

Chancellor's Report and Update



Board of Trustees Meeting
June 14, 2017

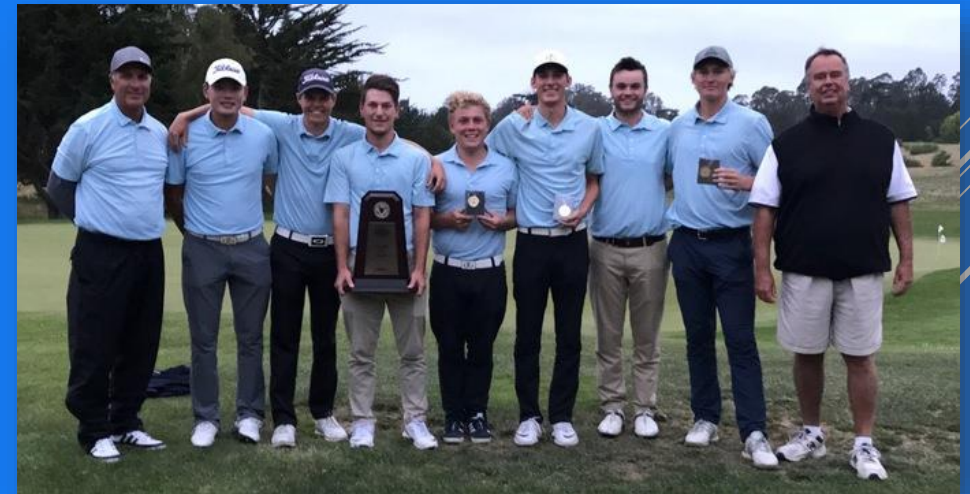
Recognition

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GOLF TEAM WINS 8TH CCCAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

The men's golf team claimed its eight California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championship on May 15th in Arroyo Grande.

- Over the last five seasons Canyons has captured three state titles (2013, 2015, 2017) while finishing as runner up in 2014 and 2016. They previously won the state title in 1993, 2000, 2002, 2006 and 2008.
- **Ben Campbell** was named conference co-MVP along with Joey Herrera of Ventura.
- Congratulations to head coach **Gary Peterson** and team members **Daniel Taplin, Ben Campbell, Ricky Hoefert, Jaeyeol Kim, Michael Lindgren and Travis Fay!**



SBDC CLIENT NAMED AN OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS – MAY 1

The City of Los Angeles and the Small Business Administration (SBA) Resource Partners awarded John Pictaggi, owner of National Glass, an Outstanding Small Business Award on May 1.

- The award came at the nomination of the *Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted by College of the Canyons*.
- As the second-generation owner of National Glass, Pictaggi has worked with the *COC SBDC* for the past three years on ways to continue the family business, diversify the customer base and leverage areas of expertise.
- Mr. Pictaggi thanked the SBDC and said, “*As a small business owner, you don’t have a lot of money to afford a team of business consultants, but the SBDC allows you to have that vital input. It really makes a difference to have that seasoned business perspective.*”
- Congratulations to National Glass and the entire SBDC team, led by Director Catherine Grooms!



John Pictaggi holding the award with two members of the City of L.A. Economic & Workforce Development Team and SBA L.A. District Director Victor Parker.



MESA TRANSFER AND SCHOLARSHIP DINNER – MAY 13

Our MESA Program held their annual MESA Transfer and Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, May 13th in the University Center.

- The MESA Program was created in 2000 to help our students understand and navigate the STEM transfer process in order to successfully graduate with a STEM degree and be able to transfer to a four-year university.
- This year there were **41** MESA fully qualified students who are transferring with a combined GPA of **3.30**.
 - ✓ **26** of those students graduated with **2 or more degrees**;
 - ✓ **13** students graduated with **3 or more degrees**;
 - ✓ **3** students graduated with **4 degrees**; and
 - ✓ **2** students graduated with **5 degrees!**
- **49%** of the transferring students maintained a **3.5 GPA or above** and **2 students** in the program have a **4.0 GPA!**
- Our spring 2017 MESA program is our largest transferring class ever and they are well on their way to making a difference in their lives and improve the lives of others!



MEASURE E CELEBRATION! – MAY 17

On Wednesday, May 17th a celebration was held honoring the volunteers who contributed to the success of Measure E.

- Committee co-chairs Anna Frutos-Sanchez, Jill Mellady, Richard Patterson, and Cameron Smyth were presented with a special resolution. Bryan Koegle was presented the resolution at the Foundation Board meeting.
- Special awards were given to those who went “beyond the call of duty”, as well as the “leaders of the pack”.
- Ballot Signatories, key supporters campaign donors, key community members, phone bankers, headquarters helpers, walkers, poll watchers and sign placers were given special certificates.



HONORS GRADUATE RECEPTION – MAY 18

On Thursday, May 18th the annual Honors Graduate Breakfast Reception was held in the Performing Arts Center.

- **497** honor graduates received their gold braid honor cords, which recognizes graduates who achieved a grade point average of **3.5 or higher** in all college coursework.
- **34** students received valedictorian medallions.
- Over **300** family and friends were present to honor the accomplishments of these amazing students.
- Devon Miller, incoming ASG President welcomed everyone and William Harwood, COC Alumnus, gave the keynote speech.
- Dr. Michael Wilding and Dr. Jerry Buckley announced each student and gave the cords to the honorees.



SCHOLARSHIP DONOR RECEPTION – MAY 18

On Thursday evening, May 18th COC students expressed their gratitude to **65** scholarship donors whose generous gifts will help make their academic goals a reality.

- Nearly **100** students participated in the donor appreciation reception held in the University Center lobby.
- It was delightful to see the students interacting with their donors.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY – MAY 23

On Tuesday evening, May 23rd the Financial Aid Office held the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony in the Performing Arts Center.

- The Performing Arts Center was full of happy students and proud families as we celebrated the more than **260** students that received scholarship awards totaling **\$221,706!**
- A special thanks to Tom Bilbruck and the Financial Aid Office for coordinating this very special event for our students!
- Congratulations to all of our 2017 scholarship award winners!



STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC DINNER – MAY 31

The Student Athlete Academic Achievement Dinner was held on Wednesday, May 31st.

- This annual dinner recognized **97** student-athletes who earned an associate degree this semester and/or are transferring to a four-year school in the fall.
- Included in the list were student-athletes from **15** of the college's intercollegiate athletic programs and several dual-sport athletes.
- During the 2016-17 academic year, the Cougar athletes finished with outstanding results including:
 - ✓ **Three** Western State Conference Championships and **seven** individual conference titles;
 - ✓ **Four** teams finished as runner up to the conference championship;
 - ✓ **One** individual state championship in the women's 3,000 meter steeplechase; and
 - ✓ **One** team State Championship in men's golf!



STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC DINNER – MAY 31

Our student-athletes excel as scholars as well:

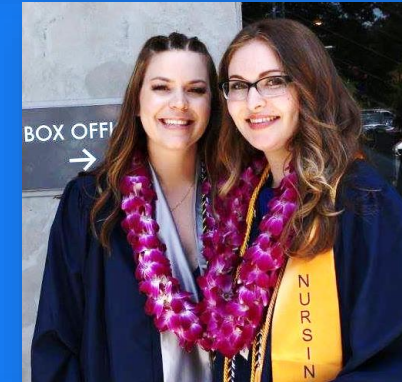
- COC student-athletes achieved a combined GPA of **3.025** during the spring 2016 and fall 2016 semesters, with **72** associate degree petitions filed for spring/summer 2017.
- ✓ In fact, **less than 1%** of all of our student athletes have become ineligible due to grade issues and their **average GPAs of 3.025 is higher than our non-athlete students** who averaged a 2.92 GPA during this same time span!
- ✓ Additionally, **14** football players were named to the 2016 Southern California Football Association Scholar-Athlete team and **5** players on the women's soccer team have been named to the CCCAA academic All-State Team, the most from any community college in the state!



NURSES PINNING CEREMONY – JUNE 1

The Nursing Pinning Ceremony was held on Thursday, June 1st in the Performing Arts Center.

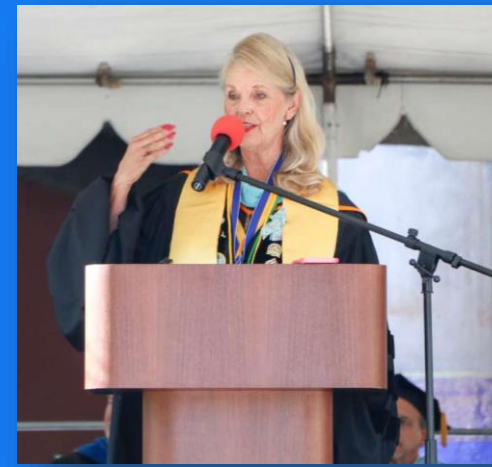
- The program celebrated the pinning of **50** new nursing graduates.
- It was an honor to give the keynote address highlighting both the professional and career opportunities that await the graduates.
- During the ceremony we also celebrated the retirement of two full-time nursing program faculty, Professor Ann Lowe and Professor Dr. Diane Baker, our Nursing Program Director.
- Professor Mary Corbett, our incoming Nursing Program Director, provided an inspiring reflection on her life as a nurse and as a nurse educator.

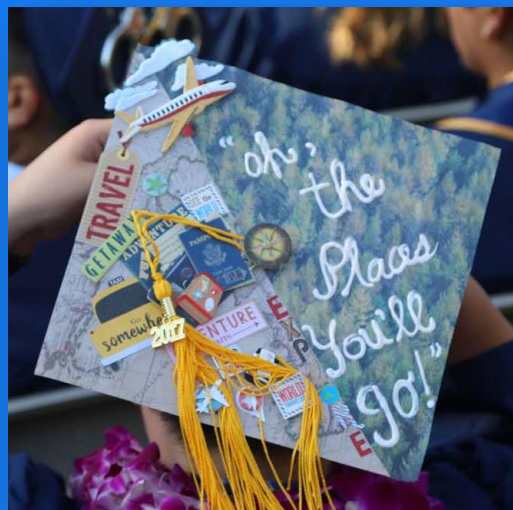


HISTORIC COMMENCEMENT

Our 48th Commencement Ceremony was particularly significant because the graduating class surpassed the 2,000 mark for the first time!

- The 2017 class of **2,046** graduates represents a nearly 16% increase over a year ago – and a remarkable **134%** increase from 10 years ago, when that number was under 1,000!
- **91** of the graduates received two or more degrees, including two who earned five degrees.
- **Seven** graduates were 60 or older; the oldest 77 and the youngest 16!
- There were **eight** instances of a parent and child graduating together.
- Additionally, **68** AOC students graduated with an Associates Degree from COC the day before they received their high school diploma!





MLT PINNING CEREMONY – JUNE 2

The Medical Lab Technician Program celebrated the pinning of the largest number of program graduates in the history of the program on Friday, June 2nd in the University Center.

- **17** new Medical Laboratory Technicians were welcomed into their chosen profession by the faculty and preceptors from the clinical training sites.
- **Two** of our graduates have been accepted in the post-baccalaureate CLS program at California State University Los Angeles and **6** of the graduates already have bachelor's degrees.
- Laboratory Directors from Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and Whittier Hospital were in attendance and expressed support for the MLT Program and welcomed the graduates to their careers as laboratory professionals, providing practical tips to assist the graduates in their transition from student to future employees.
- It was a privilege to celebrate with these students who are entering the workforce in one of California's fastest growing job sectors.



CUL-DE-SAC TURNS 10!

The COC literary and arts magazine **cul-de-sac** celebrated a decade of artistry in May!

- The magazine's tenth volume includes poetry, stories, photographs and artwork created by more than **30** COC students.
- Five of the students featured in the magazine are currently incarcerated at Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic and were eligible to participate as they were taking a creative writing class taught by COC adjunct professor Eric Barnhart at the Detention Center.
- **Cul-de-sac** is created entirely by students enrolled in English 122, the college's magazine production class and gives the students the opportunity to learn about the literary production process.
- **Cul-de-sac** has won multiple national awards through the Community College Humanities Association and aims to be inclusive of all voices and creative styles.



CHAMPIONSHIP RUN

The COC Track & Field Team capped its season with a trip to the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championships at American River College in Sacramento on May 19th and 20th.

- The Canyons contingent included a combined 14 student-athletes competing in 13 events.
- Highlighting the weekend was the performance of sophomore **Diani Ellis**, who ran to an individual State Championship in the 3,000m steeplechase with a time of 11:15:61.



- Ellis, who only competed in the steeplechase for the first time earlier this season, entered the championship meet with the top time in the state and held true to that mark despite taking a hard fall about midway through the event.
- Ellis has also been named a JC All-American!

AMERICAS JOB CENTER OF CALIFORNIA RECEIVES A PERFECT SCORE!

The Americas Job Center of California (AJCC) received a perfect score on their audit this week – with no compliance issues!

- AJCC is a free job resource center that provides comprehensive services to both job seekers looking to find sustainable employment and employers seeking qualified candidates for their current or upcoming job openings.
- Employers are matched with skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.
- Job seekers can access employment, education, training and support services to succeed in the labor market.
- All services at AJCC are offered to businesses and job seekers free of charge.
- Congratulations to Keri Aaver and her staff!



NONCREDIT CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY – JUNE 13

Students receiving a noncredit certificate of competency were celebrated in the University Center lobby on June 13th.

- We were excited to award **257** Noncredit ESL certificates, **16** Noncredit Computer Application Web Technologies (CAWT) certificates and **50** Noncredit Arithmetic certificates.
- Guest speaker Ken Wiseman from AMS Fulfillment presented noncredit ESL certificates to his employees. It was the first AMS Fulfillment cohort class to complete a certificate.
- Over **300** students and their guests attended the event.
- Many student success stories were shared including two returning students who completed their GEDs and have moved into the credit program and on to CSUN.



COC STUDENT RECEIVES JPL INTERNSHIP!

COC student **Daniel Tikhomirov** has been offered an internship for the Fall 2017 SIRI (Student Independent Research Intern) Program at JPL.

- Daniel will be working on the *design and control of prototype vehicles for Mars navigation.*
- In this project JPL designs particular vehicles that have two modes of flying in the air and moving on the Mars surface.
- Daniel will help with the mechanical design of the vehicle.
- He will also collaborate with researchers at JPL fabrication shops, helping with basic calculations on the weight and material selection.
- Way to go Daniel!



Student Daniel Tikhomirov
with Professor Teresa Ciardi

Partnerships



SYNERGY PROGRAM GRADUATION – MAY 19

The Synergy Program held their graduation luncheon on May 19th.

- The idea and implementation of SYNERGY was created by COC staff in 2008 through our LEAP initiative.
- Synergy is a learning community designed specifically to assist new faculty and to help them be successful members of the college.
- Through SYNERGY, new faculty are able to take energizing workshops and participate in intellectually stimulating seminars that help new faculty assimilate into the COC environment and make a human connection.
- **19** new faculty participated in the program this year, which was coordinated by Dr. Kelly Cude.
- It was a pleasure to see these excited and motivated people.



COC VISITS MT. SAC – MAY 26

A team from COC visited Mt. San Antonio College on Friday, May 26th.

- **34** of our faculty, staff and administrators spent four hours with the noncredit leadership at Mt. SAC covering every aspect of noncredit and continuing education.
- The day was extremely well organized and inspirational, leaving us with a lot of great ideas to consider.
- This visit was a part of the process we are going through to complete our ***Innovation and Effectiveness Plan*** which will lead to an Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) grant of **\$200,000** to move our noncredit program forward.



Dr. Bill Scroggins, President



Dr. Madelyn Arballo,
Dean School of Continuing
Education

ACADEMY OF THE CANYONS GRADUATION – JUNE 3

The 2017 class of Academy of the Canyons celebrated their graduation in the Honor Grove at COC on June 3rd.

- Of the **106** graduates:
 - ✓ **58** students graduated with a 4.0 or higher GPA;
 - ✓ **28** students graduated with a GPA of 3.5 – 3.9; and
 - ✓ **20** students earned a GPA of 3.0 – 3.4.
 - ✓ **All students earned a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA.**
- **68** of the 106 students graduated with an Associate Degree from COC, the day before they graduated from AOC!
- Board President Steve Zimmer and board member Michele Jenkins were on hand to congratulate the graduates.



DIGITAL MEDIA EDUCATORS AT COC – JUNE 7 - 9

College of the Canyons hosted a special event for Information and Communication Technologies Business and Digital Media faculty from throughout the state at COC on June 7 -9.

- The three-day conference featured workshops, speakers and networking events that highlighted the growing digitalization of business through virtualization, the cloud, media production, mobile devices, service management and information collaboration.
- Breakout session focused on career pathways for digital media occupations, entrepreneurship and jobs where digital skills combine with other skills for gainful employment.
- The keynote speaker was James Brady, CIO of Kaiser Permanente, who was followed by Erik Kellener of CxO Consulting, Inc.
- On Friday Mike Cavanagh, President of Key Code Media and Carol Schenkler and Jon Swift of Robert Half Technology provided the keynote addresses.



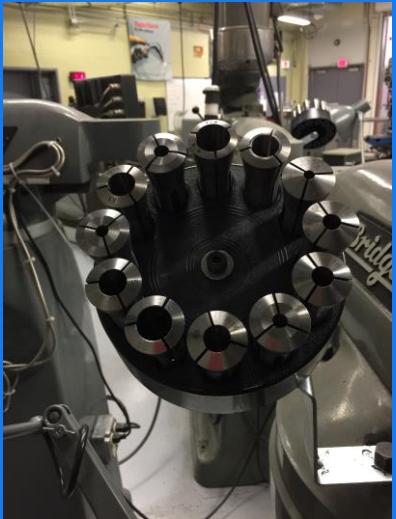
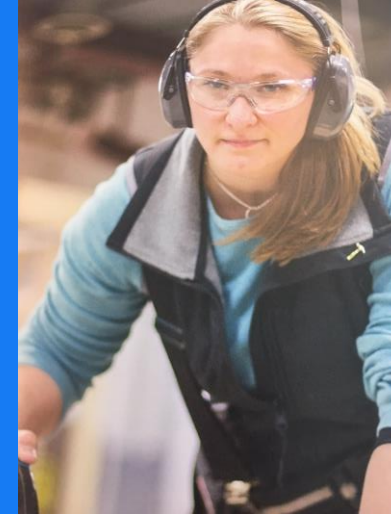
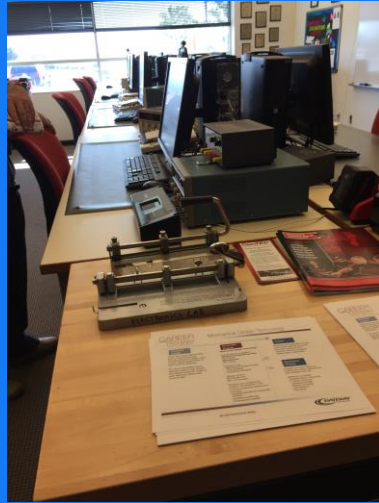
NCATC CONFERENCE IN MADISON WISCONSIN – JUNE 5 - 7

I had the pleasure of delivering the keynote address at the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers (NCATC) 2017 Summer Workshop.

- The NCATC is a network of higher education resources that advocates and promotes the use of technology applications that enhance economic and workforce development programs and services.
- The focus of the 2017 Summer Workshop was “***The Future of Fabrication & Welding Training***”.
- I was invited to speak on ***Innovation, Collaboration and Planning*** and how this commitment has led College of the Canyons to achieve many significant accomplishments and how we support the growth of our welding and manufacturing programs.
- The conference included tours with hands-on interactive training sessions. Tours included Madison College, EK Machine Co. Inc. and Robbins Manufacturing Inc.
- While there I was approached for COC to be the host college for the 2018 conference.



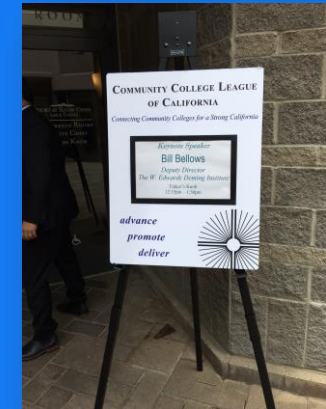
NCATC CONFERENCE IN MADISON WISCONSIN – JUNE 5 - 7



CEO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY -

I was pleased to work with the Community College League of California to bring back the CEO Leadership Academy which originated in the mid 1980s.

- The academy was designed to address the unique challenges and opportunities of community college leaders and to create a professional cohort through relationship building.
- Experienced CEOs from community colleges around the state facilitated workshops and discussions.
- I was pleased to organize and present a workshop on **“The Role of CEOs as Fundraiser of their College”** alongside Keetha Mills, President and CEO of the Foundation for California Community Colleges.
- I also participated in a workshop with Senator Scott Wilk on **“Relations and Advocacy – Partnering with Policymakers for Success.”**
- It was great to work with and mentor our newer CEOs.



Your Community College League of California proudly announces
The 2017 CEO Leadership Academy

- Individual Trustee**
- Is a member of a team
 - Represents the entire community
 - Focuses on the success of students
 - Does not have authority to make decisions
 - Does not direct staff
 - Does not represent the college/district
 - Supports the decisions of the Board
 - Supports the authority of the CEO
 - Respects lines of communication



WEDPAC CONFERENCE CALL – JUNE 14

Earlier today I participated in a WEDPAC/EDPAC conference call with 30+ participants. The discussion was on ***Transforming the Workforce Mission of the California Community Colleges*** and included discussion on:

- Ecosystem of intrapreneurs
- Innovations-at-Scale
- Funding Rollout
- CTE Rebranding Effort (\$3 million)
- Student Advisory Committee
- Student Fellows
- Outreach
- Guided Pathways



WEDPAC CONFERENCE CALL – JUNE 14

INNOVATIONS-AT-SCALE...TO BENEFIT STUDENTS

Top Ten 21st Century Skills

- Adaptability
- Analysis/Solution Mindset
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Digital Fluency
- Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Empathy
- Resilience
- Self-Awareness
- Social/Diversity Awareness



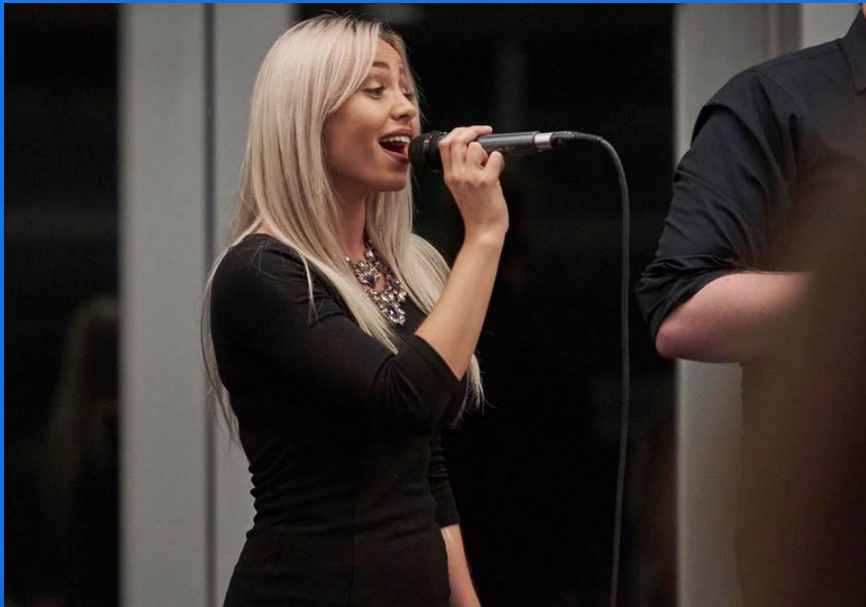
What's New on and Around our Campuses



CHANCELLOR'S CABARET – MAY 19

On Friday, May 19th, COC Choir held a performance in the lobby of the University Center.

- **“Just Jazz”** and **“House Blend”** entertained the audience under the expert direction of choral director Julie Lawson.



LILY TOMLIN IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER – MAY 20

On Saturday, May 20th Lily Tomlin played to a sold out crowd in the Performing Arts Center.

- Ms. Tomlin had the audience rolling in the aisles as she reenacted her amazing cast of characters.
- Prior to the event approximately 60 guests gathered for a pre-event dinner under umbrellas behind the Performing Arts Center. Our guests enjoyed the beautiful weather and danced to the sounds of Susan Rey while enjoying cocktails and dinner.
- It was a wonderful way to wrap up the 2016/17 PAC season!



STEINWAY CELEBRATION & CLASSICAL CABARET – JUNE 2

On Friday, June 3rd, Patrons of the Arts members were treated to an exclusive “**Classical Cabaret**”.

- Our very talented faculty, as well as guest pianist Kirill Gliadkovsky, broke in the new Steinway pianos.
- Another special moment from the cabaret happened when Dr. Carmen Dominguez, Dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts, did what she is trained to do.... Conducted the orchestra. Magnificently, I might add!



Dr. Dominguez

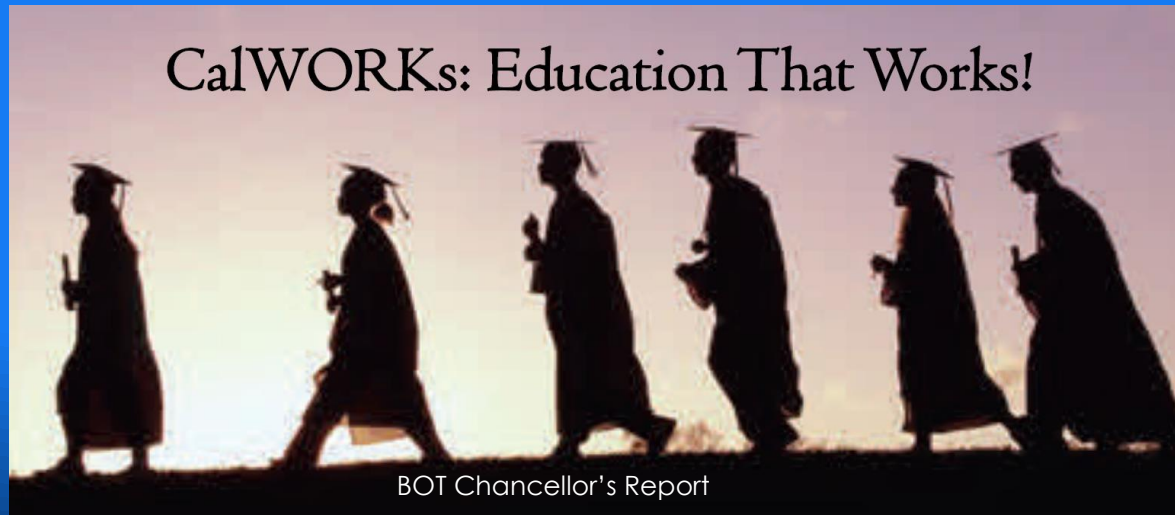


Upcoming Events

LAC 5 Annual Conference – June 16

The LAC5 (Los Angeles County Community College CalWORKs Consortium) will be hosting their annual conference at College of the Canyons on June 16th.

- This group is a professional association of community college administrators, counselors and staff of CalWORKs programs in 21 colleges, including COC, that services the Los Angeles Metropolitan area.
- College of the Canyons' CalWORKs department works in partnership with the County of Los Angeles in order to provide educational and career opportunities, with an array of high-quality support services, to eligible students and their families who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- I will be pleased to welcome the attendees to our campus and discuss the success of our program here at COC.



EVENTS COMING UP IN THE PAC...

- Shrek The Musical – Escape Theatre
 - ✓ Friday, June 16 – 10 am & 7 pm
 - ✓ Saturday, June 17 – 2 pm & 7 pm
 - ✓ Sunday, June 18 – 2 pm
 - ✓ Friday, June 23 – 7 pm
 - ✓ Saturday, June 24 – 2 pm & 7 pm



**New PAC season to
be announced soon!**

In Memorial

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF KIM GURNEE

It is with great sadness that I share the news regarding the passing of English professor **Kim Gurnee**.

- Kim was our colleague, our friend, a change shaper and a tremendous inspiration for our students.
- During her 17 years at COC, Kim played a significant role in the English department where she valued creative writing and helped create English 122 and the Literary Magazine Production course.
- Kim contributed to numerous college-wide committees, was the inspiration and initiator of the Sustainable Development Committee and collaborated on valuable college-wide programs including New Works Festival, Poets and Writers, the Writing Center Pilot and Supplemental Instruction workshops.
- Kim's passion for language and deep knowledge of the field of linguistics led to the creation of a linguistics course which she taught for many years.
- Kim gave generously of herself, lighting the way for others and fueling our spirits. She was a vibrant observer of the world and was a curious and impassioned explorer.
- We extend our sympathies to Kim's mother, sister, friends and colleagues who mourn her passing.
- Service arrangement will be shared as soon as they are available.

