

Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting
July 12, 2017



Recognition



COC BASEBALL PLAYERS SELECTED IN MLB DRAFT!

The COC baseball program was well represented in the 2017 Major League Baseball first-year player draft. The Cougar contingent included:

- Former player JC Cloney, pitched for two seasons (2014 & 2015) at COC before accepting a scholarship to the University of Arizona. He was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 9th round.
- Former player Colton Burns, started at second base for the Cougars in 2015 and 2016 before transferring to UC Santa Barbara. He was selected the Minnesota Twins in the 18th round.
- Freshman Cole Kleszcz, was a lead-off hitter for the Cougars with a .410 batting average. He was selected by the Cleveland Indians in the 40th round.



COC baseball players JC Cloney, Colton Burns and Cole Kleszcz.

JAMES GLAPA-GROSSKLAG APPOINTED TO GLOBAL OER COMMITTEE

James Glapa-Grossklag, Dean of Educational Technology, Learning Resources and Distance Learning has been appointed to a new, global OER (Open Educational Resources) Public Policy Committee.

- The committee was recently announced at a forum on digital learning hosted by UNESCO and the International Council for Open and Distance Education.
- James is **one of 14** invited education leaders from around the world. Other members are from institutions in China, France, Great Britain, India, New Zealand, Norway and Turkey.
- He is the only member from a community college.
- We are pleased that James will have the opportunity to highlight not only the work that community colleges are undertaking, but also the leadership of College of the Canyons in this arena.



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JOE KLOCKO MAKES IT TO 11,300 FEET IN MAMMOTH!



FISHER COACHES USA YOUTH MEN BASKETBALL TEAM - JULY 4 - 17

Howard Fisher, COC men's basketball coach, is currently in Israel coaching the USA Youth Men's Basketball team during the 20th World Maccabiah Games.

- During the first week the entire USA delegation toured historical sites across Israel.
- On July 6th over **80** countries were represented during the opening ceremonies procession. The USA delegation was the largest, with more than **1,100** competitors.
- As of July 11th the team concluded pool play with a record of **3-0**, posting impressive wins over Canada, Mexico and Australia. **They are now headed to the Medal Round!**
- Previously Coach Fisher served as the head coach of the Team USA Open Men's Basketball teams at the 2006 Maccabi Australia International Games and the 11th Pan American Maccabi Games in 2007, winning a bronze and silver medal, respectively.



CHEF OTTO NAMED BEST CHEF IN TOWN!

Chef Daniel Otto has been named “*Best Chef in Santa Clarita*” by Elite Magazine.

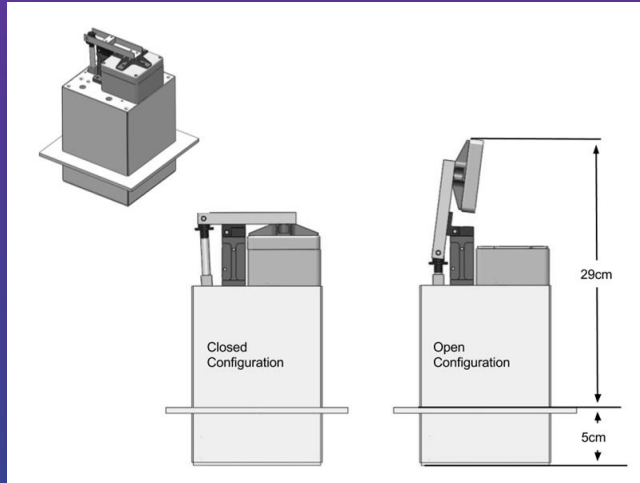
- The honor was presented to Chef Otto on Thursday, July 6th.
- COC is proud to have Chef Otto as one of our very talented instructors in the Institute for Culinary Education (iCue).
- Congratulations to Chef Otto!



HASP 2017 UPDATE

Our students are completing the final tasks for their payload and are growing more excited in anticipation for their week of vacuum/thermal testing and integration in Palestine, Texas.

- The payload title is “Electrostatic Cosmic Dust Collector” (ECDC).
- Congratulations to the COC team including students:
 - ✓ Daniel Tikhomirov, Team Manager
 - ✓ Kyle Strickland, Systems Lead
 - ✓ Nicole Arango, Thermal Systems Lead
 - ✓ Brandon Gelfand, Flight Systems Lead
 - ✓ Patrick Gagnon, Chief Engineer
- And Faculty Advisors:
 - ✓ Teresa Ciardi, Science Professor
 - ✓ Greg Poteat, Manufacturing Instructor
- COC is the only community college participating in the flight this year and it is one of only five that have participated in HASPs 11-year history.



COC DEFENSIVE END COMMITS TO TENNESSEE

COC defensive end Dorian Gerald announced his intention to play for the Tennessee Volunteers in the Class of 2018.

- Gerald received offers from Alabama, Florida and Florida State, but chose Tennessee because of the relationships he developed with their staff.
- Once Gerald buys in with a team and a coach, he remains loyal, just as he did here at COC.
- According to COC Football coach Ted Iacenda, Gerald will have no problem taking on a leadership role at Tennessee as he leads through his actions and his performance.



Partnerships



COC STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD IN SPAIN – JUNE 15 – JULY 15

A group of COC students, accompanied by Dr. Claudia Acosta, are enjoying a summer abroad studying in Madrid!

- Students have visited many sites in and around Madrid, including Plaza Mayor, Segovia, El Prado and the Royal Palace, in addition to attending classes every day.
- July 6th was the beginning of San Fermin (running of the bulls) in Pamplona – don't worry, our students were headed to Barcelona!



LEAP FORWARD MEETS WITH CITY MANAGERS – JUNE 19

On June 19th the COC LEAP Forward class met with City of Santa Clarita managers at City Hall.

- COC provided an overview of our LEAP Forward program which focuses on identifying participant's leadership strengths and developing the skills they need to master to fulfill their vision and be prepared to move into a Vice President, President or Chancellor position.
- We discussed the value of partnerships and talked about the past partnerships COC has enjoyed with the City of Santa Clarita.
- The LEAP Forward participants and the City Managers brainstormed ideas for new partnerships.
- Over 20 new partnerships were discussed on a variety of topics including:
 - ✓ Parking & Transportation
 - ✓ A city-wide internship program
 - ✓ Technical Training/Manufacturing
 - ✓ First Year Promise
 - ✓ Non-Credit Courses
 - ✓ Large Animal Vet Program
 - ✓ Drug Free Youth in SCV
 - ✓ Public Libraries
 - ✓ Urban Planning
 - ✓ CCC Amphitheater
 - ✓ Cowboy Poetry Festival/Humanities Partnership



NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS – JUNE 19-21


Teachers from Castaic, Saugus, Newhall and Sulphur Springs School Districts attended a three-day **Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)** training at College of the Canyons from June 19th – 21st.

- NGSS were adopted by the State Board of Education in September 2013. Since their adoption, school districts throughout the state have slowly begun implementing the standards before they fully take effect in the 2018/19 school year.
- Teresa Ciardi, Chair of the Earth, Space & Environmental Sciences Department and Amy Foote, Director of MESA, moderated the training and activities designed to help teachers integrate the new standards into the elementary school curriculum.
- This is the third time COC has provided these trainings which help to bring creative learning experiences to our local elementary students.
- We have received excellent feedback from those attending the trainings as well as the district Superintendents. See the next slide!



NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS – ACCOLADES!

Castaic, Saugus and Sulphur Springs featured the COC NGSS training on their Facebook pages!

 **Castaic Union School District** added 3 new photos. Friday at 2:40 PM · Los Angeles, CA ·

HAVE YOU HEARD? We believe that ongoing Professional Development of our teachers and staff is vital to the success of our students!

CUSD teachers are participating in a three-day training session at College of the Canyons in order to learn how to teach science and technology concepts in a way that promotes "in-depth understanding while encouraging communication, collaboration and problem-solving". We want to teach in such a way that engages our students and makes learning fun!

Here you see teachers Colleen Blankenship, Cynthia Hatton, Marie Gilbert and Claudia DiMonte acting as "predators" and scooping up "food" that isn't camouflaged. This STEM lesson teaches animal adaptations for survival and interdependent relationships in ecosystems.




 **Saugus Union School District** June 22 at 11:01am ·

#SUSDInTheNews: Earlier in the week, #SUSD science teachers gathered with their peers from across the valley to learn all about the state's new science standards. Check it out here:




SCV teachers study California's newest science standards – Santa Clarita Valley Signal

Teachers from the Santa Clarita Valley's four elementary school districts are spending their summer vacations studying the state's Next Generation Science...

 **Sulphur Springs Union School District** 41 mins ·

What do our teachers do during their summer break?

Attend College of the Canyon's Next Generation Science training so that they can continue to provide our students top notch science instruction.



FOUNDATION BOARD INSTALLATION DINNER – JUNE 22

The Foundation Board celebrated the end of the 2016/17 fiscal year and installed the new board members and officers for 2017/18.

- The Foundation Board members were acknowledged for serving as great Ambassadors for the College and for moving the Foundation's fundraising initiatives forward.
- COC is especially grateful for the leadership of Steve Corn over the past year and the dedication of the entire Board of Directors.
- The event was held at the Valencia Country Club.



IEPI RETREAT – JUNE 26 - 27

The Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) Executive Committee held a retreat in San Diego on June 26th – 27th. During the retreat we:

- Celebrated the successes of the Initiative over the last year.
- Discussed emerging issues within the California Community College System including:
 - ✓ Guided Pathways; and
 - ✓ Integrated Planning with Initiatives and College Planning.
- Discussed challenges and ideas for adjustments or course corrections.
- Reviewed the unmet needs in the California Community College System and discussed where IEPI can help directly or indirectly.
- Examined ways to plan ahead for emerging initiatives and system challenges.



UNIVERSITY CENTER PRESENTATION AT SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE – JUNE 27

On Tuesday, June 27th I had the pleasure of going to Southwestern College to make a presentation to their Governing Board, the Chula Vista City Council, as well as Economic Development entities.

- The purpose of the presentation was to provide an overview on what a University Center can do to further educational access and to help them explore options for moving forward.
- Three and a half years ago staff from Southwestern College visited COC to learn about building a University Center. Due to a variety of reasons, they could not move forward at that time.
- With an improved economy and a new Superintendent/President, Southwestern College is now ready to begin planning.
- After the presentation, the Southwestern College Governing Board and the Chula Vista City Council unanimously agreed to create a joint task force to explore a University Center concept for South County.



Dr. Kindred Murillo
Superintendent/President

ASTRONOMY & PHYSICS CLUB AT MT. WILSON OBSERVATORY - JULY 2

The Astronomy and Physics Club recently enjoyed an excursion to Mount Wilson Observatory.

- The club spent “half a night” (8 pm – 2 am) observing objects with the 60” telescope.
- This excursion was partially funded with an ASG grant and with Astronomy & Physics Club fundraising.
- The club partnered with the Santa Clarita Local Group of Amateur Astronomers who shared the night observing with the club.



CALIFORNIA ACCELERATION PROJECT SUMMER INSTITUTE – JULY 7 - 9

COC was pleased to host the California Acceleration Project Summer Institute on Friday, July 7th through Sunday, July 9th in the University Center.

- **200** English and Math community college faculty from around Southern California came to learn about high leverage strategies to dramatically increase student success (Math 75, Placement Reform, Co-requisites).
- COC Mathematics Professor Kathy Kubo and Irvine Valley College English faculty member Summer Serpas co-organized the event.
- COC students Sarah Russell and Andres Salazar served on a panel and shared their math pathways experience.
- The event was funded by a CAP Grant.
- Special thanks to the TLC, IT, AV, and Facilities staff for their support of this event.



NEW DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED BY UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE

The University of La Verne will offer a **doctoral program** in **organizational leadership** in the University Center starting this fall.



- Information sessions, in room 205 of the University Center, are scheduled for:
 - ✓ Thursday, July 13th at 4:00 pm; and
 - ✓ Monday, August 14th at 5:30 pm.
- Those interested in attending either information session can email Cathy Ritz.
- We have reached out to the local school districts to let them know of this great, local opportunity for their staff members!



What's New on and Around our Campuses



WATER CONSERVATION ON CAMPUS

As of June 13th, the campus community has saved an estimated **337,309** water bottles by using refillable water bottle stations.

- Water bottle refilling stations can be found in Mentry Hall, West PE and Canyons Hall.
- We want to thank Facilities, ASG and the Sustainability Center staff and volunteers for doing the research and helping to move this effort forward.

A very nice step in our sustainability efforts!



VALENCIA CAMPUS MAKERSPACE OPEN DURING THE SUMMER

The Valencia campus MakerSpace is open from 8 am – 2 pm, Monday through Thursday, through August 12th.

- MakerSpace is a community center that provides technology, manufacturing equipment and education opportunities to the public.
- The COC MakerSpace has hand tools, 3D printers, a laser cutter, electronic instruments, soldering stations and other items to foster innovative and creativity.
- MakerSpace is located in the Student Center, adjacent to the cafeteria.



The background features several spotlights on a stage. One spotlight on the left is blue, one in the center is purple, and two on the right are red. The text is centered and overlaid on this background.

THE 2017-18 SEASON

TAKE A PEEK!

2017-18 PAC Season Highlights!

- September 16 – Billboard chart-topping rock band **Three Dog Night**
- October 7 – Disney's "Frozen" Sing-Along
- October 13 – **Stacy Sullivan** in a Tribute to Peggy Lee
- November 4 – **Underwater Bubble Show**
- November 12 – Country music legend **Dwight Yoakam**
- December 3 – **The Acrobats of Cirque-tacular** in **Snowkuss Pocus**
- February 10 – Grammy Award-winning comedy duo **Cheech and Chong**
- April 7 – Cabaret performance by **Mark Nadler**
- May 19 – **Dog trick act and winners of America's Got Talent**

The PAC will also host a number of COC Theatre, Music and Dance Department productions, as well as other community group performances.

Check out the PAC website for the full lineup!
PAC series ticket package sales began on Monday, July 10th.
Individual ticket sales began this morning at 10 am.



COMING UP IN THE PAC THROUGH SEPTEMBER...

July/August 2017

- ✓ **Santa Clarita Regional Theatre: “The Little Mermaid”**

Saturday, July 22, 29, August 5, 12 at 8 pm

Sunday, July 23, 30, August 6, 13 at 2 pm

- ✓ **Valencia Symphony: Silent-Era Double Bill with Live Orchestra**

Saturday, August 26 at 7 pm



September 2017

- ✓ **COC Presents: An Evening with Three Dog Night**

Saturday, September 16 at 8 pm


- ✓ **COC Music: Juan Pablo Horcasitas – Piano Recital**

Wednesday, September 20 at 7 pm

- ✓ **Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company Mexico, Al Son de La Banda**

Saturday, September 30 at 7:30 pm



A red SUV is parked in a lot, with a bright yellow kayak mounted on its roof rack. The kayak has the name 'Kathleen' written on its side. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains with patches of snow under a clear blue sky. A green bush is in the foreground.

Happy Summer!