

# Chancellor's Report and Update



Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 11, 2022



# Our COC Team and Students Stand Out!



# Athletics Update



## Men's Golf

- Canyons played its way to an **11<sup>th</sup>** consecutive **Western State Conference (WSC) Championship**, and had three players tie for runner-up status in the individual standings, during the conference finals on April 25th.
- On Monday, Canyons finished in third place — but just one shot back of the leader — at the **CCCAA Southern California Regional Championships** at Olivas Links Golf Course ... That performance allows the Cougars to advance to next week's **State Championship** event in Soboba Springs.
- This will mark the **25<sup>th</sup>** time in program history that the Golf team will be completing at the state tournament



# Athletics Update



## Track & Field

- College of the Canyons claimed two individual Western State Conference (WSC) Championships, as **Matthew Ballentine** took the top spot in the javelin and **Layne Buck** won the long jump during the **WSC Track & Field Prelims** at Cougar Stadium on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The following week, at the WSC Championships meet, COC finished eighth in the team standings on both the men's and women's side but had several individual student-athletes qualify to compete at the CCCAA Southern California Prelims last Friday.
- Based on those performances, Canyons will now send Ballentine, Buck and freshman **Milca Osorio** to compete across **six** events at the **CCCAA SoCal Regional Championship** meet this Friday, May 13th in Moorpark.



# Student Wins African Heritage Award

Engineering major **Jammal Yarbrough** is one of 14 students, and the only community college student, from across the nation to be selected for the inaugural class of **(Tyco Electronics) TE Connectivity's African Heritage Scholarship Program**.

- The **\$3.5 million** scholarship program will create new opportunities in the technology industry for top-performing Black and African American students, while further diversifying the company's workforce.
- The **two-year** program includes a paid **10- to 12-week internship** and scholarship funds of up to **\$22,500** per year.
- Yarbrough will begin his paid internship at TE's aerospace, defense and marine business in Middletown, Penn. in just a month.



# COC Students Win at California FBLA-PBL State Conference

Seven students from **COC Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda** competed at the *2022 Spring FBLA-PBL California State Business Leadership Conference* held in San Francisco on April 22-24<sup>th</sup>.

- Over 100 students from colleges and universities across California participated in the first in-person state conference held since 2019.
- Our team was able to bring home **seven 1<sup>st</sup>** place awards, **three 2<sup>nd</sup>** place awards and **two 3<sup>rd</sup>** place awards.
- COC student **Chanchol Krasaesin** was elected to the *California PBL state leadership team* for the **2022-2023** term.
- A big congratulations to our student team!



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# Students to Participate in Lunar Mission

The **Astronomy & Physics Club** has been selected to participate in *GLEE (Great Lunar Expedition for Everyone)*, a science and technology mission to the surface of the Moon conducted by students from around the world.

- GLEE will mix space science, technology demonstrations, and hands-on activities, as well as test technology with hundreds of student-built "LunaSats."
- The project's lead organization is the **Colorado Space Grant Consortium.**



# Student Representation at the Voter Youth Summit

COC student Sona Tigranyan, member of the Center for *Civic Engagement's Engage the Vote Action Team* represented the voice of California Community Colleges at the California Voter Youth Summit on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

- She provided examples of civic engagement occurring on the COC campus.
- This work is meeting the requirements of AB 963, the *Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act*.



**California Voter Youth Summit**

Featuring!

Join California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber Ph.D. and the Students Vote Project for the **2022 California Youth Voter Summit!** We are excited to host this virtual and informational event that focuses on the importance of civic engagement and voting. Topics to include:

- \* The Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act, AB 963 (2019)
- \* What to expect for the 2022 Primary Election
- \* How to develop an action plan
- \* Best practices for student civic engagement.

**Friday, May 6, 2022**  
**12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. PDT**

**Register Here:** <https://bit.ly/37D7be2>  
**Facebook Live Stream:** @CaliforniaSOS

**SPEAKERS**

- Andrew Mushi-Risher, League of Women Voters
- Sona Tigranyan, SOS, College of the Canyons
- Francisco Vilagomes, University of La Verne
- YoungJae Im, Fresno State University
- Brian Mitchell, University of California
- High Schoolers, California State University Fullerton
- Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., California Secretary of State

**SVP BACKGROUND**

- Established in 2016
- Launched the inaugural California University and College Ballot Bowl Competition in 2018
- Implemented the Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act, AB 963, in 2019
  - This is the first legal mandate of its kind in the nation to require higher education institutions to participate in the democratic process.
- RegisterToVote.ca.gov/7t=s



# Equitable Course Placement Honors



College of the Canyons has been named a **2022 Champion for Excelling in Equitable Course Placement** in Campuswide English Enrollment, Latinx English Enrollment, and Black English Enrollment by **The Campaign for College Opportunity**.

- Here are the categories and descriptions from The Campaign for College Opportunity.
  - **Campuswide Transfer-Level English Enrollment** - Colleges successfully supported **100%** of their students to enroll directly into transfer level English coursework.
  - **Equity Distinction: Latinx Transfer-Level English Enrollment** - In supporting Latinx student Enrollment in Transfer-Level English, colleges successfully supported 100% of their Latinx students to enroll directly into transfer level English coursework.
  - **Equity Distinction: Black Transfer-Level English Enrollment** - In supporting Black student enrollment in transfer-level English, colleges successfully supported 100% of their Black students to enroll directly into transfer level English coursework.
- The college will be formally recognized on **Thursday, May 12th**.

# \$646K to Support Welding Technology

The college has been awarded **\$646,345** from the National Science Foundation to support a ***Welding Education Smart Technology*** project, which will integrate smart technology platforms, paired with industry-recognized stackable certificates, into the curriculum to improve welding education. Key activities include:

- Outfitting the existing welding technology lab with state-of-the-art “smart” welding systems for more hands-on training time, instant assessment of welds, higher-quality training, and improved safety.
- Creating a pipeline of skilled works to meet industry demands.
- Aligning the curriculum to the smart technology students will encounter in the workforce.
- An estimated **300** students will benefit during the grant period.
- Congratulations to **Tim Baber** (project director) for his tenacity in securing this grant!



# COC Scholarship Awards



The **2022 Scholarship Awards** recipients were announced on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

- **319** Scholarships were awarded to **301** individual students, totaling **\$280,950**.
- A special **Scholarship Reception** event to honor the donors and connect them with the student recipients will be held on **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** in the **University Center lobby**.



# What's New On And Around our Campuses



# Engage the Vote Sign Painting

The Center for Civic Engagement and its *Engage the Vote* and *PLACE Action Teams* partnered with Los Angeles Artist Deborah Aschheim on April 13<sup>th</sup> to pilot the first of several planned student *Get Out the Vote sign-making* activities to encourage participation in the upcoming June 7<sup>th</sup> California Primary.

- Participants met in **Mentry Hall 109**
- Deborah provided some basic painting tips
- Students reflected on personal messages for their signs.
- Signs will be displayed on campus closer to the election. Additional sign-making events will also take place this fall



# “Ready to Work” Academy Returns

On hold for more than two years because of the pandemic, the *Ready to Work Academy* is returning to College of the Canyons.

- The program, a partnership between the college and **Carousel Ranch**, provides *certificate courses* and work experience to young adults with special needs.
- Courses offered include *Workplace Skills in Customer Service for Retail, Food Service and Hospitality*, and *Warehouse Fulfillment and Logistics*.
- Students participate in training courses and work experience at partner companies such as Starbucks, Holiday Inn Express, Bluemark, and AMS Fulfillment.



# Interim Multicultural Center Open House

The **Multicultural Center** Grand Opening was held on **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**.

- The Interim Multicultural Center is on the north side of the cafeteria until our permanent space is ready in early Fall on the first floor of Bonelli.
- Approximately **100+** people attended throughout the day.
- Events are planned throughout May and the summer in the new center.
- Thank you to Flavio, MCC Director and our DEI Coordinators Brandon Ashford, Samantha McCray and Ciara Asberry, who help staff the center.
- Please stop on by!



# CPT Plans for the Road Ahead



The **College Planning Team** held its spring retreat on **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, with attendees gathered in the University Center and on Zoom to consider “*Planning for the Road Ahead.*”

- A panel of community experts from local government and business shared data on our region’s economy and their perspective on emerging workforce needs.
- **Van Ton-Quinlivan**, former *Executive Vice Chancellor* of the California Community Colleges and current CEO of **Futuro Health**, highlighted opportunities for forging better connections between employers, workers, and colleges to provide in an uncertain economy.
- Keynote speaker **Matt Sigelman** shared data illustrating the unprecedented pace and shape of skill change required in the current workforce today, and pointed to the challenges and opportunities this creates for community colleges.



# Spring Star Party



The always-popular Star Party returned to the Canyon Country campus on **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

- An estimated **250-300** guests turned out, including students, faculty, staff and community members.
- The keynote speaker, **Dr. John Callas (JPL)**, was engaging and captured attention with his interesting comments on robotic exploration of Mars.
- The event had a very solid turnout of campus programs/clubs at tables showcasing interactive experiments and demos.
- Telescopes were available to visitors to view the skies.



# INTO THE WOODS

The Theatre Department presented "*Into the Woods*" on the Main Stage of the Performing Arts Center from Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- This production marked the return of the annual musical on the Performing Arts Mainstage. The last musical production on the PAC mainstage was the production of "Bright Star" in Spring 2019. It was very well received by the general public, and students
- The musical is a capstone project for a more than seven of our theatre courses, including: *Acting Fundamentals*; *Scene Study*; *Musical Theatre I & II*; *Technical Theatre I & II*; *Stagecraft*.



# All Campus Budget & Enrollment Presentation

Sharlene Coleal, Omar Torres, Jason Hinkle, and I gave an *All Campus Budget and Enrollment Management* presentation on **Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** with about **40** people in attendance in person and over **100** in attendance via zoom.

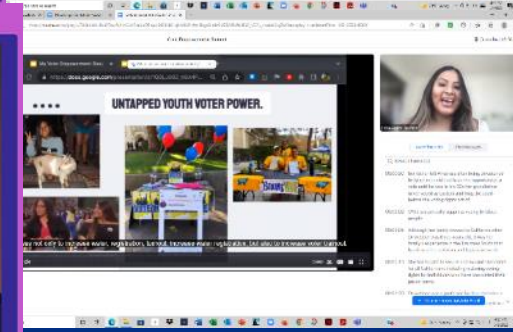
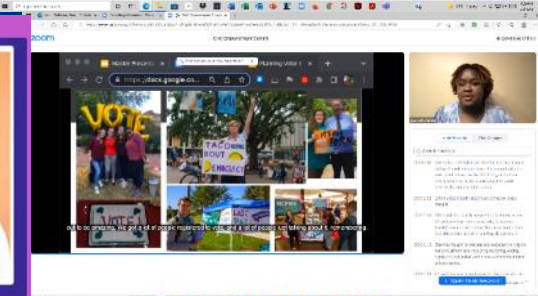
This was an opportunity to review the major happenings in the State as it relates to Community Colleges, how they affect College of the Canyons, and how we plan to move forward with what we know. Some of the highlights of the presentation are below

- An overview of the California Economy and the Governor's January Budget Proposal.
- A look at the SCFF, what it was designed to do and how it is working (or not working).
- How College of the Canyons is moving forward with Enrollment Management.
- A look at what COC's budget might look like in 2022-2023.
- Advocacy efforts from the District and System-wide.

# Civic Empowerment Summit

The *Center for Civic Engagement*, in collaboration with *A Band of Voters*, *Student PIRGs*, and *Democracy Works* hosted a virtual Student Civic Empowerment Summit on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

- 80 participants from CCC, CSU, and UC joined the event to learn about the importance of voter engagement.
- California Secretary of State, **Dr. Shirley Weber** provided a historic overview and rationale behind **California AB 963**, and the mandates public colleges and universities must meet.
- The keynote session was followed by student speakers from around the state, who discussed ways to create a campus vote plan.



# Classified Appreciation Week



Last week marked our annual “Classified Appreciation Week” with this year’s theme *Cruising Out of Covid*.

- To kick-off the week, all classified and confidential employees were invited to a **breakfast** at the Canyon Country Campus on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- On Tuesday, May 5th a luncheon was held in the West PE Gym.
- Annual award winners were announced:
  - *CSEA Member of the Year* – **Gayle Freund**
  - *Classified Senate Spirit Award* – **Joanna Kelly**
  - *Humanitarian Award* – **Linda Malik**
  - *Professional Achievement* – **Nicholas Schutz**
  - *Dare to Dream Award* – **Nicholas Schutz**
  - *Gloria Jackson Service Award* – **Justin Bradshaw**
  - *Employee of the Year* – **Chad Estrella**



# College Commended for Leadership

Los Angeles County Fifth District Supervisor **Kathryn Barger** recognized College of the Canyons last week at the annual *State of the County luncheon* for the support the college provided to the community throughout the pandemic.

- Barger presented me with a commendation recognizing the college's leadership in providing a COVID-19 testing site for the community.
- The drive-through location was staffed initially with the help of COC nursing students, and has administered thousands of tests in the two years it has been open in the parking structure at the Valencia campus.

# Science Talk's Garden Walk Event

Last Friday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, a group of students, faculty, staff and community members were treated to an educational morning at the Canyon Country campus led by professor Jeannie Chari, that included:

- A discussion on bio-diversity tips and techniques
- A walk throughout the campus identifying and collecting plant and insect specimens
- Exploring in the lab with microscopes

It was perfect weather and a great morning for all!





# UPCOMING EVENTS



# Executive Cabinet Webinar is Tomorrow!

Join us tomorrow, **May 12<sup>th</sup>** from **12pm-1pm** for our **last** Executive Cabinet Webinar of the year.

- To Join:  
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/99860024846>
- This webinar will be recorded and will be posted at [www.canyons.edu/news](http://www.canyons.edu/news)



# International Film Festival



INTERNATIONAL  
FILM  
FESTIVAL

The International Film Festival will screen two films this Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in Hasley Hall 101: A German film *Run, Lola, Run* at 6pm and a French film *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg* at 7:45pm.

- **Lola** is so hip that she runs faster than Forrest!
- And **The Umbrellas...** are definitive proof that life is indeed a box of chocolates, Alain Ducasse chocolates
- The screenings are free of charge and open to all film lovers who meet College of the Canyons' Covid-19 requirements.



# Who is Generation Z?

This **Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** College of the Canyons and Cerritos College will offer a presentation and workshop that will tackle the question, "**Who is Generation Z?**"

Led by author and researcher **Corey Seemiller** of Wright State University, the event is scheduled 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.



COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS CERRITOS COLLEGE

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**WHO IS GENERATION Z?**

Presentation and workshop by national author and researcher.

May 13, 2022  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Virtual)  
Register with QR code  
FLEX Credit Available


**Corey Seemiller, Ph.D.**  
Wright State University

For more information, contact [patty.robinson@canyons.edu](mailto:patty.robinson@canyons.edu)

# Discover Day

Student Services will be hosting Discovery Day this Saturday, May 14th from 9am-1pm at the Valencia Campus.


- Discovery Day is a campus-wide event showcasing the various departments, programs, campus clubs, and student alliances represented at COC.
- The event will feature information tables, workshops, and open offices designed to inform the community about what COC has to offer.
- For more information on the Discover Day, go to: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/campus-life/events/discover-day.php>.



College of the Canyons  
**DISCOVER DAY**  
SATURDAY, MAY 14 FROM 9AM TO 1PM  
VALENCIA CAMPUS

- Learn about the variety of programs the college offers!
- Talk with college representatives about campus services and student life!
- Explore programs that can assist with paying for college, including financial aid!

Discover the possibilities at College of the Canyons!

[canyons.edu/DiscoverDay](https://www.canyons.edu/DiscoverDay) 

# The Silver Spur Event is Here at Last!



The 2022 Silver Spur event is this **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** at the premiere **Santa Clarita Studios**.

- This year's theme is ***Old Hollywood***, and will take on an actual studio lot.
- The College of the Canyons Foundation will honor **Bruce Fortine** with the **2022 Silver Spur Community Service Award** for his longtime support of the college.
- Individual tickets can still be purchased @ [www.cocfoundation.com](http://www.cocfoundation.com)

# Celebrate our Retirees!

Please join us on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:30pm, as we celebrate our June retirees!

JOIN US!

## College<sup>of the</sup> Canyons Retirement Celebration for Our June Retirees!

You are cordially invited to attend a celebration event honoring our retiring employees.

Enrique Aldana-Hernandez	Susan Hinshaw
Kevin Anthony	Ron Karlin
Kelly Burke	Deborah Klein
Mary Corbett	Julie Lawson
Guillermo Cruz	Linda Maricle
Deanna Davis	Sam Otoo
Rebecca Edwards	Connie Perez
Pierre Etienne	Joy Reilley



**MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022**  
**12 - 1:30pm**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/99164219930>  
Zoom Meeting ID: 991 6421 9930

# Academic Year-End Events Coming Up in May

As the spring semester winds down, we have many exciting events coming up!

- May 17<sup>th</sup> – UCEN Graduate Pinning Ceremony (5:30 pm) UCEN Lobby
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Valedictorian Recognition Event (10 am) Cougar Den
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – ISP Achievement Award Ceremony (2 pm) MakerSpace Patio
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Student Athlete Academic Achievement Dinner (6 pm) EPEK Gym
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Transfer Admission Recognition (3 pm) Zoom
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – MESA Transfer Celebration (5 pm)
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Law Scholars Reception (5:30 pm)
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Scholarship Donor Reception (5 pm) UCEN Lobby
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Nurses Pinning Ceremony (12 pm) PAC
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – MLT Certificate & Pinning Event (6 pm) UCEN Courtyard
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grad Walk (4 pm – 7 pm) Honor Grove
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Commencement (8 am) Honor Grove





**See you at  
Graduation!**