

2015–2016 ANNUAL REPORT



The Spirit of **Innovation**

From the Chancellor



“You can’t really predict the future. All you can do is invent it.”

~ Frederik Pohl

This past year at College of the Canyons will be remembered for the many unique things we accomplished together as a college, including ongoing innovation, increasing academic achievement, growing community partnerships, and continued recognition at the state and national level for our focus on student success.

But the most significant impact of this past year is the focus on planning and building for the future that set the stage for lasting changes at the college in decades to come.

That forward looking focus is best exemplified by the passage of Measure E by local voters in June. Our community recognizes the impact COC can have on the lives of countless students for years to come, and stepped forward with their support when we shared our needs for the future. Measure E will enable us to continue building classrooms, lecture halls, office space, adding access points, modernizing 45-year-old spaces and so much more, ensuring that College of the Canyons is positioned to meet the future needs of our students and the community.

Measure E also demonstrates that we anticipate tomorrow while delivering today. For the community to entrust us with three bond measures in 15 years underscores the value of what we deliver. We can build for the future because of the foundation we have established by being excellent community citizens.

- We earn community support by always following through.
- We use our experience to guide us.
- We use our dreams to drive us.
- And, always, we use the strength that occurs through teamwork to find ways to better serve students by envisioning how we can continue to invest in designing our future.

Thanks to the community’s support, we are building for the future. While technology will change, and the needs of our community will evolve, three characteristics that define who we are now will guide us as we point the way forward at College of the Canyons.

These characteristics have become synonymous with College of the Canyons. We are:

- Student-focused
- Innovative
- Responsive

COC is Student-Focused

First, and most important, we are focused on the success of our students. Whether they come to us intending to transfer to a four-year university, or plan to acquire the skills needed to launch a well-paying career, we are here to help them achieve their goals.

In 2015-16, our success can be seen in specific milestones: We had the largest graduating class in college history with 1,766 students – an increase of 21 percent over the prior year;



we ranked second in the state for student completion rate; and we are one of just a few colleges in the state where student enrollment continues to grow.

It's successes like these that strengthen our foundation, shore up our collective confidence, and encourage us to move forward with innovative ideas.

COC is Innovative

That COC produces innovators is a long-established fact. We proved that again this year as we made the long-anticipated move to electronic services for our students with the launch of the online education plan, giving students the power to plan their college experience in advance; expanded use of ePortfolios, empowering students to develop professional digital examples of their work to show potential employers; and the implementation of e transcripts, significantly reducing mailing costs and saving priceless time.

These are but a few of the countless accomplishments that have benefitted students. By saving time and money with these student-focused services now, it provides us with the flexibility to plan for more innovations that help us better respond to the needs of current and future students.

Furthermore, we actively seek ways to help students succeed, even when they may think they can't. This dedication to our students is demonstrated daily in our award-winning classes: Math 75 and English 96. These innovative programs triple our students' chances of completing college-level classes. Programs such as these put our student focus on full display, while providing our institution the flexibility to respond to student needs before they arise.

COC is Responsive

Much of our innovation is driven by our continued focus on responding to emerging community needs. Whether we're serving business and industry, local school districts, or community organizations, COC has built a reputation for collaboration and partnership, which has yielded amazing opportunities for our students and the encompassing community.

Our responsiveness was on full display during the past year during two job fairs that served more than 1,000 job seekers and employers; and as we delivered training in chemistry, earth sciences, biology, physics and engineering to science teachers from local K-12 school districts to help prepare them for new science standards.

Further, COC's one-of-a-kind University Center worked with its partners to launch a bachelor of science in nursing program, shortening the time needed for nurses to earn bachelor's degrees; as well as a much-in-demand bachelor of arts in accounting program. COC also opened a civic engagement initiative highlighted by the first-ever "McKeon Leadership Forum," named in honor of retired Congressman Buck McKeon.

Our history is marked by incredible achievements, and grand ideas executed by people who pushed the accepted limits of possibilities. This passionate pursuit of excellence has created a culture of ingenuity and hard work, resulting in a college that is uniquely equipped to build for the future.

We are proud of what we have accomplished for our community, and we look forward to a future of continued partnership and achievement.



Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook
Chancellor

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Star Party



Student Musicians



International Students



COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS



Innovation & Distinction

Accelerated Courses Earn Statewide Honors

The California Community College Chancellor's Office named College of the Canyons a recipient of the **2015 Student Success Award** for the "Accelerate Your Dreams to Reality" project. Local research led college faculty to implement two remedial classes – Math 75 and English 96 – that nearly triple students' chances of completing college-level courses. The California Community Colleges Board of Governors also recognized the college's "Accelerate Your Dreams to Reality" project with an Exemplary Program Award honorary mention.

Classified Senate Honored with Statewide Award

The Santa Clarita Community College District Classified Senate was awarded the **California Community College Classified Senate (4CS) Model Senate award**, an honor that was bestowed upon only three of California's 113 community colleges. The award is entrusted to California community college senates that demonstrate drive, leadership, and innovation on behalf of the classified constituency they serve and their counterparts at other institutions.

Communication Studies Named a Model Program

The college's Communication Studies Program has been honored as a "model program" by the Western States Communication Association, whose annual award is given to an educational institution that excels in teaching, research, creative works and effective use of resources.

College's Cisco Academy Receives Top Award

College of the Canyons' Cisco Academy was recognized with the **Academy Curriculum Excellence Award** for providing the best delivery of the Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP) curriculum in the region. The award is presented to one educational institution in each region annually for achieving excellence in teaching the curriculum, which is measured by student feedback scores and students' performance on final exams.

Perfect Job Placement Rate Produces Award

The College of the Canyons Fast Track Institute was recognized by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board for achieving a **100 percent job-placement rate** for graduates of its entry-level Computer Numerical Control Operator and QuickBooks hands-on computer training programs. Both programs – offered by the college through the Centers for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) – were honored with the board's Outstanding Achievement Award.

Speech Team Named No. 1 in Nation

For the first time in the program's 12-year history, the College of the Canyons Speech Team was **ranked No. 1 at the annual national tournament**, bringing home a combined 14 medals to put a cap on its most successful season ever. COC finished the event No. 1 in the competition's intermediate division, and the team claimed three gold medals, three silver medals and eight bronze medals.

Jazz Group Takes 3rd Place at Festival

"Just Jazz," the college's vocal jazz choir, placed third among a national field of jazz choirs during the prestigious Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey. College of the Canyons was the **only community college to win an award** in the "college vocal jazz" category, finishing third behind two choirs from four-year universities.

New Registration Reminders Result in Statewide Award

The Information Technology Department was honored with the **state Chancellor's Office Technology Focus Award** for implementing text message reminders to students about upcoming registration appointments. Students receive text message alerts 15 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment times, which increases the number of students who successfully register for classes.



Accelerated Courses

Speech Team

Jazz Choir

State Association Recognizes New Online Student Services

The Information Technology Department received the 2016 California Community College Chief Information Systems Officers Association Technology Excellence Award for implementing new online services that enhance student success. The college was recognized for its online education plan for students, online counseling services, and online tutoring services offered by The Learning Center (TLC). The projects were made possible by a \$2.6 million Department of Education grant to fund technological improvements that enhance students' educational experience.

Ambulance Simulator Takes EMT Students on Realistic Ride

With the installation of a new state-of-the-art ambulance simulator, COC's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program became the first in California to incorporate this technologically advanced learning resource into its curriculum. The simulator creates a realistic training environment by mimicking road movements and other distractions common to a moving ambulance. Built to match actual ambulance dimensions, it includes fully functional interior control panels and storage areas stocked with everything found in an ambulance.

MakerSpace Fuels Innovation and Collaboration

College of the Canyons unveiled a new MakerSpace facility, providing students and staff members interested in the science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) fields with a dedicated area designed to spark creativity, spur collaboration and fuel innovation. Located in the Valencia campus Student Center, MakerSpace is designed as a collaborative learning area that gives users free access to tools, materials, technological resources, skills training and a variety of entrepreneurial opportunities.

NASA Chooses Student Experiment for High Altitude Flight

The College of the Canyons Astronomy & Physics Club (A&P) was selected to provide one of 12 college-level experiments

aboard NASA's High Altitude Student Platform 2016 (HASP). Their "Cosmic Dust Collection Unit" experiment took place during a weather balloon mission at an altitude of approximately 120,000 feet. Using one of the college's clean rooms, the students analyzed the collected particles and wrote a scientific paper. Student Daniel Tikhomirov developed and submitted the winning proposal on behalf of the A&P team, composed of 21 students from the A&P, Engineering and Biology clubs.

Business Students Take Top Honors at State Conference

Nine students from the college's Future Business Leaders of America chapter excelled at the California State Business Leadership Conference in competition against students from California's top four-year universities. Student teams analyzed issues in a business case and made recommendations to a panel of judges. The students also competed in knowledge events to demonstrate mastery of essential business concepts. The College of the Canyons team made an impressive showing, earning first place in the Business Ethics Division, first place in Name Tag Graphic Design, and second place in Management Analysis & Decision-Making.

Model UN Team Ranks Among the Best

The College of the Canyons Model United Nations Team attended a spring conference hosted by UCLA and was one of four colleges honored at the event, joining prestigious four-year institutions such as USC, Stanford and UC Berkeley. In Model UN, students conduct research on global issues, enhance their public speaking skills, and practice conflict resolution while simulating the work of the United Nations. For the second time in the last four years, COC received the Outstanding Large Delegation Award. In addition, eight team members won individual awards.

Honors Students and Club Earn Statewide Acclaim

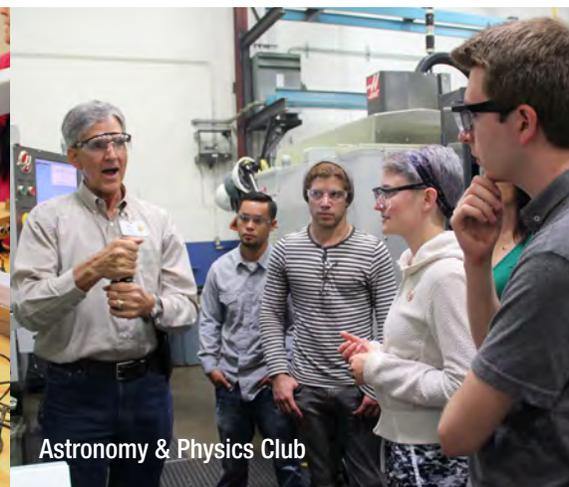
The college's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society had an impressive spring semester, with three students named to the 2016 All-California Academic Team and three students invited



Ambulance Simulator



MakerSpace



Astronomy & Physics Club

to present at the prestigious Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Research Conference. In addition, COC's chapter was named **one of PTK's Top 100 Chapters in the world**. Students Elise Levy, George Park and Enrique Ybarra were honored for their academic and extracurricular activities during the All-California Academic Team Awards ceremony. For the first time in college history, COC was represented at the annual Honors Transfer Council of California Research Conference with three student presenters, Savannah Macias, Anthony Tashjian and Lisa Tenorio, selected to deliver 12-minute presentations.

Softball Team Catches Statewide Academic Honor

The softball team was named the 2015 California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Scholar Team Award winner. **The highest academic team achievement** given annually by the CCCAA, the award emphasizes the academic achievement of all members of one specific team. To be eligible, team members must have earned a total GPA of 3.0 or higher, and the team also must have excelled in athletic competition. The 2015 COC softball team posted a combined GPA of 3.24, and with their 28-12-1 record, they ended the season ranked No. 10 in the state.

Partnership Promotes Free Textbooks

College of the Canyons was selected to partner with OpenStax to increase the use of free textbooks to help make college more affordable for all students. COC was **one of 11 institutions from across the U.S.** chosen to receive support from OpenStax to help implement widespread use of Open Educational Resources (OER). OpenStax provides free textbooks that are developed and peer-reviewed by educators to ensure readability, accuracy and adherence to scope and sequence requirements of introductory college courses. The rigorous application process highlighted COC's willingness to drive adoption of OER — publicly available learning materials that are a no-cost alternative to traditional textbooks.



Phi Theta Kappa



Classified Senate



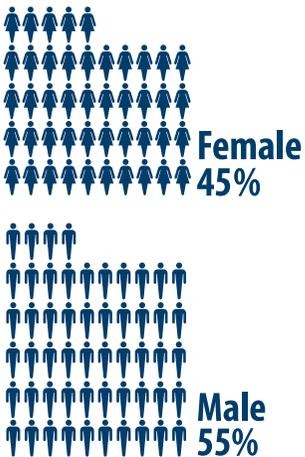
Softball



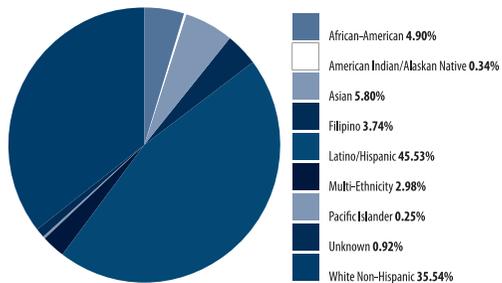
COC Student Body at a Glance

2015–16 Enrollment: **30,734**

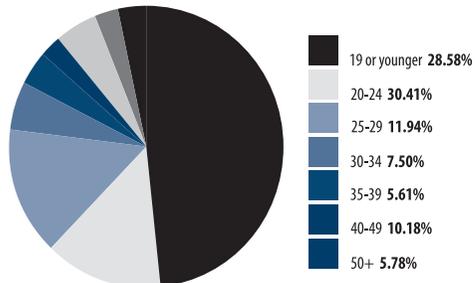
Students by Gender



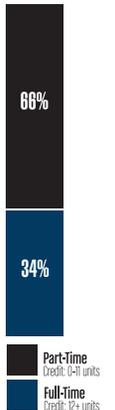
Students by Ethnicity



Students by Age



Attendance



Achieving Excellence

The Student Experience at College of the Canyons

With a 21 percent increase in the number of students receiving degrees, College of the Canyons honored its largest graduating class in school history during the 2016 commencement ceremony. The class of 2016 featured 1,766 students who petitioned for graduation. Of that number, 216 students graduated with two or more degrees.

Academically, there were 382 students who graduated with honors — which requires a 3.5 GPA or higher — and 25 students with perfect 4.0 GPAs, which grants them the status of valedictorians

Student Success Scorecard

Statewide data on student outcomes show College of the Canyons ranks among the top community colleges in California.

According to data collected by the California Community Chancellor's Office Student Success Scorecard, first-time COC students who graduated high school as "college prepared" and were eligible to enroll in degree-applicable math and English courses, posted a combined completion rate (defined as earning an associate degree, certificate or achieving "transfer prepared" status) of 80 percent — approximately 10 percent higher than the statewide average. Overall, that mark ranked second among the state's 113 community colleges.

at the college. The average GPA of the class of 2016 was 3.1, up from the mark of 3.06 achieved by the 2015 class.

Academic excellence builds a foundation for continued achievement by our students. Whether they choose to pursue a career, or transfer to campuses within the University of California and California State University systems, or top private universities across the country, College of the Canyons alumni accomplish their goals and embody success.

Similarly, COC posted the highest completion rates for all three categories (prepared, unprepared and overall) among all community colleges in Los Angeles County. The 51.5 percent completion rate for COC "unprepared" student groups was the fifth highest in the state, and again outpaced the statewide average by 10 percent.

The college's overall completion rate for all students (prepared and unprepared) ranked 10th in the state at 57 percent, and was once again 10 percentage points ahead of the statewide average.

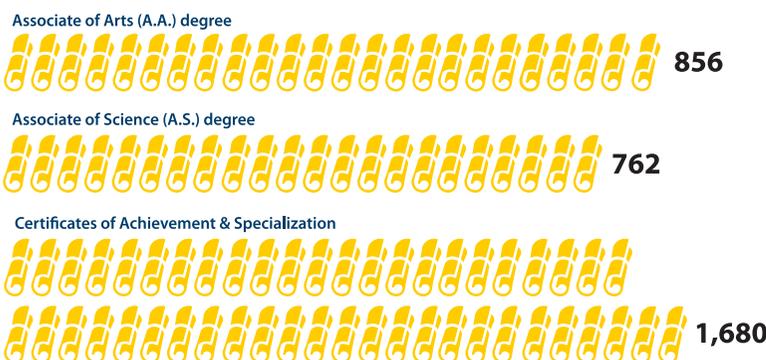
The report is based on data collected during the 2014-15 academic year (latest available data).

Taking it to the Next Level

College of the Canyons excels at sending students on to four-year universities. Our transfer rate of 48 percent exceeds the statewide average of 41 percent. Among the most popular transfer destinations:

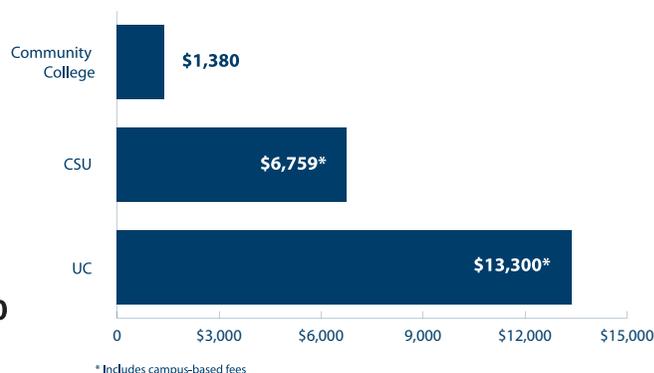
UC Berkeley	UC Riverside	University of San Diego	CSU Dominguez Hills	CSU Long Beach
UCLA	UC Davis	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	CSU Humboldt	CSU San Jose
UC Santa Barbara	USC	Cal Poly Pomona	CSU Los Angeles	CSU Fullerton
UC San Diego	Cal Lutheran	CSU Northridge	CSU Monterey Bay	CSU San Marcos
UC Irvine	Chapman University	CSU Bakersfield	CSU San Francisco	CSU San Diego

2015–16 Degrees and Certificates Awarded



The Value of Community College

Attending a community college in 2015-16 offered significant savings to California students when compared to the cost of other public higher education options.





Hasley Hall

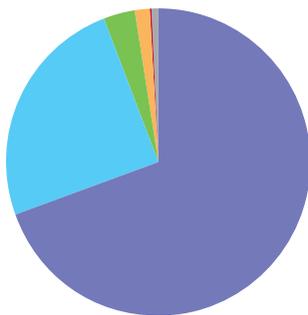
A Solid Financial Foundation

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The college's financial resources grew significantly in 2015-16 as state finances rebounded and the economy improved. The budget (unrestricted general fund) increased 22.7 percent, from \$85,117,163 in 2014-15 to \$104,433,891 in 2015-16.

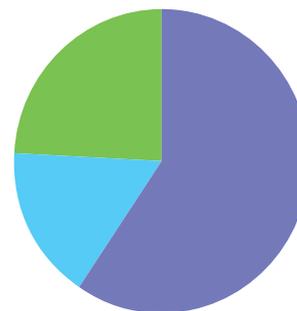
The growth in financial resources had a direct benefit for students, whose options were never so rich and diverse. It allowed the college to add more class sections at both campuses and serve more students. And, it supported new associate degree programs, which grew to 83, as well as 71 workforce training certificates. The number of funded full-time equivalent students (FTES) grew 5.2 percent, from 15,154 to 15,948, over the previous year.

Sound fiscal management has established a solid foundation for future growth and increasing enrollment, which continued to climb in 2015-16. Projections indicate the number of students served per semester will reach approximately 30,000 within the next decade.



2015-16 Revenues (Unrestricted General Fund)

● Apportionment, Property Taxes & Enrollment Fees	\$72,524,984	69.45%
● Other State Sources	\$26,026,942	24.92%
● Local Sources	\$3,450,170	3.3%
● Facility Use Rentals	\$1,619,428	1.55%
● Federal Sources	\$189,220	0.18%
● All Other Sources	\$623,147	0.6%
Total Revenues	\$104,433,891	



2015-16 Expenses (Unrestricted General Fund)

● Salaries	\$61,853,211	59.48%
● Benefits	\$17,191,893	16.53%
● All Other Expenses	\$24,937,332	23.98%
Total Expenses	\$103,982,436	



Manufacturing Technology



Paralegal

2015-16 Grants

Career Technical Education Transition (VTEA Perkins)
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$63,119

Local Plan Application for VTEA, Title II (Perkins)
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$401,981

MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement)
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$50,500

Academy of the Canyons
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$99,000

Small Business Development Center
U.S. Small Business Administration
\$325,000

Nursing Capitation
Song-Brown
\$40,000

Nursing – Special Programs
Song-Brown
\$61,873

Teacher Preparation Pipeline
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$60,000

Economic & Workforce Development Coordination Services
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$950,000

Closed Captioning – Fiscal Agent
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$1,000,000

Performing Arts Center
CA Story
\$6,000

K-12 Arts Education Outreach
The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation
\$50,000

Hispanic Serving Institutions STEM
U.S. Department of Education
\$135,983

Small Business Development Center
US Bank
\$10,000

Junior High Summer Institute – Welding
Nuts, Bolts and Thingamagigs
\$1,500

Upward Bound
U.S. Department of Education
\$250,000

Small Business Development Center
Wells Fargo
\$20,000

Deputy Sector Navigator – Allied Health
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$300,000

Deputy Sector Navigator – Manufacturing
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$300,000

Deputy Sector Navigator – Information Communication Technologies/Digital Media
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$300,000

Advanced Technological Education Advanced Manufacturing
National Science Foundation
\$220,270

Small Business Development Center – RISE Program
Wells Fargo
\$15,000

Career Technical Education Pathways Program (SB-1070)
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$573,433

Nursing Enrollment and Retention
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$123,887

Nursing
Archstone Foundation
\$81,645

Training to Teach Statistics – IUSE
National Science Foundation
\$45,129

Title V
U.S. Department of Education
\$514,119

Suicide Prevention
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
\$99,049

Institutional Effectiveness and Technical Assistance
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$5,500,000

Industry-Driven Regional Collaborative – Health Information
Technology
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$129,836

California Career Pathways Trust
California Department of Education
\$3,546,244

Advanced Technological Education/CREATE Research Study
National Science Foundation
\$112,551

Civic Engagement
Association of American Colleges & Universities
\$1,000

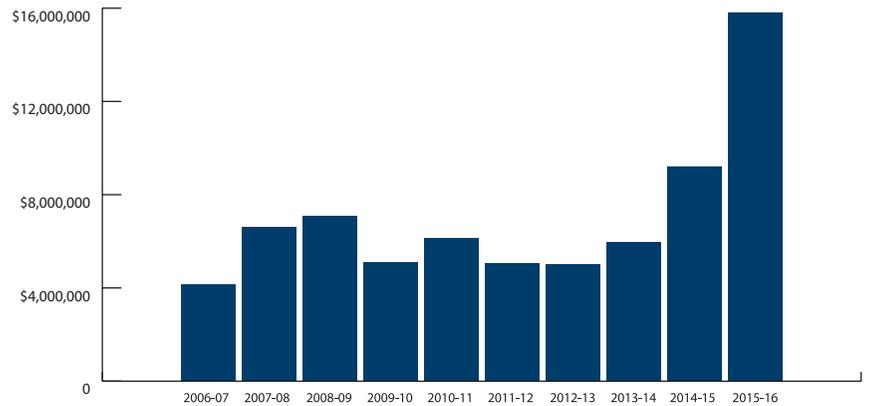
Career Technical Education Enhancement Funds
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
\$560,000

GRANTS

Grant funding increased a considerable 72 percent in a year's time, soaring in value from just under \$9.3 million in 2014-15 to nearly \$16 million in 2015-16. To add historical perspective, total revenue from grants increased 298 percent from 2006-07 to 2015-16. During that time, more than \$70 million in grant revenue was generated.

Grants play a significant role in allowing the college to fund innovation and provide additional services to students and the community. As such, they remain a priority for the college, which recognizes their unique ability to fund a wide variety of initiatives otherwise prohibited by traditional funding sources.

Grant Revenue 2006-16



2015-16	\$15,947,119	2009-10	\$5,237,457
2014-15	\$9,274,112	2008-09	\$7,144,717
2013-14	\$6,070,897	2007-08	\$6,776,661
2012-13	\$5,079,195	2006-07	\$4,008,821
2011-12	\$5,098,265	Total	\$70,865,669
2010-11	\$6,228,425		

HIGHLIGHTED GRANTS

**Health Information Technology
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
Award: \$229,836 for 2 years**

Supports development of a short-term certificate program in collaboration with Saddleback College and Santa Barbara City College to train students to work in medical offices.

**K-12 Arts Education Outreach
The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation
Award: \$50,000 for 1 year**

Supports the K-12 Arts Education Outreach Program by funding operating expenses, salaries and professional development for K-12 teachers in arts integration and student bus-ins to the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons.

**Economic & Workforce Development Logistics
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
Award: \$550,000 for 1 year**

Supports College of the Canyons as fiscal agent and coordinator of the Chancellor's Office's "Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy" initiative. This grant provides for four additional one-year renewals, for a total of five years.

**California Career Pathways Trust
Award: \$5,550,412 for 2 years**

In partnership with the William S. Hart Union High School District, supports development and operation of a high school-to-College of the Canyons pathways program for students pursuing careers in paralegal, administration of justice, information technology, advanced manufacturing and construction trades.

**Advanced Technological Education/CREATE Research Study
National Science Foundation
Award: \$174,281 for 2 years**

Supports a comprehensive research study of the Center for Renewable Energy Advanced Technological Education (CREATE) dating back to 2000.

**Career Technical Education Enhancement
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
Award: \$560,000 for 1 year**

Supports enhancement of college programs in welding technology, water systems technology, emergency medical technician and culinary arts.



Nursing



BOYKIN

Boykin Hall

Measure E: Building for the Future

College of the Canyons continues to grow, and with it, the need to build new learning spaces and upgrade existing facilities. In June 2016, Santa Clarita Valley voters approved Measure E, which will allocate \$230 million for construction projects at the college's Valencia and Canyon Country campuses.

Measure E will fund the construction of four buildings at the Canyon Country Campus, including a 55,000-square-foot Science Center with new labs and classrooms that is in the final stages of planning. At the Valencia Campus, plans are being made for a new three-story parking structure that will add approximately 1,000 new spaces to the campus.

Bond funds will also be used to update existing buildings and address urgent facility needs, which includes aged roofing, electrical system upgrades, as well as earthquake and fire safety issues. Upgrades will also be made to stairs, walkways, ramps and parking lots to comply with current requirements for providing access to disabled students.

In fall 2016, the college's Canyon Country Campus added more than 200 new parking spaces with the addition of Lot 1. The \$1.2 million project was funded by Measure M, the general obligation facilities bond that local voters approved in November 2006.



Towsley Hall



Honor Grove



Planned Science Center, Canyon Country Campus



South Parking Lot



A Foundation of Growth

The College of the Canyons Foundation, with the help of community and corporate donors, continued to enhance its support for the goals and dreams of students and faculty.

The Foundation's Circle of Friends worked with COC's Center for Early Childhood Education (ECE) to raise funds and secure grants for \$350,000 to construct an innovative and unique Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom.

The ECE outdoor classroom is also a demonstration site for the Center's academic students majoring in psychology, sociology, nursing, American Sign Language and biology, as well as the Sustainability Center and Santa Clarita Environmental Education Consortium. It is also a demonstration site for student clubs such as Student Nutrition & Wellness Advocates, Hands on Earth, Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM) projects, as well as a field trip site for early care educational programs from local K-12 schools.

The Foundation welcomed six new inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame:

Dr. Rachael Ostrom Sachar, Class of 2001 — Outstanding Alumna
DVM, CVA, Twin Oaks Equine Veterinary Services

Nicholas A. Lentini, Class of 1989 — Outstanding Alumnus
Managing Partner, Lentini Insurance & Investments

Jessica Maganda, Class of 2011 — Rising Star Recent Alumna
Critical Care Nurse, Glendale Adventist Medical Center

Jonathan Gonzalez, Class of 2011 — Rising Star Recent Alumnus
News Reporter, 9 News Denver

Robert and Diane Benjamin — Outstanding Friends



K-12 Arts Outreach

Achievements of Note:

Presented Jill Mellady with the 2016 Silver Spur Award for Community Service.

Awarded \$247,520 in scholarships to 208 students.

Received a clean audit, with no management recommendations or findings, for the 10th year in a row.

COC Foundation Annual Revenue Growth





Economic Development

The Economic Development Division at College of the Canyons continues to promote economic growth in the community through various initiatives. The division is dedicated to meeting the needs of business owners and companies, whether providing entrepreneurs with guidance, steering startup companies toward successful launches, or helping current manufacturers with training to remain current in their fields.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) recently opened

the Entrepreneurship Center (EC), a place where students, community members and burgeoning entrepreneurs can explore ideas, connect with other like-minded individuals, and receive assistance to move forward with business ideas. The EC will also feature entrepreneur speakers, relevant training topics to enhance entrepreneurial skills, and access to the SBDC's team of professional business consultants.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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/America's JobCenter of 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.

Employee Training Institute

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

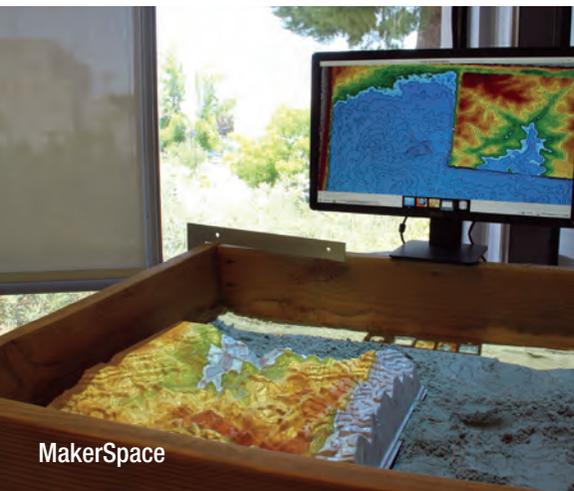
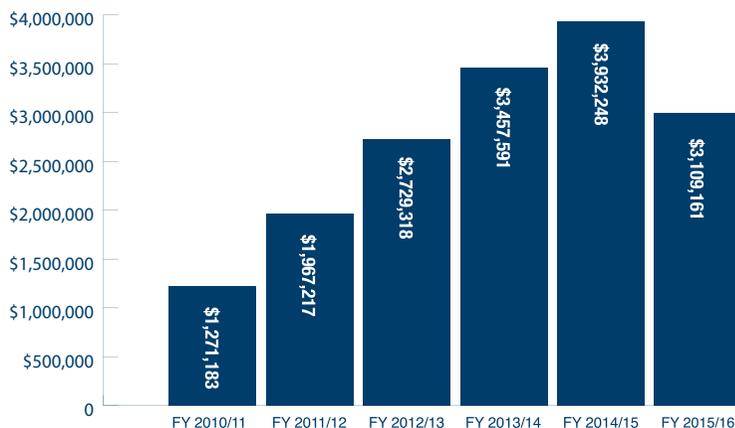
Fast Track Institute

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

The collective success of the division is evident in its outcomes for 2015-16.

- Trained 3,139 employees at 935 companies
- Awarded 250 nationally recognized certifications
- Counseled 878 entrepreneurs
- Assisted 2,186 job seekers who made 10,445 visits to America's JobCenter of California
- Participated in 53 business startups
- Helped clients create 464 jobs
- Contributed to a \$28 million increase in sales at client firms
- Facilitated raising \$31.7 million in new capital for clients
- Generated \$3.1 million in revenue to fund operations

Economic Development Division Revenue



MakerSpace



Manufacturing Technology



Land Surveying



Canyon Country Campus Continues to Grow

Enrollment at the Canyon Country Campus (CCC) continues to climb, as students benefit from an impressive, consistent, and robust level of support services, instructional offerings, and vibrant event activities.

Since 2007, more than 50,000 different students have earned course credit at the campus, and more than 5,000 classes have been offered here. The campus offers 18 degrees and 13 certificates that can be completed by attending classes only at CCC. Of the approximately 5,000 students and 170-plus faculty on site each semester, more than 2,000 students and more than 100 instructors study or teach exclusively at CCC.

The campus already serves more students than eight other stand-alone community colleges in California. With more students comes the need for more classrooms, labs and study spaces.

Plans were finalized this year for a new 55,000-square-foot Science Center, the first of at least four permanent buildings slated to replace the aging modular facilities installed when the campus opened in 2007. The \$32 million structure – with eight labs and 16 lecture rooms – will be funded by Measure M and Measure E, local bonds approved by Santa Clarita Valley voters.

The project will likely get under way in 2018-19, ushering in an exciting new era at this fast-growing campus.

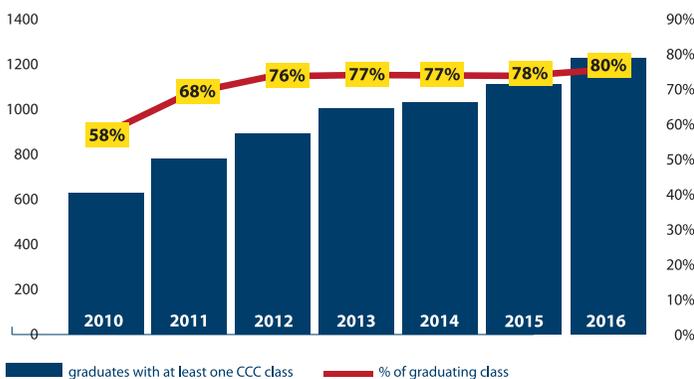


Science Center

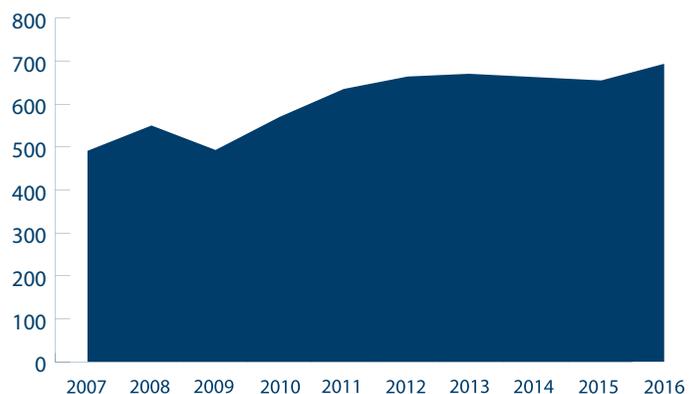
18 associate degrees can be earned at the Canyon Country Campus

- Automotive Technology
- Business: Accounting (Transfer)
- Business: Accounting Technician
- Business: Human Resource Management
- Business: Marketing
- Business: Small Business Management
- Computer Information Technology: Administrative Assistant
- Computer Information Technology: Computer Applications
- Early Childhood Education
- English
- History
- Liberal Arts and Sciences - Humanities Emphasis
- Liberal Arts and Sciences - Social Science Emphasis
- Liberal Studies
- Real Estate
- Social Science
- Sociology
- Water Systems Technology

CCC Graduates



CCC Total Class Sections



Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook
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COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

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University Center

The Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center not only makes it easier than ever for Santa Clarita Valley residents to obtain advanced degrees, it also gives them access to an exceptional variety of educational programs.

Before the University Center arrived, business and community leaders cited the lack of locally available advanced degree programs as a major obstacle to career advancement. If educational ambitions were being foiled by prohibitively long commutes to distant universities, the reasoning went, then why not bring the universities here?

That's precisely what the University Center has done, attracting five public and private universities and a variety of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs, as well as certificate and credential programs. In removing barriers to higher education, the center has enriched the lives and livelihood of more than 14,500 students and 2,600 graduates since opening in 2002.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the number of enrolled students stood at 1,326, with graduates outnumbering under-

graduate students. The institutions that offer their programs here include Brandman University; California State University, Bakersfield; California State University, Northridge; National University, and University of La Verne.

The number and variety of programs are continually evolving to meet new challenges and reflect the community's needs. Among the new programs that launched in 2015-16 were a master's degree program in teaching and a bachelor's degree program in accounting. Scheduled to debut in 2016-17 is a bachelor's degree program in homeland security and emergency management. And, a noteworthy partnership developed with National University allows College of the Canyons students to enroll concurrently in a new bachelor of science in nursing program while working toward their registered nursing (RN) license.

Information about upcoming open houses, as well as the degree, certificate and credential programs offered, can be found at cocuniversitycenter.com

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

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

Sociology

California State University, Northridge

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Public Administration – MPA

Social Work – MSW

National University

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Nursing

Paralegal Studies

Sport Psychology

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Applied Behavior Analysis

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Criminal Justice

Teaching, Specialization in Applied Behavior

Analysis

University of La Verne

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Accounting

Business Administration

Child Development

Education Studies

Organizational Management

CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Mild/Moderate Education Specialist, Level I & II

Multiple-Subject Teaching

Preliminary Administrative Services

Pupil Personnel Services

Single-Subject Teaching

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Business Administration – MBA

Educational Counseling

Educational Leadership

Leadership Management

Special Education



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Student Film Premieres at L.A.'s Museum of the Holocaust

Advanced animation students produced "When Man To Man Is A Wolf: Scenes From The Life of Lidia Budgor," a Holocaust-focused documentary that premiered as part of an exhibit at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust.

Civic Engagement Program Launches with Congressman's Help

With an eye toward inspiring students to be more involved personally in shaping their community's future, COC launched a Center for Civic Engagement. The multi-pronged initiative received a significant boost from retired U.S. Rep. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon. When McKeon retired after 11 terms in Congress, including serving as chair of the House Armed Services Committee, he donated his papers and memorabilia to the college to establish the McKeon Archive, initiated the McKeon Scholars Award with a \$10,000 contribution, and launched the McKeon Leadership Forum, which brings nationally recognized policy makers to campus for presentations to students and community members.

Conference Inspires New Teachers

More than 100 aspiring and current educators attended the college's Education Leadership Conference. Organized by the COC's Teacher Preparation Pipeline Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, the event attracted students from nearly every high school in the Santa Clarita Valley, along with aspiring teachers from the student ranks at College of the Canyons, California State University, Northridge; University of La Verne; Fullerton and Cypress Community College. Faculty members from COC and the William S. Hart Union High School District also attended to lend their support to the next generation of teachers.

Internship Leads to Scholarship for Sign Language Student

A touching essay about her experiences as an intern in the Sulphur Springs School District earned American Sign Language student Courtney Wiscarson a statewide scholarship – and the honor of being the first student from College of the Canyons to win the

award. She won the Dr. Bernard L. Hyink Scholarship given by the California Internship and Work Experience Association (CIWEA), of which COC's Cooperative Work Experience Education Department is a member.

Boy Scouts of America Names College Community Organization of Year

College of the Canyons was named the Community Organization of the Year by the Boy Scouts of America Western Los Angeles County Council (WLACC). The award was presented during the annual WLACC "Bill Hart District" Recognition Dinner. College faculty members Tim Baber, chair of the welding technology department, and Regina Blasberg, chair of the engineering technologies department, were presented with awards. Dr. Ron McFarland, dean of the School of Applied Technologies, was also in attendance. The annual recognition dinner honors volunteer leaders from throughout the community for their dedicated efforts in supporting and bringing scouting to local youth.

Local K-12 Administrators Select COC for Golden Apple Award

The Santa Clarita Valley Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) named College of the Canyons its Golden Apple Award honoree for 2015-16. The award is given to a person, company, organization or institution that works to support local elementary and high school districts. Among COC's contributions that earned the award were its waiving enrollment fees for high school students, the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center (PAC) K-12 Arts Education Outreach program, and the donation of materials to further develop STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) curriculum in elementary school classrooms.

LAPD Honored for Partnering with College of the Canyons Internship Program

The Los Angeles Police Department's Motor Transport Division received statewide honors for establishing an internship program that gives COC Automotive Technology students hands-on experience working on one of the nation's largest law enforcement



Student Film Premier



Civic Engagement Program



Education Leadership Conference

vehicle fleets. The Motor Transport Division won 2016 Employer Program of the Year honors from the California Internship and Work Experience Association (CIWEA), California's leading professional association for educators and employers dedicated to supporting internship and work experience programs. Through the internship, students are paired with a master mechanic for instruction and hands-on training in preventative maintenance service, diagnostics and repair for the 5,000-vehicle fleet.

College Trains K-6 Teachers for New Science Standards

College of the Canyons hosted more than 50 local fourth- and fifth-grade teachers from the Castaic Union, Newhall, Saugus Union, and Sulphur Springs Union school districts as part of a four-day training session in preparation for implementing new Next Generation Science Standards. Faculty and administrators from COC's School of Mathematics, Sciences, and Health Professions offered hands-on activities that support content standards inside K-6 classrooms, while reinforcing the ongoing training being provided to local teachers.

New Degree Options Added to University Center

A new bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program offered through National University at the Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center significantly reduces the time and classes required for registered nurses to earn a degree. Students who are already licensed registered nurses can complete the program requirements with just 11 courses, instead of the standard 18 courses. And, students who have already finished their general education requirements can complete the BSN program in 11 months rather than 18 months.

The University of La Verne began offering an accelerated bachelor of arts in accounting program at the University Center. Students study as a cohort, meet one evening per week, and complete two courses each semester.

COC Sponsors Local Robotics Team in International Contest

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from COC, the all-girls community robotics team "Heat It Up and Keep It Cool" competed in the Asia Pacific FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science and Technology) Tech Challenge Invitational Championship Tournament in Sydney, Australia. Olivia Smalley of Academy Of Canyons, Haena Lee from West Ranch High School, and Taylor Anne Brown of Santa Clarita Valley International (SCVi) Charter School were one of 50 teams from around the world competing in events that allowed them to apply real-world mathematics and science concepts and develop problem-solving, organizational and team-building skills, all while designing and building their own robots. They won the First Place Inspire Award.

Center for Early Childhood Education Awarded \$300,000 Grant

The College of the Canyons Center for Early Childhood Education (ECE) received a \$300,000 grant from Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) to help fund the Center's Outdoor Classroom project. Presented by representatives from Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's office, the state-funded grant added three new climbing structures, bike paths, a sensory materials area, water tables, music, play and movement areas, and outdoor site improvements.



Internship Leads to Scholarship



LAPD Honored



Early Childhood Education Award



Marissa Kneisel, CCCSIA/CCCAA Female Athlete of the Year

Athletic Excellence

Culminating a year of achievement in competition and in the classroom, the COC Athletics Department earned its third straight WSC Supremacy Award based on the combined athletic and academic success of its sports programs throughout the 2015-16 academic year. COC student-athletes posted a combined GPA of 2.94 in the fall semester and 2.95 in the spring.

During the 2015-16 academic year, the college's athletic programs combined to win six conference titles with women's volleyball, women's soccer, women's basketball, softball, men's cross country and men's golf all bringing home Western State Conference (WSC) championships.

The COC Athletics department also brought home 11 individual conference titles, four individual California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) Southern California Championships, three individual CCCCCAA State Championships, seven WSC Player of the Year Awards, six WSC Coach of the Year awards, and the CCCCCAA/CCCSIA Female Athlete of the Year award winner in sophomore dual-sport soccer/track & field student-athlete Marissa Kneisel.

The Cougars boasted 15 All-Americans, 11 All-State team honorees, seven All-Region selections and more than 90 All-WSC selections.

The men's golf team also went on to win a California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) Southern California Regional Title before finishing as runner-up at the state championships. The men's and women's cross country teams both finished third at the CCCCCAA State Championships, while the women's volleyball program concluded its season with a school-best third place finish at the CCCCCAA State Championship tournament.

More than 100 COC student-athletes representing all 16 of the college's intercollegiate athletic programs earned an associate degree and/or transferred to a four-year school.

AT THE NEXT LEVEL

Student-athletes transferred to four-year schools across the nation, including:

- Boston College
- University of Louisville
- Gonzaga University
- Arizona State University
- University of Hawaii Hilo
- Illinois State University
- Chicago State University
- Murray State University
- Montana State University
- Utah Valley University
- St. Mary's College of California
- USC
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- UC Berkeley
- UCLA
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Irvine
- UC Davis
- San Jose State University
- San Diego State University



Softball



Men's Golf

*“Innovation distinguishes between
a leader and a follower.”*

~ Steve Jobs



By the Numbers

A quick look at what College of the Canyons accomplished in 2015-16

\$104,433,891

Unrestricted general fund revenues

21

Associate degree programs that provide guaranteed transfer to the California State University system

18

Associate degrees that can be earned at the Canyon Country campus

47

Degree, certificate and credential programs offered at the University Center

3,139

Employees trained by the collective efforts of the Economic Development Division

30,734

Enrolled students

\$15,947,119

Total revenue from grants

\$31.7 million

New capital raised for clients of the Economic Development Division

1,766

Graduates, 21 percent more than 2015

\$1.2 million

Revenue generated by the College of the Canyons Foundation



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