

**Foundation Board of Directors
November 15, 2022**





COC Stands Out!

Coleal Receives Top Award

 2022
ACHIEVEMENT OF
EXCELLENCE AWARD



Sharlene Coleal, Assistant Superintendent-Vice President of Business Services, received the **2022 Association of Chief Business Officials Achievement of Excellence Award** on Tuesday, Oct. 25th.

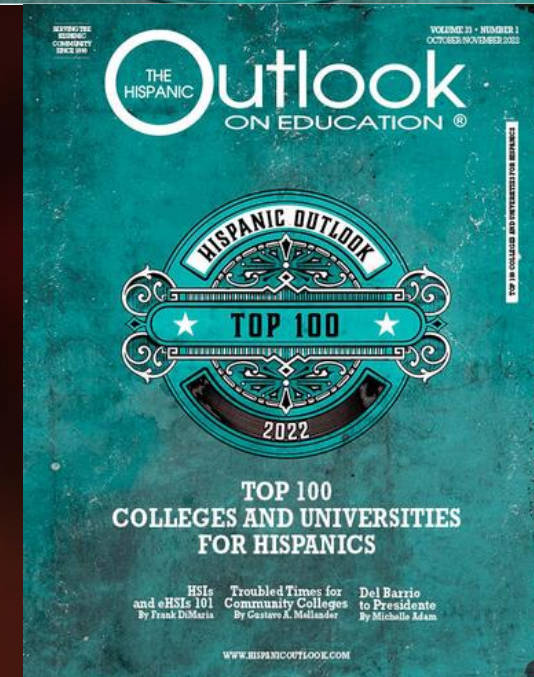
- The ACBO award is presented to distinguished community college business administration professionals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and exemplary service to California community colleges since 1988
- Sharlene's leadership has led to numerous milestones and achievements, including the fiscal oversight of more than \$500 million in general obligation bonds that funded numerous projects at both campuses.



COC a Top College for Hispanics

College of the Canyons has been ranked nationally No. **17** in **The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine** for enrolling the largest number of Hispanic students and granting the most degrees, respectively.

- The college was also ranked **9th** among the Top 10 schools by major for its parks, recreation, leisure, fitness and kinesiology degree programs.
- The college had a Hispanic population of **15,410** students, totaling **49** percent of the total student enrollment, which was 31,696 in 2020-21.
- That same year, of the 3,200 associate degrees awarded by the college, **1,459** degree recipients were Hispanic.



DEIA Champion Award



College of the Canyons has been honored with the first *Institutional DEIA Champion Award* from the **Association of Chief Human Resources Officers/Equal Employment Officers**.

- Recipients will have effectively demonstrated achievement in DEIA areas leading to meaningful institutional change in professional development, community service, selection and recruitment practices, and through serving and developing opportunities for students, employees, and community members who are historically underserved.
- The award reflects the dedicated work of more than **200** employees and students at both campuses, as well as the support of Chancellor Dr. Dianne Van Hook and the Board of Trustees.
- Receiving the award on behalf of the college were (from left) Flavio Medina-Martin, Diane Fiero, Lauren Helsper, Miranda Zamudio, and Rian Medlin. Presenting the award were ACHRO Officers Christine Phillips, Cheng Yu Hou, TreShawn Hall-Baker, Juli Mosier, Charo Albarran, and special guest from the State Chancellor's Office, Visiting Executive of Educational Excellence and EEO Programs, Dr. Abdimalik Buul.⁵

PIO Recognized by NCMPR



The **National Council for Marketing & Public Relations** recently announced the winners of the **Medallion Awards**, and COC's Public Information Office was recognized in many categories.

- The NCMPR Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in design and communication at community and technical colleges in each of NCMPR's seven districts.
- We won the following awards:

GOLD

- Poster (single or series) – Women's Conference Poster, Newsletter – The Bottom Line Spring 2022, Brochure (single or series) – 2022-2023 PAC Season Brochure, Promotional Video – Long Form – College of the Canyons Tour, Logo Wear – Welcome Day, Television/Video Paid Advertisement (single) – Spring Enrollment 2022, E-Cards – 2021 E-Holiday Card, Postcard – Discover Day Postcard

SILVER

- Notes/Cards/Invitations – Silver Spur Invitation, E-Newsletter – Monday Report, Radio Advertisement (single or series) – Go Summer Ad, Outdoor Media (single or series) – Central Park Billboard, Excellence in Writing – Short Form – Jammal Yarbrough Graduation Profile

BRONZE

- Annual Report – 2020/2021 Annual Report, Booklet – Silver Spur Program, Excellence in Writing – Long Form – Sarah Zamudio Graduation Profile

Outstanding Achievement Award Received

College of the Canyons' Employee Training Institute and CACT received the *Outstanding Training Provider Award* from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board at the 27th Annual Awards Ceremony on Nov. 3rd.

- Uniquely Abled Academy CNC Machining Entry-Level – 100% Placement.
- Low Observable Technician – 85% Job Placement (100% Job Placement pending Security Clearance)



Bilbruck Named Tech Leader

Tom Bilbruck, Associate Dean for Financial Services, has been named an *Education Technology Leader* in the **2022 EdScoop 50 Awards**, which honors the most influential people in the higher education technology community.

- Bilbruck was recognized for using cutting-edge technology to increase access to higher education for underserved populations, and leading the initiative to improve processing and awarding of aid to first-generation and low-income students.
- EdScoop readers cast more than 200,000 votes to select the winners from a field of **80** finalists.



COC Hosts State Leadership Conference

COC Future Business Leaders of America – Collegiate was proud to host the **FBLA-PBL California State Fall Business Leadership Conference** at the University Center on November 4-6th, 2022.

- COC teams placed **first** and **second** in the “*Business Management*” business case competition and **third** in the “*Corporate Social Responsibility*” business case competition.
- Students from across the state gathered to participate in workshops to enhance leadership and career skills, and to compete in business case analysis competitions.
- Approximately **55** students from College of the Canyons, UC Riverside, Cerritos College, La Positas College, De Anza College, and Diablo Valley College took part in the conference.



Athletics

Volleyball

The volleyball team won the **Western State Conference South Division** championship on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, defeating Glendale College 3-0 to outright claim the title they had clinched at least a share of the week before.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team won its second straight ***Clash at Canyon Tournament***, winning the 14th annual event with an 84-76 day-two victory over Oxnard College on Saturday, Nov. 5th.



Athletics

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team defeated Citrus College 2-0 Friday, Nov. 4th. The victory keeps the Cougars **second** in WSC South Division standings and very much in the running for the conference title.



Cross Country

Women's cross country will continue its season at the **state championship** meet in Fresno later this month after a strong run at the **CCCA Southern California Championships** in Bakersfield on Friday, Nov. 4th.



Athletics

Women's Golf

College of the Canyons placed 2nd at the **State Championship Tourney** after taking third place at the **CCCAA Southern California Regional Championship** at El Prado Golf Course in Chino on Monday.



New Trainings for Our Workforce!



COC Hosts Local Industry Chapter

COC hosted the **International Facilities Management Association (IFMA)** – San Fernando Valley Chapter's monthly chapter meeting on Monday, October 19th.

- The goal was to educate IFMA members on COC's commitment to workforce training programs and obtain commitments to create a partnership with the organization.
- Their membership is experiencing large retirements and are having trouble backfilling these positions.



SCV Job Fair

College of the Canyons partnered with the City of Santa Clarita, Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation and America's Job Center of California to host the SCV Job Fair on Thursday, October 20th.

- The Job Fair was hosted in the Canyon Country Community Center.
- **100 Employers** were in attendance at the event.
- Over **230 Job Seekers** attended the event.





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Grants Update

CANYONS HALL
CENTER FOR STUDENT SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Grants Development Update

Child Care Assistance Means Parents In School (CCAMPIS) Award

New **\$1.37 million** grant from the U.S. Department of Education. A four-year project benefiting the College's Early Childhood Education Program with the opportunity to continue renewing the funding.

What does this mean for our Early Childhood Education Program?

- More student daycare hours and ECE staff support;
- Valencia ECE receives new flooring, outdoor play turf, cabinetry, and other upgrades;
- Support for enhancing the ECE re-opening at the Canyon Country Campus;
- Enhanced ECE classroom education technology include iPads; and
- Child psychologist to work with students and parents on identifying behavior issues early.



Grants Development Update

Grants Development, under Director **Amber Cole**, continues to collaborate with many partners to support program needs and strategic goals, including Instruction, Business Services, Student Services, and more.

Recent office highlights include:

- **\$14,112,050** secured to-date for FY22/23
- **\$16 million** in pending grant awards
- Participation by Amber Cole in the **CASE Federal Funders Taskforce (FFTF)** in Washington, D.C, which included the latest intel and updates from **14 Federal agencies** such as the Departments of Education, Commerce, Energy, Justice, Labor, as well as the National Science Foundation, EPA, NIH, and more—representing over **235** hours of collective work by the taskforce.
- Amber and Ryan also presented a **CASE conference** session on *best practices* in community college grants offices.
- Amber was just announced as a SCV 40 Under Forty awardee!





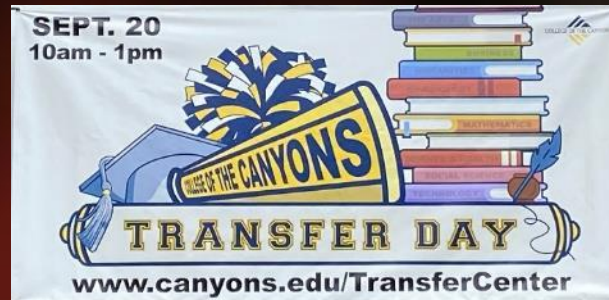
What's Going On Around our Campuses

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Transfer Day Draws Crowd

Hundreds of students turned out for Transfer Day at the Valencia campus on Tuesday, Sept. 20th.

- Representatives from 56 universities were on hand to provide students with transfer and admission guidance.
- Amongst the institutions present were 8 University of California institutions, 11 California State University institutions, 18 institutions from the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, and several private and out-of-state institutions.



Hispanic Heritage Celebrated

On Wednesday, Sept. 21st the college recognized the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success, in commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

- Approximately 40 people who attended the event hosted by the Business Alliance were treated to mariachi music and dance by Baile Folklorico, as well as breakfast, drinks, arts, and crafts.
- **Claudia Acosta** was recognized as an Outstanding Hispanic Educator.



EMT's 50th Milestone

College of the Canyons celebrated the **50th Anniversary** of its **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)** program on Thursday, **Sept. 29th**.

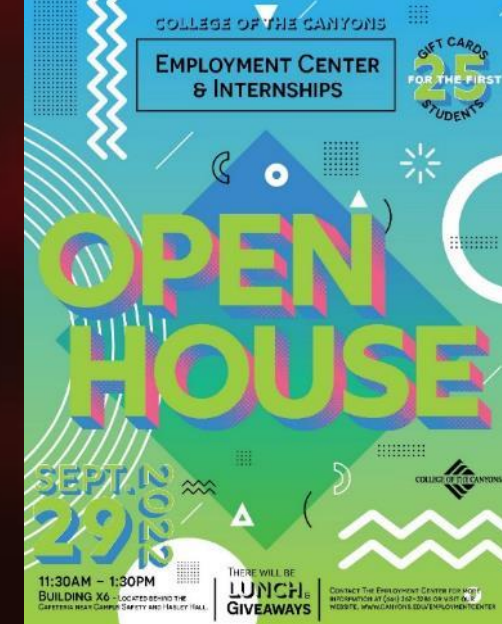
- The program is the **second oldest** program of its kind in Los Angeles County, having trained more than **5,000** EMT students since 1972.
- Many of its graduates have had successful careers in firefighting, law enforcement, nursing, and other related fields.
- The celebration was held at the **Culinary Arts Cafe**, and included a short ceremony, guest speakers, and a catered breakfast served by iCuE students.



Employment Center Open House

The **Employment Center** held an **Open House** on **Thursday, Sept. 29th**.

- The event featured *lunch* and *giveaways*, as well as *gift cards* for the first **25** students who attended.
- **90** students visited the Employment Center and created **Job Speaker** profiles. This allows them to develop automated resumes.
- Students learned about the upcoming city-wide **Job Fair**, and several made appointments with our job developers to get their resumes ready.
- Most of the students said they didn't know about the Employment Center before visiting today.



Annual Human Trafficking Summit



College of the Canyons once again hosted the **Annual Human Trafficking Prevention Summit** on **Friday, Sept. 30th** in the University Center.

- There was **standing room only** in the room and **120** more participants **online** hearing from Human Trafficking survivors from the ***Power Project*** and nationally and internationally known experts in the field.
- The event was sponsored by the **Sunrise Santa Clarita Valley Rotary Club** and the **COC Civic Engagement Department**.
- Thanks to Larry Schallert for organizing this very important awareness event.



Manufacturing Day at COC

College of the Canyons brought **Manufacturing Day** back to the PAC for the first time in over 5 years last Thursday, **Oct. 6th**.

- Over **240** students, parents and community members had the opportunity to hear from business partners and interact with them in the lobby.
- The event featured a panel discussion with representatives from **FANUC, Northrop Grumman, Woodward, Bay Center, Universal Studios, Lief Labs, Lincoln Electric and Technifex.**



Civic Dialogues Series are Back!

The *Center for Civic Engagement* launched the first of its Fall 2022 Civic Dialogues Series on October 7th with a special session by Dr. Martha Kanter, CEO of College Promise and Dr. Carol Geary Schneider, President Emerita, American Association of Colleges and Universities and Senior Advisor to the Civic Learning and Democracy Engagement Coalition (CLDE) .

- The two kicked off this fall's series with their presentation of *Equity, Quality, and Learning to Make a Difference: The Next Frontier for College Students' Civic Learning and Democracy Engagement*.
- Join regional and national civic engagement scholars, researchers, and practitioners every **Friday from 10am-12pm** as they address an array of topics affecting our campuses, communities, and nation.



Civic Dialogues



Civic Dialogues Series
10.07.22
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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Rising Stars Feted

College of the Canyons honored its **2022 Alumni Rising Stars** with a *banner reception* at the Cougar Den on Thursday, Oct. 13th.

- **Kiera Coblentz** – School of Applied Technologies
- **Eric Encinas** – School of Sports Medicine
- **Niamani Knight** – School of Business
- **Evette May** – School of Math, Science and Health
- **J.J. Soria** – School of Visual and Performing Arts
- **Sara Vogler** – School of Transfer Studies
- **Justin Wilmers** – School of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- **Gabriela Padilla** – School of Math, Science and Health
- **Tanya Saxena** – School of Math, Science and Health



Homecoming Event

Cougar Stadium overflowed with Cougar spirit on **Thursday, Oct. 13th**, as homecoming was celebrated with pre-game activities, food and entertainment, followed by the mighty Cougars facing off with Bakersfield College.

- Unfortunately, the Renegades were a bit mightier, defeating the Cougars 17-7.
- Winner of the Homecoming Door-Decorating Contest was the **Basic Needs Center (BaNC)**, whose staff (bottom photo) collected the prestigious "School Spirit Award."
- Multiple departments at both campuses competed, with members of the campus community voting to decide the winner.



Pledges of Support

Students, faculty and staff made symbolic pledges of support for undocumented students at a "pledge wall" erected near the Valencia campus flagpole on **Monday, Oct. 17th**. The event was held in conjunction with the statewide *Undocumented Student Action Week*.



Star Party Shines for the 25th Time!

An estimated **300** people attended the **25th Star Party** at the Canyon Country Campus' Upper Plaza on Friday, Oct. 28th.

- Former NASA Armstrong Chief Scientist (retiree) **Albion Bowers** spoke on “Fast Interplanetary Flight”, followed by an informative Q & A session.
- Attendees were kept busy with **13** activity and demonstration tables run by COC clubs, departments and community groups.
- Two local community astronomy clubs shared their high-powered telescopes to the enjoyment of the audience.



Halloween Festivities

College of the Canyons celebrated Halloween with parties at both campuses **Monday, Oct. 31st**.

Employees got into the spirit of the occasion with costumes, food, fun and games, including the traditional (and messy) pie-eating contest.



Garden Walk – A Perfect Day!

Close to **20** attendees, including students, staff and community members enjoyed perfect weather as they walked around the Canyon Country Campus, participating in a variety of activities at our **Fall Garden Walk** on Friday, Nov. 4th.

- Jeannie Chari led the way, identifying plants and trees throughout campus.
- The group enjoyed using the provided binoculars to learn how to spot and identify birds.
- The morning was capped off by using microscopes in the lab to explore the many interesting samples collected during the walk, including leaves, flowers, insects, and pond water.



New ASU Transfer Partnership

College of the Canyons is partnering with **Arizona State University** to provide students a seamless transfer experience with the *MyPath2ASU* program.

- OC students will be able to complete their associate degree and then seamlessly transfer to a wide variety of bachelor's degree programs offered by Arizona State University with classes held online and at their **Los Angeles campus**.
- COC is also working with ASU to make its classes available in the near future at COC's **University Center**.



Uniquely Abled Academy Open House



The **Uniquely Abled Academy** is holding an open house tonight, **Nov. 15th** for its upcoming **fourth** CNC training program, which prepares individuals with high functioning autism for manufacturing careers.

- The event is scheduled 6 to 7 pm at the University Center.
- An additional open house will be held Dec. 13th. The training program will run from **Jan. 23rd to April 21st, 2023.**



UPCOMING
EVENTS

10/12/2022

Master Guitarists

Head's up, guitar fans! The Music Department presents a *free workshop* with master guitarist **Miroslav Tadic** this **Wednesday, Nov. 16th**.

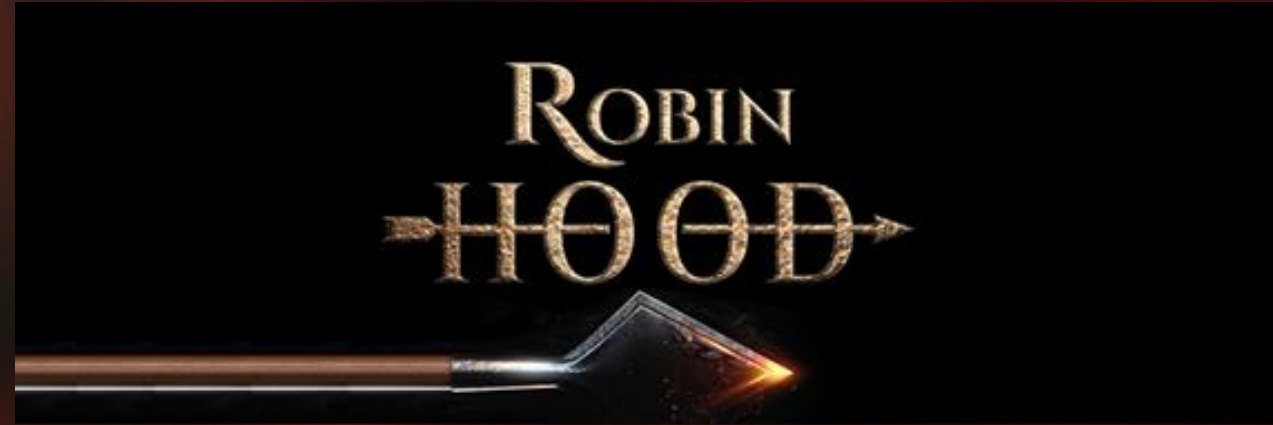
- Tadic will perform original compositions and arrangements of traditional music from the Balkans.
- The workshop is scheduled 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Pico Canyon Hall 219.

And, on **Friday, Nov. 18th**, the **Performing Arts Center** presents an evening of sophisticated and flavorful acoustic guitar music from around the world with the ***International Guitar Concert***, featuring the aforementioned Tadic, as well as Jose Antonio Rodriguez and Evan Hirschelman.

- The **free** event is scheduled 7 p.m. on the main stage.



Robin Hood Theatre Production



The College of the Canyons Theatre Department presents "***Robin Hood***" Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 17th to 20th, at the Black Box Theater.

- The clever Robin Hood, the virtuous Maid Marian, and the villainous Prince John battle in Sherwood Forest in this comedic take on the classic tale directed by David Stiers.
- For tickets, go to: <https://santaclaritapac.universitytickets.com>

Movie Under the Stars



The Canyon Country campus and ASG present a free outdoor screening of "***Big Hero 6***" on **Friday, Nov. 18th**.

- The event is scheduled 7 to 9:30 pm in the **Upper Plaza** adjacent to the Takeda Science Center. *Admission is free.*

Electronica Musique



School of Visual & Performing Arts
Music Department

The Music Department presents its **Electronica Musique & Multimedia Concert Thursday, Dec. 1st** in the Black Box Theater. The free event is scheduled **7 p.m.**

An Evening of Jazz



The Music Department presents the **Studio Jazz Ensemble** performing works by "Dizzy" Gillespie, Cole Porter and Duke Ellington, with special guest Aaron Janik on trumpet.

- The *free* concert is scheduled **7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8th** on the Main Stage of the Performing Arts Center.

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

