

Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting

May 10, 2017



Exciting News!



COC RECEIVES BOND RATING BY FITCH AND S & P

As part of the financing process for selling Measure E bonds, the District received and confirmed its credit rating with Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's:

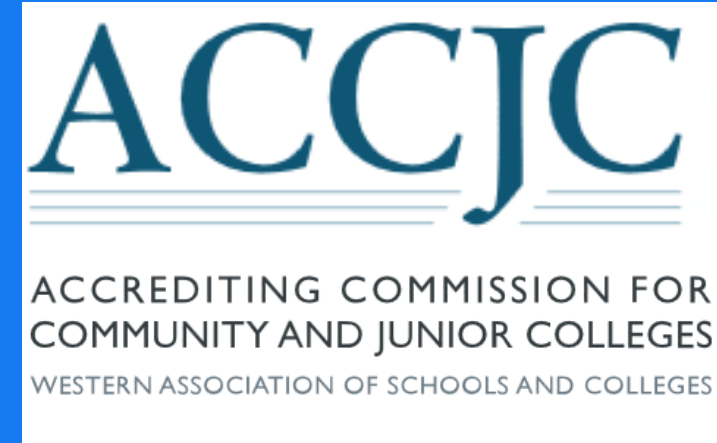
- We received a AAA rating – the highest rating assigned to a community college by Fitch Ratings.
- We also received a AA rating from Standard and Poor's.
- Both ratings indicate a stable outlook.
- As a result, the district received over \$114 million in orders for the \$50 million in bonds being offered, which demonstrated significant investor interest in the district's bonds.



EXCITING NEWS FROM ACCREDITING COMMISSION!

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), as the result of our recently submitted midterm report, notified us that they are extending our accreditation to a **seven-year cycle**.

- Only a small number of colleges were selected to move to seven years.
- This selection was not random. **We** were selected because:
 - ✓ We are a **solid institution**;
 - ✓ We are **fiscally stable**;
 - ✓ We do what we do in an **integrated and organized way**; and
 - ✓ We **distinguish ourselves** from the rest!
- **Our next full accreditation will be in the spring of 2022**, not 2020, as originally scheduled.



GUIDED PATHWAYS PROJECT

- COC was selected as one of 20 California Community Colleges to participate in the Guided Pathways project.
- Guided pathways are highly structured student experiences that encourage completion by:
 - ✓ Establishing **clear roadmaps** to students' end goals;
 - ✓ Incorporating intake processes that **help students clarify goals** for college and careers;
 - ✓ **Facilitating access** for students with developmental education needs; and
 - ✓ **Embedding advising**, progress tracking, feedback, and support throughout a student's educational journey.
- During the three-year project, a college team will attend training to plan for clear pathways needed to accomplish this goal.
- This project will help increase college completion rates and close equity gaps.



Recognition



COC RECOGNIZED FOR INTERNSHIP EXCELLENCE

COC has been presented with three awards from the California Internship & Work Experience Association (CIWEA).

- The Outstanding College Work Experience & Internship Program Award recognizes schools that model exemplary internship and work experience programs.
- CIWEA awarded a COC veteran student with the \$1,000 Bernard L. Hyink Student Scholarship in recognition of the internship by the student at Pulchella Winery.
- The California Film Commission was also awarded the CIWEA Outstanding Internship or Work Experience Employer Award for playing an integral role in providing COC students with real-life work experience.



COLLEGE PARALEGAL PROFESSOR RECEIVES CASA CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD

Lori Young, COC Paralegal Professor, received the 2017 Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Child Advocacy Award on April 7th!

- Young's involvement with the non-profit organization began after hearing a CASA representative speak at an Antelope Valley Legal Professionals Association meeting.
- She learned about children being removed from unhealthy homes due to abuse and neglect who sometimes took nothing with them.
- For the last 10 years Young has spearheaded a "Back to School" event that collects school supplies for CASA kids.
- Young has received commendations from U.S. Representative Steve Knight, County of L.A. Supervisor Kathryn Barger and the City of Lancaster.
- Congratulations Lori Young!



COC JOINS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ED PANEL AT STANFORD

Kathy Kubo and Joe Gerda participated in the first ever U.S. Department of Education Learning Science/Learning Engineering Convening on April 14th and 15th at Stanford University.

- Kubo and Gerda presented on the research-practitioner model they created between Stanford University and College of the Canyons to measure the impact of Mindsets in the OER text we use in Math 75 and Math 140.
- They also served on a panel with two CSU Presidents and Directors from Stanford and Carnegie Mellon.
- The convening was attended by 70 top researchers and funders from Stanford, UC Berkeley, MIT, Carnegie Mellon, UCSF, Gates Foundation, Zuckerberg Foundation and College of the Canyons.



Candace Thille - Stanford University, Eduardo Ochoa - CSU Monterey Bay, Ken Koedinger - Carnegie Mellon, Ellen Junn - CSU Stanislaus, Kathy Kubo - COC, Joe Gerda - COC



MODEL UN EXCELS AT CONFERENCE – APRIL 20 - 23

The Model UN team excelled at the LA MUN Conference held April 20th – 23rd at UCLA.

- **350** delegates participated in the conference, with **20** representing COC. **10** of our **20** delegates won individual awards.
- **COC was named the “Outstanding Large Delegation” – ahead of UC Davis and USC!**
- COC was surpassed only by UC Berkeley, who was named Best Large Delegation, by winning one additional individual award. As a note... UC Berkeley had a COC alumni on their team!
- At the end of Fall 2016 COC was ranked among the **Top 50 MUN programs in the nation – the only community college to achieve that distinction.** After our incredible success at the last two conferences, we are in great shape to remain on that list!



SWIM TEAMS WIN FOUR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

COC hit the water at the 2017 Western State Conference (WSC) Finals in Santa Maria, combining to bring home **four individual conference titles** and set a number of school records, while also establishing a program first. Highlights included:

- Sophomore **Jennifer Yamauchi** became the first individual conference champion in school history after clocking a new school record and winning the 100-yard backstroke event.
- **Jessie Kim** finished more than a second ahead of his closest competitor in the 100-yard backstroke to win the WSC title in record time. He also won the WSC title in the 200-yard backstroke.
- **William Karren** won the WSC title in the 100-yard butterfly and finished third in the 200-yard butterfly.
- As a result of their performances, Kim, Karren and Yamauchi have all qualified to compete at the 2017 California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championships in May at East LA College.



GOLF TEAM WINS 8TH STRAIGHT WSC CHAMPIONSHIP!

The men's golf team claimed its eight straight Western State Conference (WSC) title on May 1st in Arroyo Grande.

- The team will now advance to play in the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) Southern California Championships.
- Canyons ended the regular season with an overall record of 73-4.
- **Ben Campbell** was named conference co-MVP along with Joey Herrera of Ventura.
- The 2017 WSC Championship is the programs **23rd** conference title. **Since the 2000 season Canyons has won the conference championship in all but two years!**
- Congratulations to head coach **Gary Peterson** and team members **Daniel Taplin, Ben Campbell, Ricky Hoefert, Jaeyeol Kim, Michael Lindgren and Travis Fay!**



FORMER COUGAR TIM WHITE SIGNS NFL CONTRACT!

Former COC football and track & field student-athlete **Tim White** has signed a free agent contract with the Baltimore Ravens.

- White was named to the 2014 All-California Community College Football Team for his accomplishments on the field for the Cougars.
- He was also named the 2013 Western State Conference Track & Field Athlete of the Year, earned JC All-American status and won the USA Junior National Championship in the triple jump, setting a school record.
- White went on to play football and compete in track & field for the Arizona State University Sun Devils.
- White joins Domato Peko (Denver Broncos), Jason Pierre-Paul (New York Giants) and Mychal Rivera (Jacksonville Jaguars) as former Cougars currently under contract with NFL teams!



DORIS MARIE ZIMMER NOMINATED AS SCV WOMAN OF THE YEAR!

The COC Foundation was proud to nominate **Doris Marie Zimmer** as SCV Woman of the Year!

- Doris Marie has served on our Foundation Board for 12 years, including serving as the Foundation Board Chair.
- She exemplifies what College of the Canyons is all about. She went back to school later in life, juggling the responsibilities of work and family to complete her Master's Degree through the University Center.
- She is truly an example of perseverance and a role model for our students.
- Through Doris Marie's efforts at COC we have a more engaged, energized and motivated group of volunteers in the Foundation.
- Doris Marie raised over \$10,000 in the "Dancing with Our Stars" event in support of the college's K-12 Arts Education Initiative.
- In addition to the COC Foundation, Doris Marie volunteers in a variety of other non-profits.



*Santa Clarita Valley
Man and Woman of the Year*

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME DINNER – APRIL 20

The annual Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner was held on April 20th in the University Center Lobby.

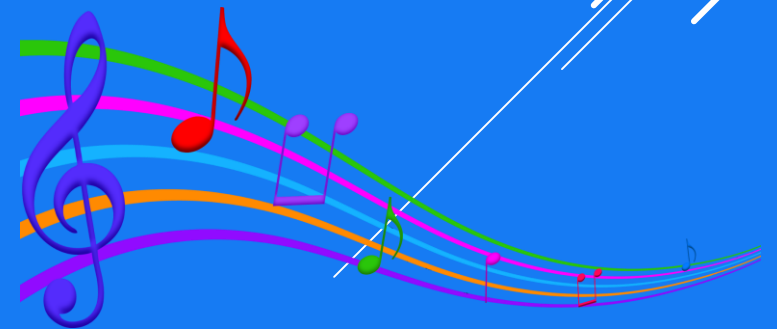
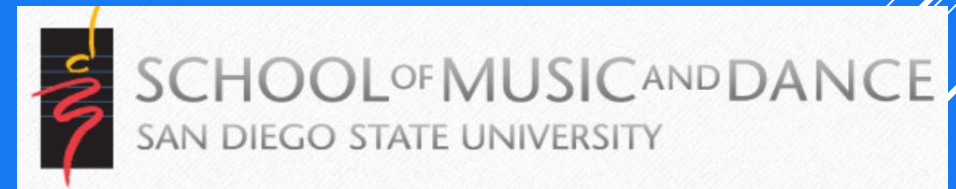
- The 2017 COC Alumni Hall of Fame inductees included:
 - ✓ **Sue Walroth**, MSN, BAHN, RN, Outstanding Alumna 1997 – Director, Telemetry Services at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital
 - ✓ **Dale R. Donohoe**, Outstanding Alumnus 1982 President, Intertex Properties
 - ✓ **Jessica Ta** – Rising Star Recent Alumnus 2014 – Counselor/Associate Professor, Norco College
 - ✓ **Trevor L. Bracket** – Rising Star Alumnus
 - ✓ **Judith & Elliot Wolfe** – Outstanding Friends



DR. DOMINGUEZ - SDSU 2017 MUSIC ALUMNI OF THE YEAR!

Dr. Carmen Dominguez, Dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts at College of the Canyons has been named the **2017 Music Alumni of the Year by the San Diego State University School of Music and Dance.**

- Dr. Dominguez will receive this award at the Music and Dance Honor Convocation on Friday, May 12th.
- Dr. Dominguez earned a Bachelors and Masters in Music from San Diego State University and earned her Doctorate of Musical Arts, specializing in conducting, from the Johns Hopkins Peabody Conservatory.
- Dr. Dominguez has coached with the Metropolitan Opera Staff and was a staff conductor for the Peabody Institute's Opera Program.



CELEBRATING OUR 2017 RETIREES! – MAY 9

COC celebrated the service of our 2017 retirees at a special dinner on May 9th.

- The evening opened with entertainment from COC Music Student Sarah Lopez.
- I had the pleasure to talk about the incredible accomplishments of COC and thank our 2017 retirees for their contributions to our success.
- All of the retirees received a resolution, an engraved piece and a Retiree Survival Kit.



DR. GERDA TESTIFIES ON AB705 – MAY 10

Thank you to Dr. Joe Gerda for testifying before the Assembly Appropriations Committee this morning on AB705.

- AB705 would require community colleges to maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and Mathematics within a one-year timeframe.
- The bill would prohibit a community college from requiring students to enroll in remedial coursework that lengthens their time to complete a degree unless placement research shows that those students are high unlikely to succeed in college-level coursework.
- Dr. Gerda is pictured here with Jacqui Irwin, 44th District Assemblymember.



TENURED FACULTY

Congratulations to our full-time faculty that are receiving tenure. Joining us this afternoon are:

- Keith Kawamoto
- Monica Dabos
- Debbie Klein



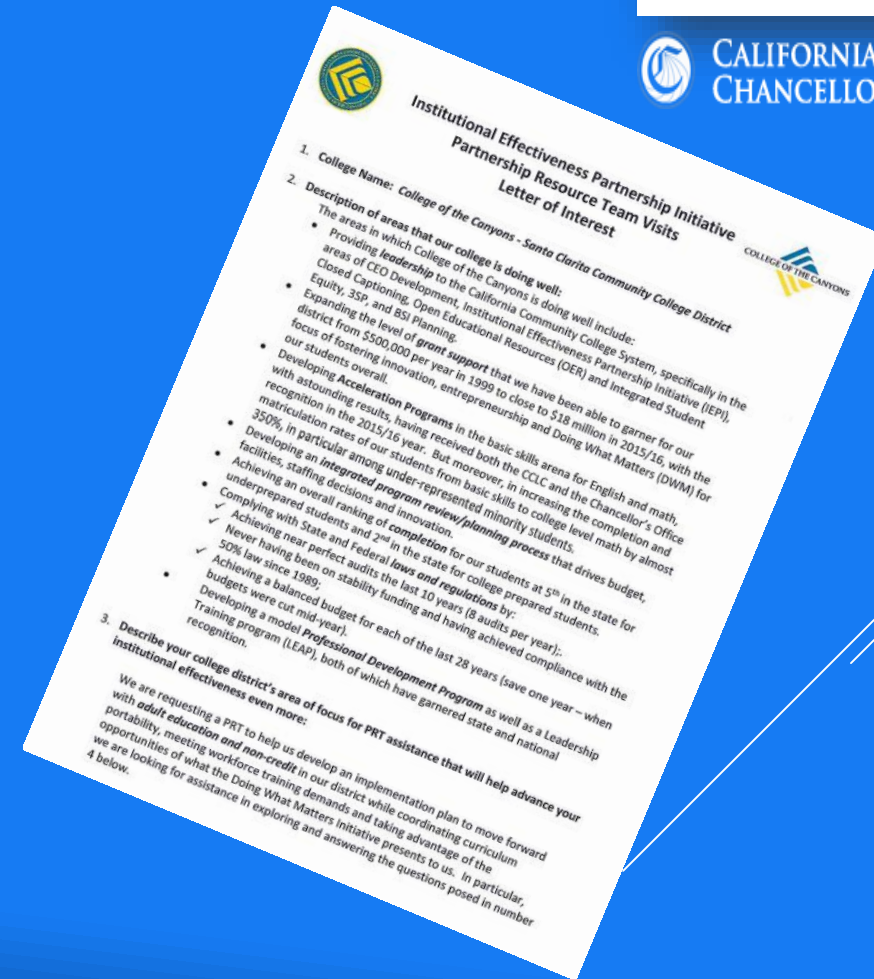


Partnerships

PARTNERSHIP RESOURCE TEAM ASSISTS WITH NONCREDIT

In December 2016 COC sent a Letter of Interest to the IEPI Executive Committee requesting a Partnership Resource Team (PRT) visit to assist COC with moving our Noncredit program forward.

- The Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) is a statewide collaborative effort to help advance the effective practices of the California Community Colleges.
- Partnership Resource Teams (PRTs) draw on the expertise and innovation from within the California Community College system to advance best practices and avoid potential pitfalls.



PRT VISITS COC TO ASSIST WITH NONCREDIT

On April 11th the PRT met with key individuals at COC to look at what we are currently doing in the area of noncredit.

- The PRT then developed a **Menu of Options (MOO)** to assist us in moving forward.
- On May 3rd the PRT returned to COC to discuss the MOO with our staff.
- A team from COC will also be visiting Mt. San Antonio College to look at what their School of Continuing Education is providing for their students.
- COC staff will then develop an **Institutional Innovation and Effectiveness Plan**.
- Once this plan is submitted, COC will be eligible to receive a grant of up to **\$200,000** to move our noncredit program forward.



14TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PLAY DAY – APRIL 22



The COC Center for Early Childhood Education (ECE) and the Southern California Valley Association for the Education of Young Children (SCVAEYC) hosted the 14th Annual “**Play Day**” event on Saturday, April 22, in the Honor Grove. The event was part of the nationally celebrated “Week of the Young Child”.

- The goal of Play Day was to bring the community together for a day of high quality, developmentally stimulating play experiences for infants to school age children.
- Approximately **50** local non-profit groups and organizations dedicated to child and family services were invited to participate.



OER AT CSU BAKERSFIELD – APRIL 24

On Monday, April 24th James Glapa-Grossklag and I were invited speakers at the CSU Bakersfield Faculty Recognition and Affordable Learning Solutions Day.

- Sandra Bozarth from CSUB heard our presentation at the Online Learning Consortium Collaborative hosted by the California State University System in February and asked us to come to Bakersfield.
- The focus of the presentation was to get their faculty excited about making textbooks affordable and to give them some options and possibilities.
- Currently CSUB is in the beginning stages of using Open Educational Resources (OER), with a couple of departments adopting OER and a few dozen classes that offer low-cost textbook rentals.
- We were proud to share that COC faculty are using OER in **200 sections** this spring, doubling the adoptions of OER since the beginning of the year.
- And, more significant, OER has helped to save students **\$3 million** per year! That is life-changing for our students!



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The advertisement features a black and white photo of a kitten on the left. The text is in white and blue on a dark background. It promotes free textbooks through OER, highlighting benefits like saving money, immediate access, and customization for classes. It includes a website link and the College of the Canyons logo.

SCEEC MINI GRANT FOR HONORS NANOSCIENCE

The Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC) provides educational resources to promote environmental literacy in the Santa Clarita Valley. It helps to establish environment resources for educators and students; creates and provides supplementary curriculum; as well as contributes to the revitalization of K-14 students' love for environmental science.

- One of the recent grants was to students at Valencia High School in the Honors Nanoscience program.
- The students used the grant for two soil moisture probes.
- The probes were an integral part of their experiment and provided necessary data to complete their research project.
- Nice work done by **Valencia High School** students **Chris Fallon, Andrew Friedman and Rina Olano!**



TOTALLY TUBULAR – CLASSIFIED APPRECIATION WEEK!

Last week marked our annual “Classified Appreciation Week” with the *theme* “80’s Classified Staff: Totally Tubular!”

- To kick-off the week, all classified and confidential employees were invited to a breakfast at the Canyon Country Campus. Everyone attending the breakfast was entered into a raffle to win an iPad Mini.
- On Tuesday a luncheon was held in the East PE Gym.
- Annual award winners were announced:
 - ✓ CSEA Member of the Year – **Stephanie Paglia**
 - ✓ Classified Senate Spirit Award – **Catherine Parker**
 - ✓ Gloria Jackson Service Award – **Susan Brown**
 - ✓ Dare to Dream Award – **Juan Renteria**
 - ✓ Humanitarian Award – **Robynn Fridlund**
 - ✓ Professional Achievement – **Carmen Gonzales**
 - ✓ Employee of the Year – **Kirk Hanson**
- To round out the celebration, CSEA Chapter 725 sponsored an ice cream social on both campuses on Thursday.
- Thank you to Jim Temple and Leslie Carr - event co-chairs, the organizing committee, CSEA and the Classified Senate for putting together a totally awesome week!



What's New on and Around our Campuses



CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE BREAKFAST BRIEFING – APRIL 21

The Chancellor's Circle held a "Breakfast Briefing" on Friday, April 21st in UCEN 258.

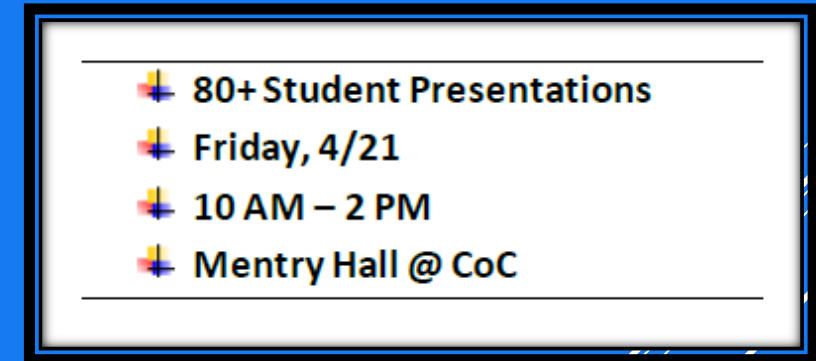
- The topic was **"Cybersecurity – The Threat is Real – What You Can Do To Protect Yourself!"**
- The panel of industry experts included:
 - ✓ Howard Miller, LBW Insurance
 - ✓ Ed Padilla, NE Systems Inc.
 - ✓ Michael Little, Poole and Shaffery, LLP
 - ✓ Bob Jenner, The Network Doctor
 - ✓ John Palmieri, FBI, TEC Task Force
- Chancellor's Circle members participated in a private Q & A with the panelists after the presentation.



COC SPRING STUDENT SYMPOSIUM – APRIL 21

The *COC Spring Student Symposium* was held on Friday, April 21st.

- Over **80** students researched and created presentations to inform our college community and the public about Human Rights and related Animal and Environmental Rights.
- The goal was to educate others and let them know how they can support these causes.
- This event was originally the brainchild of the Anthropology Club, but thanks to the collaboration of a number of faculty and students it became a much more encompassing event.
- This event was co-chaired by faculty members **Tricia George** and **Sarah Etheridge-Criswell**.



HONORS PROGRAM SPRING SHOWCASE – MAY 4

The COC Honors Program Spring Showcase was held on Thursday, May 4th in the University Center.



- The keynote address was provided by Dr. Jerry Buckley.
- Students presented research that was completed this semester in their Honors courses.
- Poster boards were displayed around the room showcasing their work.
- Congratulations to our **24 Honors students** that are transferring this Fall. They will be attending:

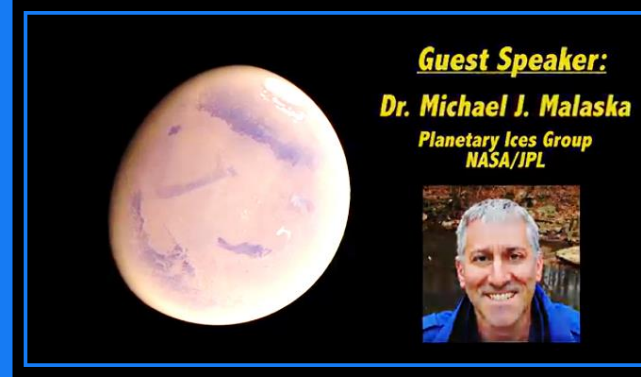
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- ✓San Francisco State University
- ✓Biola
- ✓Loyola Marymount



STAR PARTY AT CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS – MAY 5

Despite a forecast calling for evening cloudiness, the weather cleared, the temperature was pleasant and the crowd was engaged for another successful Star Party on Friday night at the Canyon Country Campus.

- JPL scientist Dr. Michael Malaska opened the show with an interesting talk on Astrobiology and the “Search for Alien Life”.
- Local astronomy groups/clubs brought their large telescopes so that those in attendance could get a good look at the stars.
- Teresa Ciardi did a solar system demo with some of the younger kids in attendance.
- Additionally, our Astronomy and Physics Club, MESA/SHPE, MakerSpace, Chemistry Club, Geology, COC Global and Future Educators Club provided exciting displays.
- It was a fun and entertaining learning experience for the **400+** people in attendance!



PATRONS OF THE ARTS EVENT – MAY 6

On Saturday, May 6th, **24** Patrons of the Arts were treated to a rare opportunity to meet and talk with the Director, Choreographer and Designers of **“Bring It On - The Musical”**.

- Patrons were taken on an artistic tour from concept, to blue prints and ending with a behind the scenes/stage tour of the set.
- A special thank you to Dr. Carmen Dominguez and her amazing creative staff for sharing what they do and giving the Patrons a glimpse into the magic that happens before the audience comes to the theatre!



PRESENTATION AT CCLC ANNUAL TRUSTEES CONFERENCE

Michele Jenkins and I joined Teresa Brown, Board Member, San Joaquin Delta CCD and Frank Gornick, Chancellor, West Hills CCD and former Commissioner, ACCJC for a presentation at the CCLC Annual Trustees Conference last weekend.

- The presentation was ***“The Importance of Boards of Trustees Meeting & Sustaining Accreditation Standard IV.C”***.
- The workshop provided a clear understanding of the responsibilities of trustees in meeting the ACCJC standards for trustees.



ACCREDITED

The Importance of:

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DIANNE VAN HOOK, CHANCELLOR, SANTA CLARITA CCD

SHINE A LIGHT ON SUICIDE PREVENTION & AWARENESS

MAY 9 & 10

For the last two days the Student Health & Wellness Center hosted its 5th annual “**Shine a Light on Suicide Prevention and Awareness Event**”.

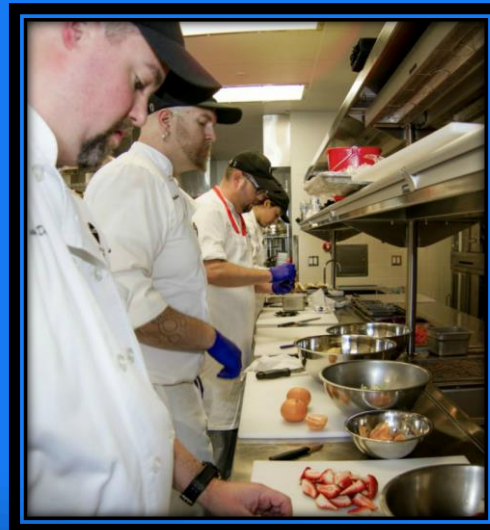
- This event is designed to provide students and community members with access to important mental health resources, while bringing attention to the staggering amount of college students who die by suicide each year.
- 1,100 lanterns were displayed in the Honor Grove representing the vibrant lives of college students lost each year to suicide.
- Speaker Mark Goulston, MD spoke to students on “*Breaking Through to a Suicidal Mind*”.



ICUE IS OFFERING LUNCH SERVICE ON THURSDAYS!

Our Institute for Culinary Education (iCuE) is offering lunch service in its student run laboratory restaurant through June 1.

- This semester iCuE will be offering a weekly buffet focusing on regional cuisine.
- Lunch hours are 11 am – 1:30 pm on Thursdays.
- The cost is \$25 per person and reservations are required.



Upcoming Events



DELIBERATIVE DIALOGUE – MAY 24

The COC Center for Civic Engagement, under the direction of Dr. Patty Robinson, will hold a series of Deliberative Dialogues.

- Deliberative Dialogues provide a way for community members of diverse views and experience to seek a shared understanding of a problem and to search for common ground for action.
- The first of three scheduled dialogues examining the topic of Campus Culture and Safety, specifically in regard to COC, will take place on May 24th from 2 – 4 pm in Hasley Hall 235.
- If you would like to attend, please RSVP to CivicEngagement@canyons.edu.
- The series will continue in mid-summer and early fall.



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS ON CAMPUS

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

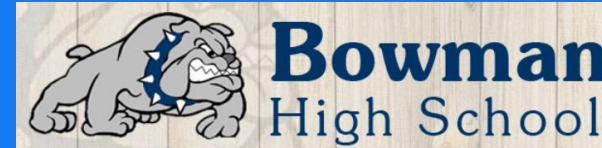
- May 11th – Military Reception (5:30 pm)
- May 13th – MESA Transfer Dinner (5 pm)
- May 18th – Donor Scholarship Reception (5:30 pm)
- May 19th – Synergy Program Graduation (noon)
- May 19th & 20th – Summer Rush Registration & Orientation
- May 23rd – Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony (6 pm)
- May 31st – Student Athlete Academic Dinner (6 pm)
- June 1st – Nursing Pinning Ceremony (noon)
- June 2nd – Commencement (8 am)
- June 2nd – Medical Laboratory Technician Program (MLT) Pinning Ceremony (5 pm)
- June 2nd – Steinway Celebration & Classical Cabaret (6 pm)



UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS AT COC

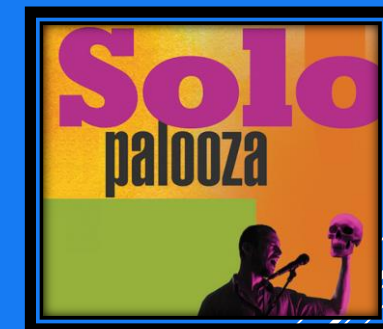
The William S. Hart High School District will be holding high school graduations in the football stadium on our Valencia campus.

- May 23rd – Bowman High School Graduation (6 pm)
- May 24th – Saugus High School Graduation (7 pm)
- May 25th – Canyon High School Graduation (6 pm)
- May 26th – Valencia High School Graduation (7 pm)
- May 30th – West Ranch Graduation (7 pm)
- May 31st – Golden Valley Graduation (7 pm)
- June 1st – Hart High School Graduation (7 pm)
- June 3rd – Academy of the Canyons (9 am Honor Grove)



EVENTS COMING UP IN THE PAC...

- May 12 – COC Music – POPS! Concert (7:30 pm)
- May 13 – COC Music – In Celebration of Nature (7:30 pm)
- May 18 & 19 – COC Dance – May Dances (8 pm)
- May 20 – Lily Tomlin – (8 pm)
- May 24 – COC Music – Electronica Musique & Multimedia Concert (7 pm)
- May 31 & June 1 – COC Music Solopalooza (7:30 pm)
- June 4 – Santa Clarita Master Chorale Simple Gifts (4 pm)
- June 10 – Santa Clarita Ballet Alice in Wonderland (2 & 7:30 pm)
- June 16 – 24 Escape Theatre Shrek (various times & dates)



In Memorial

FORMER COC FOOTBALL COACH LARRY REISBIG PASSES

Former COC football head coach, physical education faculty member and Athletic Hall of Fame inductee **Larry Reisbig** passed away on Monday, April 10th in Newport Beach.

- A member of the COC football program's inaugural coaching staff in 1970, Reisbig was named head coach just prior to the 1973 season. In this first year at the helm, he led the Cougars to a conference title and a trip to the state playoffs.
- Reisbig went on to coach nine seasons at COC (1973-1981), amassing a 51-38 record and winning a second conference title in 1975.
- In 1981 Reisbig left COC to continue his coaching career at Pasadena City College, Long Beach State University, Orange Coast College and Long Beach City College.
- Reisbig was inducted into the COC Athletic Hall of Fame (2009), the Long Beach City College Hall of Champions (2010) and the California Junior College Football Coaches Hall of Champions (2006).
- Reisbig is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patty, his son Mike and daughter Stephanie, along with three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
- Services will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 2 – 5 pm in the Hall of Champions on the Liberal Arts Campus of Long Beach City College.

