

Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting
April 14, 2021





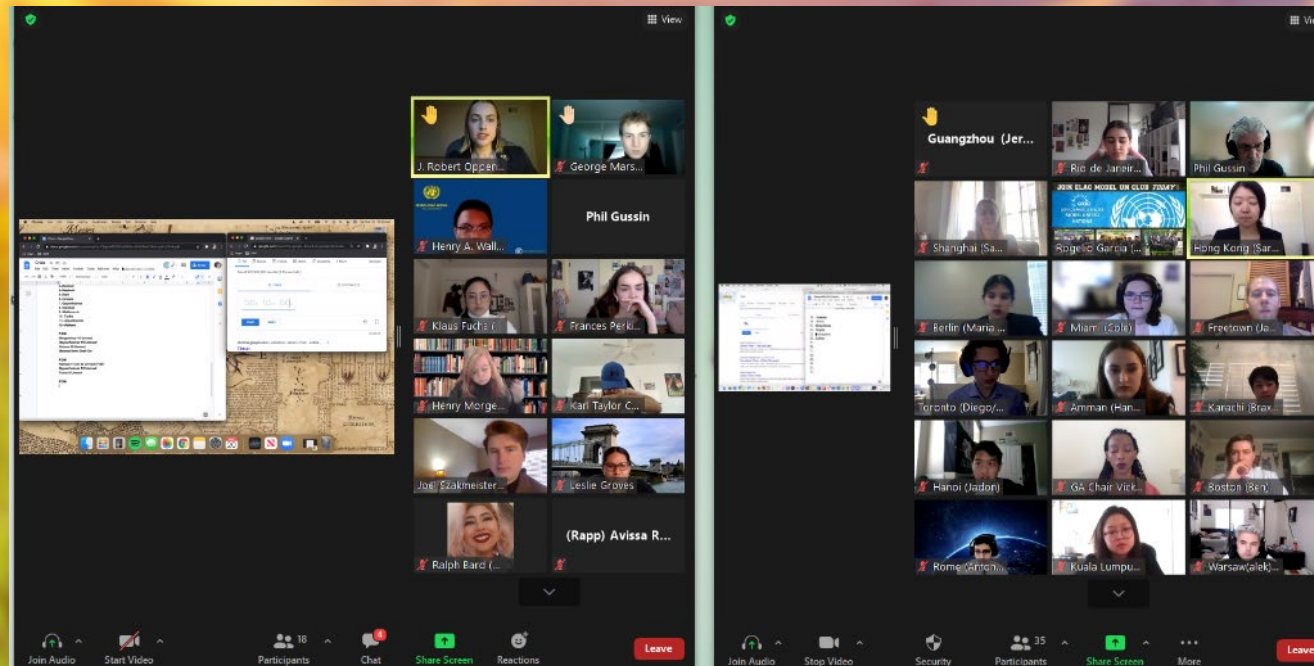
Student Engagement



COCMUN Team Competes in CanyonsMUN

The **COCMUN Team** hosted **CanyonsMUN**, a virtual Model United Nations conference on **March 21st**. The conference was designed to help delegates from College of the Canyons and other colleges *prepare for the biggest conference of the semester, LAMUN*, hosted by UCLA (**April 16-18**).

- In keeping with a long-standing tradition, CanyonsMUN was staffed by alumni of the COCMUN program.



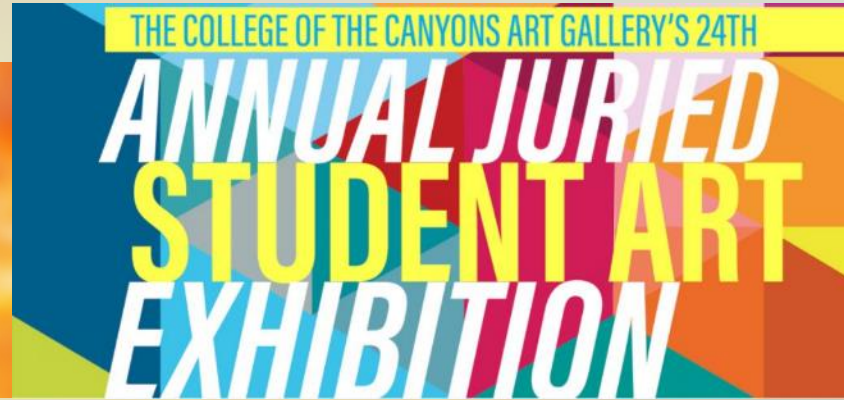
Athletics – Return to Conditioning

Our athletes are back for spring conditioning through summer!

- Over **170** athletes and coaches came back to campus on **Monday, April 12th**, for their COVID testing.
- This allows all athletes to start conditioning with their team.
- We will be conditioning outdoors only, to prepare our athletics teams to get back into competition this fall.



Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition



Our **Student Art Collection (SAC) Program** continues this year. This competitive juried art exhibition honors outstanding COC student artists for their creativity and hard work.

- We have expanded the categories of submission to allow a **wider variety of art projects** to be considered.
- We have also added **more awards** this year thanks to the generous support of the ***College of the Canyons Foundation Patrons of the Arts!***
- Works selected for the exhibition will be exhibited on the **COC Art Gallery** website and also presented in a **digital exhibition catalogue**.
- Deadline for submission: **April 16, 2021**
- **Virtual Exhibition: May 3 – June 25, 2021**
- ***Virtual Reception and Awards Announcements: May 13, 2021 at 4:00pm***

Volunteer Bureau News!



The **Volunteer Bureau** has launched a new joint venture program with the ECE Center – **The ECE Readers Program!**

- Our volunteers are reading remotely to an excited audience of young children on campus.
- Watch a video intro from our student volunteers explaining this new opportunity for our student volunteers:
- If you know anyone who is interested in volunteering or are in need of volunteer hours, please visit Volunteer Bureau website or contact them directly at VolunteerBureau@canyons.edu.

The Volunteer Bureau ECE READERS Program



College of the Canyons

Awards & Recognition



Women's Tennis Transfers First Player



COCathletics.com



College of the Canyons **Women's Tennis** standout **Mary MacAdam** committed to **Ottawa University Arizona**, becoming the **first player** in program history to **continue competing** with a four-year program.

- MacAdam played just one season at COC, finishing her freshman campaign a **perfect 11-0** in **singles competition**.
- In doing so, she set the **program record** for **most consecutive singles wins** (11) and ranks second with seven consecutive Western State Conference (WSC) singles wins. Her career total of 11 singles wins is tied for the program's No. 2 mark.
- Congratulations Mary!



Speech Team Earns Awards!

The **COC Speech Team** medals at both the National (**April 6-11**) and State (**March 10-14**) tournaments:

➤ **Phi Rho Pi National Speech Tournament Awards:**

- ✓ Bronze Medalist - *Impromptu* - **Bella Peña**
- ✓ Bronze Medalist - *Impromptu* - **Alejandro Carranza**
- ✓ Bronze Medalist - *Informative* - **Alejandro Carranza**

➤ **CCCFA State Speech Championship Awards:**

- ✓ Bronze Medalist - *Prose* - **Britney Kim**
- ✓ Bronze Medalist - *Impromptu* - **Bella Peña**
- ✓ Bronze Medalist - *Informative* - **Andrea Martinez**



Alejandro



Bella



Andrea



Britney



How can you help support the Speech Team?

- Speech Team Showcases will be held on **May 12th and 18th** at 6:30 & 8:00 PM on Zoom. \$5 tickets will be available shortly.
- **Congratulations** to the entire team as they have sacrificed so much in their quest for success!

Honors Students Presented at Research Conference

Congratulations to the following students, who presented virtually at the **Honors Transfer Council of California Research Conference** at UC Irvine last month!

- They each presented research completed in their Honors courses.
- This is a very competitive conference with over **1200 abstracts** being **submitted** last December. **Only 300** were **selected**.
- Our Honors program had **17 students accepted** to present! The following were available to present.

Isabela Solorio

Marian Khalil

Jacob Ventura

Melanie Perez-Diaz

Janny Oh

Joshua Botros

Kaya Aziz

Elen Chakhoyan

- *They did an amazing job!*



UCI Community
College Honors
Research
Conference

21st annual conference

Aerospace Team Gets Lift from NASA

For the fifth time in a row, the College of the Canyons **Aerospace and Sciences Team (AST)** has been selected to participate in NASA's **High Altitude Student Platform (HASP)** program!

- NASA has selected **11 student teams** to launch scientific payloads on a NASA heavy-lift balloon for the **15th High-Altitude Student Platform** mission flying during the fall 2021 campaign in Fort Sumner, New Mexico.
- **Our team** plans to build a **compact scintillator**—which converts high-energy radiation to a visible light—to detect gamma rays and neutrinos in the upper stratosphere.

From left, **Sean Tomer**, HASP Project Manager, and co-advisor/instructor **Gregory Poteat** test the performance of the payload's radio system from atop Bear Divide in the Angeles National Forest in early February.

Chad Peters Named Athletic Trainer of the Year



We are proud to announce that **Chad Peters** has been selected as the **2021 California Community College Athletic Trainers' Association Athletic Trainer of the Year!**

- Chad has served his students, his college, and our statewide organization with distinction for many years.
- His contributions are directly responsible for a ***higher level of health and safety and student success***, both on the field and in the classroom for students at community colleges across the state.
- Congratulations, Chad!



Workforce Training



Updates from Economic Development

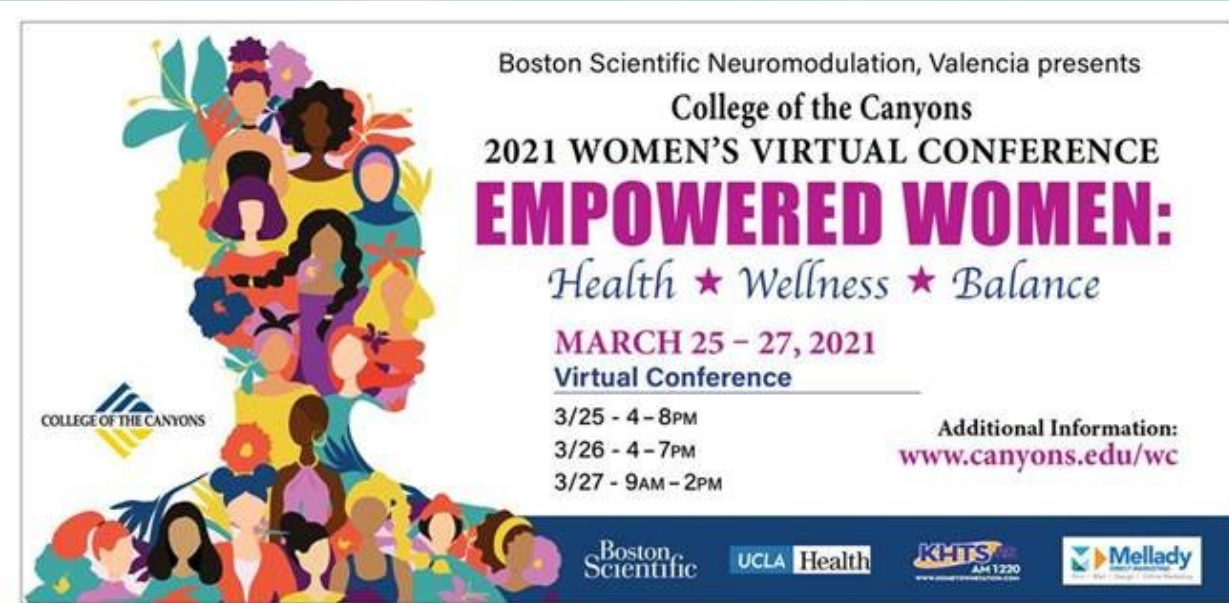


- **ETI** is piloting incumbent Worker training with **Goodwill/AJCC** and possibly **HRD Aero Systems, AMS Fulfillment**, and others on forklift Training and other courses related to distribution and logistics.
- Jeff Forrest met with **IFMA** representatives to discuss next steps for Instruction to pilot with ETI and migrate **Facilities Management** programming to credit/noncredit based delivery.
- The **SBDC** continues to provide **COVID-19 Pandemic outreach**, disaster assistance and recovery services to the community, business owners and non-profits of impacted. This is in addition to non-disaster related one-one-one business advising for entrepreneurs and business owners.
- **Irene Ornelas** with the **Health Workforce Initiative** is offering a statewide three-part professional development series on ***Improving Health Outcomes for Diverse Patient Populations*** to over **50** Allied Health/Health providers and educators March 16, 2021 through July 1, 2021.
- **Paula Hodge** with **ICT/DM** has partnered with employers to develop a remote self-paced training course for ***Cybersecurity for Business***. This course is being offered as credit or non-credit across the region.



EVENTS

Virtual Women's Conference Launches This Week



"*Empowered Women: Health, Wellness, Balance*" was the theme for last month's College of the Canyons Women's Conference.

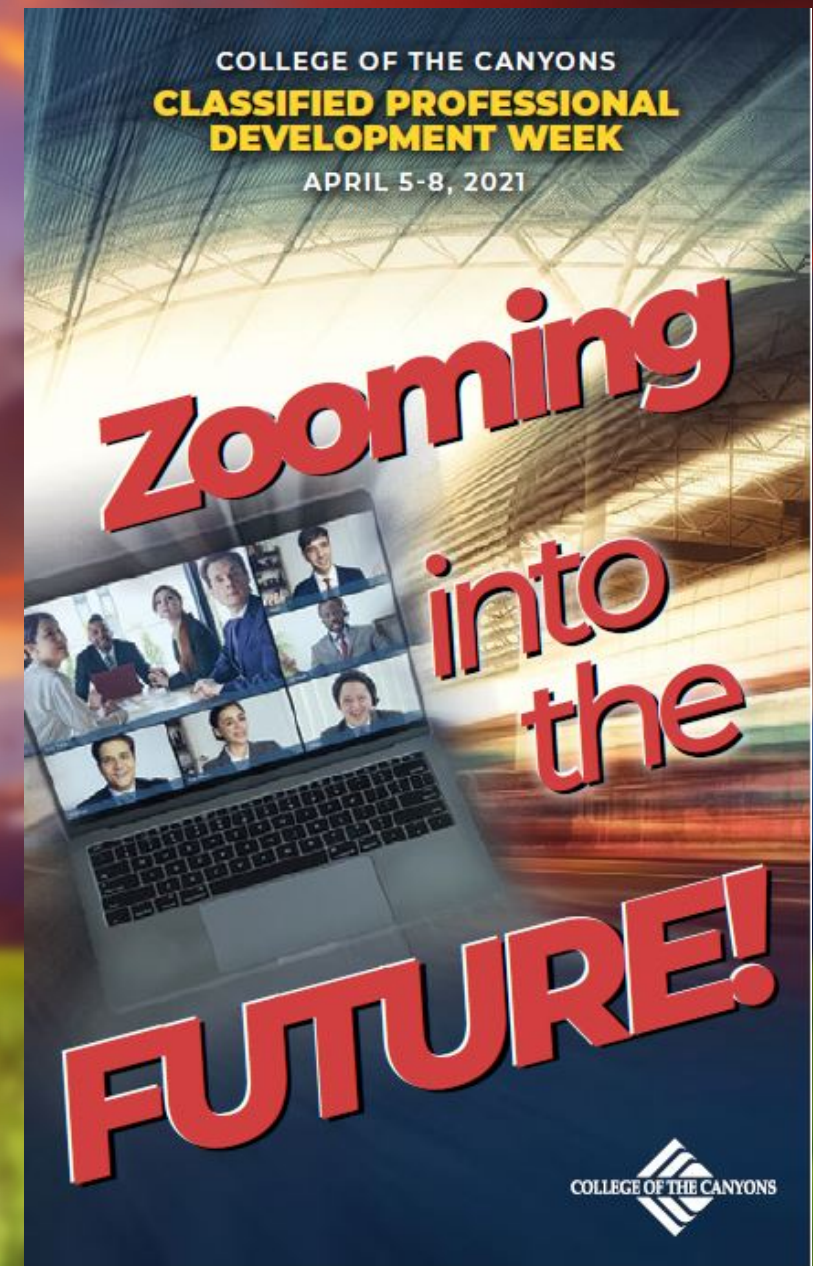
- The **three-day virtual conference** featured a variety of breakout sessions that were designed to *re-energize, refresh and inspire*.
- The keynote speakers for this year were physicians from **UCLA Health – Santa Clarita: Jane M. Dascalos, MD and Mona Ranade, MD.**
- Admission for this event was **free!**
- The conference ran **March 25th through March 27th.**



Classified Development Week

The theme for the college's **23rd** annual **Classified Professional Development Week** *Zooming into the Future!* April 5-8th focused on the contributions made by classified and confidential staff to supporting the college's operations in a remote environment.

- The **four-day** virtual event featured workshops and activities designed to not only enhance professional skills, but also give staff an opportunity to connect personally and strengthen relationships.
- I started the week with a keynote session entitled “***You Can Create Your Own Hope!***”
- Thank you to **Leslie Carr** and the **committee** for organizing an inspiring and productive week for our classified staff!



Multicultural Center Celebrations

The Multicultural Center was busy during the month of March offering a wealth of opportunities to expand our cultural awareness of the community we are a part of. Here are just a few:

- Webinar Series **Celebrating the Persian New Year** - March 20th
- Webinars in **Celebration of Women's History Month**:
 - ✓ ***"Women in Sports: Re-Shaping How Women are Viewed in the World of Sports"*** – March 23rd
 - ✓ ***"Lifting as we Climb-Women and Social Justice"*** – March 24th
 - ✓ ***"The Witch Is Back" An Intersectional Feminist Analysis of Witches in Pop Culture*** – March 31st
- Webinars in **Celebration of Jewish Passover 2021** – March 27th
- April promises to bring even more learning opportunities!




Multicultural Center April Events

In celebration of COC's Diversity Month and Multiculturalism Week, the Multicultural Center has planned the following events in April:

- **Sexual Assault 101 – COC Staff in collaboration with SCV Domestic Violence Child & Family Center** - April 14th from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
- **“Welcoming and Preparing for Ramadan” – Students at COC** - April 14th from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- **“Sexual Diversity Presentation” – Gender Sexuality Alliance at COC** - April 14th from 1:30 P.M. to 2:15 P.M.
- And many more! Go to the Multicultural Center website for a complete list and registration information.



CENTER FOR
POSITIVE SEXUALITY



Equity Inclusion Acceptance

The COC Gender Sexuality Alliance cordially invites you to join a special presentation from the Center for Positive Sexuality! Come engage with a panel of guest speakers about sexual diversity in today's society.

Date: Wednesday, April 14th
Time: 1:30PM-2:15PM
Zoom Link:
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/94835382940?pwd=ZGJRWW9nczB1eDdHYkFseG9DY3ZHZz09>
Meeting ID: 948 3528 2940
Passcode: lgbtq

Please contact Professor/GSA Advisor Katie Lookholder with any questions: katie.lookholder@canyons.edu

Tomorrow!

Scholarly Presentation: Galapagos Revisited



Dr. Miriam Golbert revisits her 2015 presentation "*Galapagos: A Personal Journey on the Footsteps of Darwin*" in the second Scholarly Presentation of the year on April 15th at 4pm.

- The presentation focuses on the islands' unique geological formations and Charles Darwin's discoveries.
- A Q&A session will follow.
- Zoom link: <https://www.canyons.edu/administration/committees/scholarlypresentation/aprilsvp.php>

Civic Dialogues Series



A CONVERSATION WITH MAYOR BILL MIRANDA

PRESENTED BY COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS CENTER
FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, ENGAGE THE VOTE ACTION
TEAM, AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

APRIL 19 | 7-8:30 PM

[ZOOM LINK](#)

[HTTPS://CANYONSONLINE.ZOOM.US/J/95811652671](https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/95811652671)

For more information, please contact
patty.robinson@canyons.edu



Please join the *Center for Civic Engagement* in collaboration with its *Engage the Vote Action Team* and the *League of Women's Voters of the Santa Clarita Valley* as they hold **A Conversation with Mayor Bill Miranda** on **April 19th** from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

- Mayor Miranda will explain how the City of Santa Clarita operates and the roles the city council and staff play.
- He will also give a brief overview of SCV's history, accomplishments, and goals for the future.
- Q &A will follow Mayor Miranda's presentation.
- This virtual event is an exciting opportunity to learn about your local government and how it functions.
- Zoom webinar link is:
<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/95811652671>

Online Job Fairs Scheduled in April

The Career Center is hosting *five online job fairs* in April that are open to COC students, alumni and community members seeking opportunities in health care, professional services, hospitality, applied technology and education.

- ***April 20 - Healthcare***
- ***April 21 - Professional Services***
- ***April 23 - Hospitality***
- ***April 28 - Applied Technology***
- ***April 30 - Education***

FOCUSED JOB FAIRS



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JOB FAIRS**

SPRING 2021
Industry Specific Employment Opportunities
for COC STUDENTS, ALUMNI and GUESTS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting & Finance• Administrative Assistance• Business Management• Computer Applications & Web Technologies• Computer Networking• Culinary Arts• Customer Service• Graphic & Multimedia Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hotel & Restaurant Management• Human Resources• Interior Design• Marketing• Media Entertainment Arts• Legal & Paralegal• Political Science
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Job Fair Locations: ONLINE VIA ZOOM

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS **MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND**
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EDUCATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

- Before & After School Care
- Infant/Toddler
- Pre-School
- K-12 Education
- Special Education
- Higher Education
- Supervision & Administration

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CAREER CENTER

COC Retirement Celebration

Save the Date for this year's **Retiree Celebration!**

- **Thursday, May 13th @ Noon!**
- **More details to follow soon!**

SAVE THE DATE!

College^{of the}
Canyons

Retirement Celebration
for Our May and June Retirees!



THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021
12 - 1:30pm

Virtual via Zoom
More details to follow soon!

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Classified Appreciation Week



Each May, we look forward to celebrating our AMAZING classified and confidential staff as part of **Classified Appreciation Week** in May.

- Recent events have prevented us from doing our normal, in-person, celebrations again this year but we still want to recognize the wonderful contributions that the classified and confidential staff bring to the College each and every day!
- The theme for this year's event is ***Unforgettable Journey*** and we will be celebrating them in three ways this year.
 - ✓ **Award Nominations** – Deadline **April 22nd**
 - ✓ **Award Ceremony and Gift Giveaway** – Virtual event **May 18th** from 12:15pm-1:45pm
 - ✓ **FREE lunch from In-N-Out Burger!** **May 20th** from 11:30-1:30pm

COC Summer Institute

College of the **Canyons Summer Institute** will be offering career exploration camps for Junior High Students this summer!

- Featuring fun, exciting, and engaging sessions that include interactive presentations taught by our College faculty.
- **Online Camps** are Half Day.
- For students entering grades 6-8 in Fall 2021.
- **Scholarships** are available!
- For more info:

<http://www.canyons.edu/summercamps>



COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS
SUMMER INSTITUTE
Hands-on career exploration for Junior High students!

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

- Help your junior high student find their passion
- For students entering grades 6-8 in Fall 2021
- The COC Summer Institute features fun, exciting and engaging sessions that include interactive presentations
- **Register TODAY!**

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!
Visit canyons.edu/SummerCampsApp to apply

JUNE 14-18		JUNE 21-25	
ONLINE CAMPS		ONLINE CAMPS	ON CAMPUS CAMPS
Photography		Photography	Sports Medicine
Cybersecurity		Cybersecurity	Sun, Wind, Fire
Electronic Music		Electronic Music	Automotive
Digital Media: Podcasting			

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What's Happening on our Campuses



Canyon Country Campus Update



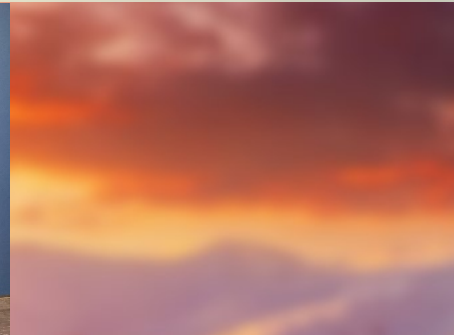
Canyon Country Campus Spring 2021 Highlights

- **Automotive Tech & Construction Tech** are two essential infrastructure programs offered in laboratory settings at CCC this spring, with additional activities beginning this sixth week
- CCC and the Math/Science Division continue to partner on community engagement even while remote, with engaging **Science Talks** each month.
 - Last month's featured talk was "**Everyday Chemistry Impacts – Cures and Beyond**" on **March 19th** was a fascinating discussion of Chemistry in relation to health and gene therapies.
 - This month's **Spring Start Party** features an exciting update from a **NASA/JPL Mission Specialist on the Mars Perseverance Rover** on **Friday, April 23rd**. Info at canyons.edu/ccc
- **Science Center construction** continues with **furniture installation** beginning in **April**. Recent exterior work includes concrete at the upper and lower plaza alongside the amphitheater.
- The **Student Services & Learning Resources Center** is now visibly framed.



Media Department Visits Laemmle Theater

Faculty from our Media Department got a personal tour of the new **Laemmle Theater** in Downtown Newhall on April 6th before the office opening date.



Next Coronavirus Webinar

Join us

Noon – April 15
for our next webinar

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



This webinar will be recorded
and will be posted at
www.canyons.edu/news



What Else is Happening

Meeting with the Tri-Valley Alliance for Higher Education

Dr. Torres and I were invited to attend the *Tri-Valley Alliance for Higher Education* coalition meeting on **April 27th** by CSUN's new President, **Dr. Erika Beck**. Among the subjects that will be covered will be:

- **General Education and Ethnic Studies Requirements;**
- **Enrollment and Long-Term Planning; and**
- **Transfer Success Initiatives**
- The Tri-Valley Alliance for Higher Education was organized in spring 1974 as a loose coalition of institutions of higher education in the San Fernando, Simi, and Antelope Valleys and adjacent areas.
- The Alliance was founded to “create an atmosphere conducive to sharing information on academic and administrative topics of mutual interest.”
- Its purpose is to provide a framework to promote strong, cooperative partnerships and foster educational welfare on our campuses and in the community.



Happy Spring!

