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MAKE A BLANKET DAY

On October 9th, students from the Santa Clarita Valley chapter of Project Linus coordinated a drive-thru blanket drop-off event at the Valencia campus University Center. Prior to the pandemic, Make-A-Blanket day was an in-person event, usually held at the Valencia campus gym, where volunteers handcrafted blankets. This year, around 77 people attended the drop-off event and in total, 360 blankets were donated.

Project Linus is a volunteer non-profit organization that provides handmade blankets to comfort children in need. These lovingly made blankets support local communities such as Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital and various shelters throughout the Santa Clarita Valley, Sylmar, and Antelope Valley area. The chapter is primarily run by Academy of the Canyons students, who are also dually enrolled at College of the Canyons. “I adored what I saw about giving, blanket making, and teamwork in an effort to help kids and make a difference,” says AOC student Justin Almeida.

How you can help! Project Linus organizes two Make-A-Blanket Day events every year, usually in the spring and fall. If you are interested in attending the next event, follow @projectlinusscv on Instagram and Twitter to stay tuned for the spring event next semester. Additionally, blankets can be dropped off all year long at the JOANN Fabrics and Crafts store in Canyon Country, or at Academy of the Canyons. Please check out the SCV Project Linus website for more information about the chapter, instructions on how to make blankets, and ways to make monetary donations!

Thank you to all students who made this semester's event so successful!



AOC students David Kirkpatrick (left) and Priscilla Little (right) shown handling donated blankets.



AOC student Rachel Brown (left) collects a blanket donated by Hailey McKell (right).

Hey Cougars,
Here at College of the Canyons we celebrated our Hispanic students and their culture. COC had events from September 15th to October 15th to display our appreciation to the achievements and contributions our Hispanic students have made.

On October 5th, ASG hosted the Re-Connect Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Art Showcase. After picking up supplies at COC, students made art that represented their identities. Students were given a safe space to express their heritage and culture through their artwork.

Students were also exposed to historical art made by Hispanic artists.

And, on October 7th, Students learned about impactful Hispanic/Latinx musicians/poets in history along with contemporary musicians. Hispanic/Latinx student music and poems were featured as well! The event was focused on listening to and appreciating the various forms of music that are tied to Hispanic/Latinx heritage.

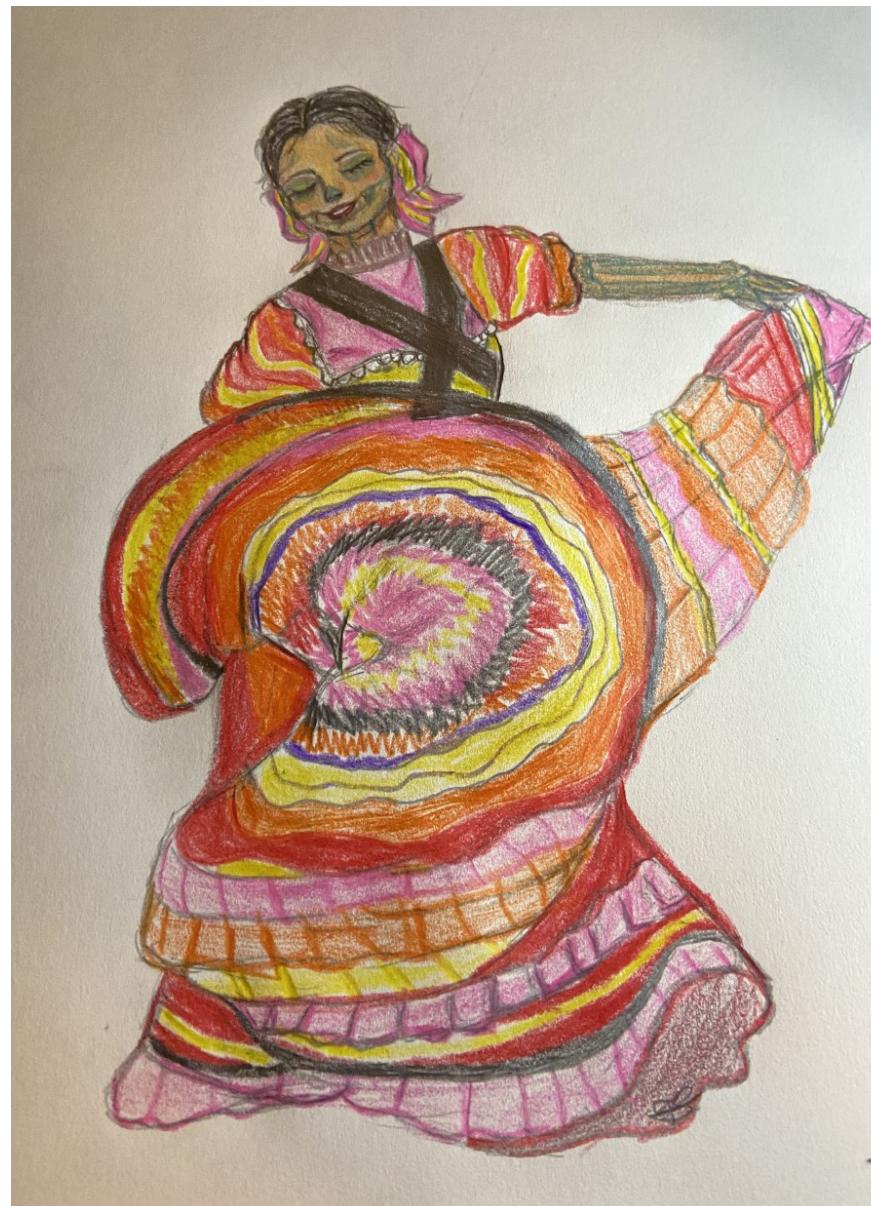
HISPANIC HERITAGE ART SHOWCASE



Artist: Celia Cruz (1925 -2003)

Song Played During the Event: "Quimbara"

Description: Úrsula Hilaria Celia Caridad Cruz Alfonso was an Afro-Cuban American singer who was referred to as the Queen of Salsa. Prior to her musical career, she was studying to become a teacher. After winning a talent show, she decided to pursue singing. She, shortly after, replaced lead singer Myrta Silva of the popular orchestra, La Sonora Matancera. This made her the ensemble's first Black front person!



Artist: Isabella Solorio

Description: Being Hispanic to me means celebrating life even in harsh moments of time. I drew a Folklorico dancer in warm tones because the traditional dance I saw at festivals and other celebrations always filled me with joy, warmth, and amazement at the bright colors and intricate dances. It also reminds me of my best friend who used to practice the dance and would always cheer me up when I needed it most. The outline of bones in blue (on her face, neck, and arms) is a small nod to Día de Muertos, a holiday meant to celebrate and remember the lives of past loved ones.

Artist: Tarsila do Amaral (1886 -1973)

Name of the Art: "Abaporu"

Description: This was a birthday present to her husband and the word "abaporu" translates to "the man that eats people,"



Artist: Edna Garcia de la Torre

Description: This painting represents the troubles to find my own identity. Feeling divided in your heart for the love of two countries is a struggle. Trying to fit in is a struggle. I was born in Mexico but have lived in the United States for 3/4 of my life. Going back to Mexico makes me feel like I do not belong there. Being in this country that has given me so much, sometimes it feels the same way.



BLOOD DRIVE



Thank you to all those who showed up to donate at the blood drives! There were two blood drives that occurred at the Valencia campus on October 13 and October 14 near the roundabout by Canyons Hall and the Bookstore. Another blood drive took place at the Canyon Country Campus parking lot on October 19. It turned out to be a huge success and many people in need will be receiving blood. Due to the national shortage of blood, donors helped save many lives these past few weeks.

If you are looking for other ways to save lives, fear not! The vaccines and booster shots have been distributed to the Valencia Campus Student Center and Canyon Country Campus, Quad 1. On October 5, the Department of Public Health Nurse Strike Team was deployed at both campuses on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the vaccines and booster shots are available at the Canyon Country Campus from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM and 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the Valencia Campus. However, there are requirements individuals must meet in order to become eligible for a booster shot. For more information, please refer to the email sent out by Enrollment Services.



TRANSFER SPOTLIGHT: REANA DIAMONTE

3RD YEAR UCLA
STUDENT MAJORING
IN BIOLOGY



“ My biggest advice for students planning to transfer to a four-year university is to get involved on or off campus! You can join clubs, volunteer, or work during your time at community college. Maintaining good grades and completing your coursework is important in the transferring process, but colleges appreciate seeing students who know how to manage their time and contribute to their community. In addition, you can utilize your responses in the UC or common application essays to demonstrate the skills you've gained through your experiences! You don't have to be part of every club on campus, but finding the right balance and pursuing activities you are passionate about will go a long way. ”

ATTENTION COUGARS!

The CSUApply system is now open and will close sometime by December. For certain majors at CSU campuses, you can utilize the CSU's priority admission for entrance if you are earning an Associate Degree for Transfer. However, impacted majors and campuses cannot guarantee admission, even when eligibility requirements are met. Transferring from a 2-year college to a 4-year institution can be an incredibly meticulous process that no one should have to overcome alone. Utilize tools like www.assist.org and be sure to contact our amazing college counselors for further guidance!

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is also now open!

The deadline to file your FAFSA is June 30, 2021, but ideally, it is best to complete it before the end of fall semester for increased priority. The FAFSA is a convenient tool that serves as a comprehensive application for federal grants, work-study, and loans for colleges that you are interested in attending. Likewise, FAFSA information allows colleges to determine a student's federal aid eligibility.

Planning your coursework can be the most difficult part of your application process. Make an appointment with a COC counselor to create your Academic Plan. You can make these appointments by visiting www.canyons.edu/studentservices/counseling.

CAL STATE APPLY

Find your future at the California State University.

With 23 campuses and thousands of degree choices, the CSU is a great place to start your journey.

Explore your options below, and start your application today.

Fall 2022 Application

The Fall 2022 application opens October 1, 2021 at 6:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

[See Priority Deadlines](#)

Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALL THESE LISTED RESOURCES AND MORE.

The Health and Wellness Center is open to all enrolled students and is currently offering free Influenza Vaccines, no appointment necessary! Just stop by with your student ID and you will be eligible to receive one. Additionally, the health center is a valuable resource that provides students with clinical services, health education, referrals, and

assistance in getting health insurance.

All clinical services are low cost or free to students, office visits are covered by the student health fees, and over-the-counter medical supplies are easily accessible. Furthermore, mental health resources, such as individual or group counseling, are available and free.



The Student Health & Wellness Center is Offering **FREE** Influenza Vaccines to Currently Enrolled Students!

No Appointment Necessary!
Please Bring Your Student ID

VALENCIA

Mon - Thur: 9AM - 12PM & 2PM - 4:30PM
Friday: 9AM - 1PM

CANYON COUNTRY

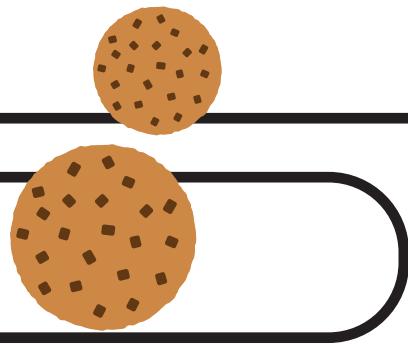
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SPOOKY COOKIES

FRESH OUT OF THE OVEN!

On October 19, the Spooky Cookie event took place which allowed students to join through zoom and make their very own orange pumpkin cookie. It was a quite easy, fun, and delicious way for students to destress and relax. Jenny Wong-Foster, our Vice President of Activities for the Valencia Campus, hosted the event and hopes to do more events like this in the Spring.



STAR PARTIES ARE BACK!



On October 29, Star Party came back! It took place at the Canyon Country Campus from 7:00 PM -9:30 PM. The Star Party is a fun and educational way for students to learn about planets and stars. Guest speaker, Camilo Meija Prada from NASA, discussed NASA's research on planets, stars, and life in our galaxy. Telescopes were available at this event for students to explore the starry night sky. In addition, this was a wonderful opportunity for people to meet and converse with the College of the Canyons Aerospace and Sciences Team. Seven clubs attended and engaged with participants by displaying their science-related activities.



THANKS FOR READING!