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# GRAD INFO

## Hello College of the Canyons students,

The end of the school year is coming and graduation is coming in close. Congratulations for 2021-2022 graduates who will be graduating this year! You worked so hard to get to this point and you deserve to celebrate this achievement.

There is some information about the upcoming graduation ceremony that you might have not known, but here is a reminder of the upcoming graduation events.

For the first time, College of the Canyons is offering two options that will allow graduates the opportunity to choose the graduation format that works best for them and their guests. In order to accommodate as many graduates in as safe a manner as possible, those wishing to participate in this year's graduation festivities may select **ONE of the following graduation ceremony formats to participate in**. Reservations started on Monday, May 2 and the last day to RSVP is **Wednesday, May 25, 2022 by 6:00pm**.

### OPTION # 1: GRAD WALK CEREMONY (Maximum of 6 guests)

Grad Walk is a walk-through graduation which provides an opportunity for graduates to wear their cap and gown while walking across the graduation stage with their guests. Each graduate will have their name read and a picture taken by a professional photographer. The Grad Walk is a walk-through experience that is estimated to last 30 minutes from start to finish. Grad Walk will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2022 in the Honor Grove with 30-minute time slots available between 3:00pm-7:00pm.

### OPTION #2: TRADITIONAL GRADUATION CEREMONY (Maximum of 2 guests)

For those who do not wish or are unable to participate in the Grad Walk, College of the Canyons will also hold a traditional seated ceremony on Friday, June 3, 2022 in the Honor Grove at 8:00am. Graduates will need to check-in no later than 6:45am dressed in their cap & gown. The traditional graduation ceremony is estimated to last 2-3 hours and conclude by 11:00am.

For more information about graduation, visit [www.canyons.edu/commencement](http://www.canyons.edu/commencement)

# WELCOME OUR NEW ASG OFFICERS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR!



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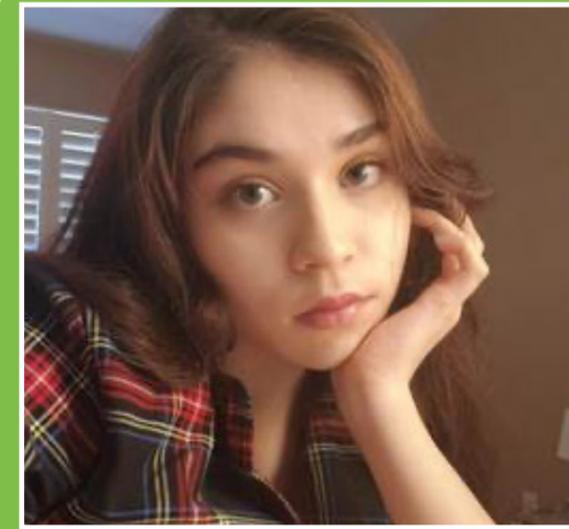
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## SCIENCE TALKS:

# GARDEN WALK

On May 6, Biology and Environmental Science Professor Jeannie Chari led students and faculty on a morning garden walk through the Canyon Country Campus! Prior to the walk, Professor Chari shared an insightful presentation that advocated the importance of biodiversity. There are 4,000 native bee species in the United States, and California alone contains 1,600 of them! Despite this, native bees are being outcompeted by non-native honeybees, which impacts pollination for native plants. This is because 70% of SCV bees are ground-dwelling and require more specific nesting space. The Bee

Hotel Pilot program is offering rebates to SCV citizens to set-up native bee nests, and COC itself, launched a biodiversity initiative which planted native wildflowers on both campuses to attract more native bees. COC is in collaboration with 8 other community colleges seeking to improve biodiversity in a sustainable manner. During the walk, we had the chance to see the various native plants present on the Canyon Country Campus. We also collected plant and insect samples and viewed them under microscopes. For more information, check out the Biodiversity Initiative at <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/biology/biodiversity/index.php>.



DESERT SUNFLOWERS



CALIFORNIA WILDROSE



THISTLE

# RE-OBSERVE BLACK HISTORY MONTH: SOUL MOVIE

ASG Cultural Involvement Coordinators, Shakira Shahid and Marian Rivera held an event with the Multicultural Center on April 19 in Mentry Hall from 5-7 pm to create a space for students to enjoy the highly accredited film, Soul. The film gives insight into the importance of representing African American culture within media and highlights some of the cultural pillars of the African American community. Drinks and snacks were given to the attendees and were given a brochure explaining the cultural impact of the movie. For more ASG movie nights, make sure to check out the calendar tab on [www.canyons.edu/campuslife](http://www.canyons.edu/campuslife) to keep up with upcoming events.

# RE-ADVOCATE FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS



Use the QR code to book an appointment with Carecen College Legal Services today!

## RE-EQUIP ASG GAME NIGHT

**Consoles? Check. Controllers? On. Discord? Open.**

On April 28, students of all gaming skill levels hopped onto Discord for COC's very first virtual ASG Game Night. Students were given the option to join several different lobbies to play games such as Jackbox's Quiplash and Among Us. Students were also given the option to request games, such as Brawlhalla. The winner of each game didn't just get to log off knowing that they're better than everyone at gaslighting

during Among Us, however. They also got to claim a free movie ticket as a reward for their clever wordplay or their trickery. The event was a fun way for students to meet each other, interact, and have fun, as well as to play some new games! Though there aren't any more Game Nights planned for this semester, they may return in the fall for even more students to enjoy. Until then, happy gaming Cougars!

On Wednesday May 11, from 11 -12pm, ASG Cultural and Social Student Involvement Coordinators, Sharika Shahid and Kimberly Lopez, partnered with COC's

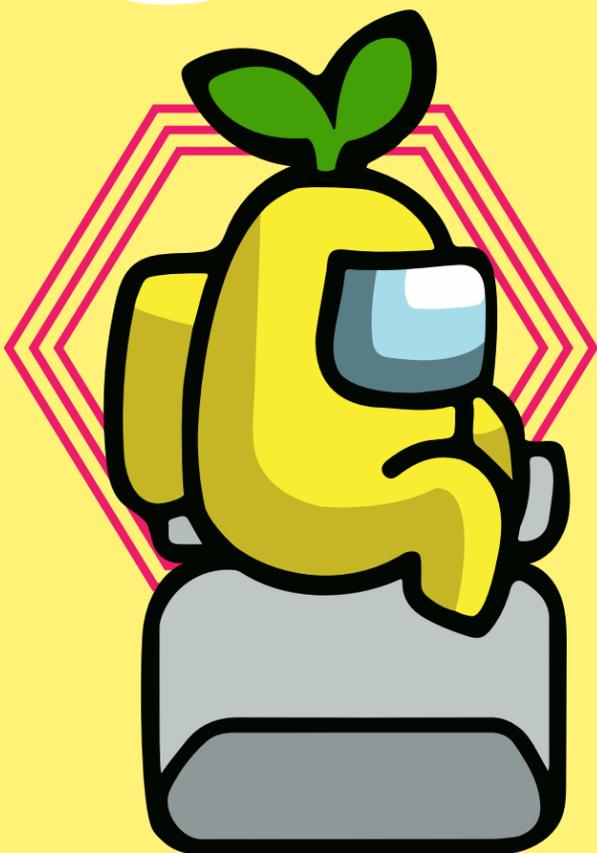
Undocumented Resource Center (URC) to host an event highlighting the importance of resources for the undocumented students on campus and to give insight on how to be a supportive peer. Jessica Sanchez

Galvan, the Undocumented Student Liaison here at College of the Canyons, was able to talk about the resources undocumented students have living in California and the ways to access them. There were

also representatives from Carecen College Legal Services that shared their personal experiences and gave an inside look at how they help undocumented students apply for

financial aid and how they help students navigate their way through higher education. Attendees of the event were given a goodie bag of snacks and informational flyers on the resources they have

access to. For assistance with college applications, financial aid applications, or scholarship information, reach out to the Undocumented Resource Center at [www.canyons.edu/urc](http://www.canyons.edu/urc).



# MULTICULTURAL STORY



ASG is proud to announce the start of our yearly event: Multicultural Day! Multicultural Day took place in the Honor Grove on April 26th where students were given the opportunity to learn about several different cultures at their respective booths. The creation of the Multicultural Center was to provide a sense of community for historically marginalized groups on campus to increase their inclusion on campus. There was a high turnout of students, and they were all given a goodie bag of snacks and a free movie ticket after completing a survey.

**ON THE RIGHT, ENJOY SOME INTERESTING FACTS STUDENTS LEARNED WHILE TRAVELING TO THE DIFFERENT BOOTHS!**

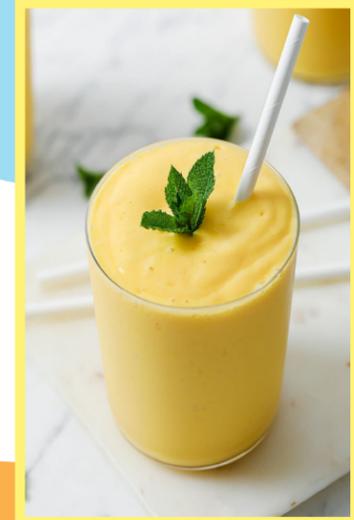
## MEXICO:

It is prevalent for people at restaurants or any food place to say “Enjoy your meal” to others, even if they might not know them, out of respect for other customers.

## BANGLADESH:

### *Mango Lassi Recipe:*

- Plain yogurt (1 cup)
- Mango pulp (1 cup)
- Sugar (2 tablespoons)
- Cardamom powder (dash)
- Ice (to blend)



## ARMENIA

Armenia was the first nation to ever adopt Christianity as its state religion.

## KOREA:

On Valentine’s Day, men receive chocolates/gifts from women, while women receive chocolate/gifts from men one month later on White Day (3/14).



## TRANS ALLIANCE

Although many people think of transgender and nonbinary people as new, people of gender and sexual diversity have been present throughout history and in different cultures since at least 5000 BC.

## PHILLIPPINES:

### *“Mabuhay” (mah-boo-hai)*

This word derives from the word “Buhay”, which translates to life in the Tagalog language. When you say “Mabuhay” to someone, you’re essentially telling them “Long live”, “welcome”, “hello”, or “goodbye”.

# RE-ENLIGHTEN: VETERAN EVENT

Cultural Student Involvement Coordinator, Marian Rivera, hosted the Re-Enlighten Veteran Event on May 16th from 1pm to 2pm. Veterans can have trouble during the registration of classes due to their past service. It is common for veterans to have trouble transferring their status from an active-duty state to a regular civilian status, complicating the process that veterans go through. The goal of this event was to bring awareness to COC's Veterans Resource Center and Veterans alliance at COC. These are helpful resources for students who have recently retired from the military or are still in the service. The resources provide connections, educational aid and overall support to students. This event was a collaboration with the Veterans Resource Center and the Alliance. Speaker Adam Wyland, a student services technician for the Veterans' Resource Center, answered questions from students and demonstrated to veterans on their process of registering. For more information regarding veteran resources visit [www.canyons/va](http://www.canyons/va) or email [SB.tucker@canyons.edu](mailto:SB.tucker@canyons.edu).



## TRANSFER SPOTLIGHT: ANDY CHO KINESIOLOGY AT CSU NORTHRIDGE

“ College of the Canyons is where I began my academic journey and gave me a strong foundation of what to expect when transferring into a university. At COC, there are many resources that students can take advantage of to make their academic life have the support they need for personal success. When I was at COC, it was easy for me to get distracted at home, so I utilized the library and the ASG lab to have a quiet space to do my assignments in a timely manner. This helped me manage my time better, allowing me to work part-time while remaining focused in school. I would also recommend students to start researching the colleges they are interested in transferring to early! It is vital for students to figure out which coursework they need to take, to be able to plan their academic calendar way before they transfer. In order to have a clear academic plan, make sure to visit [www.Assist.org](http://www.Assist.org) and talk to the counselors at College of the Canyons so you have the courses you need to transfer. Developing your organizational and management skills early, will help you immensely when working towards your bachelor's degree and beyond. Stay motivated and good luck!

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# STAR PARTY

On April 22, COC hosted its second Star Party of this academic year! It took place at the Canyon Country Campus from 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM. John Callas, a former NASA manager, discussed robot exploration of the surface of Mars. Likewise, multiple telescopes were available for students to explore the night sky for planets and stars. Additionally, several COC science clubs were present at the event. Students had fun looking at petri dish art at the Microbiology booth, and testing pH indicators with the Chemistry Cub. Continuing with the space theme, one club that we'd love to highlight is the Astronomy and Physics Club! Their club Vice-President, Arely Castillo was present at Star Party and had this to say about their upcoming project which will send COC art to space:

"The Astronomy & Physics Club is currently participating in multiple NASA payload projects this year. The club is working on intermediate level payloads like RockOn as well as more advanced payloads like RockSat-X and the High-Altitude Student Platform (HASP) where we will be launching student art for the first time with the theme "Deep Sea Meets Space". Our HASP payload will be carried on a NASA small volume,

zero pressure balloon along 11 other universities' payloads. Our payload will use a radiation detecting system, which consists of a plastic scintillator and photomultiplier tube (PMT), where we will count the number of antimatter collisions by measuring the production of radiation during the capsule's flight. We will also be observing the effects of near space conditions on student created artwork. Additionally, we will be testing our use of functional artwork in assisting our thermal control plan in maintaining the inner temperature of the payload. The art team just concluded the club's first ever art contest where COC students will get the chance to have their art put on the payload."

Arely Castillo is grateful for the hands-on aerospace opportunities that this club has provided. It has helped her get accepted into programs like the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars. Many members have gone on to work at companies like Northrop Grumman, Tesla, and Blue Origin. The Aerospace and Science team meets every Sunday from 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM at the Valencia campus's MakerSpace. For more information on the Aerospace and Science Team, please email [Teresa.Ciardi@canyons.edu](mailto:Teresa.Ciardi@canyons.edu)



Photo from the Mars Exploration presentation that discussed a specific payload mission



Student viewing a telescope



Some of the attendees, clubs, and booths present at the Star party

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THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR COUGARS!