

# Chancellor's Report & Update

A scenic view of a lake with yellow autumn trees in the foreground and blue mountains in the distance. The trees are in the foreground, framing the view of the lake. The lake is a deep blue, and the mountains in the background are a darker blue. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 12, 2018**



# Recognition



# NURSING PATHWAYS TO BSN

Our nursing program is experiencing a cultural shift as it relates to pursuing higher education.

- In 2014-15 only **14%** of our graduates pursued higher education with concurrent enrollment or within 6 months of graduation.
- That number has exploded in 2017-18 to **95.5%** due to dual enrollment, including the BSN program currently offered in the University Center.
- In fact, in Spring 2018 we had **50%** of our students concurrently enrolled in an ADN/BSN program.
- Congratulations to the entire nursing faculty for encouraging our students to excel.



# DR. KELLY CUDE DANCES FOR CHARITY

Congratulations to *Dr. Kelly Cude* for her amazing performance in the *SCV Dancing With Our Stars* event on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Kelly personally raised **\$6,735** and her American Cancer Society team raised **\$40,800** since June 1!
- We are extremely proud of Dr. Cude for her willingness to push the limits in working outside of her comfort zone.

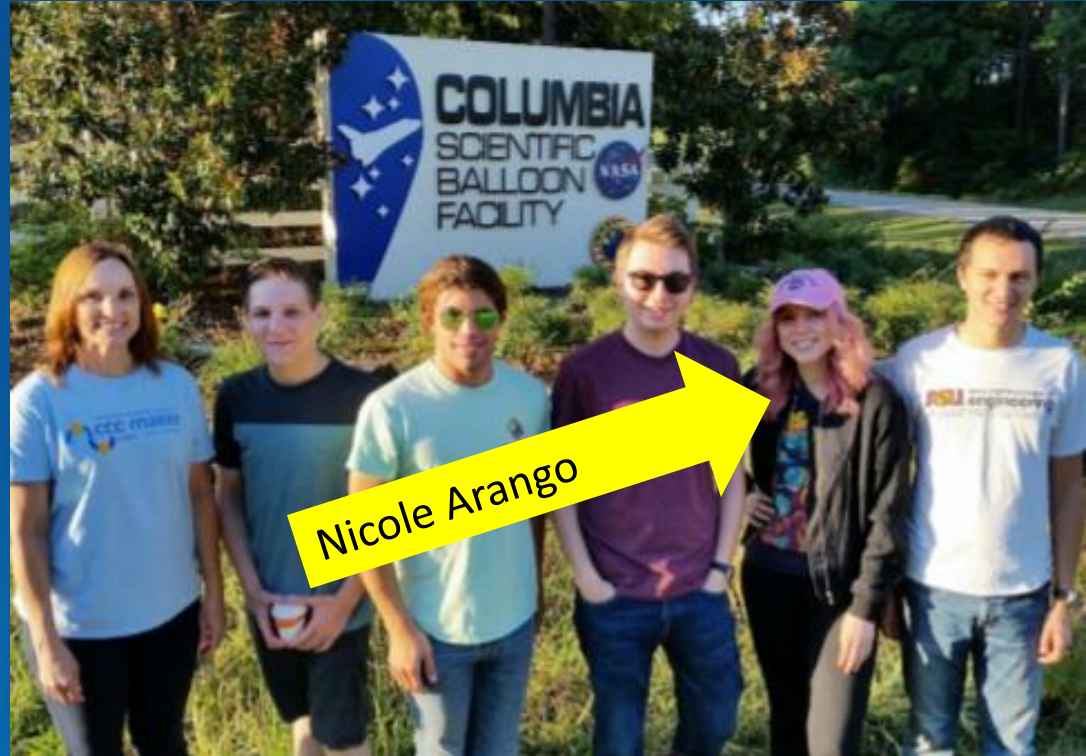




# COC STUDENT HAS SCIENTIFIC PAPER PUBLISHED

Congratulations to **Nicole Arango**, our third Astronomy and Physics Club student to have a scientific paper published.

- While at COC Nicole was president of the Astronomy and Physics Club and was a part of the NASA HASP team.
- Nicole is now a student at UC Irvine.
- Nicole earned authorship by working with an Astronomer and collecting data that resulted in the published paper.
- Prior to Nicole, current COC student Patrick Gagnon and COC graduate Mindy Saylor (now at UC Irvine) were included as authors on scientific papers.
- We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students!





# COC PATHWAYS PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE

The first *Pathways Professional Institute* was offered this summer and was a big success!

- **Thirty-six** employees completed all four sessions, becoming *Certified Pathways Professionals*!
- A Certificate of Achievement was awarded to commemorate their participation in the Institute.
- Participants included classified staff, confidential staff, full-time and adjunct faculty, and administrators.
- Congratulations to these *Certified Pathways Professionals* for preparing to help our students clarify the path, enter the path, stay on the path and ensure learning!





# CHRIS COTA NAMED MANAGER OF NEW FRANCHISE

Congratulations to COC head baseball coach **Chris Cota** on being named manager of the new **West Coast League (WCL) team** based in Ridgefield, Washington.

- The WCL is considered the premier summer collegiate baseball league west of the Mississippi River.
- Chris has served as head coach of the Cougars since 2000 and served as assistant coach under Len Mohny prior to being named head coach.
- Chris played on the **1986 California Community College Athletic Association State Cougar Championship** team and was drafted and signed by the Chicago White Sox and the California Angels.
- We are very proud of Chris as he takes on this additional role during his summer break at COC (beginning in June 2019) to develop and mentor collegiate baseball athletes.





# COC STUDENTS RECOGNIZED WITH TOP HONORS

More than **2,800** of America's best and brightest college students traveled to Baltimore over the summer break to showcase their talents at the ***Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference***.

- Congratulations to **Josue Galvan, Mark Gray and Christopher Kwon** for taking fourth place in ***Global Analysis & Decision Making***, which recognizes students who develop competency and knowledge of the principles of management, marketing and economics of global business.
- Students also attended educational workshops, visited an information packed exhibit hall and listened to motivational speakers.
- The COC FBLA-PBL chapter was presented with the ***Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit*** for promoting programs and projects of FBLA-PBL.
- Congratulations to our students and to advisor **Heaven Warner** for representing COC so well!



# UP, UP AND AWAY!

For the third consecutive year a COC team participated in **NASA's High Altitude Student Platform (HASP)** scientific research flight.

- COC students **Patrick Gagnon** and **Hunter Napier** were on-site in Fort Sumner, New Mexico to successfully add the neutralizing solution into the chamber of our payload and complete final pre-launch testing.
- Following a delay due to high winds, the flight successfully launched from New Mexico on September 4<sup>th</sup>, with Patrick and Hunter sending our payload commands remotely from COC.
- The goal of the experiment was to curb the amount of “harmful acids” in the stratosphere using a water-like solution.
- College of the Canyons is the only community college to have flown more than once and one of just four community colleges to have participated in the history of the program.
- Congratulations to **Professor Teresa Ciardi** and her students for representing COC so well!

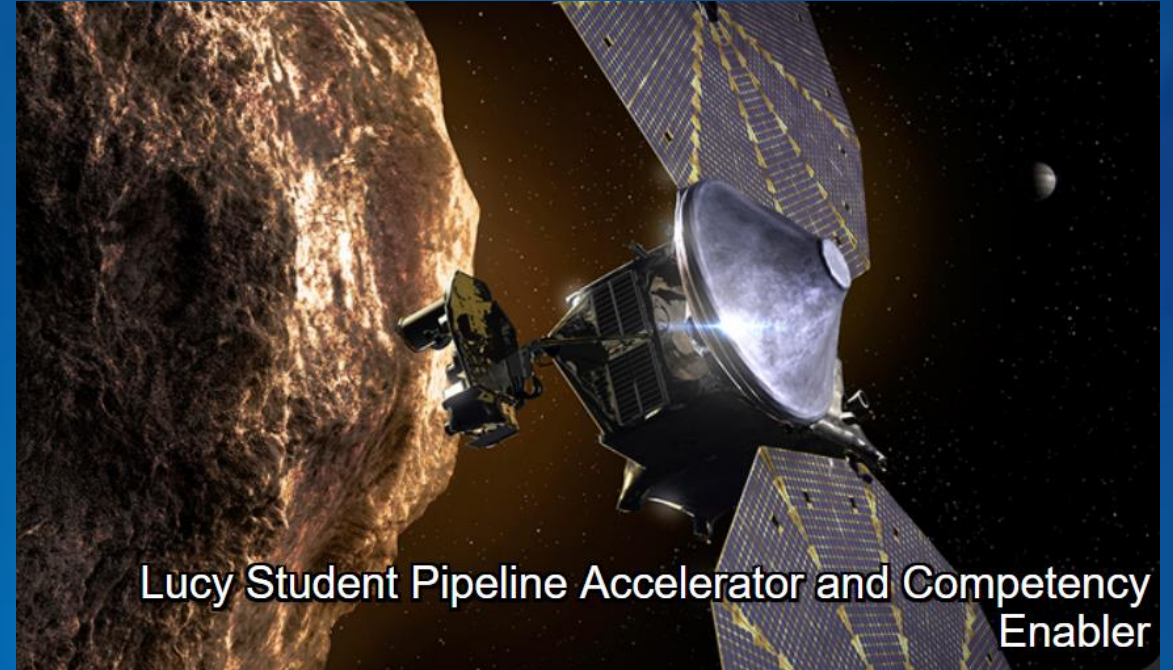




# COC STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN NASA PROGRAM

Two *Astronomy & Physics Club* students were selected to participate in the *Lucy Student Pipeline Accelerator and Competency Enabler (L'SPACE) Virtual Academy*.

- *Hunter Napier* and *Arthur Berberyan* will participate in a 12-week program designed to engage a diverse population of college/university science and engineering students in rigorous, project-based STEM workforce development.
- This academy supports *NASA's Lucy Mission to Jupiter's Trojan Asteroids*, which will be the first mission to explore a population of small bodies believed to be fossil remnants of the early solar system.



Lucy Student Pipeline Accelerator and Competency Enabler

# COC STUDENT RECEIVES NASA INTERNSHIP

Congratulations to COC student *Patrick Gagnon* on securing a *NASA Community College Aerospace Scholarship*.

- This program gives community college STEM students an authentic NASA experience and encourages them to finish a two-year degree or transfer to a four-year university to pursue a NASA-related field or career.
- Patrick has been assigned to the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi, where he will participate in a four-day engineering workshop alongside NASA scientists and engineers.







# Partnerships

# NEW DEPUTIES GRADUATE AT PAC

Seventy-one deputy sheriff's graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Training Academy during a ceremony held on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> in our Performing Arts Center.

- Sheriff Jim McDonnell, along with executives from other agencies, joined the graduates to present them with their diplomas.
- This class brings with them higher education, service experience in the armed forces and backgrounds in law enforcement.
- Congratulations to our new deputy sheriffs!





# ZTC SUMMIT

Over **140** attendees from **43** different community colleges participated in the **California Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Degree Summit** hosted by COC on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in the University Center.

- The focus of the summit was linking ZTC initiatives to Student Equity and Guided Pathways and to learn about best practices for engaging students in those initiatives.
- Distinguished speakers included:
  - ✓ **Hal Plotkin**, former Special Advisor on Education to Martha Kanter and President Obama; and
  - ✓ **Alice Perez**, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, CCCCO; who noted that ZTC is an essential component of the **Vision for Success**.
- This is the fourth OER conference COC has hosted in the last two years and still the only event dedicated to OER or ZTC for California Community Colleges.
- Board of Governors members **Hildy Aguinaldo** and **Jolena M. Grande** also participated in the summit.



California Community Colleges  
Zero Textbook Cost



Presented by Technical Assistance Providers  
College of the Canyons and West Hills College Lemoore





# What's New On And Around our Campuses





# SERVICE AWARDS

The college held service recognition events to honor faculty, staff and administrators for their service.

- On Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> employees celebrating **5 and 10 year anniversaries** were honored at a luncheon in the UCEN lobby.
- On Tuesday evening, August 14<sup>th</sup> honorees celebrating milestones of **15, 20, 25 and 30 years** were honored during a special dinner in the UCEN lobby.



5 & 10 Year Honorees



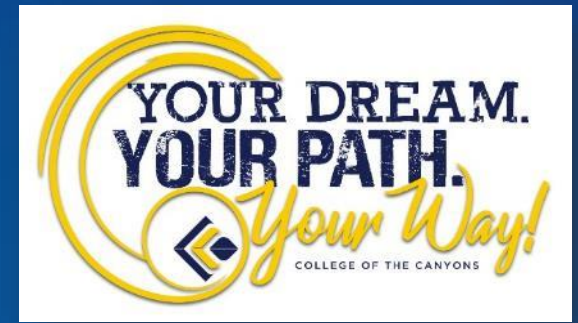
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# YOUR DREAM, YOUR PATH, YOUR WAY!

The theme for the Opening Day celebration on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – ***“Your Dream, Your Path, Your Way”*** captured the spirit of optimism and possibilities we all share at COC. It invited the faculty, staff and administrators to continue to dream big, pursue new opportunities, set bold courses toward the future and help others to get there.

- The over **500** attendees were greeted with a ***“Pathways to Your Dreams Walk”*** where they had the opportunity to meet students and see some of the innovative things happening at COC.
- The talented students in the on-campus club ***Ballet Folklorica Tesoro***, under the direction of advisor Lucy Medina, performed for the audience.





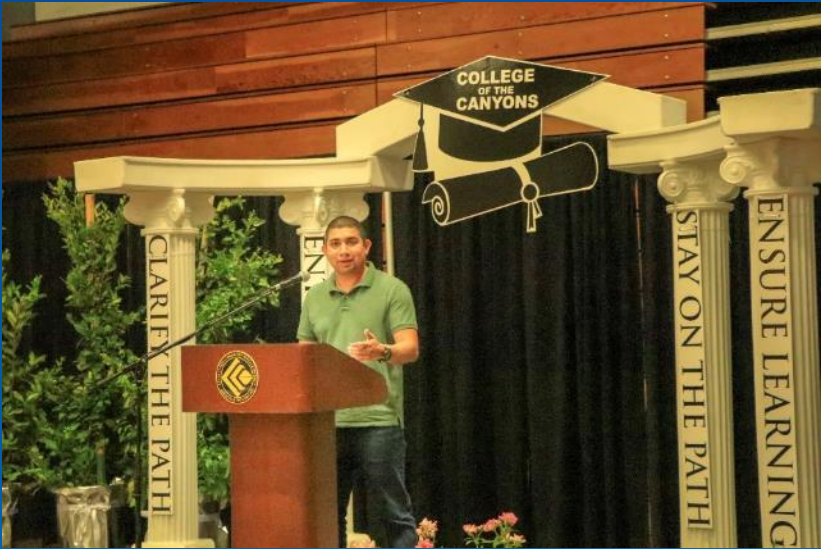
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- We also enjoyed a “*SCV Dancing With Our Stars*” preview performance *by Dr. Kelly Cude and Mrs. Sue Reynolds Buckley*, accompanied by professional dancer and COC student *Winter Aubuchon*.
- *Dr. Jasmine Ruys* introduced student *Sam Embuido* who shared his experience with the *First-Year Promise Program* and how it helped to open doors for him.
- Foundation mini-grants were awarded, new employees were acknowledged and service award recipients of 20, 25 and 30 years were recognized.
- Former COC students *Jesse Vera* and *Christopher Rogers* shared their experiences at College of the Canyons and how faculty and staff truly made a difference in helping them to clarify the path, enter the path, stay on the path and find success.
- The day ended with a fun Opening Day Video.





# YOUR DREAM, YOUR PATH, YOUR WAY!





# STUDENTS BEGIN FALL 2018 SEMESTER - VALENCIA



WELCOME BACK VALENCIA!





# STUDENTS BEGIN FALL 2018 SEMESTER - CCC



WELCOME BACK CANYON COUNTRY!





# META MAJORS 101 BOOT CAMP

Over **100** faculty, staff and administrators participated in the Mapping and Meta-Majors Boot Camp on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> in the University Center.

- This boot camp marked an important step in advancing the Guided Pathways efforts under the Canyons Completes umbrella at COC.
- Teams worked together and created meta-majors, with feedback given to the meta-majors workgroup.
- Six meta-majors were previewed at the IE<sup>2</sup> meeting on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.





# COMMITTEE RUSH

Committee Rush for non-Academic Senate appointed committees, was held on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

- **Nine** committees were represented.
- Faculty, classified staff and administrators visited the event in the Art Gallery and nearly all of the committees had people express interest in joining.
- The Academic Senate coordinated a Committee Rush for non-Academic Senate appointed committees on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.





# WELCOME WEEK

Student Development hosted “Welcome Week” activities on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Valencia Campus and on Wednesday and Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at the Canyon Country Campus.





# CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS PATIO TALKS



The Canyon Country Campus is hosting a series of *Patio Talks*, featuring exceptional speakers with engaging topics related to their area of expertise.

- A group of **18** participated in the first **CCC Patio Talk** on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for an engaging discussion with Professor Kevin Anthony on *“Strategies for Creating a Career in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”*
- Professor Anthony discussed strategies and tools that can be used to enhance and develop a successful career.



Prof. Kevin Anthony

*Strategies for Creating a Career in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*






# CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS PATIO TALKS



**Patio Talks** are held from 12 – 1 pm on the CCC Canyons Café Patio and are open to students, employees and the community at no cost. Three additional CCC Patio Talks are planned on:

- Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Professors Patty Robinson, Linda Vasquez and Siane Holland will discuss ***“Civic Engagement: Why It Matters”***.
- Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – Professor Larry Alvarez will present ***“Personal Safety Awareness Training”***.
- Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Professor Greg Shrout will present ***“Millennials in the Classroom and the Workplace.”***

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# ISP OFF TO A RUNNING START!

International Services and Programs (ISP) welcomed a new cohort of **72 students** from **21 countries** this fall.

- During the summer, ISP had the largest summer registration with **98 students**, **53** who achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Our Chinese-speaking population has grown from **3** in Spring 2015 to **67** this Fall (with 8 of those students from Taiwan).
- We have **15** Japanese students, many of them on COC athletic teams.
- For the 2018 calendar year, ISP welcomed a total of **115** new students to COC, about the same number as the total ISP population in Spring 2014.
- We are proud to continue our global diversity by having students from **51** countries on our campus this semester!
- The ISP staff is doing an amazing job in their recruitment efforts with partnerships in China, Taiwan and Japan.





# ISP VISITS TAIWAN & JAPAN

**Chuck Lyon**, Dean PE, Kinesiology, and Athletics, joined **Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine**, Dean International Affairs & Global Engagement for a recent trip to Taiwan and Japan.



1<sup>st</sup> presentation in Taiwan,  
108 10<sup>th</sup> Graders!



His son will be attending  
COC in Fall 2019





# ARTIST GALLERY EXHIBITION

The COC Art Gallery is currently presenting *“Two Faces, One Die”* by artist **Pearl C. Hsiung** through Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Pearl Hsiung’s painting and video works explore states of physical, psychical and metaphysical metamorphosis.



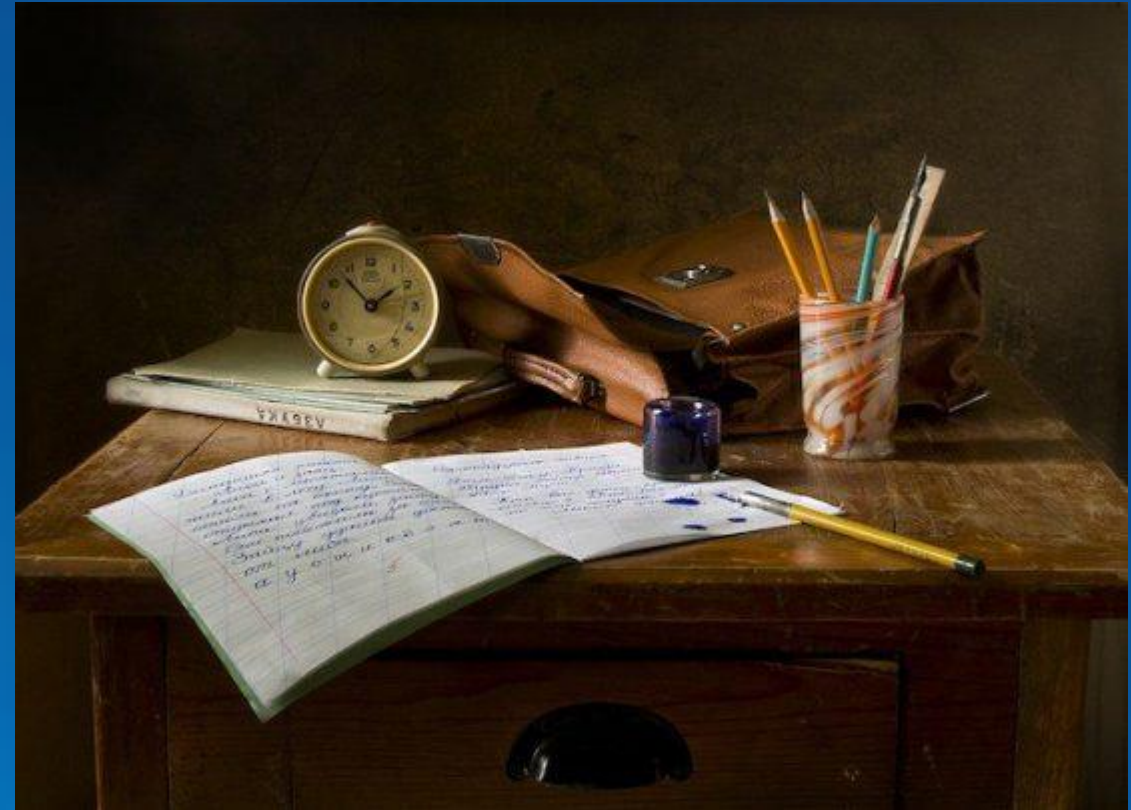
Pearl C. Hsiung



# EDUCATION CENTER OPENS

COC has opened an off-campus *Continuing Education Center* to better meet the needs of working adults.

- The center, located on Bouquet Canyon Road next to the LA County SCV Community Center, will initially offer classes in *English as a Second Language* and *Microsoft Office*.
- A second off-campus center is expected to open on Soledad Canyon Road early next year.
- Continuing education classes will continue to be offered at the Valencia and Canyon County campuses.





# INNOVATIVE DIALOGUES

A series of *Innovative Dialogues* designed to help foster innovation by providing resources to help our colleagues take their ideas from concept to reality was started this semester.

- Employees are encouraged to submit their ideas so they can receive assistance, including obtaining necessary resources and removing barriers, from others who were successful in implementing a LEAP project, receiving a Foundation Mini-Grant or obtaining Technology Innovation Funding.
- To date we have **12** innovative submissions.
- Thank you to *Jim Temple* for spearheading this project to encourage our colleagues to dream big and set bold courses.
- The next Innovative Dialogue will be held tomorrow, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – noon in the Makerspace at the Canyon County Campus.





# LET THE GAMES BEGIN - ATHLETIC UPDATE

## FOOTBALL

- COC improved to 2-0 on the season with a victory over Grossmont College.
- The Cougars return home to take on Santa Barbara City College in the 2018 home opener at 6 pm this Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.



## WOMEN'S GOLF

- The Lady Cougars finished in first place at both WSC tournaments this season.
- COC golfers **Haruka Koda** and **Jessie Lin**, both freshmen, claimed individual medalist honors.





# LET THE GAMES BEGIN - ATHLETIC UPDATE

## *MEN'S SOCCER*

- Canyons started the season 2-0 with shutout victories over Cypress College and Palomar College.
- COC will be back in action at home this Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.



## *CROSS COUNTRY*

- The Cougars have run at two meets this year and are now prepping to compete at this Friday's CCCAA SoCal Preview in Cerritos.
- The women's team finished second at the Oxnard College Invitational last week.





# LET THE GAMES BEGIN - ATHLETIC UPDATE

## ***WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL***

- Canyons has played to a 3-3 record thus far, recording back-to-back victories to begin the season.
- COC returned to the Cougar Cage today at 5 pm to host Long Beach City College and their famed head coach and Olympic Gold medalist Misty May-Treanor.



## ***WOMEN'S SOCCER***

- COC opened the season with a win against Canada College, but has now suffered three consecutive losses.
- The Lady Cougars won't return home until September 21<sup>st</sup> when they will begin a five-game home stand.





# Upcoming Events





# GOLF TOURNAMENT

The **COC GOLF TOURNAMENT** will be held this Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Valencia Country Club.

- This annual event supports scholarships and student programs through the COC Foundation.
- Sponsorships and player registration is still available by contacting the Foundation.

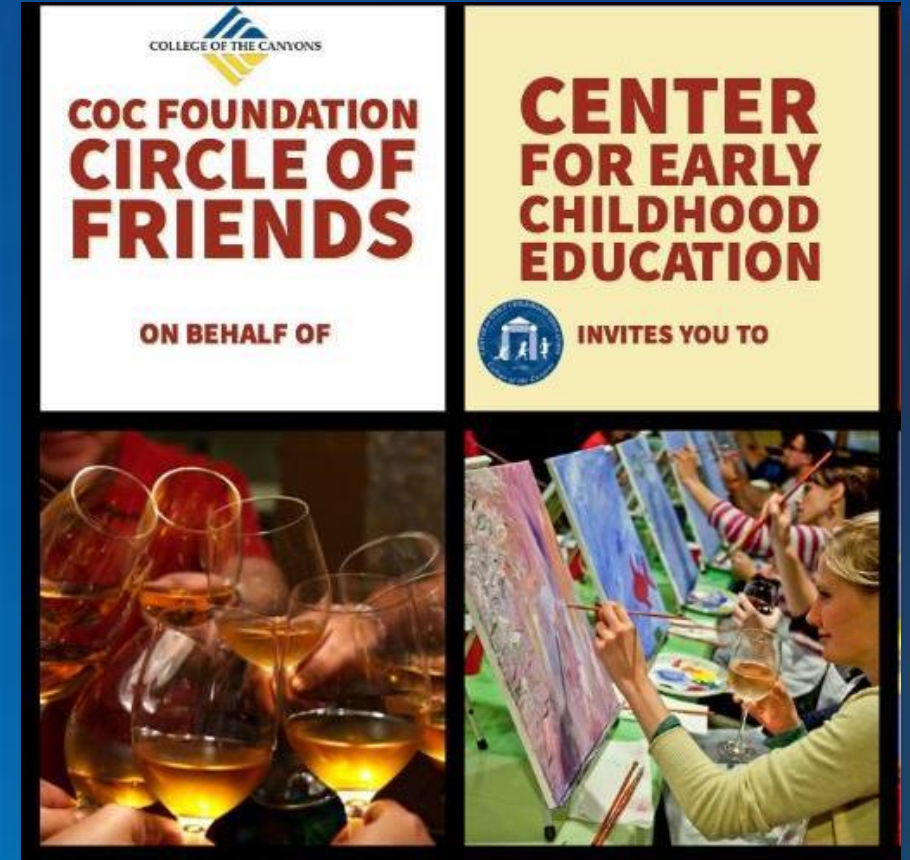




# COC CIRCLE OF FRIENDS FUNDRAISER

The *COC Foundation Circle of Friends* invites you to attend a fundraiser benefiting the Center for Early Childhood Education on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

- This special “paint night” will be held at Pinot’s Palette in Valencia from 6 pm – 8 pm.
- The cost is \$35 per painter and participants will be painting the bright colors of fall.





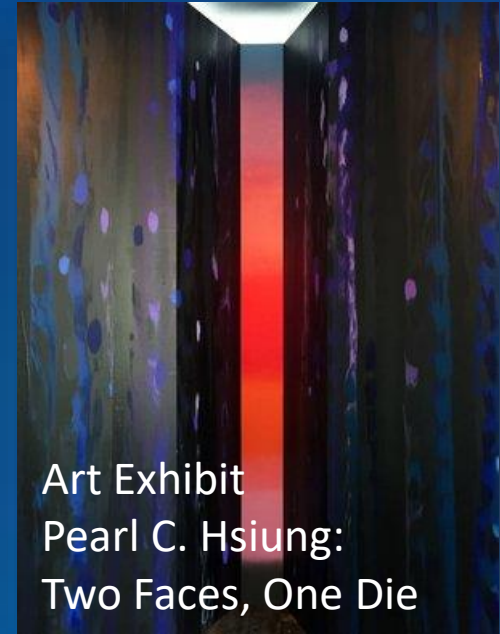
# COC TO HOST SCV TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

COC is pleased to host the SCV Trustees Association meeting on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

- The meeting will convene at 6 pm in the Welding Lab where trustees will participate in hands-on robotic welding.
- Trustees will then head over to the Art Gallery to take a look at our current exhibitions, have dinner and conduct association business.
- Carts will be available to shuttle trustees and guests who will be parking in lot 1.



Robotic Gas Metal Arc Welding



Art Exhibit  
Pearl C. Hsiung:  
Two Faces, One Die





# LET'S DO LUNCH!

COCs Institute for Culinary Education will be open for lunch on Tuesdays through October 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Enjoy a fabulous meal prepared by our students for only \$25 (Visa/MasterCard).
- Reservations can be made online.
- Lunch will be served from 11 am – 1:30 pm on:
  - ✓ September 18<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ September 25<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ October 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - ✓ October 9<sup>th</sup>





# IT HAPPENS RIGHT HERE

COC Center for Civic Engagement, Student Health and Wellness Center, the Body Mind Wellness Committee, the MyGenMyFight Club and the SCV Committee on Human Trafficking are presenting ***“Human Trafficking: It Happens Right Here”*** on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Survivor and author, ***Harmony Dust***, will serve as the keynote speaker.
- There will be resource tables, a presentation by law enforcement of Internet Safety and a panel of experts at the event.
- Join us from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm on the Valencia Campus in the East PE building.
- Admission is free. RSVP to [civicengagement@canyons.edu](mailto:civicengagement@canyons.edu).





# ARTIST TALK

The COC Art Gallery presents an Artist's Talk with ***Devon Tsuno***, whose ***"California Seedlings"*** exhibition is currently using the exterior of the gallery as a canvas.

- Unlike traditional murals, this one is not painted directly on the wall, but uses a graphic film wrap to temporarily transform the outside face of the Art Gallery.
- The Artist Talk is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the Art Gallery.





# COMMERCIAL DRONE EXAM PRE AND TRAINING

COC Community Education is offering a Commercial Drone Pilot Exam Prep and Training course on Tuesdays from September 25 through November 6, 2018.

- Experts speculate that by the year 2020 there will be over **23 million** drones in service and based on the current aircraft to pilot ratio and the FAA requirement of one pilot per drone, there will be a need for **650,000** additional commercial drone pilots.
- This course will prepare students to pass the FAA part 107 ***Remote Pilot in Command (RPIC)*** exam and receive their ***RPIC certification***.
- The course, which costs \$399, will cover:
  - ✓ Regulations;
  - ✓ National Airspace;
  - ✓ Aircraft Performance; and
  - ✓ Operations and Weather.





# CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE BUSINESS BREAKFAST BRIEFING

The COC Foundation is hosting the next Chancellor's Circle Business Breakfast Briefing on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am in the University Center.

- Princess Cruise executives **Lorna Warren, VP Guest Services** and **Jen Wright, Director, Trade Reservations** will present **"Customer Service Strategies"**.
- Tickets are \$20. Chancellor's Circle members are complimentary and have a special Q & A with the presenters immediately following the presentation.
- Make reservations through the COC Foundation.





# IT'S STAR PARTY TIME AGAIN!

The first ***Star Party*** of the Fall semester will take place on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm – 9 pm at the Canyon Country Campus.

- Guest speaker ***Anna Ho***, graduate student at Caltech's Astronomy Department will present ***"Dirty Fireballs and Orphan Afterglows: A Broader Landscape of Stellar Death"***.
- Interactive science related demonstrations and activity tables will be provided by our students, faculty and staff and our portable planetarium will provide attendees with a special visual treat.
- High powered telescopes provided by local astronomy clubs and our own Astronomy & Physics Club will be available for viewing of the night sky.





# 2019 SILVER SPUR AWARD ANNOUNCED

In recognition of their unwavering support of College of the Canyons and the Santa Clarita Valley, the COC Foundation has named Don and Cheri Fleming as the recipients of the *“Silver Spur Community Service Award”*.



- The **2019 Silver Spur Celebration** will take place on **Saturday, March 16, 2019** at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.
- The event will be chaired by Diana Cusumano, previous Silver Spur recipient and Foundation Board member.







# Coming Up In The PAC



# COMING UP IN THE PAC THROUGH OCTOBER

- ❖ Veronica Swift – Jazz Superstar in-the-making  
Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8 pm
- ❖ Chinese Warriors of Peking  
Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 4 pm
- ❖ Our House – COC Theatre  
Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Take It From The Swing – COC Music  
Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm
- ❖ Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure  
Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – 1 & 5 pm





# A special thanks...







*Thank you to everyone who  
honored me for 30 years of service  
to College of the Canyons!  
I am humbled indeed.*





A full-page background image of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection down the center of the water. The sky is filled with scattered, white and grey clouds, some of which are illuminated by the low sun, giving them a golden or orange tint. The water in the foreground is dark, with small waves visible. In the distance, a few small figures of people can be seen on the water. The text "In memorial" is written in a large, bold, yellow font on the right side of the image.

**In memorial**



# IN MEMORY OF JOHN MCELWAIN

It is with great sadness that we share the news that John McElwain passed away on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

- John was an integral part of the leadership team at College of the Canyons and helped us to expand our capacity in engaging the community and in attracting donors and supporters to our many initiatives.
- He had a unique ability to bring people together and was a model of honesty and forthrightness.
- Following his retirement in 2011, John returned to COC on a part-time basis where he worked to update our emergency response procedures and establish our Incident Command System.
- John set an example of high standards. His warmth and genuine concern for others will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.
- Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Bonni, daughters Kate and Annie and his granddaughter Neala.





