

# Chancellor's Report and Update



Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 10, 2021

# BaNC Student Outreach Update

Our first spring 2021 drive-thru event was held on **February 9<sup>th</sup>** for **50 students**: *boxed lunches* and *\$50 grocery cards* were distributed in the cul-de-sac near the Culinary building from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

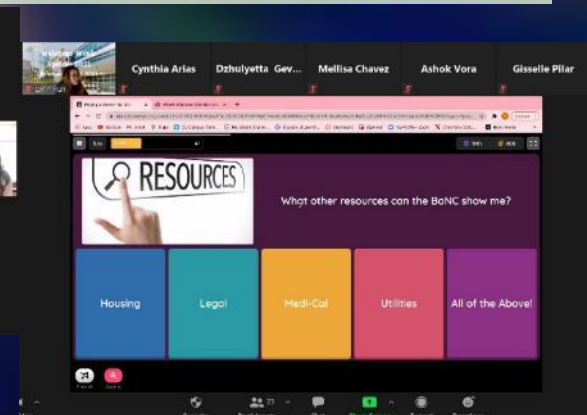
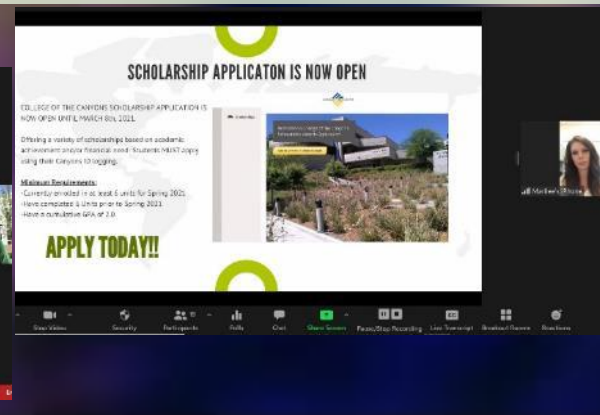
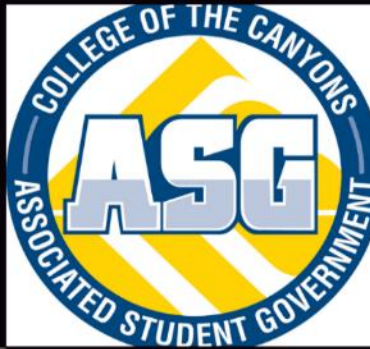
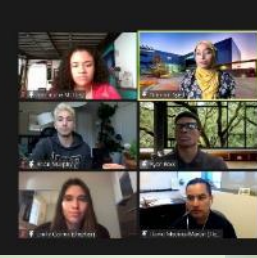
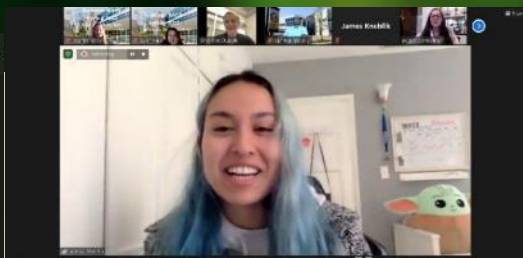
- Additional drive-thru events occurred **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **9<sup>th</sup>** with the final two occurring on **March 16<sup>th</sup>** and **23<sup>rd</sup>**.
- BaNC staff is continuing Zoom hours each week to assist students with CalFresh application completion.



# Welcome Week

Campus Life and Student Engagement hosted a virtual edition of the **Spring 2021 Welcome Week** from **February 22 – 26, 2021**. The week was jam packed with over **30** amazing sessions.

- **400** total students attended sessions throughout the week.
- There was an *increase* in **student participation**, compared to last Fall semester, since students were able to check out a wider range of session times.
- Staff communicated their preference for this format, as they were able to host their own sessions with more focused intention and purpose.



# Multicultural Center Celebrates Welcome Week



The **Multicultural Center** joined *Welcome Week* with a series of webinars celebrating Diversity.

- **Importance of Diversity** – February 22
- **Dream Big. Dream Together** – February 22
- **Multicultural Center Introduction/Discussion** – February 24



## Vision of the Multicultural Center

To **Engage, Encourage, Empower, Equip, and Enrich** students and the campus community.

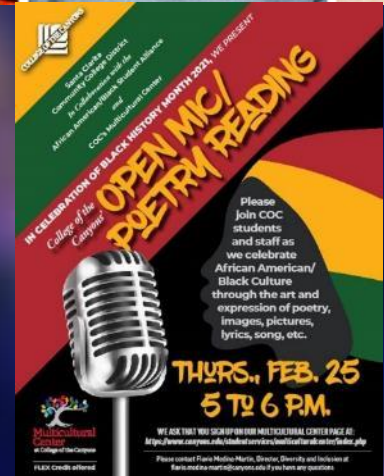
To **expand learning** through civil discourse, engaged listening, personal growth, and discovery.

To **bridge programs and services**, expand collaboration, and partner with existing entities to extend growth to our College of the Canyons community and beyond.

# Black History Month Activities

In Celebration of **Black History Month February, 2021**, COC hosted a variety of events.

- **Let's Celebrate Soul Food** – 25 students joined an interactive cooking demonstration on **Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>** by Culinary Arts Chefs **Cindy Schwanke** and **Daniel Otto**, based on recipes from a digital cookbook created by student graphic design artist, **Arielle Guillen**.
- **Noteworthy Films** – Black History Month Film Series.
- **Artist Talk** with **Kumasi J. Barnett** – On **Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>** we had over **105** people attend this session, with most of the students staying past the allotted time for two hours to keep the conversation going.
- **Open Mic/Poetry Reading** – Over **24** students attended this event on **Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**.



# Congratulations College of the Canyons 2021 CESF Student Fellows!



California | Campus Compact

Students from California's university and college campuses were selected in Spring 2021 to participate in **California Campus Compact's Community Engagement Student Fellowship (CESF) Program**, a **4-month** initiative specifically designed to support student leaders advancing community and civic engagement at California Campus Compact member campuses throughout the state.

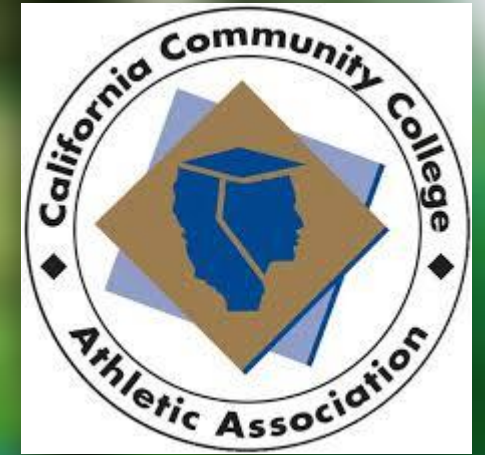
- Congratulations to our COC students, **Mr. Adam Dirickson** and **Mr. Lane Farrell**, who are serving as California Campus Compact's **2021 Community Engagement Student Fellows**.
- Adam and Lane are members of the *Center for Civic Engagement's PLACE* (Partnerships for Listening and Action by Communities and Educators) **Student Action Team**.
- This is a true honor for our students!



# COC Women's Golf Team Receives Scholarship Award!

Our **Women's Golf team** has been selected as a **California Community College Athletic Association Scholar Team** recipient.

- The **Scholar Team Award** is the highest academic team achievement given annually by the **CCCAA**. It emphasizes the academic achievement of all members of one specific team.
- Only **one team** is selected for each CCCAA sport. To be eligible, all team members must have excelled academically with a total **GPA of 3.0** or higher.
- The team was also recognized for demonstrating **better than average** accomplishments in intercollegiate athletic competition.
- On **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**, the team's accomplishments will be acknowledged during the **CCCAA Celebration of Scholar-Athletes** at the **CCCAA Convention**.



24TH ANNUAL  
CCCAA CONVENTION  
MARCH 30 - APRIL 2, 2021



(TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY)

# COC Scholarship Awards



The College of the Canyons Scholarship Awards is an annual scholarship program created only for College of the Canyons students. The program offers a variety of scholarships based upon academic achievement and/or financial need.

- One application for **145** scholarships
- **\$250,000** to be awarded to COC students
- Currently, over **1,500** students have applied!
- Application closes on **March 12<sup>th</sup>**





# Sociology Book Award



*The* **34th** Semi-Annual **Sociology** *Book* Award

Submit your project on a current social issue that is important to you!

Submissions may include:

- Essays • STEM Projects • Multimedia • Art or Photography
- Poetry or Spoken Word • Original Film or Video • Original Music

1st Place \$250  
2nd Place \$150  
3rd Place \$100

Awards may be used toward textbooks at the COC Bookstore

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Sociology Department  
COC Foundation

Electronically submit all works to [pamela.williams-paez@canyons.edu](mailto:pamela.williams-paez@canyons.edu) with "BOOK AWARD" in the subject line.

For submissions, guidelines and previous awards, visit:  
[www.canyons.edu/socioaward](http://www.canyons.edu/socioaward)

**Deadline for Submissions:**  
**Monday, May 24, 2021, 5 p.m.**

For more information, please contact:  
[pamela.williams-paez@canyons.edu](mailto:pamela.williams-paez@canyons.edu)

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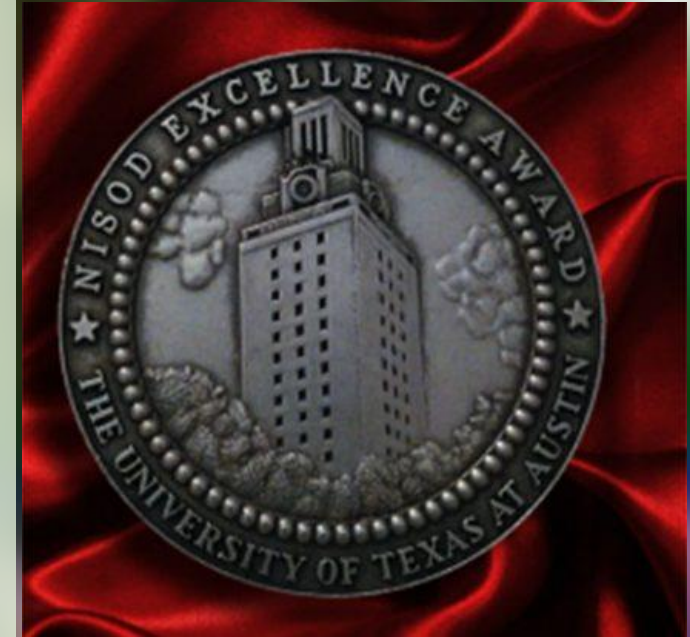
The **34<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Sociology Book Award** is accepting submissions in a variety of categories, including *essays, STEM projects, multimedia, art, photography, poetry, spoken word, original film or video, and original music.*

- Awards of **\$250 (first place)**, **\$150 (second)** and **\$100 (third)** may be used toward textbooks at the college bookstore.
- Submissions should be sent to [pamela.williams-paez@canyons.edu](mailto:pamela.williams-paez@canyons.edu) with "**BOOK AWARD**" in the subject line.

# The COC Bellwether Team Applies for NISOD Conference

The COC Bellwether Team has now applied to present at the **National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) 2021 Teaching and Leadership Excellence International Conference.**

- Our proposal was selected in the category of **“Emerging Issues and Trends at Community and Technical Colleges.”**
- The pre-recorded presentation, entitled **“*Dismantling Barriers to Support Students: Placement Exams & Developmental Courses*”** will show during the Conference, **April 28-30<sup>th</sup>.**
- The presenters include: **Joe Gerda, Saburo Matsumoto, Alene Terzian, Vida Manzo, Preeta Saxena, and Michael Monsour.**



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
**TEACHING AND  
LEADERSHIP  
EXCELLENCE**



*Virtual*  
APRIL 28-30  
**2021**

# Signatures to Space



Dr. Omar Torres and I visited the COC Machine Shop on March 9<sup>th</sup> to sign the 2021 NASA RockSatX Payload for our student team. Adjunct Machining Faculty **Gregory Poteat** and Professor **Teresa Ciardi** planned a *hands-on* task for us – we drilled and tapped the **2 final holes** in the payload deck that will be mounted to the rocket!

- The student team are in the final phase of integrating electrical and mechanical systems and testing.
- The RockSatX rocket will launch in **August**, carrying several university team experiments and our COC **Auto-Rotation Descent** vehicle experiment.



# Canyons Promise Accepting Applications

The **Fall 2021** sign up for **Canyons Promise** is now open!

- Please check out the website at [www.canyons.edu/promise](http://www.canyons.edu/promise) for the **details** and **requirements**.
- **Deadline** for students to sign up is **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Students will have their **first 2 years** of college (enrollment fees and student fees) paid. The students are also supported by counselors, support services, and a community of students who are also going through their first year of college.



# TLC Reopening by Appointment for Student Quiet Space

Based on feedback provided by our students, and in accordance with *LA County Department of Public Health* guidelines, we are now able to open up **quiet space** for students to study and use computers in **TLC**, beginning **Monday, March 22, 2021**.

- County guidelines necessitate that this space can only be opened up to **25% total capacity**, so staff will be able to serve **59 students** at a time.
- Students will have an opportunity to sign-up for two hour shifts as follows:
  - **Mondays through Thursdays:** 10 am – noon, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, and 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
  - **Fridays:** 10 am – noon and 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Prior to arrival, students will be required to fill out their **health log** as well as **temperature check-in**.
- **Special gratitude** is extended to our **ASG** for bringing this student need to the attention of administration, and thanks to **Instruction, Facilities, IT, Student Services, Business Services, and Human Resources** for making this possibility a reality for our students!



# Literature and Art Events



## Poets & Writers Celebration

- The English Department presents its annual celebration of original writing by students, faculty and staff. Nonfiction, poetry and fiction can be submitted starting March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Up to **four** works may be entered by logging in to Canvas and enrolling in the **Poets & Writers shell**.
- **Deadline:** Wednesday, **April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Event:** 5 p.m. Thursday, **May 13<sup>th</sup>**



## Cul-de-sac Call for Submissions

- Submissions are being sought for **Volume 14** of "**cul-de-sac**," the college's *literary and arts* magazine. Poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, art, photography, music and cross-genre works are welcome.
- **Deadline** is Sunday, **April 11<sup>th</sup>**



# Academic Accommodations Center

## Academic Accommodations Center

- Welcome **Dr. Terri Goldstein** as new *Director, Academic Accommodations* (formerly DSPS).
- Terri comes to us with a wealth of experience from CSUN, Bakersfield CC, and many more colleges and universities. She is excited to join our team.

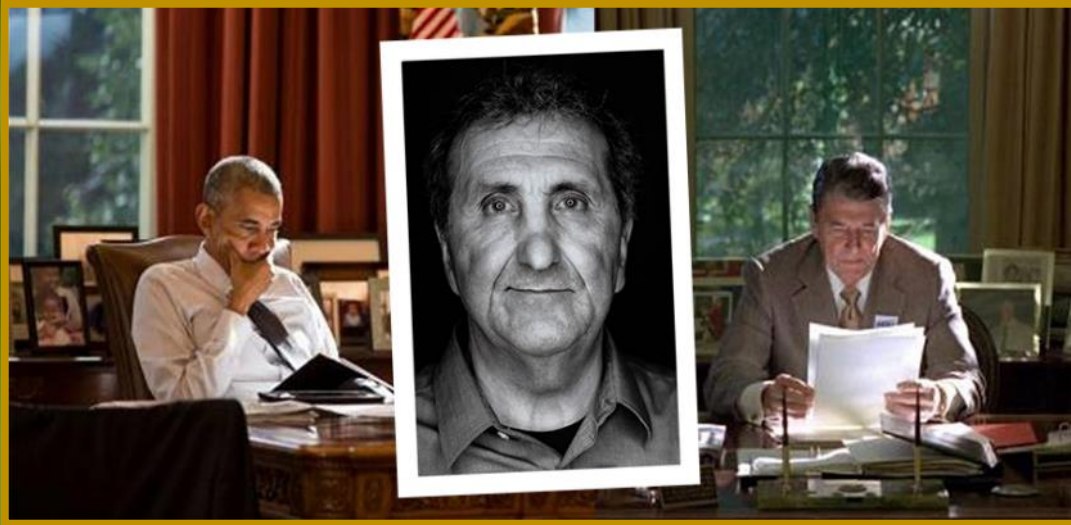
## Dream Resource Center

- We have hired **Jessica Sanchez Galvin** as our Dreamer Liaison under the auspicious of Cyndi Bendezu Palomino, Director EOPS/CARE, CalWORKs, and RISE.
- Jessica is a UCLA student with a wealth of experience serving our Dreamer students in the California Community College system.
- This new position will help us lead to building our **Dreamer's Resource Center** in collaboration with the Multicultural Center.



# The School of Visual and Performing Arts Industry Insight Series

The Dean of the School of Visual & Performing Arts welcomed **Pete Souza**: Award-Winning photojournalist, best-selling author and White House Photographer for a **75 minute** presentation on **Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Souza shared insights from his extraordinary career and answered questions from our *students, faculty, staff* and *patrons*. **Tonight** we continue our series with an evening virtual presentation by Broadway Maestra **Georgia Stitt**.



**An Evening with Pete Souza:**  
*Eyewitness to History*  
Thursday February 18 at 5pm



**An Evening with Georgia Stitt:**  
*Broadway Maestra*  
Wednesday March 10 at 5pm




# Business Alliance Celebrates African-American Entrepreneurs

On **February 17<sup>th</sup>** the Business Alliance at COC devoted a session to recognizing the contributions of the African-American entrepreneurs in the Santa Clarita Valley.

- Panelists were made up of a cross-section of industries from *HR Consulting, Real Estate, and a restaurant owner.*
- **Catherine Grooms, Director of the Small Business Development Center** at COC spoke about the efforts of her team to provide access to financial assistance for minority-owned businesses through the ***Paycheck Protection Program.***
- Each of the panelists shared that their reason for choosing to live in Santa Clarita was its *affordability, schools, and opportunities* to launch their business

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**BUSINESS ALLIANCE**  
A CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 | 8AM



February is Black History Month. In honor of this observance, the Business Alliance at College of the Canyons will celebrate African-American entrepreneurs who live and do business in the Santa Clarita Valley. Please come out and join us and hear from some of our area's entrepreneurs as they share the advantages, challenges and benefits of living and doing business in the valley.

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ZOOM MEETING ID:  
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**Black History Month**



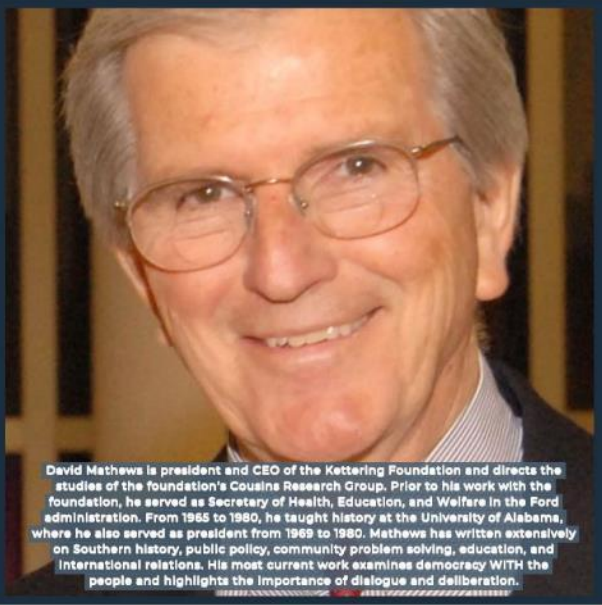
# Civic Dialogues Series



Civic Dialogues:  
Democracy "With"  
the People  
02.26.21  
12:00-2:00p.m.

Dr. David Mathews  
President & CEO,  
Kettering Foundation &  
U.S. Secretary of  
Health, Education, and  
Welfare, Ford  
Administration

Presented by the Center for  
Civic Engagement: Contact  
[patty.robinson@canyons.edu](mailto:patty.robinson@canyons.edu).

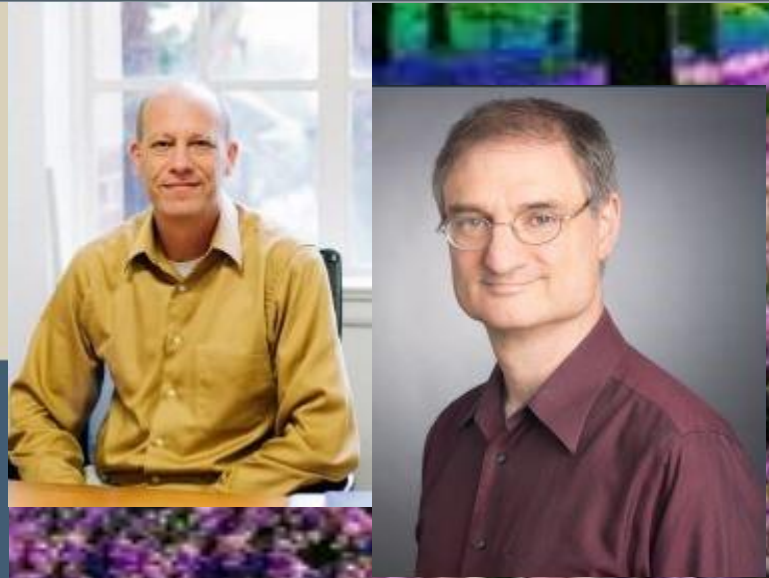


David Mathews is president and CEO of the Kettering Foundation and directs the studies of the foundation's Cousins Research Group. Prior to his work with the foundation, he served as Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare in the Ford administration. From 1965 to 1980, he taught history at the University of Alabama, where he also served as president from 1969 to 1980. Mathews has written extensively on Southern history, public policy, community problem solving, education, and international relations. His most current work examines democracy WITH the people and highlights the importance of dialogue and deliberation.



Civic Dialogues  
Series  
03.05.21  
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Dr. John Rogers,  
UCLA, Institute for  
Democracy and Dr.  
Joseph Kahne, UCR,  
Civic Engagement  
Research Group



On Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, the Center for Civic Engagement launched the first of its Spring 2021 six-part statewide *Civic Dialogues* series. Our line-up represents some of the country's best-known authors, researchers, and practitioners from the field of civic learning and democratic engagement.

- This series is part of an intersegmental **Bringing Theory to Practice** partnership with Cerritos College, Los Angeles City College, CSUDH, CSULA, CSUN, and 3CSN.
- Contact **Patty Robinson** at [patty.robinson@canyons.edu](mailto:patty.robinson@canyons.edu) for registration details.

# Women's History Month Film Series

In celebration of *Women's History Month*, we are presenting a March movie series. Each week we will view and discuss the exceptional contributions made by **Women in Cinema**.

- **Harriett – March 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **Maiden – March 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **Hidden Figures – March 18<sup>th</sup>**
- **I Am Woman – March 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- **The Women's List – March 29<sup>th</sup>**
- Zoom Meeting ID: 996 4754 0531, Passcode: 171651
- If you have any questions about this event, please contact **Flavio Medina-Martin**, Director, diversity and inclusion, at **Ext. 3559**.

College of the Canyons  
Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Multicultural Center

MARCH 2021  
**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FILM SERIES**

In Celebration of Women's History Month, we present College of the Canyons' March movie series. We will view and discuss the exceptional contributions made by Women in Cinema.

**HARRIETT - 3/5 @ 1:00**  
Cost (\$) at Hulu, HBO Max, Amazon Prime, Youtube, DVD, BlueRay, Apple TV, Google Play  
(2019) Leslie Odom Jr., Janelle Monáe, Cynthia Erivo  
Viewing - Anytime prior to Discussion  
Discussion Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 (2:30)  
Discussion Zoom: Students: Canvas/Employees: Frontline/E-Mail

**MAIDEN - 3/12 @ 12:30**  
Vudu, Prime Video, Apple TV  
(2018) Documentary film by Alex Holmes about Tracy Edward  
Viewing - Anytime prior to Discussion  
Discussion Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 (12:30)  
Discussion Zoom: Students: Canvas/Employees: Frontline/E-Mail

**HIDDEN FIGURES - 3/18 @ 2:00**  
Free 123movieshall.com, Hulu  
Cost (\$) at Youtube, Google Play, Vudu, Amazon Prime  
(2016) Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe  
Viewing - Anytime prior to Discussion/  
Discussion - Wednesday, February 24, 2021 (11:30-12:30)  
Discussion Zoom: Students: Canvas/Employees: Frontline/E-Mail

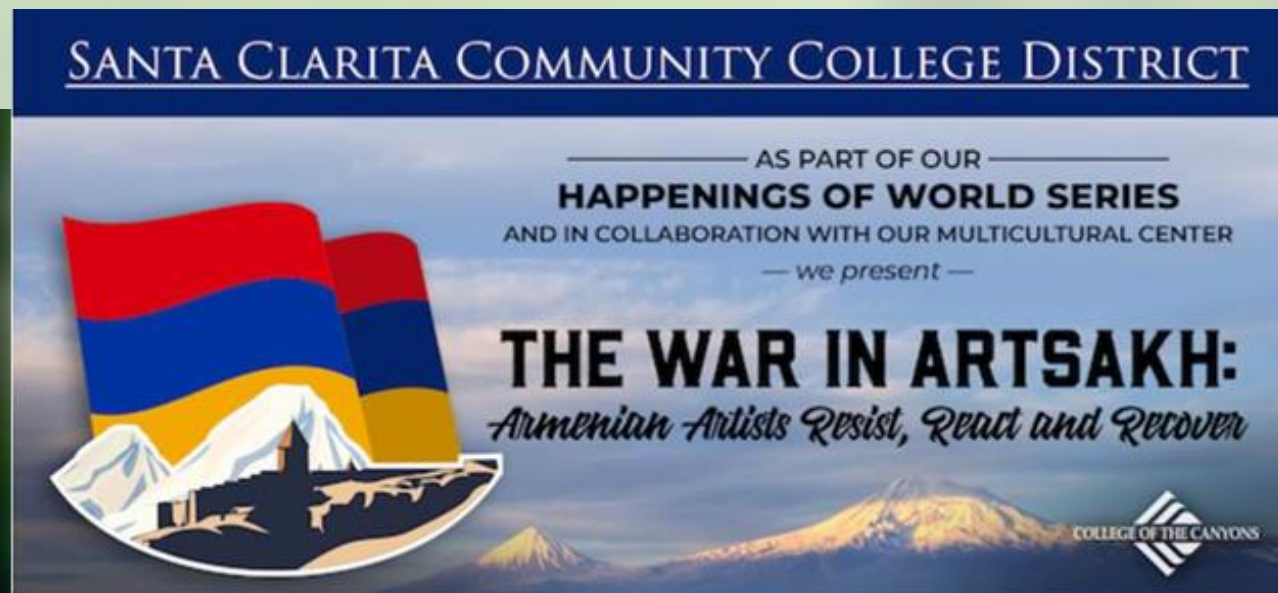
**I AM WOMAN - 3/22 @ 11:30**  
Netflix  
(2019) Evan Peters, Chris Parnell, Danielle Macdonald  
Viewing - Anytime prior to Discussion  
Discussion Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 (11:30)  
Discussion Zoom: Students: Canvas/Employees: Frontline/E-Mail

**THE WOMEN'S LIST - 3/29 @ 1:00**  
Free link Vimeo  
<https://vimeo.com/136333883>  
(2015) Madeleine Albright, Gloria Allred, Laurie Anderson  
Viewing - Anytime prior to Discussion  
Discussion Date: Monday, March 29, 2021 (1:00)  
Discussion Zoom: Students: Canvas/Employees: Frontline/E-Mail

**FLEX credit will be offered. Please register at: <https://app.frontlineeducation.com>**

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Flavio Medina-Martin, director, diversity and inclusion, at Ext. 3559.

# Armenian Artists Resist, React and Recover



As part of our **Happenings of World Series**, the English Department in collaboration with the Multicultural Center hosted a virtual panel discussion “***The War in Artsakh: Armenian Artists Resist, React and Recover***” today at 2:30pm.

- The discussion included the history of Artsakh and its cultural kinship with Armenia leading up to the **2020 War with Azerbaijan**, and showcased **Armenian artists** who are currently using their work to enact change and instill hope.
- The presentation was moderated by English Department Chair **Alene Terzian-Zeitounian** and professors **Arthur Kayzakian** and **Annie Aboulian**.

# LEAP 2021!



# LEAP

Leadership Education in Action Program

## -2021-

### PROGRAM DATES:

- Session #1: Friday, March 19
- Session #2: Friday, March 26
- Session #3: Friday, April 16
- Session #4: Friday, April 30
- Session #5: Friday, May 21
- Session #6: Friday, June 18

*\* Dates are subject to change.  
LEAP participants will be notified  
in advance of any date changes.*

A new **LEAP 2021** cohort will begin on **Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. The Spring program, ***Connecting Communities: Engaging, Partnering, Designing and Doing***, focuses on:

- *Leading Transformational Change*
- *Advocacy*
- *Designing Your Path for Success*
- *Understanding and Generating Resources*
- *Bringing People, Partners and Organizations Together for Positive Change*
- Contact **Leslie Carr** at [leslie.carr@canyons.edu](mailto:leslie.carr@canyons.edu) for more information.



# LEAP

# Chancellor's Circle Virtual Business Briefing

Our next **Chancellor's Circle Virtual Business Briefing** will be held on **March 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10am.

➤ The topic will be ***Adapting Through Change***, presented by:

- **Jennifer Smolos**, Dean, School of Visual and Performing Arts College of the Canyons
- **Chef Cindy Schwanke**, Department Chair, Culinary Arts & Wine Studies iCUE (Institute for Culinary Education)
- **Dr. Omar Torres**, CIO College of the Canyons

➤ For more information, email the COC Foundation at [cocfoundation@canyons.edu](mailto:cocfoundation@canyons.edu)

**Chancellor's Circle BUSINESS BRIEFING**

VIRTUAL BUSINESS BRIEFING SERIES

College of the Canyons Valley Industry Association iCUE

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# Speaking at VIA Event

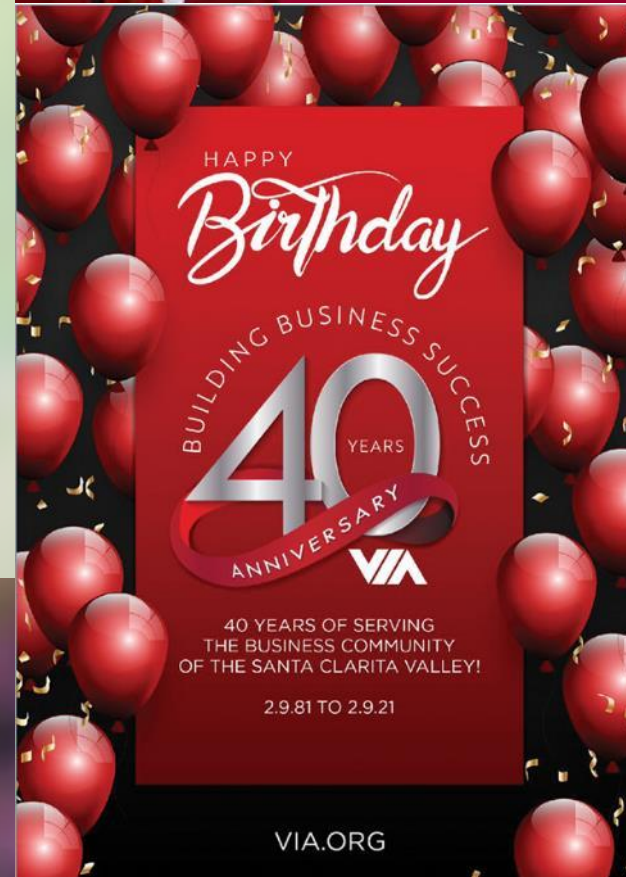
I will be a featured keynote speaker for the **Valley Industry Association's (VIA)** next virtual event on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

- My lecture, "***Strategies to Develop Powerful Partnerships***" will focus on how College of the Canyons has developed partnerships that create possibilities, unleash potential and deliver results for businesses and the community.
- To register, go to the [www.via.org](http://www.via.org) website.



Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook

**STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP  
POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS**



# Next Chancellor's Webinar

Join us

**Noon – March 18**  
for our next webinar

<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/98342320053>



This webinar will be recorded  
and will be posted at  
[www.canyons.edu/news](http://www.canyons.edu/news)



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ST. PATRICK'S  
\* DAY \*