

# Chancellor's Report and Update

Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 9, 2021

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# College of the Canyons Special Celebrations

During the month of May and early June College of the Canyons has been a busy place, with 25 *End of the Year* celebrations happening throughout campus. Here are just a few:

- Honors/PTK Virtual Celebration
- PPL Drive-Through Celebration
- Veteran's Virtual Celebration
- Early Childhood Education Drive-Through Celebration
- AOC's Drive-Through Graduation
- Nursing Virtual Celebration and Drive-Through Pinning Ceremony

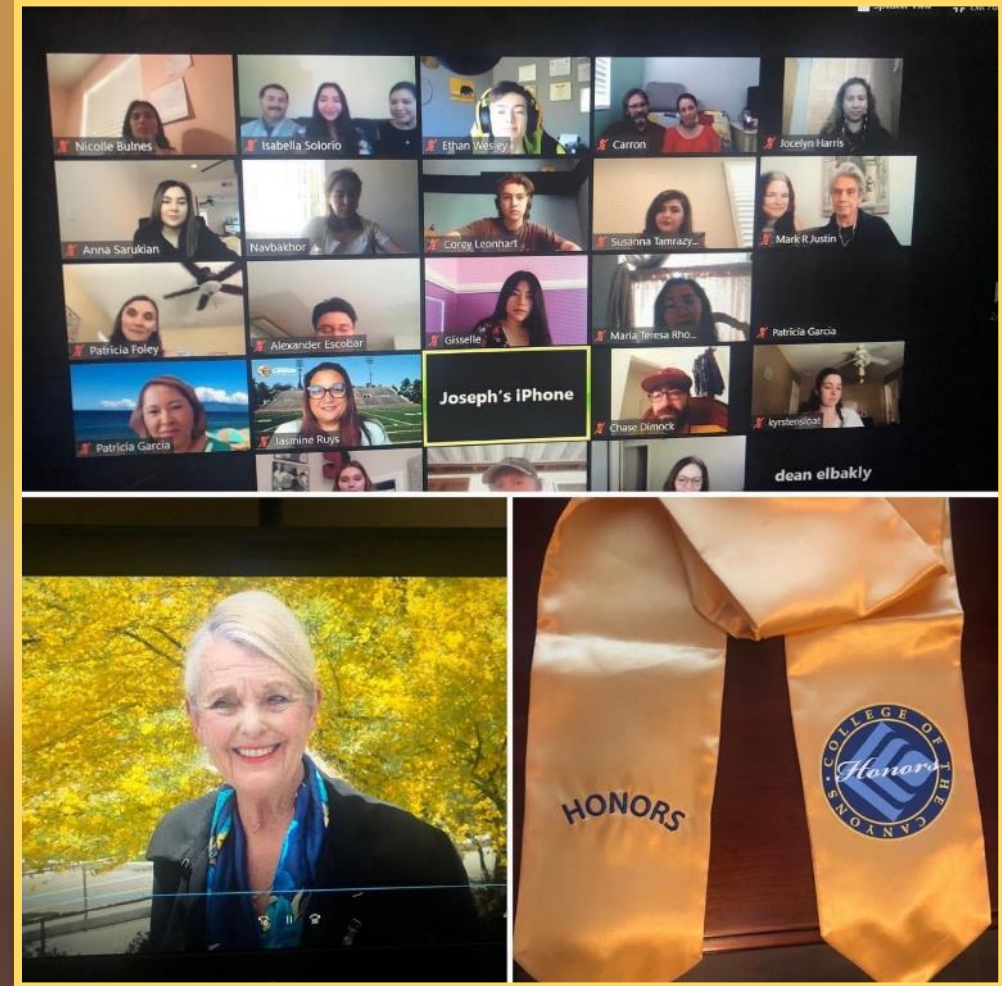
Thank you to all the program coordinators, faculty, staff, and students!



# Honors/PTK Event

On May 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the COC Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa held two virtual celebrations to accommodate most students.

- **64** Honors students graduated and are transferring to UCLA, UCSB, UCSD, UC Berkeley, UCI, CSUN, CSLB, USC, CSCI, CSEB.
- **40** new Phi Theta Kappa members were inducted and new officers were elected for the year **21-22**.
- Awards for Phi Theta Kappa:
  - **Five Star Status**
  - **Third most distinguished Chapter on Theme Award: Trade, Craftsmanship, and Industry**
- Family members were in attendance!



# PPL Drive-Through Event

40 School of Personal and Professional Learning students participated in a Drive-Thru Recognition event on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

- PPL issued 1200 certificates in the 20-21 academic year, through the pandemic.
- 40 students came through between the morning and evening sessions.
- 17 students came to pick up gift bags from the office.
- All received a flower lei and written inspirational letter from a former student who transitioned to the credit program.
- Also received a car decal that says, “Proud Student of School of Personal and Professional Learning Program.”



# Veteran's Graduation Ceremony

The Veterans Resource Center hosted a **Veterans Virtual Celebration on May 31<sup>st</sup>**.

## Graduate Stats

- **467** Student Veterans & Dependents 20/21 Enrolled (Excluding Summer 2021)
  - **393** Veterans
  - **63** Dependents
  - **11** Spouses
- **326** Student Veterans 20/21 Using Benefits
- **83** Total Graduates
- **69** Veteran Student Graduates
- **12** Veteran Dependent Graduates
- **2** Veteran Spouses
- Average GPA **3.19**



## Top 5 Programs

- **12** Business Administration for Transfer
- **13** Psychology for Transfer
- **10** Administration of Justice for Transfer
- **8** Accounting
- **3** Communication Studies for Transfer

## Veteran Graduates and their Branches

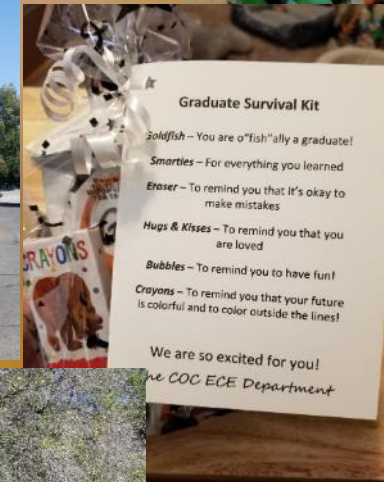
- 20 Army
- 23 Marines
- 16 Navy
- 10 Air Force
- 0 Coast Guard



# Early Childhood Education Drive-Through Celebration

The ECE Department hosted its second annual Drive-Through Graduation Ceremony on June 4th.

- Decorated lot 8 and cheered on grads (and their families)
- Around 30 of our 92 ECE and EDUC graduates joined us
- Handed out a survival kit goodie bag and congratulations certificate
- Many of the students and their families enjoyed taking a photo with our ECE and EDU letters
- Special thanks to Jennifer Paris, Cindy Stephens, Wendy Ruiz, Sharon Eyrich, Amanda Picard, Antoinette Ricardo, Andy McCutcheon, and the rest of our ECE faculty and staff



# Academy of the Canyons Graduation



On **June 5** at 9:00am, **103 AOC students** graduated in person from AOC in the **COC Cougar Stadium**. It was also livestreamed.

- **69** graduates earned at least one **Associate degree** from College of the Canyons
- **15** students have ***maintained a cumulative grade point average*** of **4.0 or higher** throughout their academic career in COC courses.
- **82** students, are **graduating with honors**, with a **4.0 and higher**
- For college, **30** will attend UCs; **20** will attend Cal States; **6** will attend private schools (including USC, LMU and Occidental); **11** will move out of state to ( Boston College, Washington University in St. Louis, Texas A &M, Carnegie Mellon, BYU); **18** will continue at COC.

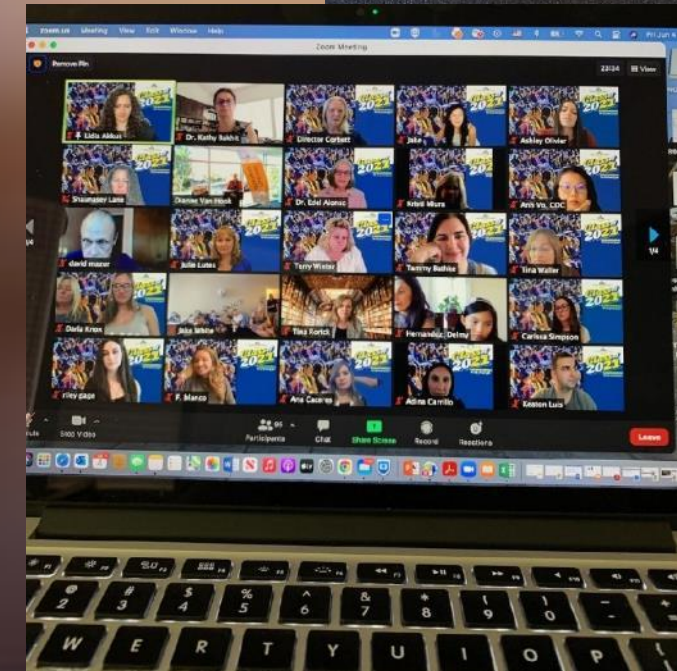




# Nursing Graduation

41 COC nursing graduates celebrated a Zoom graduation on Friday, **June 4<sup>th</sup>**, and a drive-through pinning celebration on **Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**.

- Over **100** Zooming families and friends joined the graduates, who completed over **900** skills lab/simulation/ patient care clinical hours during the course of their studies, in addition to classroom theory lectures
- Highlights of the celebration included **Chancellor Van Hook's** keynote speech and kind words shared from **Trustees Jenkins** and **Dr. Alonso**.
- Students received their Nursing pins and Alpha Delta Nu honor society pins and cords on Saturday. Both celebrations were coordinated by Professor Shaunasey Lane and student leaders
- Graduates are now vigorously preparing for the NCLEX exam for licensure. The COC first-time **pass rate** for the NCLEX exam is now over **91%**, up from **89% last year!**



# The Class of 2021 Celebrates!

Graduates from the class of 2021 returned to campus last week to celebrate commencement at Grad Walk.

- Held **Wednesday** through **Saturday** in the Honor Grove, COC's traditional graduation site, the event gave each student the opportunity to:
  - Have each of their names announced;
  - To be professionally photographed with friends and family; and
  - To cross the graduation stage while cheering faculty and staff recognized their accomplishments.
- **579** Graduates participated in this Grad event.
- It was a one-of-a-kind experience and well-deserved celebration for a class that overcame the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic.



# Workforce Training Update

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# COC Celebrates Apprenticeship:

The **Strong Workforce Apprenticeship Group** completed **29** apprentices who will be receiving their *State Apprenticeship Certifications* as Material Coordinators and Machine Operators.

- Apprentices who completed the program have received increases of up to 40% in their base salary.
- COC has received an endorsement from the *Defense Acquisition University* to launch its **Cyber Security Apprenticeship** for DoD companies.
- COC completed its *Department of Labor* sub-award with Los Rios College, by providing **32** apprentices in areas such as manufacturing and cyber security.



# COC is Equipping Essential Workers

The Employee Training Institute (ETI) has received approval for 16 programs through I-Train (WIOA) to equip workers for essential industries. This positions the college to respond to the Governor's budget that includes \$42 million dollars in spending to put people back to work.

Course topics include:

- Customer Service,
- Low Observable Technician (Northrop),
- Lean Sigma, Micro Soldering, and
- Project Management.

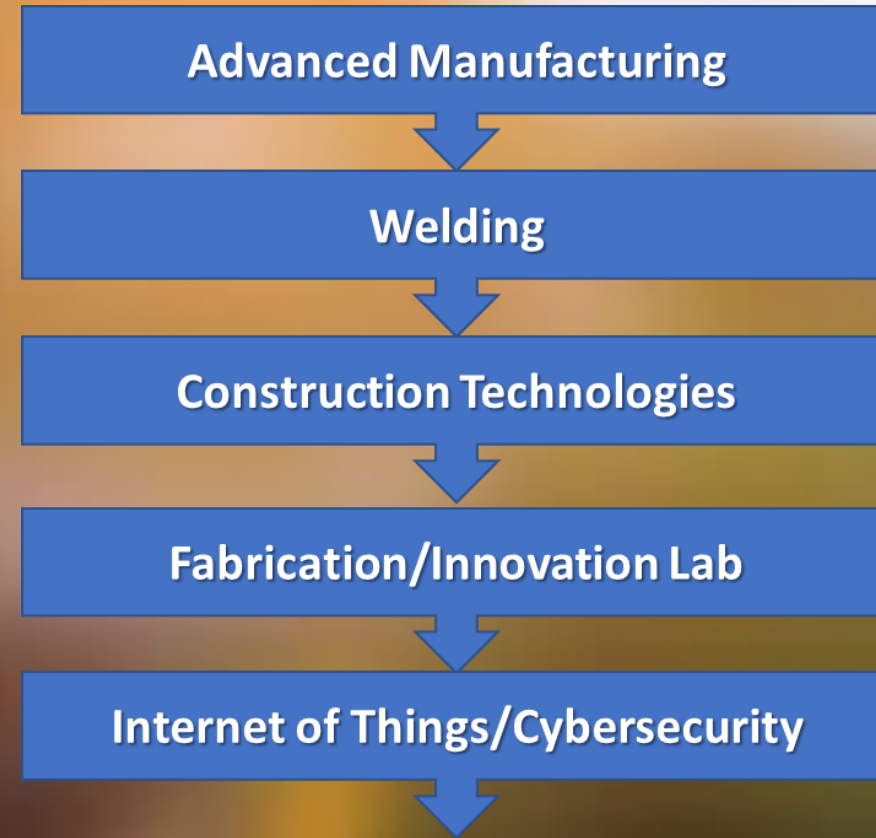


# College of the Canyons Advanced Technology Center Responding to Industry 5.0

The rapid growth in industrial automation and advanced technology, with its focus on “Industry 5.0”, has created the urgent need for skilled technicians in advanced technology sectors.

- Industry has clearly communicated that *“The need in this region is for employees with skills higher than those of a basic operator but less than an engineer.”*
- ATC funding, if approved, will be used to set-up the advanced manufacturing lab at Avenue Penn which will house all of our advanced manufacturing offerings for both Instruction and Workforce Development.
- The ATC will train students to become the technicians needed for the future of work.

***Automation ... Robotics ... Artificial Intelligence ... Machine Learning***





# Grants Update

# Grants Development Update

- Current awards total \$11.3M as Grants Development continues to research and pursue external funding to support college and program priorities.
- Recent grant awards include multiple CA Defense Ecosystem National Consortium Effort grants, Nursing and CNA grants, AOC, and pathways fellowship.
- Recent submissions prepared to NSF for scholarships and a prospective Title III grant.
- Please continue to reach out to Amber Cole (Director) with your needs and ideas.







Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook  
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# Recent Events

# Classified Appreciation Week Events

Last month, we celebrated our classified and confidential staff, who have worked so hard to help us all successfully navigate the *incredible journey* of the last year! We hosted **two special events** for Classified Appreciation Week.

- **Virtual Award Ceremony and Gift Giveaway – Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**
- **FREE lunch from In-N-Out Burger – Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> in front of the University Center**
- **Winners of the 2021 Classified Employee Awards were:**
  - ✓ **Andrea Varney – Humanitarian Award**
  - ✓ **Tina Tran – Dare to Dream Award**
  - ✓ **James McLaughlin – Gloria Jackson Service Award**
  - ✓ **Chloe McGinley – Professional Achievement Award**
  - ✓ **Julie Lutes – Employee of the Year**
  - ✓ **Gayle Freund – CSEA Member of the Year Award**



# COC Foundation Scholarship Donor Recognition 2021

The **College of the Canyons Foundation** is extremely proud that we were able to celebrate the continued support of our impactful donors in giving the gift of education and opportunity to a group of talented and enthusiastic students.

- This year's virtual event, held on **May 27<sup>th</sup>** provided a forum for **over 50 scholarship recipients** to meet with over **25 donors**.
- Facilitating meet and greets between donors and their scholarship recipients is a joy, and we look forward to continuing engagement for many years to come.



# Movie Screening of 'FOOD, INC.'

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Philosophy Professor **Marco Llaguno** lead a viewing and discussion of the movie FOOD, INC., which raises questions about sustainability, environmental justice, individual health, and the health of the planet.

Some of the topics addressed during the discussion:

- Do you know what you're eating everyday?
- Are you interested in finding out where your food comes from and how it's processed?
- Learn more about our nation's food industry.



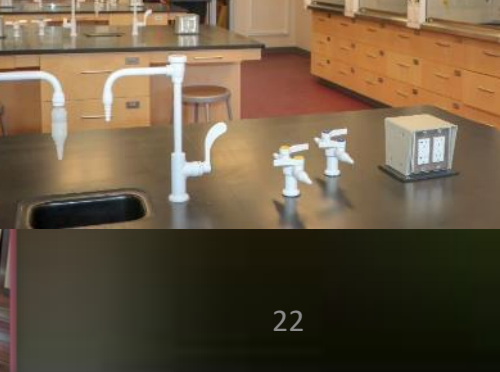
# What's Happening On Our Campuses



# A Sneak Peek Behind the Scenes

The *Canyon Country Campus Advisory Committee* held its spring meeting last month and members had a chance to tour the new **Science Center**.

- Work is well under way on installing furniture, and equipping and setting up the labs to ensure it is ready to welcome its first students in the fall 2021 semester.
- Exterior hardscape, landscaping, and irrigation also underway.
- Facilities, Instruction, and CCC are coordinating on additional tour opportunities ahead.
- Contact Anthony Michaelides @ [anthony.michaelides@canyons.edu](mailto:anthony.michaelides@canyons.edu) for further details.



# Summer Session Starts Today

The first Summer Session began this week, and runs through July 10. Registration is still ongoing for the **three** remaining summer sessions.

- **June 14 to August 7**
- **June 21 to July 24**
- **July 12 to August 14**
- More than **800 sections** of high-demand “core” classes in a wide range of subjects and disciplines will be offered, as well as various noncredit offerings.



# Signing up for Fall

Registration is underway for 2021 fall classes, which began on **May 24th**.

- To date, **20%** of our fall offerings will be in person with more to come.
- Essential Infrastructure disciplines (e.g., AUTECH, CONST, CULARTS, EMT, MLT, NURSNG, SURV, WELD) – all in-person labs with some in-person lectures
- Hard-to-convert Labs (e.g., ART, BIOSCI, CHEM, MEA, PHOTO) – several will be in-person
- Athletics/KPEI & KPEA –several will be in-person
- Noncredit ESL/GED/Citizenship/Health – will be in-person
- Dual Enrollment – will be in-person
- Lectures (e.g., ADMJUS, CINEMA, ENGL, ESL, HIST, KPET, MATH, PHILOS, THEATR) – several will be in-person
- In-Person, Online, Hybrid, HyFlex, and OnlineLIVEoptions





# Library: Order Online, Pick up in Person

The Library is now offering **pick-up service** for materials at the **Valencia Campus Library**. Library users may request items by using an online form on the Library website, and then pick up items in person. The pick-up service will be available during the following times:

- Monday - 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday - 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday - 9 a.m. to noon; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thursday - 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



# Automotive Technology Program Update

The Automotive Technology program is currently in process of seeking recertification of its accreditation through NATEF.

- NATEF stands for the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation.
- The department previously upgraded its certification to the AST or Automobile Service Technician level.
- A site visit was held at CCC today, consisting of (4) NATEF evaluators and led by **Gary Sornborger**, department chair for Automotive Technologies.
- Special thanks to **Kimberly Night**, **Don Carlson**, and **Anthony Michaelides** for their support during today's visit.
- The Team Visitors had many positive comments to make about our program and facilities, including the quality of instruction and curriculum, well-maintained facility, caliber of equipment, and overall excellence in student engagement.
- Decision on recertification outcome by NATEF will be available in 4 -6 weeks.



# School of Personal & Professional Learning Featured on SCVTV

The **School of Personal & Professional Learning** was featured on the June 9<sup>th</sup> SCVTV Community Corner show.

Host **Carrie Lujan** and guest host **Eric Harnish** invited **Garrett Rieck** on the show to talk about College of the Canyons' School of Personal & Professional Learning and how those interested can start certificate programs that will help elevate their professional skills!





# UPCOMING EVENTS

# Take Advantage of Technology Training

The **2021 Summer Technology Institute** will offer more than **40** workshops on a variety of topics, including:

- Feel Like A Design Pro – Tips & Tricks for Creating Page Banners, Directional Cues, & Animated Images for Canvas
- Using Microsoft Teams
- Outlook Overview – Organizing Email and Calendar Features
- OER/ZTC: A Complete Introduction
- Zoom – Hosting Conferences
- Cornerstone is Coming! What's In It for You!
- Crash Course in Contracts
- Personal Technology Purchases
- Create Interactive and Engaging Videos with Canvas Studio

Complete at least **four** workshops and earn an **Office Technology** digital badge!



# Have Something to Share?

COC's tradition of serving the older adult community is still going strong after more than 15 years.

- Speakers are needed for the fall semester to present a lecture, discuss a hobby or demonstrate a talent or skill at "*Afternoons with the Professors.*"
- Held at **Friendly Valley** on Fridays and **Belcaro** on Wednesdays, the lecture series welcomes faculty, staff and student presenters.
- Contact Patty Robinson at [patty.Robinson@canyons.edu](mailto:patty.Robinson@canyons.edu) for details.



# Remembering Julie Visner

A special celebration of life will be held for Julie Visner and her husband, Jim, on **Sunday, June 27, 2021** at **Blomgren Ranch**.

Julie was a special person and a part of the COC family for more than 35 years before retiring in 2017. As mentioned in my earlier email to the college, she passed away on May 16, 2021, after battling multiple myeloma cancer for nearly 12 years (earlier email attached for your reference). She was preceded in death by her husband Jim who passed away on September 29, 2020.

- Attire is requested to be a **Hawaiian or Western theme shirt** at the wishes of Jim and Julie. Food and drinks will be provided.
- The celebration of life will begin at **4:30 p.m.**
- Blomgren Ranch is located at 15142 Sierra Highway, Santa Clarita, CA 91390.



*Julie and her daughter Alissa when Alissa graduated from COC.*

# Remembering Dr. Bruce Pelkey

Bruce Pelkey's family is planning a celebration of his life on **June 13th** in **Ventura**, and they asked that the details be shared with the campus. If you plan to attend, please RSVP as requested below.



**Come celebrate the life  
of Dr. Bruce Pelkey**

[www.BrucePelkeyMemorial.com](http://www.BrucePelkeyMemorial.com)

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Poinsettia Pavilion  
3451 Foothill Road  
Ventura, CA 93003**

Please RSVP at the website  
above or by calling/texting  
Monika Pelkey (805) 701-3490  
or Anna Hahn (805) 701-3487.



# Thank you!

Thank you to all of Student Services and every person at this college for their work over the course of this year to help our students.

This has been a very new way of working over this last academic year and I just thank you all for your dedication, care, and expertise you have provided for our students.



# Welcome Summer!