



Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting
December 09, 2020

Student Success in the Spotlight!

MLT Spring 2020 Graduates Achieve 100% Success on Board Exam

- Last Spring 2020 semester, many MLT programs were halted due to COVID-19.
- COC's program continued, and **13** students graduated in June 2020.
- They went on to take the **American Society for Clinical Pathologists National Board Exam**.
- All 13 students passed the exam on their first attempt, achieving a **100% pass rate**.
- Congratulations to our students, Dr. Hencelyn Chu (MLT Director and Department Chair), and all the MLT faculty for their support of our students!



Canyons News Perseveres Despite Pandemic

In a normal non pandemic semester, our **Canyons News** classes would be producing multiple newscasts and news articles for canyonsnews.com.

With Covid-19 forcing us into remote learning, the Media Dept. has adjusted by creating a collaborative workflow for our current students in **3** different courses.

- This semester students from those classes have produced over **30 NewsMicros** for all of our Canyons News social media outlets.
- Students worked collaboratively to produce nearly **50 articles** for canyonsnews.com.
- Students have learned to **story tell** through in-person and Zoom interviews as well as gather **original video** and images from a creative use of **cell phone technology**.
- Next Spring David Brill plans to up the ante and actually start live webcasting NewsMicros and podcasts.
- We are very proud of what our students have achieved in unprecedented times.



BaNC Thanksgiving Food Drive and Giveaway

BaNC and Rotary Club of the Santa Clarita Valley hosted a food drive for COC students on **Saturday, Nov. 14th**

- Over **100** bags of Thanksgiving-themed food items were donated.
- Michael Joslin purchased **another 100** bags worth of food items using *Hunger Free Campus* grant funds.
- The combined **200** pantry bags were distributed (100 each day) to students the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving, along with **\$50** grocery cards (**500** cards were distributed).
- **Seven** college staff and **three students** joined more than **15 Rotary Club** members to work the food drive event.



Economic Development Update

- The **Employee Training Institute** launched its *Mastercam* course on **November 23rd** to train individuals for positions as Tool Programmers and Engineers with local manufacturing companies.
- On **December 1st**, **The Health Workforce Initiative** unit of the Economic Development Division hosted a ***Virtual Statewide CAN Educators Conference***. The focus of the conference was to discuss how the community college can support the increasing demand for healthcare workers due to COVID.
- The **City of Santa Clarita** partnered with the **SBDC** of COC to assist nearly **150** small businesses that received grants through the City's COVID relief program. This is in addition to the SBDC's efforts in helping companies comply with the *CARES Act* guidelines.



Health Workforce Initiative



We Opened the Multicultural Center! And...

On **November 30th** we had **8 events** commemorating our soft opening of the **Multicultural Center**. The day started with an opening, detailing the history of the Multicultural Center and the purpose, vision, and goals. Below is a list of the events held throughout the day:

- Opening Session
- Student Panel – *Importance of a Multicultural Center*
- Open house for our Alliances
- Muslim Appreciation Series – *Islam and Science*
- Happenings of the World – Introduction to an upcoming series
- Open House for the Alliances
- Open Mic *Poetry Reading* session
- Please visit the website at www.canyons.edu/MCC for the recordings of the day.



Special Thanks to all of the Multicultural Center Planning Committee members!

COC sponsored program takes second place in Partners In Education Contest

Michael Bastine, *Regional Engagement Director of Advanced Manufacturing* at College of the Canyons won **2nd place** in the **2020 Partnerships for Industry and Education (PIE)** awards, for its STEMbassadors Program.

- The virtual program was hosted by the **California Economic Summit** on **December 3-4th**.
- The PIE contest was founded to identify and honor **innovative employer-education partnerships** that are successful in preparing the workforce to meet the needs of the California economy.



COC Annual Holiday Party

Last Thursday, **December 3rd** we held our **Annual COC Holiday Party** – virtually! Some of the highlights:

- Holiday **Ugly Sweater Contest** Winner – Claudia Kirby
- **Holiday Music** was provided by VAPA students
- Joe Lanthier presented a **video montage** of photos from past Holiday Parties
- Virtual guests played **Holiday Trivia Game!**
- The following **retirees** were honored:

Jim Anderson

Danielle Butts

Nick Carter

Tom Marshall

Lisa Mott

Michael Wilding

Carol Bean

Jane Feuerhelm

Kathy Flynn

Debbie Morlett

Lila Sude

Theresa Zuzevich

Thank you Holiday Party Committee!

COC Annual Holiday Party

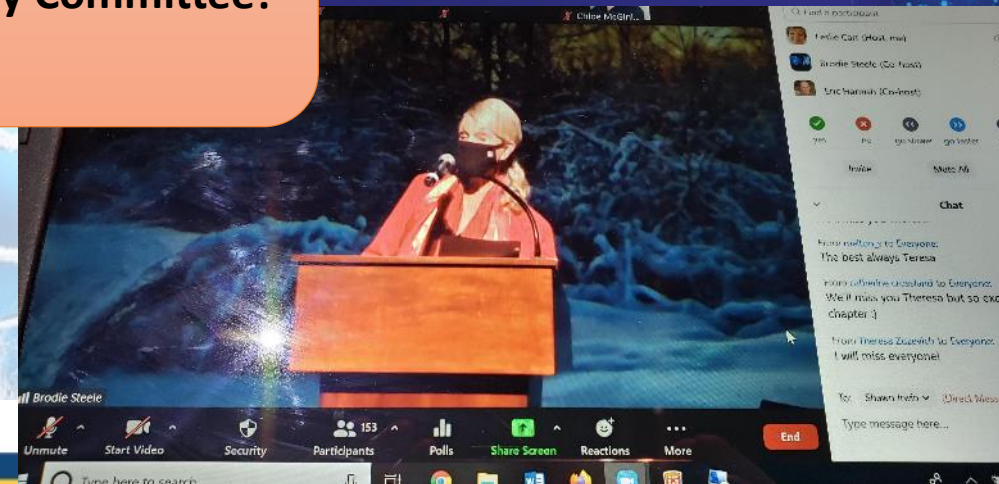
A Holiday to Remember

Thursday, December 3, 2020
Noon - 1:30pm via Zoom

Join us for some holiday fun and cheer!

Participate in the Holiday Ugly Sweater Contest!

Celebrate Our December Retirees



Nurse Pinning Ceremony

34 nursing students graduated, celebrating via a virtual Zoom graduation on **December 4th**.

- **Dr. Omar Torres** was the **keynote** speaker
- Professor **Tina Waller** was the Faculty guest speaker
- Director **Mary Corbett** also spoke and served as program facilitator.

These students completed their third and fourth semesters *during the COVID-19 pandemic*.

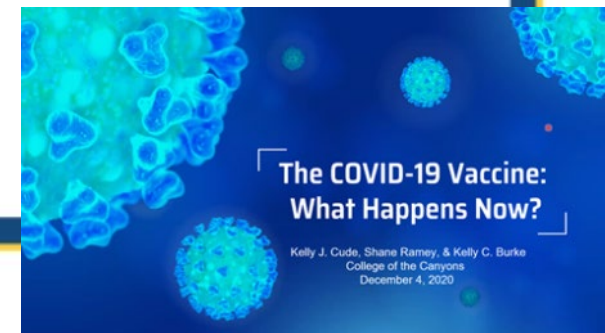
- They were the first group in COC Nursing history to participate in COVID-19 testing at the COC Parking Structure (**676** self-administered tests last Wednesday).
- Their clinical success was strongly supported by the return to campus labs and utilization of new *simulation manikins* purchased in Spring 2020.



Community Engagement – Canyon Country Campus

CCC continues to lead community-oriented virtual “Science Talks” this academic year to sustain and build engagement with the campus and its future Science Center programs.

- The most recent talk was held **Friday, December 4th**
 - **Science Talk** – Virtual Biology Faculty Panel
 - **“What Role a COVID Vaccine and Herd Immunity Will Play in the Return to Normalcy”** – Professors Cude, Burke, & Ramey
- **Highlights** of the Biology panel Science Talk event included:
 - Featured an excellent panel of speakers: *Dr. Kelly Cude, Professor Kelly Burke, and Dr. Shane Ramey*
 - Covered many aspects of the **COVID process**, how it spreads in the body and to those around a carrier
 - Explained **how vaccines work**, why two doses are needed, and how it will promote herd immunity and a return to “normalcy”
 - Offered great **Q&A** discussion and included **298** virtual participants



SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

FALL 2020

DROP IN AT ANY TIME!



M:ondays @ 1PM - 2:30PM

GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP WITH MICHAEL

ZOOM LINK ~ WWW.CANYONS.TV/JOIN

**NO PLANNED TOPIC!
JUST DROP IN!**

Tuesdays @ 1PM - 2:30PM

NOV 17TH: VIDEO GAMES FOR MENTAL HEALTH ~ (CANYONS.TV/PRISCILLA)
UNCONDITIONAL GIVING: THE KRYPTONITE OF ANXIETY & DEPRESSION ~ (CANYONS.TV/MICHAEL)

NOV 24TH: WELLNESS ROUTINES ~ (CANYONS.TV/PRISCILLA)
STAYING CALM & RELAXED WITH FAMILY ~ (CANYONS.TV/MICHAEL)

DEC 1ST: PRACTICE POSITIVITY ~ (CANYONS.TV/PRISCILLA)
HOLIDAY MADNESS HACKS: ORGANIZED & RELAXED ~ (CANYONS.TV/MICHAEL)

DEC 8TH: EFFECTS ON RELATIONSHIPS DURING COVID-19 ~ (CANYONS.TV/PRISCILLA)
TIPS & TRICKS FOR A FULFILLING & BALANCED WINTER BREAK ~ (CANYONS.TV/MICHAEL)

Student Services

Our Support Continues...

Students responded enthusiastically to numerous **Support Workshops** offered in Nov. and Dec. Here are two examples of student feedback:

- *“Thank you so much for allowing me to participate in your Zoom events, which have really helped me a lot. Your constant support, especially during this difficult holiday and pandemic time really means so much to me.....Your kindness and support have been a great gift!”*
- *“This year has been so challenging and stressful for all of us. Today's Zoom really resonated with me and I related to it.....I am so very grateful for you, thanks again!”*

Meeting Student Needs During Finals!

Feel Good for Finals – Partnership with BaNC

In an effort to help prepare our students for Finals week, The *Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement* partnered with the *Basic Needs Center (BaNC)* for the **Feel Good Finals** event On **Friday, Dec. 4th**.

- Our **ASG** student leaders, **BaNC staff** and **Campus Life staff** distributed a “finals week” goody bag and a **\$50 grocery gift card** to each participant.
- Between both campuses, we successfully distributed **500** packages to students. We hope to host this event again for the Spring semester.
- Final fall 2020 BaNC Roll Ups planned for **Friday, December 11**, **Monday, December 14** and **Friday, December 18** for which **1,200** students (**400 each day**) have RSVPed to participate.



The School of Visual and Performing Arts **Engagement Continues...**

Music Department Events!

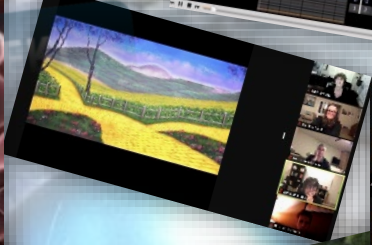
Students and Faculty in the School of Visual & Performing Arts have been very busy presenting their work in virtual classrooms, stages and galleries.

- Just *last week*, the Music Dept. presented a **Virtual Album Release, Electronic Music Concert and Vocal Jazz Performance Project.**



**VOCAL JAZZ
FINAL PROJECT**
Yellow Brick Road

**ELECTRONICA
MUSIQUE & MULTI-
MEDIA CONCERT**



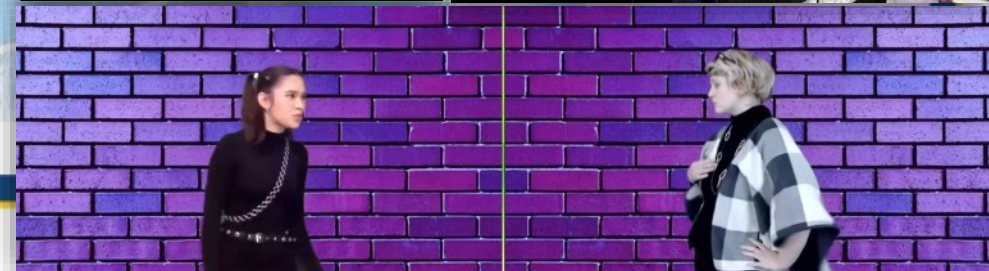
**COVER CHARGE
ALBUM RELEASE**
Get Along with Each Other



The School of Visual and Performing Arts **And more...**

Theatre Department Events!

The Theatre Dept recently presented **two virtual productions: *Woyzeck*** – available for viewing on the Theatre Dept. website and the student-written & designed ***Virtuality: the 2020 Tournaments*** – presented live through Zoom this past weekend.



The School of Visual and Performing Arts **And, Still More to Come!**

VAPA Showcase!

The **VAPA Showcase** celebrating work from the entire school will be presented live through Zoom this **Friday, December 11th at 5pm.**

Email Jennifer.smolos@canyons.edu for Zoom info.

The School of Visual and Performing Arts
Theatre Department
presents

Virtuality: the 2020 tournaments

Directed by Susan Hinshaw

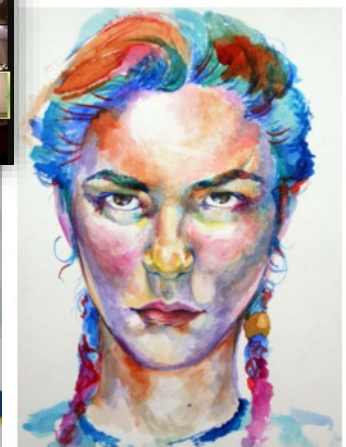
FREE ZOOM EVENT:
<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96189282246>

7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 4 & 5

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

ADVISORY: GRAPHIC LANGUAGE & POLITICAL/SOCIAL SUBJECT MATTER, INCLUDING RACIALLY SENSITIVE LANGUAGE & CONTENT, RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 18 AND OLDER.

Virtual Album Release
12.04.20



INDUSTRY INSIGHT RECAP ERIC WHITACRE

On October 20 & 27, Andrew Whitaker and I attended a two-day virtual summit with 100+ leaders in the field of Visual & Performing Arts. The summit was a great opportunity to get from the ground up on the latest trends, news, and insights in the industry. As a result of the summit, I will be sharing a special presentation on the importance of the visual arts in education and industry. This presentation will be available to all students and faculty members. It will be held on the same day as the summit. Contact me if you are interested in attending. The summit was held at the College of the Canyons. Contact me if you are interested in attending at the VAPA Showcase on December 11.

Schessa Garbutt (she/they)
Founder, Firebrand.House
5 p.m. November 19

KEVIN JENKINS MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES

WITH GUEST LECTURER SCHESSA GARBUTT
BRAND IDENTITY DESIGN AND SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS DESIGN



Spring 2021 Schedule Update

- The Spring 2021 Schedule of Classes went live on Nov. 9. Registration begins on **Jan. 4**, classes start **Feb. 8**.
- We are offering **1,797 sections** during **Spring 2021**.
- **61** sections (or 3.4%) are part of our **Essential Infrastructure** programs, offered in-person on both campuses.
 - Automotive Technology (Canyon Country Campus)
 - Construction (Canyon Country Campus)
 - Culinary Arts (Valencia)
 - EMT (Valencia)
 - MLT (Valencia)
 - Nursing (Valencia)
 - Land Surveying (Valencia)
 - Welding (Valencia)

What's Ahead?



Spring 2021 Schedule Update

PIO worked with Instruction and Student Services to develop an infographic and a video explaining the three basic kinds of classes offered.

See links at: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/admissions/resources/class-schedule.php>

College of the Canyons

UNDERSTANDING THE 2021 WINTER & SPRING CLASS FORMATS

OnlineLIVE
The class will meet via Zoom on the days and times listed in the class schedule. You will not be able to register for two classes that meet at the same time.

Online
The class will not meet live and you have the flexibility to complete the instruction on your own time.

InPerson
A few lab classes require in-person instruction. The class schedule says: "The lab portion of this class will meet ON CAMPUS as scheduled." Strict health protocols will be followed for everyone's safety.

Note: Some classes will utilize both Online and OnlineLIVE instruction. See the Class Schedule for details.

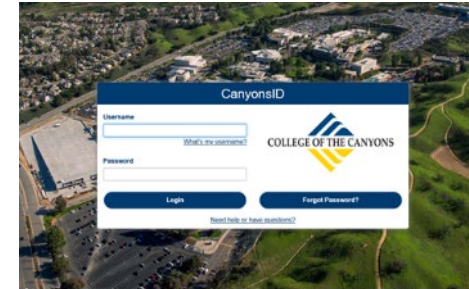
Orientation Letters: Make sure you read the orientation letter for each of your classes, so you know what to expect. (If there isn't a letter/link for your class, please be patient. They are being added as professors finish them.) www.canyons.edu/orientationletter

Support Services:
Class schedule: www.canyons.edu/schedule
Counseling: www.canyons.edu/counseling
Free tutoring: www.canyons.edu/TLC
Help navigating online (Canvas) classes: www.canyons.edu/onlineeducation
Financial aid: www.canyons.edu/financialaid
Textbooks: www.canyons.edu/bookstore
Free wireless internet access available in parking lots 1, 3, 5, 14 & 15 on the Valencia campus

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

IT Updates: Canyons ID Expands

- **Canyons ID Expands:**
 - Canvas – Dec. 17
 - Web Advisor/Self Service – Jan. 2
- *Adobe Fill & Sign is now **Adobe Enterprise Sign***
 - Adobe shut off Fill & Sign last week
 - Enterprise Systems has transitioned everyone to Enterprise Sign
 - Small differences that should not impact use
- **Remote Support**
 - 370 Additional laptops procured for Spring for students
 - Working with ASG on other student technology support options



Adobe Sign



Cheri Fleming

Santa Clarita has lost one of its greatest champions. In her service to others, Cheri showed us the profound impact that one person can make in the lives of others, and in shaping an entire community by her actions, words, and high standards.

As a role model for women, she set a powerful example for what you can accomplish with both vision and will.

Cheri was a powerful example of the phrase, 'Where there is a will, there is a way. She gave it her best to make the ways every day!

There is and always will be a special place in my heart and soul occupied by Cheri Fleming.

A **memorial service** for her will be **livestreamed** on the Facebook pages of The Signal, SCVTV and KHTS Radio on **Friday, December 11 at 11am.**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

