

Chancellor's Report and Update



Board of Trustees Meeting
February 13, 2019

Recognition



NASA HASP PAYLOAD ACCEPTED FOR 4TH STRAIGHT YEAR!

Congratulations to the *COC HASP team* who have been accepted for the *4th year in a row* to participate in *NASA's HASP Payload Program*.

- In the **12 year history** of NASA HASP, which has **12 spots** for student payloads (experiments) each year, there have only been **5 community colleges** that have participated.
- College of the Canyons is the only community college that has participated more than once - ***now 4 times!***
- Programs like this make our students competitive with university students for other NASA student programs.
- We are extremely proud of our ***NASA Payload Team*** and their faculty advisor ***Professor Teresa Ciardi!***



COC STUDENTS SELECTED FOR NASA LUCY ACADEMY

COC students *Arthur Berbery* and *Coulson Aguirre* were selected to participate in the *Lucy Student Pipeline Accelerator and Competency Enabler (L'SPACE) Virtual Academy*, an interactive and team-based student collaboration offered through NASA's Lucy Mission.

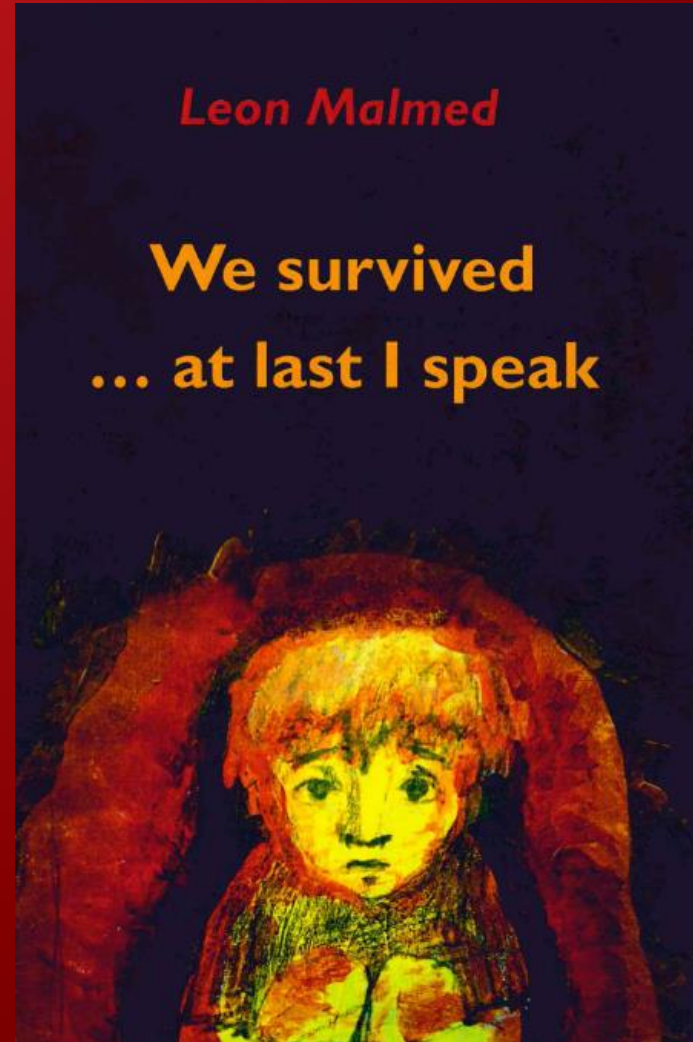
- This 12-week academy teaches undergraduate science and engineering students rigorous, project-based STEM workforce development, which includes mission development skills and protocols imparted by NASA scientists and engineers.
- By participating in programs like this, our students make connections, gain experience and understand what it takes to be a NASA engineer.



WE SURVIVED... AT LAST I SPEAK

Holocaust survivor and author **Leon Malmed** recently sent me his first book printed with the newly redesigned cover for his story "***We Survived... At Last I Speak***".

- The new cover was designed by **COC student Rachel Crane** under the mentorship of *Ruah Edelstein* and *Masha Vasitkosky*.
- What an honor it has been to have our students and faculty work with Leon to help tell his story.



January 20th, 2019

We survived ... At last I speak.

Leon Malmed

Dear Dianne,

It is with great pleasure that I am presenting you with the first book printed with the newly redesigned cover as the result of the exceptional talent of Rachel Crane, one of your students under the mentorship of Ruah Edelstein and Masha Vasitkosky.

Leon Malmed

COC STUDENTS HONORED BY PHI THETA KAPPA

Students *Arturo Fernandez* and *Brenden Davis* have been selected for the **2019 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), All California Academic Team!**

- These individuals are recognized as being among the top community college students in the state.
- Grades, leadership and community service determine selection to the **All-California Academic Teams**.
- The luncheon and awards ceremony will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center on March 25th.
- Congratulations to these outstanding students!



COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The *2019 Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony* was held on Thursday, January 31st at the Hyatt Regency Valencia.

- We were pleased to induct into the *Athletic Hall of Fame*:
 - ✓ Len Mohney, student-athlete, coach and administrator;
 - ✓ Dolores “Dody” Garcia, student-athlete and influential trailblazer for women’s athletics, for meritorious service;
 - ✓ The 1983 State Champion Baseball Team; and
 - ✓ The 2001 State Champion Women’s Golf Team.



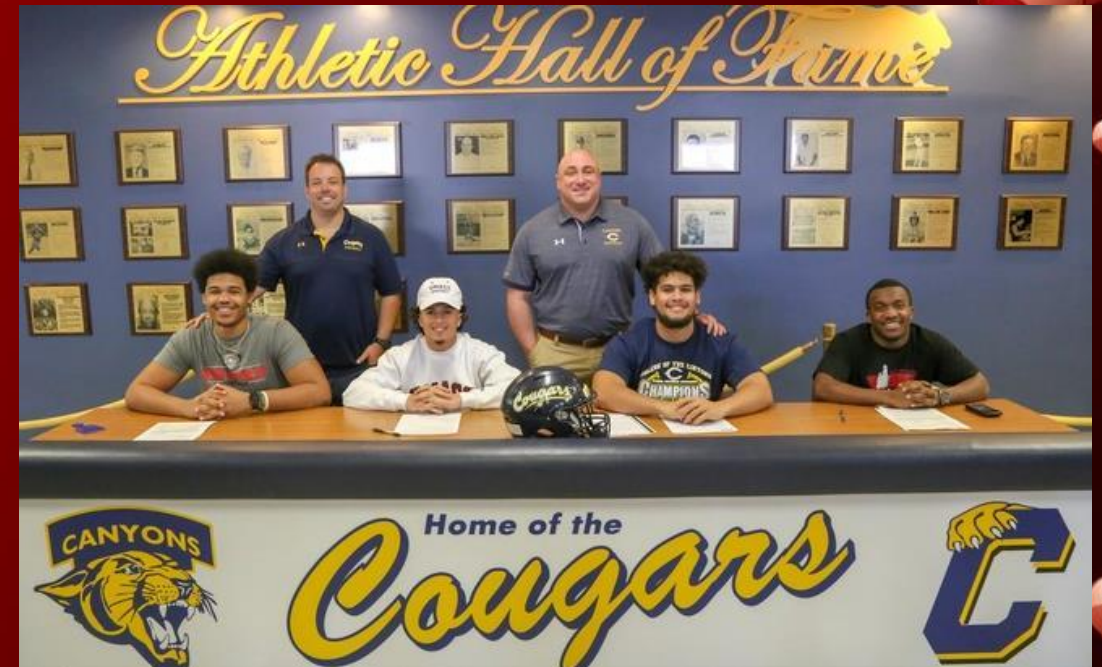
COC FOOTBALL PLAYERS SIGN WITH 4-YEAR SCHOOLS

Four more student-athletes from our **2018 conference championship football team** signed with four-year schools last week, bringing the total to **eight!**

➤ Congratulations to:

- ✓ Offensive tackle **Justice Spates** who signed with the **University of New Mexico** where he will join teammates Antonio Hunt and Shaddrick Lowery, Jr.;
- ✓ Quarterback **Andrew Britto** who is headed to the **University of Massachusetts Amherst**;
- ✓ Defensive lineman **Johnny Morrison III** who will be attending **Wayne State College in Nebraska**; and
- ✓ Defensive back **Khalid Taylor** who is heading to **Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah.**

FOOTBALL



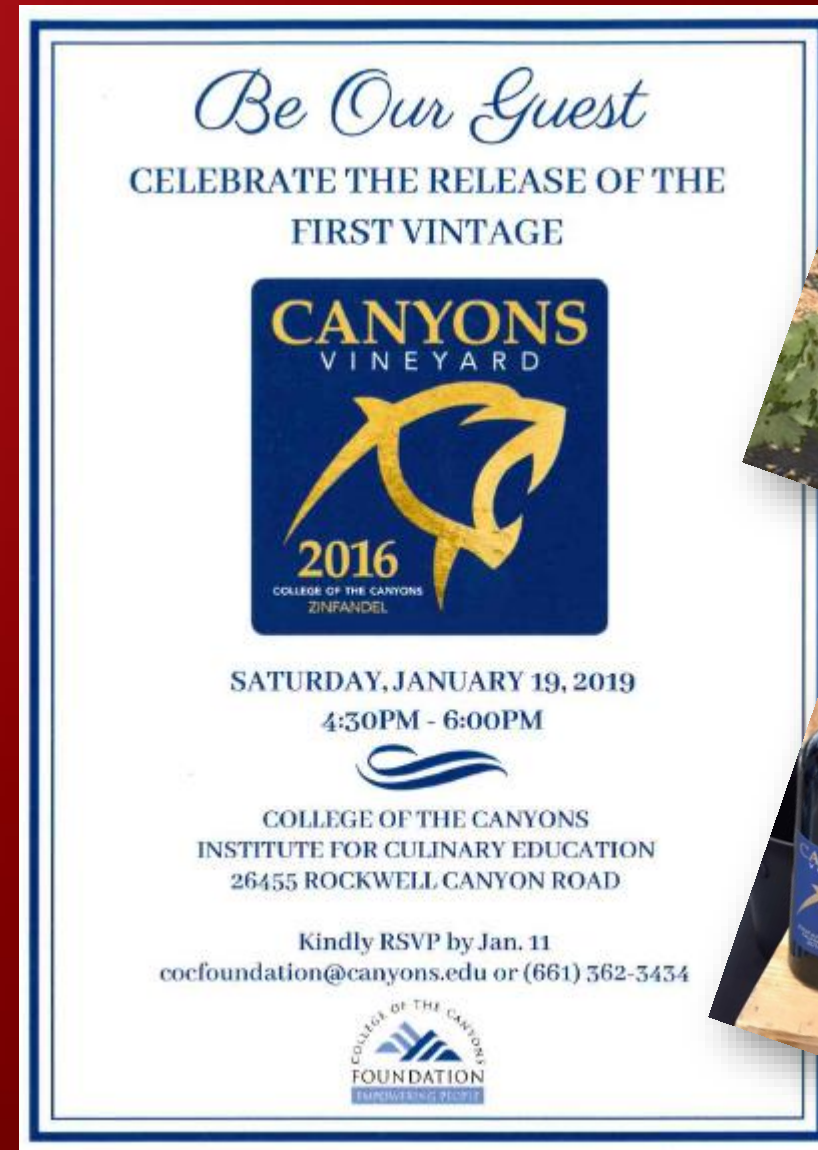
Partnerships



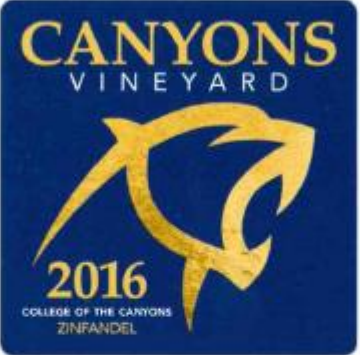
CANYONS VINEYARD – RELEASE OF FIRST VINTAGE

The *College of the Canyons Foundation* celebrated the release of the *First Vintage of Canyons Vineyard*, a *2016 Zinfandel*, on Saturday, January 19th in the iCUE.


- 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.
- **40** iCUE major donors joined us to have the first sample of the wine produced from our vineyard.
- It was a joy to have *Ami Belli* join us for this celebration so that we could thank her for dedicating the *Remo Belli Vineyard* on our campus, the only producing vineyard at a community college in southern California.
- The wine is being donated to the Wine Studies Program.



Be Our Guest
CELEBRATE THE RELEASE OF THE
FIRST VINTAGE




SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019
4:30PM - 6:00PM



COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
INSTITUTE FOR CULINARY EDUCATION
26455 ROCKWELL CANYON ROAD

Kindly RSVP by Jan. 11
cocfoundation@canyons.edu or (661) 362-3434



EDUCATION CENTER OPENS IN CANYON COUNTRY

COC opened a second off-campus ***Continuing Education Center*** on January 29th.

- The new center, located in the *Edwards Canyon Country Shopping Center*, offers tuition-free English as a Second Language (ESL) courses, as well as vocational ESL and citizenship courses.
- Over **200** people joined us for the grand opening, with many signing up for the free community education classes available at the Center.
- Our two off-campus centers augment access to continuing education classes, which are also offered at the main campuses.



COC GOES TO SACRAMENTO

Trustees *Michael Berger, Michele Jenkins* and *Steve Zimmer*, along with administrators *Dr. Diane Fiero, Eric Harnish*, faculty member *Wendy Brill-Wynkoop*, Student Trustee *Sarah Farnell* and ASG President *Tyler Clark* participated in the January *Community College League of California Annual Legislative Conference* in Sacramento.

- The conference focused on fighting student food and housing insecurities, funding for community college facilities projects and removing barriers to dual enrollment.



NEW WORKFORCE TRAININGS

The *Workforce & Economic Development Team* continues to reach out to local businesses to provide workforce training.

- An *Introduction to Lean Principles* training was launched for *Air Flow Research* in January with 17 employees participating in 24 hours of training.
- ETI launched a dedicated *Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Training Program* for *Pharmavite* in January with 18 employees participating from various departments in the company.
- A *SMOG Recertification Course* was piloted on February 2nd and 3rd for SMOG Technicians. The course covered on-board diagnostics and meets the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) training standards.



STATISTICS INSTITUTE HELD AT COC

The *Chancellor's Office Statistics Institute (COSI)* was created in Fall 2018 to provide a series of workshops to deepen statistical understanding and introduce best practices related to teaching of introductory statistics.

- *COSI* is designed primarily for mathematics faculty who have very limited formal training and/or experience with statistics.
- These workshops directly support colleges increasing transfer-level statistics offerings as they plan for full compliance with AB705 by Fall 2019.
- The most recent workshop was held at Pasadena City College on February 2, 2019 with **70** faculty from **26** colleges attending.
- Thank you to COC faculty members ***Dustin Silva, Kathy Kubo, and Ambika Silva*** for participating as part of the workshop team.



CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE BREAKFAST BRIEFING



The Chancellor's Circle was pleased to welcome over **45** guests to a **Business Breakfast Briefing** on Friday, February 8th.

- The briefing featured award-winning composer **Alan Williams** who presented **“Directing Creativity – Creating Culture, Concept and Cornerstone for Change”**.
- Mr. Williams discussed the reasons why so many businesses fear change, but how important it is to make those changes for the betterment of the company.
- He promoted the development of **“Agents of Change” (culture)**, providing the **“big picture” skills (concept)** and developing a **“plan to be successful” (cornerstone)**.



NEW SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECRUITS GRADUATE

COC was pleased to host the graduation ceremony for **70** new Sheriff's Department recruits on Friday, February 8th in the Performing Arts Center.

- **Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva** presided over the ceremony where **15** female and **55** male graduates were sworn in as California peace officers.



What's New On And Around our Campuses



COLLEGE2CAREER DAY

Hundreds of young people attended *College2Career Day* in the University Center on Saturday, January 26th.

- Students took the opportunity to explore a variety of college programs that lead to promising career paths.



“A BETTER NECTAR” OPENS IN THE ART GALLERY

The COC Art Gallery is pleased to present an exciting new exhibition, “*A Better Nectar*”, by **Jessica Rath and Robert Hoehn**.

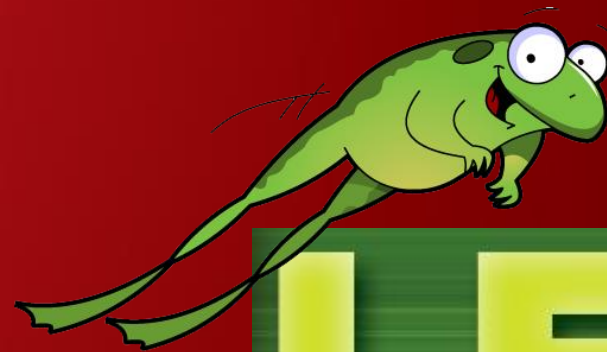
- Visitors to the exhibit in the Art Gallery encounter human-scaled sculptures that evoke a bee’s sensory journey from nest to nectar, with audio and visual elements that interpret the experience of the bee.
- The exhibit continues in Canyons Hall with a photo essay that documents the artist’s research at the Leonard Bee Lab at the University of Nevada.
- Also in Canyons Hall is “***Staminal Evolution***”, a seven-foot tall, sonic sculpture inspired by flowing plants that require “buzz pollination”, a process in which bees vibrate a certain frequency to open the flower and release its pollen.
- A lecture and discussion along with a public reception was held on Monday, February 11th.
- The exhibit will be on display through Thursday, March 28th.



LEAP ONTO THE PATH

On Friday, February 1st our **LEAP Onto the Path** cohort participated in a workshop by **Dr. Tyrone Howard**, Professor, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA.

- This interactive workshop enabled participants to understand some of the challenges that disrupt students' path to educational success.
- Building on evidence-based practices, this workshop offered viable interventions that can help us create access and an equitable and inclusive learning environment for all students.
- After Dr. Howard's presentation, our own **Dr. Preeta Saxena** and **Dr. Micah Young** presented an overview of terminology related to Equity and COCs institutional data pertaining to student equity and its use in Guided Pathways/Canyons Completes.



LEAP



ZERO-COST TEXTBOOK PROGRAM CELEBRATION

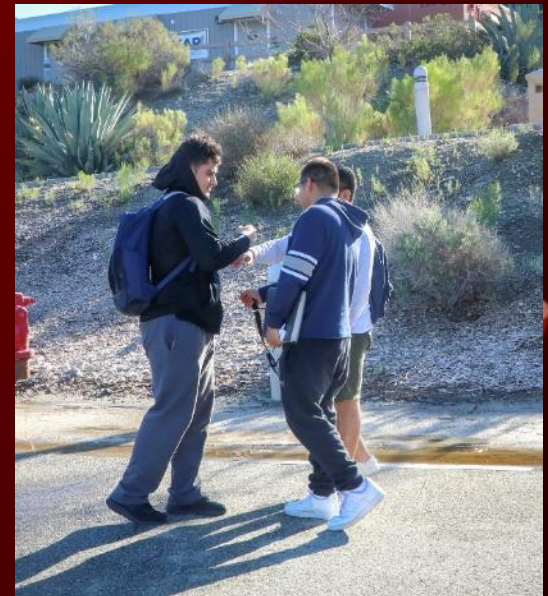
On Friday, February 1st dozens of students, educators and administrators celebrated the Open Educational Resources (OER) program and rewarded professors for their success.

- COC implemented the OER program in 2014 and has served as a model for other California community colleges.



FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2019 SEMESTER

It was a rainy start to the Spring 2019 semester as students flooded our campuses on February 4th.



MORE PARKING WELCOMES STUDENTS!

The Valencia campus parking structure opened as scheduled for the start of the spring semester.

- At least 1,000 of the 1,659 new spaces were available, with the remainder opening very soon.
- This project went from concept to opening in just 2 years, including the design, RFP process, DSA and construction!



ICUE OFFERS FREE PASTA BAR LUNCH TO STUDENTS

Our iCUE served more than 300 free meals to students on Thursday, February 7th.

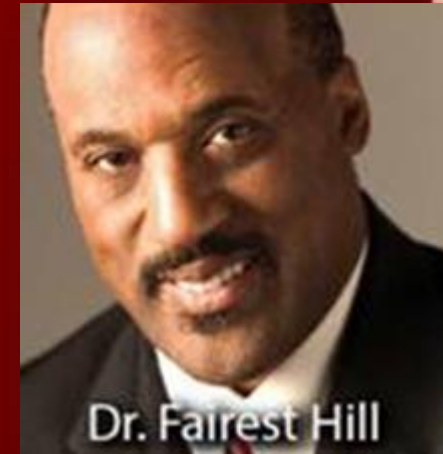
- Billed as a “*fueling station*” for students, the pasta bar reflects the program’s commitment to the *United Nations Goal 2: Zero Hunger Campaign*.
- The iCuE will continue to look for ways to help address this very serious issue that affects many college students.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In celebration of *Black History Month*, COC is hosting a variety of events on campus.

- **Dr. Fairest Hill**, motivational speaker, recording artist and author spoke in the Performing Arts Center lobby on Tuesday, February 12th.
- Each Thursday, the **February Film Series** is celebrating, viewing and discussing exceptional performances and crew contributions by African Americans in cinema. Films are shown at 11 am in Hasley Hall 101. On February 7th "**Black Panther**" was shown. Upcoming films include:
 - ✓ February 14 – "**42**"
 - ✓ February 21 – "**Hidden Figures**"
 - ✓ February 28 – "**Moonlight**"





Upcoming Events

LET'S EAT!

The iCue team has your table waiting!

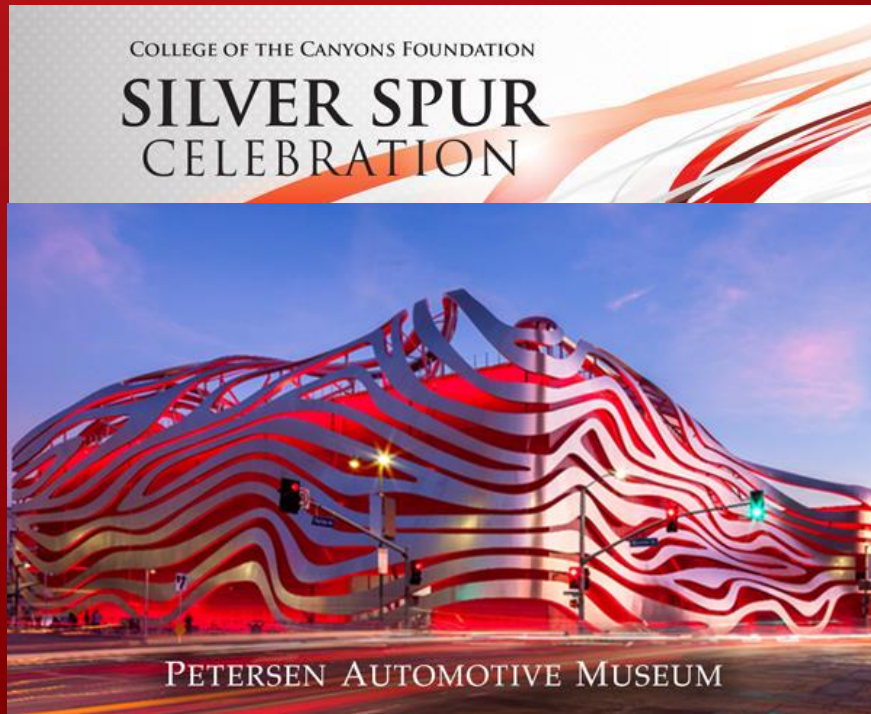
- Our students will be serving lunch in the iCue on Thursdays in February and March, beginning tomorrow, February 14th.
 - ✓ The cost is \$25 per person, Visa/Mastercard and debit/credit cards only.
- Dinner service will begin in April.
- Make your reservation online for priority seating which offers you the first available table upon arrival for the size of your party.



SILVER SPUR COMING UP

We are proud to honor *Don and Cheri Fleming* with the *2019 Silver Spur Community Service Award* for their ongoing commitment to the community.

- The celebration will be held on Saturday, March 16th at the Petersen Automotive Museum, beginning at 6:30 pm.



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The annual *COC Women's Conference* returns on Saturday, March 23rd.

- The theme this year is *Potential, Purpose, Passion & Peace*.
- The day will feature an exciting lineup of presenters, including *U.S. Representative Katie Hill* and state *Assembly Member Christy Smith*, along with a variety of breakout sessions.
- Registration is \$35 (\$20 for COC staff) and includes a buffet breakfast and luncheon.
- **40** free tickets are available for COC students.
- The conference will be held in the University Center from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.
- Online registration is available.



**PURPOSE, POTENTIAL
PASSION and PEACE**

2019 College of the Canyons
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

MAKERSPACE FESTIVAL

The 2nd annual Southern California MakerSpace Festival returns to the Valencia campus on Saturday, March 23rd from 10 am – 3 pm.

➤ This showcase of innovation and creation will feature:

- ✓ Cutting Edge Technologies
- ✓ Innovations in the field of STEM
- ✓ Industry Leaders
- ✓ Makerspace Programs
- ✓ Hands-on STEAM Activities
- ✓ Free Workshops
- ✓ Food trucks

➤ Admission and parking is free.





**Coming Up
In The
Performing
Arts Center**

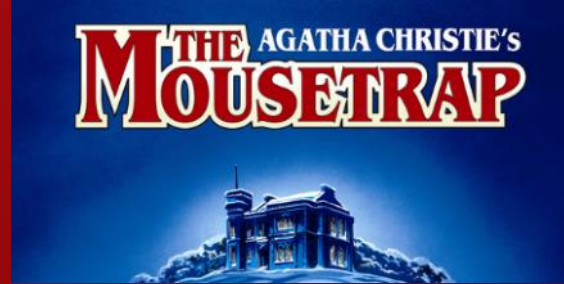
PAC SHOWS COMING UP IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

- ❖ *Peter Gros – Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom Wildlife Expert*
Saturday, February 23rd – 1 & 5 pm
- ❖ *Youth & POPS – Santa Clarita Philharmonic*
Sunday, March 3rd – 3 pm FREE
- ❖ *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



MORE PAC SHOWS COMING UP IN MARCH & APRIL

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



❖ **America** – The Perennial Classic-Rock Favorite

Saturday, March 30th – 8 pm

Pre-show reception at 6:30 pm

Includes food and beverage with a separate admission of \$35. *This is not a meet-and-greet and does not include show admission.*

SOLD OUT!



❖ **Ann Hampton Callaway & Liz Callaway – Sibling Revelry**

Saturday, April 6th – 8 pm

COC PRESENTS



❖ **Bright Star** – COC Theatre

Friday, April 26th – Sunday, May 5th

Fridays/Saturdays at 8 pm – Sundays at 2 pm



In Memorial



WE MOURN THE PASSING OF GUIDO SANTI

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of **Guido Santi**, full-time faculty member in the Cinema Department and renowned independent documentary filmmaker.

- Guido believed that cinema had the power to inspire and change lives. He loved sharing his passion for film with his students.
- In October 2017, Guido was instrumental in securing a donation of **500** horror films that extended COCs horror film collection, making it possibly the largest among California community colleges.
- Guido was hired as an adjunct instructor at COC in January 2002, worked as an Assistant Professor of Cinema at Ithaca College from 2010 – 2012 and became a full-time cinema instructor at COC in December 2016.
- Guido was born and raised in Italy where he worked as an apprentice at Ipotesi Cinema, a film laboratory coordinated by Cannes and Venice award-winning director Ermanno Olmi.
- His passion for films brought him to the U.S. where he met his wife and directing partner, *Tina Mascara*.
- Guido was a warm and caring individual who touched many lives. He left an indelible mark on our college and will be missed by all.



Happy Valentine's Day!

