



**Board of Trustees Meeting
December 7, 2022**

COC Stands Out!



Student Voting Efforts Recognized



College of the Canyons has been recognized by the **ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge** among the *2022 ALL IN Most Engaged Campuses for College Student Voting*.

- The honor recognizes colleges and universities for making intentional efforts to increase student voter participation.
- Special shout out to **Patty Robinson**, Faculty Director, Civic & Community Engagement Initiatives, for her efforts in raising student voter participation that led to this award.
- We join **394** colleges and universities across the nation recognized by ALL IN for participating in the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge and taking other steps to enhance student engagement in voting.

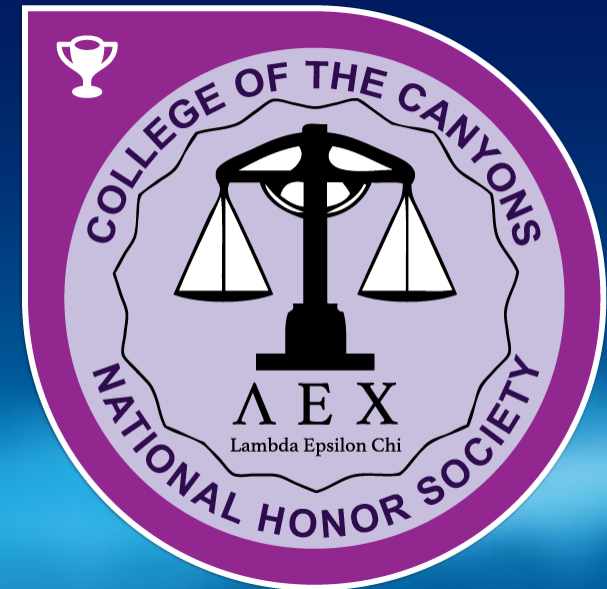
Student Wins National Award

Paralegal Studies student **Ryan McLaughlin** has won the **American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX)** national honor society scholarship after taking first place in the annual essay competition.

- The scholarship will provide **\$1,500** for his legal studies.
- His essay, “*Accessibility and the American Legal System: A Case for Paralegal Licensure,*” explored whether paralegals should be licensed to practice law under limited circumstances.
- The essay will be published in an upcoming edition of the AAfPE's *The Legal Educator*.



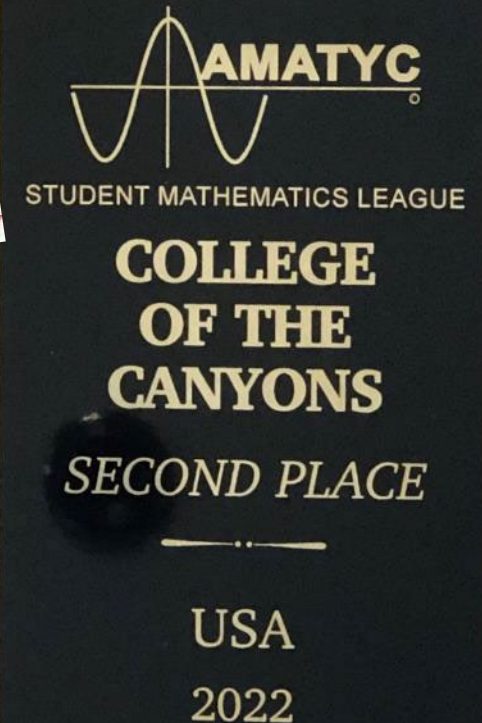
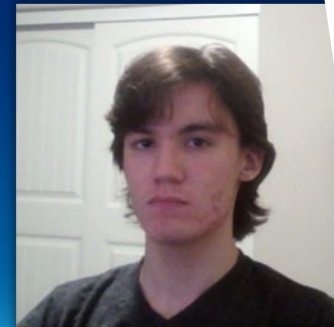
AAfPE



Math Students Receive Distinguished Award

At last month's 48th annual **American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC)** conference in Toronto, attended by over 700 participants, the AMATYC recognized College of the Canyons as the **second-place** winner in 2022.

- A plaque was given at its Western regional luncheon, together with plaques for two of our outstanding students: **Praneel Samal** and **Roman Yakunin**, who placed second and fifth, respectively, nationwide.
- A special congrats to all our hard-working and talented students, to the math faculty, and specifically to Prof. **Violeta Kovacev-Nikolic!**



LEAD California Students Engaged!

Student Fellowship Program
LEADCALIFORNIA

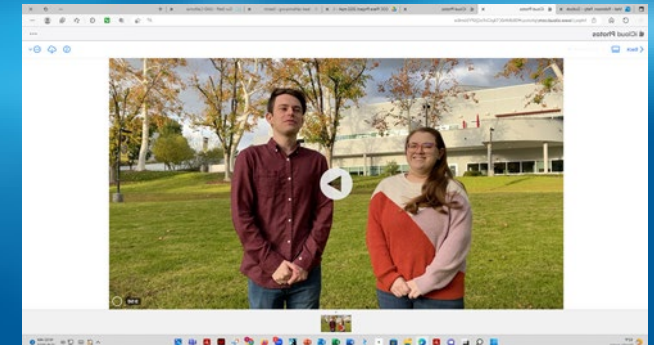
The **COC Center for Civic Engagement** was awarded four **LEAD California** fellowships for fall 2022, including *two* for the **Youth Voice Youth Vote (YVYV)** Student Fellowship and *two* for the **Community Engagement Student Fellowship (CESF)**.

- The LEAD California program is a 4-month initiative specifically designed to support student leaders advancing service, service-learning and community engagement at LEAD California member campuses throughout the state.
- Upon successfully completing a term of service of at least 35-50 hours, students receive a **\$500 scholarship** from LEAD California.
- COC students represented the **Engage the Vote** and **PLACE Action Teams** in their work, as they participated in 50+ hours of work per person for each fellowship creating a unique project.

Youth Voice Youth Vote:
Collin Shneour and Nick Nyein



Community Engagement Student Fellowship:
Collin Shneour and Hayley Mongeon



Successful Weekend for the COC Speech Team

At the Speech team's first in-person **Speech Tournament** since COVID began, several of our students won awards in competition against schools such as CSUN, SDSU, CSULA, NAU, GCU, the University of Utah, and many other local community colleges.



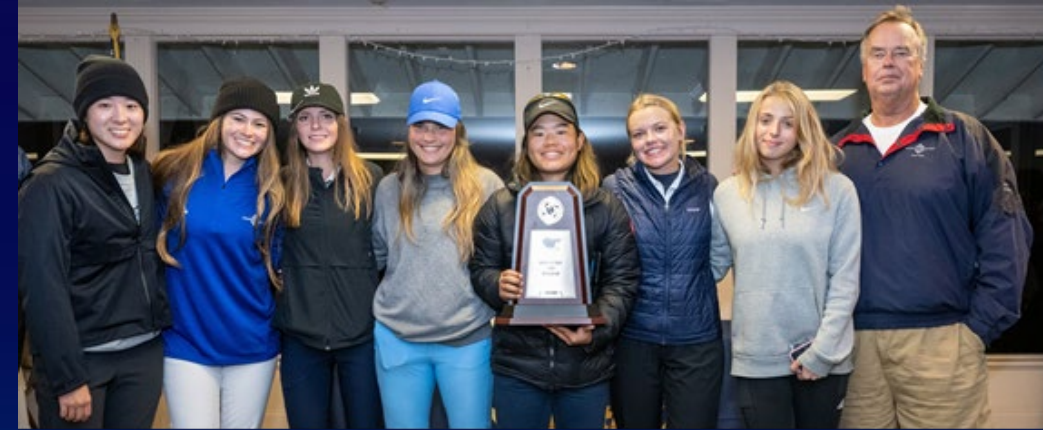
- 1st place in *Informative Speaking* - Karen Marin Flores
- 4th place in *Informative Speaking* - Sergio Reynoso
- 5th place in *Prose* - Katlyn Stadtlander
- 6th place in *Speaking to Entertain* - RJ Haring
- Way to go Speech Team!



Athletics

Women's Golf

The women's golf team finished runner-up at the **CCCAA Women's Golf State Championships** at Morro Bay Golf Club on November 21st, finishing two strokes behind back-to-back champion Modesto College, while seeing freshman Motoko Shimoji tie for first in the tourney's individual standings.



Women's Volleyball

After an undefeated run through its conference schedule and a second straight trip the **CCCAA State Championship Tournament**, College of the Canyons finished the 2022 season as the No. 6 ranked team in the state. The Cougars finished the regular season as champions of the **WSC South Division** after completing a perfect 12-0 conference run and finishing the season ranked 14th in the state.



Athletics

Women's Soccer

Women's soccer team member **Lauryn Bailey** was named a California Community College Soccer Coaches Association ***All-State and All-SoCal Region First-Team*** selection in addition to earning ***Offensive Player of the Year***, leading a class of 11 team members who earned postseason awards.

Forward **Rebekah Brooks** was named to the ***All-SoCal Region First Team*** and ***All-WSC South Division First Team***, while goalkeeper **Kylie Yuzon** was recognized as the ***WSC South Division Goalie of the Year***.

Four players also earned all-conference ***First-Team*** accolades, **three** were named to the ***Second Team***, and two more received Honorable Mentions.



Athletics

Men's Soccer

Six members of the men's soccer team earned *All-Western State Conference (WSC), South Division* honors for the 2022 season.

- For the second year in a row, **Drew Leskin** received *All-WSC South Division First-Team* honors.
- He was joined by **Tom Larcier** on the First Team. Representing Canyons on the All-WSC Second-Team squad are **Jason Arana** and **Lance Brdaric**.



Athletics

Cross Country

The men's and women's cross country program saw a combined **seven** athletes earn **All-WSC** honors for the 2022 season, with **three** more earning **Academic All-State Awards**.

All five members of the women's team received **All-WSC honors**.

- **Milca Osorio** was the sole recipient to earn **All-WSC First-Team** honors.
- **Maylani Perez, Joy Nakazawa, Emily Cruz, and Trinity Winslow** were each recognized with **All-WSC Second-Team** honors.
- The women's team finished **3rd** at the **WSC Championships**, **11th** at the **Southern California Championships**, and **14th** at the **State Championship**.



COC Leaders Recognized by the Signal

Dianne Van Hook and **Michael Berger** were recognized among this year's list of **The Signal's Top 51 Most Influential** people in the Santa Clarita Valley.

- Everyone on the list is distinguished by their caring and compassionate contributions to our community.
- Congratulations Dianne and Mike!





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Grants Update

CANYONS HALL
CENTER FOR STUDENT SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



IEPI Grant Renewal

Congratulations to Dr. Diane Fiero for successfully leading the renewal of our **Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI)** technical assistance grant!

- The grant represents **\$7.5 million** per year. The District was awarded the grant renewal for up to 5 years.
- The District has had the IEPI Technical Assistance Grant since the inception of the grant **9** years ago.
- The IEPI grant provides **Partnership Resource Teams (PRTs)** to Districts to help them solve challenges they are facing as well as establishing Communities of Practice (COPs) to assist with the State Chancellor's Office with the Vision for Success goals.
- We have had over **220** PRT visits assisting **90** different colleges and districts throughout the system.
- Thank you to Ryan Theule, Amber Cole, Sharlene Coleal, Jason Hinkle, Carolyn Shaw, Catherine Crossland and Matthew Lee for their expert work on our successful grant proposal.





What's Going On Around our Campuses

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

Annual 'Turkey Trot'

The College of the Canyons Athletics Department hosted its **14th annual Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Trot"** event, which benefits the college's cross country and track & field programs.

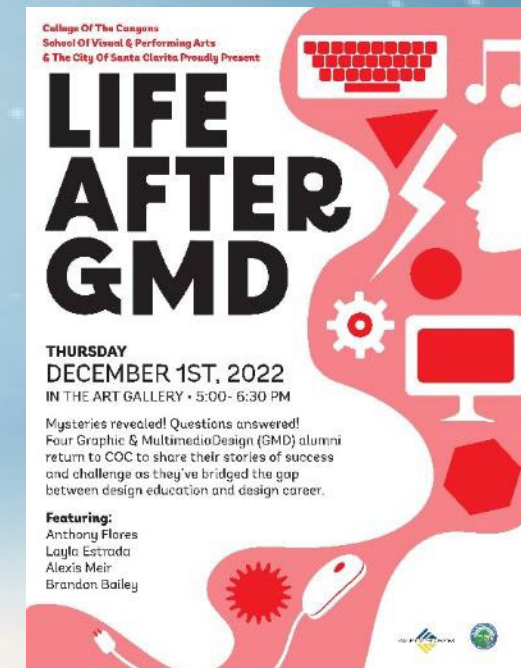
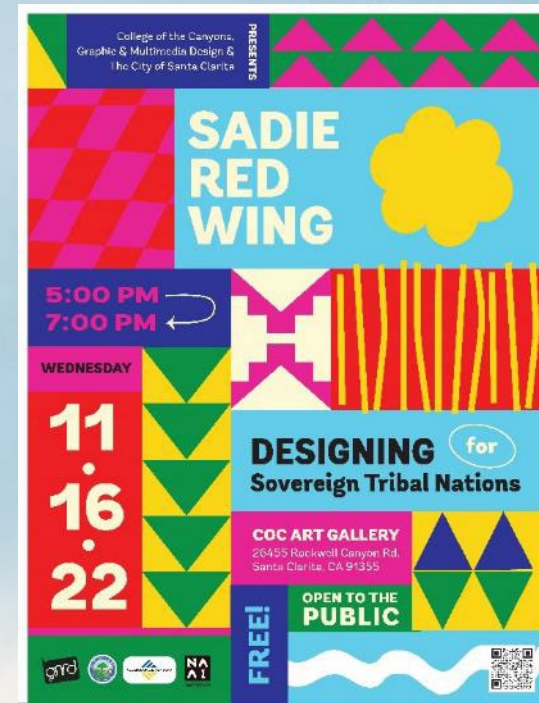
- Over **250** people participated in this year's event.
- Participants ran a **three-mile** cross country course through the COC Valencia campus.
- The event began at 8:30 a.m. on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24th**.



Celebrating Visual Arts in our Art Gallery!

In partnership with the City of Santa Clarita and the School of Visual & Performing Arts, we hosted **three** special events with industry professionals in the **Art Gallery**.

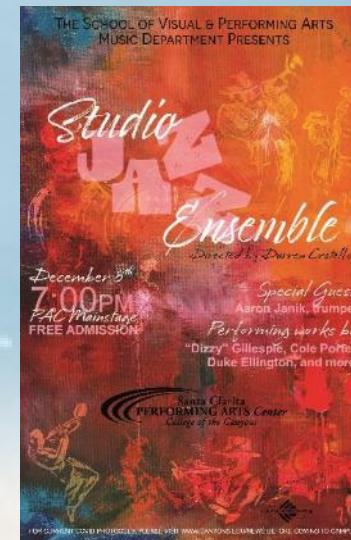
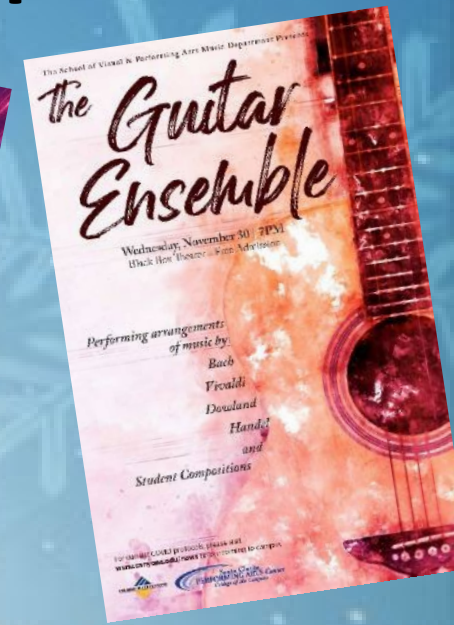
- **Noah Webb** - Commercial Photographer who shoots interiors, product, portraits, and travel photography.
- **Sadie Red Wing**, Designing Sovereign Tribal Nations – Lakota graphic designer, educator, and advocate.
- **Life After GMD** (Graphic & Multimedia Design), featuring four GMD alumni returning to COC to share their stories of success.



Music Department Presents Choral & Instrumental Concerts!

The Music Department has been very busy celebrating the work of our students and faculty in a wide variety of musical styles.

- ***Guitar Ensemble and Electronica Musique & Multimedia*** Concerts in the Blackbox Theatre of the Performing Arts Center.
- ***World Percussion Ensemble, Cover Charge, and Studio Jazz Ensemble*** Concerts on the Mainstage of the Performing Arts Center.
- ***Chamber Singers and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble*** concerts in the University Center.



2022 Green STEM Summit Event

On Saturday Dec. 3rd, the Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC) in partnership with COC hosted the **8th Annual Green STEM Summit**.

- High school and community college students from all over the U.S. attended this annual virtual event to learn from leading professionals in STEM industries, research labs and non-profit organizations about their personal career paths and to get a glimpse of the exciting work they're involved with on a daily basis.
- Professor **Jeannie Chari** and students provided updates on progress being made at College of the Canyons in furthering the campus wide **Biodiversity Initiative**.



COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

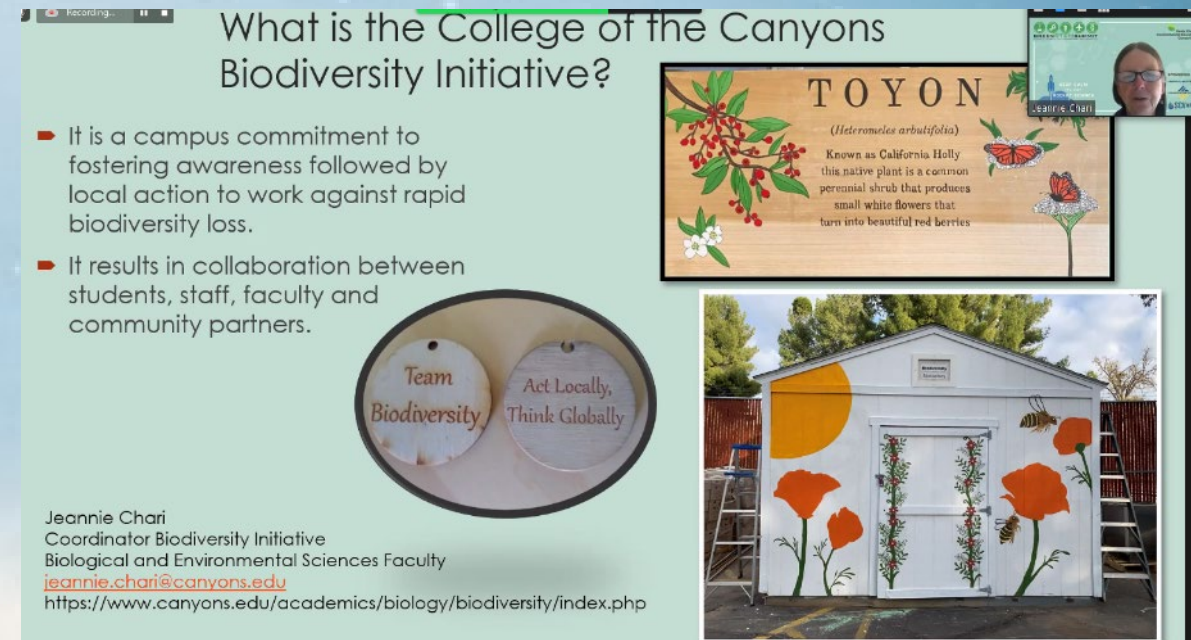
Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium

Natural & Physical Science | Advanced Manufacturing | Environmental Art Ethics & Design | Engineering & Technology | Biomimicry & Biotechnology

GREEN STEM SUMMIT
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PST)
HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS

What will your career look like?
Find out at the 8th annual Green STEM Summit and shape your future in STEM.



Recording...

What is the College of the Canyons Biodiversity Initiative?


- It is a campus commitment to fostering awareness followed by local action to work against rapid biodiversity loss.
- It results in collaboration between students, staff, faculty and community partners.

TOYON
(*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)
Known as California Holly this native plant is a common perennial shrub that produces small white flowers that turn into beautiful red berries.

Team Biodiversity | Act Locally, Think Globally

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Jeannie Chari



Ceremony for Nursing Graduates



Nurse Pinning

Graduating members of the College of the Canyons **Registered Nurse Class of 2023** received their graduation pins during a ceremony scheduled yesterday, **Dec. 6th** at the Performing Arts Center.

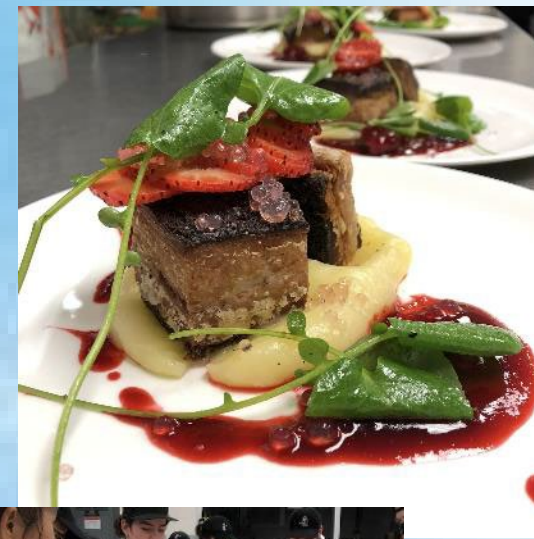
- **Thirty-eight** graduates received their pins and lit candles on stage in tribute to Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, during the traditional ceremony.



ICUE Fundraising Event

The **Institute for Culinary Education (ICUE)** hosted an extraordinary wine pairing dinner on **December 6th** featuring College of the Canyons Zinfandel and other cult wine favorites.

- The dinner was prepared by **Chef Otto's** Café II culinary class and served by **Chef Michelle's** Front of the House class.
- The meal featured a vertical tasting with educational material featuring our wine sommelier **Dimaggio Washington**.
- Dessert prepared by **Chef James's** Pastry Arts class.
- All proceeds will benefit the Culinary Arts and Wine Studies students.



COC Employee Holiday Party

College of the Canyons held its *Annual Employee Holiday Party* on **Wednesday, Dec. 7th** in the East PE gym.

- This year's theme was "*Holidays Under the Stars*".
- Employees had fun playing the Holiday Family Feud game, eating a delicious lunch prepared by ISSI and voting for their favorite *Ugly Holiday Sweater/Shirt* contest and for the "*Door Decorating Contest*."
- The entertainment was provided by the **COC Chamber Singers** under the direction of Music professor **Lori Marie Rios**.



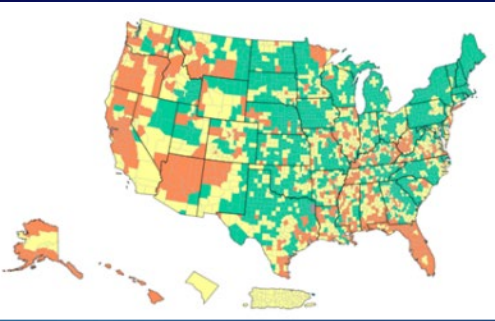
COVID 19 Update



Coronavirus Update Recent Highlights

- **National COVID-19 community levels** are generally low with some seasonal surge increases according to the CDC.

- **69%** are “low,” **25%** are “medium,” and **6%** of counties are in the “high” transmission level.
- LA County entered the **medium** transmission category as of 12/2. According to DPH, should the County enter the “high” category in the weeks ahead (along with CDC hospital metrics for daily admission rate and % COVID inpatient beds), another **universal indoor mask-wearing mandate** may be issued. Masks are currently recommended by LA County DPH in indoor settings.



- **Statewide**, there are **13.1 cases per 100k** with a **10.8% positivity** rate as of 12/1, **increased** from **6.1 cases per 100k** and **4.5% positivity** as of 11/7. (CDC weekly rate: 101.1 as of 12/2.)

- **Countywide**, LA County averaged **17.1 cases per 100K** and **11.5% positivity** rate as of 12/1, increased from **6.9 cases per 100K** and **3.5% positivity** as of 11/7. (CDC weekly rate: 165.3 as of 12/2.)

- **The LA County DPH Health Order:** The most recent 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 open through December 22nd and then closed until January 3rd. (Note: the Parking Structure testing will continue to be open as regularly scheduled, except for Christmas/New Years.)

➤ **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

Month	Reported Cases on Campus	Exposures on Campus
December 2022	2	28
November 2022	59	703*
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, ² **significantly expanding** the number of people considered exposed, and changing how the College reports COVID-19 exposures.



UPCOMING
EVENTS

10/12/2022

An Evening of Classic Jazz



Tomorrow night the Music Department presents the **Studio Jazz Ensemble** performing works by "Dizzy" Gillespie, Cole Porter and Duke Ellington, with special guest Aaron Janik on trumpet.

- The free concert is scheduled **7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8th** on the Main Stage of the Performing Arts Center.

Free Double-Feature

The Friday Night Film Festival presents its final double-feature of the fall semester this **Friday, Dec. 9th**.

- The festival is free, open to the public, and presented in **Hasley Hall 101** at the Valencia campus.
- Attendees are asked to wear face masks.
- **Hit the Road @ 4 p.m.**
- **Benedetta @ 6:30 p.m.**



An Evening of Choral Music



Chancellor's
CABARET



Sounds

The **Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook Cabaret Concert Series** presents "**Sounds**," an evening of choral music featuring Just Jazz and the Chamber Singers, on **Saturday, Dec. 10th**.

- Two shows are scheduled – 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. – in the University Center lobby.
- Admission is \$15 (cash only) per person; \$10 for seniors and students.

Preparing for an Emergency

An *emergency evacuation* drill is planned **Monday, Dec. 12th**, to evaluate the college's ability to evacuate buildings on both campuses.

- Sometime during the day the emergency notification system will be activated and Employees will be notified to evacuate buildings and report to their assigned evacuation sites.
- The drill will be **mandatory** for all employees, students, vendors, and visitors on campus that day.





Open House for Cohort 4

The Uniquely Abled Academy will hold an open house **Tuesday, Dec. 13th** for its **fourth** CNC training program, which prepares individuals with high functioning autism for manufacturing careers.

- The event is scheduled 6 to 7 p.m. at the University Center.
- The training program will run from **Jan. 23rd to April 21st**.

PAC Presents Richard Marx



The Performing Arts Center presents **Richard Marx** in concert **Friday, Jan. 13th**.

- Marx has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide, starting with his self-titled debut that went to No. 8 on the Billboard Top 200 chart.
- The album spawned four Top-5 singles, including “Hold on to the Nights” and “Don’t Mean Nothing,” which earned him a Grammy nomination for Best Male Rock Vocal Performance.
- The show is scheduled for 8 p.m.



Happy Holidays!