

Chancellor's Report & Update

Board of Trustees Meeting

October 10, 2018



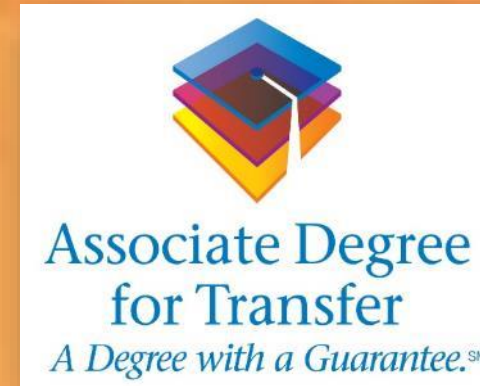
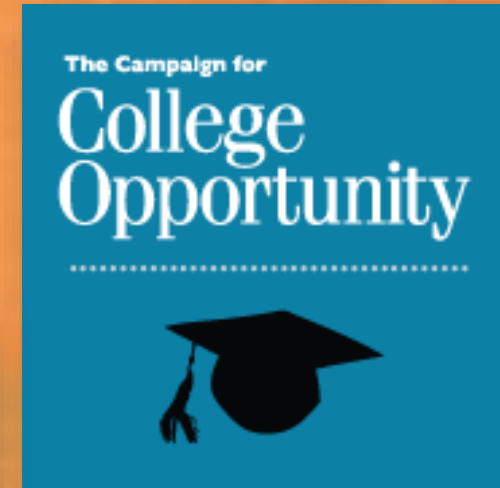
Recognition



2018 CHAMPION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

College of the Canyons was honored to be named “**2018 Champion for Higher Education**” by **The Campaign for College Opportunity** for our work in awarding Associate Degrees for Transfer.

- In 2010 **The Campaign for College Opportunity** sponsored historic transfer reform legislation that created a clearer path for students to earn an associate degree and guaranteed admission to a California State University with junior standing.
- To date, over **100,000** students have earned an Associate Degree for Transfer and of those who enrolled in the CSU, they earned their Bachelor’s degree nearly twice as fast as other transfer students.
- In a letter to us, **The Campaign for College Opportunity** said that “**College of the Canyons is a leading example of strong implementation of the Associate Degree for Transfer Pathway for students and is a model for other colleges in California to emulate.**”
- COC will be recognized at the **Champions of Higher Education celebration** on Tuesday, December 4th.



COC # 1 COLLEGE FOR ADULT LEARNERS IN SO CA!

Washington Monthly magazine recently released their ranking of “**Best Two-Year Colleges for Adult Learners.**”



- 11 California Community Colleges that made the list, with COC ranking **#1 in Southern California** and **#43 nationally!**
- Washington Monthly analyzed data from **1,088** two-year colleges to create its list of the top 100, with adult learners being defined as students who are over the age of 25.
- COC is proud of its history of energetically acting on our commitment to support adult students by offering flexible programs and the resources that will help them to overcome obstacles and achieve their academic goals.

	Ease of transfer (4 pts)	Flexibility of programs (9 pts)	Services for adult students (6 pts)	% students over age 25
College of the Canyons (CA)*	4	7	6	32



CUL-DE-SAC WINS LITERARY MAGAZINE AWARD

The *Community College Humanities Association (CCHA)* recently announced that COCs *Cul-de-Sac* magazine received a 2nd place finish for “*Best Overall Magazine, Large Community Colleges, Pacific-Western Division of the U.S.*”

- This award acknowledges the work our students do in writing and artistic expression, as well as publishing, by putting together the magazine.
- We are so proud of our students and their advisor *Alene Terzian*.



MUSIC PROFESSOR NOMINATED FOR LATIN GRAMMY

Congratulations to COC Music **Professor Yalil Guerra** on receiving his 7th nomination for a Latin Grammy award.

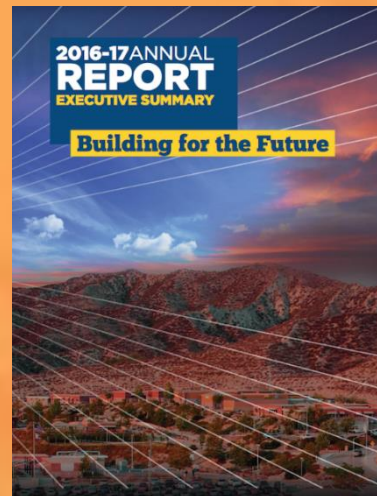
- Guerra teaches piano lab and tonal harmony at COC.
- He is nominated in the Best Classical Contemporary Composition category for his piece “*String Quartet No. 3 In Memoriam of Ludwig von Beethoven*”.
- Guerra took home a Latin Grammy in the same category in 2012 for his piano work in “*Seduccion*”.
- The Latin Grammy Awards will take place on Thursday, November 15th in Las Vegas.



OUR AWARD WINNING PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Congratulations to our **Public Information Office** for winning **9 Medallion Awards** at the **National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR) District 6** conference in September in Flagstaff, AZ!

- **1st Place – Electronic Newsletter** – Monday Report
- **2nd Place – College Promotional Brand Video** - Opening Day Promotional Video
- **2nd Place – Digital Ad** – Westfield Valencia Town Center Digital Display
- **2nd Place – E-Card** – Electronic Holiday Greeting Card
- **2nd Place – Electronic Annual Report** – 2016-17 Annual Report
- **3rd Place – Interior Signage/Display** – Performing Arts Center Wall Display
- **3rd Place – Microsite** – Performing Arts Center Website
- **3rd Place – Newsletter** – Breaking News, Fall 2017
- **3rd Place – Successful Marketing Program** – Facebook Ads for Short-Term Classes



HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE

I was pleased to be invited by the *Bipartisan Policy Center* to join its *Higher Education Task Force* consisting of leaders with decades of experience in government, academia, higher education administration and the business community to make recommendations on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

- The task force is co-chaired by former *Representative Howard P. “Buck” McKeon* and former *Representative George Miller*.
- The focus is on key emerging national issues that are impacting higher education, including an exploration of the roles that the federal government, the state and institutions can play in promoting better outcomes, access and affordability.
- The press conference and meeting was held in Washington, DC at the end of September.



MODEL UN CONTINUES TO EXCEL!



The first *Model U.N.* competition of the season was held on September 29th.

- The COC team for the SoCal MUN conference consisted of **4** veteran Model U.N. members and **13** new members.
- Of the **17** members who participated, **8** won awards!
- For **6** of the award winners, it was their first conference!
- Congratulations to the Model U.N. team and their advisor Dr. Phil Gussin!
- The next competition is the TrojanMUN in mid-October at USC.

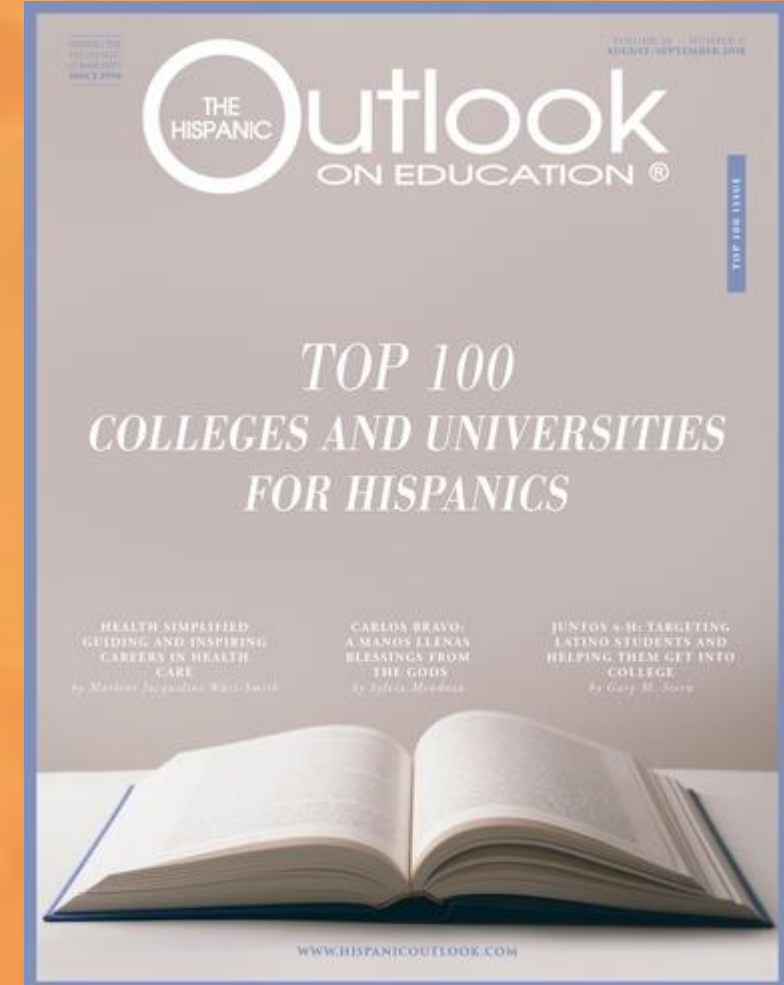


Model UN Team 2017/18

COC RANKED #29 ON HISPANIC OUTLOOK TOP 100 LIST

COC has been ranked **#29 in the nation** by the *Hispanic Outlook on Education* magazine's Top 100 colleges and universities list for graduating Hispanic students.

- The annual ranking is based on:
 - ✓ Total student enrollment;
 - ✓ Percentage of Hispanic students in attendance;
 - ✓ Two-year schools awarding the most associate degrees to Hispanic students; and
 - ✓ The percentage of associate degrees to Hispanic students by two-year schools.
- We are very proud of our diverse and inclusive student population!



GO BOND RATING – ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE REVIEW

In September, **Sharlene Coleal** and **Jason Hinkle** represented COC at the *Annual Surveillance Review by FitchRatings*.

- Late last week the committee voted to maintain College of the Canyons' current rating of **AAA Stable Outlook!**
- FitchRatings appreciated the time the District took to gather the information they needed for the review.
- Thank you to Sharlene and Jason for representing the District so well with a very insightful and helpful presentation!



COC RECOGNIZED DURING GERMAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Santa Clarita City Council proclaimed the month of October “**German-American Heritage Month**” at their meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

- The council welcomed members of the COC German language program, including **Professor Heidi Esslinger** and four COC students.



Partnerships



JAMES GLAPA-GROSSKLAG VISITS JAPAN & TAIWAN

James Glapa-Grossklag visited Japan and Taiwan in September to talk about Open Educational Resources (OER).

- In Taiwan he spent time with officials from the Ministry of Education helping to craft a national strategy for promoting and adopting OER and gave lectures at the top 3 ranked universities.
- It is amazing indeed that the COC model for OER will help expand educational access halfway across the world!



COC GOES TO WASHINGTON!



Barry Gribbons, Justin Wallace, Omar Torres, Paul Wickline, and former Student Trustee Tabitha Kumar, represented COC on the recent KHTS Washington, DC advocacy trip.

- This is the 6th trip to Washington, DC that KHTS has organized to advocate for critical issues facing the Santa Clarita Valley.
- The SCV delegation met with the Director of Aging Services, US Chamber of Commerce, Department of Transportation, Senator Kamala Harris staff, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, along with other Senate and Congressional leaders.



NEW SWAG APPRENTICESHIPS APPROVED

College of the Canyons recently received approval from the US Department of Labor to offer apprenticeships for **Medical Laboratory Technician** and **Certified Nursing Assistant**.

- These two occupations are in very high demand in the Allied Health Sector.
- Through these apprenticeships, COC will be able to partner with employers in developing a pipeline of talent to address these very important challenges to the workforce.



Manufacturing Day 2018

Manufacturing Day is a national celebration to inspire the next generation of manufacturers and encourage manufacturing/advanced technology career path exploration. This year COC hosted two events:

- On Thursday, October 4th a round table discussion with over **300** parents and students was held in the cafeteria.
- Panelists included representatives from Lockheed Martin, NASA, Chocolates a la Carte, Gantom/ZTAG, PPG and Google Startup Grind.
- This year the event featured a new youth perspective thanks to STREAM Kids Expo, founded by Saugus High School senior and engineering student Niamani Knight.



Manufacturing Day 2018

On Friday, October 5th well over **900** students in grades 7 – 12 from the Hart School District visited the Valencia campus to explore interactive exhibits from industry leaders.

- A CHP helicopter landed on the upper field parking lot to highlight the equipment they manufacture in-house for use in their helicopters.
- Over **30** interactive manufacturing exhibits were on display in the east gym, west gym lobby, MakerSpace and cafeteria.

MEG DAY



What's New On And Around our Campuses



GOLF TOURNAMENT

The *COC Foundation Golf Tournament* was held on Monday, September 17th at the Valencia Country Club.

- A ***sold out*** field of **136** golfers came out to support scholarships and student programs.
- Players also participated in hole-in-one and putting competitions, raffle drawings and team awards.
- The Presenting Sponsor, Opus Bank, designated their **\$5,000** contribution to go directly to the First Year Promise Program!
- While revenue and expenses are still being calculated, this event looks like it will be one of our most successful fundraising tournaments to date!



SCV TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION MEETS AT COC

On Monday, September 27th the *SCV Trustees Association* met at College of the Canyons.

- The group, which represents all of the school districts in the Santa Clarita Valley, toured the *Welding Department* and participated in some hands-on demonstrations.
- The Trustees and Superintendents then gathered in the *Art Gallery* where they were treated to a look at the exhibition by Pearl C. Hsiung, expertly narrated by *Pamela Lewis, Art Gallery Director*.
- Thank you to *Tim Baber* and *Pamela Lewis* for providing our guests with a diverse view on the services the college provides.



MEASURE E OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TOUR

The ***Citizens Bond Oversight Committee*** got an up-close look at construction progress on the Valencia Campus parking structure on Tuesday, September 18th.

- The committee, which oversees Measure E and M, ensures that bond revenues are expended appropriately.
- The committee was excited to see the progress and that the project is on track for completion for the spring term.



CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE BUSINESS BREAKFAST BRIEFING

Over **70** people attended the Chancellor's Circle Business Breakfast Briefing on Friday, September 28th in the University Center.

- Princess Cruise executives **Lorna Warren**, VP Guest Services and **Jen Wright**, Director, Trade Reservations presented "**Customer Service Strategies**", offering a wealth of customer service insight from their experience in working for one of the top travel brands in the world.
- Chancellor's Circle members had a special Q & A with the presenters immediately following the presentation.



CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICES/LRC BUILDING SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW

COC was thrilled to submit our construction drawings for review and approval by the Division of the State Architect (DSA) on our Canyon Country Campus Student Services/Learning Resource Center (LRC)!

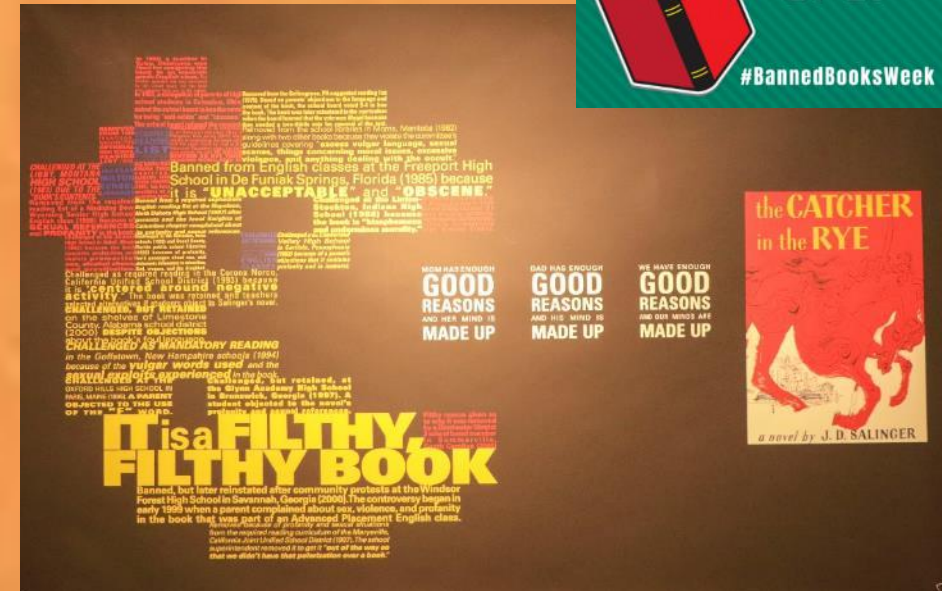
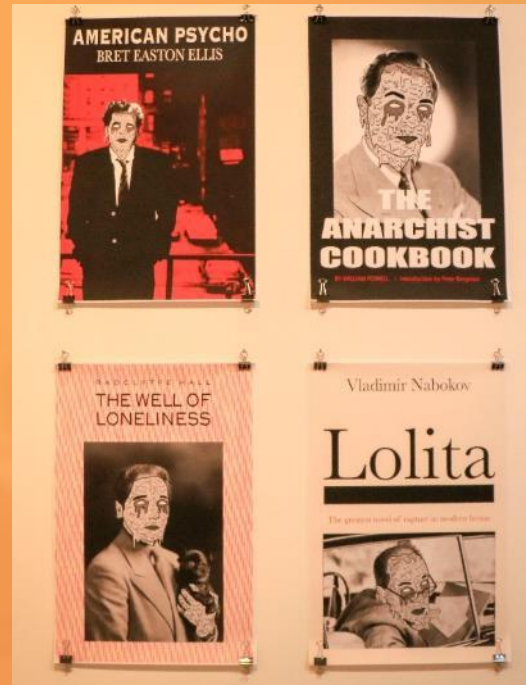
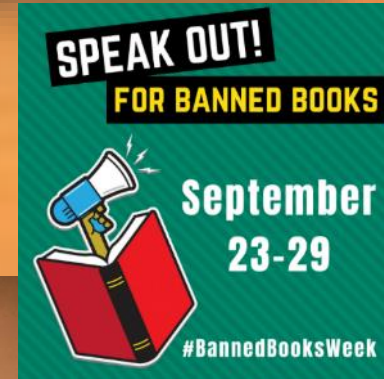
- We requested that the same structural engineer that handled the Science building be assigned to review and approve this new project.
- On Tuesday, September 18th DSA accepted our submittal.
- This should significantly speed up the process as this new building is a mirror image of the one currently under construction.



BANNED BOOK WEEK 2018

Banned Book Week was held September 23rd – September 29th.

- A variety of events were held to celebrate the freedom to express and explore diverse opinions, even if those opinions are unorthodox or unpopular.
- **Banned Book Week** stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them.
- In honor of **Banned Book Week 2018**, Gallery 206 (2nd floor of the library) is showcasing an exhibition of COC student art work celebrating freedom to read and in support of the freedom to seek and express ideas.
- This exhibition, which runs through October 12th, was facilitated by COC faculty members **Shannon Doronio** and **Mercedes McDonald** along with Art Gallery Director **Pamela Lewis**.



OPEN OFFICE HOURS

In September I began a series of **10** Open Office Hours. It is always interesting to talk to faculty and staff as they share their exciting and innovative ideas and plans for our students.

- On September 25th Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine, Tim Honadel, James Glapa-Grossklag and Chuck Lyon brought in a group of ISP students to talk about their experiences at College of the Canyons.
- The next Open Office Hour is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17th from 10:30 am – 11:30 am.



COC HOSTS SCORPION

We were pleased to host Matthew Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer, Ciji Thompson, Project Coordinator and Sean Africa, Senior Motion Graphics Editor from Scorpion on Tuesday, October 2nd.

- The group met in the iCUE for lunch prepared and served by our culinary students where they had a chance to find out more about College of the Canyons and the opportunities for increased partnerships including possible internships and joining our MEA Advisory Committee.
- The group then took a tour of the MEA Studios and met with faculty and students.
- A follow-up meeting including a tour of the Scorpion facilities is planned.



PATIO TALKS LAUNCHED AT CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

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

- An intimate group of **19** faculty, staff and students participated in the second **CCC Patio Talk** on Wednesday, October 3rd.
 - ✓ This engaging discussion with Professors Patty Robinson, Linda Vasquez and Siane Hollard on **“Civic Engagement: Why It Matters”** covered the history and philosophy of civic engagement, student impact and examples of how our students are making a difference as citizens.
- The next Patio Talk is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th when Professor Larry Alvarez will present **“Personal Safety Awareness Training.”**
- The series will wrap up on Wednesday, December 5th when Professor Greg Shroul will present **“Millennials in the Classroom and the Workplace.”**



COC MESA STUDENTS ATTEND CONFERENCE

College of the Canyons *MESA students*, accompanied by Adjunct Counselor *Jesse Vera*, attended the Pre-Health conference on Saturday, October 6th at UC Davis.



- This conference provides community college, university and post-bac students, as well as pre-health advisors, with the information and skills necessary to succeed in the health-professions school admission process.
- It includes contact with deans of admission, admission officers, financial aid officers, faculty and staff as well as discussions on ***“Demystifying Medical School Admissions”***.
- We are so proud of our future doctors, nurses, veterinarians and researchers!



ATHLETIC UPDATE

FOOTBALL

- COC is off to a **5-0 start** for the first time since 2015!
- The Cougars begin the week as the **#2 ranked team** in the state and will begin conference play at 7 pm on Thursday at Moorpark College.



WOMEN'S GOLF

- The Lady Cougars have finished in **1st place in all five WSC tournaments** this season, in addition to winning the prestigious Morro Bay North-South Invitational.
- On Monday, Canyons had a **1st place team score of 325** at its home tournament played at Elkin's Ranch.



ATHLETIC UPDATE

MEN'S SOCCER

- Canyons picked up a big **5-1** win over Allan Hancock College last Tuesday with sophomore forward **Andres Lozano netting a hat trick.**
- The Cougars then fell **2-0** to Oxnard College.
- COC begins the week with a record of **3-4-2** with WSC matches scheduled the rest of the way.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Canyons begins conference play this season and will look to capitalize on the momentum established during the **8-0** win over Allan Hancock College last week.
- The Lady cougars are looking for the program's **8th** straight conference title.



ATHLETIC UPDATE

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- Canyons extended its **unbeaten streak to 6 games** with a 3-1 home victory over Antelope Valley on Friday.
- The Lady Cougars are currently the **#11 ranked team in the state** and are hosting Mt. SAC in a non-conference match today.



CROSS COUNTRY

- The Cougars had three runners finish **top-10** in both races at last Friday's Moorpark College Raider & Roar Invitational.
- COCs men's team ran to a **2nd place team finish** to represent its best performance of the season.
- Canyons now has a week to prepare for the WSC Championships being held Friday, October 19th at Citrus College in Glendora.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN - ATHLETIC UPDATE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- COC will begin the 2018-19 pre-season as hosts of the 11th annual ***“Clash at Canyons”*** tournament on November 1 & 3.
- The field will include East LA, Glendale, Oxnard and our own Cougars.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- The Lady Cougars will begin the 2018-19 pre-season playing at the annual Mt. SAC Tip-Off Tourney on November 1-3.
- Schedules and opponents have yet to be announced.



Upcoming Events



243rd BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. NAVY

Join the **Veterans Resource Center** in celebrating the **243rd birthday of the U.S. Navy** on Thursday, October 11th from 11:30 am – 2 pm in the Student Center.

- Cupcakes and light refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
11:30AM - 2:00PM | STCN 129

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE 243RD U.S. NAVY BIRTHDAY

CUPCAKES & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA'S NAVY

FORGED BY THE SEA

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
Veterans Resource Center

IT'S STAR PARTY TIME AGAIN!

The first **Star Party** of the Fall semester will take place on Friday, October 12th 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.



CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

COC continues its free family caregivers workshops in partnership with the SCV Senior Center:

- On Saturday, October 13th **“Legal Empowerment of the Advocate”** will be presented by Elder Law Attorney Jane McNamara.
- On Saturday, November 10th **“Communication and Conflict Resolution for the Caregiver”** will be offered.
- On Saturday, December 8th **“Mental Health and Wellness for Older Adults”** will be presented.
- All workshops are scheduled from 9 am – 11:30 am at the Senior Center on Market Street.



UNIVERSITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE & TOURS

An Open House and specialized tours are planned for the **University Center** during October.

- **On Tuesday, October 16th an Open House** will be held from 4 – 7 pm. The community is invited to learn how to earn a bachelor's or master's degree right here in the Santa Clarita Valley.
 - ✓ Representatives from CSU Bakersfield, CSU Northridge, Brandman University, University of La Verne and National University will be on hand to answer questions.
- **On Wednesday, October 17th**, we will be having a conference call with representatives from **Mt. San Jacinto College** to talk about the University Center and the opportunities and value it brings to our community.
- **On Tuesday, October 23rd** we will be providing a tour of the University Center to **Dr. Ryan Cornner**, Vice Chancellor of the LA Community College District and **Dr. James Limbaugh**, President of West LA College.



The flyer features a blue header with the text "Get your Bachelor's or Master's Degree" in yellow. Below this, the main event title "OPEN HOUSE" is in large blue letters, followed by "AT THE COC Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook UNIVERSITY CENTER" in smaller blue text. The date and time "Tuesday, October 16, 2018 4-7pm" are also in blue. A dark blue banner at the bottom of the main text area contains the website "COCUniversityCenter.com" and the phone number "(661) 362-5150" in yellow. The bottom of the flyer is white and contains logos for "Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook UNIVERSITY CENTER COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS", "BRANDMAN University", "CSUN", and "CSUE". A yellow ribbon graphic on the right side of the flyer contains the text "Classes Forming NOW!" in blue.

COC PRESENTS!

I have a number of presentations coming up including:

- On **Thursday, October 17th** I will be presenting ***“Inspiring Women for Personal and Professional Development”*** at Boston Scientific.
- On **Friday, October 18th** I will be presenting ***“Leading Change and Innovation”*** at El Camino College.
- On Thursday, October 18th I will be participating in the ***“Student-Centered Funding Formula Taskforce”*** which was established to analyze and continuously review the processes, policies, substantive content, implementation and outcomes of the new Funding Formula.
- COC will be well represented at the following sessions at the CCLC Conference:
 - ✓ ***“Advocacy: Shaping Policy & Budget: Roles, Relationship & Results”***
 - ✓ ***“International Education State-of-the-Field & Role to Support Performance Funding”***
 - ✓ ***“Reaching Philanthropic Potential: Aligning College Strategy with Fundraising Possibilities”***
 - ✓ ***“Looking Forward: Pursuing the Vision for Success, Supported by IEPI”***



MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

As part of the 10th anniversary celebration of the Center for Early Childhood Education, the Canyon Country Campus is presenting a free “Movie Under the Stars” screening of “Coco” on Friday, October 26th.

- Festivities include an open house at 5 pm.
- Children’s activities begin at 6 pm.
- The movie will begin at 7 pm.
- Free movie snacks will be provided, with other food and beverages available for purchase.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Save the Date! The COC annual Halloween Party will be held on Wednesday, October 31st in the East PE building on the Valencia Campus and in the Quad 1 Courtyard at the Canyon Country Campus.

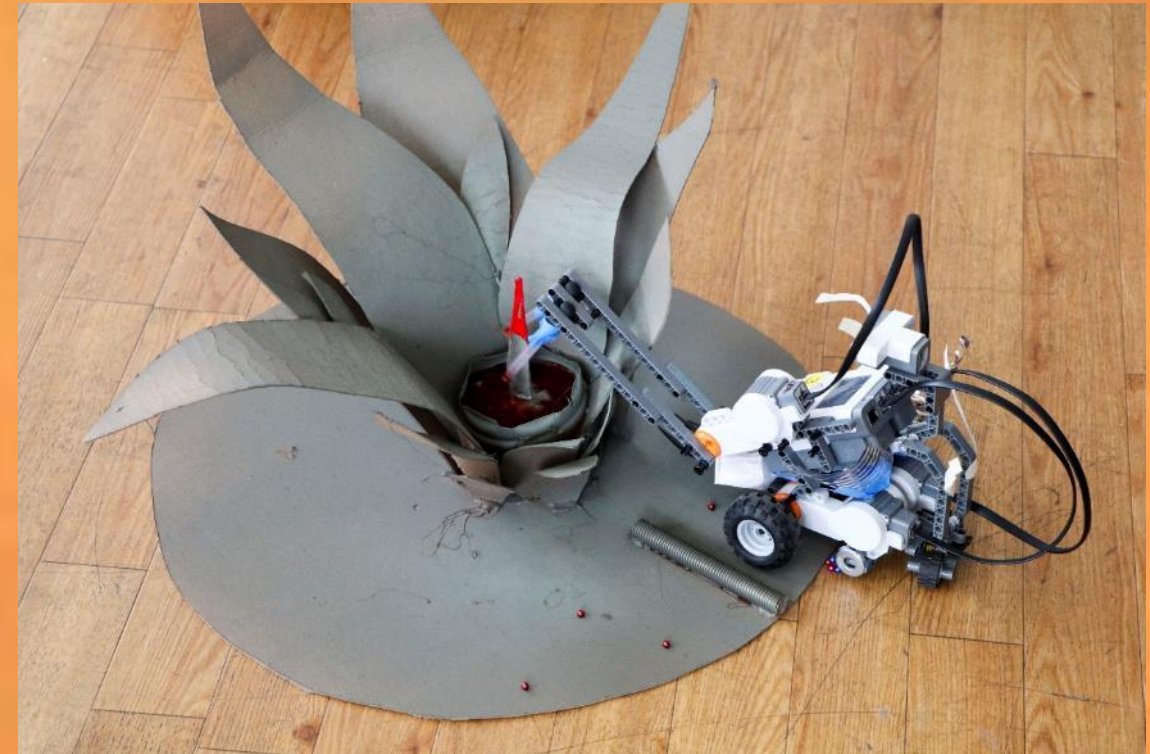
- Festivities begin at noon and will include lunch, a pumpkin pie eating contest and a pumpkin decorating contest.



ROBOT CHALLENGE

Join MakerSpace and the Sustainable Development Committee for the 3rd annual ***Eco-Zombie Robot Challenge*** on Thursday, November 1st.

- This free competition, using Lego robot kits, is scheduled from 1 – 3 pm in the cafeteria on the Valencia campus.



GARDEN WALK AT THE CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

Join us for our next Garden Walk at the Canyon Country Campus on Saturday, November 3rd from 9 am – 11 am.

- Start your day with a stroll/hike through the Canyon Country Campus where you will learn about the plant and wild life.
- This free event is open to the public and is family friendly!



LET'S DO LUNCH!

The **Culinary Arts Café** will continue to offer its weekly prix fixe lunch for \$20.

➤ The luncheon **switches to Thursdays** starting in November and will be offered on:

- ✓ November 1st
- ✓ November 15th
- ✓ November 29th
- ✓ December 6th

➤ Reservations are required and can be made online through their website.

➤ Bon appetite!





**Coming Up In
The PAC**

COMING UP IN THE PAC THROUGH NOVEMBER

❖ Take It From The Swing – COC Music

Friday, October 19th – 7:30 pm



❖ Prehistoric Aquarium Adventure

Saturday, October 20th – 1 & 5 pm



❖ Measure for Measure – COC Theatre

Friday, November 9th – November 18th



❖ 98 Degrees Holiday – COC Presents

Friday, November 16th – 8 pm



❖ Electronica Musique & Multimedia Concert – COC Music

Wednesday, November 28th – 7 pm



❖ Commercial Music Recital – COC Music

Friday, November 30th – 7 pm



Happy
Halloween!



