

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT AND UPDATE

Board of Trustees Meeting
December 4, 2019



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**At this holiday season, I am
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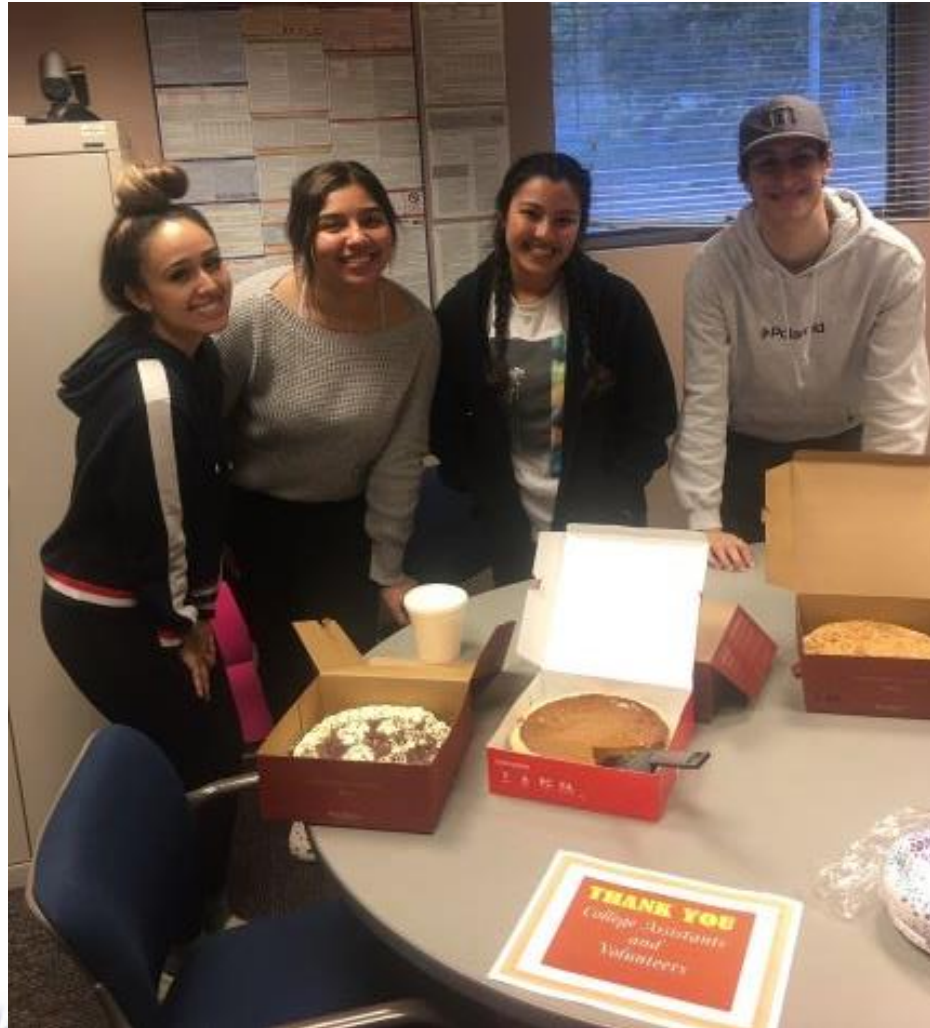


Our Students!



VOLUNTEER & COLLEGE ASSISTANT APPRECIATION

Over **150** volunteers and college assistants stopped by the flag pole on Thursday, November 21st to enjoy a slice of pie as we gave thanks for how they make a difference every day at College of the Canyons!



COC FBLA-PBL HOSTS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

COC Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) – Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) was proud to host the **California State Fall Business Leadership Conference** in the University Center on Saturday, November 16th.

- Students from across the state gathered to participate in workshops to enhance leadership and community skills, and to compete in business case analysis competitions.
- Participants developed and presented business ideas in a business incubator simulation similar to Shark Tank.
- Approximately **135** students from COC, UC San Diego, UC Riverside, Cerritos College, La Positas College and Diablo Valley College participated in the conference.
- Thank you to faculty advisors **Christina Chung, Gary Collis, Heaven Warner Gary Quite** and **Bob Maxwell!**



COC MODEL UNITED NATIONS STANDS OUT AS A TEAM!

COCs Model United Nations (MUN)

participated in their final competition of the season in November.

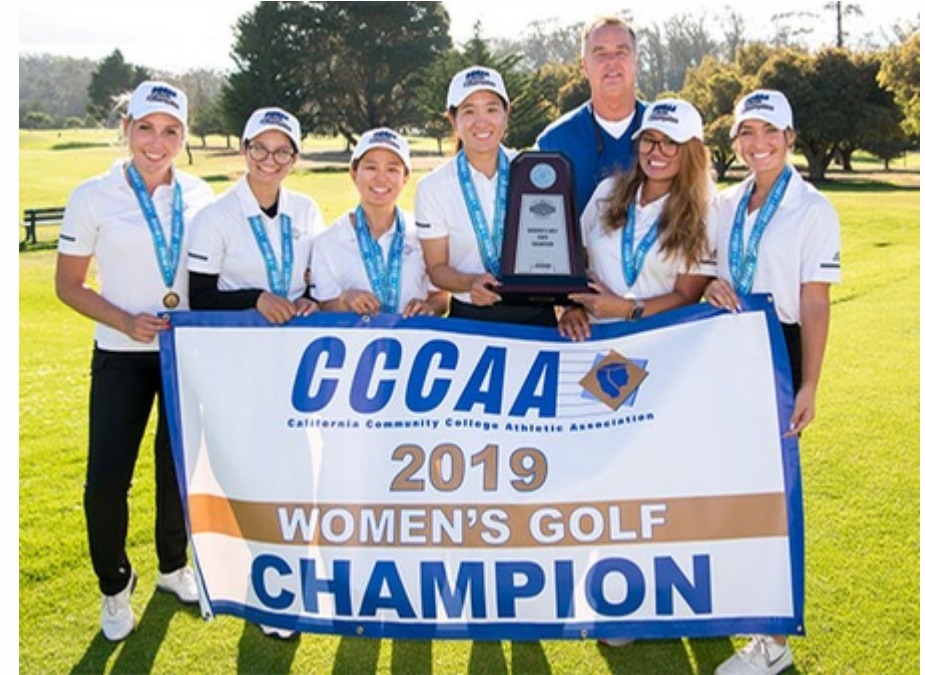
- After a difficult MUN season punctuated with fires, the incident at Saugus High School, a student having a seizure at the latest competition (she is fine), upcoming finals, college application deadlines and the normal pressures of competition, the team bonded together to support each other and came away with six of the seventeen delegates winning awards.
- A special thank you to ***Phil Gussin***, advisor extraordinaire, for providing both the business and emotional guidance to help these students be the best they can be!



WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The *women's golf team* has won *back-to-back state championships*, with sophomore *Haruka Koda* winning the *individual state championship!*

- This is the **4th state championship** since the program began in 1997, all coming under head coach **Gary Peterson**.
- The women's golf team now holds the distinction of being the first COC athletic program to win back-to-back state championships!
- Earlier this season the program won their **4th Southern California Regional Championship**, as well as their **10th Western State Conference title**.
- Canyons finishes the 2019 season with a perfect **94-0** through **13** events, and has won **25** straight tournaments dating back to the start of the 2018 season.



COUGAR FOOTBALL MOVES INTO PLAYOFFS

Students and staff from the William S. Hart High School District and all SCV first responders were invited to be our guest at the Cougar playoff game on Saturday, November 14th against Saddleback College.

- The Cougars won the **CCCAA SoCal Regional Playoff round 1** game against Saddleback **58 – 53** to move into the SCFA Championship game against Riverside on November 30th.
- No. 3 seed College of the Canyons fell **68-21** to No. 1 Riverside City College in the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Southern California Regional Championship game on Saturday night.
- Canyons finished the season with an **9-3** overall record having *won a second straight National Division, Northern League championship* and winning the first playoff game in head coach **Ted Lacenda's** tenure with a thrilling **58-53** first round playoff victory over Saddleback College.



CROSS COUNTRY GOES TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

The Cougars cross country program completed the 2019 season with a final run at the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championships in Fresno.

- The event marked the first time since 2016 that both College of the Canyons cross country programs competed at the state meet.
- COC's men's team ran to an 18th place result on the four-mile course at Woodward Park.
- The Cougars' women's team was 19th in the team standings.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ADVANCES TO REGIONAL PLAYOFFS

COC middle blocker **Grace Ferguson** has been named to the **American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-American, All-State and All-Western State Conference (WSC)** teams for a second straight season to cap a brilliant Cougar career.

- Ferguson is joined on the All-WSC team by first team selection **Elizabeth Gannon**, second-team honorees **Kayla Tait** and **Sydney Higginson**, with **Madison Martinez** and **Kyra Titner** both earning **Honorable Mention** recognitions.
- Canyons finished the regular season **15-8** overall and was second in the **WSC, South Division** with a record of **10-2** in conference play.
- The Cougars lost 3-1 to San Diego Mesa College in the opening round of the **CCCAA SoCal Regional** Playoffs last Tuesday.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Canyons has opened the season with a **3-3** overall record despite a pair of close loses.
- In the team's last outing sophomore **Jay-Kez Moore's** three-pointer at the buzzer fell just short leaving the Cougars on the wrong end of a **73-72** OT loss to Saddleback College.
- COC will have a short break before returning to action **Saturday, Dec. 7**, vs. West Hills Coalinga College. Tip-off is scheduled for **6 p.m.** at the **MacArthur Center** on the campus of The Master's University.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- The Lady Cougars are **2-3** in the early going having seen their first action during the three-day **Ventura-Kiwanis Tournament** hosted by Ventura College **Nov. 21-23**.
- Canyons posted a dominating **122-38** victory over Taft College on day two, then lost **71-67** to Santa Monica College the next day.
- COC is back in action **Dec. 5-7** at the **43rd Annual Gilcrest Tourney** hosted by College of the Sequoias.



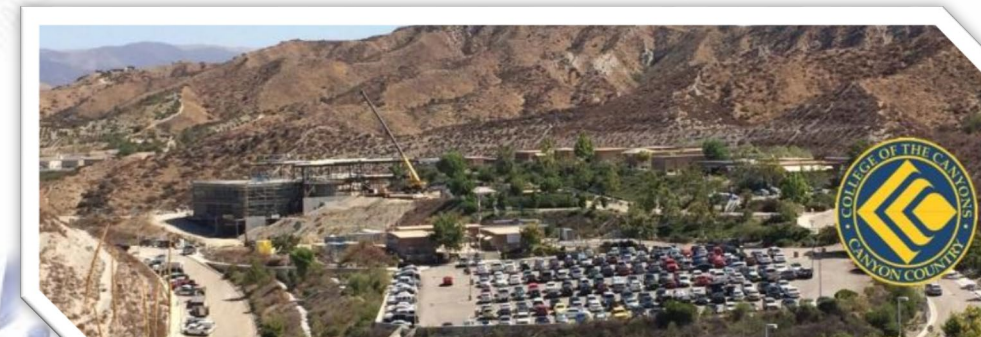
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CCC ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS FALL MEETING

The *Canyon Country Campus Advisory Committee* held their fall meeting on Monday, November 18th.

- Members of the committee enjoyed a tour of the Science Center and were thrilled to see the progress since their last visit.
- After the tour, committee members were updated with a Chancellor's Report highlighting activities from throughout the District. The group also reviewed CCC developments, students and program information, event and campus details, and developments with the **Science Center, Central Plant, and facilities.**
- Members then reflected on all that the campus has accomplished in the past **12 years** and discussed ways to collaborate in the future. The group is considering a possible spring dinner at CCC to help sustain and grow a support network for the campus, as well as celebrating the Science Center milestone and **50th** anniversary of the District.



FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING & HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The **COC Foundation Board of Directors** held their meeting and holiday celebration on Tuesday, November 19th at **Scorpion Internet Marketing**.

- Foundation board members were greeted by **Scorpion Chief Financial Officer Matthew Shephard** and **Vice President of Public Relations Jill Wilson** who provided us with a guided tour of their amazing facilities.
- Scorpion presented a check for **\$20,000** to the Foundation to support the **Basic Needs Center (BaNC), student scholarships and continued support of the Chancellor's Circle**.
- After the meeting, board members enjoyed a wonderful holiday celebration.



I Am Thankful for Our High Standards!



ALL IN CHALLENGE AWARDS CEREMONY

College of the Canyons was recognized *four times* at the “*All in Challenge*” in Washington, DC which was held in November.

- The “*All in Challenge*” recognizes the work of over **1,000** 2-year and 4-year college and university campuses nationwide, as well as **6.2** million students, in improving college democratic engagement.
- COC was awarded:
 - ✓ ***Overall Most Improved Voting Rate at a Community College***
 - ✓ ***Most Improved Voting Rate Large Community College***
 - ✓ ***Increase from Bronze Seal to Gold Seal (Campuses with 40-49% voter participation in the 2018 midterm election.) COCs rate was up 12.6% from 2014.***
- COC was also recognized for our ***Engage the Vote Action Plan.***
- Congratulations to ***Patty Robinson*** for her outstanding leadership in ***Civic Engagement!***



2019 CHAMPION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

College of the Canyons was honored to be one of **twelve** community colleges recognized as a ***Champion of Higher Education*** for the second year in a row!

- This award is given for exemplary work in implementing the ***Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)*** and recognizes our dedicated leadership in working to ensure a strong transfer pathway.
- The award was presented on Thursday, November 14th by the ***Campaign for College Opportunity***.





I Am Thankful for Our Resourcefulness!

PRITZKER FOSTER CARE INITIATIVE GRANT

We are excited to receive a one-year grant in the amount of **\$40,000** to **support our RISE program.**

- These funds will be crucial in providing expanded services to the current/former foster youth served in our RISE program by:
 - ✓ Offering opportunities to engage in cultural experiences in our local community;
 - ✓ Supporting a healthy mind by providing in-house mental health counseling services;
 - ✓ Providing meal subsidies; and
 - ✓ Collaborating with the San Fernando Valley Scholars Network to expand opportunities.
- Congratulations to **Dora Lozano** for pursuing this grant opportunity!

NATIONAL STUDENT NURSES' ASSOCIATION AWARD

The Student Nursing Club was awarded almost **\$3,000** from the *Vietnamese Student Association of Southern California* to **help support the cost of their pinning ceremony this June.**

Pritzker
Foster Care
Initiative



I Am Thankful for Our Leadership!



COC HOSTS LA REGIONAL DISTANCE EDUCATION MEETING

COC was pleased to host the 1st LA Regional Distance Education meeting on Friday, November 8th.

➤ Topics included:

- ✓ Developing a regional approach to online teaching certification; and
- ✓ Feedback on draft statewide Distance Education Guidelines.

➤ Representatives from **10** colleges attended the meeting including:

- ✓ Ventura College;
- ✓ Moorpark College;
- ✓ Oxnard College;
- ✓ Pierce College;
- ✓ El Camino College;
- ✓ LA Valley College;
- ✓ West LA College;
- ✓ Glendale College;
- ✓ Pasadena City College; and
- ✓ College of the Canyons.

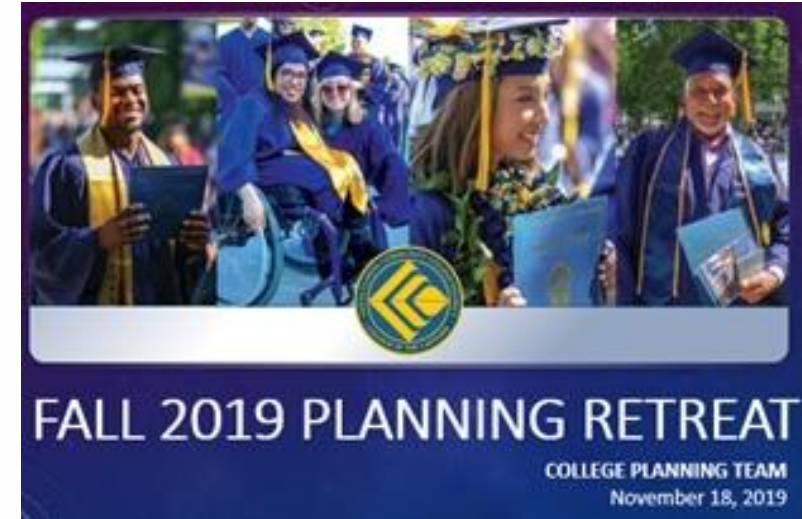


➤ Thank you to **Brian Weston, Director of Distance and Accelerated Learning** for coordinating this event.

COLLEGE PLANNING TEAM RETREAT

Over **50 College Planning Team (CPT)** members and guests attended the rescheduled retreat on Monday, November 18th.

- The agenda included:
 - ✓ Overview of the Strategic Plan and why it matters;
 - ✓ Group activities on department objectives and scaling up ideas; and
 - ✓ A discussion on “bringing it all together”.
- The group discussed the three goals of **Access, Engagement and Success**, coming up with strategies to align planning and to support progress.



Our Partnerships!



HEADMAN PARTNERS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The *Employee Training Institute (ETI)* was excited to launch a *Leadership Academy* with local CPA firm, *Hedman Partners*.

- 12 employees from *Hedman Partners* are participating in the *40 hour program* that will include training in:
 - ✓ Managing Priorities;
 - ✓ Delegating for Productivity;
 - ✓ Business Acumen;
 - ✓ And more.
- This is the first accounting firm that ETI has been able to get approval for state funded training.



5th ANNUAL GREEN STEM SUMMIT

COC partnered with the *Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC)* to host The 5th annual *Green STEM Summit*, held in our Student Center on Saturday, November 16th.

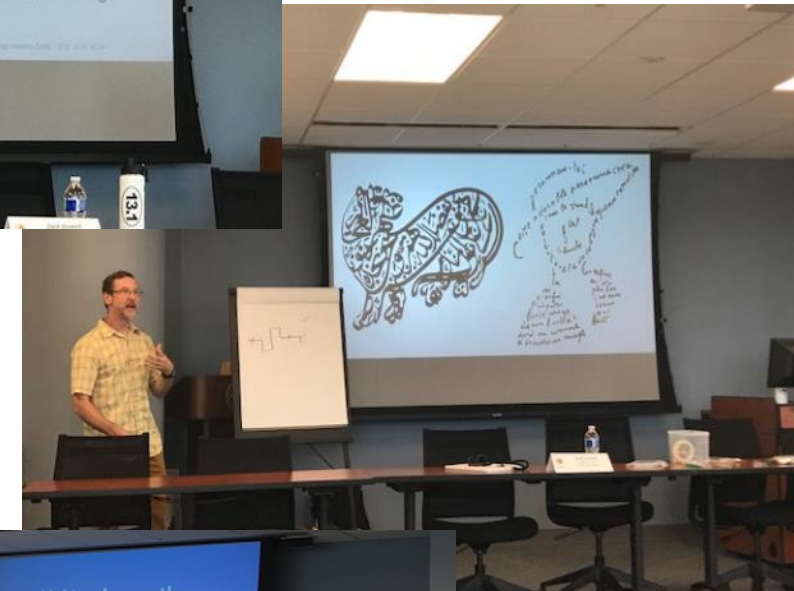
- More than **100** local college and high school students explored careers in a variety of STEM fields including:
 - ✓ ***Natural & Physical Sciences;***
 - ✓ ***Biomimicry & Biotechnology;***
 - ✓ ***Engineering & Technology;***
 - ✓ ***Environmental Art/Ethics/Design; and***
 - ✓ ***Advanced Manufacturing (MakerSpace)***
- Students had the opportunity for hands-on mentoring at the event by industry, government and academic STEM professions.
- **70%** of survey respondents said the event inspired them to pursue a career in STEM.
- The event was sponsored by COC, SCV Water and Lockheed Martin.



CREATING A “MAKING” CULTURE ON CAMPUS

We were pleased to host **Zach Dowell** from **Folsom Lake College Innovation Center MakerSpace** on Friday, November 15th.

- After a tour of the COC MakerSpace, Zach:
 - ✓ Gave us an overview of the Innovation Center MakerSpace;
 - ✓ Discussed how to engage students and the community; and
 - ✓ Talked about how to achieve sustainability.
- More than **20** of our COC faculty, staff and administrators were **inspired, engaged, and ready to create** after meeting and interacting with Zach.



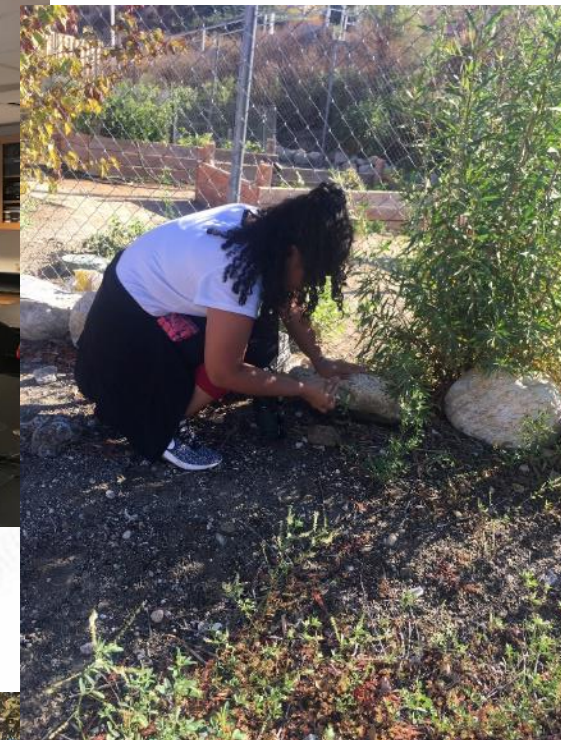
I Am Thankful for Our Innovative & Developing Spirit



GARDEN WALK ON THE CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

Students, staff and community members enjoyed a guided tour of the unique plant and insect life at the **Canyon Country Campus** on Friday, November 8th.

- The tour began with a short chaparral fire regeneration talk;
- Followed by a hike of the campus;
- With an opportunity to identify insects, birdwatch, plant a native plant, and explore with microscopes.



SEEING STARS IN CANYON COUNTRY

Over **100** guests came out on Friday, November 15th to celebrate the Canyon Country Campus' **20th Star Party**, **COCs 50th anniversary** and the **50th anniversary of the first moon walk**.

- COC faculty **Erik Altenbernd** and **David Michaels** presented on rocket science and the Apollo moon walk.
- Attendees enjoyed:
 - ✓ Hands-on demonstrations and activities;
 - ✓ High-powered telescope for viewing the night sky;
 - ✓ Science activity tables; and our
 - ✓ Portable planetarium.
- ASG provided free snacks and food trucks were available for dinner.



UPCOMING EVENTS





CDC Employee Holiday Party
Holiday Magic

Thursday, December 5, 2019
Noon – 2pm • EPEK Gym

Cost: \$10

2020 Employment Law

Update & Industry Panel

This informative annual employment law update is designed to help our Chancellor's Circle members and local business leaders. Please reserve your spot, as space is limited!



Friday, December 6th

7:30a.m. Breakfast | 8:00 a.m. Presentation

Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center

College of the Canyons



**COMING UP IN
THE PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER**

COMING UP IN DECEMBER 2019

❖ ***The Beach Boys***

Wednesday, December 4th
7:30 pm - **PAC Main Stage**



❖ ***Holiday Concert***

COC Music
Friday, December 6th
7:30 pm – **PAC Main Stage**

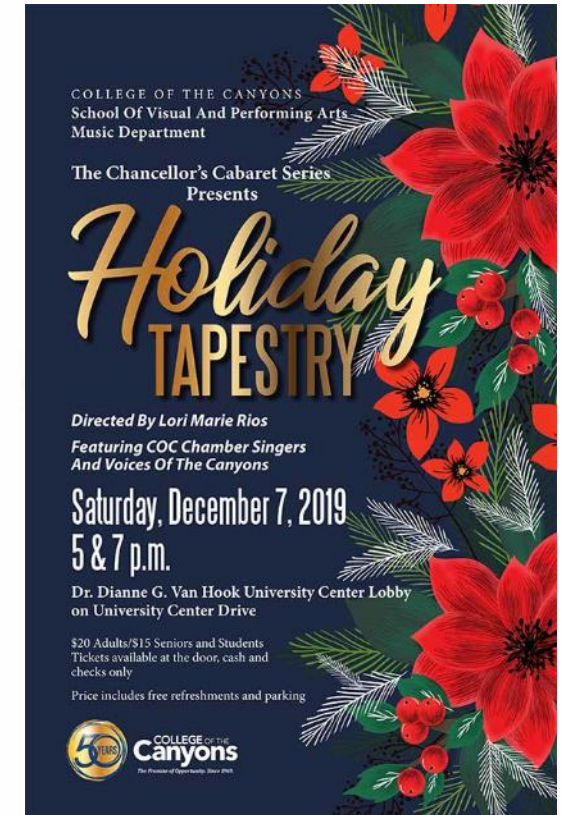


❖ ***A Holiday Tapestry (Choirs!)***

Friday, December 6th
5 & 7 pm – **UCEN Lobby**

❖ ***Jazz Tidings to All (Choirs!)***

Friday, December 6th
6:30 & 8:30 pm – **UCEN Lobby**



COMING UP IN DECEMBER 2019

❖ *Symphony of the Canyons*

Saturday, December 7th

7:30 pm - **PAC Main Stage**



❖ *Holiday Lights*

Santa Clarita Master Chorale

Sunday, December 8th

4 pm - **PAC Main Stage**



❖ *The Nutcracker*

Santa Clarita Ballet

December 13th – 15th

PAC Main Stage



❖ *A Charlie Brown Christmas*

Wednesday, December 18th

7 pm - **PAC Main Stage**



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