

Chancellor's Report and Update



Board of Trustees Meeting
February 09, 2022



Recognition



COC Awarded \$5K Grant from the City of Santa Clarita

The **City of Santa Clarita** has generously awarded our Art Gallery with \$5K through the **2022 Community Services and Arts Grant** Program.

- Within our annual programming, the Gallery serves to foster a campus climate that champions *artistic excellence, anti-racist & equity-minded practice*, and expands *student access* to professional artists and their work.
- This grant will allow the Gallery to expand our **exhibitions** and **artist talks** to include both virtual and live events in our two gallery spaces – **Mentry 108** and **Library 206** – for our students, faculty, staff, patrons and community members.





Athletics Update



Cougars sports is back in full swing!

- **Men's Basketball** - COC has won **four** straight games heading into Wednesday's home contest vs. Glendale College. The final regular season game is 5 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 18** vs. Bakersfield in the Cougar Cage.
- **Women's Tennis** - COC was a **5-4** winner in its home opener vs. L.A. Mission College on Feb. 2nd and has since played to a 2-2 overall record in the early going with a **6-3** win over Santa Monica College its last time out. The Cougars are slated to play at Ventura on Tuesday before returning home for a Saturday morning match vs. Porterville College at 10 a.m
- **Men's Golf** - Canyons won the 2022 WSC Opener by 30 strokes over second place Santa Barbara City College on Monday at Valencia Country Club. COC was led by sophomore **Hugo Amsallem** who carded an even par **72** to earn medalist honors. Canyons had three players tie for the No. 3 spot in the individual standings



California LAW Diversity Champion Award for 2022

Last month COC received the **California LAW Diversity Champion Award** for 2022. The selection committee was very impressed with the great work we are doing with our students.

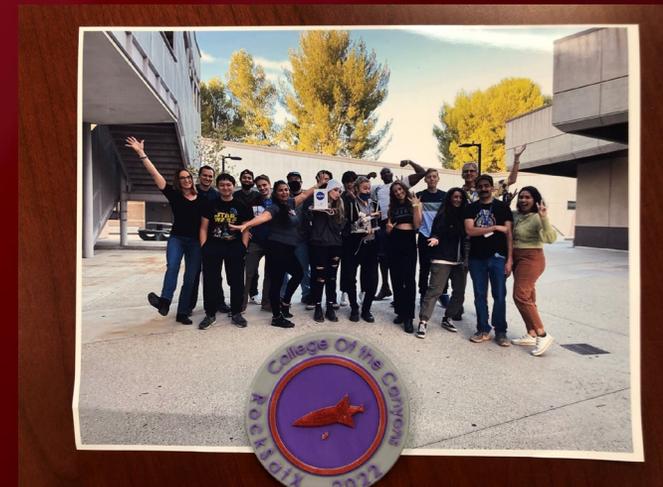
- The Award was established in 2008 by the **State Bar of California** to recognize the outstanding efforts of law-related educational programs that train and support students to become interested in the judicial system and careers in the law.
- This semester **131** students have self-identified as Pathway to Law school participants.
- Over the last four years, **303** students have participated in the Pathway to Law School program, with approximately **250** Pathway to Law classes being offered each semester.
- **Congratulations to Nicole Faudree and Liz Shaker** for all you have done to make this an exceptional program!



2 NASA Missions for College of the Canyons!

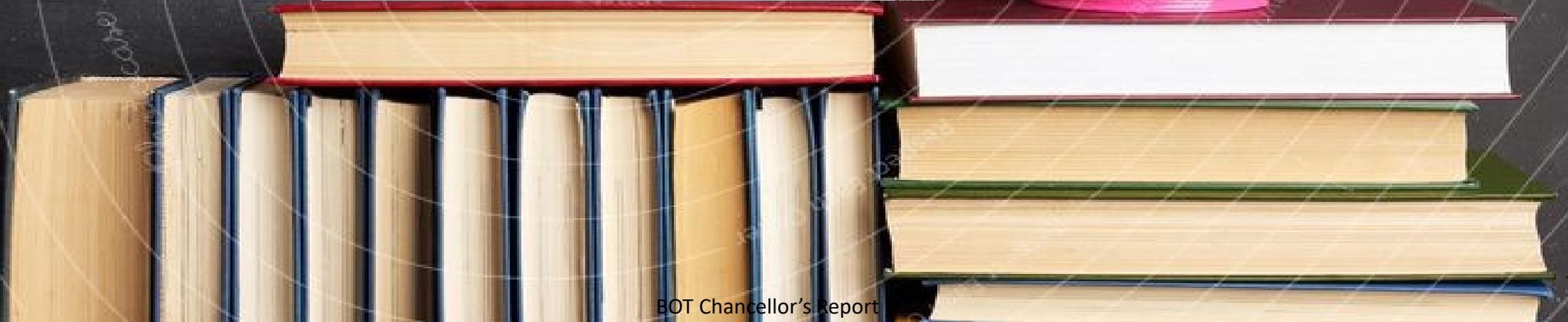
COC's **Aerospace & Sciences Team** has been selected for both **NASA HASP** and **NASA RockSatX**. The student team competed with university teams from around the world and were selected for **both space missions**. These students are so motivated to persist, take initiative, and learn on their own, that the only barrier we face is that we lack the funding that the university teams all have.

- This will be our **6th NASA HASP** mission (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022).
- **1st year** being selected for a **large payload** spot on HASP & 1st time including student art.
- This will be our **3rd NASA RockSatX** mission (2019, 2021, 2022).
- **91** Internships/scholarships & **5** full-time careers to date – with 3 more in process!
- Our team represents a variety of backgrounds: Asian, African American, American Indian, Hispanic, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Mexican, and Middle Eastern. DEI in action!





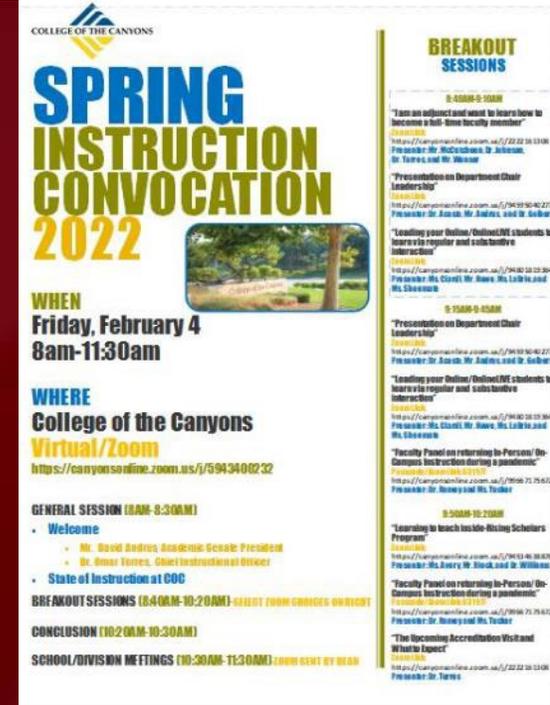
What's New On And Around our Campuses



Spring Instruction Convocation 2022

The Instruction Office, in concert with the Academic Senate, held its *Spring 2022 Convocation* on Friday, February 4th from 8:00 am – 11:30 am.

- Dr. Omar Torres and David Andrus gave opening remarks to the 200+ attendees present, followed by a series of three 30-minute *breakout sessions* for faculty to select from.
- The various breakout sessions consisted of topics that included:
 - *How an Adjunct Can Become a Full-time Faculty Member Department Chair Leadership;*
 - *Teaching Online Classes While Ensuring Regular and Substantive Interaction;*
 - *A Faculty Panel on Returning to Campus Instruction During a Pandemic;*
 - *Teaching “Inside” – Highlighting our Rising Scholars Program;* and
 - *Preparing for the Upcoming Accreditation Visit*



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SPRING INSTRUCTION CONVOCATION 2022

WHEN
Friday, February 4
8am-11:30am

WHERE
College of the Canyons
Virtual/Zoom
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/5943408232>

GENERAL SESSION (8AM-9:30AM)

- Welcome
 - Dr. David Andrus, Academic Senate President
 - Dr. Omar Torres, Chief Instructional Officer
- State of Instruction at COC

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (9:40AM-10:20AM) SELECT FROM CHAIRS AVAILABLE

CONCLUSION (10:20AM-10:30AM)

SCHOOL/DIVISION MEETINGS (10:30AM-11:30AM) LEARN MORE BY EMAIL

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- 9:40AM-10:00AM**
"I am an adjunct and want to learn how to become a full-time faculty member"
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/72222101306>
Presenter: Dr. McCullough, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Torres, and Mr. Weaver
- "Presentation on Department Chair Leadership"
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/94355040277>
Presenter: Dr. Jacob, Mr. Andrus, and Dr. Solberg
- "Leading your Online/Blended students to learn in regular and substantive interaction"
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/94001010304>
Presenter: Ms. Clark, Mr. Howe, Ms. LaRue, and Ms. Shoush
- 10:00AM-10:10AM**
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- "Faculty Panel on returning to Persons/On-Campus instruction during a pandemic"
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/70967175412>
Presenter: Dr. Newey and Ms. Tucker
- 10:20AM-10:30AM**
"Learning to teach inside-Rising Scholars Program"
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/94014010076>
Presenter: Ms. Gentry, Mr. Brock, and Dr. Williams
- "Faculty Panel on returning to Persons/On-Campus instruction during a pandemic"
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/70967175412>
Presenter: Dr. Newey and Ms. Tucker
- "The Upcoming Accreditation Visit and What to Expect"
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Presenter: Dr. Torres



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Preparing for an Accreditation Site Team Visit

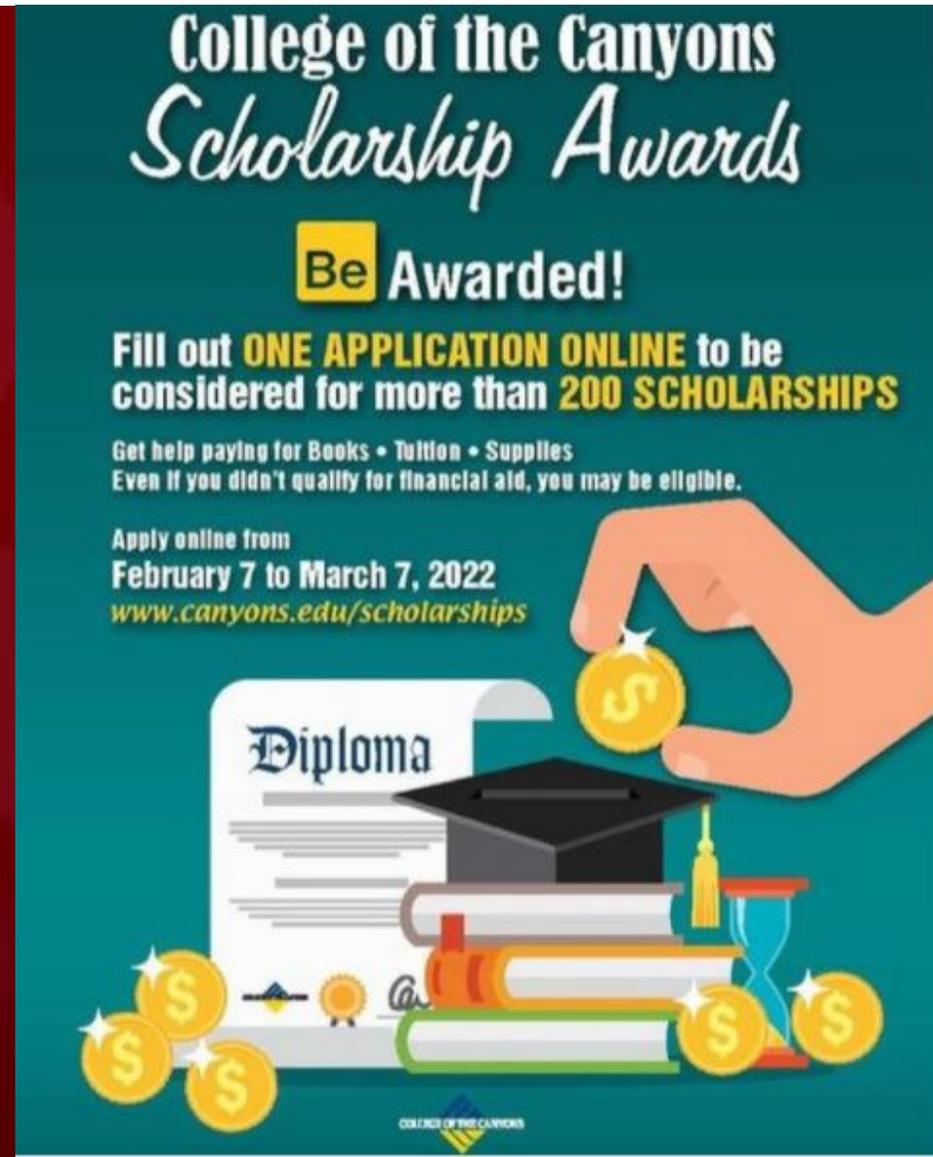
Dr. Omar Torres
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction and Accreditation Liaison Officer

Instruction Convocation Spring 2022

Scholarship Awards – To Be Awarded

Our scholarship awards application is now open for all students. Student can apply for over **150+ scholarships** through one application.

- Application is open from **February 7th** through **March 7th**.
- For more info, go to: **www.canyons.edu/scholarships**
- If you would like to be a reader of the scholarship applications, please reach out to **Tom Bilbruck** in **Financial Aid**.



College of the Canyons
Scholarship Awards

Be Awarded!

Fill out **ONE APPLICATION ONLINE** to be considered for more than **200 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Get help paying for Books • Tuition • Supplies
Even if you didn't qualify for financial aid, you may be eligible.

Apply online from
February 7 to March 7, 2022
www.canyons.edu/scholarships

The poster features an illustration of a hand dropping a gold coin into a stack of books, a graduation cap, and a diploma. The diploma is labeled 'Diploma'. There are several gold coins scattered around the books and cap. The background is a teal color.

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The 2022 Spring Semester Begins!

The **Spring 2022** semester was in full swing this week, with **5,443** students returning to campus, and almost **1800** class sections being offered in a variety of formats.





ISP Orientation



The **International Services & Programs (ISP)** held an orientation to welcome their new Spring 2022 students. We have welcomed **60** new students this spring! This is our **largest** cohort of incoming new ISP students.

- ISP students, as of Spring 2022, come from **40** countries, with **23** languages represented.
- As many of the new students are from Bangladesh, we connect them to the Islamic centers in town to foster a stronger sense of community for the students.
- Pictured here is a group of students listening to a social media “influencer” from China. He lectured on campus for two hours, while 20,000 additional people watched from a live feed off campus.



Back on Track Welcome Event

The Sustainability Center welcomed back students by offering **Bagels, Coffee & Tea** today, from 10am-2pm in the Student Center.



The poster features a blue and yellow color scheme. At the top left, the text 'BACK ON TRACK' is written in large, bold, white letters, with 'WELCOME EVENT' in smaller white letters below it. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for the 'INTERNATIONAL CENTER ON SUSTAINABILITY' with a bird and leaves. Below this, a blue circular badge with white text says 'ON CAMPUS'. The main title 'COFFEE, TEA, & BAGELS' is written in large, bold, black letters on the yellow background. To the right of this title, the event details are listed: 'WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2022 10:00 AM-1:00 PM', 'TAKES PLACE IN STCN-138 LOCATED BY THE COUGAR CAFÉ ON THE VALENCIA CAMPUS', and 'COME JOIN US FOR SOME COFFEE, TEA, BAGELS, AND PASTRIES AS THE SPRING 2022 SEMESTER BEGINS!'. At the bottom left, contact information is provided: 'CONTACT SUSTAINABILITYCENTER@CANYONS.EDU OR CALL (661) 362-3580 FOR MORE INFORMATION'. At the bottom right, there are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, and the handle '@COCSUSTAINABILITYCENTER'.

BACK ON TRACK
WELCOME EVENT

INTERNATIONAL CENTER
ON SUSTAINABILITY

ON CAMPUS

**COFFEE,
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BEGINS!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Canyon Country Campus Updates

CCC Spring 2022 Highlights

- **Spring FLEX workshops** included a **Feb 2nd faculty and staff tour** of the Takeda Science Center, providing an opportunity to review the classrooms and resources of this facility.
- The CCC spring schedule includes **60 classes within the Science Center** as part of approx. **110 on-ground classes**. **71 faculty** are teaching at CCC in **20 disciplines** this semester.
- Construction of the **Learning Resources & Student Services Center** is expected to complete **Summer 2022**. This facility provides one-stop student support along with classrooms, tutoring, library, meeting, and study spaces.
- **Welcome Back activities** this week at CCC have included staff throughout campus with **AskMe** buttons/resources to assist students, followed by an engaging Welcome Week next week in coordination with **Campus Life & Student Engagement**.



Grant Development Update

Grants Progress

- **Grants Development** is busy this semester with applications planned for *Title V*, *Upward Bound Veterans*, *NSF*, and a variety of *STEM*, *Career Ed*, and *Workforce Engagement* opportunities.
- A highlight of a recent award is the **CCCCO California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI)** grant awarded to COC in February for **\$250,000**. This opportunity will fund Construction Technology pre-apprenticeship to apprenticeship pathways in this in-demand field. Especial thanks to Amber Cole, Harriet Happel, Justin Wallace, and Carolyn Shaw for their efforts.
- The Grants Development team continues to work closely with many partners to support program needs and strategic goals. Current awards to-date for **FY21/22** total **\$10,011,620**.



Interim Multicultural Center



Our **Interim Multicultural Center** is set to open during February.

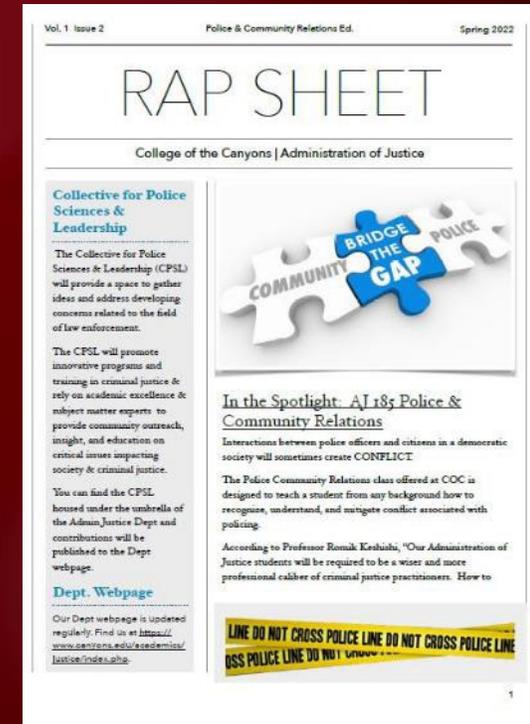
- Alliances will be able to meet in this space, open study space for students.
- Permanent Multicultural Center to be opened in Fall 2022 in this same space.
- The center will serve as:
 - A resource for the campus community while placing the experiences of diverse and historically minoritized and marginalized groups at the center.
 - A dynamic learning space with deliberate programming and opportunities to support all members of COC with the goal of increased engagement, retention and persistence of our diverse students.
 - A place to meet, build community, and serve as another access point/bridge to existing resources.
- In collaboration with constituents across the district, the Multicultural Center will be home to many alliance groups, the Undocucenter, group workshops, events, meeting rooms, open study space, counseling services, student services and college and community trainings.



Administration of Justice Newsletter

The COC Administration of Justice Program continues to promote our program offerings, our discipline, and the many associated careers by highlighting the Department in a positive light through a new newsletter, *The Rap Sheet*, which launched earlier this month. A new edition is planned for release at the start of every future semester and will typically follow a theme. Each newsletter will showcase.

- Updates to our program, such as our new Law Enforcement Technology degree (Fall 2021 edition).
- "In the Spotlight" showcases the successes of our prior students, faculty, and advisory board members.
- Highlights current courses.
- Generate Campus wide interest and support for the Admin Justice program and our courses.



Reintroducing Paula Hodge: Our New Interim Director of Employer Engagement



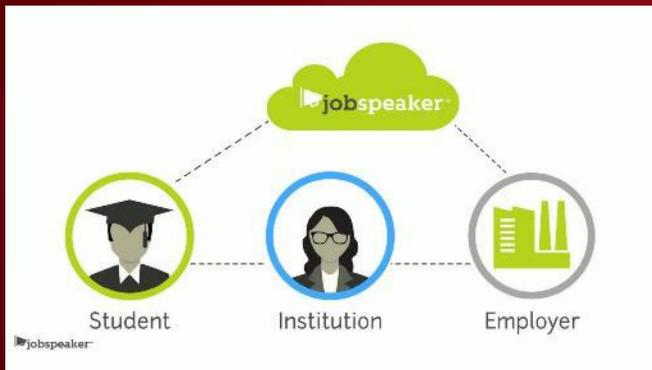
Paula Hodge is no stranger to the Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) as the former COC Regional Director for Information and Communication Technologies and Digital Media (ICT/DM).

- She now joins the **Workforce and Economic Advancement Division** as the *Interim Director of Employment Engagement*.
- She will proactively work with business and industry, the college's employment center and other stakeholders to develop opportunities for student employment and foster workforce development in the SCV.
- As a former Information Technology (IT) executive; Ms. Hodge will continue to lend her expertise towards the development of the career opportunity board platform **Jobspeaker** (see next slide) at the college.

Leveraging Technology to Engage - Career Connect powered by Jobspeaker



The **Employment Center** on the Valencia campus aids employers in directing qualified students to their various job opportunities through the use of **Jobspeaker**.



- The Jobspeaker software application provides the ability for Santa Clarita Valley businesses to post job/internship opportunities for our students and alumni.
- In addition, businesses can search for candidates based on skills acquired from their COC education and/or previous experience.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring 2022 Welcome Week

Next week we will be hosting numerous activities for our *Annual Spring 2022 Welcome Week* on **February 14th and 17th** at the following campuses.

- **Canyon Country Campus - Monday, February 14th - 10am to 1pm.**
 - CCC will have a Campus Resource Fair at the **Don Takeda Science Center's lobby**
- **Valencia Campus – Thursday, February 17th 10am to 1pm**
 - When students arrive to campus, departments, student clubs, and alliances will be available outdoors between Canyons Hall, the Student Center and the flag pole, to connect with students.
- For more information on activities go to:
<http://www.canyons.edu/welcomeweek>



SPRING 2022

Welcome Week

Feb 14 - Feb 17, 2022

CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS
February 14, 2022 | 10am to 1pm
Don Takeda Science Center Lobby

Meet the faces of the countless resources available to you as a COC student!

VALENCIA CAMPUS
February 17, 2022 | 10am to 1pm

Get familiar with the Valencia Campus by visiting the various student services offices. Student clubs and alliances will be available to meet outdoors between Canyons Hall and the Student Center.

VISIT WWW.CANYONS.EDU/WELCOMEEEEK
for more information calendar full of events by other departments throughout the week

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE CLEARED TO BE ON CAMPUS BEFORE ATTENDING THESE EVENTS.
HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE EMAIL CAMPUS.LIFE@CANYONS.EDU OR
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There's a chance to get free movie tickets at both campuses?!

Coming to the Art Gallery

The Art Gallery will be featuring *Kumasi J. Barnett: The Amazing Black-Man* in COC's Gallery 206 from **February 15 – March 31st**.

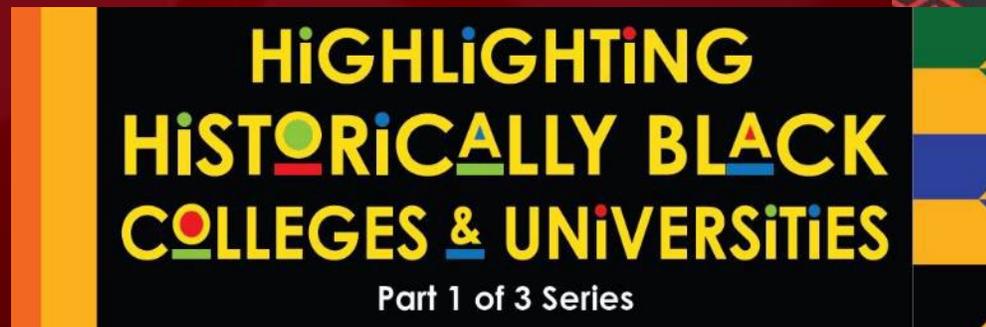
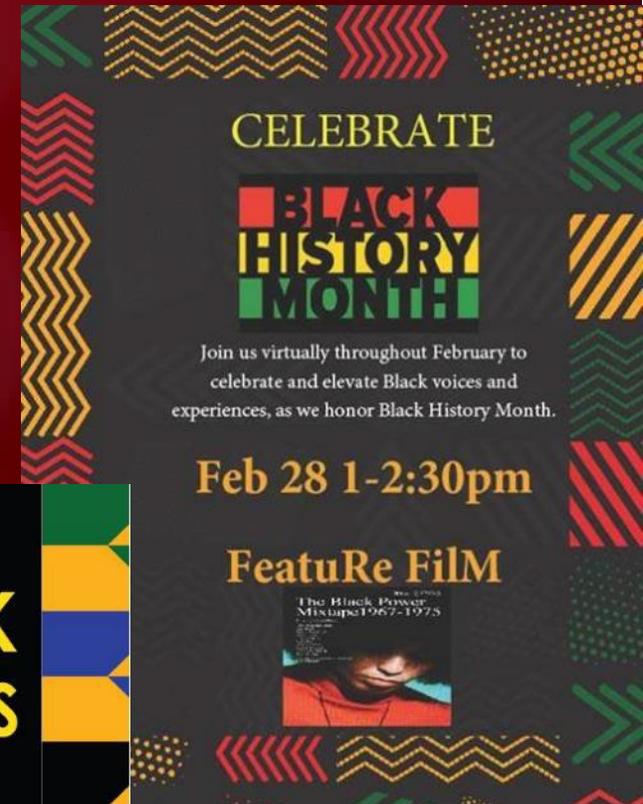
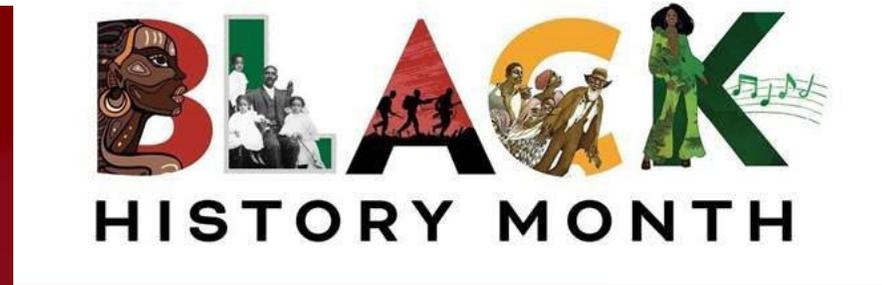
- Barnett's paintings - powerful, poignant, humorous, and sincere - are made from actual comic books. Using paint and markers, he alters the books covers, concisely changing the familiar narratives into incisive commentary on contemporary culture.
- Kumasi J. Barnett's name may already be familiar to some of our campus community. In 2020-2021, the physical spaces of the COC Art Galleries were closed due to the pandemic, but we were able to share an online exhibition of Barnett's work on our website.
- The artist will present a lecture on his work and career via Zoom on **Thursday, February 24th** at 2:30. You may pre-register for the talk at www.canyons.edu/artgallery



Black History Month at College of the Canyons

In celebration of **Black History Month**, COC will be hosting a variety of events on throughout the month of February.

- **Highlighting Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) - Wednesday, February 16th 1:00-2:30pm.**
- **Rockumentary – The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 - Monday, February 28th 1:00-2:30pm**
- Please be on the lookout for Zoom information to come.



Creating Business Alliances: Honoring African American Business Owners and Entrepreneurs of the Santa Clarita Valley

In honor of Black History Month, our **Business Alliance** meeting on **Wednesday, February 16th** at 8am aims to focus on how Black Owned businesses can access the resources, support, education, and training to grow and prosper.

- This business equity initiative aligns with our vision and mission to create an inclusive and empowered business community for all. Our goal is to develop a network that expands this collaboration throughout our community.
- Please join us at our Business Alliance Meeting in celebration of Black History Month 2022 as we hear from Black and African American business experts and others on this important topic.
- Email Yarely.Gonzalez@canyons.edu to RSVP



Women's Conference

After switching to a virtual format last year, the **Annual College of the Canyons Women's Conference** will return to the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center on **Saturday, March 26th**!

- Held from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, this year's *in-person* conference will feature an exciting lineup of presenters and breakout sessions designed around the theme "Reimagine a New You!"
- A panel of trailblazing women will speak about their path to where they are now, what keeps them engaged, and their ability to be resilient during a pandemic. The panel speakers include:
- Admission is \$35, and \$20 for students and college staff, and includes access to all events and activities, breakfast & lunch, as well as a raffle drawing ticket.
- For more info, go to: <http://www.canyons.edu/wc>

Presented by
Boston Scientific

Reimagine
A NEW YOU!

2022 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
at College of the Canyons

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022 • 9 AM - 2 PM
SANTA CLARITA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Speaker panel • Breakout sessions • Resource Fair • Vendor Alley • Luncheon

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SCVEDC - Board of Directors Meetings 2022

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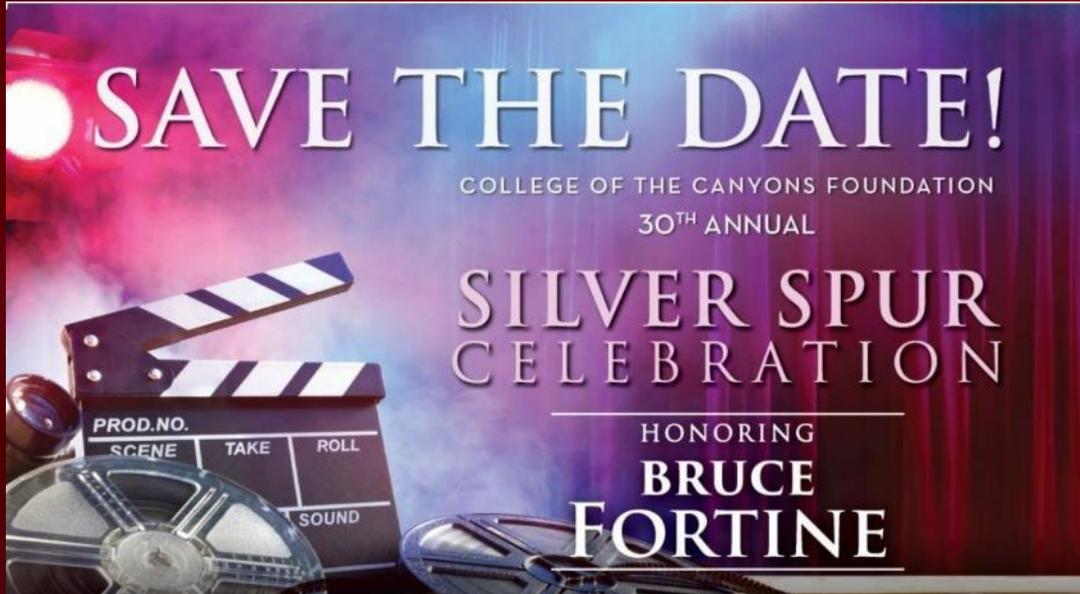


Upcoming SCVEDC Meetings and locations.

- **April 7, 2022** – UCEN 258
- **July 7, 2022** – Board Meeting/Large Employers Mixer Location TBD
- **October 6, 2022** – UCEN 258

Economic Outlook - September 16, 2022
(Tentative) @ Performing Arts Center

RESCHEDULED - Silver Spur: Save the Date!



Please be advised that due to COVID-19 concerns we have rescheduled the Silver Spur Gala honoring Mr. Bruce Fortine to
Saturday, May 14, 2022

Your invitation is forthcoming and we look forward to seeing you.

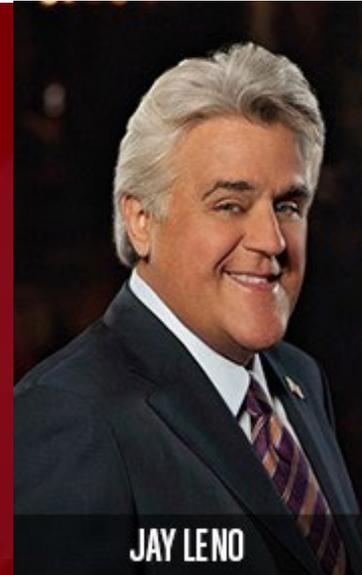
Please **SAVE THE DATE!**

If you have any questions,
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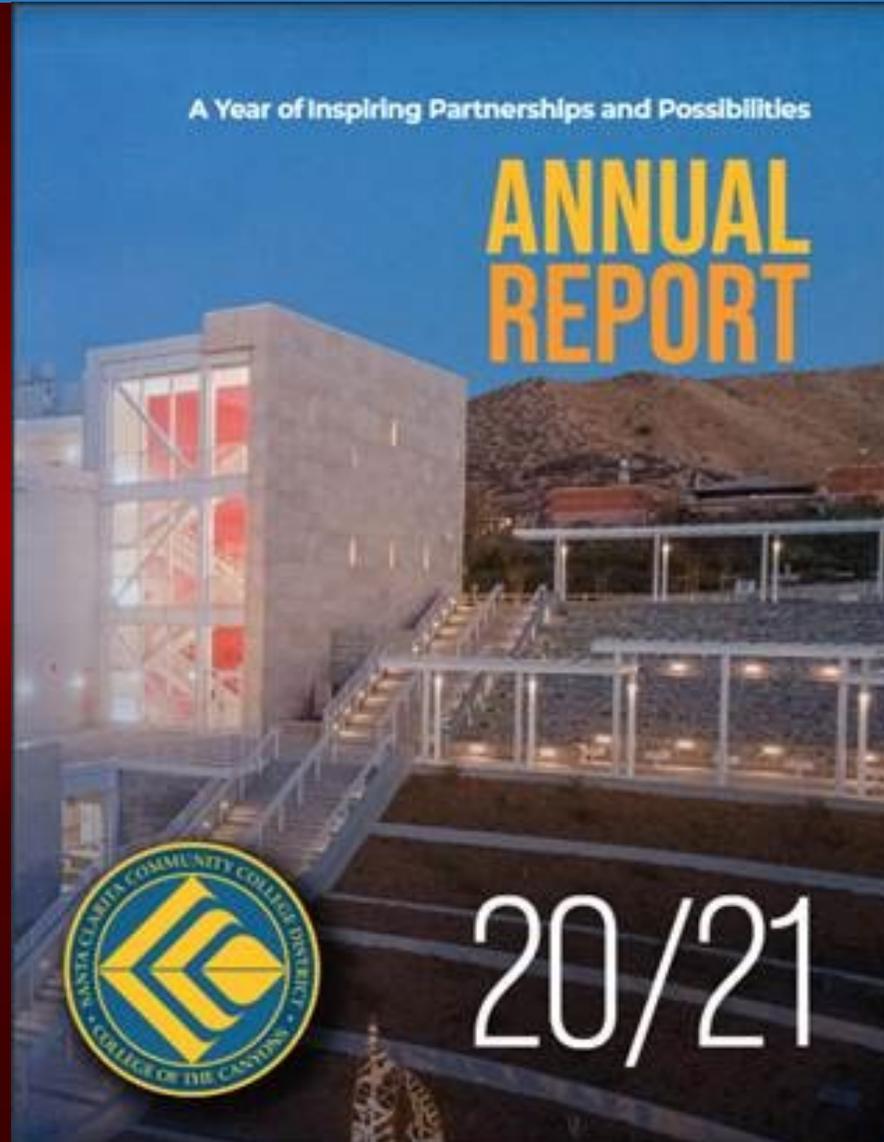
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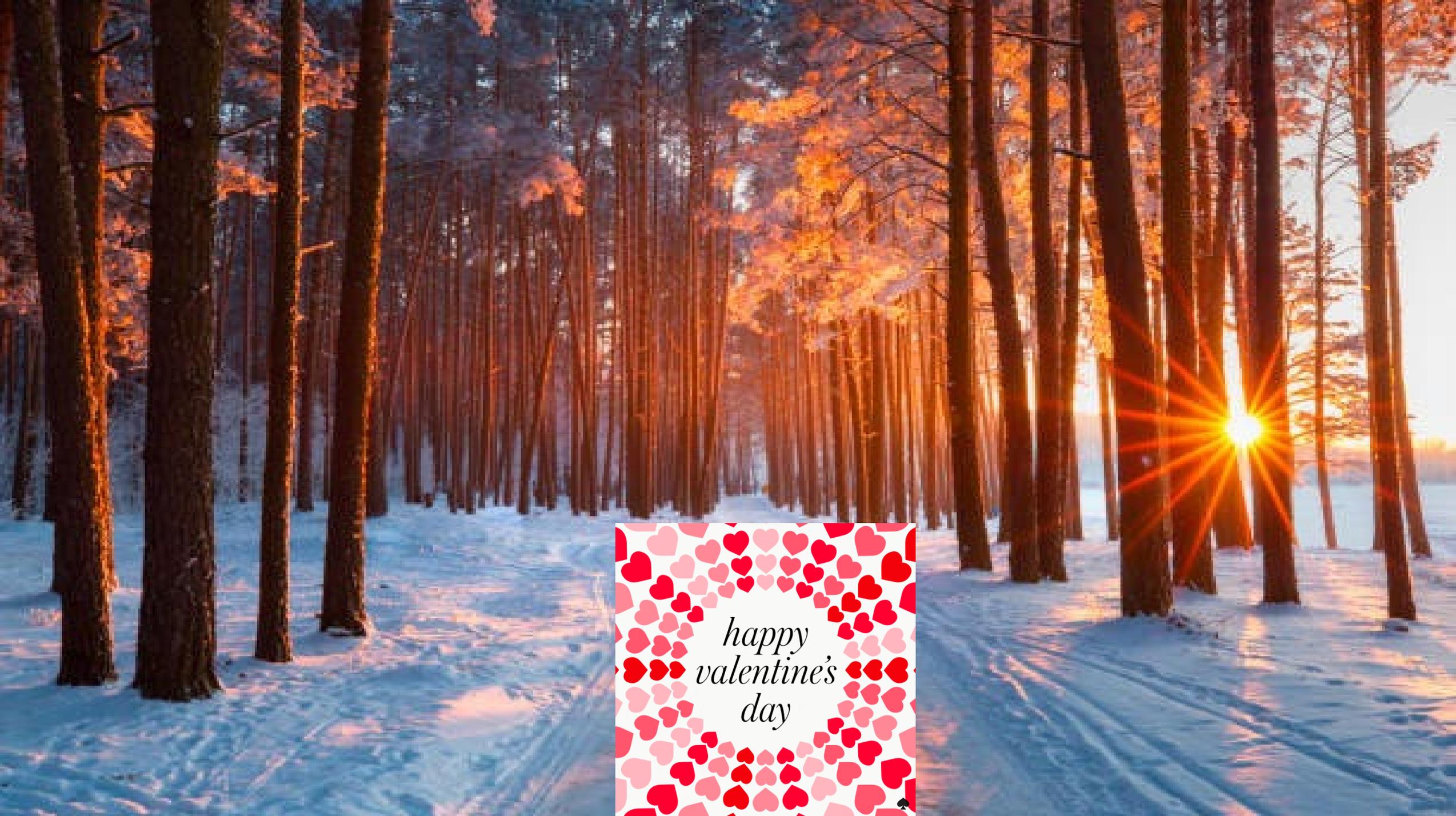
Highlighting the 2021/22 season are performances by:

- **Dinosaur World Live! – March 12th**
- **Judy Collins – March 13th**
- **Black Violin – March 23rd**
- **Jay Leno – April 9th**
- **Crystal Gayle – May 7th**
- **Ben Folds – June 17th**



The 20/21 Annual Report





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valentine's
day*