



**Board of Trustees Meeting
September 8, 2021**





**COC Stands
Out!**

Athletics Off to a Bright Start

Cougars are showing up to play!

- **Women's Cross Country** *cruise* to victory at the Canyons Invitational
- **Women's Soccer** *won* their home opener vs. Pasadena in a **4-0** victory
- **Women's Golf** takes **3rd place** in the annual South Coast Classic
- **Football** played their first game against Antelope Valley on Saturday in our home opener, we *won 47-7!*
- Check out the games – via **live stream** – on our Canyons Athletics website.
<https://canyons.prestosports.com/landing/index>



Automotive Technology Program Update

The **Automotive Technology** program has successfully sought 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 during June 2021, 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 the successful 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.



COC PLACE Project

Patty Robinson and Jessica Edmond are the Project Co-Leads for a new COC initiative entitled **PLACE Project: Partnerships for Listening and Action by Communities and Educators.**

- **What?**
 - Addresses Housing Insecurity and Affordability
- **Who?**
 - Involves COC Students and SCV Community Members
- **Why?**
 - Builds Community, Increases Belonging, and Ensures Well-Being

“Our Community. Our Home. Our PLACE.”



7/7/2021

Canyons Complete/Pathways Update

We continue to implement the guided pathways framework to support our students so they remain engaged and moving forward to complete their certificates and degrees.

- Hired a **Black Student Success Counselor** for the first Student Success Team
- **Program Mapper** is LIVE and in use by students to explore programs and pathways
- Increased faculty use of **Canyons Connects** to refer students to services and support
- Working with statewide leaders in Guided Pathways implementation in virtual consultancy and coaching this year.



Training Our Workforce!



Now You See Me, Now you Don't – Low Observable Technology Comes to COC!

On Thursday, August 5th, *The Employee Training Institute's* new program in partnership with **Northrop Grumman** and supported by COC's **Strong Workforce Program** was successfully launched with **14** participants being trained to become **LO Technicians** to be hired by **Northrop Grumman Corporation**.

- Stealth technology, also termed **Low Observable Technology (LO technology)** provides an aircraft the ability to go undetected by the enemy.
- The LO career pathway allows individuals to pursue higher skill levels as well as a pathway to leadership positions within Northrop Grumman.



A wooden-framed chalkboard is mounted on a white brick wall. The chalkboard is black and has the words "Grants Update" written on it in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The wall is made of white bricks with visible mortar lines. The bottom of the image shows a dark wooden floor.

Grants Update

6/9/2021

National Science Foundation S-STEM Scholarship Award



College of the Canyons successfully secured a **\$1,493,379** grant award from the **National Science Foundation (NSF)**, announced last week.

- This grant will fund **S-STEM Equity Alliance Scholars** to *increase enrollment and graduation rates* among STEM majors in key student populations including Black, Latinx, women, first-generation college students, and low-income students.
- The SEA Scholars program will recruit, mentor, and support academically talented STEM students pursuing degrees in Biology, Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Engineering, Environmental Science, Mathematics, and Physics.
- Approximately **100** underrepresented STEM students will receive scholarships of up to **\$10,000** and academic support by building upon COC's MESA program to improve educational outcomes through mentorship, support services, and equitable classroom practices.
- Involved parties in the S-STEM grant included:
 - **Patricia Foley** (PI), *Faculty – Chemistry*, **Angeli Francois**, *Faculty – English*, **Amy Foote**, *Director - MESA*
 - **Teresa Ciardi**, *Faculty, Astronomy & Physical Science*, **Ann Hamilton**, *Dean - Math, Sciences, and Engineering*
 - **Omar Torres**, *CIO / VP - Instruction*
 - **Amber Cole**, *Director - Grants Development*, **Ryan Theule**, *VP - CCC, Research, Planning, Grants*
 - **Carolyn Shaw**, *Director - Grants and Categorical Accounting* And additional support from Instruction and Business Services among others
- **Congratulations** to the entire team, as well as to the Grants Development Department!



What's New On And Around our Campuses



COC Co-hosts First Statewide OER Conference

COC and James GG co-hosted the 1st statewide OER Conference with all sectors of CA higher education.

Conference Goals:

- Increase collaboration amongst the 3 systems of higher education
- Highlight replicable best practices
- Document positive impact of OER on student success across the state
- Organized by COC, ASCCC, CSU Chancellor's Office, UC Davis

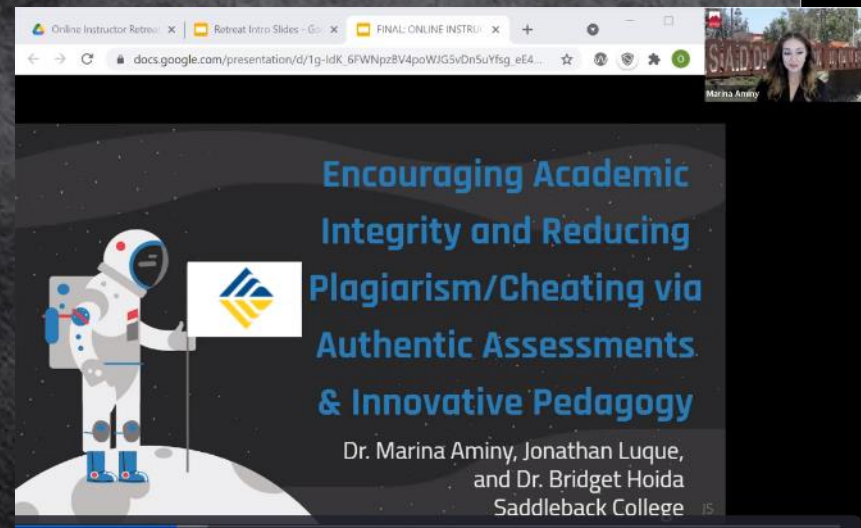
Held Aug 4 – 6th, the conference attracted 950 registrants!



7th Annual Online Instructor Retreat

COC hosted its *7th Annual Online Instructor Retreat* on **August 13th**.

- Nearly **100** COC faculty attended!
- Keynote speakers from **Saddleback College** discussed authentic assessment strategies that promote academic integrity
- COC's Instructional Designer explained the science behind engagement and how instructors can improve student engagement



Service Awards

This year college once again held in-person service recognition events to honor faculty, staff and administrators for their service.



- On Monday, **August 16th** 58 employees celebrating 5 and 10 year anniversaries were honored at a luncheon in the UCEN lobby.
- On Tuesday, **August 17th** 60 honorees celebrating milestones of 15, 20, 25 and 30 years were honored during a luncheon in the UCEN lobby.



Opening Day

Opening Day 2021 was a day of firsts for College of the Canyons! It was our first-ever al fresco Opening Day, and our first-ever **breakfast version**.

- It's been **two years** since our last in-person opening day celebration, and it was so great to see people again!
- This unique experience brought together **160 people in-person** and **148** more via **Zoom**!
- This year's theme was "***Cougars Together, Better Than Ever!***"
- On campus attendees enjoyed music by Student Performance Compilation, live performances, and the much anticipated humorous Opening Day video.



First Week of Fall Term

During the first week of school, we implemented the new Board Resolution to require vaccination or a negative COVID test. The implementation went smoothly and has been improved each week.

- Extra staff on hand to assist students
- Welcoming check in stations – students greeting students and providing wristbands
- Improving flow of people coming in to campus – making the check in process quicker and more efficient.
- Fast passes, ID cards, and clearance emails used to make a quick check in station for our students and staff.
- Ask Me desk fully staffed to assist students with finding their classes.
- The Bookstore and the Cafeteria opened for our students and staff



Fall 2021 Welcome Week

The Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement hosted an in-person edition of the Fall 2021 Welcome Week on August 30th, 2021 at the Valencia Campus (Canyons Hall & the Student Center) and September 2nd at the Canyon Country Campus (Science Center Lobby).

- 400+ students were connected to our campus resources between both events.
- With the limited amount of in-person classes, it was difficult to know if students would participate in the events, but expectations were exceeded with the high attendance and positive feedback from students.
- Students have definitely missed the physical presence of engaging with staff in-person and love knowing what COC has to offer!
- Lunch at the Valencia Campus was provided by our culinary arts students in iCUE and lunch at the Canyon Country Campus was provided by our local **Subway**.



2021 Swing for Scholarship Tournament

The COC Foundation held their annual *Swing for Scholarship Tournament* last Monday, **August 30th**

- This year's event had **112** participants (up **15%** from previous golf tournament)!
- **\$70,000** was raised towards our goal of \$40,000 (**75% above** our goal)
- We are deeply grateful for all the support the COC Foundation, the sponsors, volunteers, and of course our community members and staff who have registered for this even.
- ***Thank you to the Planning Committee!***

Your Participation Provides Life-Changing Opportunities for College of the Canyons students!

College of the Canyons Foundation
Golf Tournament
Valencia Country Club
Monday, August 30, 2021

7:30 a.m.
Registration, Driving Range Opens, and Breakfast

9 a.m.
Shotgun Start

presented by


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Register: cocfoundation.com

Swing
FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

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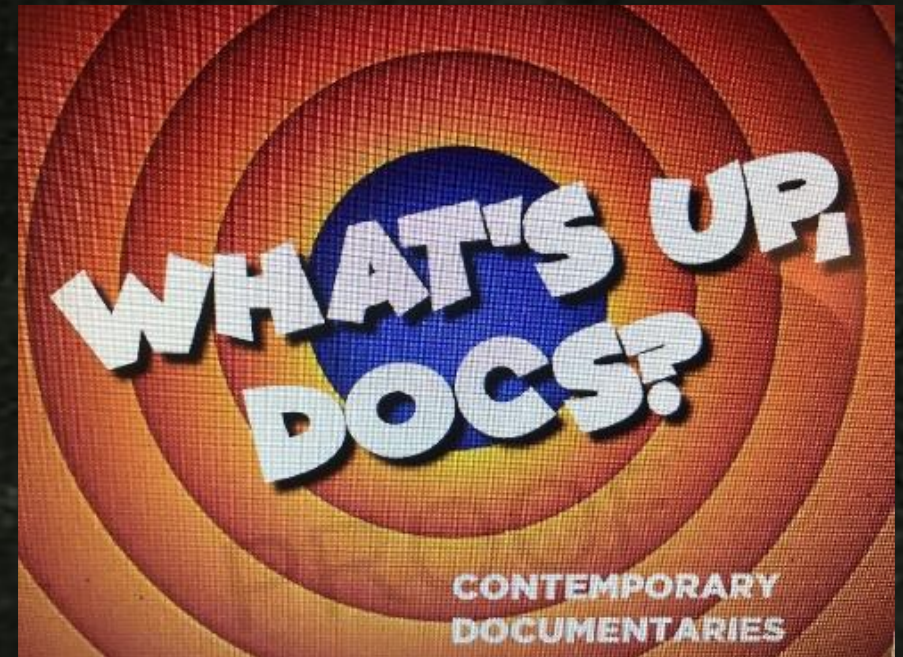

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Return of Friday Night Cinema

This Friday, **September 10th** marks the return of our *Guido Santi Friday Night Film Program*. Also returning on Friday, **September 17th** is *our International Film Festival*.

- The first film in the *Guido Santi series: A Perfect Candidate*, will screen at 7pm in **Hasley Hall 101, September 10th**.
- The International Film Festival will screen on the following dates at 7pm in **Hasley Hall**:
 - Friday, **September 17**
 - Friday, **October 1**
 - Friday **October 15**
 - Friday, **October 29**
 - Friday, **November 12**
 - Friday, **December 3**
- See the Cinema webpage for more details:
<https://www.canyons.edu/academics/cinema/>



Welcome Open House

As we wrapped up Welcome Week, the Chancellor hosted a Welcome Back Open House.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall 2021 Economic Outlook Event

Friday, September 17, 2021

8:30 AM - 11 AM

College of the Canyons

Performing Arts Center

2021 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation & College of the Canyons

8:30 - 11:00 AM Pacific | September 17th, 2021
College of the Canyons - Performing Arts Center

ECONOMIST	BUSINESS LEADER PANELISTS			MODERATOR
				
Dr. MARK SCHNIEPP California Economic Forecast	JAN SWARTZ Princess Cruises	LANCE WILLIAMS Williams Homes	CHRISTIAN HARRIS Sunkist Growers	TODD STEVENS Black Knight Energy LLC



Enjoy the Fall Semester!