

Chancellor's Report and Update



Board of Trustees Meeting
January 16, 2019

Recognition



FALL 2018 SOCIOLOGY BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on their selection for the *Fall 2018 Sociology Book Awards*:

- **1st Place** – *Maggie D’Isa* – Poem “Immigrant Stock”
 - 2nd Place** – *Bryan Zarate* – Poem “Untitled”
 - 3rd Place** – *Finley Walker* – Essay “Aloha”
- These works are available for viewing on the Sociology Department webpage under the Students Information and Resources tab.



COC RECOGNIZED FOR LEADING THE CHARGE ON AB 705

The January 2019 edition of *EdSource* highlighted the trailblazing role that College of the Canyons has played in making major reforms in remedial education in the community colleges, which led to the passage of AB705.

- The article talks about the successes that have occurred at College of the Canyons and the role that excellent instruction, like that happening in Mr. Joe Gerda's classroom has on student success.
- Mr. Gerda is quoted in the article as saying that his advice to other colleges preparing for the implementation of AB705 is to "*be ready to offer a lot more statistics*". College of the Canyons has tripled the number of statistics courses it has offered in recent years.



Instructor Joe Gerda during a lecture in his statistics course at College of the Canyons, a community college in Santa Clarita.



FIRE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AWARDED GRANT

Edison International awarded the *COC Fire Technology Program* a **\$25,000** grant in support of the development of present and future fire personnel.

- These funds will enable us to purchase valuable equipment used for interactive learning including structural firefighter coats, helmets and axes that afford our students a better training opportunity.
- The grant is also benefiting **10** COC students with **\$1,000** scholarships for tuition, books and student related fees for the Fall 2018 semester with another **10** students to be chosen for the Spring 2019 semester.
- The qualifying students had a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher, were enrolled in the fire technology program and responded to four essay questions about their fire service career goals.



COC RECEIVES AWARD FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES



The **South Coast Air Quality Management District** provided **26** awards totaling **\$47.4 million** to help purchase and upgrade equipment with cleaner and energy efficient technologies.

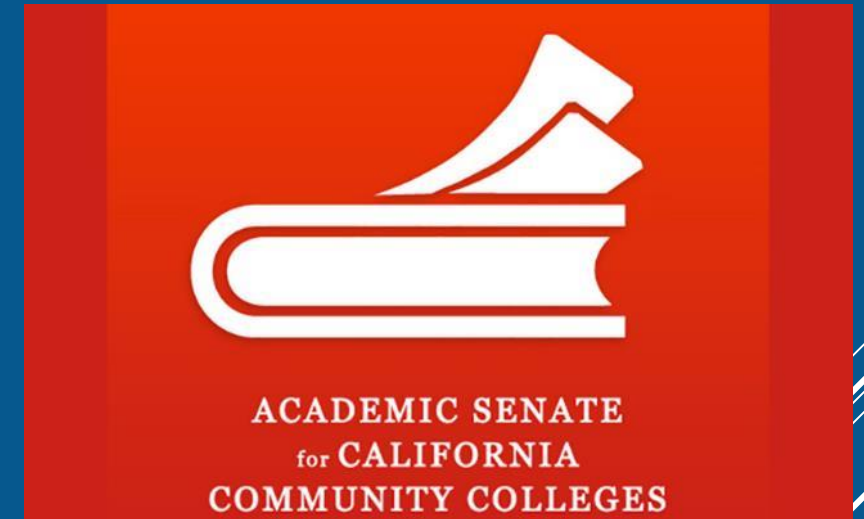
- Of the **26** awards, **COC received the 4th highest amount: \$3 million!**
- Only **3** educational facilities were given awards: USC, University of Redlands and COC.
- The **\$3 million** awarded to COC will be used to:
 - ✓ Remove our existing co-gens (2) and upgrade our existing cooling tower;
 - ✓ Add a new chiller to compensate for the lost production of cold water currently produced by the existing co-gen;
 - ✓ Expand the recently approved Fuel Cell plant on the west side of campus; and
 - ✓ Reduce the cost of electricity produced by the Fuel Cell plan over the life of the system contract (which is 15 years).



PARIS SELECTED TO SERVE THE ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Congratulations to *Jennifer Paris* on being selected to serve the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC).

- *Ms. Paris* will be serving as *an Open Educational Resources Initiative (OER) Regional Lead* during the Spring 2019 semester.
- OER Regional Leads are part of a team that facilitates the implementation of the ASCCC OER Initiative.
- They will participate in various facets of the initiative's work including providing professional development, supporting OER Liaisons and facilitating OER development and curation.
- ***Congratulations to Jennifer!***



COUGAR FOOTBALL PLAYERS EARN AWARDS

COCs football coach and players received a variety of awards after winning the **2018 conference championship**.

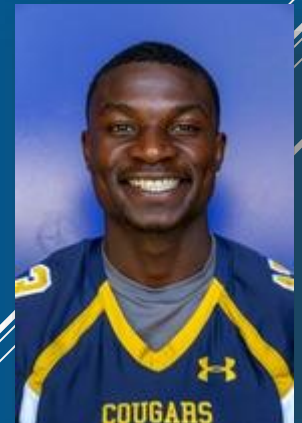
- Head Coach **Ted Jacenda** was named Southern California Football Association National Division, Northern League **Coach of the Year**!
- Freshman linebacker **Tariq Speights** was named the 2018 SCFA National Division, Northern League **Defensive Player of the Year**.
- COC linebacker **Tariq Speights** and kicker **Tanner Brown** have been named to the **2018 California Community College Football Coaches Association All-American Team**.
- Quarterback **Wyatt Eget**, wide receiver **Brando Pierce**, and defensive back **Raeshawn Roland** were also named to the **2018 Region III All-California College Football Team**.



FOUR COUGARS SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT

The Cougar football program saw four players from its **2018 conference championship team** sign National Letters of Intent during the NCAAs early signing period.

- Sophomore quarterback **Wyatt Eget** will head to the *University of Tennessee at Martin*.
- Sophomore wide receiver **Jarrin Pierce** has signed with *Middle Tennessee State University*.
- Sophomore defensive backs **Shaddrick Lowery Jr.** and **Antonio Hunt** will remain teammates as they both head to the *University of New Mexico*.



THE ATHLETIC AWARDS KEEP ON COMING!

Men's Soccer

- Head Coach **Phil Marcellin** was named Western State Conference, South Division, **Coach of the Year!**
- Sophomore **Cesar Dominguez** was named Western State Conference, South Division **Player of the Year!**
- **Five** players received **All-WSC First Team Selections**, while **four** received **Second-Team selections** and **two** received **Honorable Mention.**



Women's Soccer

- A total of **nine** players were honored with All-Western State Conference awards.



Volleyball

- Freshman **Grace Ferguson** was named to the **AVCA All-American Third-Team**, selected as a **All-State Team honoree** and took home **All WSC First-Team honors.**



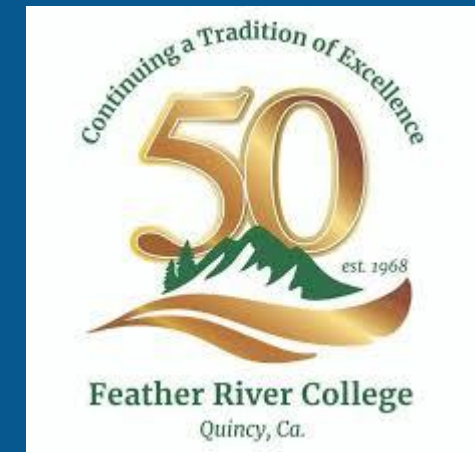
Partnerships



INCARCERATED STUDENT PROGRAM

Representatives from *Lake Tahoe Community College* and *Feather River College* visited COC on Thursday, December 6th to discuss the *Incarcerated Student Program*.

- The *Incarcerated Student Program (ISP)* serves inmates of California’s correctional facilities and promotes their educational success by providing a pathway to a more productive future and a greater likelihood of post-release employment.
- COC provided background on our *“Back on Track LA”* Partnership.
- Feather River College discussed:
 - ✓ How to Set-up a Cohort; and
 - ✓ Providing Student Support Services.
- Lake Tahoe Community College discussed:
 - ✓ Creating a Culture/Campus-wide Buy-In;
 - ✓ Correspondence vs. Enhanced One-on-One Programming;
 - ✓ How to Train and Recruit Faculty; and
 - ✓ How to Create Correspondence Courses.
- Throughout the day, **40+** administrators, faculty (full-time and adjunct) and staff engaged with these experienced colleges.



CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE BREAKFAST BRIEFING

The Chancellor's Circle welcomed over 70 guests to hear the informative presentation "**2019 Employment Law Update: Doing Business in California**" on Friday, December 7th.

- Attorney and Foundation Board President **Brian Koegle** covered the new laws and steps to ensure compliance.
- He also talked about the anticipated court rulings and legislation affecting the employment landscape in 2019.
- Chancellor's Circle members received a complimentary Q & A with Mr. Koegle after the presentation.
- The next Chancellor's Circle Business Breakfast Briefing will be held on **Friday, February 8th** featuring award-winning composer **Alan Williams** who will discuss "**Directing Creativity – Creating Culture, Concept and Cornerstone for Change**".



ASSEMBLYMEMBER SMITH VISITS COC

We were honored to meet with newly elected Assemblymember Christy Smith on Tuesday, December 11th.

- Assemblymember Smith and her staff initiated the meeting to specifically learn about our priorities and the type of legislation we would like to see over the coming year.
- Of particular interest was the new funding formula and its neglect to fully fund part-time students and public safety training.



ESTABLISHING A “COLLEGE GOING CULTURE”!

COC welcomed a group of *Sulphur Springs Union School District* students and parents for a tour of our Valencia campus during their winter break.

- It is a pleasure to work with our local school districts to provide information about opportunities available in our own community as part of the “college-going culture initiative”.
- ***Superintendent Catherine Kawaguchi*** expressed her gratitude for our on-going partnership and relayed that many parents who attended were interest in bringing their older children for a tour as well.



STEM STARS WORKSHOP IN MAKERSPACE

On Friday, January 11th our Valencia Campus Makerspace held a half day workshop as part of the **STEM Stars Program**.

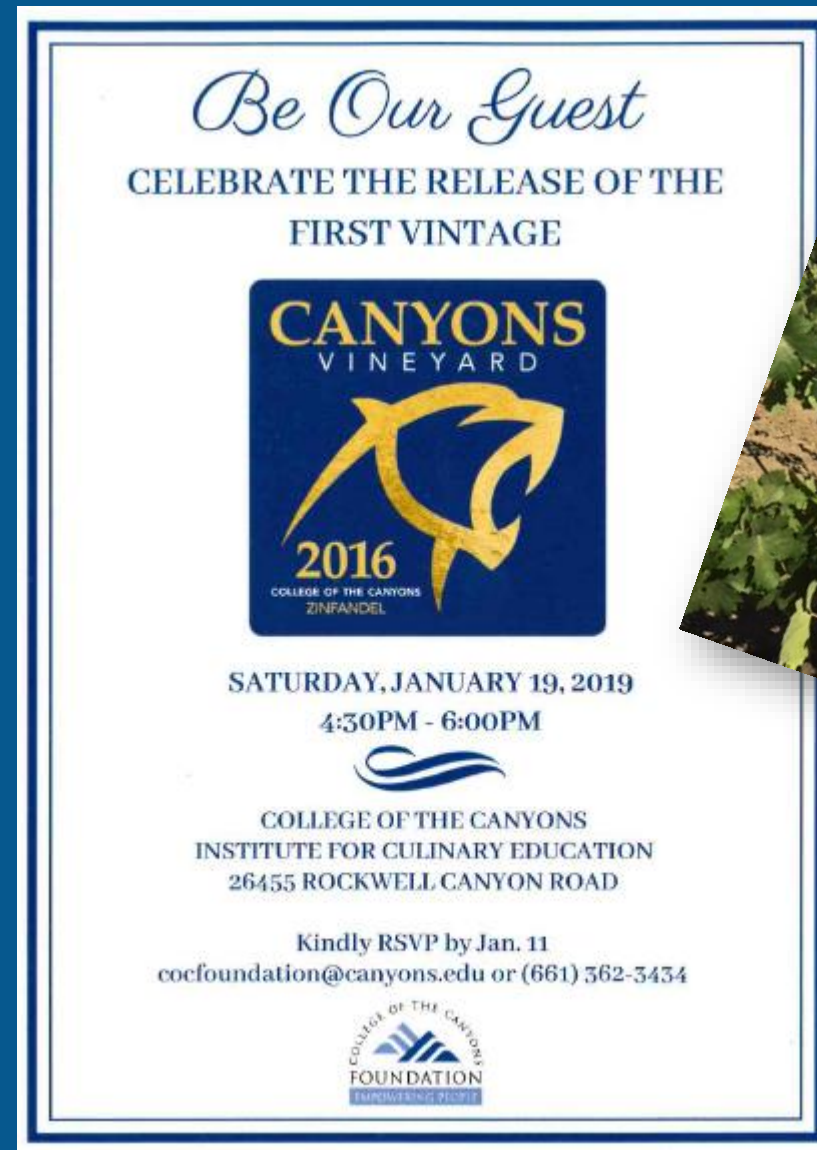
- **Twenty-six** middle and high school girls attended the event and really enjoyed participating in the hand-on activities.
- Thank you to Teresa Ciardi and her crew for organizing and supporting this very successful event.



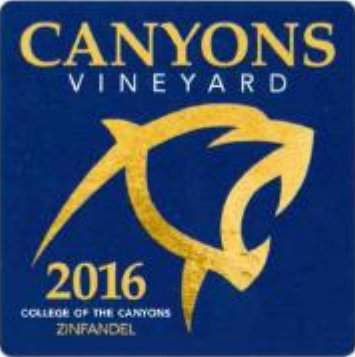
CANYONS VINEYARD – RELEASE OF FIRST VINTAGE

The *College of the Canyons Foundation* will celebrate the release of the *First Vintage of Canyons Vineyard*, a *2016 Zinfandel*, on Saturday, January 19th from 4:30 – 6 pm in the Institute for Culinary Education.


- The grapes used to produce this wine came from the rootstock of the Remo Belli Vineyard in Paso Robles that are now growing on our Valencia campus.
- Ami Belli will be joining us for this celebration, as will our winemakers from Pulchella Winery and Chef Cindy Schwanke, Department Chair of COCs Institute of Culinary Education.



Be Our Guest
CELEBRATE THE RELEASE OF THE
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019
4:30PM - 6:00PM



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What's New On And Around our Campuses



VICE CHANCELLOR VISITS COC

On Wednesday, November 28th the newly appointed Vice Chancellor of Digital Innovation and Infrastructure, Barney Gomez, visited College of the Canyons.

- Mr. Gomez met with Jim Temple to discuss technology priorities for the California Community College system.
- Jim and I were pleased to provide Mr. Gomez with background and context of the Chancellor's Office and the relationship between Digital Innovation and the IT leaders at the District level.



STYX ROCKED THE PAC

A sold out crowd rocked the PAC last Sunday, January 13th to the music of the ultimate classic rock band **STYX**.

- “*Mr. Roboto*” and “*Come Sail Away*” got the fans on their feet as they enjoyed a great mix of classic STYX music blended in with cuts from their new album.
- Many of the fans commented that the band sounded just as good now as they did in the 70s!
- Prior to the performance, over 60 guests enjoyed a pre-show reception in Pico Canyon Hall, with proceeds to benefit the Patrons of the Arts.



INFORMATION NIGHTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

To better assist high school seniors with the transition to collegiate life, COC held an information night on January 15th with additional presentations scheduled for tonight, January 16th in the PAC and on January 17th at Canyon High School.

- These special evenings provide prospective students and their families with information on:
 - ✓ The First-Year Promise Program;
 - ✓ Transfer Preparation and Special Transfer Programs;
 - ✓ The Admissions Process;
 - ✓ Disabled Student Program & Services;
 - ✓ Extended Opportunities & Services; and
 - ✓ Financial Aid
- The presentations are held from 7:30 – 8:30 pm, are open to the public and provide free parking in all student lots during the presentation.

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS PRESENTS

INFORMATION Night

For high school seniors & their families

Join us to learn about:

- First-Year Promise Program
- Certificates, associate degrees and transfer preparation
- Admissions
- Financial Aid

Three nights to choose from
Same program all nights
Free parking in all student lots


COC Valencia Campus
26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, 91355
7:30 – 8:30PM

*Tuesday, January 15
Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center (English)


*Wednesday, January 16
Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center (English)
Canyons Hall 201 (Spanish)

Canyon High School
19300 Nadal Street, Santa Clarita, 91351
7:30 – 8:30PM

*Thursday, January 17
Performing Arts Center (English)
Library (Spanish)



Questions?
Contact Outreach & School Relations
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NEW MOBILE APPLICATION RELEASED!

COC has released a new mobile application designed to improve the campus experience for students, staff and community members.

- Originating from a vision brought forth by a group of COC students who were energized by Professor Nick Hernandez, the new ***Canyons M app*** connects users with a variety of resources, including individualized student information, college calendars, campus safety links, campus maps and more.
- The app connects to *Ask Canyons*, where users can get quick answers to a variety of questions about the college and provides easy access to Canyons email, Canvas portal and COCs social media pages.
- We are planning to increase the app's functionality and personalization with specific information on student education plans, financial aid status and campus events.
- The app is available for download in the ***Apple App Store*** and ***Google Play Store***.



PARKING STRUCTURE UPDATE!

The Valencia Campus parking structure is nearing completion and will open for the start of the Spring semester!

- At least **1,000 parking spaces** will be available on the first day of the Spring semester (February 4th), with the remaining parking spaces opening soon afterward.



Upcoming Events



VIBRANT BOUNTY OPENS AT CANYONS GALLERY

Visitors to the newest COC Gallery 206 exhibition will be carried away to Shaanxi Province, one of the cradles of Chinese civilizations, with ***“Vibrant Bounty: Chinese Folk Art from the Shannxi Region.”***

- The artifacts included in this collection depict Chinese rural life and customs.
- This exhibit opens on Monday, January 28th and runs through Friday, March 15th on the second floor of the Valencia campus library.
- Gallery 206 is a new extension of the main Art Gallery on campus.
- A public reception will be held on Wednesday, February 13th from 3 – 5 pm.



EDUCATION CENTER TO OPEN IN CANYON COUNTRY

COC will open a second off-campus **Continuing Education Center** on January 29th to better meet the needs of busy adults.


- The new center will be located in the *Edwards Canyon Country Shopping Center* and will offer tuition-free English as a Second Language (ESL) courses, as well as vocational ESL and citizenship courses.
- A grand opening is scheduled from 4 – 7 pm on Tuesday, January 29th.
- These off-campus centers augment access to continuing education classes, which are also offered at the main campuses.
- The first off-campus center opened on Bouquet Canyon Road in August.



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**Coming Up
In The
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Arts Center**

SHOWS COMING UP IN THE PAC THROUGH FEBRUARY

- ❖ ***The Wizard of Oz*** – Escape Theatre
Friday, January 25th & February 1st – 7 pm
Saturday, January 26th & February 2nd – 2 & 7 pm
Sunday, January 27th – 2 & 7 pm
- ❖ ***Moana Movie Sing-Along***
Saturday, February 9th – 1 & 5 pm
- ❖ ***Peter Gros – Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom Wildlife Expert***
Saturday, February 23rd – 1 & 5 pm



PAC SHOWS COMING UP IN MARCH

❖ **Youth & POPS** – Santa Clarita Philharmonic
Sunday, March 3rd – 3 pm FREE



❖ **The Journey of Harriet Tubman** – Voices of the Canyons & Chamber Choir
Friday, March 8th 9th – 7:30 pm



❖ **Spring Festival** – Symphony of the Canyons
Saturday, March 9th – 7:30 pm

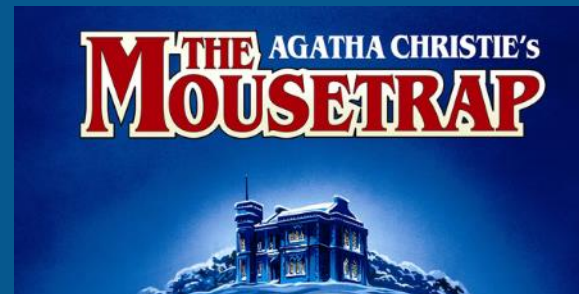
❖ **Beginning to End** – Santa Clarita Master Chorale
Sunday, March 10th – 4 pm



❖ **Jazz 101 Concert** – Studio Jazz Ensemble and Lab Band
Friday, March 15th – 7:30 pm

❖ **Catapult** – America's Got Talent Finalists
Saturday, March 16th – 4 pm

❖ **Mousetrap** – COC Theatre
Friday, March 22nd – Sunday, March 31st



❖ **America** – The Perennial Classic-Rock Favorite
Saturday, March 30th – 8 pm





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NEW YEAR