



LAW SCHOOL PATHWAY STUDENT RECOGNITION

The *Law School Pathway Advisory Council* held their spring meeting on Monday, May 7th in Canyons Hall.

- ➤ The first set of **10** law scholars (3 in fall, 5 in spring and 2 in summer) were recognized at the meeting with certificates and a purple *Law Scholar Cord* to wear at graduation.
- Students are transferring to four-year schools including UC Davis, UC Berkeley, CSUN, UC San Diego and Pepperdine (where the student received a full scholarship).
- Students enjoyed meeting the Advisory Council.
- Currently we have 85 students in the Law School Pathway.





ACADEMY OF THE CANYONS STUDENT SHOWCASE

On May 3rd, *Academy of the Canyons (AOC)* held a
Student Showcase and
open house for 2018/19
incoming students in the
University Center.

- Current AOC students displayed their spring student projects.
- Incoming students participated in a meetand-greet, enjoyed refreshments, played some games and met new friends.













DEPUTY CHANCELLOR DAISY GONZALEZ VISITS COC

Deputy Chancellor Daisy Gonzalez visited COC today to speak about her inspirational story at the annual luncheon for EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs students.

Prior to the luncheon I had the opportunity to meet with Deputy Chancellor Gonzalez and Dr. Pamela Brogdon-Wynne, Director of EOPS/CARE and Cal WORKs to discuss our programs, our successes and our challenges.







CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE BUSINESS BRIEFING

The Chancellor's Circle held a "Business Briefing" on "The Secrets of Growth Companies: 10 Methods to Double Your Business in Five Years" on Thursday, April 12th in the University Center.

- Approximately 50 people attended the Business Briefing with 30 attending the Wine & Cheese Book Signing and Panel Discussion that followed the presentation.
- Attendees at the Wine & Cheese event received a complimentary copy of "Momentum: How Companies Decide What To Do Next".









GARDEN WALK AT CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

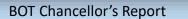
The spring Garden Walk was held at the Canyon Country Campus on Saturday, April 14th.

- Jeannie Chari, Professor of Biology, led a guided tour of the unique plant life on the Canyon Country Campus.
- This event continues to thrive with 3 community members, 6 faculty/staff and 17 students on this walk.
- Participants used microscopes to explore plant details, learn about light pollution and the effects on biodiversity, and gain tips on creating bird habitat.













WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD PLAY DAY

COCs Early Childhood Education Center, in conjunction with Southern California Valley Committee and the COC TEACH program, celebrated the Week of the Young Child Play Day" on Saturday April 14th in the Honor Grove.

> A large crowd of parents, grandparents and children of all ages turned out for a fun filled day of play and activities.

















SCV CHAMBER AFTER HOURS MIXER

College of the Canyons was pleased to host the *SCV Chamber "After Hours Mixer"* on Wednesday, April 18th in our iCuE.

- The mixer gave the college a chance to highlight our Institute for Culinary Education, Employee Training Institute and Strong Workforce Apprenticeship Group as resources for upskilling local employees.
- In addition to college administrators, several of our LEAP Forward participants joined us for this networking opportunity with our local businesses and community leaders.

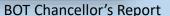














SCOTT WILK & DANTE ACOSTA SHARE TIPS ON ADVOCACY

We were pleased to have **Senator Scott Wilk** and **Assemblymember Dante Acosta** visit COC on Friday, April 20th.

- > Senator Wilk and Assemblymember Acosta explained how the advocacy process works at the state level and gave tips on "how to" and "how not to" work with elected officials.
- > They also talked about their experiences in the State Senate and Assembly and urged individuals to write letters on the proposed budget funding formula.





ALUMNI BANNER RECEPTION

Our new Alumni Banners were revealed at a reception on April 24th in the University Center.

We were pleased to honor our newest alumni that are featured on the banners being displayed around our campuses.















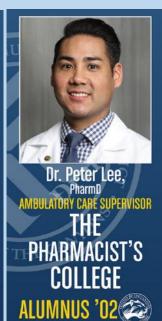


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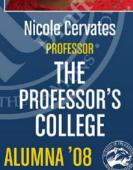
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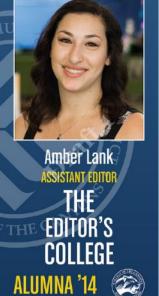




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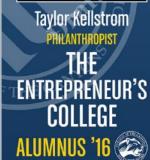


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HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR DAY AT COC

Local high school seniors descended upon our campuses on Tuesday, April 24th at the Canyon Country Campus and on Thursday, April 26th at the Valencia Campus for "High School Senior Day".

- The high school students were invited to attend the "drop-in, one-stop" event to receive assistance in:
 - ✓ Completing their application;
 - ✓ Orientation;
 - ✓ Assessment; and
 - ✓ Academic advisement.
- The event also assisted students in applying for financial aid and the *First-Year Promise Program*.
- Over 200 students attended the events.









EL CAMINO COLLEGE VISITS COC

We were happy to welcome a team from *El Camino College* who visited COC on Thursday, April 26th.

- The El Camino team of Financial Aid, Accounting, and IT folks met with our team led by Mark Garcia.
- The purpose of the visit was to discuss the Amazon Project that streamlined and improved the registration and financial aid application process for our students.
- In addition to our IT/MIS staff, El Camino met with staff from:
 - ✓ Financial Aid;
 - ✓ Fiscal Services; and
 - ✓ Student Business Office.
- I joined both teams for lunch in the iCuE, where the conversations continued.



ITAB STUDENTS VISIT COC

Over **40** *iTaB students* from Golden Valley High School visited COC on April 27th.

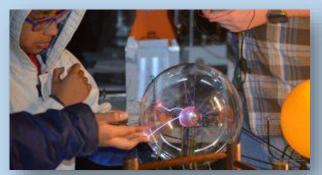
- The students toured the campus, visited the MEA department and attended a workshop on opportunities at COC.
- The seniors also received assistance in completing their admission process and applying for the *First-Year Promise Program*.
- Canyon High School iTaB students will visit COC tomorrow, Thursday, May 10th.



IT'S STAR PARTY TIME AGAIN!

Approximately **500** people joined us for a stellar lineup at the Star Party on Friday, April 27th at the Canyon Country Campus.

- "Detwinkling the Stars to Study Exoplanetary Systems" was the topic of guest speaker Dr. Vanessa Bailey, Staff Scientist at JPL, who was warm and gracious. She commented that events like this remind her of why she became a scientist.
- Interactive demonstrations and activity tables were provided by our students, faculty and staff.
- High-powered telescopes, provided by local astronomy clubs, gave our guests spectacular views of the night sky.
- The portable planetarium was popular throughout the evening and Teresa Ciardi and her students did an engaging demonstration of how atmospheric distortion creates the "twinkling star" effect.

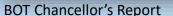














MAKERSPACE FESTIVAL INSPIRES NEXT GEN OF INNOVATORS

The 1st annual *Makerspace Festival* was held on the Valencia campus on Saturday, April 28th and was a smashing success!

- Approximately 2,500 participants from 35 schools and organizations participated including:
 - ✓ CSUN
 - ✓ Glendale Community College
 - ✓ Moorpark College
 - ✓ Allan Hancock College
 - ✓ Boy Scouts & The Boys and Girls Club
 - ✓ Wm S. Hart Union High School District
 - ✓ Saugus Union School District
 - ✓ SCVi / iLEAD
- > 53 booths provided hands-on activities, demonstrations and displays.
- Keynote speakers included:
 - ✓ Matthew Wallace Assembly, Test and Launch Operations Manager NASA JPL – "NASAs Current and Future Mars Rover Missions"
 - ✓ Joshua Abarbanel Artist "Digits & Digital: Harnessing Tech in Art Making"











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WAKE UP - STAND UP

Joelle Min, a 16 year-old AOC student, in coordination with Patty Robinson Director of COCs Civic and Community Engagement Initiative and Shana Williams, COC Professor, presented a **Sexual Harassment/Assault**Prevention Seminar on Saturday, April 28th.

- > The event was geared toward students and featured:
 - ✓ A panel with representatives from the Santa Clarita Child and Family Center's Domestic Violence Program.
- > Five workshops were held, including:
 - ✓ Ten Tips for Training People How to Treat You;
 - ✓ Releasing Shame and Addressing Accountability;
 - ✓ Recovery and Self-Empowerment,
 - √ From the male POV; and
 - ✓ Media Literacy and Sexism.
- This inaugural event was primarily attended by high school students.
- > The *Civic Engagement Steering Committee* is working with Joelle to attract a larger audience of COC students for an event this fall.
- Joelle, who volunteers in our office, was inspired to put together this event after observing the rise of the #MeToo movement and watching a documentary on sexual assault on college campuses. We are very proud of Joelle!



WOMEN AND GIRLS IN BUSINESS... INSPIRATION FOR THE FUTURE

I was thrilled to be able to speak at the "Women and Girls in Business... Inspiration for the Future" event presented by the William S. Hart Union High School District WISH Foundation and the Hart High School Women in Business group on Tuesday, May 1st.

- This event was held to encourage and inspire girls to reach for high goals and hear from successful women in business and education.
- Other speakers included:
 - ✓ Jenna Crawford, Editor, Inside SCV Magazine; and
 - ✓ Kristen Hedstrom, Director of Health Economics & Market Access for Boston Scientific Neuromodulation.
- COC was pleased to host the event in the University Center and hopes it is the first of many!











SMALL BUSINESS MONTH CELEBRATION

In celebration of Small Business Month, the *COC SBDC* hosted a meeting of the *U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy* in the University Center on May 3rd.

- The goal of the meeting was to get input on regulatory challenges at the Federal and State level, in order to address concerns before new regulations are released.
- Catherine Grooms, SBDC Director, led attendees on a tour of local companies.





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DOING WHAT MATTERS CEO INSTITUTE

More than **50** CEOs and trustees attended the "Doing What Matters CEO Institute" on Thursday, May 3rd in our University Center.

- > The Institute gave CEOs a chance for interactive dialogue with key business leaders, external partners and leaders in the workforce and economic development sectors in California.
- > Through these conversations we are putting together some purposeful next steps so that we can continue to strengthen the ability of our community colleges to meet the needs of the workforce.
- > Business partners participating in the Institute included:
 - ✓ Mr. Jim Mayer, President/CEO California Forward
 - ✓ *Mr. Bill Allen*, CEO LA County EDC
 - ✓ Mr. Kish Rajan, Principal KRPA
 - ✓ Mr. Paul Granillo, President & CEO Inland Empire Economic Partnership
- > Additionally, two Community College CEOs shared their perspectives:
 - ✓ *Dr. Bill Scroggins*, President Superintendent Mt. San Antonio College
 - ✓ Mr. Ben Duran, President/Superintendent (retired) Merced College, WEDPAC Chair and current Executive Director of the Central Valley Higher Ed Consortium.







DOING WHAT MATTERS CEO INSTITUTE

Participants were delighted to board the City of Santa Clarita Trolley for a ride to the iCuE, where they indulged in a delicious lunch prepared by our students.

> What an incredible treat for our guests! We are so proud of our *Institute*

for Culinary Arts students and faculty!

















CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STUDENT SUMMIT

COC and The Democracy Commitment welcomed over **200** guests to the inaugural *California Community College Civic* and *Community Engagement Student Summit* on Friday, May 4th.

- Over 160 students from COC, Glendale Community College, West LA Community College, Cerritos College, Saddleback College, Skyline College and Orange Coast participated in the day-long conference focused on "See the Need. Be the Change! Empowering the Next Generation of Civic Leaders."
- Attendees participated in interactive panel discussions, presentations, break-out sessions, networking opportunities and visited resource tables.
- The event included an impressive list of speakers including former COC alumna and current PhD Candidate at Harvard University, Aviel Epps.
- Congratulations to Patty Robinson for coordinating such an amazing and foundational event, which was funded in part by a Foundation mini-grant.











PLACERITA JUNIOR HIGH VISITS COC

Over the course of three days (May 4th, May 8th and coming up on May 11th) the entire 8th grade class at Placerita Junior High School will visit COC.

- > These **500** students will tour the campus and attend workshops on:
 - ✓ "College: Making it Happen"
 and
 - ✓ "Who Do You Want to Be?".
- The feedback from the students and teachers at Placerita has been excellent and we are excited that this will now be an annual visit.
- Next year we will incorporate our Career Tech Ed programs as part of the day.



CCLC RECEPTION IN THE UCEN LOBBY

We were pleased to host the *CCLC Networking Reception* on Saturday, May 5th in the UCEN Lobby.

- Trustees and CEOs who were attending the Annual Trustees Conference at the Hyatt Regency Valencia boarded buses to join us for a relaxing evening.
- "House Blend" and "Just Jazz", under the direction of Julie Lawson, entertained the crowd and beautifully showcased the talents of our students.
- Many of the attendees also enjoyed a tour of the UCEN.
- We also want to thank "Commercial Music Ensemble", under the direction of Bill MacPherson, for performing at the CCLC Welcome Reception on Friday evening.















ACCREDITATION WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, April 17th *Dr. Steven Reynolds*, Vice President at the *Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges* (ACCJC), presented a workshop in the University Center on *"Accreditation: Assuring Quality; Serving Colleges"*.

- The workshop covered:
 - ✓ How their processes are going to be simplified;
 - ✓ How their reviews focus on the WHAT not the HOW;
 - How they will include CEO input into their communication processes;
 - How accreditation standards will assess a district's ability to plan in an integrated way;
 - How to use Pathways as an integral part of outcomes to be assessed; and
 - ✓ What is the Board's role and commitment to the Pathways framework.
- Over 35 COC and Long Beach City College folks attended the workshop which provided us with insight on accreditation, especially during a time when we are seeing many systematic changes, more and more initiatives, and the restructuring of the Accrediting Commission.





ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

DONNA MILLER PROVIDES CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKSHOP

We were pleased to host Donna Miller, for the third and final workshop as part of the Professional Development priorities of the *Committee on Committees* on Wednesday, April 18th.

- This workshop, "Essential Skills to Effectively Resolve Conflicts", focused on:
 - ✓ What are the types of conflict;
 - ✓ What are the negative ways of dealing with conflict;
 - How should we initiate and respond to conflict;
 - ✓ What are the various approaches to conflict;
 - ✓ How do we manage our emotions and reactions; and
 - ✓ After the conflict, how do we reflect?
- Close to **50** people attended the workshop including members of our own Board of Trustees, COC committee members, Foundation Board members and members of our neighboring K-12 school districts as well as local businesses and non-profits.



NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION & LUNCHEON

The New Employee Orientation and Luncheon was held on Tuesday, April 24th.

- > 18 new employees and their supervisor attended the luncheon, which was held in the Performing Arts Center lobby.
- Board members Steve Zimmer and Michael Berger also joined us for lunch.
- > The new employees introduced themselves and provided background on their education, work history, hobbies and interests.

> We were proud to welcome the new employees, many who are

former COC students.











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MORE POPCORN AND PATHWAYS WITH THE PRESIDENT

On Wednesday, April 25th I held the third "Popcorn and Pathways with the President".

- It was a pleasure to meet with students and discuss:
 - ✓ What their academic journey looks like;
 - Have they started on their path;
 - What can we do to help them stay on their path; and
 - ✓ How can we better ensure they reach their destination.
- > The students were extremely engaging and very open about their experiences at College of the Canyons.



Attention COC Students!

Dr. Van Hook invites you to ... Popcorn & Pathways with the President



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WE HAVE BROKEN GROUND!

On Thursday, April 26th, students, community members, dignitaries and staff gathered together in Lot 7 to break ground on the new **1,650** space parking structure.

- > The new structure is scheduled to open in time for the spring 2019 semester.
- We are extremely appreciative to the community for the passage of Measure E which will fund this structure that will help to support the growth of the college and will provide better access for our students.





COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES RETREAT

On Friday, April 27th the **Committee on Committees** met for a retreat at Agua Dulce Winery.

- Committee chairs gathered at this inaugural retreat to reflect on the committee structure at COC and examine how all committees fit together to support the College Planning Team's Strategic Priorities.
- We also looked at the Vision Goals of the California Community College Chancellor's Office to see how they can be incorporated into the work of our COC committees.













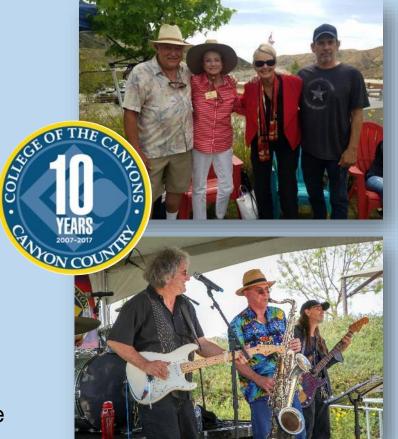


CANYONS FEST

The Canyon Country Campus wrapped up the 10th Anniversary year in style with the *Canyons Fest Music Festival* held on Sunday, May 6th.

Between 300 – 450 community members – many first timers – joined students, faculty and staff for a fun afternoon with great bands, tasty food, student dancers, enthusiastic campus displays and lots of information about campus plans, programming and registration opportunities.

The Canyon Country Campus faculty and staff are just as comfortable hosting a music/art festival as they are a science/technology event like the Star Party, befitting the innovative nature of the campus and the pioneering spirit of the staff who make great things happen in Canyon Country!









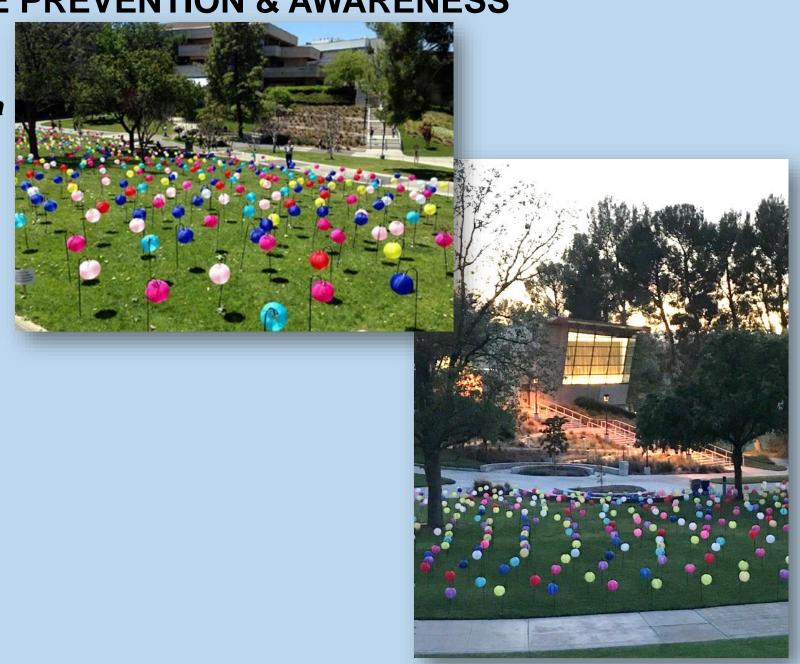




SHINE A LIGHT ON SUICIDE PREVENTION & AWARENESS

For the last two days (May 8th and 9th) the Student Health and Wellness Center hosted the 6th annual "Shine a Light on Suicide Prevention and Awareness Event".

- 1,100 lanterns were displayed in the Honor Grove representing the vibrant lives of college students lost to suicide each year.
- Resource tables staffed with community providers and the Student Health and Wellness Center staff provided students with information and resources.
- As part of this event, community therapist Priscilla Benites facilitated a "Suicide Prevention, Response and Intervention Training" on May 9th.



SWEET, SWEET MUSIC

Have you taken a stroll around our Valencia Campus lately to see the pianos?

- > The **School of Visual and Performing Arts students** have resurrected used pianos and
 students are experiencing the power of their
 inner musician!
- Art students along with our faculty have teamed up with the *Patrons of the Arts* to decorate the pianos so that students and staff can access art and music all over campus.
- > The 4 decorative pianos serve as stress relievers to students between classes and are delightful to witness as we move around the campus.











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ATHLETIC UPDATE - MEN'S GOLF

Men's Golf

- ➤ Men's Golf won the **2018 CCCAA Southern California Regional Championship** on Monday. The regional title is the **sixth** in program history, and the **fourth** in the last five seasons (2014, 2015, 2016, 2018).
- ➤ Last week, the Cougars brought home a *ninth straight*Western State Conference championship,
 representing the program's 24th such title.
- Freshman Jones Comerford has been named the WSC Player of the Year.
- ➤ Golfers Corey Haase, Clemente Yanes, Clayton

 Kucera and Michael Lindgren all earned All-WSC

 First-Team honors.
- Head Coach Gary Peterson was named WSC Coach of the Year.
- ➤ COC, the reigning state champions, will now look to defend its title at *the CCCAA State Championships* in Goleta on Monday, May 14.

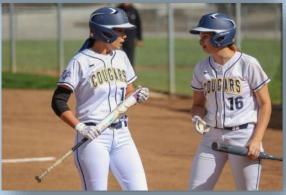


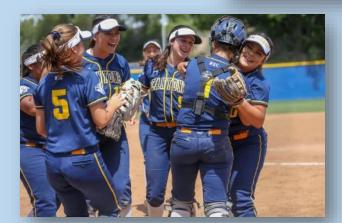


ATHLETIC UPDATE Softball

- Softball has advanced to the 2nd round of the postseason for the third time in as many years. The Cougars will next face Mt. SAC in the Southern California Super Regional on Friday.
- Canyons finished the regular season as the Western State Conference, East Division Champions after completing a perfect 16-0 run through the conference schedule — a feat that had not been accomplished since 2013.
- ➤ The Cougars have advanced to the postseason in **seven straight seasons** under **COC head coach John Wissmath**, who took home conference coach of the year honors in 2018.
- ➤ The conference title was the seventh under Wissmath and 15th overall in program history.
- Canyons had 11 players earn all-conference honors, including Danielle Chatman who was named the WSC, East Division Player of the Year. Chatman was also named to the California Community College Fastpitch Coaches Association All-State Team.
- Sophomore Heidi Ludy was named a 3CFCA All-Southern California honoree in addition to earning All-WSC East First-Team honors.







ATHLETIC UPDATE Track & Field

- Track and Field wrapped up its regular season by winning four individual conference titles and sending
 student-athletes to compete at the CCCAA
 Southern California Regional Prelims.
- Takaira Beard, Leo Lambert, Slade Cavallaro were joined by the men's 4x100m relay team (Lambert, Cavallaro, Blake Beeler and Calel Christian) in winning individual conference titles.
- Canyons will next see a combined 13 student-athletes competing across 11 events at this weekend's CCCAA Southern California Regional Championships hosted by San Diego Mesa College.











ATHLETIC UPDATE

Swim & Dive

- Swim and Dive closed out its season by seeing two swimmers compete at the California Community College
 Athletic Association (CCCAA) Swim
 & Dive State Championships May 3-5.
- Freshman *Rowdy Feather* placed seventh in the men's 200y backstroke event at the state meet with a school-record time. He also finished 14th in the 400y individual medley and 14th in the 100y backstroke.
- Sophomore Jennifer Yamauchi finished 16th in the women's 100y backstroke.
- Both swimmers were also individual conference champions with Yamauchi taking home titles in the 100y & 200y backstroke events, and Feather winning the 400y IM





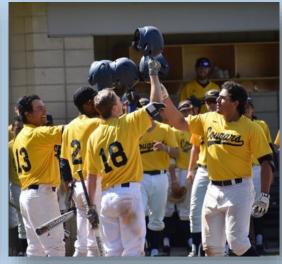


ATHLETIC UPDATE

Baseball

- Canyons won five straight and 10 of its final 11 games to conclude the regular season, but finished a game back of conference champion Glendale College in the Western State Conference (WSC), East Division.
- COC saw its season come to an end after losing its opening round CCCAA Southern California Regional Playoff Series to Palomar College last weekend.





Women's Tennis

Women's tennis concluded its inaugural season by sending four student-athletes to the 2018 CCCAA Southern California regional tournament after having two of its doubles teams qualify to compete.







EDUCATION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The 3rd annual *Education Leadership Conference* will be held at COC on Saturday, May 12th from 8 am – 3:30 pm.

- > This conference is for future educators from Preschool, TK-12 and Higher Education.
- > There will be a resource fair and breakout sessions including:
 - ✓ Innovation in the Classroom, The Makerspace Movement;
 - ✓ Supporting the Next Generation of Students;
 - College and Career Readiness: Life Skills for the Future;
 - ✓ Multiple & Single Subject Credential Information & Requirements;
 - ✓ Careers In STEM Education;
 - ✓ Teaching Your Occupation: Career Technical Education Credential;
 - Encouraging a Growth Mindset;
 - ✓ Child Development Permit Information & Requirements;
 - Advocacy in Early Childhood Education; and
 - ✓ Careers in Special Education.



MAKERSPACE











JOIN US FOR A PROMISING AFTERNOON OF PRIZES, FOOD & FUN!

The *First-Year Promise Family Celebration* will take place at 5 pm on Tuesday, May 15th in the Cougar Den.

- Join your COC family for a fun evening of BBQ and Bingo as we lend our support to the *First-Year Promise Family Campaign*.
- For the inaugural fall 2017 semester, out of 262 First-Year Promise Students:
 - ✓ 26 students earned a perfect 4.0 GPA;
 - √ 67 students earned a GPA of 3.5 3.99;
 - **60** students earned a GPA of 3.0 − 3.49;
 - ✓ With 90.5% of First-Year Promise students earned a GPA of 2.0 or higher!
- Our First-Year Promise students are thriving and need our support!



UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY/JUNE

As the spring semester winds down, we have many exciting events coming up!

- May 10th Palomar College UCEN Tour (9 am 11:30 am)
- May 11th Veterans Graduation Dinner (6 pm)
- May 15th Classified Appreciation Breakfast (7:30 CCC)
- May 15th First-Year Promise Family Campaign Event (5 pm)
- ➤ May 16th Classified Appreciation Ice Cream Social (2 pm 4 pm)
- ➤ May 17th Classified Appreciation Luncheon (12 pm 2 pm)
- ➤ May 17th Donor Scholarship Reception (5:30 7 pm)
- May 18th Honor Graduate Reception (10:15 am)
- May 18th Joy Spring Vocal Jazz (6:30 & 8:30)
- May 19th MESA Transfer Celebration Dinner (5 pm)
- ➤ May 21st Student Athlete Academic Dinner (6 9 pm)
- ➤ May 23rd Annual Scholarship Awards (6 8 pm)
- June 1st Commencement (8 am)



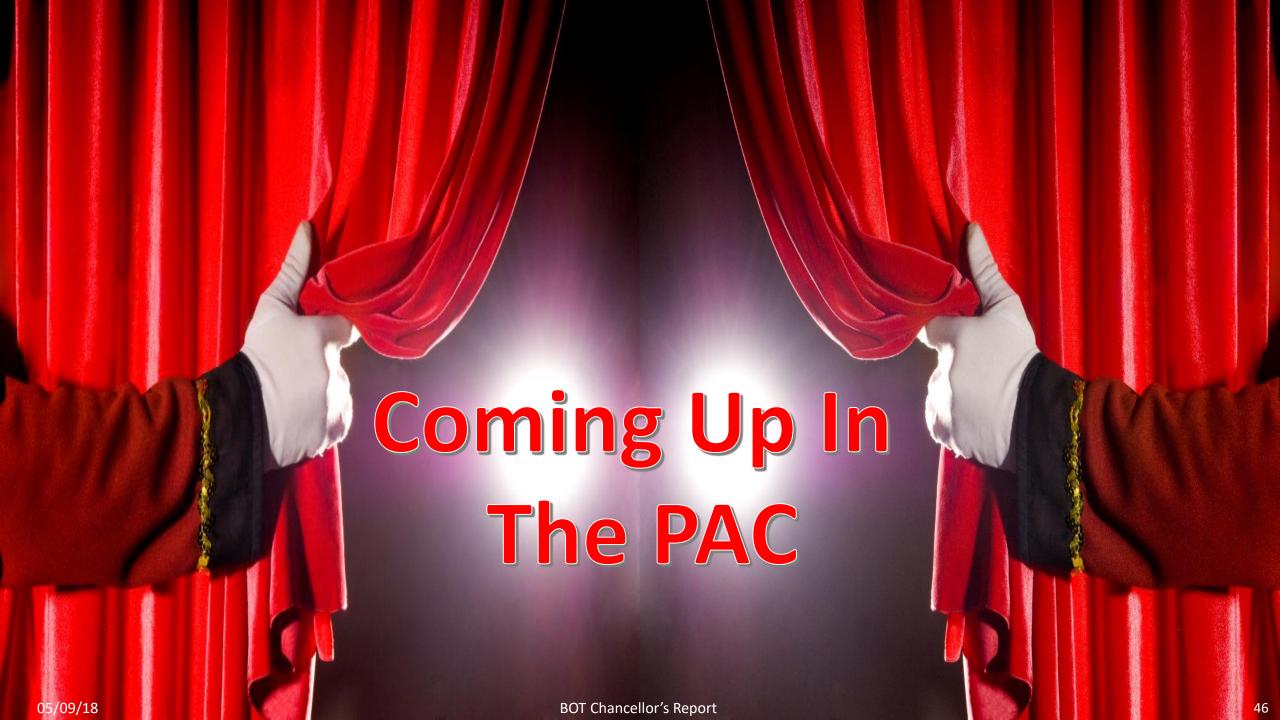












COMING UP IN THE PAC THROUGH JUNE 2018

- ❖ Pops Concert COC Music May 11
- Symphony of the Canyons May 12
- COC Dance May 17 & 18
- * Olate Dogs May 19
- **COC Music** May 24
- * COC Music **May 31**











- ❖ Santa Clarita Master Chorale June 2
- **❖** Santa Clarita Philharmonic June 3
- ❖ Santa Clarita Ballet Coppelia June 9
- Escape Theatre Oliver June 15 - 23



