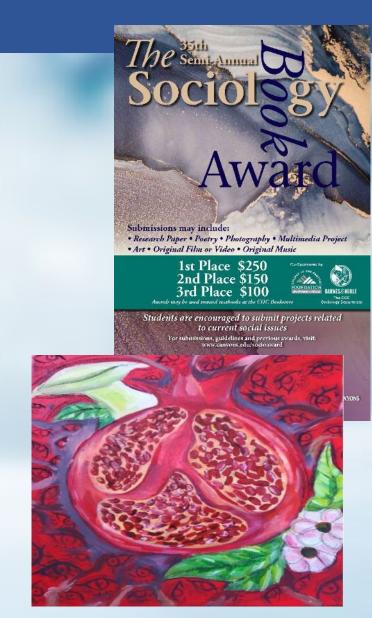




Recipients of the 35th Semi-Annual Sociology Book Award

Congratulations to the following students on their selection for the **Fall 2021 Sociology Book Awards**.

- > Recipients:
 - 1st Place: Brielle Cohen (MESA student) for her artwork titled,
 "Bittersweet" \$250 Award
 - 2nd Place: Angela Baluyut for her artwork titled, "Looking Ahead" \$150
 Award
 - 3rd lace: Andrew Kim for his essay titled, "The Essence of "Now' on Gun Control" \$100
- These awards are in their 18th year, totaling \$18,000 in awards to date.
- These works will be posted on the Sociology Department webpage to view: http://www.canyons.edu/socioaward.
- ➤ We congratulate these students and to everyone who has helped to share this opportunity with our immensely talented students at COC



Congratulations Coach Herrick!

A big Cougar congratulations goes out to College of the Canyons **Women's Basketball Head Coach Greg Herrick** for winning his **600**th career victory at the college on **Dec. 17**th, as the Cougars fought for a historic **78-67** win over Rio Hondo College during day one of the *Glendale Crossover tournament*.

- Herrick's impressive 30-year tenure at College of the Canyons has included:
 - 16 Western State Conferences (WSC), South Division
 Championships (1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016 and 2018)
 - 23 trips to the CCCAA Southern California Regional Playoffs, including a run of 21 straight appearances from 1994-2014
 - 10 WSC, South Coach of the Year Awards
- Canyons started the month of January with an **11-3** overall record, ranking No. 6 in the state.





Canyons Football Holds 12 Spots on SCFA All-Northern League Team, Three Named All-State, Gilmore an All-American

COC had 11 players representing 12 spots, including four unanimous selections, named to the 2021 Southern California Football Association (SCFA) National Division, All-Northern League Team. Wide receiver Tiquan Gilmore was honored as a unanimous selection on the SCFA First-Team Offense as a wide receiver, and the First-Team Defense as a kick return specialist.

- Additionally, Gilmore was joined by offensive lineman Justice Spates and defensive tackle Taylor Lewis on the 2021 Region III All-California Community College Football Team.
- Gilmore was also named to the 2021 California Community College Football Coaches Association (CCCFCA) All-American Team as an All-Purpose selection.







Brooks Named Conference POY, All-Region & All-State to Headline Women's Soccer Awards

COC freshman forward Rebekah Brooks has been named the Western State Conference (WSC), South Division Offensive Player of the Year, in addition to earning All-Region and All-State honors.

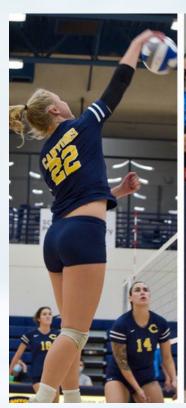
- Brooks finished her freshman campaign with 19 goals and four assists for 42 total points. She is the eighth WSC, South Player of the Year honoree in COC women's soccer program history.
- ➤ 12 players were named to the All-WSC, South Team. Including five First-Team selections.
- COC head coach Justin Lundin was named the WSC, South Coach of the Year for the seventh time of his career



Women's Volleyball Earns All-WSC Accolades

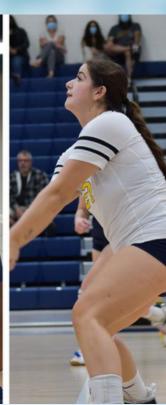
COC Women's Volleyball had six players earn All-Western State Conference (WSC), South Division accolades.

- > Caitlin Liebe and Abby Sherman were selected as All-WSC First-Team members.
- Damani Harvey and Rhiannon Boddy were both All-WSC Second-Team honorees.
- ➤ **Breanne Kelley** and **Jacqueline Ibarra** were both named *All-WSC Honorable Mention*.
- The Cougars recorded three postseason wins to advance to the CCCAA State Championship Tournament for the fourth time in program history, and finished the year as the No. 8 ranked team in the state according to the final CCCWVCA statewide rankings.









Highest Math Score in Nation





College of the Canyons received the highest team score in the nation for the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) Student Mathematics League Test.

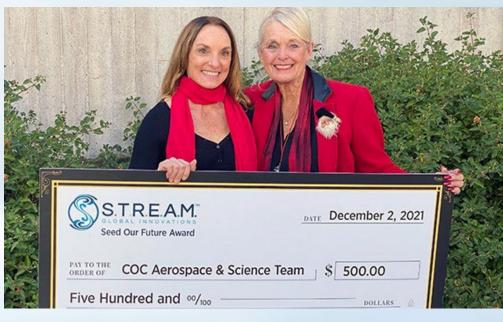
- Congratulations to students Praneel Samal (first place), Roman Yakunin (second place), and Melquicedec Avila-Cruz (third place) for their achievements on this challenging exam.
- A big "thank you" to Violeta Kovacev-Nikolic, Ruzanna Baytaryan, and Jim Gilmore for their commitment to administering the exam every year.

Aerospace & Science Team Donation

Teresa Ciardi and I posed with a mock check representing a \$500 donation by S.T.R.E.A.M. Global Innovations.

- The donation for the team's **HASP** and **RockSatX** projects was announced during the **S.T.R.E.A.M. Turns 7** fundraising event at the Hyatt Regency on Dec. 2nd.
- Teresa Ciardi and 2 students, Project Manager Natalie Aliaga and Electrical Systems Lead Jammal Yarbrough, were invited to attend and Ms. Aliaga was a guest speaker at the event.
- Founders Naomi Knight and Nikia Richards expressed appreciation for our efforts to support diversity in STEM through participation in NASA projects.





COC Team Selected for NASA RockSatX 2022 Mission





COC students have been selected to be on this year's flight manifest launching in August 2022 out of NASA Wallops Flight Facility. This is a huge accomplishment for the Aerospace and Science Team locking in our position for a *third year running*.

- Students have built upon 2019 and 2021 designs culminating in a system that will provide more lift, be more reliable, and be more structurally robust than previous years.
- Our Team competed with several university teams for a spot on the rocket
 - We presented 3 design reviews to NASA; and
 - We survived the down select process each time!
- This year's team consists of a diverse representation of students who are African American/Black, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic/Latino/Latina, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Mexican, Middle Eastern, White, Male, Female, and non-binary.

Employee Training Institute Receives Highest Employment Training Panel Contract Awarded!

ETI has been awarded \$1.5M in Employment Training Panel funds as part of the CA Community College Fund. This is our 16th contract and DOUBLE our last award!

- This contract enables us to serve priority industries (not all industry sectors are included), nonprofits, and government agencies with state funded training.
- There are eligibility prerequisites including wage and employee retention requirements.
- This is a **two-year performance-based** contract intended to support California's economic recovery with Equity.





STEM Grant Update

National Science Foundation (NSF) S-STEM Equity Alliance (SEA) Scholar Program

- Grant Award Amount: \$1,493,379
- STEM students: Biological/Computer/Earth/Space Science/Mathematics.
- > 100 student scholars (5 Cohorts); participate 2 years; earn associate degree, join STEM workforce or transfer to a four-year university.
- > Support lower enrollment and graduation rates amongst Latinx, women, first-generation college students, and low-income students.
- Faculty/Student mentoring relationships:
 - Academic support programs (with MESA).
 - STEM career exploration.
 - Facilitate transfer preparation
- > End Result:
 - o Increase and improve equity, diversity & retention of students graduating and transferring in STEM disciplines
- Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Foley, Chemistry instructor, for her work in successfully applying for this opportunity to serve our STEM students.





Division of Workforce and Economic Development

At College of the Canyons, the **Economic Development Division** is evolving with new programs specifically designed to address the **emerging skills** necessary to dominate the **Future of Work**.

To that end, we are proud to announce the *name change* for our division: **Division of Workforce and Economic Advancement (DWEA)** at College of the Canyons. This change in our name serves to highlight our focus on the *Workforce Advancement* to keep businesses in California strong and ready to meet and exceed customer expectations going into the future!

Economic Development Division



Division of Workforce and Economic Advancement



Upskill Your Workforce and Grow Your Business!

Canyon Country Campus Update

CCC Takeda Science Center

The Takeda Science Center provides opportunities for lab/classroom instruction and student engagement. The **Spring 2022** schedule includes close to **70** classes within the facility as part of **150+ on-ground CCC classes**.



CCC Student Services & Learning Resources Center

Construction continues on this facility, which provides one-stop student support along with classrooms, tutoring, library, meeting, and study spaces. Construction is expected to complete in **Summer 2022**.





Also note: CCC also has a weekly vaccine/booster clinic on campus and is expected to resume daily testing the week of the 24th.

Grant Development Update

Grants Development is hard at work on many upcoming grant opportunities, including anticipated **applications supporting STEM**, **Veterans, Career Education, and Workforce Engagement** with NSF, DOE, CCCCO, EDA and DOL grants.

- Current awards total \$4,736,620 in grants to-date for 2021/2022.
- The team recently welcomed **Cheryl Dettrick** as a new **Grant Writer**, supporting Amber Cole, Director. Together, the Grants Development Team is sustaining momentum and actively pursuing new funding opportunities.
- The Grants Development Team continues to work closely with many partners to support program needs and strategic goals.
- Stay tuned for updates on a future Meet the Grant Makers event.





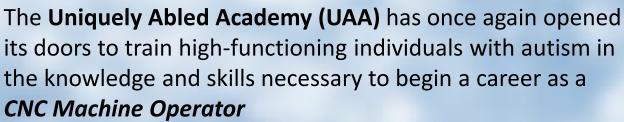






The Uniquely Abled Academy is Back

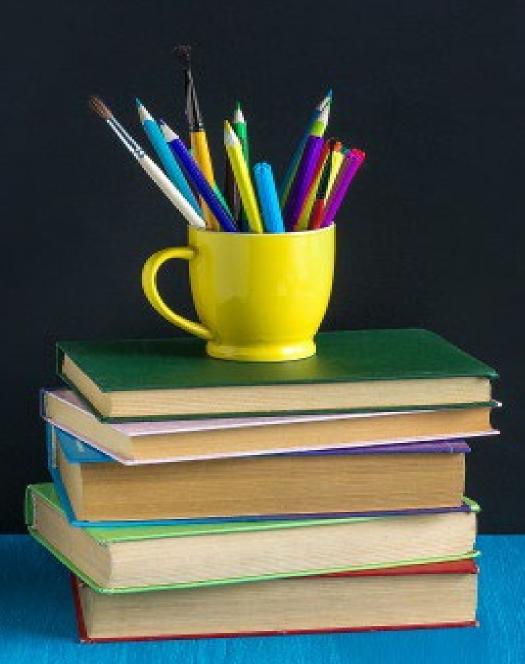




- Announcing our new CACT (Center for Applied Competitive Technologies) advanced computer numeric control (CNC) machine lab co-located at B&B Manufacturing.
- ➤ This award-winning *Fast Track Institute* program is a **12-week**, **380-hour** program providing valuable industry credentials and training for graduates.
- We have **10** participants enrolled in our latest cohort.
- Special thanks to our colleagues at Canyon Country Campus and Valencia Campus for facilities and support!





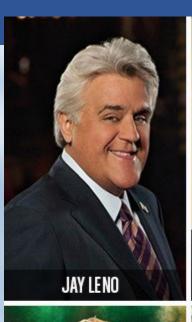


UPCOMING EVENTS

PAC Unveils New Season

The wait is over! After 21 months, the Performing Arts Center is opening its doors for a new season of live performances from internationally acclaimed artists and musicians. 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









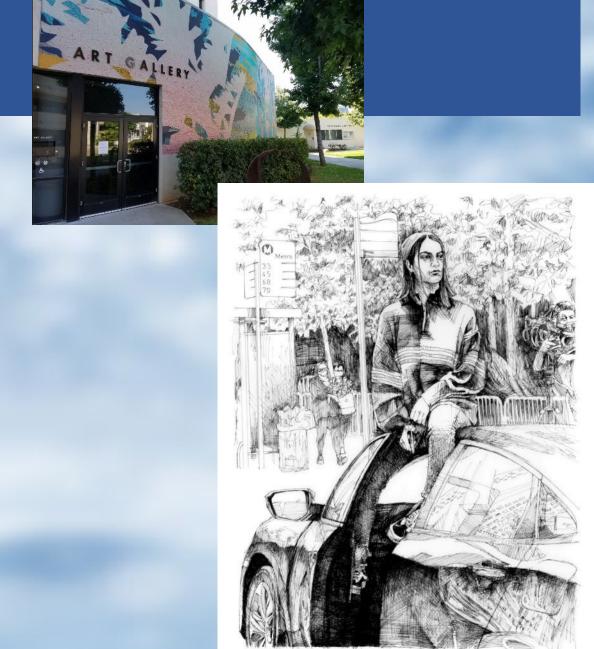




Coming to the Art Gallery

The Art Gallery presents **Deborah Aschheim** and the Center for Civic Engagement PLACE Project, opening **Tuesday**, **Feb. 8**th.

- Aschheim creates large-scale immersive installations and public art projects based on invisible worlds of memory, communication, and information.
- This exhibition features a survey of works from her most recent projects, including her latest project examining issues of housing insecurity and other equity issues created in conjunction with the Center for Civic Engagement's PLACE Project (Partnerships for Listening and Action by Communities and Educators), the City of Santa Clarita, and Bridge to Home, the Santa Clarita Senior Center.
- The gallery in **Mentry Hall 108** will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.



Spring 2022 Welcome Week

The Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement will be hosting numerous activities at its 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.
- Food and movie tickets will be provided at both events to participating students.

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!

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/WELCOMEWEEK

for more information calendar full of events by other departments thoughout the week

LEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE CLEARED TO BE ON CAMPUS BEFORE ATTENDING THESE EVENTS.
IOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
OR MORE INFO, PLEASE EMAIL CAMPUS.LIFE@CANYONS.EDU OR



This Year's Silver Spur

The College of the Canyons
Foundation will be hosting the
30th Annual Silver Spur
celebration in May at the
Santa Clarita Studios.

- This year's honoree will be Bruce Fortine.
- Invitations will go out soon!



Next Executive Cabinet Update Webinar

Join us

Noon – February 17

for our next webinar

https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/98342320053





This webinar will be recorded and will be posted at www.canyons.edu/news

