



Chancellor's Report & Update

Board of Trustees Meeting

November 8, 2017



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Recognition

NEW WORLD OF WORK

College of the Canyons is proud to be a member of the initial group of partners in the system-wide roll-out of the *New World of Work* 21st century employability skills.

- As a partner college, the skills lessons will be embedded across disciplines in both CTE and GE coursework.
- These skills are sometimes referred to as “soft skills”.
- Out of the 114 colleges in our system, COC is one of the initial group of **35** that have signed on as official partners.
- The first program incorporating the *New World of Work* will be the Uniquely Aabled Program, in collaboration with the Economic Development Department, that will begin in February.



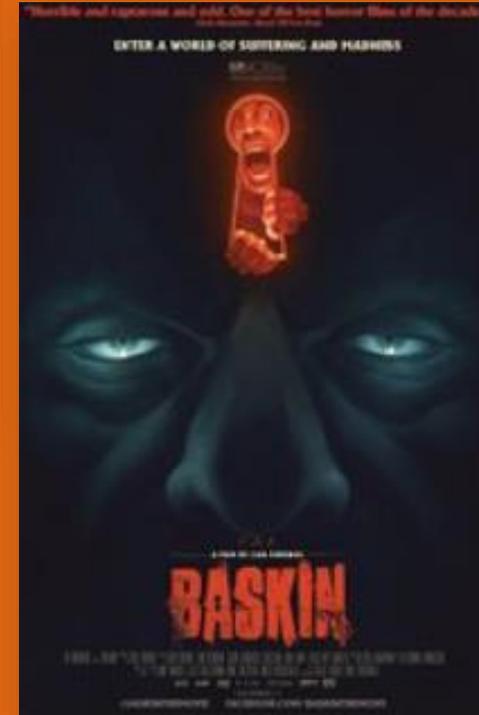
THE “TOP 10” ESSENTIAL 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

Adaptability	Digital Fluency
Analysis/ Solution Mindset	Entrepreneurial Mindset
Collaboration	Empathy
Social/Diversity Awareness	Self-Awareness
Communication	Resilience

CINEMA DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GIFT OF 500 HORROR FILMS

Distinguished UCLA Professor *Dr. Khaled Abou El Fadl* donated 500 horror films to the COC Cinema Department.

- COC Cinema instructor Guido Santi, who is also an independent filmmaker, met Dr. Abou El Fadl while working on a project about Islamophobia.
- Santi spoke with Abou El Fadl about COC and the many screenings and events organized by the Cinema Department, which led to this generous donation.
- Dr. Abou El Fadl and Mr. Santi co-hosted a double feature screening of “*Baskin*” and “*The Babadook*” on Saturday, October 28th in Hasley Hall.



Partnerships



INTERNATIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 12

The COC Department of Modern Languages hosted an International Music and Dance Festival in collaboration with the SCV Youth Orchestra on Thursday, October 12th.



“FUN”DAMENTALS FOOTBALL CAMP – OCTOBER 18

Cougar Athletics hosted a FUNdamentals Football Camp and “Punt, Pass and Kick” challenge organized by Special Olympics Southern California and the L.A. Rams on October 18th.

- More than **90** Special Olympics athletes and coaches participated in the camp, which was led by COC football student-athletes and L.A. Rams representatives.
- Special Olympics athletes were excited to learn the fundamentals of football.



2017 COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR – OCTOBER 21

COC and the William S. Hart Union High School District hosted the 7th annual ***College and Career Fair*** in the Honor Grove on Saturday, October 21st.

- COC and Hart District students explored more than **120** colleges and universities, career preparation schools and apprenticeship programs.
- Workshops were offered on financial aid, career exploration, college transfer and college classes to the high school students.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE COUNCIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 21

The COC Department of Modern Languages hosted the **California Community College Foreign Language Council 2017 Annual Conference** on Saturday, October 21st.

- **85** faculty from colleges throughout California attended the conference, including:
 - ✓ 24 Community Colleges
 - ✓ 5 Universities
 - ✓ 1 University/Seminary
 - ✓ 1 High School
 - ✓ 1 Organization - California Colleges for International Education (CCIE)

- The attendees enjoyed a keynote address by **Geraldine Lepere**, Founder and CEO of *Comme une Francaise*, along with two groups of breakout sessions.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER'S PURPLE WALK – OCTOBER 21

The Domestic Violence Center of Santa Clarita, held their 6th annual Purple Walk at COC on October 21st.

- The Purple Walk raises funds for the many programs that the Center offers to survivors of abuse.
- The more than **200** participants - splattered in purple paint - ran, jogged and walked the 5k course around the back hills of College of the Canyons.
- Purple is the color associated with domestic violence.



3RD IEPI PRT VISIT FOR NONCREDIT – OCTOBER 24

The Partnership Resource Team (PRT) from the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) completed their 3rd and final visit to COC regarding our Non-credit Program.

- In November 2016 we requested technical assistance under the IEPI grant to expand and enhance our Non-Credit Program.
- The visiting PRT, which consisted of subject matter experts from within our community college system, made three visits to COC and developed a Menu of Options (MOO) that assisted us in forming our ***Innovation and Effectiveness Plan***.
- To help expedite the implementation of our ***Innovation and Effectiveness Plan***, COC has been awarded a **\$200,000 grant** for our Non-Credit Program!
- Funds will be used for plan and curriculum development, marketing, professional development, tableau visualization and release time.



WHAT MAKES AMERICA GREAT FORUM – OCTOBER 25

COCs *Institute of Ethics, Law and Public Policy* presented the **“What Makes America Great”** forum on Wednesday, October 25th.

- During the two-hour discussion, students and professors explored the core principles of the constitution, the value of America’s diversity, the recent presidential election, the influence of corporations and the media, and the responsibility of elected officials.
- The panel also discussed the importance of a diversity of ideas from individuals, the media and third party candidates.
- Professors Lisa Hooper, Majid Mosleh, David Andrus, Chris Blakey and Kevin Anthony took part in the panel.



MEETING WITH MATSUDO DELEGATION – OCTOBER 26

On Thursday, October 26th we met with the Matsudo Delegation.

- The delegation, from the City of Matsudo, Japan, was in town to discuss potential collaboration in education and business.
- They were also interested in exploring the possible formation of a “sister school” or “sister city” relationship.
- Joining us from the City of Santa Clarita were Mayor Cameron Smyth and City Manager Ken Striplin.
- Also in attendance were leaders from Santa Clarita Sister Cities and members of the business community.



LEADERSHIP TALK – OCTOBER 30

On Monday, October 30th, COCs *Institute of Ethics, Law and Public Policy* presented a seminar by Retired U.S. Army Col. Steven Miska on **“Leadership in the 21st Century”**.

- Miska discussed how students can develop leadership skills in business, government and political enterprises.
- During his interactive presentation, Miska used personal examples, real-life scenarios, interactive games and stories to discuss everything from communication and collaboration to decision-making and constructive lessons.
- Miska served three combat tours in Iraq and served on the White House National Security Staff, providing daily briefings on Iraq to former Vice President Joe Biden.



COC GOES TO WASHINGTON TO BRING THE \$\$\$ HOME! – NOVEMBER 1 - 3

Ryan Theule, Jim Temple and Theresa Zuzevich recently visited Washington, DC.

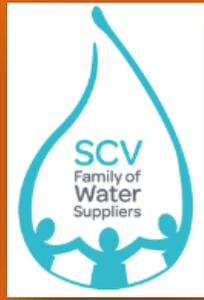
- Ryan and Theresa attended the **CASE Grants Professionals Conference (Council for Advancement & Support of Education)**. This informative conference included multiple roundtables with funding agency representatives (NSF, NIH, DHS, DOL, STATE, DOE), sessions on grants development strategies and best practices, and thematic presentations by Achieving the Dream, Aspen, Gates Foundation, etc.
- Jim attended the **Title V Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Conference (DOE)** where they discussed resources available to Title V institutions, best practices for administering your grant, and pitfalls to watch out for.
- We also visited **Congressman Steve Knight's Office** to briefly discuss federal funding opportunities, higher education reauthorization and support for community colleges.



GREEN STEM SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 4

Over 190 people attended the *Green STEM Summit*, organized by the *Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium*, on Saturday, November 4th in the University Center.

- This half-day event featured a fun and interactive way to learn about a variety of green careers directly from experts in the fields of environmental science, engineering and sustainability.
- Participants had the opportunity to attend a:
 - ✓ Green career panel;
 - ✓ Water career panel;
 - ✓ Workshop on resumes and LinkedIn; and
 - ✓ Speed mentoring with green career professionals in small groups.



HART HIGH HOSTS BAND TOURNAMENT AT COC – NOVEMBER 5

Hart High School band and color guard members hosted the **34th Annual Hart Rampage Marching Band Field Tournament** at COC on Saturday, November 4th.

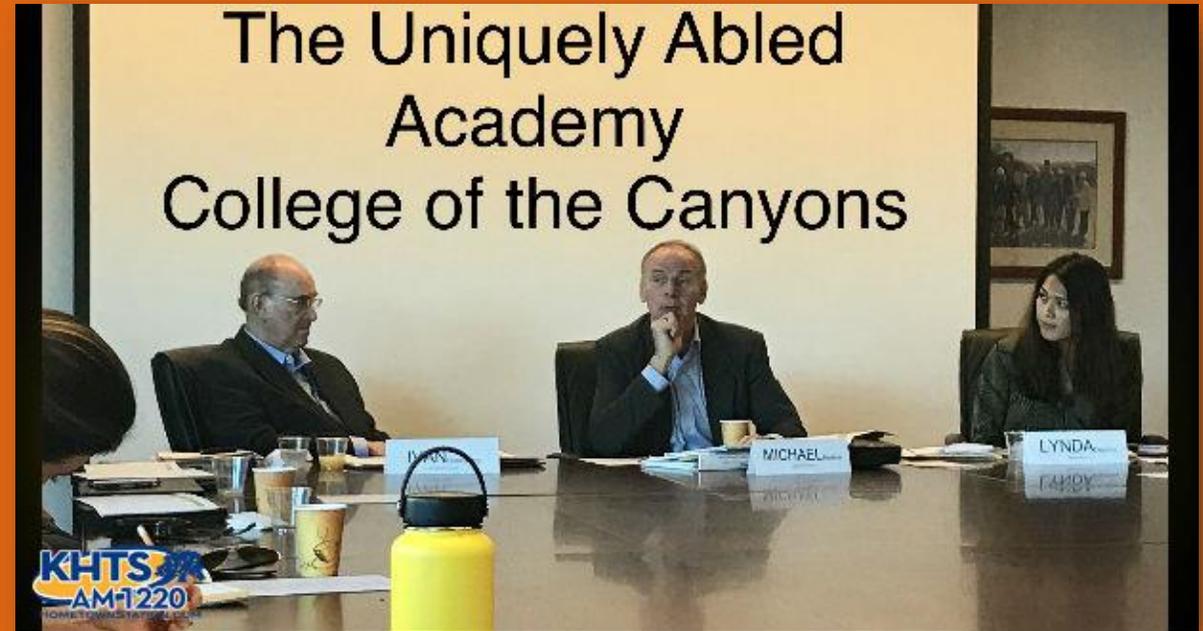
- **35** bands from across southern California participated in this annual event which serves as a qualifying event for the championships.
- Hundreds of high school musicians performed their best routines for the large crowd of spectators in Cougar Stadium.



UNIQUELY ABLED ACADEMY (UAA) FOR AUTISTIC INDIVIDUALS

COC will launch the *“Uniquely Abled Academy”* in Spring 2018.

- This Academy will help to create career and job opportunities for individuals on the autism spectrum.
- It will provide advanced training and support for highly functional autistic individuals to work as Computer Numeric Controlled machinists.
- This career is detailed oriented, repetitive and requires a great deal of focus, which lends it to be ideally suited for the high-functioning uniquely abled population.
- The program is set to launch in collaboration with multiple local businesses who will provide employment to UAA graduates.



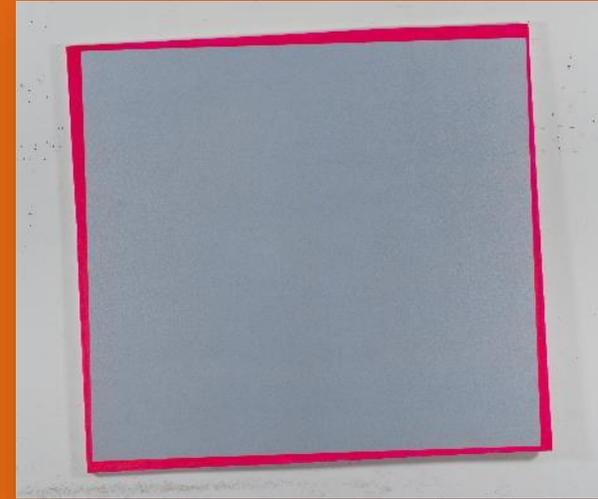
What's New on and Around our Campuses



ART GALLERY EXHIBITION – OCTOBER 28 - DECEMBER 7

The COC Art Gallery opened a new exhibition “*Sheldon Figoten: Light Fields*” on Saturday October 28th.

- This one-person exhibition features new large-scale paintings by Figoten. His hard-edge, abstract oil paintings combine precision with the handmade character of traditional painting. They are made with modern color, pearlescent and fluorescent pigment, covered with reflective glass beads on unique, handmade, shaped stretchers.
- An Artist Talk will be held on Thursday, November 9th at 2 pm in the Art Gallery.
- The exhibition will run through December 7th.
- The exhibition and Artist Talk is free and open to the public.



VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON – OCTOBER 12

More than **100** people turned out for the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held in the iCue on Thursday, October 12th.

- Since being established in 2010, our Volunteer Bureau has thrived and provided an invaluable path to campus involvement and engagement.
- The Volunteer Bureau has increased their new members by **514** over the past year!
- Our volunteers cover both the Valencia and Canyon Country Campus and come from a wide range of backgrounds and ages.
- Student volunteer **Cody Holmes** was named “**Volunteer of the Year**”. Cody has volunteered for numerous activities on both campuses and assists with training new volunteers. One of his favorite jobs is giving campus tours to potential students. Cody is a second year student majoring in Technical Theater Production.



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THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



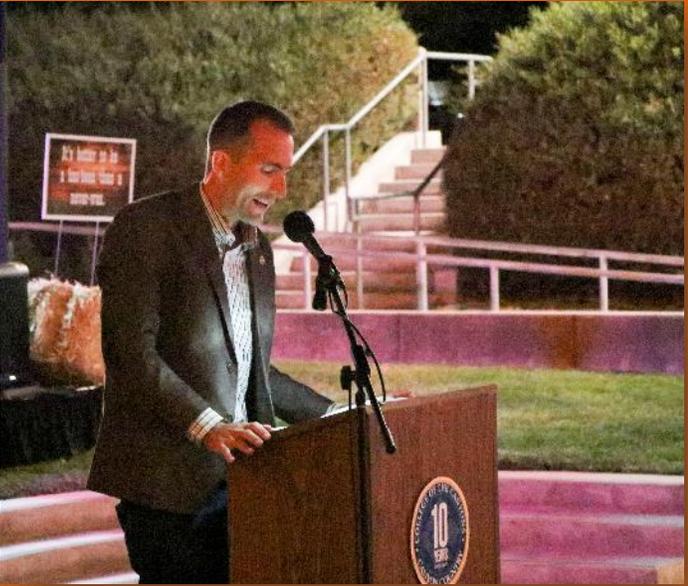
CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS – 10TH ANNIVERSARY – OCTOBER 13

A celebration dinner was held on October 13th commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Canyon Country Campus.

- Thank you to Ryan Theule, Jamie Page, Jasmine Foster and many others for making this such a festive, fun celebration!
- Current and founding members of the Canyon Country Campus Advisory Committee were in attendance as were many of the founding staff and faculty.
- It was a beautiful evening in the Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheater where guests learned line dancing from Kevin Anthony and enjoyed country tunes from the Shawn Hughes Band.
- The event carried on our Blazing Pathways theme.



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CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS – COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE – OCTOBER 14

On Saturday, October 14th the Canyon Country Campus held a **10th Anniversary Community Open House**.

- The open house included:
 - ✓ Presentations of *Certificates of Recognition* from elected officials including **State Senator Scott Wilk** and representatives of **Congressman Steve Knight, Assembly Members Dante Acosta and Tom Lackey** and **County Supervisor Kathryn Barger**.
 - ✓ Live music featuring local country star **Savannah Burrows**;
 - ✓ Campus tours;
 - ✓ Portable planetarium;
 - ✓ Garden Walk;
 - ✓ Chalk art competition;
 - ✓ KHTS live broadcast;
 - ✓ Student exhibits; and
 - ✓ Food trucks.



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CONGRESSMAN STEVE KNIGHT VISITS THE CCC – OCTOBER 16

Congressman Steve Knight visited the Canyon Country Campus on Monday, October 16th.

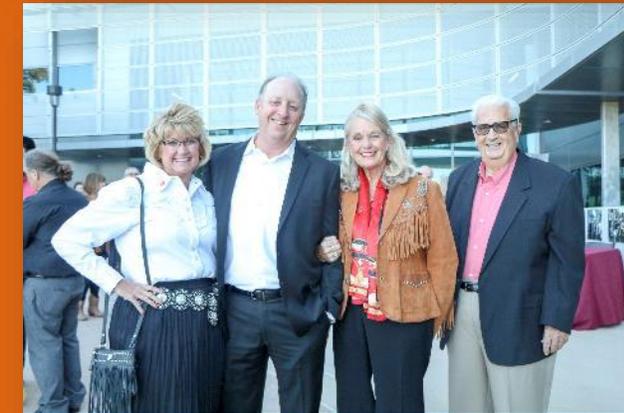
- Congressman Knight met with a few COC faculty, staff and students who advocated for a legislative solution to DACA.
- He then visited *Linda Beauregard-Vasquez's* English 135 class to talk with students about their research projects in the community-based learning program.
- Congressman Knight also talked with our *HUB (Helping Us Become...)* Club which is dedicated to helping students achieve their maximum potential, learn about civic engagement and network with elected officials and leaders in the business community.



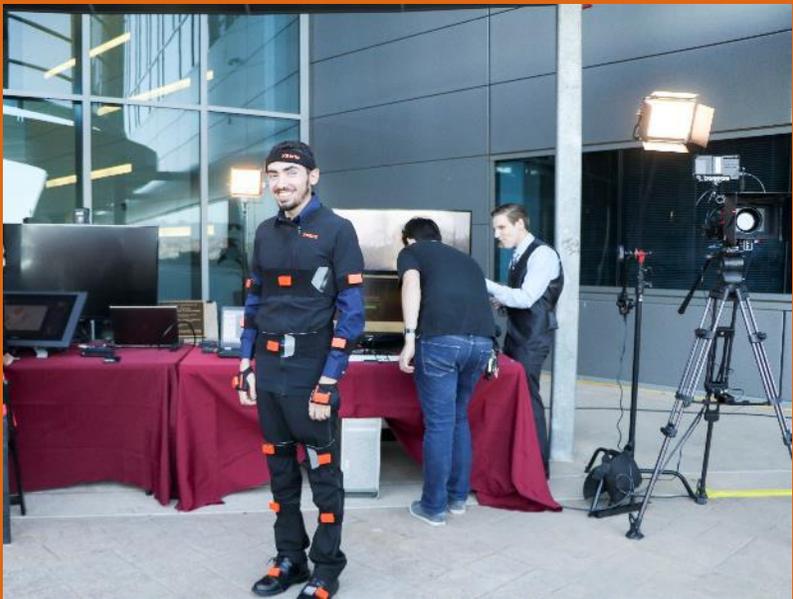
CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE DINNER – OCTOBER 21

Over **150** people attended the annual **Chancellor's Circle Dinner** on Saturday, October 21st in the University Center.

- The theme of the evening was **"Blazing Trails: The Pathways to Success"**.
- Chancellor's Circle members and prospects enjoyed a cocktail reception while visiting student displays that included the **HASP Project, Nursing Department** and **3D Animation**.
- Dinner was served in the University Center lobby by students and instructors in the Culinary Arts Program who prepared and served the delicious and beautifully plated appetizers, dinner and dessert.
- One of the highlights of the evening was hearing from First Year Promise student **Itziely Beltran**.
- The evening ended with an amazing performance by the **COC Chamber Singers**, under the direction of **Professor Lori Marie Rios**, showcasing our COC music program and our talented students.



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STAR PARTY AT CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS – OCTOBER 27

The 16th *Star Party* was held in the Canyon Country Campus Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheater on Friday, October 27th.

- Over **400** people attended this always popular event which featured high-powered telescope viewing of the night sky and hands-on interactive displays by COC Student Clubs and Groups.
- New this time was a portable planetarium and virtual reality demonstration run by **Professor Teresa Ciardi**.
- A panel including, COC Chemistry Professor **Dr. Patricia Foley**, COC alumni **Ms. Jessica Ta** (who now works for SpaceX) and Carnegie Observatories **Dr. Johanna Teske**, presented **“Pathways to Space”**.



MAKERSPACE ROBOT CHALLENGE – NOVEMBER 2

25 students built **seven** robots to compete in the college's 2nd robotic challenge on Tuesday, November 2nd.

- Teams of students worked together to create an eco-zomBEE using a free Lego Robot kit provided by our MakerSpace.
- This year MakerSpace collaborated with COCs Sustainable Development Committee to have the robots act like “bees” as they navigated a native garden course.
- Students had six weeks to prepare their robots, study prototypes and work with staff in the MakerSpace to perfect their designs.
- The winning team was group number 7, who spent three weeks designing their robot and three to four hours in the MakerSpace before the competition perfecting their “*Wall-E Robot*”.



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ATHLETIC UPDATE

Go Cougars!

Fall sports are wrapping up the regular season.

- **Football** – Canyons has now won three straight contests with wins over Moorpark, Cerritos and, most recently, Santa Monica to improve to 7-2 on the season. The No. 11 ranked Cougars defeated SMC 48-7 on Saturday to set up a showdown with conference rival No. 10 Bakersfield College in Saturday’s regular season finale. That contest will be LIVE STREAMED via SoCalCollegeSports.com.
- **Women’s Volleyball** – Canyons is currently the No. 3 ranked team in the state, and No. 2 team in SoCal, according to the most recent CCCVCA top-25 poll. The Cougars have won 12 straight matches heading into Wednesday’s final regular season home game vs. No. 6 Bakersfield College. With a win over the Renegades, Canyons would clinch the WSC, East Division title.



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- **Women's Soccer** – Head coach Justin Lundin and the Cougars clinched the program's **SEVENTH STRAIGHT** conference title with a 4-1 win over Antelope Valley College last Friday. With just one more home game left on the schedule, Canyons will now look to continue its current 10-game win streak before heading into the first round of the CCCAA SoCal Regional Playoffs. COC closes out the regular season by hosting Citrus College at 6 p.m. on Thursday.
- **Men's Soccer** – The Cougars are undefeated in their last five matches after securing consecutive wins vs. Victor Valley, Bakersfield and Antelope Valley to improve their overall record to 7-11-2. Previous to that, Canyons played to a 1-1 draw at Glendale College and picked up a 1-0 home win over Citrus College. COC closes out the regular season with a road match vs. Citrus on Thursday.



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- **Cross Country** – COC cross country will be represented at the upcoming California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championship meet once again, after a successful run at the Southern California Regional Championship at Central Park last Friday. The host Cougars placed sixth on the women's side to earn an automatic bid to the state meet on Nov. 18, at Woodward Park in Fresno. Meanwhile, the men's team saw two individual runners qualify for the trip to Fresno.
- **Women's Golf** – COC women's golf placed third at the two-day CCCAA Southern California Regional Championship held Nov. 5-6, and will now advance to play at the CCCAA State Championships in Morro Bay Nov. 12-13. The Cougs carded a score of 696 to trail first place Santa Barbara (661) and second place Cuyamaca College (662). Additionally, COC freshman JoJo Roecker placed fifth in the individual standings, just five shots back of the lead.



CAVERNS OF THE CANYONS MINE SHAFT – OCTOBER 31

COC held the annual employee Halloween party, “*Caverns of the Canyons Mine Shaft*” at the Valencia and Canyon Country Campuses on Tuesday, October 31st.

- The amazing committee constructed a haunting maze that guests walked through on their way into the party.
- A pumpkin carving/decorating contest was held with **Community Education** winning top prize at Valencia and **Erica Torgeson** winning at Canyon Country.
- Costumes were incredible, with **Tony Sanchez**, as a saloon bartender, judged the winner of the individual costume contest at Valencia and **Sarah Ramos**, as Mario, at Canyon Country.
- The **Counseling Department** won the group costume contest at Valencia and **Admissions and Records** won the group award at Canyon Country.
- **Travis Kalusa** from Veterans Affairs won **his fourth straight crown** in the pumpkin pie eating contest.



CAVERNS OF THE CANYONS MINE SHAFT – OCTOBER 31



STUDENTS CELEBRATE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS – OCTOBER 31

COCs Global Citizens Association hosted *Dia de los Muertos* on Wednesday, October 31st.

- The event celebrated the lives of loved ones who have passed, while also educating classmates about the history and traditions of the Mexican holiday.
- The club also sold *Pan de Muerto*, a traditional Mexican bread, along with beverages and candy.



THE MUSLIM EXPERIENCE – NOVEMBER 8

Dr. Pamela Williams-Paez, Sociology Professor, moderated a panel discussion today on *“The Muslim Experience: Understanding Our Community”*.

- The panel offered insights and answered questions from attendees.
- Panelists included:
 - ✓ Dr. Ali-Akbar Mahdi, Professor CSUN
 - ✓ Mr. J.D. Hall, Community Leader
 - ✓ Dr. Omaran Abdeen, Community Leader
- The event was co-sponsored by:
 - ✓ COC Sociology Department
 - ✓ Al-Umma Center of Santa Clarita
 - ✓ COC Global Committee
 - ✓ Model UN Students Club





Upcoming Events

CHANCELLOR'S CABARET SHOWS – COC MUSIC HOLIDAY SERIES

- ❖ **December 8 – 6:30 pm & 8:30 pm**
Jazz Tidings – Vocal Jazz
University Center Lobby
\$20/\$15
Ring in the holiday season with the award winning COC vocal jazz ensembles and enjoy holiday treats.
- ❖ **December 9 – 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm**
A Holiday Tapestry
University Center Lobby
\$20/\$15
A family friendly “*Welcome All Wonders*” holiday concert, includes a “sing-a-long” and holiday treats.
- ❖ ***Tickets are available at the door and parking is free.***



Coming Up In The PAC

COMING UP IN THE PAC THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

- ❖ *Kill Me, Deadly* – COC Theatre
November 10 - 19
- ❖ *Dwight Yoakam* – **SOLD OUT!**
November 12
- ❖ *Commercial Music Recital* – COC Music
November 27
- ❖ *Electronica Musique* – COC Music
November 29
- ❖ *McKeon Leadership Forum*
November 30



- ❖ *Holiday Jazz Concert*
December 1
- ❖ *La Passione Della Musica!*
December 2
- ❖ *Acrobats of Cirque-tacular*
December 3
- ❖ *COC Dance – Dance is a Gift*
December 7 & 8
- ❖ *Santa Clarita Master Chorale*
December 9
- ❖ *Santa Clarita Philharmonic*
December 10
- ❖ *Santa Clarita Ballet – The Nutcracker*
December 16 & 17





