

Chancellor's Report and Update



**Board of Trustees Meeting
August 11, 2021**

Welcome
Back!





Recognitions

Aerospace and Science Team Update



College of the Canyons **Aerospace and Science Team** members working on NASA's *High-Altitude Student Platform (HASP)* project traveled to Texas on **Sunday, July 25th** for a week of integration and pre-launch testing.

The students, accompanied by **Teresa Ciardi** and **Gregory Poteat**, settled in at NASA's **Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility** in Palestine. The project will take flight from **Fort Sumner, New Mexico**, with a launch window commencing on **Sept. 2nd**.



Student Success Story!

Aerospace & Science Team student member **Kyle Strickland** has been hired as a *Spacecraft Electrical Systems Engineer* at **Millennium Space** focusing on PCB design and power electronics for satellites.

- Kyle stated that for ALL interview questions, his answers did not come from his academic work but rather his work on **NASA HASP** and **NASA RockSatX**.
- Kyle Strickland is both a COC alum and CSUN alum who continues to mentor our COC Aerospace & Sciences Team members.



Heading to Stanford!

Last spring *HASP Electrical Engineer*, **Michael Souliman** graduated from Saugus High School *and* from COC with a degree in Computer Science, and is now heading to Stanford in the fall to pursue his dream of becoming a *math teaching* and develop *AI* that will differentiate the learning process for individual learners.

- While at COC, Michael has designed and built our **HASP flight computer**, taught others how to crimp wires and solder connections, led the team through testing all sensors, integrated our electrical system with the **HASP payload deck**, and has been working countless hours to fix computer code and write new code to get our HASP experiment working.
- During this week's launch preparations, Michael has demonstrated a bravery not typical of a student, approaching the NASA Program Director and support staff to ask specific questions so he can get our payload ready for flight.
- We are very proud of his accomplishments and know he will go on to do even greater things in the years to come!

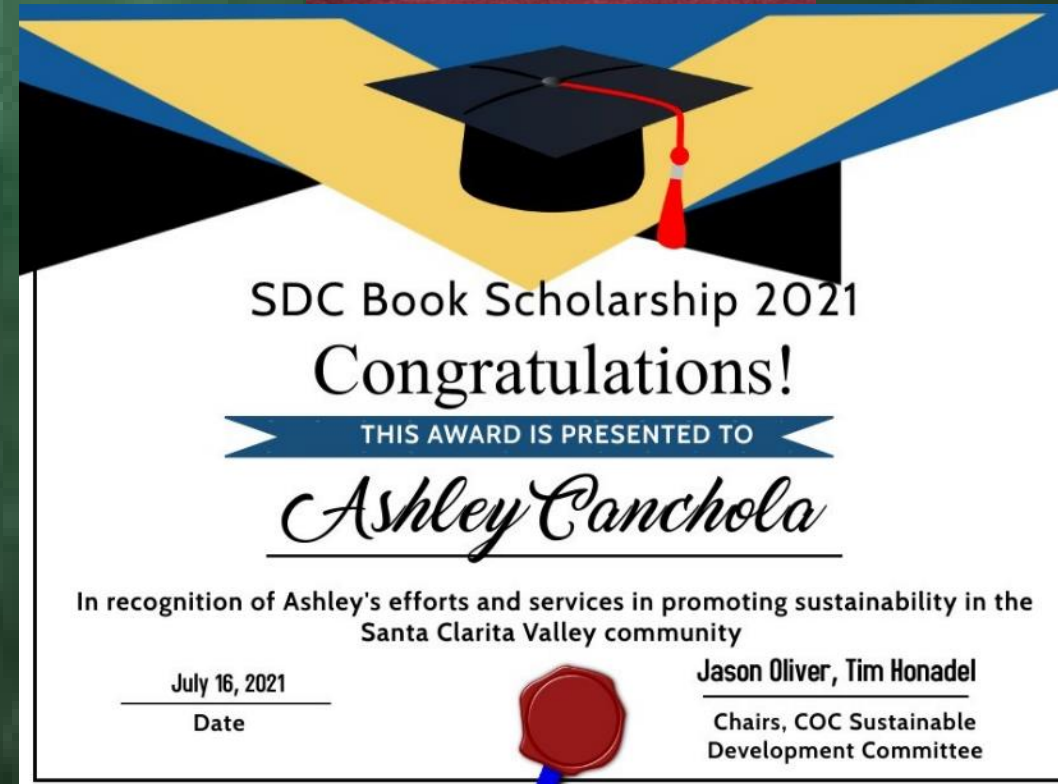


Michael integrating our payload onto the HASP platform, ready for all day thermal/vacuum testing.

SBD Book Scholarship Winner

Congrats to this year's winner of the *Sustainability Book Scholarship*, Ashley Canchola!

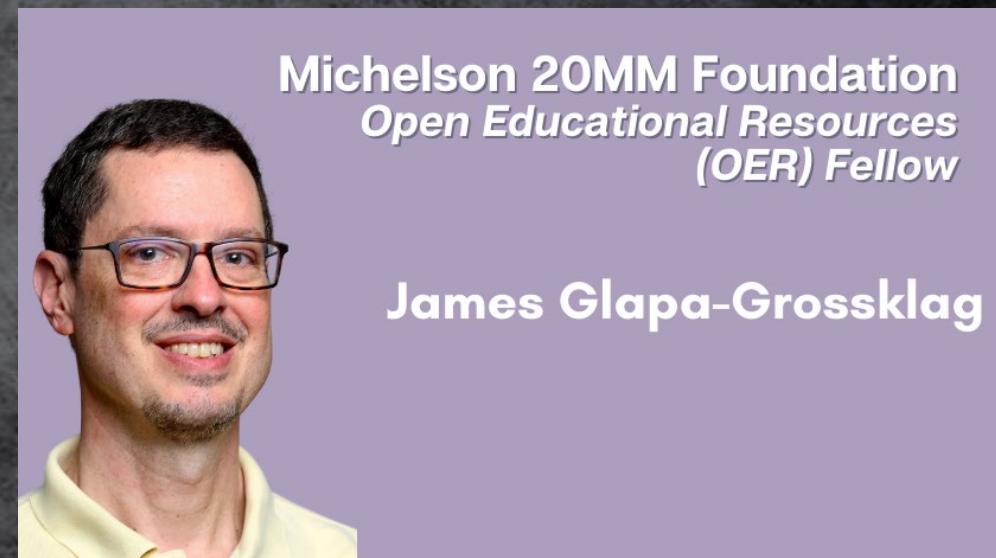
- This \$250 scholarship is awarded annually to a College of the Canyons student or Santa Clarita Valley area High School student working on projects in any topic area related to *sustainability* (either as academic coursework or non-profit volunteer work/community service).
- **Ashley Canchola** received this year's award in recognition of her on-going efforts involving sustainable food practices with Santa Clarita Grocery, helping food insecure members of the SCV community.



James Glapa-Grossklag Joins Michelson 20MM Foundation as OER Fellow

James Glapa-Grossklag, *Dean of Educational Technology, Learning Resources, and Distance Learning* has been named the Michelson 20MM Foundation's most recent *Open Educational Resources (OER) Fellow*.

- In this role, James will assist in shaping our textbook affordability strategy and priorities.
- **Michelson 20MM** is a private, nonprofit foundation seeking to accelerate progress towards a more just world through grantmaking, operating programs, and impact investing.
- Congratulations James!



CPRM Receives the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award!

On July 27, 2021, the CPRM department received the *National Procurement Institute's Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award*. The application process required narratives clearly explaining and demonstrating evidence of various procurement criteria including:

- Procurement Ethics, Procurement Manual
- Procurement Professional Development Program
- Surveys of Internal Customers and External Vendors
- Formal Internal Training, Performance Measures
- Centralized Procurement Authority
- Internet Webpage
- Online Electronic Vendor Registration
- Web-Posting of Solicitation Tabulations and Award Documentation
- Online Surplus Auction System
- Staff Member Bachelor Degrees
- Participation as a Presenter on a Procurement Topic at a Conference
- Implementation of a Cooperative Procurement Strategy



Congratulations to April and her team!

Training Our Workforce!



Training the Next Generation of Machinists!

For over 30 years, COC has operated the **Center for Applied and Competitive Technologies (CACT)**, which offers accelerated training for dislocated workers, Veterans and those with high-functioning Autism for jobs in advanced manufacturing.

In ramping up our efforts to train the next generation of machinists, COC has entered into a **partnership** with **B&B Manufacturing** to utilize its facilities for providing hands-on training for students.

- The training will take place on site at B&B manufacturing. **Fred Duncan**, the President and CEO of B&B has agreed to cover **all maintenance and utilities cost** incurred by COC at the site.
- Construction for the training center is underway, and the first cohort of students is scheduled to begin classes **January 2022**.
- Over **70 companies** in the Santa Clarita Valley count on COC to provide quality machinists for their operations each year. This agreement will enable the College to keep its promise for years to come.
- The agreement with B&B is the first step in the colleges efforts to build and operate an **Advanced Technology Center (ATC)**. The ATC, which will be over **50,000 square feet**, and will house programs in *Construction, Welding, Manufacturing, and Logistics*.



A wooden-framed sign is mounted on a white brick wall. The sign has a black background with white text. The text reads "Grants and State Budget Update" in a bold, sans-serif font, arranged in three lines. The sign is centered horizontally and vertically on the wall. The wall is made of white bricks with dark grey mortar. The bottom of the image shows a dark wooden floor.

Grants and State Budget Update

College Receives NSF Grant for Bee Research



College of the Canyons has received a **\$74,707 *Campus as a Living Lab (CALL)*** grant from the **National Science Foundation (NSF)** to provide opportunities for underrepresented community college students to engage in undergraduate research focusing on native bees.

- Using the campus landscape as a living lab, faculty and students will research native bee biodiversity with the intent to enrich campus habitats, foster increased biodiversity of native bee species and address the current rapid loss of biodiversity affecting ecosystem stability and pollination services.
- The project's **goal** is to create a strong foundation for establishing a sizeable future network of colleges that can use the available data to foster ongoing critical pollinator research opportunities for underrepresented student.
- **Jeannie Chari, *Professor of Biology/Environmental Science***, developed the concept and application during the pandemic, assembling collaborators from two-year colleges in the U.S. and Argentina.

State Budget Update

Here is a summary of some of the main provisions for CCC from SB 132, as they could possibly impact COC:

- **\$90 million** one-time to support increases to part-time faculty office hours— COC - **\$150,000** (we are only eligible for up to half of the actual costs which for us are around \$500,000 and we already receive about **\$100,000**. This additional funding will be a bigger incentive for other Districts to actually file a claim);
- **\$511 million** one-time to support deferred maintenance projects – COC - **\$7.5 M**;
- **\$50 million** one-time for the continued implementation of the CCC Guided Pathways program – COC - **\$550,000**;
- **\$20 million** one-time to support the implementation of best practices in promoting equal opportunity employment – COC - **\$280,000**;
- **\$20 million** for CCC to establish and expand High Road Training Partnerships and High Road Construction Careers – COC - **\$280,000**;
- **\$20 million** one-time to support culturally competent professional development – COC - **\$280,000**; and
- **\$10 million** one-time to support LGBTQ+ students – COC - **\$140,000**.

Congressman Mike Garcia Secures Funds for ATC!

Congressman Mike Garcia submitted a **\$1 million** funding request to purchase equipment for the Advanced Technology Center.

- The funding would support the purchase of equipment for a *state of art* **CNC** production lab to prepare students for workforce readiness.
- The request was included in the **2022 Labor, Health, and Human Services Appropriations Bill**, which was approved in committee.
- After a full House vote, it will go to the Senate next





What's New On And Around our Campuses



The Vision Resource Center/Cornerstone is Here!



Professional Development is very excited to announce that we have launched our new professional development portal, the **Vision Resource Center/Cornerstone**.



➤ ***What can you expect from this new platform?***

The Cornerstone platform supports professional development learning and connection with colleagues across the state. Our goals in pursuing this full integration are to:

- Provide all COC employees with a single place to access, register, track, and report on professional development activities;
- Connect with other California community colleges to share information, ideas, and resources;
- Provide equal access for all COC employees to system-wide information and resources.

➤ ***Want to login and start looking around the system?***

No problem! We are excited for you to login into the system and familiarize yourself with the Vision Resource Center/Cornerstone! Here is the link <https://login.visionresourcecenter.cccco.edu/login>

➤ ***Are there instructions on how to use the system?***

Yes absolutely! The end-user guide is available at

https://www.canyons.edu/_resources/documents/administration/profesionaldevelopment/EndUserGuide.pdf

New Project Management Workshop Series offered

On July 29th Professional Development launched a new 3-part workshop series that provided a solid foundation for project management strategies and tools to successfully manage the project life cycle.

- Presenter **Dr. Barbara Sweet**, *President/CEO, Learning Transfer Institute*, taught participants how to effectively create circumstances that inspire your team members to achieve the desired project results.
- The series also provided **22 COC employees** an opportunity to apply problem-solving tools to manage project challenges and conflicts.



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NEW Project Management Workshop Series Offered this Fall!

Professional Development is excited to announce that a NEW Project Management workshop series will be offered this summer!



The illustration shows three stylized figures in a modern, digital workspace. On the left, a man in a blue shirt stands on a red ladder, reaching up to a glowing lightbulb icon on a large wall of data. In the center, a man in a red shirt stands with his back to the viewer, looking at a dashboard with various charts and graphs. On the right, a woman in a pink top and red pants stands with her arms raised, pointing towards a large circular chart. The background is a light blue gradient with geometric shapes.

Weeklong Fall Rush

Fall Rush kicked off Monday, Aug. 2nd at the Valencia campus to help students register for fall.

- Over **1300** students registered online or in person last week.
- Student Services provided students personalized guidance and assistance at Canyons Hall and online.
- Counselors handed out **75 - \$50 Bookstore gift cards** to students who registered in person.



Student Hiring Spree Planned

College of the Canyons will do more than welcome students back into classrooms this fall. It will also put many of them on the payroll.

- To prepare for expansion of campus instruction and activities, more than **\$500,000** of the college's *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund* package will provide jobs at both campuses.
- We currently have 150-180 open jobs now available for students.



Boykin Modernization, Coming Soon!



This project entails the complete ‘gutting’ and interior upgrade of the Lab building, which has remained largely untouched since opening in 1974.

- This is a **50%** state-match project, saving the district nearly **\$5M** in **Measure E** funds! Which is a very impressive fact in and of itself.
- We will retain the same number and type of science labs, service rooms and classrooms, which will be outfitted with entirely new, ***state-of-the-art*** interiors: cabinets, casework, fume hoods, lab tops, ceilings, floors, doors, everything. Behind the walls, all new plumbing, electrical and HVAC will also be replacing the OEM infrastructure.
- The building will also be seismically retrofitted (voluntarily, not mandated by any state agency), to current building codes.
- The project was submitted to **DSA** in October of 2020. The final piece of the 3-part DSA plan check process is scheduled **for July 29, 2021**. We expect to be ‘stamped out’ at that time, which would then allow us to start the final approval process, at the state Chancellor’s Office. We expect a 6-week turnaround up in Sacramento, then it’s off to the races: bidding, awarding contracts and, finally, starting construction on the 12-month project

Multicultural Center Events (June 2021) - Recordings Now Available

We had **two *Lunch N' Learn*** sessions featured during the month of June. For those of you who did not have an opportunity to attend, the recordings can be accessed through our Multicultural Center portal at:

<https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/multicultural-center/index.php>

- **Office of Human Resources** - learn about personnel hiring and training, benefit administration, diversity and inclusion efforts, and much much more!
- **Office of Student Support Services: Creating a Career in Education Beyond Teaching (Part I)** - learn about Careers in the areas of Admissions & Records, Student Business Office, Career Center, Student Employment & Volunteer, Academic Accommodations Center and Outreach/School Relations.



VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN

College of the Canyons boasts an impressive number of employees who are experts in their fields. Spend your lunch hour with us learning about some of our experts and their departments, how they got where they are, and what educational and career opportunities COC offers to those interested in pursuing a career in these fields.

SPRING 2021 SESSIONS | 12:30-1:30 PM

- MAY 6 - THURS - CalWORKS/ESPI/CARE PROGRAMS**
(For those interested in public service & assistance, philanthropy, making a difference)
- MAY 20 - THURS - PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**
(For those interested in advocacy, marketing, journalism, graphic design, sports information, community or public relations)
- JUNE 1 - TUE - HUMAN RESOURCES**
(For those interested in personnel hiring and training, benefit administration, diversity and inclusion efforts)
- JUNE 30 - WED - STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**
(For those interested in enrollment, outreach, financial aid, accounting, counseling, and other services that support students)

Zoom Link: <https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/93819409723>
Zoom Meeting ID: 938 1940 9723

FLEX Credit Available
Students Welcome and Encouraged to Attend

For questions contact:
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International Students Have Arrived!



Today was **Student Orientation Day** for ISP!

- **102** applicants, highest number ever!
- Over **50%** received visas
- Representing **15** countries.



Lithuania
Sweden
France
Czech
Ukraine
Philippines
Canada
China
Australia
England





UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events

- August – *State of the College (Date TBD)*
More information coming soon
- August 13th – August 19th *Fall FLEX Week*
Check your email for the latest information
- Monday, August 16th – *Employee Service Award Luncheon for 5 & 10 years*
UCEN Lobby – 12:00-2:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 17th - *Employee Service Award Dinner for 15+ years*
UCEN Lobby – 12:00-2:00 pm
- Friday August 20th – *Convocation*
More information coming soon
- Friday August 20th – *Opening Day*
Honor Grove – 8:00-10:30 am



Opening Day Celebration!

Location: Honor Grove • 8 – 10:30 am
Breakfast, lawn games, giveaways,
meet new staff, connect with colleagues,
celebrate accomplishments, and more!

Academic Accommodation Center (AAC) Open House

It's official! COC's *Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS)* is now the **Academic Accommodation Center (AAC)**.

- The **AAC** welcomes the College of the Canyons community to visit our newly renovated offices:
 - **AAC Open House - August 17th @ 12:00 noon -- 3:00 pm** in **Seco Hall 103, Valencia Campus**
- ***New name... Same great service!***
 - Counseling,
 - Assistive technology,
 - Alternate Media & More!
- Come see what the buzz is all about!
- For more info contact **Dr. Terri Goldstein** at (661)362-3686



Welcome Week Returns

Welcome Week returns this fall in a modified format as the college transitions to a post-pandemic environment.

Students at the **Valencia campus** will receive semi-guided tours starting outside the Student Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday, Aug. 30th**.

At the **Canyon Country campus**, a Campus Resource Fair will be held at the new Science Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 2**





Let the Semester Begin!