.m. dinner.
- **Student Services & Learning Resources Center** – College of the Canyons Canyon Country Campus

# Sports Medicine Fair

Athletics will be hosting *Sports Medicine Professions Fair* on **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** from **10am-12pm** in the **East PE Gymnasium**.

- Come hear from **sports medicine professionals** representing different careers (athletic trainer, physical therapist, EMT, chiropractor, EMT/Urgent Care MD, & Orthopedic Surgeon) as they explain the **training/degrees required** to work in their profession, **time required** to complete their training/degrees, **cost** associated with that training/degree, and **expected earning** potential once you are working in that profession.
- For more info: [sarah.ehrsam@canyons.edu](mailto:sarah.ehrsam@canyons.edu)

# SPORTS MEDICINE PROFESSIONS FAIR

**Sat, Feb. 4 | 10am-Noon**  
**College of the Canyons**  
**Valencia Campus**  
**Free & open to the public!**

10am | East PE Gym  
**Professionals Panel Discussion**

11am | East PE Gym  
**Professions Booth Fair**

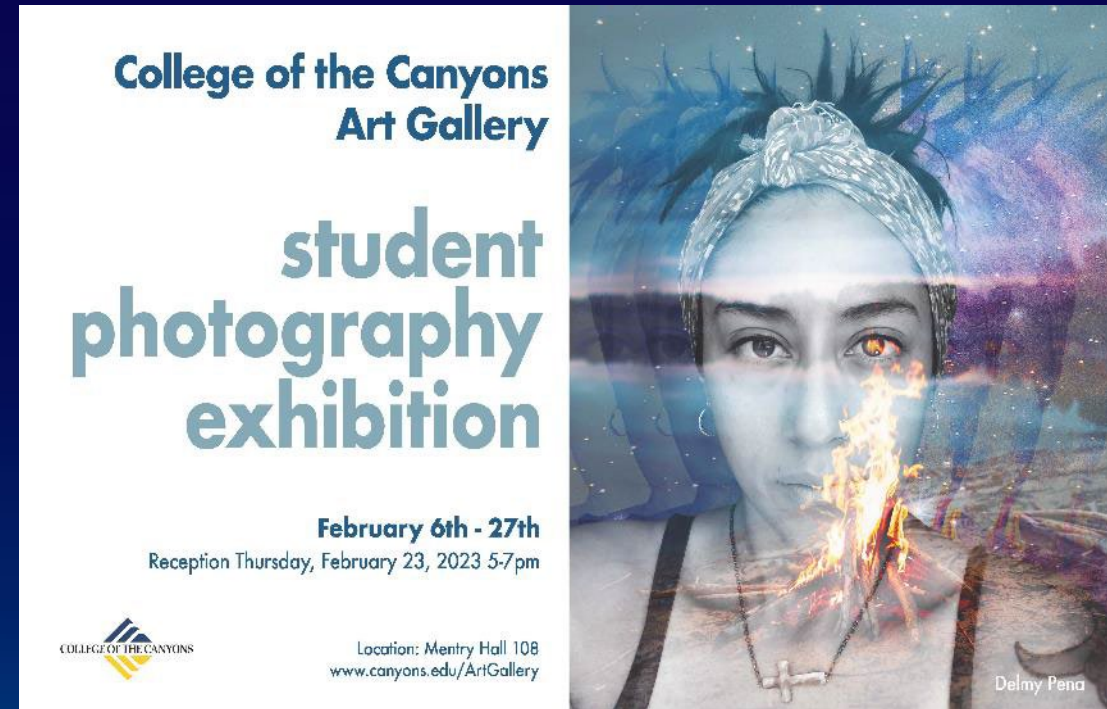
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# Upcoming Exhibition

The COC Art Gallery will be showcasing a **Student Photography Exhibition** on **February 6<sup>th</sup>**, featuring works by students in the *School of Visual & Performing Arts Photography Department*.

- Exhibition: **February 6<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**
- Reception: **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- The Art Gallery is located in **Mentry Hall 108**



# Spring 2023 CougarFest

The start of the Spring 2023 semester is right around the corner and the **Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement** is preparing *CougarFest* for the following dates and times:

- **Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** – 11am to 2pm Valencia Campus
- **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** – 11am to 2pm Canyon Country Campus



# Art With Impact Movies for Mental Health

On **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, COC will be hosting a film screening that will give students an opportunity to watch and anonymously discuss **three** award-winning **short films** about mental health, engage in mind-body exercises to help them unplug from their screens, and connect with wellness resources available to them during these turbulent times.

➤ Screening time: **12pm-2pm**



The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section has a light teal background and contains the following text: 'ART WITH IMPACT' with a logo, 'COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS' with a logo, 'movies for mental health online' in large bold letters, 'CONNECTING WITH OURSELVES AND OTHERS THROUGH SHORT FILMS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH', 'WED. 2.22.2023', '12pm to 2pm Pt', 'FREE REGISTRATION', 'bit.ly/m4mho-cotcanyons', and 'For Accessibility-Related Accommodations or Questions alexr@artwithimpact.org'. The right section features a colorful illustration of a beach scene with people walking, a bird flying, and a large pink flower in the foreground.

# Silver Spur Coming Up



We are proud to honor **Randy and Mitzi Moberg** with *the 2023 Silver Spur Community Service Award* for their longtime support of the college and philanthropic contributions to the Santa Clarita Valley.

- The celebration will be held on **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at **Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach** in Oxnard.
- See the COC Foundation website for more details.



# Athletic Hall of Fame – Save the Date!

COC Athletics will be hosting the ***Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony*** on **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** in the Performing Arts Center.

- **Social** from 4:30 pm to 6 pm.
- **Event** 6 pm to 7:30 pm.
- *More information to come!*



*Athletic Hall of Fame*  
college of the canyons

**Class of 2023  
Induction Ceremony**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

**Honoree Announcement Coming Soon**

A vibrant landscape photograph featuring a range of rugged, snow-dusted mountains under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, a calm, turquoise lake perfectly reflects the surrounding scenery, including the dark green coniferous trees that line its shores. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

**Happy New  
Year!**