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# Chancellor's Report & Update

Board of Trustees Meeting

October 11, 2017



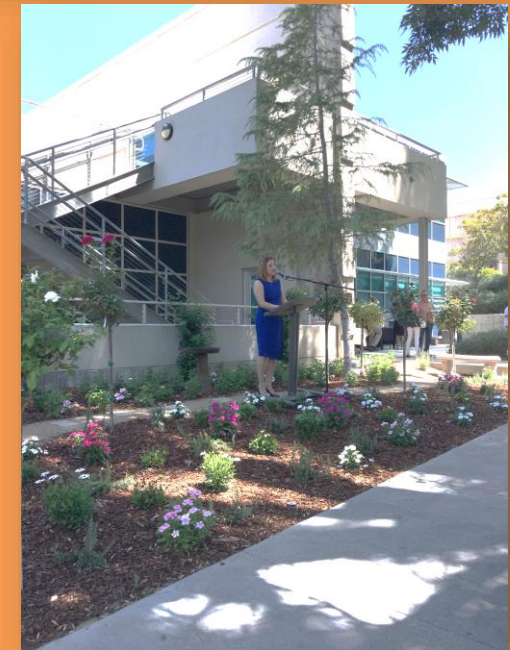
*“Leave no stone  
unturned in the name  
of student success.”*

# Recognition

# SHAKESPEARE GARDEN DEDICATION – AUGUST 17

The School of Humanities and the English Department held a beautiful memorial for Kim Gurnee as they dedicated the new Shakespeare Garden on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Colleagues and friends planted the garden and purchased a bench in honor of Kim.
- It was a very moving event with close friends and colleagues expressing their love and respect for Kim.
- A violinist played the antique violin Kim donated to the music department.
- What a wonderful dedication to a much loved colleague and professor.



# TRIBUTE TO MARTHA KANTER – SEPTEMBER 23

I was pleased to pay tribute to *The Honorable Martha Kanter* on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> during the reception celebrating her marriage to Mr. Ira Teinowitz.

- Dr. Kanter is the former Under Secretary of Education for President Barack Obama where she worked closely with postsecondary partners from across the nation to boost innovation and competitiveness with an ambitious college completion agenda, among other initiatives.
- Prior to that she served as the Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and established the first program for students with learning disabilities at Monterey Peninsula College.
- It was my pleasure to work with Dr. Kanter for over 4 decades and to honor her for all of the work she has done to promote education on both a state and national level.



# MODEL UNITED NATIONS TEAM EXCELS!

On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> our Model United Nations (COCMUN) team participated in the first conference of the 2017-28 season.

- The Southern California MUN Conference included **140** delegates from eight colleges.
- **Sixteen** of our delegates participated in the General Assembly, addressing international problems related to cybersecurity and the internet.
- **Three** of our delegates participated in the United Nations Security Council, addressing some of the conflicts in the South China Sea.
- While the COCMUN team accounted for **less than 14% of the delegates, we won 35% of the awards!**



# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH RECOGNITION

Our Spanish Honor Society and Association of Students United for the Language (ASUL) were honored by the City of Santa Clarita during Hispanic Heritage Month on September 26th.

- Spanish Honor Society Vice President Andrew Cabrera and ASUL President Jackie Huerta were present with Advisor and Modern Language Department Chair Claudia Acosta to accept the resolutions – in English and Spanish – from the City Council.



# COC HONORED AS “EDUCATION PARTNER OF YEAR”

The Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services (AYE) has named COC “*Education Partner of the Year*” for providing job training for participants of “*This Way Ahead – Los Angeles*”.

- The award was presented at AYE’s 23<sup>rd</sup> annual awards dinner on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Launched in the Fall of 2016, “*This Way Ahead – Los Angeles*” provides students with the necessary customer service skills that enable them to deliver exceptional, high-quality customer service in a variety of positions.
- The relationship between AYE and COC was developed three years ago when AYE partnered with our Employee Training Institute. To date, the program has trained over **300** individuals.



# LA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION PRO BONO AWARD FOR 2017

Congratulations to Nicole Faudree, Department Chair of the Paralegal Studies Program at COC, on receiving the L.A. Paralegal Association 2017 Pro Bono Award on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Since Fall 2012, COCs paralegal students have given more than **14,750 hours** of unpaid time through internships in the Cooperative Work Experience Program, including internships at Neighborhood Legal Services.
- Congratulations to Nicole and our paralegal students who truly make a difference!





# NEW ZERO TEXTBOOK COST (ZTC) GRANT AWARDED TO COC!

The California Community College Chancellor's Office awarded COC a **\$150,000** grant to develop a ***ZTC Certificate in Early Childhood Education***.

- The performance period is January – December 2018.
- The project Director is Brian Weston and the Faculty Lead is Jennifer Paris.
- Thank you to our staff for working collaboratively to create impactful and lasting opportunities for our students.



Welcome to Early Childhood Education



# Partnerships

# OER DEGREE WEBINARS PROVIDED BY COC

James Glapa-Grossklag, our resident guru in Open Educational Resources, delivered two high-visibility webinars in August.

- On August 23<sup>rd</sup> James delivered **“Overview of the CCC Zero Textbook Cost Degree Grant and Technical Assistance”**. He spoke together with representatives of the State Chancellor’s Office and West Hills Lemoore, the other “Technical Assistance Provider”. **80** individuals from California participated.
- On August 30<sup>th</sup> James delivered **“What are Open Degrees”**. James spoke together with representatives of Virginia, Washington State, British Columbia and the Hewlett Foundation. **70** individuals from the US, Canada and Europe participated.
- We are very proud of James and his involvement in OER on a local, state, national and international level!



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUMMIT – SEPTEMBER 15

COC and The Signal held the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual *Domestic Violence Summit: Transforming a Private Crisis Into Community Action* on September 15<sup>th</sup> in the University Center.

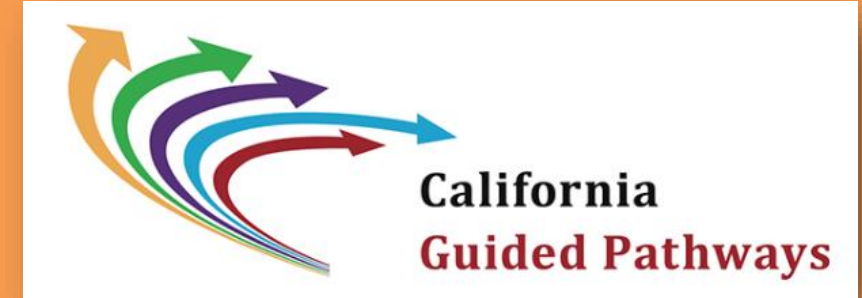
- Over **150** people attended the conference.
- Patricia Wenskunas, Crime Survivors Inc. Founder and CEO, served as the keynote speaker.
- After the keynote, attendees chose two presentations to attend, including:
  - ✓ How faith-based organizations can support domestic violence survivors.
  - ✓ Tools for handling domestic violence in the workplace.
  - ✓ Best practices for law enforcement.
  - ✓ The deadliness of strangulation as a form of domestic violence.
- While the inaugural summit last year focused on big-picture issues, this year the summit honed in on specific places and problems.



# CALIFORNIA 20 PATHWAYS INSTITUTE – SEPTEMBER 17 - 19

The first in a series of six Pathways Institutes for the selected group of 20 colleges was held September 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in Costa Mesa.

- I attended the Institute along with COC team members Dr. Jerry Buckley, Dr. Michael Wilding, Dr. Rebecca Eikey, Mr. Steve Zimmer and Ms. Denee Pescarmona.
- The objectives of this first institute were to:
  - ✓ Ensure clarity about the Pathways Project goals and expectations;
  - ✓ Establish a common definition for guided pathways and their essential elements;
  - ✓ Reinforce change leadership strategies for implementing pathways;
  - ✓ Explore how guided pathways can build on and help to integrate student success strategies already in place;
  - ✓ Produce draft action plans that delineate next steps; and
  - ✓ Begin to build an engaged learning network among Pathways Project colleges.
- The second in the series of Pathways Institutes will be held November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bakersfield.



# CEO FOLLOW-UP FROM THE CALIFORNIA 20 PATHWAYS MEETING

At the California 20 Pathways meeting, the 20 CEOs in attendance had the opportunity to talk about the needs of their colleges and the opportunity to coordinate the **California 20** planning with the **Chancellor's Office Initiative On Pathways**.

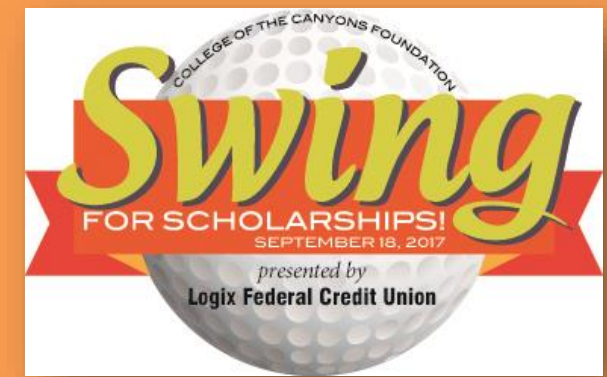
- As a follow-up to the meeting and on behalf of the 20 colleges, I drafted an email to State Chancellor Eloy Oakley to express the need to coordinate these two models by sharing the framework, data, work products and best practices.
- Dr. Oakley responded and said that they are working to answer the specific questions of the CEOs and will set up a meeting with the **California 20** CEOs to discuss our concerns.



# TEEING OFF FOR STUDENTS – SEPTEMBER 18

The annual COC Foundation Golf Tournament was held on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Valencia Country Club.

- **108** golfers teed off in the name of education.
- A portion of the proceeds this year supported the First-Year Promise initiative.
- Itziely Beltran, a First-Year Promise student, spoke to the golfers about her experience and encouraged them to give the gift of education.
- Thank you to Shawn Fonder for chairing the Golf Tournament and to Logix Federal Credit Union for being the Presenting Sponsor this year!



# TRANSFER DAY – SEPTEMBER 21

*Transfer Day* was held on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Over **600** students attended this event which was held in the Student Center.
- Fifty representatives from a variety of public and private universities were on hand to offer guidance to our students.
- Sponsored by the Transfer Center, this annual event helps student make the necessary arrangements to transfer to four-year institutions.





# HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT – SEPTEMBER 22

Nearly **200** people attended the Human Trafficking Summit at COC on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- ***“It’s still happening right here! Human Trafficking”*** not only raised awareness on sex and labor trafficking, but offered an opportunity to speak with professionals who provide much needed services.
- Tika Thornton, an advocate against sex trafficking and a survivor herself, was the keynote speaker.
- Several other survivors were in attendance and served on the discussion panel. They shared that family problems often lead to sex trafficking.
- More than **700** cases of human trafficking have been reported in California this year, according to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center.
- The conference also provided students with information on what professions they can pursue in this area.



# FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – SEPTEMBER 26

The COC Foundation Board of Director's held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

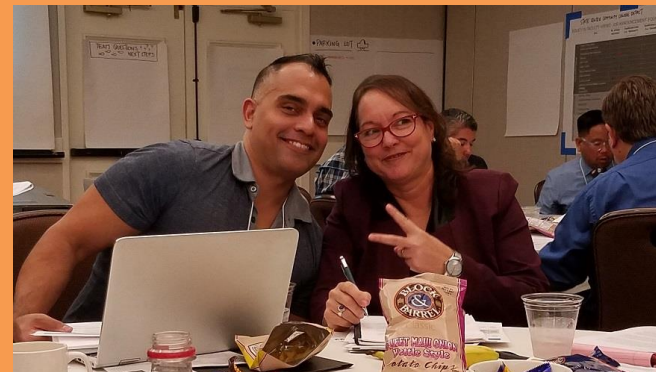
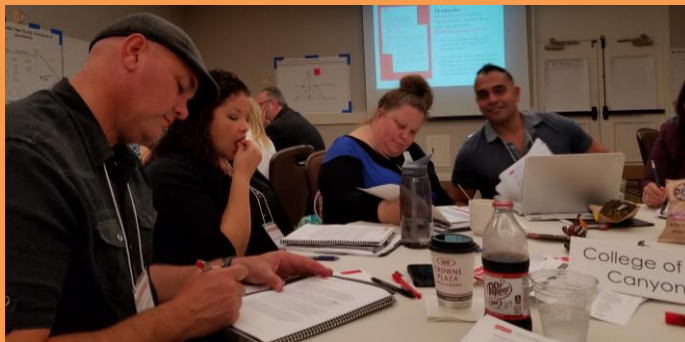
- Professor Joe Gerda gave a presentation on the Acceleration Initiative.
- Steve Corn and Murray Wood provided the members with an update on the First Year Promise Campaign and student Itziely Beltran spoke about her experience as a First Year Promise student.
- The Board also received updates on:
  - ✓ The successful Golf Tournament;
  - ✓ Planned Giving;
  - ✓ Chancellor's Circle;
  - ✓ Alumni Network;
  - ✓ Patrons of the Arts;
  - ✓ Silver Spur;
  - ✓ Foundation Board Retreat;
  - ✓ Financial Report; and
  - ✓ Professional Service Agreements.



# INSTITUTE ON DIVERSITY IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES – SEPT 28 & 29

The USC Center for Urban Education “*Institute on Diversity in Community College Faculty Hiring*” was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

- COC sent a team of 10, including faculty (full and part-time), administrators and classified employees.
- The focus of the Institute was taking an equity minded approach to all facets of the hiring process.
- A comprehensive “to do” list was created and the team who attended will be having follow-up meetings to plan implementation steps.



# LOGIX EXECUTIVES VISIT COC – SEPTEMBER 29

On September 29<sup>th</sup> five executives from Logix Federal Credit Union executives visited COC.

- Logix is relocating their headquarters from Burbank to Santa Clarita and we are quickly building a partnership with them.
- The Logix executives received a tour of our Valencia Campus from Murray Wood and James Kneblik of our Foundation. They also met with Deputy Chancellor Barry Gribbons.
- During lunch in the UCEN the Foundation shared information about our First Year Promise Program.
- In addition to sponsoring the Foundation Golf Tournament and two current scholarships, Logix joined the Chancellor's Circle this month.



# ALL ABOUT WELLNESS – OCTOBER 2

Over **30** campus groups, local business and organizations that promote physical, mental, social and spiritual wellness participated in the Body Mind Wellness Resource Fair in the Honor Grove on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Approximately **200** people attended this annual fair to learn about local services available.
- The event, which also included the annual EveryBODY is Beautiful Fashion Show, kicked off a series of upcoming wellness-related seminars and events.



# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT – OCTOBER 5 - 6



The inaugural *California Community Colleges Civic Engagement Summit* was held at College of the Canyons on October 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Approximately **100** Community college faculty, leaders and students from across the state gathered to discuss **“Reaffirming the Mission of Democracy’s Colleges”** and **“Fostering Civic Engagement Across the Disciplines”**.
- The two-day event fostered a shared understanding of non-partisan civic engagement across the California Community Colleges.
- Conference strands addressed strategies to increase voter participation, civic knowledge and community volunteerism.
- Keynote speaker Thomas Ehrlich, one of the premiere voices in the field of civic engagement, focused on the gap between civic engagement and political involvement. He stressed how community colleges should work to increase political advocacy, public policy and voter participation among their students.



# COC JOB AND CAREER FAIR – OCTOBER 6

On Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, COC held a Job and Career Fair with over **70** employers on-site talking to hundreds of job applicants.

- Students and job seekers had an opportunity to connect with companies seeking to fill entry, middle and upper-level jobs.
- For companies that were unable to attend the Job Fair, an on-site “*Virtual Job Fair*” was hosted by KHTS AM-1220, allowing job-seekers to apply for additional job opportunities.
- A series of workshops were also offered to those attending the Job Fair, including the always popular workshop on “*Linkedin*”.



# What's New on and Around our Campuses

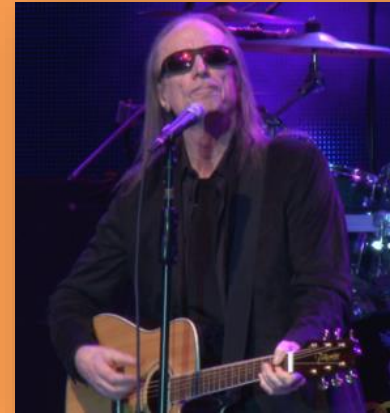




# THREE DOG NIGHT BRINGS JOY TO THE PAC – SEPTEMBER 16

Three Dog Night rocked the Performing Arts Center as they opened the 2017/18 PAC season on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Over **40** guests enjoyed a VIP dinner prepared by Chefs Daniel Otto and Cindy Schwanke in the iCue before boarding shuttles to the PAC for the concert.
- One was certainly not the loneliness number as the sold-out crowd danced to the music of **Three Dog Night** as they performed their Billboard Top 40 hits.
- A highlight of the performance was when the band performed their newest song in a cappella.



**THREE DOG NIGHT**



# VISIT TO COC BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS VICE PRESIDENT

Thomas Epstein, Vice President of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors visited College of the Canyons on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Mr. Epstein met with our Executive Cabinet and received a VIP tour of the campus where he interacted with faculty and students.
- Mr. Epstein was joined by faculty, staff, administrators, students and others in the iCue for a lunch that was prepared and served by our culinary arts students.



# CELEBRATING HISPANIC DIVERSITY – SEPTEMBER 27

On September 27<sup>th</sup> our students celebrated Hispanic Diversity in the honor grove with **14** cultural tables representing Spanish-speaking countries.

- Students shared the different cultures with brief talks, hands-on music making and sampling of foods from various countries.
- The event was hosted by the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures in collaboration with the Spanish Honor Society, ASUL and ASG.



# DACA – ARE YOU A DREAMER? – OCTOBER 2

Professor Antonio Callo from CSUNs Department of Chicana/o Studies held a discussion about DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and immigrant rights on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Canyon Country Campus.

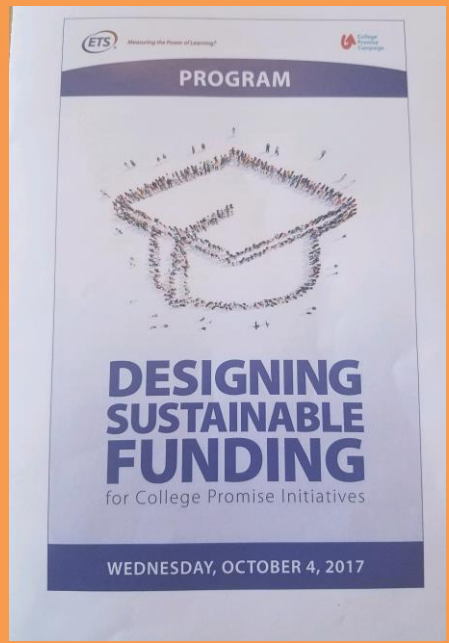
- This iTaB presentation was arranged by Vincent Devlahovich and Juan Buriel.
- Professor Callo presented in both English and Spanish to the small, but appreciative group.
- The event was free and open to the public.
- Vincent Delahovich is putting together a support group to provide guidance to DACA students on navigating the system.



# COLLEGE PROMISE EVENT IN WASHINGTON, DC – OCTOBER 4

Denee Pescarmona and Theresa Zuzevich participated in a College Promise event at the National Press Club in Washington, DC on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

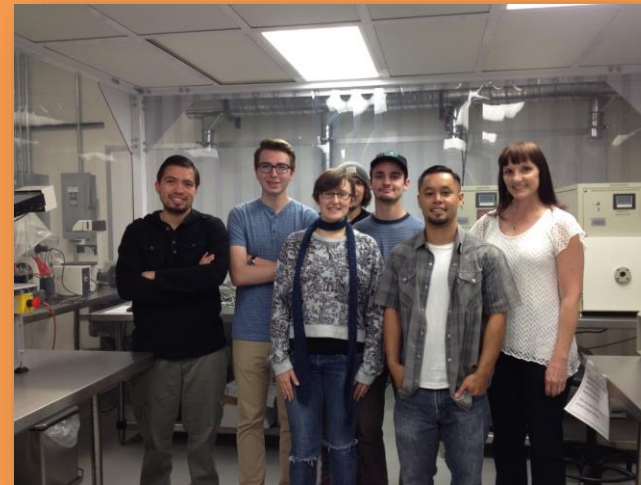
- Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) spoke about the newly released report by *The College Promise Campaign* and *Educational Testing Service* entitled “***Designing Sustainable Funding for College Promise Initiatives***”.
  
- Takeaways from the event included:
  - ✓ The need to advocate to leverage existing state resources.
  - ✓ Program elements should ensure student success and completion, while also including mentoring and volunteerism.
  - ✓ Our program infrastructure must support growth and expansion of the program.



# HASP 2017 CLEANROOM MOCK ANALYSIS – OCTOBER 7

The Astronomy and Physics Club students performed a mock analysis in the Cleanroom on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Dr. Ciardi and the students met in front of the cleanroom and once inside put on their suits to go through the flight sample analysis protocol.
- This was done with test samples – not the actual flown samples.
- The students will be extracting the actual samples in about two weeks.
- As Daniel Tikhomirov said, ***“We are looking forward to doing some science!”***



# A DIALOGUE ON DEMOCRACY: REBUILDING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT – OCTOBER 10

**Ms. Chris Carson**, National President of the League of Women Voters, joined us for a very special evening on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in the University Center.

- Ms. Carson discussed the current state of American democracy and emphasized the importance of civic engagement.
- The event was sponsored by the COC Civic Engagement Steering Committee, ASG, Gamma Beta Phi, Sociology Club, Civic Engagement Club and the new League of Women Voters SCV Chapter.





# ATHLETIC UPDATE

## COC Athletics are underway!

- **Football** – Canyons enjoyed a week six bye after starting the season with a 4-1 record. The Cougars were able to pick up a thrilling 29-28 road win at Grossmont College on Sept. 30, to conclude the non-conference portion of its schedule. Up next, the No. 11 ranked Cougars will travel to take on conference rival Ventura College in a marquee Thursday night matchup. That contest will be LIVE STREAMED via [SoCalCollegeSports.com](http://SoCalCollegeSports.com).
- **Women's Volleyball** – Canyons is currently the No. 11 ranked team in the state, and No. 7 team in SoCal, according to the most recent CCCVCA top-25 poll. The Cougars have won eight of their last nine matches, including six straight. On Monday, COC knocked off a ranked Moorpark squad 3-0 and will next begin conference play with a home match vs. West L.A. at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.



# ATHLETIC UPDATE

## COC Athletics are underway!

- **Women's Soccer** - Canyons scored a season-high seven goals in a shutout win over L.A. Pierce on Friday, improving its season record to 9-2 in the process. The Cougars have now won three straight heading into Friday's home conference opener vs. Bakersfield College.
- **Men's Soccer** – The Cougars snapped a six-game win streak by downing L.A. Mission 3-2 on Friday to get back in the win column. Canyons will now begin the conference portion of its schedule with a Tuesday night match vs. Glendale College.



# ATHLETIC UPDATE

COC Athletics are underway!

➤ **Cross Country** – The COC cross country program enjoyed a week away from competition after running in the Western State Conference Preview meet at Bonelli Park in San Dimas back on Sept. 29. At that event, the women’s team placed third and the men’s team finished ninth. Individually, sophomore Díani Ellis finished second overall on the women’s side and Travis Cetti was the top men’s finisher with his 28th place time. Canyons will be back in action at the SBVC Invite on Friday, Oct. 13.



➤ **Women’s Golf** - Canyons took third place on a windy day at the Western State Conference event hosted by Bakersfield College at Rio Bravo Country Club on Monday. The Cougars carded a 361 to trail second place Citrus (357) and event winner SBCC (333). Freshman JoJo Roecker shot an 85 to finish in a five-way tie for fourth place. COC will next tee off at the WSC event hosted by Glendale College on Oct. 16.



A scenic landscape photograph of a lake surrounded by mountains and trees with autumn foliage. The sky is blue with white clouds. The text "Upcoming Events" is overlaid in the center of the image.

# Upcoming Events

# VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON – OCTOBER 12

The Volunteer Bureau coordinates volunteer requests from across our two campuses and matches opportunities with potential volunteers. Our volunteers come from a wide range of backgrounds and ages, but all have a common desire to help others.

- Since being established in 2010, our Volunteer Bureau has thrived and provided an invaluable path to campus involvement and engagement to our students and community members.
- Yearly, we bring our volunteers together to honor their service.
- This year our Volunteer Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm in the iCue.



# MANUFACTURING DAY – OCTOBER 12

Leading Santa Clarita Valley manufacturers and advanced technology industries will celebrate National Manufacturing Day with an evening panel presentation on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the PAC.

- Titan Gilroy, owner of TITANS of CNC – an elite aerospace CNC Machine Shop in Northern California and executive producer of the TV series of the same name, will be the keynote speaker.
- Representatives from local advanced technology companies will be on hand to lead an evening panel discussion about career paths and opportunities in manufacturing and advanced technology.

**MANUFACTURING DAY -  
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY  
CAREER PRESENTATION**

By: Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation



# INTERNATIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 12

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures is hosting an International Music and Dance Festival on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm - 8 pm.

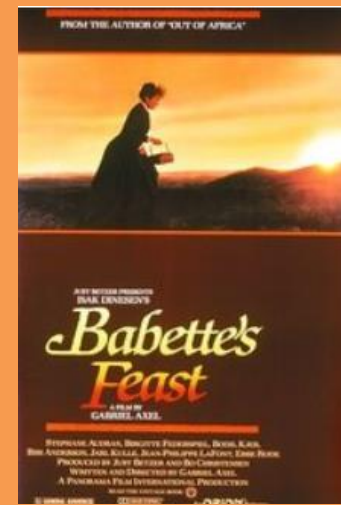
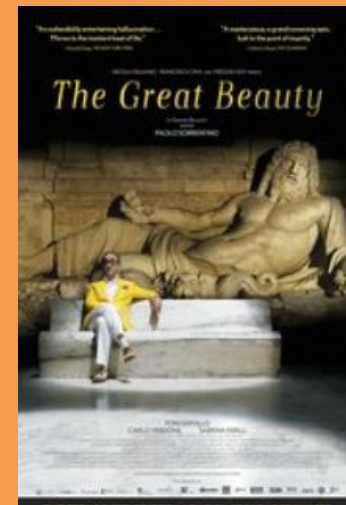
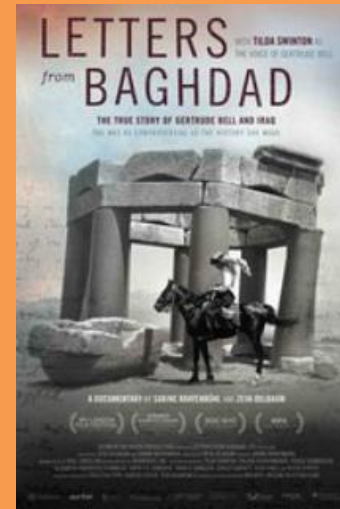
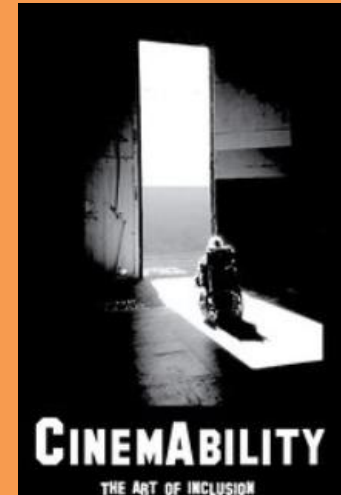
- This collaborative production of folk and popular music and dance will be held in Mentry Hall 343.
- Faculty, staff, students and guest artists will be performing including:
  - ✓ Ballet Folklorico
  - ✓ COC French & German Baroque Music
  - ✓ Paul Sherman Duo
  - ✓ SCV Youth Orchestra
  - ✓ Afro-Peruvian Musica de La Costa
  - ✓ And much more!



# THE FRIDAY NIGHT FILM FESTIVAL RETURNED ON SEPTEMBER 29

The Friday Night Film Festival returned to campus on September 29<sup>th</sup> and promises a great lineup of films this semester.

- Screenings are done every Friday in Hasley Hall 101.
- Films coming up include:
  - ✓ 10/6 – Cidade De Deus – 7 pm
  - ✓ 10/13 – My Life as a Zucchini – 5 pm
  - ✓ 10/13 – Cinemability – 7 pm
  - ✓ 10/20 – Sasom I En Spegel – 7 pm
  - ✓ 10/27 – Letters From Baghdad – 5 pm
  - ✓ 10/27 – Frantz – 7 pm
  - ✓ 11/3 – L’Avenir – 7 pm
  - ✓ 11/17 – Babettes Feast – 7 pm
  - ✓ 12/1 – Valley of Love – 6 pm
  - ✓ 12/8 – La Grande Bellezza – 7 pm





# A PIECE OF MY HEART – OCTOBER 13

On October 13<sup>th</sup> the School of Visual and Performing Arts, in collaboration with the Veterans Resource Center, is holding a special performance and reception for the Theatre Department production of **“A Piece of My Heart.”**

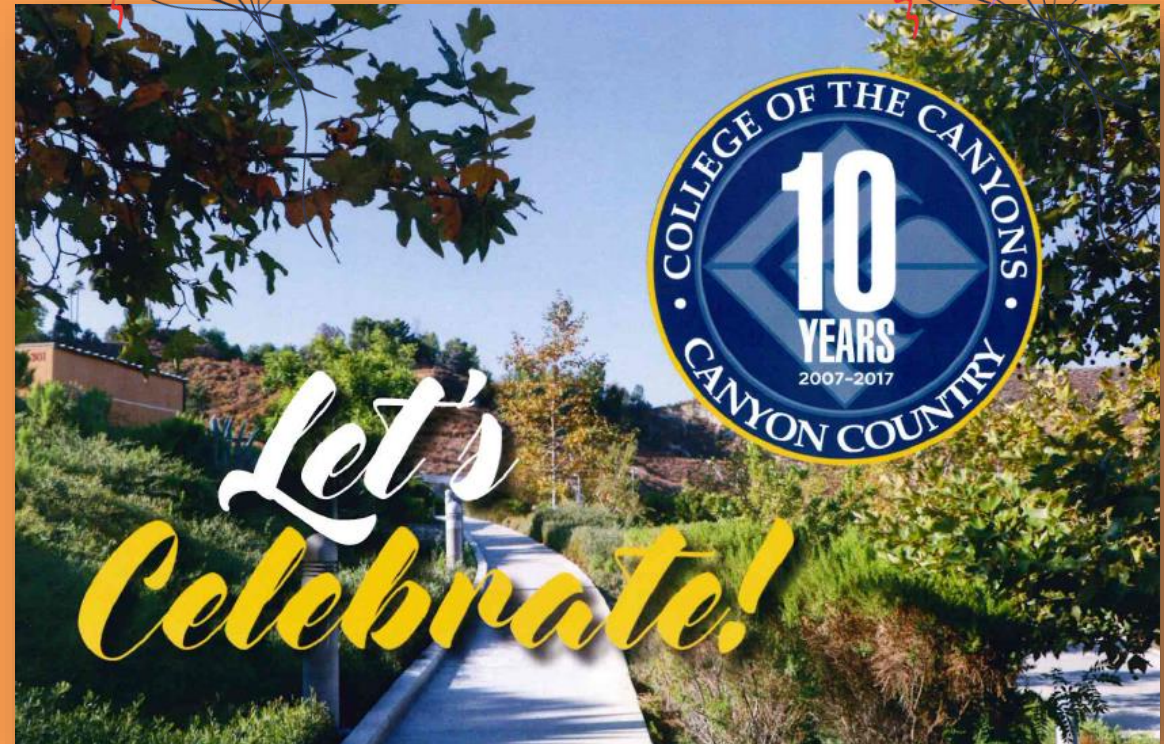
- This special performance features a post-performance panel discussion with the actors, the production team and veterans.
- It will also include a reception to honor veterans in our community.
- **“A Piece of My Heart”** has been named the most enduring play on Vietnam in the nation by The Vietnam Vet Association.
- For tickets please contact Producer David Stears at [david.stears@canyons.edu](mailto:david.stears@canyons.edu).



# CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS – 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – OCTOBER 13

Celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of innovation and excellence at the Canyon Country Campus on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

- This intimate evening under the stars will include members of the Canyon Country Advisory Committee, VIPs and COC partners.
- Guests will enjoy an authentic western BBQ dinner, a short presentation, music and dancing.
- Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm in the Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheater, followed by dinner at 6:45 pm.
- Happy anniversary to our Canyon Country Campus!



# CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS – COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE – OCTOBER 14

Join us for the *Canyon Country Campus 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Community Open House* on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

- The open house will take place from 10 am – 2 pm and will feature:
  - ✓ Live music;
  - ✓ Food trucks;
  - ✓ Campus tours;
  - ✓ Portable planetarium;
  - ✓ Garden Walk at 10 am;
  - ✓ Chalk art competition;
  - ✓ KHTS live broadcast;
  - ✓ Student exhibits and more!
- This event is free and open to the public.



**College of the Canyons  
10-Year Anniversary Celebration!  
JOIN US!**

**CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS  
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday, October 14**  
10AM to 2PM • FREE admission

17200 Sierra Highway  
Just north of Soledad Canyon Road

- Live music featuring country star Savannah Burrows!
- Food Trucks
- Children's activity area
- Campus Tours
- Portable planetarium
- Garden Walk (10AM)
- Chalk art competition
- Information tables and displays
- KHTS broadcasting LIVE from the campus
- Student exhibits and much more!

**[www.canyons.edu/cc](http://www.canyons.edu/cc)**  
For more information (661) 362-3800

# CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE DINNER – OCTOBER 21

We hope you can join us for our annual Chancellor's Circle Dinner on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm on the University Center Patio.

- Our students and faculty will offer an interactive showcase featuring:
  - ✓ 3D animation and visual effects by the Media Arts Department.
  - ✓ NASA High Altitude Student Projects by the Physics & Astronomy Club
  - ✓ Life-saving training equipment by the Nursing Department.
- Dinner will be at 6 pm in the University Center Lobby and will be prepared by the COC Institute for Culinary Education.
- Entertainment will be provided by the School of Visual and Performing Arts.



# UCEN OPEN HOUSE – OCTOBER 25

Join us for a community Open House in the University Center from 4 pm – 7 pm on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Learn how to earn a bachelor’s or master’s degree right here in the Santa Clarita Valley.
- Representatives from the following Universities will be on hand to answer questions:
  - ✓ CSU Bakersfield
  - ✓ CSU Northridge
  - ✓ Brandman University
  - ✓ University of La Verne
  - ✓ National University

**Get your Bachelor's or Master's Degree**

**OPEN HOUSE** AT THE COC Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook UNIVERSITY CENTER

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017**  
**4-7pm**

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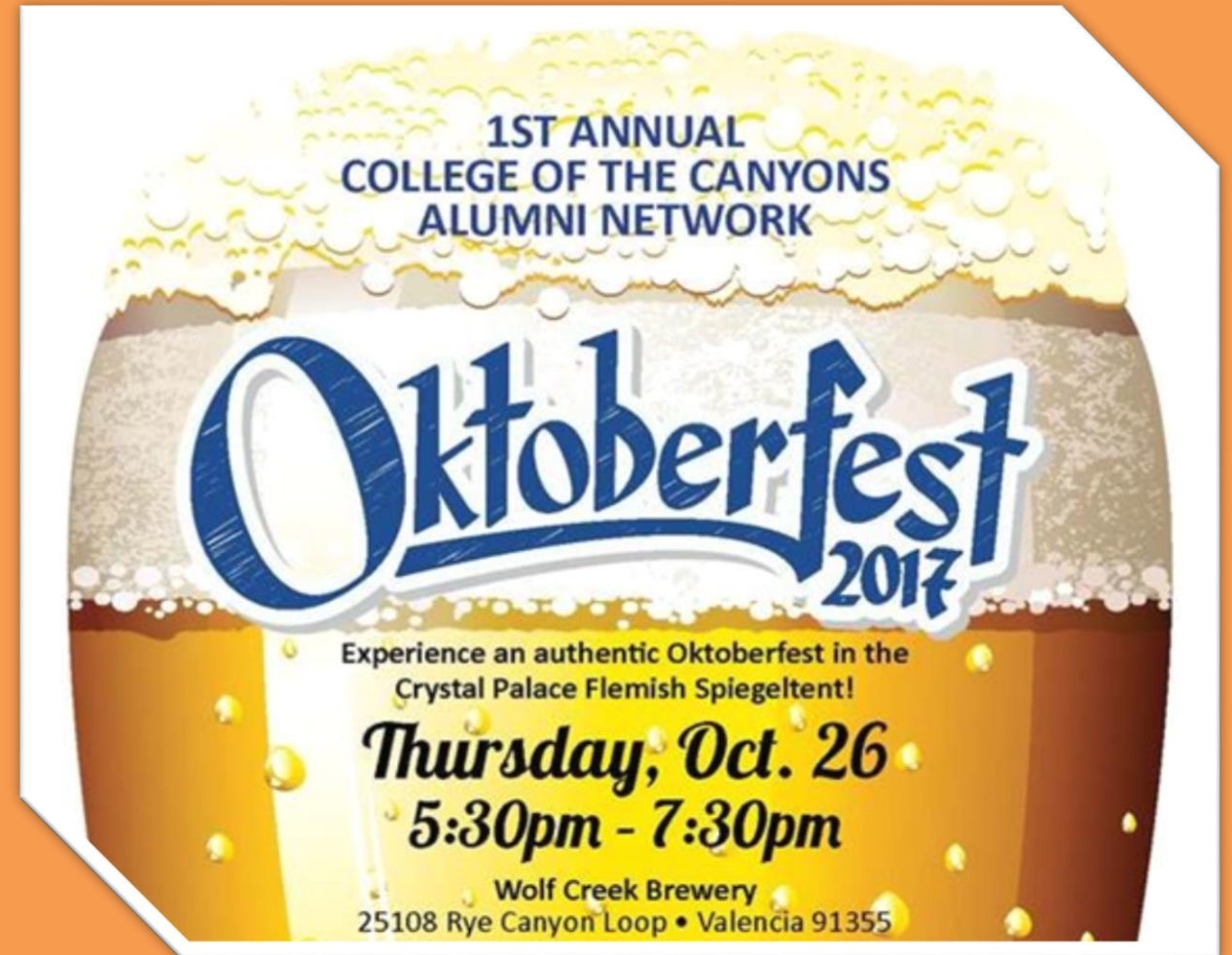
Logos for Brandman University, University of La Verne, CSUN, and CSUB are included. A yellow banner in the bottom right corner says "Classes Forming NOW!".



# OKTOBERFEST 2017 – OCTOBER 26

Grab your lederhosen and Oom-Pa-Pa your way over for an authentic Oktoberfest with German-style appetizers and beer!

- The event will be held on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Wolf Creek Brewery – 25108 Rye Canyon Loop, Valencia.
- The cost of \$20 per person includes appetizers and one beverage.
- For tickets please go to ***cocalumni.com*** and click on the Oktoberfest graphic.



# STAR PARTY AT CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS – OCTOBER 27

The *Star Party* returns to the Canyon Country campus on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

- This always popular event will feature telescope viewing of the night sky, hands-on demonstrations, guest speakers and interactive displays where the community will have the opportunity to work with our students and faculty.
- The *Star Party* will be held in the Carl A. Rasmussen Amphitheater from 7 pm – 9:30 pm.
- This event is free and open to the public.



# NCCCF CEO ADVISORY COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 16

I have been working with Keetha Mills, President and CEO of the Foundation for California Community Colleges, to form a CEO Advisory Council.

- **30 CEOs** will be attending an informal information session in conjunction with the Community College League of California Annual Convention in San Jose on November 16<sup>th</sup>, with additional CEOs interested but unable to attend.
- Targeted outcomes include:
  - ✓ Establishing a communication network of CEOs for enhancing understanding and support of philanthropic activities;
  - ✓ Developing a liaison/partnership with the NCCCF staff;
  - ✓ Elevating the significance of fundraising and resource development;
  - ✓ Generating resource materials and templates;
  - ✓ Hosting conferences and training opportunities,
  - ✓ Fostering peer-to-peer exchanges of ideas;
  - ✓ Developing and maintain a mentorship program; and
  - ✓ Enhancing the capacity of fundraising in the California Community College System by hosting a CEO Fundraising Academy.

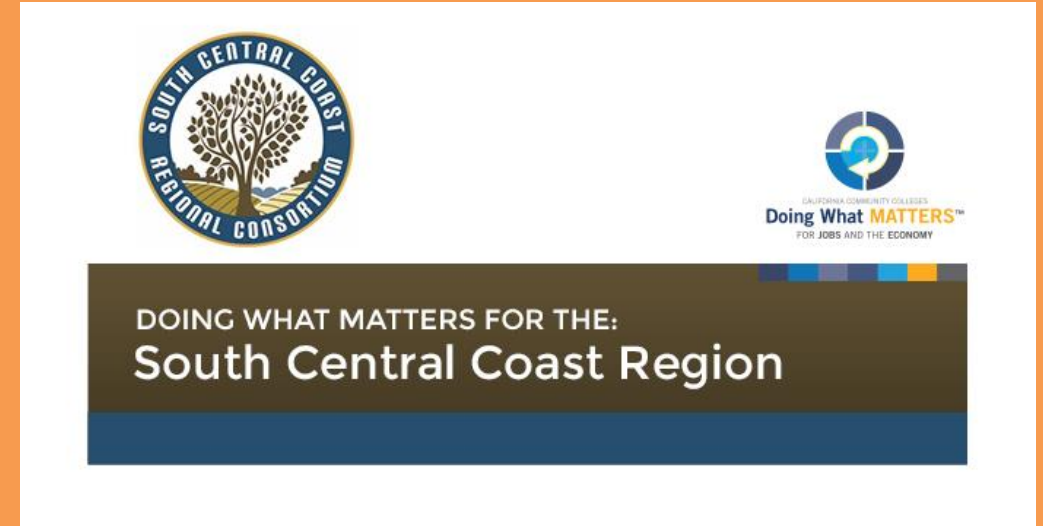




# SCCRC CEO MEETING PLANNED

Kevin Walthers, CEO at Alan Hancock College, and I are working on bringing together the regional CEOs for an update on the regional ***Doing What Matters Plan*** and to discuss next steps.

- Topics will include:
  - ✓ Regional Strong Workforce Program (SWP) planning at the college/district level: How does it work between CEOs, CIOs and CTE Voting Deans.
  - ✓ CEO commitment and involvement on the SCCRC SWP Steering Committee.
  - ✓ Regular regional CEO engagement in SCCRC.
- Current plans are to make funding decisions for the SWP 17/18 Round 2 funding at the December 8<sup>th</sup> SCCRC and Steering Committee meeting.



# Coming Up In The PAC

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- ❖ **Stacy Sullivan – A Tribute to Peggy Lee**  
Friday, October 13 at 6 & 8:30 pm
- ❖ **Put Some Swing Into It! – COC Music**  
Friday, October 20 at 7:30 pm
- ❖ **Symphony of the Canyons – Sacra et Profana**  
Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 pm
- ❖ **Underwater Bubble Show**  
November 4
- ❖ **Kill Me, Deadly – COC Theatre**  
November 10 - 19
- ❖ **Dwight Yoakam**  
November 12
- ❖ **Commercial Music Recital – COC Music**  
November 27
- ❖ **Electronica Musique – COC Music**  
November 29
- ❖ **McKeon Leadership Forum**  
November 30



# In Memorial



# WE MOURN THE PASSING OF JACK SHINE

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of our dear friend Jack Shine.

- Quiet and self-effacing, Jack had a habit of downplaying his achievements, even describing himself as “a modestly successful businessman.” In reality Jack was a very successful businessman who was uncharacteristically modest and an amazing inspirational leader with integrity. He was gracious, selfless and sincere. He invested his time, talents, generosity, and heart into making other people’s lives better.
- Jack had vision and the rare ability to see what others could not. When he spoke, his opinions proved decisive, his decisions resolute. He possessed keen insights honed through years of business and non-profit leadership.
- Jack was a prominent figure in the history of the Santa Clarita Valley and instrumental in shaping the eastern part of our community. He transformed vacant land into great neighborhoods under the American Beauty label.
- Jack shifted gears in retirement, shaping the community in different ways by investing himself in philanthropy and service. His work with Habit for Humanity and other organizations is known throughout our community.
- Jack was actively engaged with our Foundation Board of Directors and served on the Performing Arts Center’s K-12 Educational Outreach Advisory Board and was a Patron of the Arts. He and Doreen provided invaluable support to college programs and initiatives, helping our students to achieve success.
- Jack will be sorely missed by the College, the community and me.



# STUDENTS HELD CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR BRIAN RODRIGUEZ

COC students held a candlelight vigil for former student Brayan “Brian” Rodriguez on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

- About **100** friends and family gathered in front of the MESA Center to reminisce and mourn the loss of the 20 year-old student who graduated from COC in June.
- It gave the students an important opportunity to share stories and focus on the good memories of their friend Brian.
- Brian was a tutor with our MESA program prior to getting accepted into the University of California, San Diego.



# COC STUDENT PROVIDES LIFE SAVING HELP DURING LAS VEGAS TRAGEDY

The recent tragedy in Las Vegas is a demonstration of senseless violence that saddens us all.

- COC EMT student **Matt Cuddihy**, who is studying to become a firefighter, was at the concert and treated a number of people at the scene, providing them with life saving care.
- Matt shared his amazing story of heroism with ABC7 News.
- We are extremely proud of Matt and his instructors in the EMT program.
- The college's flags have been lowered to half staff to honor the Las Vegas victims.
- Our thoughts are with the victims and their families.





*Part of the healing process is  
sharing with other people who care.*

*- Jerry Cantrell*