

Chancellor's Report & Update



Board of Trustees Meeting
December 6, 2017



LIBRARY

Recognition

THREE COC STAFF HONORED AT THE SIGNAL TOP 51 – OCTOBER 26

Congratulations to three members of the COC staff who were honored by The Signal for their dedication to the community and for taking their contributions to the “next level”.

- **Jasmine Foster and Chef Cindy Schwanke** were honored in the area of **Education**.
- **Jim Temple** was honored in the area of **Technology**.

“The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.”

- Ray Kroc



THE FEW, THE PROUD – NOVEMBER 8

The *COC Student Veterans of America* honored the Marine Corps' 242nd birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, November 8th.

- The event was held on the Valencia campus at the flag pole.
- Veteran students representing the Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force participated.



SHARLENE COLEAL RECEIVES CASBO 15 YEAR PIN

Sharlene Coleal recently received her **15 year** of service pin from ACBO – the Association of Chief Business Officials.

- The pin was presented to Sharlene at the recent ACBO conference.
- Congratulations to Sharlene our Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Business Services, who has been with COC over 16 years!



COC MODEL U.N. TEAM EXCELS – NOVEMBER 17 - 19

Our Model U.N. team completed the fall semester competition season with an incredible win at UC Santa Barbara!

- Delegations from **3 community colleges** and **17 four-year colleges** (including UCLA, USC, UCSD, UCM, UNLV, Loyola Marymount, CSULB, SDSU and others) participated in the competition.
- COC was named the ***Best Large Delegation***, surpassing USC who came in second place!
- Eight of our 20 delegates won individual awards!
- Advisor Phil Gussin does an amazing job of recruiting talented students who want to improve their leadership skills and create an environment in which they can succeed.
- Congratulations to Advisor Phil Gussin and the entire Model U.N. team!



CONGRATS TO COC FBLA-PBL TEAM! – NOVEMBER 18 - 19

Our Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda students participated in the **California State Fall Business Leadership Conference** on November 18th and 19th .


- COC placed second in both the “*Fresh to Table*” case analysis and in the “Magelian Boatworks” case analysis.
- COC competed not only against other community colleges - Diablo Valley College, Cerritos College and Las Positas College – but four year universities as well - UCSD, UCR, USC!
- COC was also recognized as the third largest local chapter in California for Fall 2017 and for having the 3rd largest delegation attending the conference.
- Congratulations to our hard working FBLA-PBL students, and their sponsor Bob Maxwell!




ALUMNI BANNER APPRECIATION RECEPTION – NOVEMBER 30

Last Thursday, November 30th, 13 alumni brought their families and friends to the University Center lobby to be honored for their participation in this year's Alumni Banner Campaign.


- It was our pleasure to recognize and thank the alumni for being ambassadors of the college.
- Their wisdom, influence and success fuels us to grow and we are so grateful that they are such shining examples for our students.



Christian Diance
RN BSN, NURSE
THE NURSE'S COLLEGE
ALUMNUS '14




Irene Anastasia
RN, OB/GYN RESOURCE NURSE
THE NURSE'S COLLEGE
ALUMNA '14



Alex Lichtscheidl
CHEMIST
THE SCIENTIST'S COLLEGE
ALUMNUS '03




Nancy Gump Melancon
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
THE BUSINESS COLLEGE
ALUMNA '92




Nick Mitchell
VP LEGAL AFFAIRS/CORPORATE COUNSEL
THE ATTORNEY'S COLLEGE
ALUMNUS '06



Claudenice McCalister
PROJECT ENGINEER
THE BUILDER'S COLLEGE
ALUMNA '13




Bill Cooper
WATER BOARD MEMBER
THE WATER RESOURCES COLLEGE
ALUMNUS '77



Amanda Benson
BUSINESS OWNER
THE ENTREPRENEUR'S COLLEGE
ALUMNA '96




Samantha Ralston
FIREFIGHTER
THE FIREFIGHTER'S COLLEGE
ALUMNA '15



Mario Shields
SALES
THE BUSINESS COLLEGE
ALUMNUS '10



Austin Kolodney
DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
THE FILMMAKER'S COLLEGE
ALUMNUS '12



Estaban Gomez
ASL INTERPRETER
THE INTERPRETER'S COLLEGE
ALUMNUS '09



Jason Galvin
BROADCAST JOURNALIST
THE MEDIA ARTS COLLEGE
ALUMNUS '11

11TH ANNUAL FAMILY LITERACY FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 2

COC collaborated with the Santa Clarita Public Library to present the 11th Annual Family Literacy Festival, featuring the COC Makerspace on Saturday, December 2nd.

- The event had a great turnout and introduced a multitude of new community members to COC and our Makerspace.
- COC was also represented by:
 - ✓ HASP;
 - ✓ Architecture;
 - ✓ Sustainable Development; and
 - ✓ Art.
- Our portable planetarium also drew a huge crowd.
- Thank you to our Faculty Makerspace Team, our Makers, Teach and Sustainability Center who helped to plan and staff this fun community event.
- **Councilmember Marsha McLean said it was the “best Family Literacy Fest ever and that COC and the Makerspace really made the difference”.**



KUDOS TO THE COC GUIDED PATHWAYS TEAM

John Nixon, Leadership Coach and Advisory Committee member for the California Guided Pathways Project sent a very complimentary note to our COC team.

- He talked about the focused, productive work of our team and thanked us for guiding discussions with such a positive impact.
- He said that COC is making significant progress in refining and expanding capacities in guided pathways and it is a pleasure for him to work with us.
- Thank you to Denee Pescarmona and our entire guided pathways team, including Miriam Golbert, Anne Marengo, Jasmine Ruys, Ryan Theule and Erika Torgeson for helping to lead the way!



ATHLETIC UPDATE

Go Cougars!

Fall sports wrapped up their seasons in great form!

- **Football** – COC earned its first Bowl Game win of the Ted Jacenda era, downing Mt. San Antonio College in the *2017 Western State Bowl*.
- **Women's Volleyball** –The Cougars finished the season with an overall record of 25-6 and a visit to the *2017 CCCAA Women's Volleyball State Championship* semi-finals.



ATHLETIC UPDATE

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- **Women's Soccer** –The Cougars finished the season as **WSC, East Division champions**. Their **7th consecutive conference championship!**



- **Men's Soccer** – The men finished the season strong, with a third place finish in the conference.



ATHLETIC UPDATE

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➤ **Cross Country** – COC sophomore Díani Ellis placed fifth overall in the CCCAA State Championship meet and earned JC All-American honors with her school record time on the 5K course. The women’s team finished eighth in the field of 20 schools. On the men’s side, sophomore Garrett Noltemeyer placed 40th overall in the field of 175 runners on the four-mile course.



➤ **Women’s Golf** – COC placed seventh at the CCCAA State Championships to cap a season in which the Cougars returned to their position as one of the state's top programs.



Partnerships



SCV VETERANS OF CHARACTER – NOVEMBER 11

The Santa Clarita Veteran Services Collaborative and the Boy Scouts of America teamed up to salute Veterans of Character at the Ronald Reagan Library on Saturday, November 11th.

- Nearly **400** people attended the event to pay respect to those who served the US in the armed forces.
- Special recognition was given to Foundation Board member **Lee Shulman** for his service in the U.S. Air Force.
 - ✓ Lee entered the Air Force in 1942, serving as a cryptographer in China, Burma and India, an air control operator in India and piloted air raids in Burma, where he was shot down by machine gun fire during one of his missions.
 - ✓ We are extremely proud of Lee's service to our country!
- COC supporter and President of the SCV Veterans Collaborative, Elliott Wolfe, co-chaired the event which honored several Veterans of Character.

Santa Clarita Veteran Services Collaborative

SALUTING THE VETERANS of Character

EVENT CO-CHAIRS:
Elliott Wolfe (661) 260-1790, SCVcollaborative@gmail.com
Ransom Boynton (661) 284-6330, ransom.boynton@scouting.org

Prepared. For Life.®

3:00-5:00 Tour of Library
Special Exhibit of Titanic Relics

5:00 Air Force One Tour,
Pictures, Cocktail Hour

6:30 Grand Dinner & Program

All attendees get use of the Reagan Library AND THE TITANIC EXHIBIT from 2PM to 5PM.

From 5PM to 6:30PM all attendees get to go into Air Force One Pavilion to tour the airplane, take photos, have complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and enjoy cocktails.

At 6:30 PM dinner is served, followed by short program of introductions and address by special guests!
NO AUCTIONS. BLACK TIE AND MILITARY FORMAL DRESS OPTIONAL.

All donations are tax deductible, and will maintain the programs of the Boy Scouts of America and the Santa Clarita Veteran Center.

A Special Celebration
Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th, 2017

at The Ronald Reagan Library, Simi Valley, California

Views and opinions expressed by Santa Clarita Veteran Services Collaborative are not necessarily shared by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute.



ISP PARTNERSHIP BUILDING IN ASIA – NOVEMBER 12 - 19

Dr. Jerry Buckley, Dr. Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine and Mr. Tim Honadel recently returned from a trip to Taiwan to enhance our network and contacts.

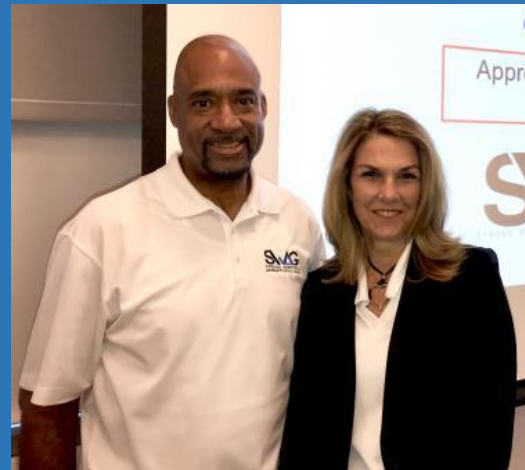
- They visited 3 high school and 2 universities, expanding partnerships with some and beginning collaboration with others.
- Additionally, COC did presentations at the Fulbright Commission and National Taiwan University.
- At Hwei-Wen High School they met with students who have applied to COC, with at least 10 students planning to begin their studies at COC in Fall 2018.
- It was a very productive trip with follow-up already in the works!



SWAG HOSTS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON AT COC – NOVEMBER 16

On Thursday, November 16th, Strong Workforce Apprenticeship Group (SWAG) hosted an Appreciation Luncheon on our campus.

- Montez King, the President of the National Institute of Metalworking Skills, and an appointee to the President’s Taskforce on Apprenticeship Expansion, gave an update on the inaugural meeting of the taskforce and endorsed the work of SWAG.
- So far SWAG has secured:
 - ✓ 10 registered occupations with the Department of Labor in Logistics and Advanced Manufacturing;
 - ✓ 14 signed agreements with local companies; and
 - ✓ 30 apprentices registered with the Department of Labor.
- SWAG is currently working to develop an apprenticeship in Allied Health for the Certified Nursing Assistance occupation.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CA – NOVEMBER 16 - 18

COC was pleased to present several sessions at the recent Community College League of California (CCLC) convention in San Jose.

- Sharlene Coleal, Barry Gribbons and I presented **“Providing Leadership Through a Pathway of Initiatives”**.
- Eric Harnish joined a panel of Public Information Officers for a session on **“Turning Lemons into Lemon Drops”**.
- Patty Robinson organized a panel to discuss **“Affirming the Mission of Democracy’s Colleges: California Community Colleges to Create Change Through Civic Engagement.”**
- Jeffrey Forrest and I presented **“The Community College: A Catalyst for Economic Growth.”**
- Barry Gribbons was part of the panel presenting **“Advance with IEPI!”**
- COC is proud to take a leadership role in providing information to our fellow colleges and board members.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA

A promotional poster for the 2017 Annual Convention. The background is a dark teal color with a glowing lightbulb in the center. The lightbulb is surrounded by various white icons representing education, technology, and business. The text on the poster includes:

2017 Annual Convention

California Community Colleges
**creating
adapting
innovating**

San Jose Fairmont
November 16-18

www.ccleague.org/convention

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE
OF CALIFORNIA

NCCCF CEO ADVISORY COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 16

The inaugural meeting of Community College CEOs to form an advisory council and develop professional development opportunities was held at the CCLC conference on November 16th.

- Based on CEO input to a survey conducted last spring, we began to formulate action plans and affirm priorities by focusing on the following topics:
 - ✓ Establishing a structure;
 - ✓ Clarifying what would be most helpful; and
 - ✓ Learning what the Network of California Community College Foundations (NCCCF) can do for our colleges and our college system.
- It was great to be able to talk with CEOs and brainstorm some things that we can all do to become better in the fundraising arena and in supporting our Foundations.
- We will be hosting workshops on a regional basis for Foundation Board Members, CEOs and Foundation Development Office Staff.



STARTUP WEEKEND SCV – NOVEMBER 17 - 19

COC was proud to host the fifth annual *Startup Weekend SCV* on November 17th – 19th.

- This is a unique opportunity for developers, designers and business people to team up and build a startup, in just 54 hours!
- Contestants formed teams and worked on validating their business model.
- Activities included rapid fire start-up pitches, prototype building, customer development, coaching, feedback by local mentors, a keynote speaker and concluded with a Shark Tank-style judging session.
- Participants competed for cash, three months free office space, a sit down with the Pasadena Angels, as well as a free digital marketing consultation.
- “Park Shark” was the top winner. It was designed by college students to crowdsource parking requirements, much like Waze does with traffic conditions, so that L.A. residents can avoid parking tickets.



NEW WORLD OF WORK

College of the Canyons is proud to be a member of the initial group of partners in the system-wide roll-out of the *New World of Work* 21st century employability skills.

- As a partner college, the skills lessons will be embedded across disciplines in both CTE and GE coursework.
- These skills are sometimes referred to as “soft skills”.
- Out of the 114 colleges in our system, COC is one of the initial group of **35** that have signed on as official partners.
- The first program incorporating the *New World of Work* will be the Uniquely Aabled Program, in collaboration with the Economic Development Department, that will begin in February.



THE “TOP 10” ESSENTIAL 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

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

What's New on and Around our Campuses



DWIGHT YOAKAM AT THE PAC – NOVEMBER 12

Dwight Yoakam, who forever changed the direction of country music, performed to a ***sold-out*** crowd in the PAC on Sunday, November 12th.

- Over **30** guests enjoyed a delicious VIP dinner prepared by Chefs Daniel Otto and Cindy Schwanke in the iCue before boarding shuttles to the PAC for the concert.
- Concert goers enjoyed tapping their boots as Dwight Yoakam performed many of his Grammy Award winning songs to the enthusiastic crowd in the PAC.



CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK – NOVEMBER 13 - 17

International Education Week provided COC students the opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. Activities included:

- Spanish Tertulias led by the Spanish Honor Society, where students enjoyed a fun and practical session about celebrations and traditions in December and January in the Spanish-Speaking World.
- International Poetry Reading led by the Modern Language Department.
- “Vivir las fronteras (Living the Borders) which included discussions on four films by women filmmakers that portray everyday life on the US-Mexico border.
- International Film Festival showing of “*Babette’s Feast*”.



FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 28

The Foundation Board of Director's met on Tuesday, November 28th. Highlights of the meeting included:

- A check presentation in the amount of **\$34,000** from **Scorpion** to benefit the First-Year Promise campaign and the Chancellor's Circle.
- The annual audit was reviewed – with no exceptions noted!
- Additionally the Foundation received updates on First Year Promise, Silver Spur, Chancellor's Circle, Alumni Network, Patrons of the Arts and the Foundation Board Retreat.



CHANCELLOR'S CIRCLE LUNCHEON – NOVEMBER 29

The Foundation hosted a Chancellor's Circle luncheon on Wednesday, November 29th with current and prospective members.

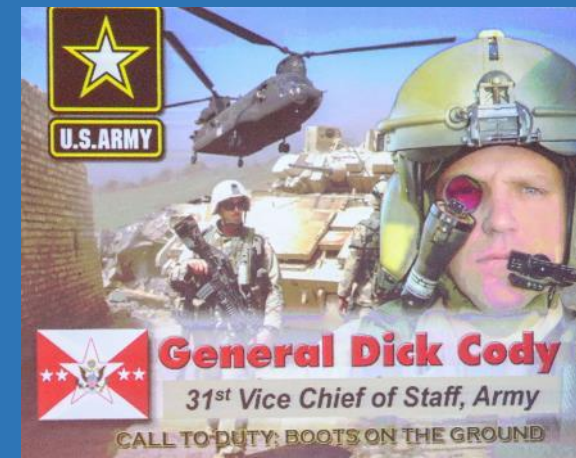
- Representatives from several local companies joined us, including:
 - ✓ Scorpion
 - ✓ Chiquita Canyon;
 - ✓ Kaiser Permanente;
 - ✓ 5 Points;
 - ✓ Chick-fil-A; and
 - ✓ Pacific Funding
- Chancellor's Circle Chair Jill Mellady spoke about the COC Foundation and the Chancellor's Circle.
- Dean Jasmine Ruys shared details about the First-Year Promise Campaign.



MCKEON LEADERSHIP FORUM – NOVEMBER 30

COC, in partnership with the SCV Economic Development Corp and US Representative Howard “Buck” McKeon (Ret.) presented the McKeon Leadership Forum on Thursday, November 30th.

- The topic of the forum was **“21st Century Geo-Political-Military Challenges and Leadership.”**
- Richard A. Cody, General, US Army (Ret) was the guest speaker.
 - ✓ During his 36 years of service in the Army, General Cody served in six of the Army’s combat divisions.
 - ✓ He held several key staff positions, culminating his career as the 31st Vice Chief of Staff, Army from June 2004 to August 2008.
 - ✓ General Cody is a Master Army Aviator and was inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame in 2008.
 - ✓ Both of General Cody’s sons are active duty Army helicopter pilots and have served several combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- It was an honor to have General Cody and Representative McKeon on campus to provide this interesting and informative presentation.



CHANCELLOR'S BREAKFAST BRIEFING - DECEMBER 1

The Chancellor's Circle held a Business Breakfast Briefing on December 1st in the University Center.

- Brian Keogle from Poole & Shaffery, LLP presented his annual **Employment Law Update** and reviewed new federal and state regulations and recent case law.
- The presentation also included a look ahead at anticipated court rulings and legislation affecting the employment landscape in 2018.



Chancellor's Circle



COLLEGE PROMISE MEETING WITH MARTHA KANTER – DECEMBER 6

Martha Kanter, Executive Director, College Promise Campaign, visited COC today.



- Dr. Kanter met with various groups to discuss:
 - ✓ An overview and history of the College Promise Program;
 - ✓ How the success of College Promise has empowered student lives; and
 - ✓ What roles advocacy can play in the process.
 - ✓ She also led a discussion on where we should go from here.
- Dr. Kanter is the former Chancellor of the Foothill De Anza Community College District and former Under Secretary of the US Department of Education under President Obama.



EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PARTY – DECEMBER 5

Employees at both the Valencia and Canyon Country Campus enjoyed the annual COC Employee Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 5th.

- Employees had fun with the photo booth and games, ate a delicious lunch and had the opportunity to vote for their favorite in the “Door Decorating Contest”.
- “Just Jazz”, under the direction of Julie Lawson, performed Christmas classics to the enjoyment of the crowd.
- Retirement resolutions were presented to Debra Gonzales, Carlos Melgoza and Lita Wangen.
- Mike Burke, Mary Wright, Don Takeda and Stan Wright were also acknowledged, but received their retirement resolutions earlier in the year.
- Thank you to Leslie Carr and the holiday party committee for providing such a fun, festive get-together for our employees!



HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

Twenty-four doors were entered into the 2017 Holiday Door decorating Contest.

- The winning door was selected by those attending the Annual Employee Holiday Party.
- Congratulations to **Academic Affairs** for winning the Holiday Door Decorating Contest!

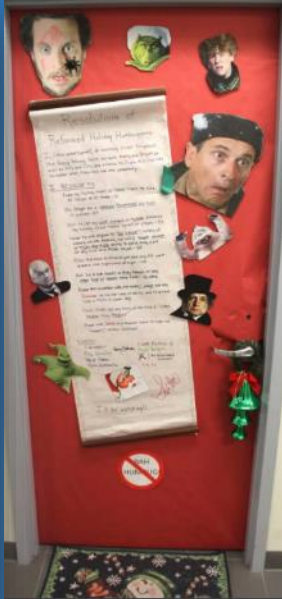
The Winner! Academic Affairs



2nd Place – VP Student Services



HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST



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➤ As you can see the entrees this year were extremely creative and festive. I encourage everyone to take a little time over the next week to visit the decorated doors located throughout the Valencia and Canyon Country Campuses!



3rd Place - Outreach



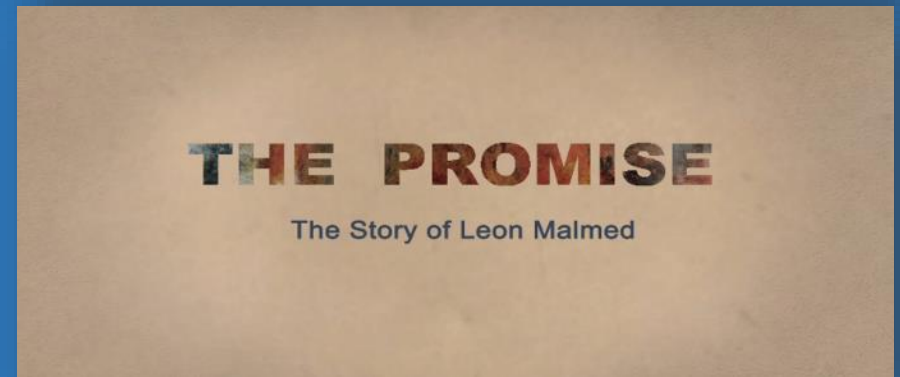
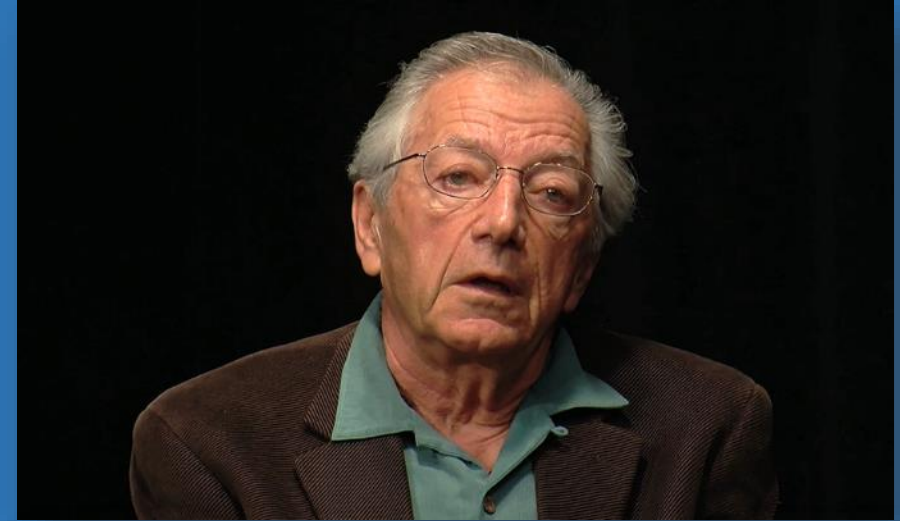
Upcoming Events

A scenic landscape photograph featuring a range of rugged mountains with significant snow cover. The mountains are set against a clear, bright blue sky. In the foreground, a calm body of water, likely a lake or a wide river, stretches across the bottom of the frame. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

THE PROMISE – THE STORY OF LEON MALMED – DECEMBER 8

Please join us for a reception in honor of Leon Malmed on Friday, December 8th in the Art Gallery at 4 pm.

- We will be screening the COC animated student film ***“The Promise – The Story of Leon Malmed”***.
- This student-made film includes interviews with Mr. Malmed - a holocaust survivor, an original score by Professor Bernardo Feldman and animation by our advanced students.
- The movie captures the emotions of fear, the hope for a better life and the resilience that Leon, his sister and the family that sheltered them displayed.
- From the composition, to the editing, to the animation, to the direction, it was collaboration in action and the production is extraordinary!
- We plan to present this film on the festival circuit where it will bring great pride to our students, faculty, the college and the Malmed family.



*We Survived...
At Last I Speak*
Leon Malmed, Author

Holiday Performances



DANCE IS A GIFT – DECEMBER 7 AND 8

❖ *December 7th and 8th – 8:00 pm*

Dance is a Gift

PAC Main Stage

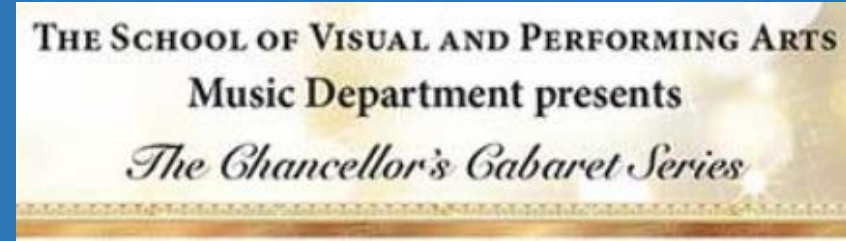
\$6 / \$12 (available online or in PAC Box Office)

Join COC Dance students and guest artists in an infectious and inspiring dance concert that will get you in the mood to celebrate the holidays and dance into the beginning of the New Year.



CHANCELLOR'S CABARET SHOWS – COC MUSIC HOLIDAY SERIES

- ❖ **December 8 – 6:30 pm & 8:30 pm**
Jazz Tidings – Vocal Jazz
University Center Lobby
\$20/\$15
Ring in the holiday season with the award winning COC vocal jazz ensembles and enjoy holiday treats.
- ❖ **December 9 – 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm**
A Holiday Tapestry
University Center Lobby
\$20/\$15
A family friendly “Welcome All Wonders” holiday concert, includes a “sing-a-long” and holiday treats.
- ❖ ***Tickets are available at the door and parking is free.***



Don't miss these
wonderful performances!

Coming Up In The PAC

COMING UP IN THE PAC THROUGH FEBRUARY 2018

❖ *Santa Clarita Master Chorale*
December 9

❖ *Santa Clarita Philharmonic*
December 10

❖ *Santa Clarita Ballet – The Nutcracker*
December 16 & 17

❖ *Animaniacs Live*
January 20

❖ *Escape Theatre
The Music Man*
January 26 – February 3

❖ *Cheech & Chong*
February 9

❖ *The Chieftains*
February 24





**Happy Holidays!
May your season
be merry and bright!**