



ALPHA DELTA NU INDUCTION CEREMONY – DECEMBER 7

College of the Canyons was pleased to celebrate the academic excellence achieved by 33 students of the Registered Nursing Fall 2016 Graduating Class as they were awarded with honors from the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing - The Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society Gamma Eta Chapter.



- > The purpose of the Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society at College of the Canyons is to:
 - Promote scholarship and academic excellence in the profession of nursing;
 - ✓ To recognize academic excellence of students in the study of the Associate Degree Nursing;
 - ✓ To encourage the pursuit of advanced degrees in the profession of nursing;
 - ✓ As well as continuing education as a life-long professional responsibility.
- Inductees were awarded with a certificate, pin and honor cord.

NURSES PINNING CEREMONY – DECEMBER 8

- The Registered Nursing Class of Fall 2016 held their Pinning Ceremony on December 8th.
- > This traditional pinning ceremony marks the completion of each nurse's training and celebrates the accomplishments of newly graduated nurses.
- > The pinning ceremony serves as a symbolic welcoming of all those entering the nursing profession.
- Tina Rorick, Sylvia Duncan, Rachael Houghton and Ann Valladares presented the pins to the 52 nursing graduates.
- > This is always a moving ceremony for the students, family and friends in attendance!



PERFORMING ARTS DECEMBER EVENTS – DECEMBER 8, 9, 10

- COC was alive with holiday spirit in December as our students performed for the community:
 - ✓ COC Dance "Dancing into December"
 - ✓ COC Vocal Jazz Ensembles "Jazz Tidings"
 - ✓ COC Chamber Singers & Voices of the Canyons –

"Christmas Tapestry"















FACILITIES WAS VERY BUSY OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK!

- During the holiday break facilities was moving quickly to make the campus sparkle! Some of the projects included:
 - ✓ Re-carpeting and repainting of faculty offices on the 2nd and 3rd floor of Mentry Hall.
 - ✓ Painting and deep floor cleaning of 20 faculty offices & moved offices as directed.
 - ✓ Heavy duty floor refinishing of classrooms.
 - ✓ Parking lots 5,6 and 8 modifications began.
 - ✓ Carpeting of the Fitness Center in PE West.
 - Re-carpeting and power poles in MESA offices.
 - Restriping of Canyon Country
 Campus parking lots and roadways.
 - ✓ Lockset replacement in Hasley & Mentry
 - Roof repairs, campus wide.











COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHTS HELD – JANUARY 11 & 12

- College of the Canyons hosted more than 720 high school students and their parents at college information nights on January 11 and 12th in the Performing Arts Center.
- Attendees learned about the application and admission process and how to earn priority registration, as well as other key student support services offered by the college.
- Pre-event sessions allowed students to meet college officials and current students.
- > Sessions were held in English and in Spanish.









THE SIGNAL/COC CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM -

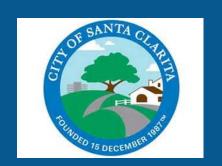
JANUARY 12

- The Signal Newspaper and College of the Canyons hosted a City Council Candidates Forum in the University Center on January 12th.
- The vacant seat was created when Dante Acosta stepped down on December 6th to join the state Assembly.
- 24 of the 50 Santa Clarita residents that applied for the vacant seat on the Council participated in the event.
- Candidates took questions from Signal Vice President and Editor Jason Schaff and Managing Editor Jana Adkins, hoping to stand out in the 50person field.
- Mayor Cameron Smyth and City Councilperson Marsha McLean joined members of the audience to listen to the candidates.
- > On Tuesday, January 17 the City Council appointed Bill Miranda to the vacant seat.













INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION HELD - JANUARY 18

- 30 new international students attended the first ISP orientation of the spring semester on January 18th.
- On January 26th we plan to have another 12-15 new students for the second orientation.
- In total, we are estimating that we will have 45-50 new ISP students for the spring semester, 8 of which were recruited by our partner in South Korea!
- These new students come from 20 different countries.





K-12 ART EDUCATION BUS-INS – JANUARY 18 & 19

- Elementary school students from throughout the Santa Clarita Valley were treated to a special performance in the Performing Arts Center on January 18th and 19th.
- > The Los Angeles Opera's Figaro American Adventure provided a high-energy introduction to the world of opera. The lighthearted show transported the students to colonial America where, with his band of sneaky barbers and colonial compatriots, Figaro led them on a delightful musical goose chase.
- The exciting tale was full of wonderful music, lots of laughs and had a direct link to the American history California State Content Standards.
- The next bus-in will be Imani Gonzalez Exploring Traditional World Cultures in March.



EDPAC/WEDPAC INSTITUTE FOR THE FUTURE

- JANUARY 19 & 20

- EDPAC/WEDPAC members from throughout the state attended the *Institute for the Future* in Palo Alto on January 19th and 20th. Jeffrey Forrest, VP Economic and Workforce Development, represented me at the event.
- > The *Institute for the Future* is a non-profit research organization that focuses on trends impacting the future of education, business and society.
- The theme was "Silicon Valley Lessons for Higher Education from the Innovation Capital of the World".
- Attendees were given a tour of some of the leading companies in the Silicon Valley.
- The "big take-away" from the event was that community colleges can position themselves in the new start-up economy by streamlining its processes, focusing on skills attainment and creating flexible terms for delivering education to students.















BLACK VIOLIN IN THE PAC – JANUARY 20

- A sold out crowd delighted in the performance of **Black Violin** in the Performing Arts Center on Friday evening, January 20th.
- The crowd thoroughly enjoyed their unique blend of classical, hip-hip, rock, R&B and bluegrass music, giving the performers a standing ovation.
- After the performance the band members signed autographs in the lobby. First in line to get an autograph was a six year old boy who first saw Black Violin perform when he was four years old. He was so inspired by the performance that he learned to play the violin and had the band members sign his violin!















SCV TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD AT COC – JANUARY 23

- Trustees and CEOs from COC, Hart, Castaic, Newhall, Saugus and Sulphur Springs School Districts held their quarterly SCV Trustees Association meeting last night at COC.
- Attendees met in Canyons Hall where they were welcomed with a student led tour of the building and then headed over to the Institute for Culinary Arts where they were greeted by Chef Cindy Schwanke who conducted a tour of the iCUE.
- > Dinner (catered by ISSI) and the meeting followed.
- > The Trustees Association presented a plaque to former COC trustee Bruce Fortine for his years of dedicated service to COC and the community.
- > Trustees commented on how much they appreciated the partnerships with COC and appreciated the chance to tour Canyons Hall and the iCUE.
- > The next SCV Trustees meeting will be held on March 20th at Canyon High School.







COC FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 24

- The bi-monthly board meeting of the COC Foundation was held on January 24th.
- Board members approved Bruce Fortine as a new member of the Foundation Board of Directors.
- The major focus of the meeting was on a mid-cycle review of the Foundation's Strategic Plan where members discussed the three fundraising priorities:
 - ✓ Planned Giving Initiative
 - ✓ Visual and Performing Arts Campaign
 - College Promise a new District funding priority to support students to complete college





ART GALLERY EXHIBIT – NOW THROUGH JANUARY 26

- > The COC Art Gallery presents "Budding Artists" featuring selections from the children at the Center for Early Childhood Education.
- > This exhibit is on display through this Thursday.
- > The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- > Stop by and see come of our budding artists!











GRANTS UPDATE

Civic Engagement

- > \$5,000 for from AAC&U for Civic Engagement
- > Funds will be used for activities related to a campus dialogue in civic engagement
- > Funding period is 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017
- Project Director is Patty Robinson

Open Educational Resources (OER) – (One of 5 in the state)

- > \$121,763 from the Chancellor's Office to create OER for Water Systems
- Funds staff, travel and support to create OER materials
- > Funding period is 01/17/2017 to 12/31/2017
- Project Director is Brian Weston

Economic Development/Apprenticeships

- \$260,000 from the California Community College Chancellor's Office
- Funds creation of 13 new apprenticeships with Advantage Media Service in warehousing/logistics
- Funding period is 01/18/2017 to 01/31/2019
- COCs proposal ranked first

1/25/2017

Project Director is John Milburn



GRANTS UPDATE - CONTINUED

Civic Engagement

- > \$10,000 from the Foundation for California Community Colleges
- > Funds workshops to host civic engagement activities throughout the year
- Funding period is 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017
- Project Director is Patty Robinson

SBDC

- \$25,000 from the Wells Fargo Foundation
- > Funding for activities to increase veteran support in the SBDC
- Funding period is 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017
- Project Director is Catherine Grooms



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

- COC completed its first semester of the California College Foundation's Civic Impact Project grant. A final report was submitted to the group in December. COC was one of 25 community colleges selected to participate in this program.
- Four COC students were selected to participate in the Civic Impact Scholar's Program. Twenty-five students were selected statewide. Congratulations to COC students:
 - ✓ Lauren Mooney
 - ✓ Ian Martinez
 - ✓ Chris Borja
 - ✓ Jade Aubuchon
- COC will participate with the Kettering Foundation and The Democracy Commitment in providing a "train the trainer"
 Deliberative Dialogue workshop. COC is one of four community colleges nationwide participating in this project.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE - CONTINUED

- Patty Robinson has been asked to serve on two advisory boards Civic Impact Project (state) and The Democracy Commitment (national). She also presented with four faculty from other colleges The Need to Serve: Promoting Civic Engagement and Global Citizenship at the California Community College League Conference.
- > The Civic Engagement Club created the Club's Veterans Suicide Prevention Display, which received local, state, and national media attention.
- Civic Engagement is now working with *The Signal* and *Mr. Bruce Fortine* to advance issues of civic and community engagement forward, as well as to highlight the achievements of our students.



ATHLETIC ROUNDUP - BASKETBALL

Men's Basketball

COC emerged from the 27th Annual Cougar Holiday Classic tournament held December 28-29 as **champions for the first time since 1997** after defeating runner up Barstow College 86-76 in a come-from-behind win.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Cougars hosted the 2017 Canyons Crossover event January 6-7, with four teams visiting the Cougar Cage for two days of women's basketball action. Unfortunately, COC was defeated in both contests.









ATHLETIC ROUNDUP -VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball

The women's volleyball team had **six** players earn All-Western State Conference, South Division honors, after a season in which the Lady Cougars placed second in the conference.

- ✓ COC freshman Emily Burns and Sam Nua were both named All-WSC First Team selections.
- ✓ Earning All-WSC Second Team honors were freshman Rachel Perez and Morgan Ferguson.

✓ Earning Honorable Mention status were freshmen Liz Baker and

Demi Dawson.





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ATHLETIC ROUNDUP - SOCCER

Women's Soccer

For the third time in as many years, COC women's soccer had **12** players earn All-Western State Conference (WSC) honors. Additionally:

- ✓ Freshman Hailey Phipps was named the WSC, East Division Player of the Year.
- Head Coach Justin Lundin was named WSC, East Coach of the Year after leading Canyons to a 12-4-4 overall record and 6-0-2 mark in conference play and winning the program's sixth consecutive conference title. The award is Lundin's fifth overall, and third in a row.



The COC men's soccer team had **six** players earn All-Western State Conference, South Division accolades after a season in which the Cougars placed fourth in the conference.

- Headlining the group of honorees were All-WSC First Team selections Adrian Arguello and Anthony Salvadori.
- ✓ Earning All-WSC Second Team honors were sophomores Cristian Arriaga and Kevin Rivas.









ATHLETIC ROUNDUP - CROSS COUNTRY

> Cross Country

The cross country program concluded its season with a trip to the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championship meet in Fresno, but not before seeing 12 runners earn All-Western State Conference honors.

- Earning All-WSC First Team honors for the COC women's team were sophomore Jessica Ruiz and freshman Stephanie Martinez. Sophomore Chelsea Wells and freshman Diani Ellis were each named All-WSC Second Team and freshmen Celine Whitman, Chloe Doherty and Taylor Hernandez were selected for Honorable Mention recognition.
- On the men's side COC finished sixth in the conference with freshman Garrett Noltemeyer and sophomore Jake Higdon both named All-WSC Second Team. Sophomore Mauricio La Plante, and freshmen Cody Roelofson and Christopher Ochoa were Honorable Mention selections.





ATHLETIC ROUNDUP - FOOTBALL

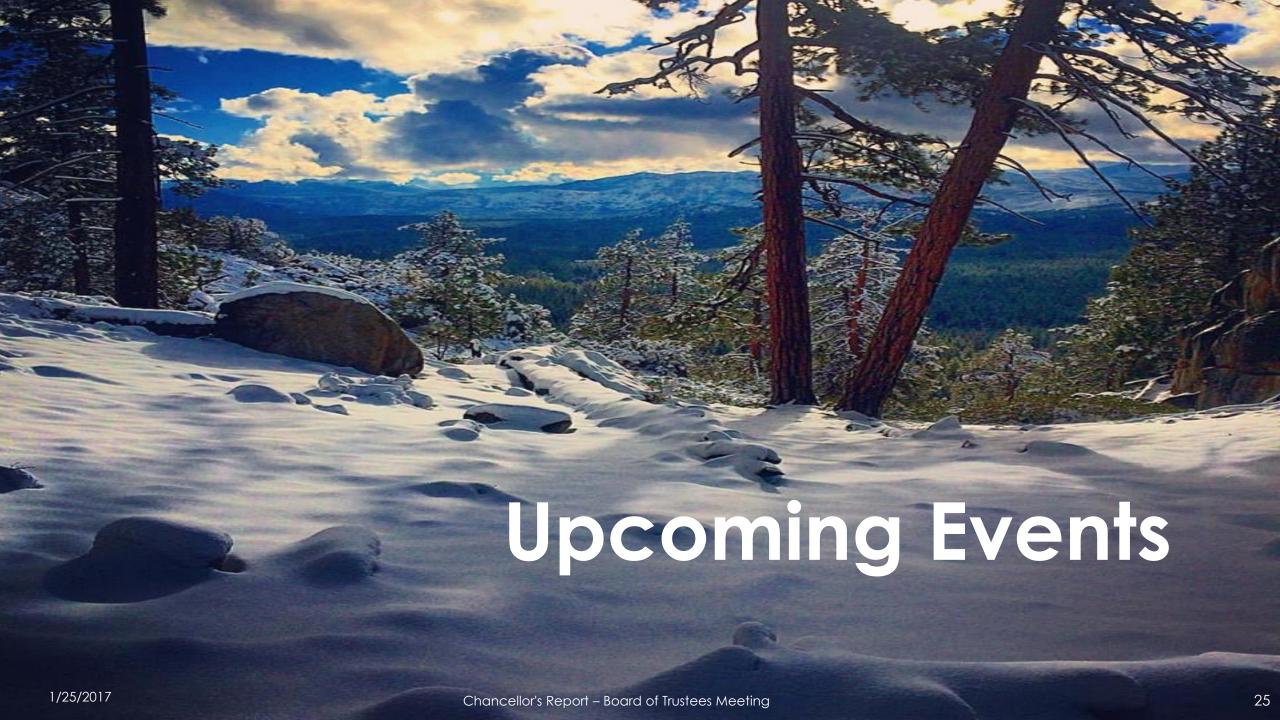
> Football

Three players from the 2016 COC football team have committed to continue their educations with athletic scholarships at NCAA Division I institutions.

- ✓ Marquise Brown signed a National Letter of Intent with Oklahoma University;
- Sione Taufahema headed to the University of Arizona; and
- ✓ Tyler Bjorklund has decided to take his talents to Colorado State University.
- ✓ All three have enrolled at their new schools for the spring semester.







CONTRACT ED SUMMIT AT COC - JANUARY 26 & 27

- More than 49 members are registered to attend the Contract ED Summit 2017 at College of the Canyon on January 26th and 27th.
- Jeffrey Forrest, Vice President of Economic Development at COC will start off the conference with a keynote address.
- Participants will tour the CTE programs at COC and attend sessions on:
 - ✓ Leveraging WDB/WIOA & Adult Ed Partnerships
 - ✓ Be an Amazing Trainee
 - ✓ CE Marketing Tool Kit Roll Out
 - ✓ How to Customize Curriculum
 - ✓ Employee Engagement
 - ✓ 21st Century Skills & CA Corporate College Update
 - ✓ Leveraging CE to Meet Strong Workforce Performance Goals
 - ✓ CE Updates
- On the last day of the conference, participants will go to AMS Fulfillment where President Ken Wiseman will provide a tour of the facility and discuss the new apprenticeship partnership that they have with COC.







ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME – JANUARY 27

➤ The Athletic Hall of Fam Induction Ceremony and Dinner will be held on Thursday, January 27th at the Hyatt Regency Valencia – 5:30 Cocktails and 6:30 Dinner.

- > 2017 Inductees:
 - ✓ 2004 National Champion Football Team
 - ✓ Sha'Tasha Allen Women's Basketball
 - ✓ JJ Arrington Football
 - ✓ Jessica Gomez Cross Country/Track & Field
 - ✓ Ulrich Grigsby Meritorious Service



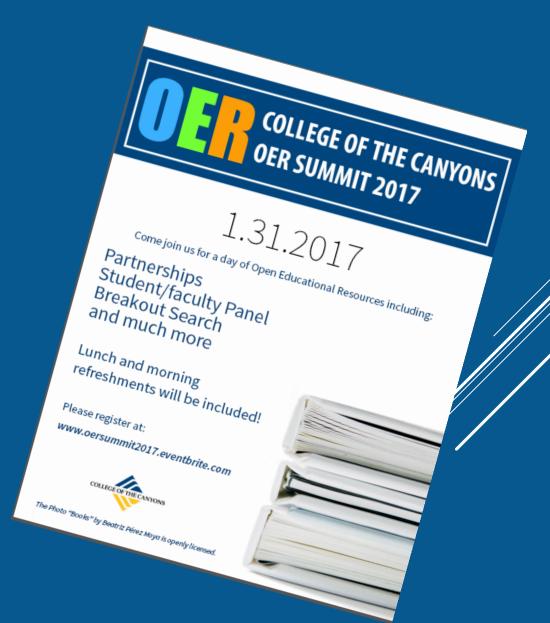
COC PRESENTS AT CCLC – JANUARY 27- 29

- College of the Canyons is pleased to be a part of a Board/CEO panel at the "Effective Trustee Workshop" (ETW) for new trustees being held later this week in Sacramento.
- Michele Jenkins and I will be a part of the panel along with Dr. Marlon Hall Superintendent/President and trustee Shawn Giese from Lassen College.
- > The Board/CEO relationship will be discussed from the point of view of the CEOs and from the point of view of the trustees. Trustees will also be discussing:
 - ✓ Goal Setting and Evaluation
 - ✓ Communication
 - ✓ Board/Institutional Operations
 - ✓ Student Success/Institutional Effectiveness
 - ✓ Community Relations/Advocacy/Fundraising



OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE (OER) SUMMIT 2017 – JANUARY 31

- COC is hosting the 2017 OER Summit on January 31st.
- The purpose of the summit is to educate faculty, staff and administrators about OER and solidify the reputation of COC as a center of OER adoption and innovation.
- More than 80 attendees are confirmed, 25 from COC and 55 from other institutions.
- > Sessions will include:
 - ✓ CCCOER: The Community of Practice for OER Degrees
 - ✓ OpenStax and the OER Movement
- After lunch the summit will end with a faculty and student panel.

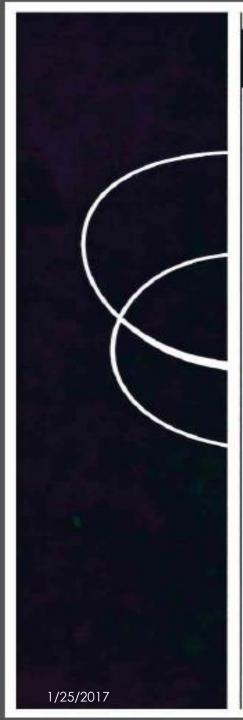


UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

- FLEX Day January 31
 All day workshop includes a campus tour, faculty orientation, lunch, CCC presentation, emergency preparedness drill and much more!
- > Spring 2017 Begins February 6
 Approximately 290 sections in 40+ disciplines will be offered at the CCC during the Spring semester.
- Student Success Day February 15
 Welcome Week styled event featuring an ASG BBQ and helpful outreach and engagement activities by student services departments and supporting programs.
- ECE Family Movie Night February 24
 Biannual Early Childhood Education Center movie night.
- > SBDC Workshops April 13, 20, 27
 The SBDC will hold a three-part workshop on entrepreneurship.
- Spring Garden Walk April 15 Community-oriented event featuring a campus garden tour and discussion of native and drought-tolerant species and biodiversity.
- Star Party May 5
 This always popular event returns with a focus on the alien moons of Saturn and astrobiology.







SAVE THE DATE

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS FOUNDATION

SILVER SPUR Celebration

HONORING



SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

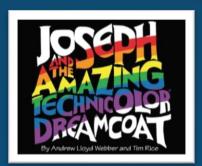
SHERATON UNIVERSAL STARVIEW ROOM



PAC EVENTS COMING UP...

- January 27 29 ESCAPE Theatre: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"
- ➤ February 11 COC Presents: Los Lobos (8 pm)
- March 12 Santa Clarita Master Chorale Classical Masterpieces – (4 pm)
- March 19 David Burnham Performing Broadway Showstoppers – 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)

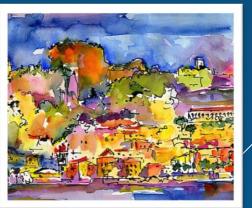


















IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT WE MOURN THE PASSING OF KEVIN JENKINS...

- Fevin Jenkins was a 17-year employee who began his career in 1999 as a Photography Lab Technician. Kevin became a full-time faculty member at COC in 2002 and quickly earned a reputation for being an amazingly patient and inspiring teacher who took the time to listen to his students. He served for many years as department chair and program visionary, helping to build the Graphic and Multimedia Design Department with friend and fellow professor Mark Daybell.
- Kevin was a talented artist, photographer and designer. He was a self-described lifelong learner who remained active in the design industry, producing work for both commercial and artistic purposes.
- Kevin excelled at adapting his curriculum to reflect the always-evolving design industry, which served to give his students a competitive advantage in launching their careers.
- Kevin spent many extended says in far-away places and considered travel a continuation of his education.
- ➤ Before joining COC, Kevin earned his Master's of Fine Arts in Creative Photography from the University of California, Irvine and a Bachelor's degree in Sculpture from California College of the Arts in San Francisco.
- > Kevin will be deeply missed by his family, his colleagues and friends at College of the Canyons, as well as his students to whom he dedicated his energy and enthusiasm on a daily basis.
- > A memorial will be held in early February for the COC community.

