

Chancellor's Report and Update

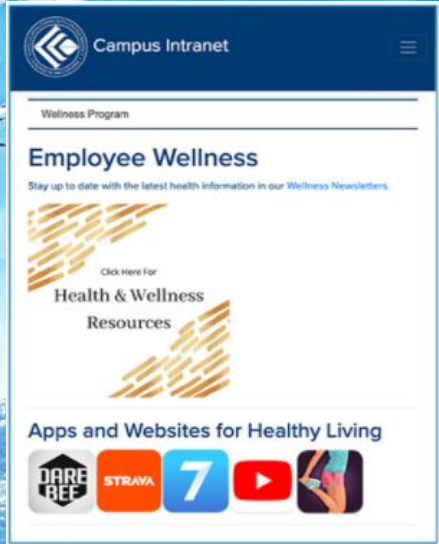
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 20, 2021



Health & Wellness Resource Guide Now Available!

Last month a Health & Wellness Guide was launched on the college's website based on the collaborative work of the administration, faculty union, and classified senate. The following topics can be found on the PIO Notices page:

- Coping & Mindfulness
- Behavioral Health Care
- Ergonomics
- Hotlines
- Free Resources
- Testing Information
- Flu Vaccinations
- And more!



COC Alumni Network Webinar Series

The many challenges surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic have been financially challenging for our students and alumni. Therefore, the *COC Foundation Alumni Network* hosted a webinar on **December 17th** designed to help equip them with essential financial planning advice for strengthening their financial future.

Distinguished COC **Alumnus Terrance Meyer**, a certified financial planner and COC Foundation Board Member was keynote speaker.

➤ Attendees were equipped with tools to help them achieve the following:

- Creating and maintaining a personal budget.
- Managing debt, credit cards, and student loans.
- Building an emergency fund and saving for the future.

➤ The event was attended by over **30** COC students and alumni.

A graphic for the COC Alumni Network Webinar Series. It features a portrait of Terrance Meyer on the left. To the right, the text reads: "COC ALUMNI NETWORK WEBINAR SERIES", "Planning for Your Financial Future", "A Presentation for Alumni & Students by COC alumnus and financial planner, Terrance Meyer", and "December 17th | 12 - 1:00 pm". At the bottom, there are logos for the College of the Canyons Foundation, the College of the Canyons, and a 50th anniversary logo for the College of the Canyons.

COC ALUMNI NETWORK WEBINAR SERIES

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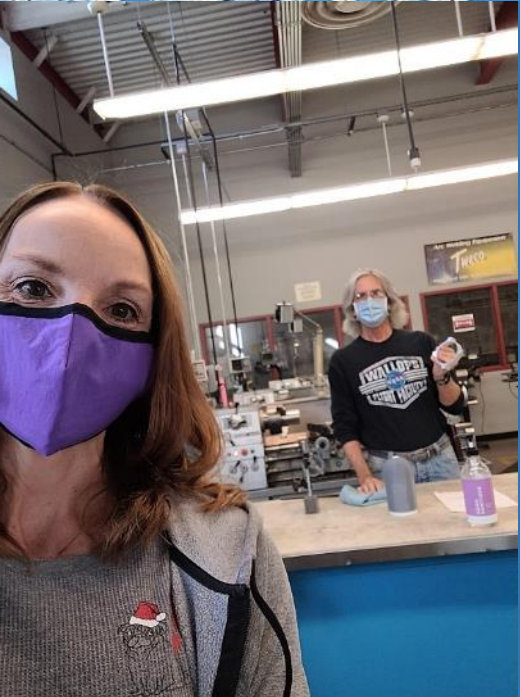
Terrance Meyer '96
COC Foundation Board Member &
Wealth Management Advisor,
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COC Students are Offered LCO Summer Internships



Teresa Ciardi recently had the opportunity to share the accomplishments of our globally competitive **Aerospace & Sciences Team** with the **Director of the Las Cumbres Observatory (LCO)**, **Dr. Lisa Storrie-Lombardi**, resulting in a unique partnership opportunity for our community college students.

- Although LCO is in Santa Barbara, they are initiating a community college internship program with College of the Canyons as the primary focus for the student pool.
- This is the first internship at LCO that will target community college students.
- We continue to become more visible each year as the only community college team repeatedly being selected for NASA HASP and NASA's RockSatX programs!



COC Students Receive Edison Fire Tech Scholarships

Ten COC Fire Technology students received \$1,000 scholarships from Edison International to cover *tuition*, *books* and *school-related fees*.

- The scholarships were awarded through a \$25,000 grant from Edison International in support of the college's development of *present* and *future* fire personnel.
- In addition to the scholarship awards, this grant allows us to purchase **uniforms** for our students, and **storage** for our firefighting gear and equipment.
- This is COC's **third year** receiving Edison's Fire Technology Grant.



The Rotary Club of SCV Presents Donation to COC



The Rotary Club of
Santa Clarita Valley

Rotary Club of Santa Clarita Valley Board President **Glenn Terry** and Rotarian **Linda Pederson** were instrumental in securing a donation to support our students.

- The Rotary organization has been a strong supporter historically of the College and COC students, we are proud to see this renewed and ongoing support.
- The donations will be presented this **Friday at 10am** to establish new scholarships for our culinary students and the Basic Needs Center.
- The Foundation is grateful for the many Rotarians and COC Foundation Board members who work tirelessly to help our students succeed.



Thank You 2020 Swing for Scholarship Sponsors!

While we were unable to host the **2020 Swing for Scholarships Golf Tournament** last year due to the Los Angeles County Safer at Home Order, the College of the Canyons Foundation is deeply grateful for our tournament sponsors and their sustained support.



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Your support is creating life-changing opportunities for students at College of the Canyons. Thank you!

2021-22 January Governor's Budget Workshop



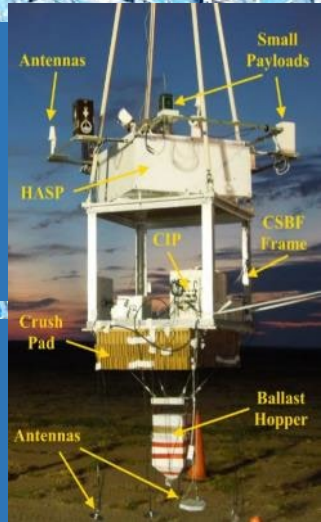
Sharlene Coleal and Jason Hinkle attended the Governor's Budget Workshop via Zoom.

- A Budget discussion was held with a panel of representatives from ACBO, DOF, LAO and Assembly Budget Committee.
- The Economic Forecast was presented by Robert McEntire, Ed.D – Director, Management Consulting Services, School Services of California.
 - He attended College of the Canyons and was very complimentary of his experience and credited COC for his subsequent success.
- The BOG Vision was shared in a conversation with Pamela Haynes, President, Board of Governors.

Aerospace & Sciences Team Presentation

Our **Aerospace & Sciences Team** impressed the CA Space Grant Director in a NASA Event held on **December 11th** that included 14 colleges. The CA Space Grant Director stated at the end of our presentation that they "***look forward to continuing to support our team in the Spring***", so we are well positioned to receive another round of **student scholarships** and **funding** for materials as early as Spring 2021.

- All other teams constructed simple rovers using an Arduino or Rasbery Pi while our COC team is constructing **NASA payloads** that use student designed flight computers.
- 13 COC students received **\$650** scholarship stipends for their work on NASA RockSatX and NASA HASP.
- The team received \$2000 for materials.



COC Recognized in NCATC Newsletter



College of the Canyons was featured in the most recent publication of the *Network of Advanced Technology Expertise (NCATC)* newsletter.

- The featured article, ***College of the Canyons Community College: Helping to Create an Industry 4.0 Ready Workforce***, was written by Tim Baber, Professor of Welding Technology.
- Highlighted in the article was our partnerships with the William S. Hart High School District to create career technical education dual-enrollment opportunities at the community's newest high school.
 - A 10,000-square-foot building at Castaic High School will house advanced manufacturing and welding labs.
 - Students will earn industry certifications such as NC3, AWS, and NIMS, which will ultimately position them for employment upon graduation.
 - All dual-enrollment courses offered will articulate with current certificate and degree programs offered by the college, allowing students to pursue certificates and degrees offered by the college.

Enrollment Update

Fall 2020 enrollments have now been reconciled, where the College was able to accomplish **98%** of its Adopted Budget FTES target (**5,460 FTES** compared to 5,558 FTES).

- We are offering **384** sections during Winter 2021.
- **Winter 2021**enrollments surpassed the Adopted Budget FTES target of **855 FTES** by **21 FTES**.
- **5** sections in two of our Essential Infrastructure programs (Nursing and EMT) are being offered in-person on the Valencia campus.
- Remainder of classes are offered online or clinical offsite.
- After two weeks of registration, **Spring 2021** is currently at **2,881** credit FTES, which represents **56%** of the Adopted Budget FTES target of 5,153. Compared to Spring 2020 registration at the same point in time, we are roughly **6 FTES** higher



Noncredit Receives Honorable Mention Award



Academic Senate
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The College of the Canyons noncredit program was presented an Honorable Mention award by the **Academic Senate for California Community Colleges' 2021 Exemplary Program Award.**

- The award was presented virtually on **Jan. 19, 2021** at the *Board of Governors for California Community Colleges* meeting.
- Sponsored by the **Foundation for California Community Colleges**, the Board of Governors created the Exemplary Program Award in 1991 to recognize outstanding community college programs.
- In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Academic Senate chose "***Equitable Practices in a Virtual Educational Environment***" as the theme for this year's 2020-21 Exemplary Program award.
- Congratulations to Garrett Rieck and The School of Personal and Professional Learning

Drive Thru Flu Shot Events



DriveThru
Flu Shot

The Student Health & Wellness Center has facilitated **3 Drive-Thru Flu Vaccination events**. Lots 15 and 2 were converted to vaccine sites on **November 06, December 11, and December 14th**.

- **Incident Command** assisted the health center staff with directing traffic, confirming student eligibility, providing the vaccine information sheet and consent forms.
- **Students/staff** then parked in designated areas and were given the vaccine in their arm through the car window and as they exited the vaccine area information about mental health support services were provided.
- Other than fighting the wind, the events went smoothly and were successful in providing over **300 flu vaccinations** to our campus community.



Grants Development Department Update

Following the retirement of Theresa Zuzevich, the new **Director of Grants Development, Amber Cole**, joins the College this January.

- Amber brings more than **15 years** of full-time grants experience, has a master's degree in *Administrative Leadership*, and brings extensive capability in the development and writing of *grant proposals, budgets, and application process*. It's a pleasure to welcome her!

Notable recent COC grant awards include:

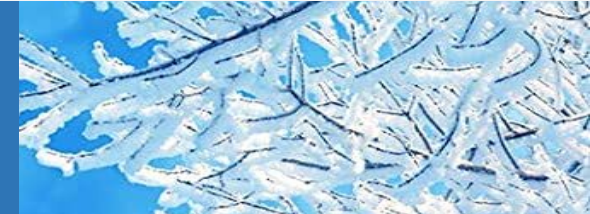
- **Dept. of Education Open Textbook Pilot Grant:** \$370K award with COC participating as part of a 5-college consortium for online training and an OER community of practice (James Glapa-Grossklag and Joy Shoemate are project directors).
- **Pritzker Foundation:** \$40K award for Foster Youth/RISE support (Cyndi Palomino Bendezu is project director).
- **Kaiser Foundation:** \$15K to support mental health support in early childhood education (Monica Marshall is project director)
- Current awards total \$10.3M, and the team (Amber Cole and Stephenie Tesoro) will continue to research and pursue timely external funding to support college and program priorities going forward.



COC Awarded the Way Forward Grant

COC, working with Cerritos College, LACC, CSUDH, CSULA, CSUN, and the California Community Colleges' Success Network (3CSN) was just awarded the nationwide *The Way Forward* grant of \$12,000 by Bringing Theory to Practice.

- BTP is the nation's premier organization in higher education focused on *civic learning and democratic engagement*.
- This grant builds on an earlier grant addressing the need to create an *intersegmental civic engagement pathway* between the California Community College and California State University systems.
- Goals:
 - Promote a statewide undergraduate civic engagement common **curriculum**.
 - Facilitate a virtual **faculty training** introducing the topics of civic, community, and democratic engagement.
 - Organize a virtual convening of state and national academic leaders, government officials, and philanthropic organizations to discuss the need for **civic learning and democratic engagement**.



Canyon Country Campus Update

Construction progress continues at the Canyon Country Campus this winter.

- The Science Center will be ready for furniture delivery in April with most exterior work now complete.
- The framed outline of the Student Services & Learning Resources Center is also now visible.
- The following photos from a January facilities site walk with the Chancellor captures some of this progress:



Updates from Economic Development



The Economic Development Division has hit the ground running in 2021.

- ETI and Instruction are partnering with the *International Facilities Management Association (IFMA)* San Fernando Valley Chapter to develop new curriculum that will get people back to work and into a new career field.
- Finalizing the curriculum for the **Low Observable** program in partnership with *Northrop Grumman* with the goal to launch a pilot cohort in late Q1. The program will be run through ETI and be funded through LA County WIOA money.
- Developing a **Ventura County Industry Council** to collectively represent manufacturing workforce needs. Haas Automation and Amgen along with approximately 30 other production industries will make up this county-wide association.
- The Health Workforce Initiative is offering a webinar to the community on **Friday, February 5th** entitled *Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Behavior Health Workforce Preparation*. See website for details.

That's Classified! A Classified Senate Newsletter

In December the Classified Senate released the first edition of its very own newsletter - "That's Classified!"

- The first edition featured everything from *COVID-19 perspectives*, to *honoring some of our on-the-ground campus employees*, to *Classified Staff's favorite holiday recipes*, and much more.
- While written by the Classified Staff, it is their hope that all employee groups will find something of interest while browsing through the articles.
- A special thank you to all Classified staff who wrote, interviewed, formatted, and illustrated for this collaborative effort!

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Thank you for taking the time to read "That's Classified!"

We couldn't be more proud of the efforts of the Classified Staff this year, and are honored to share a few of their perspectives with you. One of the goals of the Classified Senate is to create a space for disseminating information on issues that impact the Classified Staff and the College as a whole.

We recognize that it is not always possible to attend our monthly open meetings, and so we wanted to reach out in as many different ways as possible this year. Beyond the Newsletter, you can find more informa-

tion about the Classified Senate on our webpage and new

Facebook and Instagram pages. If you have never been involved in Classified Senate before, or just want to learn more, there has never been a better time! Thank you to all of the article contributors, and we wish you all a wonderful new year. - Classified Senate Executive Board

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COC Named Finalist for Prestigious Bellwether Award

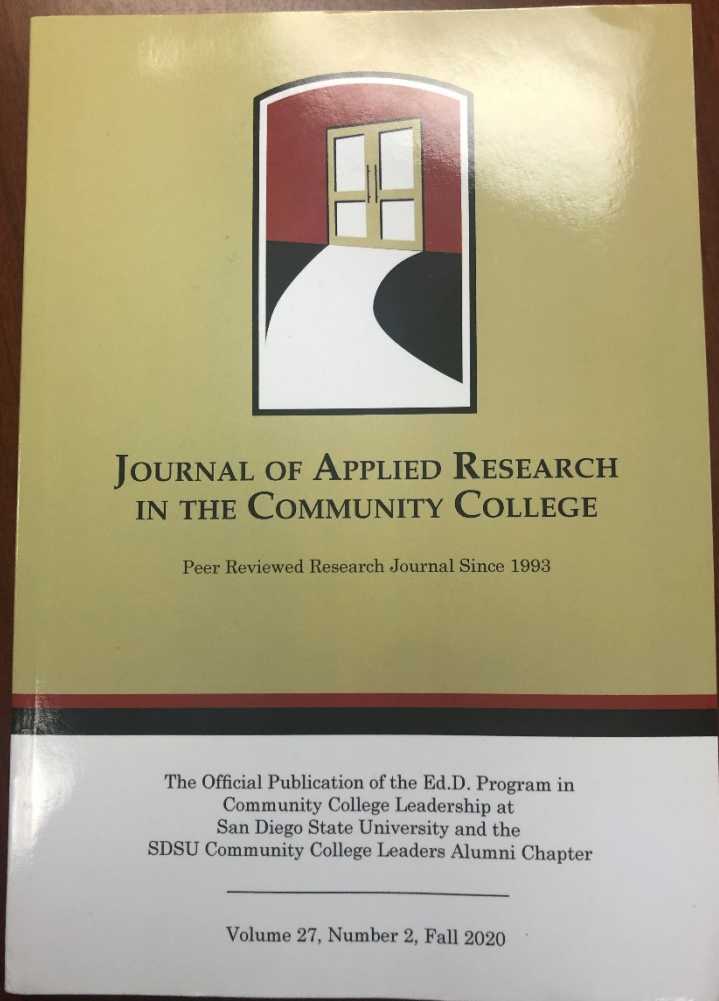


College of the Canyons was one of **30** community colleges selected as a finalist for a **2021 Bellwether Award**, which is widely regarded as one of the nation's most competitive and prestigious recognitions for community colleges.

- The college was among **10** other colleges nominated in the **Instructional Programs and Services** category for its submission entitled “***Dismantling Barriers to Support Students: Placement Exams & Developmental Courses.***” Typically there are over 400 submissions each year.
- The college's innovative approach to English and Mathematics assessment and course sequence design that has resulted in ***increased student completion*** in transfer-level English and Mathematics while greatly ***reducing equity gaps.***
- Our team will give a final video presentation on January 25th.
- A special congratulations to Omar Torres, Joe Gerda and their all-star team!



Dr. Omar Torres is Now in Print!



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A vibrant winter scene featuring snow-covered evergreen trees in the foreground and rolling hills in the background. The sky is a deep, clear blue, adorned with several bright, multi-pointed starburst light effects. The overall atmosphere is bright and cheerful.

Have a great week!