

Chancellor's Report & Update

Board of Trustees Meeting

January 24, 2018



Recognition



LIBRARY

COC MODEL UNITED NATIONS TEAM NAMED IN TOP 50

“*Best Delegate*”, the foremost website on Model UN, released their rankings for the fall 2017 semester.

- COC, who competes against mostly four-year institutions during Model UN competitions, was **ranked in the top 50 delegations in the country!**
- Other schools ranked in the *Top 50* include Princeton University, John Hopkins University, Tufts University, UC Davis and UC San Diego.
- Model UN advisor Phil Gussin continues to recruit talented students who want to improve their leadership skills.
- Congratulations to our Model UN Team and to advisor Phil Gussin!



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HONOR STUDENTS – FALL 2017

Each semester I am pleased to send out congratulations letters to students who earn a 3.5 or better GPA while maintaining 12 or more units.

- **1,623** students earned this honor in fall 2017, up almost **13%** from fall 2016.
- This included **93** First Year Promise students and **75** international students!
- Additionally, **26** (10%) of the **262** students in the First Year Promise Program, earned a **perfect 4.0**.
- Congratulations to these hard working students! Woo Hoo!



FIRST-YEAR
PROMISE
COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT COC

Our **200** international students continue to shine at COC!

- **38** of our international students earned a **perfect 4.0 GPA** in fall 2017, up from **29** in fall 2016.
- **75** of our international students earned a GPA of 3.5 or above in fall 2017, up from **64** in fall 2016.
- **34** of our international students transferred to a 4-year university in 2017!
- Two students from China, who “couldn’t do math” in their own country are now majoring in math! Kudo’s to our excellent math professors!
- Our international students come from **44 countries** and **speak 22 languages!**



JEN ANNUAL JAZZ CONFERENCE – JANUARY 3 - 6

“*Just Jazz*”, our jazz choir, received a standing ovation and rave reviews at the JEN Annual Jazz Conference in Dallas, TX in January.

- It was a once-in-a-lifetime honor to be selected to attend and perform at this conference where heavy-hitters in the jazz world from around the globe participate!
- This event is part music festival, part networking, part education and all about inspiration.
- Our students not only received a standing ovation for their performance, but we continued to receive praise all week long as the students participated in workshops, sessions and concerts.
- Special thanks to Julie Lawson for accompanying her students to this amazing event!



Ninth Annual JEN Conference in Dallas January 3-6, 2018





Partnerships

THE PROMISE – THE STORY OF LEON MALMED – DECEMBER 8

A screening of the COC animated film *“The Promise – The Story of Leon Malméd”* was held on Friday, December 8th in the Art Gallery.

- 25 COC advanced animation students spent the entire spring 2017 semester bringing to life the memories of Holocaust survivor Leon Malméd.
- An original score was composed by Music Department Chair Bernardo Feldman and mixed by Sound Arts Professor Jon Amador.
- The film captures the emotions of fear, the hope for a better life and the resilience that Leon, his sister and the family that sheltered them displayed.
- From the composition, to the editing, to the animation, to the direction, it was collaboration in action and the production is extraordinary!
- We plan to present this film on the festival circuit where it will bring great pride to our students, faculty, the college and the Malméd family.
- Production of this film was made possible through a grant from the COC Foundation.



SANTA CLARITA BALLET PERFORMED THE NUTCRACKER – DECEMBER 16 & 17

The Santa Clarita Ballet presented the classic program and holiday favorite *“The Nutcracker”* in our Performing Arts Center on December 16th and 17th.

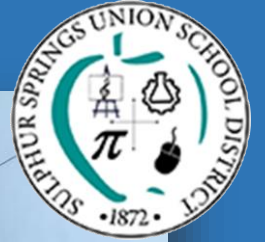
- The performances featured many local dancers along with professionals.
- Daytime performances are held as part of the Santa Clarita Ballet Company outreach program to inspire others to appreciate and pursue the arts.



SULPHUR SPRINGS FAMILIES TOUR COC

Over their winter break students, parents and staff from the Sulphur Springs Union School District toured our Valencia Campus.

- The visit was part of the partnership we have with Sulphur Springs to promote a “college-going culture”.
- Sulphur Springs has received excellent feedback and plans to bring other groups of students and parents to COC.



2018 DEANS SYMPOSIUM – JANUARY 12

COC and the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office Division of Workforce and Economic Development held the **2018 Deans Symposium** at COC on January 12th.

- The event focused on a variety of leadership skills that align workforce needs and the statewide **“Vision for Success”** goals.
- Over **100** Deans from surrounding community colleges attended a variety of breakout sessions.
- I was pleased to welcome keynote speakers from the State Chancellor’s Office:
 - ✓ Van Ton-Quinlivan, Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Economic Development; and
 - ✓ Laura Hope, Vice Chancellor of Education Services and Support.



SCV CHAMBER INSTITUTE

I have recently accepted the challenge of being the Founding Chair of *The Chamber Institute*.

- The *Chamber Institute* will be comprised of:
 - ✓ **Leadership SCV**, a training program being designed in conjunction with COC; and
 - ✓ A new think tank which will bring local business executives together to strategically target the top issues facing the business community.
- We hope to lead the members in adapting to and thriving in a dynamic fast-changing environment.



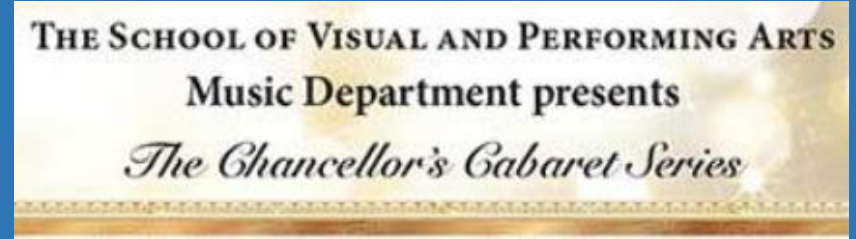
What's New on and Around our Campuses



CHANCELLOR'S CABARET – COC MUSIC & DANCE HOLIDAY SERIES

The School of Visual and Performing Arts rang in the holidays with the Chancellor's Cabaret Series:

- On December 7th and 8th COC Dance students and guest artists performed an inspiring dance concert entitled "***Dance is a Gift***".
- On December 8 the award winning COC vocal jazz ensembles rang in the holiday season with a concert and holiday treats – ***Jazz Tidings***.
- On December 9 COC Music provided a family friendly holiday concert that included a sing-a-long holiday treats – ***A Holiday Tapestry***.



BASKETBALL CLASSIC – DECEMBER 28 - 29

COC Men's Basketball hosted the 28th annual Cougar Holiday Classic in the "Cougar Cage" December 28th – 29th.

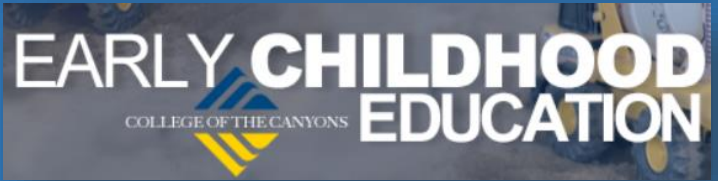
- Teams participating in the classic included LA Trade Tech College, Ohlone College, Orange Coast College and COC.
- Orange Coast College was crowned the tourney champion after defeating LA Trade Tech in the championship game.
- COC sophomore Michael Kalu was named to the All-Tournament team after averaging 17 points per game.



ART GALLERY STARTS 2018 WITH “BUDDING ARTISTS’

The “*Budding Artists*” exhibit in the COC Art Gallery is running now through Wednesday, January 31st.

- The featured artwork is all created by the children enrolled in the COC Center for Early Childhood Education (CECE).
- A silent auction fundraiser of seven items created by the budding arts will be held for the duration of the exhibit, with proceeds going to the CECE.
- A closing reception will be held from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm on Saturday, January 27th.



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AT CCC – JANUARY 24

Just before the meeting today we celebrated the official groundbreaking of the Canyon Country Campus Science Center.

- The 55,000 square foot building will bring in-demand science laboratory and classroom space to the heart of the campus and effectively double the existing building space on campus.
- The center will house eight labs serving students studying zoology, botany, marine biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, physics, environmental science, astronomy and chemistry.
- It will also include a cadaver lab, a 75-student lecture hall, faculty offices and a computer lab.
- These new, state-of-the-art learning spaces will enable the college to meet the growing enrollment at the Canyon Country Campus, which has exceeded projections every year since it opened in 2007.



Upcoming Events



COLLEGE 2 CAREER DAY – JANUARY 27

COC will host College 2 Career Day on Saturday, January 27th from 9 am – 1 pm in the University Center.

- College 2 Career Day is designed to give students of all ages the opportunity to explore college and career opportunities in promising industry clusters.
- Students will be given the chance to test drive careers with industry professionals, connect with college instructors and see what programs COC has to offer.
- The event is free and open to the public.



ESSENTIALS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP – JANUARY 27

Join us for a free workshop that will provide information and resources for current and new family caregivers.

- **“Caring for the Caregiver: Reintegration”** will be held on Saturday, January 27th from 9 – 11:30 am at the Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center.
- This workshop will focus on how family caregivers can rejuvenate, reinvigorate and reestablish connections with a supportive social network after the loss of a loved one.
- The workshop will offer different perspectives from those who have made this transition successfully and will provide participants with resources to assist in this transition.
- Register by calling 661-362-3118.
- The workshop is being held in partnership with the SCV Senior Center.



CREATING A POSITIVE CLIMATE IN THE WORKPLACE & MEETINGS

On January 31st, during FLEX week, Donna Miller, retired Professor of Speech Communication/Instructional Dean, Liberal Arts at Cerritos College will present ***“Creating A Positive Climate in the Workplace and Meetings”*** from 1 pm – 3 pm in Hasley Hall 230.

- The purpose of the workshop is to improve decision-making and build collaborative relationships between colleagues.
- The workshop will cover:
 - ✓ How to improve listening skills and offer useful feedback;
 - ✓ Understanding the importance of perceptions and how to avoid miscommunication;
 - ✓ Communication techniques for dealing with difficult situations; and
 - ✓ How to communicate to foster a satisfying and fulfilling workplace environment.
- This is the first in a three workshop series by Donna Miller and is part of the professional development priorities of the Committee on Committees.
- Local school districts and nonprofits have been invited to attend.



Coming Up In The PAC

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❖ *The Music Man* – Escape Theatre
January 26 – February 3

❖ *Cheech & Chong*
February 9

❖ *The Chieftains*
February 24



❖ *Imani Gonzales*
March 9

❖ *Santa Clarita Master Chorale*
March 10

❖ *Jazz it Up for Spring!* – COC Music
March 16

❖ *Symphony of the Canyons*
March 17

❖ *Almost Maine* – COC Theatre
March 23 - 31

