



Dream. Think. DO!

2013-14 ANNUAL REPORT



FROM THE CHANCELLOR



The starting point of all achievement is desire.

~Napolean Hill

On the cover: An aerial view of the Valencia Campus location in 1969. This year, 2014, marks the beginning of the college's 45th anniversary.

As we conclude the 2013-14 academic year at College of the Canyons, we find ourselves on the eve of the college's 45th anniversary of service to the Santa Clarita Valley.

It was in 1969 that College of the Canyons opened its doors to the community, welcoming 735 students to classes held at Hart High School until a permanent campus could be established. Forty-five years later, we serve more than 31,000 individual students annually on modern, well-equipped campuses in Valencia and Canyon Country.

While much has obviously changed over the years as the college has seized opportunities, overcome challenges and blazed new trails to meet the needs of a dynamic, growing community, some things have remained constant. Four underlying qualities have enabled us to consistently thrive over the previous four-and-a-half decades and have fueled our journey, laid the foundation for our progress, enhanced our success and motivated us as an innovative place of higher education: our willingness to dream, our dedication to planning, our enthusiasm for teamwork, and our unwavering commitment to serving this community in the most innovative ways possible.

A Willingness to Dream

Author C.S. Lewis once said, "You are never too old to set another goal, or to dream a new dream. . . ." That is a good reminder, and one that we have certainly heeded at College of the Canyons. In fact, the passage of time has only strengthened our resolution to dream, and then take the action needed to bring our dreams to life.

The more we dream, the more successful we are, which in turn inspires us to dream more boldly, to the benefit of our students and our community. From building new educational facilities like the Culinary Arts building, to adding new bachelor's and master's degree options in the University Center, to setting a new record for student scholarships, to securing \$3.1 million for workforce training, it is clear that College of the Canyons is marked by big dreams!

Dedication to Planning

Dreams do not result in outcomes without planning. We would not be where we are today without our focus on strategic, integrated planning. We have annual program plans, a district Strategic Plan, Educational and Facilities Master Plans, Technology Plans, and more.

Simply stated, planning gets results. Business writer Alan Lakein said, "Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now." We look at the world around us; we examine the needs that exist; we create solutions to meet them; we secure the necessary resources; then we go do it! Instead of waiting for things to happen, planning enables us to see possibilities where others see none, and make things happen.

The results of our planning were evident on multiple fronts this past year as we:

- Expanded our course offerings (upon receiving additional state funding), which led to an 11 percent increase in the number of classes available to students.
- Generated \$3.1 million in external funding to provide cutting-edge customized training to nearly 900 area companies.
- Joined the California Bar Association's statewide "Pathway to Law School" partnership that will move students from College of the Canyons to a four-year campus, and then on to law school.
- Set a new scholarship award record, with 241 of our students receiving more than \$175,000 from our Foundation.
- Continued construction of a new Student Services/Administration Building and Culinary Arts Institute.

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- Obtained approval for 16 new associate of arts and associate of science transfer degrees.
- Secured more than \$6 million in grant funds to launch innovative new activities and partnerships that boost student success and benefit our community.
- Placed in the top 10 percent statewide for student completion and success rates.

Our dreaming, planning, and doing obtained results that make a real difference for our students and our community.

Enthusiasm for Teamwork

Teamwork is critical to successfully implementing our many planning efforts. What is teamwork? Teamwork is the willingness of individuals in a group to commit singularly to a mission and focus all their energy towards achieving it. It is pro-active, forward-thinking, focused on quality, flexible, selfless, and highly dependent on relationships.

Our team at College of the Canyons focuses on meeting the needs of our community, and that leads to an extension of teamwork beyond our campuses. We are proud of the relationships that we have forged with partners throughout the community. From offering training to 900 local companies, to bringing together 100 philanthropic organizations to form a Non-Profit Council, to establishing and sustaining partnerships over time, we achieve more together than we ever could by going it alone.

Unwavering Commitment

When commitment is added to dreaming, planning, and teamwork, things begin to really take off. Abraham Lincoln said it best: **“Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality.”**

When pursuing something audacious, there will always be challenges, unexpected difficulties, and obstacles that stand in the way. That’s where commitment kicks in. It pushes you past the difficulties, doubts and delays. It motivates you to keep moving forward, to keep looking for a solution. It inspires you to focus on your dream, instead of giving up. If you’re committed, you’ll find a way. And we always do.

College of the Canyons is a place where it’s impossible to remain stagnant. This is a community that is devoted to a love for learning, to developing a habit of doing what is the next big thing – not the next logical thing – but the next meaningful thing to do.

When dreaming, planning, teamwork, and commitment come together, the results naturally follow. We are proud of what we have achieved, and it is an honor to share the highlights from 2013-14 with you in this report.



Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook
Chancellor



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STUDENT PROFILE

Since its establishment in 1969, College of the Canyons has experienced overwhelming success in achieving its stated mission to offer all students an accessible and enriching educational experience, which will prepare them with the skills and knowledge ultimately needed to achieve their educational and career goals.

Evidence of that success can be seen both in the individual achievements of our students, and the collective sense of joy and accomplishment on display during the college's annual commencement ceremony each spring.

The College of the Canyons class of 2014 included **1,343 students who petitioned for graduation**, representing the **largest number in school history** and a roughly two percent increase from the prior year.

Academically, the class of 2014 featured **271 students graduating with honors** – which requires a 3.5 GPA or higher – and **24 students with perfect 4.0 GPAs**, which granted them the status of valedictorians at the college. The **average GPA of the class of 2014 was 3.06**.

STUDENT SUCCESS SCORECARD

Such high levels of student success have also placed College of the Canyons ahead of several of the state's other community colleges, in terms of its ability to serve both "college prepared" and remedial level students.

According to the most recent California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office 'Student Success Scorecard' – which illustrates how well colleges are doing in remedial instruction, job training programs, retention of students and graduation and completion rates – College of the Canyons achieved the **highest student completion rate** (defined as earning an associate degree, certificate or achieving "transfer prepared" status) among the 21 community college campuses located in Los Angeles County.

Additionally, the college also ranked ninth among all California community colleges in this category.

For the purposes of the Student Success Scorecard "college pre-

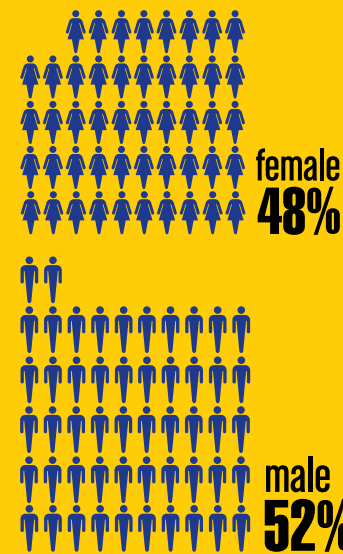
pared" students are defined as first-time COC students who were eligible to enroll in degree applicable math and English courses.

In 2012-13 College of the Canyons posted a 58.6 percent overall student completion rate – more than 10 percent higher than the statewide average. Meanwhile, "college prepared" students at COC achieved an 80.4 percent completion rate.

The results documented in the Student Success Scorecard reflect a college-wide commitment to helping students achieve their educational goals.

By supporting student success at every stage of the education process – from admissions and enrollment, to academic instruction and other supplemental services designed to augment classroom learning – the college continues to reinforce its commitment to helping students achieve educational and career success.

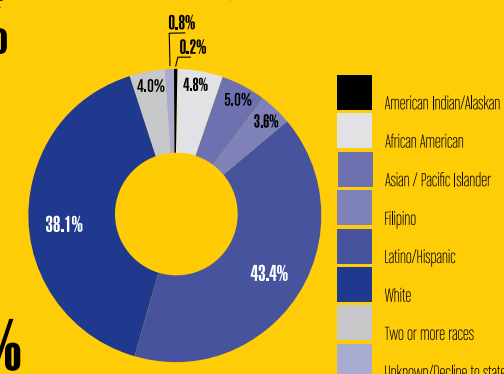
Students by Gender



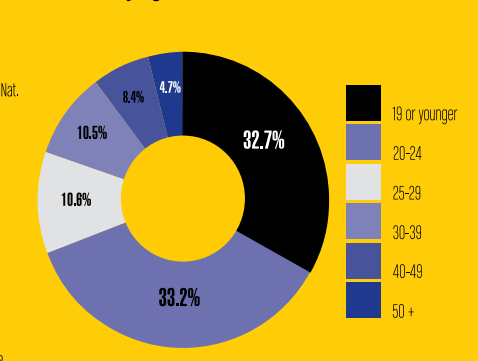
COC Student Body at a Glance

2013-2014 Enrollment: 31, 134

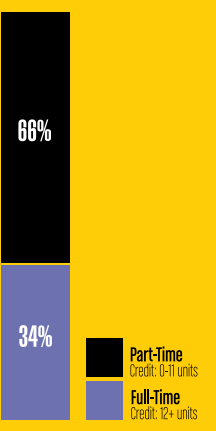
Students by Ethnicity



Students by Age



Attendance





INSTRUCTION

Classroom and laboratory instruction form the foundation of the College of the Canyons experience. With 154 degree and certificate options available, students can obtain the skills needed to launch almost any career, or earn the units required to transfer to the most prestigious universities.

Twin commitments to innovation and excellence drive the college's faculty members to ensure every course is an engaging and enriching learning experience. As specialists in their respective

disciplines, faculty members continually incorporate new technology, creative teaching methodologies, and the latest advances in theory and practice into each class. The result is an educational experience that inspires students to exceed their own expectations.

This past year saw **unique achievements realized** and **new milestones** surpassed as the Instructional divisions at College of the Canyons continued to reinvent education for the 21st century.

Highlights:

- Delivered more than 123,000 hours of tutoring and writing support to nearly 9,000 unique students at The Learning Center (TLC) during its first full year of operation.
- Selected by the State Bar of California as one of 24 community colleges to join the new **"2+2+3" Pathway to Law School Initiative** that enables students to complete two years at a community college, two years at a CSU or UC campus, and then earn a law degree.
- Expanded the Math, Sciences & Engineering Division's Speakers Symposium series, which drew 1,000 students and community guests to hear lectures by noted experts from Google, JPL, UCLA, CalTech, and the LAPD Narcotics Unit.
- Earned **a full five-year approval** and noted recognition for our Nursing Program from the Board of Registered Nursing.
- Continued to build student awareness of opportunities in **Career Technical Education** by launching a first-ever newsletter and hosting workshops to highlight high-demand fields, including Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Laboratory Technician, Land Surveying, Computer Networking, and SHARP (Skills for Healthy Aging Resources and Programs).
- Hosted an Open House for the **Kinesiology/Physical Education/Athletics Division** that gave high school students and parents the opportunity to see how the division's programs and services help students achieve their educational and career goals.
- Received re-accreditation of our **Center for Early Childhood Education** by the National Academy of Early Childhood Education Programs, maintaining 27 years of accreditation with 10 commendations.

- Hosted the second annual Student Leadership Conference, a cooperative effort between the Social Sciences and Business Division, COC Honors and the Office of Student Development, to hone leadership theories, skills, and activities for student leaders in Associated Student Government, student clubs, and honor societies.
- Hosted the fourth annual **California Community College Academic Deans' Retreat** and welcomed 100 attendees from across the state.
- Received the American Association of Colleges and Universities Bringing Theory to Practice Seminar Grant: Civics in Action: Recognizing College of the Canyons' Obligation to Self and Society Grant to examine creating a campus-wide initiative concerning civic responsibility and mutual respect.
- Organized campus and community partners to discuss the creation of **a Wellness Center** that provides Evidence-Based Health Promotion (EBHP) programs in the Santa Clarita Valley to meet intergenerational/lifespan needs.
- Joined with the Gibbon Conservation Center to sponsor "Chromosome Evolution in Gibbons: A Sneak Peak into the Gibbon Genome P" with the COC Anthropology Department and COC Honors.
- Hosted a day-long **Gerontology Boot Camp** to equip students with important career strategies and techniques to enter the field of aging.
- Partnered with the Getty Museum to create an exhibit showcasing student work from the **Photography Department**.
- Welcomed new exhibits to the Art Gallery, including "Garden of the Poet" by artist Francine Matarazzo and Japanese-inspired paintings by Sam Erenberg.
- Expanded the reach of the **Theatre Department**, which hosted more than 150 high school students for a day-long "Exploration of Theatre" program, and produced "RENT," which drew more than 1,900 audience members during its limited run.
- Continued to create local partnerships through the **Graphic Multimedia Design Department** to showcase student work in community venues, including City Hall and the Newhall Library.

New Degree Options Make Transfer Easier

COC received state approval to offer 10 new degrees that will provide a smoother transfer process to California State University campuses. The new associate in science-transfer (AS-T) and associate in arts-transfer (AA-T) degrees include:

- Communications Studies
- Early Childhood Education
- Geography
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theatre Arts
- Kinesiology
- Studio Arts

FINANCE

This year was marked by a restoration of funding – and access to classes – that was lost in recent years to budget cuts imposed by the state.

All California Community Colleges, including College of the Canyons, rely on resources from the state to fund their operations. Beginning in 2008-09, our revenue dropped when the state's economy faltered. Between 2008 and 2013, the college experienced a 10 percent decline in state revenues and a decrease in funded full-time equivalent students (FTES) from 15,467 to 13,976. The college's categorical programs were cut \$2.5 million as well.

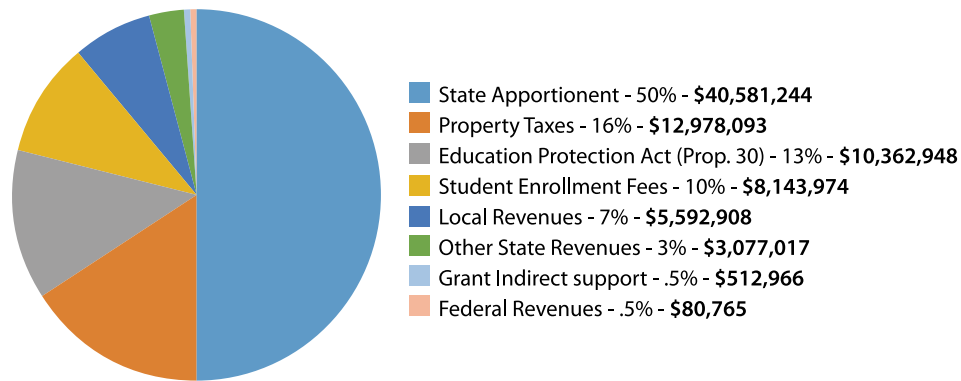
The passage of Proposition 30 in November 2012 and its temporary tax increases prevented additional cuts. And, the improving economy led to modest budget increases in 2013-14

that enabled the college to partially restore student enrollment lost in previous state budget cuts.

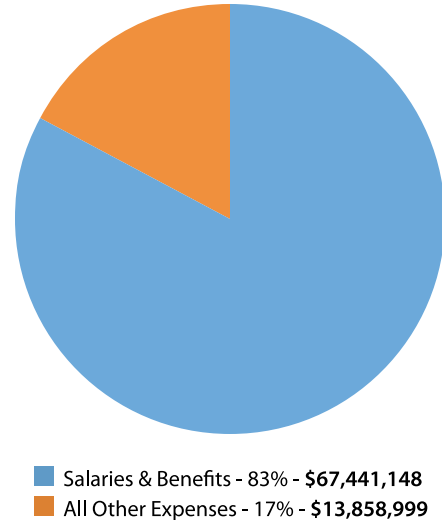
Between the fall 2012 and fall 2013 semesters, we increased the number of class sections available to students by 11 percent. And, the number of students we served increased by 13 percent over the same period. However, we are still serving nearly 5,000 fewer individual students than when enrollment peaked in fall 2009.

Looking ahead, we will work toward restoring the lost access, and serving as many students as possible, as long as state revenues continue to improve.

General Fund Sources of Revenue



General Fund Expenditures



GRANTS

Obtaining external funding beyond basic state revenue continues to remain an important priority for College of the Canyons. Awards from public and private entities fund innovation and enable the college to bring additional services online for students and the community. This year saw \$6 million in grant funding secured by the college for a wide variety of initiatives. The following is a brief overview of significant grants awarded or launched in 2013-14.

CREATE Exchange with Germany (2013/2014)

- \$248,562 from the National Science Foundation
- Program funds faculty and student exchange with Germany for study of alternative energies

Deputy Sector Navigator – Manufacturing (2013/2014 and 2014/2015)

- \$100,000 from the California Community College Chancellor's Office (renewed for \$200,000 for 2014/2015)
- Funds the coordination of all Career Technical Education/Economic Workforce Development activities for the South Central Region in Manufacturing

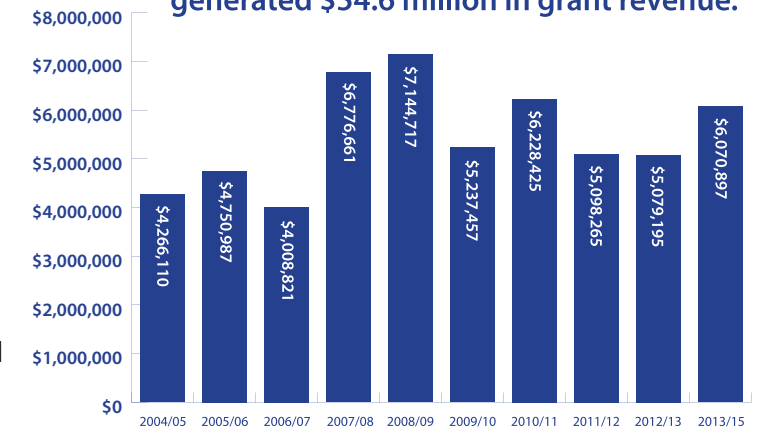
Deputy Sector Navigator – Health (2013/2014 and 2014/2015)

- \$100,000 from the California Community College Chancellor's Office (renewed for \$200,000 for 2014/2015)
- Funds the coordination of all Career Technical Education/Economic Workforce Development activities for the South Central Region in Health

Deputy Sector Navigator – Information Communication Technology/Digital Media (2013/2014 and 2014/2015)

- \$100,000 from the California Community College Chancellor's Office (renewed for \$200,000 for 2014/2015)
- Funds the coordination of all Career Technical Education/Economic Workforce Development activities for the South Central Region in Information Communication Technology/Digital Media

In the past 10 years, the college has generated \$54.6 million in grant revenue.



Advanced Automated Manufacturing (2013/2014 to 2015/2016)

- \$664,942 from the National Science Foundation
- Funds the creation of the Advanced Automation Manufacturing program. Funds will be used for curriculum development and equipment to create the program.

EOPS Book Grants (2014)

- \$50,000 from the S. Mark Taper Foundation
- Funds book grants for EOPS students in Spring and Fall 2014

SBDC – Rural Antelope Valley (2013/2014)

- \$25,000 from the California Community College Chancellor's Office (renewed for \$200,000 for 2014/2015)
- Funds SBDC services to rural Antelope Valley

SB 1070 – CTE regional planning (2013/2014)

- \$200,000 from the California Community College Chancellor's Office
- Coordinates planning of Career Technical Education pathways activities across the South Central region. Funds will be available in years 2 and 3 for activities.

Adult Education (AB86) (2014)

- \$221,880 from the California Department of Education
- Funds planning for community colleges to offer adult education courses/programs





FOUNDATION

Continued support by corporate and community donors enabled the College of the Canyons Foundation to increase its investment in students, fund campus innovation, and move forward with new strategic initiatives in 2013-14.

While construction continued on the new culinary arts facility, the capital campaign to fund the building entered its final phase and neared the \$1 million milestone in funds raised.

With the culinary campaign close to completion, the Foundation prepared to launch two new significant fund-raising initiatives in the coming year. The Learning Resources Endowment will seek to generate \$400,000 in support of both the Library and The Learning Center (TLC), which offers free tutoring to students in English, Math, Computer Information Technology, and more than a dozen other subjects.

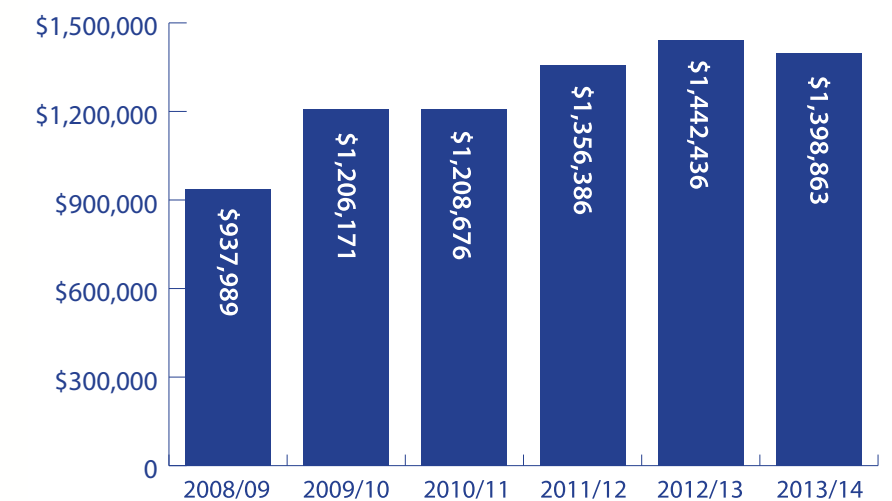
The Foundation also plans to establish a Performing Arts Center Endowment to insure the venue remains a top-notch entertainment venue and accessible community resource as it enters its second decade of service to the Santa Clarita Valley.



Achievements of Note:

- Presented Remo and Ami Belli with the 2014 Silver Spur Award for Community Service.
- Scholarship awards set a new record, with 241 students receiving more than \$175,000 that will help them achieve their educational goals.
- Received a clean audit, with no management recommendations or findings, for the eighth year in a row.
- Awarded \$11,000 in faculty mini-grants to support innovative teaching and learning opportunities.

COC Foundation Annual Revenue Growth



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The Economic Development Division (EDD) at College of the Canyons fuels the local economy by providing wide-ranging support to businesses to help them grow and develop the workforce.

EDD programs provide a broad array of services that complement the college's occupational programs, ranging from customized contract training to workshops and consulting services.

The EDD has served more than **500 employers** and more than **2,700 employees** annually for the past three years. It generates resources from many sources, including contract education and grants, and has generated more than **\$1 million in support resources** every year since 2006.

Entertainment & Arts Industry Initiative

Support services for businesses in the entertainment and arts industry, as well as advisors with industry-specific expertise.

i3 Incubator

Advisory and mentoring services for technology-based startups, and connections to relevant organizations, companies and providers of capital.

Young Entrepreneurs Program

Business training and free business counseling for young people 14 to 27.

Center for International Trade Development

Provides export/import trade development insight and assistance.

WorkSource California

Provides job seekers and businesses with employment and training services.

Center for Applied Competitive Technologies

Technical consulting to help advanced-technology companies learn, compete and grow.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) hosted by College of the Canyons (COC) helps prospective and existing small business owners start new businesses, tackle current business challenges, and develop the tools and methodologies necessary to successfully manage and grow their businesses. The SBDC provides workshops, trainings, one-on-one consulting engagements, networking and other resources to the business community in the Santa Clarita, Antelope and San Fernando Valleys.

SBDC by the numbers

- SBDC-assisted client companies reported an **increase in sales of \$24.3M** and the raising of **\$13.9M in new capital**
- The SBDC provided 44 training programs to 491 individuals from 60 different companies and achieved 22,213 touch hours of training.

Employee Training Institute

ETI's customized training helps companies drive down costs and expand talent within their workforce.

Fast Track Institute

The fastest way to prepare for in-demand jobs in manufacturing, medical, green technology and managerial/professional fields.

Career Services and Job Placement

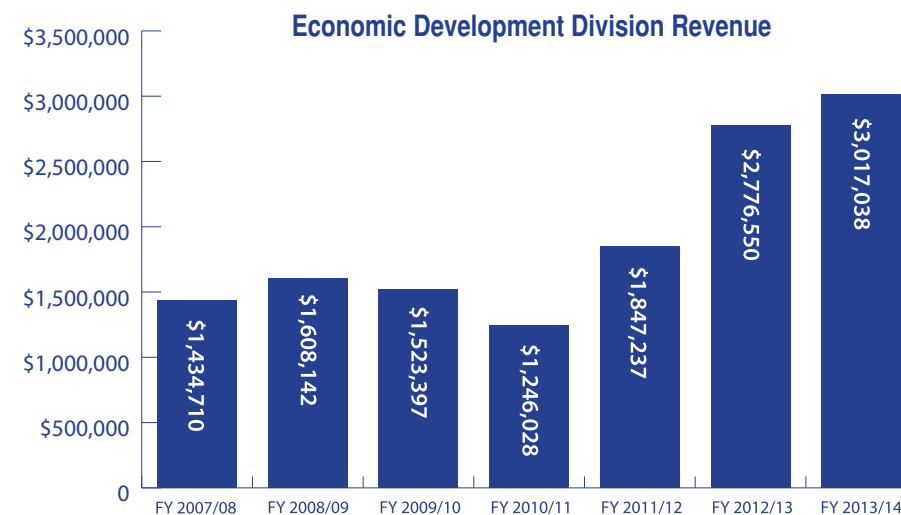
Services include career advisement, job search assistance, resume and interview preparation, and job fairs twice a year.

College of the Canyons Internships

Connecting students with employers via internships.

Career Technical Education

Preparing students for ongoing education, life skills and the workplace.



Economic Development Division Highlights

- Evolved the CACT program from a mostly Santa Clarita focus to a regional focus serving all eight colleges in the region (Antelope Valley to San Luis Obispo)
- Appointed as a regular member of the Ventura County WIB Manufacturing Committee
- Partnered with the Simi Valley Chamber and Simi Valley HS to deliver a STEM-Erson teacher externship integrating the CACT / NSF Tech Explorer project into math and science curriculum.
- In partnership with the Ports of Los Angeles, hosted a highly successful import/export program with more than 40 companies in attendance.



CANYON COUNTRY CAMPUS

Concluding its seventh year of operation in 2013-2014, the Canyon Country Campus saw another year of record growth in serving students. The 2013 fall semester was the largest yet, with 315 class sections enrolling 5,334 students.

The ability to meet such strong demand for classes demonstrates that providing educational access to the entire Santa Clarita Valley is a hallmark of College of the Canyons. Although current facilities consist primarily of modular buildings, the eventual complement of permanent structures, funded by a combination of Measure M and state funds, will enable the campus to serve as many as 10,000 students.

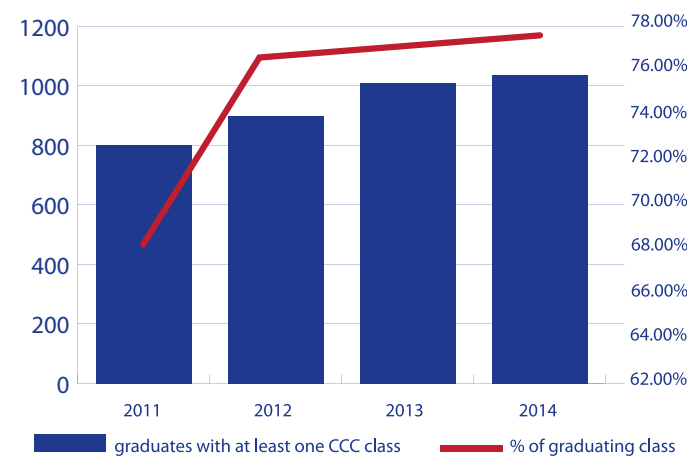
The Canyon Country Campus is ready for the future. Most of the underground infrastructure— electrical, communications and water—to support future permanent facilities has already been installed. Also put into place was central plant piping to support the District's sustainable development goals.

Campus growth is planned to meet the community's educational needs, and to anticipate the educational and training programs that will help students succeed in the future. Detailed plans describe the projected growth, construction, service evolution, and instructional programming projected for the Canyon Country Campus in the coming years, including a much-anticipated 21,000-square-foot Science Building. Long term, the College plans to build six multi-story buildings on the site, totaling 240,000 square feet.

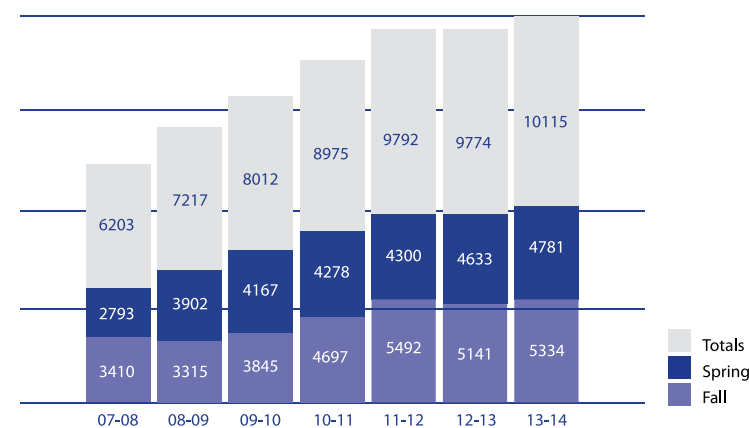
Home of innovative programs such as the Weekend College, multiple disciplines housed in the Applied Technology Education Center, short-term and full-term classes in breadth of academic disciplines, a complete Early Childhood Education Center, and robust student support services, the Canyon Country Campus will continue to be an innovative and important part of College of Canyons' academic programming.



CCC Graduates



CCC Student Enrollment



Planned Buildings

Science Building
Size: 21,000 square feet

Classroom & Student Resource Center
Size: 34,000 square feet

Instructional Building
Size: 21,000 square feet

Potential Future Building
Planetarium / Science Center



Canyon Country Campus Highlights

- More faculty are teaching at CCC than ever before, with 63 percent of those with assignments at CCC teaching exclusively at the campus.
- 77 percent of graduates in the college's Class of 2014 completed one or more classes at CCC, and 67 percent of student survey respondents said they would prefer to take all classes at CCC.
- 33,818 different students have earned credit at CCC since its opening in Fall 2007.
- Campus square footage has grown from 48,000 to nearly 60,000 since 2007, including the addition of eight new labs, three classrooms, 150 computers, and four new student gathering spaces
- CCC is larger than approximately eight single-college districts in California based on the number of students served.



UNIVERSITY CENTER

The Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center has made an immeasurable impact on the lives, livelihood and enrichment of the thousands of people who have turned to this innovative educational center to earn advanced degrees, learn new skills and advance their careers.

It all started with a novel idea to address the shortage of locally available bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs. Business leaders and citizens alike had long complained that upper-division degree programs were simply out of reach, primarily because of the prohibitively long commutes necessary to attend distant universities.

So, why not bring the universities to the Santa Clarita Valley?

That's exactly what the University Center has done. Five acclaimed public and private universities have attracted more than 33,000 students since the University Center launched in 2002. Those num-

bers substantiate a well-founded idea, one that has allowed more than **2,100 people to complete their studies and graduate** with advanced degrees.

The idea has not only caught on, it's growing at an impressive rate. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the number of enrolled students stood at 2,129, a full **25 percent increase** over the previous year. Graduate students numbered 1,238, while 891 students were enrolled in undergraduate programs.

The University Center's partner institutions include Brandman University; California State University, Bakersfield; California State University, Northridge; National University, and University of La Verne. The University Center continually seeks out new partnerships and programs to reflect the needs of local citizens and employers.

Brandman University

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Autism

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Applied Studies
 Applied Studies, Supply Chain Systems
 Criminal Justice
 Criminal Justice, Corrections
 Criminal Justice, Homeland Security
 Criminal Justice, Leadership
 Criminal Justice, Victim Advocacy
 Criminal Justice, Forensics
 Legal Studies
 Psychology
 Social Science
 Social Work
 Computing Technology, Project Management
 Computing Technology, Information Technology
 Computing Technology, Business Systems
 Administration

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Leadership in Early Childhood Development
 Psychology, Marriage & Family Therapy (MFT)
 Psychology, MFT & Professional Clinical Counseling
 Psychology, Professional Clinical Counseling

DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Nursing Practice

California State University, Bakersfield

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Communications
 English
 Liberal Studies
 Public Administration
 Sociology

California State University, Northridge

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Public Administration – MPA
 Social Work – MSW

National University

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Sport Psychology
 Nursing
 Paralegal Studies

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Applied Behavior Analysis

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Criminal Justice

University of La Verne

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Business Administration
 Child Development
 Organizational Management

CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Mild/Moderate Education Specialist, Level I & II
 Multiple-Subject Teaching
 Preliminary Administrative Services
 Pupil Personnel Services
 Single-Subject Teaching

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

CLAD/CTEL

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Business Administration – MBA
 Education, Advanced Teaching
 Educational Counseling
 Educational Leadership
 Leadership Management
 Special Education
 School Psychology





INNOVATION & ACHIEVEMENT

College of the Canyons continues to hold dearly the notion of innovation as a central core value for the college and the district. Faculty, staff and students alike are welcomed to campus where they are not only challenged to take that next step into an unknown future – but to also create the very steps they wish to take. Thoughts, notions, ideas, hunches and brainstorms – those are the currencies of the “now” that need to be encouraged, expanded and banked upon, and that may one day shape the direction of the college, the community and the state of California. In the past year, there have been numerous individuals, clubs, groups and departments who continue to re-envision and reimagine the “now” – all in pursuit of a brighter tomorrow. This is a short list of some of those projects and efforts.

2+2+3 Law Degree – The Pathway to Law School Initiative

College of the Canyons was selected as one of 24 California Community Colleges to participate in The Pathway to Law School Initiative. The program is designed to by the California Bar Association as a way to increase diversity among the ranks of students entering the legal field.

K-6 Science Initiative

Faculty, staff, and students continue to work with various elementary school classrooms to craft and purchase innovative learning modules or kits filled with kinesthetic activities designed to stimulate student interest in Electronics and Physics to support curricular goals associated with grades 3, 4, and 5.

K-12 Arts Partnership/Outreach

The Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center K-12 Arts Education Outreach Program exposes students to the visual and performing arts, while also collaborating with teachers and administrators in local school districts to develop an enhanced arts education curriculum.

COC California Bluebird Restoration Project

Co-sponsored by COC's Interim Sustainability Center and Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC), this project hopes to help restore California Bluebird population on our COC campus and in our community. This project is being mentored by the CA Bluebird Recover Program (CBRP).

Weekend College at Canyon Country Campus

The college rolled out the details for a new Weekend College program to be piloted at the Canyon Country Campus. It will be ideal for working adults seeking a degree and for new college students seeking a clear course pathway. In this program, students can complete all general education requirements for the associate's degree in one year.

Future Business Leaders of America

Ten students from COC Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda medaled in competitions at the BLA-PBL California State Business Leadership Conference in March. Two COC students qualified to represent CA at the National FBLA-PBL Conference.

CREATE/NSF Expands

College of the Canyons was awarded a nearly \$250,000 grant to take leading renewable energy community college faculty members (nominated by a national committee) to Germany and Denmark to share and improve curricula, examine renewable energy policy and share best practices in the following areas:

- Solar photovoltaic and solar thermal
- Geothermal
- Energy efficiency
- Energy management
- Wind turbine technology
- Energy Policy

Math, Science & Engineering Speakers Symposium

The college hosted the largest Speakers Symposium Series to date, featuring seven speakers that included a statistician from Google, as well as topics featuring NASA's Dawn Mission, special relativity, bacterial methane oxidation in the deep ocean, forensics, and the Nano scale world in science engineering and medicine

Upward Bound

College of the Canyons entered into a partnership with the William S. Hart Union High School District to launch an “Upward Bound” program at the Golden Valley High School (GVHS) campus, designed to increase the number of GVHS students who earn a diploma and move on to pursue higher education at a college or university.

New Equipment Installation at CACT Facility

The Center for Applied Competitive Technology (CACT) at College of the Canyons had a new Haas VF-4 computer numerical control (CNC) vertical machining center (VMC) with five-axis capability, installed at its location inside Aerospace Dynamics International Inc. (ADI). This piece of high-powered equipment, valued at approximately \$142,000, was generously provided free of charge by Haas Automation of Oxnard as part of an entrustment agreement that will allow the college free use of the equipment and greatly enhance the training capabilities of the center.

SHARP Student Success

As the College of the Canyons Skills for Healthy Aging Resources and Programs (SHARP) program prepares to enter its third year of operation this fall, a number of recent SHARP graduates are already beginning to see their new skill sets produce results. Since its inception in the fall of 2011, the SHARP program has produced 50 graduates of various ages and career interests.

On the Fast Track to a New Career

The Fast Track Institute continued to grow in 2012-13, as new programs were added, including an Operating Room nursing class. As well, graduates of the short-term intensive training classes completed their studies and moved into the workforce. Three cohorts completed the CNC Machining program, which achieved a placement rate of 59 percent, with 26 of 44 students finding jobs soon after graduating from the program. Two cohorts of trainees graduated from the Manufacturing Assembler and Technology Training sequence. The placement rate was 63 percent, with 20 of the 29 students being hired by local companies.

SBDC Hosts Young Entrepreneurs Program

Nearly 200 young entrepreneurs with great ideas and the gumption needed to implement them participated in the Young Entrepreneurs Program (YEP) offered by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at College of the Canyons. Targeting young people between the ages of 14 and 27, YEP offers business consulting and business training programs delivered through a variety of outreach and delivery methods, including websites, blogs, social networking sites, virtual reality games, youth-oriented trainers and business simulation products.

Women's Conference Presents Pathways to Personal 'Turning Points'

Nearly 200 attendees turned out for the annual College of the Canyons Women's Conference focused on helping attendees reach a personal 'Turning Point,' by providing a day of information and inspiration centered around the many transformational moments and achievements that take place in a woman's life. The Conference was sponsored by Boston Scientific, Valencia Neuromodulation.

TEDx College of the Canyons

In the spring, College of the Canyons made its second venture into the world of TED with TEDxCollegeoftheCanyons, an independently organized event licensed by Technology, Entertainment, Design. TEDxCollegeoftheCanyons is hosted by the college's TEDx Club and is sponsored by COC Associated Student Government (ASG), the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Young Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) and Logix.

10th Annual Children's Play Day

The College of the Canyons Center for Early Childhood Education (ECE) and the Southern California Valley Association for the Education of Young Children (SCVAEYC) hosted dozens of families at the Valencia campus' 10th annual "Play Day" event as part of the nationally celebrated Week of the Young Child. In all, nearly 50 local non-profit groups and organizations dedicated to child and family services participated in this year's Play Day.

Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium

College of the Canyons launched the Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium (SCEEC) in 2012. SCEEC's mission is to provide environmental resources for educators and students in an attempt to promote environmental literacy in the Santa Clarita Valley. It is a public-private partnership with funding support from the business community and various entities at College of the Canyons. This year, the organization held a number of events and provided free workshops and speakers for teachers, students, school administrators, and community members with the aim of enhancing the environmental health and well-being of our community.

Public Information Office — CCPRO Awards

The College of the Canyons Public Information Office yielded impressive results at this year's Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) Awards, which honor excellence in public relations print and digital media marketing. Cocathletics.com and canyons.edu took first and second in the Best College Webpage category, with three other second place finishes in categories such as Best Newsletter and News Release. In total, the college captured awards across eight categories.

Civil Rights Clinic Initiative — State Bar of California Educational Pipeline Diversity Award

Through its participation in the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) Educational Partnerships Program alongside UC Irvine, UC Davis and others, the College of the Canyons Civil Rights Clinic Initiative was honored with the State Bar of California Educational Pipeline Diversity Award. Established in 2008, the award recognizes the achievement of law-related programs that train and support students interested in judicial and legal-based fields.

English Department — PWDCCHA Literary Magazine Awards

College of the Canyons instructor Alene Terzian and her students assembled the college's literary magazine, "Cul-De-Sac," which earned first place honors in the Pacific-Western Division of the Community College Humanities Associations 2014 Literary Magazine competition. The annual publication highlights the best student submissions in short story writing, poetry, photography and art.

Institutional Research — Excellence in Planning Award & CCCO's Technology Focus Award

In recognition of College of the Canyons' Program Review, the Research and Planning Group awarded the school its "Excellence in Planning Award," which is given for innovation and facilitating evidence driven planning and decision making through collaborative measures. Additionally, the college received accolades from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCO). In receiving the CCCO "Technology Focus Award," the college was recognized for comprehensive planning consistent with the school's mission statement and vision.

Phi Theta Kappa

In April 2014, College of the Canyons students Craig Dermody, Jessie Warne, Ryan McPeters and Shawnee Stump were honored at the annual PTK Awards, held for PTK members maintaining a 3.5 cumulative GPA, participating in honors programs and maintaining leadership and service roles in the community and at school. In total, 75 students across the 112 California community colleges were chosen to participate, with Dermody earning distinctions as the Coca-Cola Gold Scholar winner. In receiving the award, Dermody beat out the over 1,700 applicants that were eligible.

COC Speech Team

Chemistry "clicked" for the College of the Canyons Speech Team, which achieved enormous success at the national and state levels – capturing five medals at the 2014 CCCFA State tournament in Concord before placing 8th at the Phi Ro Pi National Tournament in Denver, Colorado in February. The finish was the team's second best-ever result at the national tournament.

COC Model United Nations

On multiple occasions, College of the Canyons Model United Nations excelled on the big stage. At its UC Riverside conference, only two "committee" awards were given out — with both going to COC students. To end the year, COC Model United Nations won the award for "Outstanding Large Delegation" at the UCLA Conference. The award was a tremendous team achievement for COC, as the college finished among the top four programs at the conference, the others being Stanford, UC Berkeley and Claremont McKenna College — all Top 20 nationally ranked Model United Nations programs.





PERFORMING ARTS

The Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center (PAC) at College of the Canyons has become a mainstay for world-class entertainment and performing arts education, while forging strong ties with the local community.

During the last 10 years, the PAC has welcomed nearly 500,000 audience members to its theatre. More than 130 touring shows have performed on the main stage, including a long list of legendary, award-winning headlining acts that includes: Paul Anka, Wayne Newton, Michael Bolton, Kenny Loggins, Pat Benatar, Three Dog Night, WAR, Chris Botti, Clint Black, Martin Short, Louie Anderson, Lily Tomlin, Anthony Bourdain, Robert Irvine, and most recently in 2013-14, Wynonna Judd and the iconic Willie Nelson.

Constructed to help further promote arts throughout the valley, the venue has become a vital joint-use facility for the college and the City of Santa Clarita, used to showcase a vast array of both professional and community based acts and artists and other community events — as well as the talented work of students from the college's Fine and Performing Arts Division.

Since its opening its doors in 2004, more than 4,200 COC

students have performed in the PAC, cultivating their singing, dancing and acting skills live on stage to the delight of audiences from across the SCV and beyond.

Thousands more have experienced the power of a live performance by visiting the PAC as part of its K-12 Arts Education Outreach Program.

The PAC continues to play a vital role in educating and nurturing the next generation of artists through the generous support of Patrons of the Performing Arts (POPA) members.

POPA donations directly support the PAC's K-12 Educational Outreach program, which impacts the developmental growth of children by introducing them to the visual and performing arts, while also collaborating with teachers and administrators in local school districts to develop an enhanced arts education curriculum.

The K-12 Educational Outreach program has partnered with every local school district, as well as several private schools and institutions located outside of the SCV, in an effort to bring students to the PAC.

In all, the program has served more than 70,000 local students!





FACILITIES/MEASURE M

The two final pieces of the puzzle that is the Valencia Campus of College of the Canyons are being completed, thereby putting the final touches on a plan that began decades ago for the main campus. The Student Services and Administration Building and the College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education are both nearing the home stretch, with the Student Services building coming online in the Fall of 2014, and the iCuE facility becoming operational in the Spring of 2015.

The Student Services building will serve a vital role in recapturing all the various student services offices that have been spread out around campus, making it a one-stop shop for all a student's needs, as well as housing key administration offices. It should prove to be the operational hub of the campus that has been needed on campus for many years.

The college has high hopes for the success of the Culinary Arts program when it plants roots in its new home. Currently being housed in a retail complex in Castaic, the Culinary Arts program already is dealing with wait lists and overcrowded classes, and the new facility – with its multiple kitchens and classrooms – will allow the program to grow to capacity and flourish as the new hot-spot for culinary education in the Los Angeles County.

Artwork

With the final buildings coming on line the college has also begun sprucing the campus up with the installation of stunning pieces of artwork, lovingly crafted by renowned Los Angeles artist Simi Dabah. More than a dozen of his pieces will dot both the Valencia and Canyon Country campuses, adding stirring visual touch points for students, staff and the community to enjoy for decades to come.

Filming

It's no secret that Santa Clarita is a hot spot for filming. On a nearly daily basis, you can drive around town and see crews for advertising, television and films doing business in our community.

It's no different for College of the Canyons, as the college played host to nearly 100 different productions last year. These productions have included everything from ads for some of the biggest names in business, including Coke, Nike, ESPN, and Toyota to some of the hottest TV shows on air, including "The Mentalist," "The Bridge," "NCIS" and "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." All monies made from these shoots go directly to the college's general fund.



Measure M-Funded Projects

Student Services & Administration Building

Valencia Campus
Status: Under construction
Estimated completion: Fall 2014
Size: 46,370 square feet
Cost: \$16.4 million

Culinary Arts Building

Valencia Campus
Status: Under construction
Estimated completion: Fall 2014
Size: 12,208 square feet
Cost: \$8.5 million

Library Expansion

Valencia Campus
Status: Completed 2012
Size: 51,435 square feet added (total size now 86,606 square feet)
Cost: \$15.8 million

Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center

Valencia Campus
Status: Completed 2009
Size: 110,000 square feet
Cost: \$39.8 million

Canyon Country Campus

Status: Phase 1 completed 2007
Size: 70 acres
Cost: \$58 million

Applied Technology Education Center

Canyon Country Campus
Status: Completed 2011
Size: 10,315 square feet
Cost: \$7.1 million

Mentry Hall Expansion

Valencia Campus
Status: Completed 2010
Size: 28,000 square feet added (total size now 78,237 square feet)
Cost: \$12.3 million

Canyon Country Campus Parking Lot 2

Status: Completed 2010
Cost: \$1 million

Technology Infrastructure Upgrades

Status: Completed
Cost: \$1 million



STUDENT-ATHLETE ACHIEVEMENT

Since the college's inception in 1969, the College of the Canyons athletics department has remained a source of pride for both the college and community.

The college fields 16 successful intercollegiate sports programs divided equally among men's and women's teams.

On the field the COC athletics department is focused on instilling a spirit of determination, good sportsmanship and teamwork meant to help prepare student-athletes for competition at the next level — and beyond! Off the field the program places an equal importance on academics, providing student athletes with the guidance and support services needed to achieve college success.

In spring 2014, COC Athletics honored **more than 75 student-athletes who will be transferring to four-year universities** to pursue their athletic and/or educational goals. Included among those institutions were Syracuse University, Georgetown University, Arizona State University, Texas A&M International University, College of Charleston, Cal Poly Pomona, California Baptist University and Cal State Northridge.

Athletic accolades were also bountiful in 2013-14.

During the fall 2013 season, COC athletic programs combined to bring home **four Western State Conference championships (football, volleyball, women's soccer and men's cross country)**, while each of the fall sports programs qualified for post-season play. That success was compounded by the indi-

vidual accomplishments of the **four COC head coaches who earned conference coach of the year honors**: Ted Iacenda, football; Lisa Hooper, volleyball; Justin Lundin, women's soccer; and Lindie Kane, men's cross country. As well, **50 fall sports student-athletes earned all-conference honors.**

The college also saw three of its student-athletes take home **WSC conference player of the year awards**: Stacey Atwater, women's soccer; Antonio Guy, football (defensive player of the year); Serena LeDuff, volleyball.

The spring sports seasons were equally fruitful at College of the Canyons, with **three more teams winning Western State Conference championships (men's track & field, softball, men's golf)** and the men's golf team coming within one stroke of winning a state title.

Individual accomplishments were highlighted by several members of the college's track and field teams. Sophomore long jumper Tim White and freshman distance runner Rodrigo Ornelas helped anchor a men's track and field team that won the school's **first-ever conference championship**, while earning JC All-American honors in the process. On the women's side, track and fielder Jasmine Hall won a **Southern California Championship** in the heptathlon.

Elsewhere around the athletics department, women's basketball player Keiona Matthews became just the 25th player in program history to be **named to the all-state team**, in addition to being named the WSC, North Division Player of the Year.

COC Athletics Wins First WSC Supremacy Award

In August 2014, the College of the Canyons Athletics Department was awarded its first ever Western State Conference (WSC) Supremacy Award for the collective performance of its sports program.

During the 2013-14 academic year, the Cougars took home WSC championships in:

- women's volleyball
- men's cross country
- women's soccer
- men's track & field
- men's golf
- softball* (named co-conference champions)

The Western State Conference Supremacy Award was established during the 1980-1981 academic year. Teams earn points throughout the season based on their conference rankings and post-season performances. In 2013-14 Canyons achieved the highest overall point total (109), while also garnering the highest women's sports score in the conference (55).

College of the Canyons is just the ninth school to win the award since its inception.



*To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but
also dream; not only plan, but also believe.*

~ Anatole France





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