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Chancellor's REPORT

RECORD-SETTING CLASS

Graduates increase 10 percent in college's largest-ever commencement



Dr. Dianne Van Hook

ommencement traditionally marks the end of the academic year at colleges, and as such, it provides an opportunity to not only celebrate the success of our graduates, but also to evaluate our success in serving those students.

By any measure, this proved to be another outstanding year in the life of our college, one marked by continued innovation and excellence, two of the qualities that have long defined College of the Canyons and its service to the community.

This year saw 2,467 students petition to graduate. That represents a 10.5 percent increase over the prior

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ith a more than 10 percent increase in the number of students receiving degrees compared to last year, College of the Canyons honored its 2019 graduating class – the largest in college history — during

its 50th annual commencement ceremony.

"We are so proud to celebrate the accomplishments and hard work of the College of the Canyons class of 2019," Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook said. "They accepted no

excuses and are a shining example of what can happen when focus and a commitment to never giving up prevails. I have no doubt that our students will go on to do important things in life. I stand in awe of the stories they will create. This

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College Recognized as Champion of Higher Education for Increasing Transfer Degrees

ollege of the Canyons was recognized as a 2018 Champion of Higher Education for Excellence at the 3rd Annual Champions of Higher Education celebration.

The college was one of 12 California community colleges that were honored by The Campaign for College Opportunity in December for significantly increasing the number of students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) degree.

"We are honored to have been recognized as a

2018 Champion of Higher Education for Excellence," said College of the Canyons Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook. "The success of our ADT programs can be attributed to the hard work from faculty, as well as our Curriculum Committee, Academic Affairs, and instructional administrators. As we enter a new year, we commit to continuing to find and create ways to support the California Community College Chancellor's Office's Visions for Success Goals by eliminating achievement

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year, and an astounding 68 percent jump in the last four years. While these increases in student outcomes are cause for celebration, they point to even more significant accomplishments that our college has made in its efforts to boost student achievement.

Chief among them is being recognized as a "Champion of Higher Education" by the Campaign for College Opportunity for increasing the number of graduates who earned an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT). Often called "a degree with a guarantee," ADTs guarantee admission to a California State University campus to students who earn associate in arts transfer (AA-T) or associate in science transfer (AS-T) degrees and meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements.

College of the Canyons currently offers 31 ADT degrees, having recently added new programs in Environmental Science, Hospitality Management, and Public Health Science. The number of degrees awarded by our college grew 703 percent between 2013, when the first ADTs were awarded, and 2017. The ADT degrees are among the total of 99 degrees and 93 certificates the college offers.

One of the most significant barriers that keep students from achieving their educational goals is the cost of college. While California boasts the lowest community college enrollment fee in the nation at just \$46 per

unit, many students still struggle to pay for their education.

High-priced textbooks pose a particular challenge. Many students say they simply can't afford to purchase every book required for each of their classes. Imagine the difficulty of trying to pass a class without the benefit of using the textbook!

Fortunately, fewer and fewer students have that experience. Thanks to Online Educational Resources (OER), we can offer a low-cost alternative to traditional textbooks. OER materials are teaching and learning materials that have been created by faculty and released in the public domain or under an intellectual property license that allows for sharing. Currently, 250 class sections use OER materials, while three degrees - Sociology, Water Technology, and Early Childhood Education - can be completed by taking major classes that utilize OER materials. Across the college, students saved approximately \$4 million in textbook costs this year, thanks to faculty members who have committed to using OER materials in their classes.

Another significant source of support for students is the Canyons Promise program. It provides first-time, full-time students with a free two years of college. The program covers the cost for up to 15 units per semester, potentially saving students \$1,380 in tuition per year. Participants also receive free parking (or a bus pass) and \$100 bookstore vouchers each fall and spring. Plus, the program gives students access to coaches, mentors, counselors and college personnel dedicated to their academic success, as well as tutoring in a variety of subjects. The combination of services is designed to propel students forward to achieve their academic goals.

Here too, we see strong growth in student participation, which illustrates the significant impacts of the program. Previously know as First-Year Promise, the program achieved a record-breaking increase of 111 percent over its launch in 2017, when 350 students were accepted to participate. And, our recent Commencement ceremonies were the first to include First-Year Promise students,



with 105 students from the inaugural cohort, which began in the fall 2017 semester, graduating this year.

Scholarships also provide financial support to hundreds of students. For 2019, the college and its Foundation awarded 330 scholarships to 289 students totaling \$296,280. This is the largest scholarship amount awarded in the history of the program, representing a nearly 23 percent increase from 2018 (\$241,045 in total awards).

College of the Canyons is committed to helping students overcome barriers and achieve their educational goals. While we have demonstrated success in doing so this year, we are just getting started.

Our accomplishments serve to inspire us to make even greater strides to enhance our programs and services. By removing more barriers, we can ensure more students have the opportunity to achieve their educational goals, and that is the true measure of success!

Dr. Dianne Van Hook serves as chancellor of College of the Canyons.

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Chancellor Selected for Statewide Funding Formula Oversight Committee

ollege of the Canyons Chancellor Dr.
Dianne G. Van Hook has been named
to serve on the Community College
Student Success Funding Formula Oversight

Committee, which will oversee the implementation of California's funding formula to ensure it meets the needs of the state's 2.1 million community college students.

Dr. Van Hook was appointed by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-L.A.) and nominated by Assembly Member Christy Smith (D-Santa Clarita) to serve on the 12-member committee.

"I am excited to be part of the Student Success Funding Formula Oversight Committee and grateful that I can use my experience to contribute to the dialogue and ensure colleges are financially equipped to serve their communities," said Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook, who has been the CEO of the Santa Clarita Community College District for 31 years. "It is our responsibility to assess the for-

mula's effectiveness, and recommend changes to make improvements that will meet the needs of all California community college students."

Dr. Van Hook was sworn in at the college by Assembly Member Smith.

"It was my honor to nominate and swear



Assemblywoman Christy Smith swears in Dr. Van Hook to serve on the Community College Student Success Funding Formula Oversight Committee.

in Dr. Van Hook to the California Community College Student Success Funding Formula Oversight Committee," said Smith. "Her

depth of knowledge, understanding of the unique mission of community colleges, and real time administration over current funding challenges, position her to be a powerful ad-

vocate for the community college students in our district and the state."

The committee was created to continuously evaluate the implementation of the state's student success funding formula, which encourages educational access for underrepresented students and provide support for low-income students. The formula also rewards colleges based on student success metrics.

"Dr. Van Hook's long tenure at College of the Canyons shows the enduring respect her community has for the changes and improvements she has brought to the school," said Rendon. "It speaks volumes to know that one of our newest Assembly members was once Dr. Van Hook's student. Assembly member Christy Smith's recommendation is a key factor in this appointment. I'm hopeful that Dr. Van

Hook's deep knowledge will contribute to the funding formula committee's task of making the most of funds for everyone."

DR. DIANNE G. VAN HOOK NAMED CCPRO PROMOTER OF THE YEAR



Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook (right) and Eric Harnish, vice president of public information, received awards from the Community College Public Relations Organization.

ollege of the Canyons Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook's love for community colleges can be traced back to 1968 when she was a Long Beach City College freshman student with an undeclared major. Fortunately, her lack of clear focus was short-lived thanks to the genuine interest shown to her by a counselor who helped her gain a sense of direction and challenged her to develop self-confidence.

"That's when I became a community college convert and that is why I chose the California Community College system to pursue my career," said Dr. Van Hook, who has served as CEO of the Santa Clarita Community College District since 1988 and is California's longest-serving community college CEO. "I am convinced that community colleges are a game changer, a vehicle for social justice and a place where endless opportunities are created and achieved if you dare to dream."

In recognition of her longstanding support of community colleges and the coordinated efforts of the College of the Canyons District Communications Office, Dr. Van Hook has been named the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) PROmoter of the Year.

Dr. Van Hook received the award during CCPRO's annual conference in San Diego on April 11.

"I am very honored to accept the CCPRO PROmoter of the Year award," Dr. Van Hook said. "To be a community college means that we must be in constant communication with those we serve, both to ensure that students and businesses know about the opportunities we provide, and more importantly, to listen and ensure we understand what the community needs."

Dr. Van Hook received similar recognition in 2017 when she was named National Pacesetter of the Year by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR). The award recognizes CEOs at two-year community or technical colleges who have demonstrated leadership and support in the area of college communications and marketing.

Passionate about eliminating barriers to student success, Dr. Van Hook has spurred three bond measure campaigns to construct new classrooms and add innovative programs to accommodate the needs of students.

Under her leadership, the college has in-

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New Mobile App Connects Students to College Services

id you know College of the Canyons now has its own app? Designed to improve the COC experience for students, staff and community members alike, the 'Canyons M' app connects users with a variety of valuable resources, including individualized student information, college calendars, campus safety links, campus maps and more.

The app originated from an idea brought forth by a group of COC students.

"We hope students will find this app useful for everyday life," said Mark Garcia, director, management information systems. "Our biggest goal in creating it was to connect students with relevant information in a way that fits today's technology and is available to each individual."

Upon downloading the app, users will be prompted to enter as a "Student" or "Guest." Students are encouraged to select "Student," create a login, and link their COC Canvas

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EDISON INTERNATIONAL GRANT BENEFITS FIRE TECH PROGRAM

B dison International has awarded the College of the Canyons fire technology program a \$25,000 grant in support of the college's development of present and future fire personnel.

The grant was offered to College of the Canyons, Santa Ana College, Victor Valley College, Crafton Hills College and Mt. San

Antonio College with these five California Community Colleges selected to pilot the program because of their successful fire technology programs and their service to a wide demographic of students.

"Edison's generous contribution to our fire technology program creates increased opportunities for those who want to pursue a career in fire service," said Keith Kawamoto, COC fire technology department chair. "These funds also enable us to purchase the valuable equipment that lend to interactive learning experiences. Structural firefighter coats, helmets, axes and more are not cheap, but they afford our students a better glimpse into fire service."

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OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AFFIRMS AUDITS of College Bond Spending

The Santa Clarita Community College District has received the best rating possible in an independent audit of its bond measure expenditures.

The district's Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee accepted the audit results, which showed that for the 16th year in a row, the district has properly accounted for all bond expendi-

Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. LLP conducted both the financial and performance audit, covering the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018 and issued the District an unmodified opinion the best rating possible - noting no adjustments,

audit findings, questioned costs or instances of bond noncompliance.

The firm presented its report to the district's independent citizens' bond oversight committee at a meeting on January 9, 2019.

Nicholas Lentini, chair of the bond oversight committee, commented on the thoroughness of the auditors' evaluation. "The amount of material you examined in your review is impressive and demonstrates the strength of the district's fiscal oversight of the bond program," he said.

The 2017-18 audits confirm approximately \$229 million in resources from the first five bond issuances, which also includes earned interest and net premium in the bonds. Of that amount, more than \$170 million has been expended on au-



Construction has begun on the Science Center at the Canyon Country campus.

thorized bond projects, leaving the District with a Measure M bond project fund balance of \$10.4 million and a Measure E fund balance of \$48.9 million as of June

"The work of the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee is important in confirming for the community that the college is in fact delivering on the construction and renovation projects authorized by voters," said Assistant Superintendent, Vice President of Business Services Sharlene Coleal.

"Being able to count on the support of the Santa Clarita Valley community is a

privilege as we build for the future and continue to grow in response to community needs," said COC Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook.

> Since its passage in November 2006, Measure M has funded major facilities and campus expansions at the college. such as the construction of the Mentry Hall Expansion, The Learning (TLC)/Library Center Expansion, Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center, the Canyon Country campus, the College of the Canyons Institute for Culinary Education (iCUE), and the Canyons Hall student services/administration building. The ad-

dition of these facilities has enabled the college to accommodate more students. add programs, and enhance access and opportunity as enrollment grew 44 percent between 2004 and 2017.

The balance of Measure M was used to begin construction of the Science Center at the Canyon Country campus and a 1,659-space parking structure at the Valencia campus. Measure E, the \$230 million general obligation bonds approved by voters in June 2016, provided the funding to complete those two projects and will enable the college to fund future construction projects at both campuses.

COLLEGE **ADDS THREE**

"Degree with a Guarantee" **PROGRAMS**

To help students transfer to California State University campuses, College of the Canyons has added three new Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) programs in Environmental Science, Hospitality Management, and Public Health Science, bringing the college's ADT offerings to 31 programs.

Known as "a degree with a guarantee," ADTs provide students with guaranteed admission to a CSU-and select private colleges—if they earn an associate in arts transfer (AA-T) or associate in science transfer (AS-T) degree and meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements.

Students can choose from a wide range of ADT programs, including:

The college's commitment to ADT programs dates back to 2013, when the first ADTs were awarded. Since then, the number of degrees awarded at the college has grown 703 percent.

For its commitment to ADT, the college was named a 2018 Champion of Higher Education for Excellence in Transfer by The Campaign for College Opportunity. The college is one of 12 California community colleges that have significantly increased the number of students earning an Associate De-

Santa Clarita Valley's Elected Representatives Honored

The Santa Clarita Valley's elected representatives were honored during a Legislative Reception at the University Center in March. Those present represented nearly every level of government and institutional service, from school and college boards to city, state and federal elected bodies.



College Students Selected to Participate in NASA Lucy Academy

wo College of the Canyons students were selected to participate in the Lucy Student Pipeline Accelerator and Competency Enabler (L'SPACE) Virtual Academy, an interactive and team-based student collaboration offered through NASA's Lucy Mission.

Held in the fall, the 12-week academy taught undergraduate science and engineering students rigorous, project-based STEM workforce development, which included mission development skills and protocols imparted by NASA scientists and engineers.

One of the students selected was Arthur Berberyan, a sophomore student at the college majoring in physics, who was thrilled when he got the news he was selected to participate.

"It was a really good feeling," said Berberyan. "It makes you feel as though all the

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is only the beginning of their journeys."

The class of 2019 has 2,467 students who petitioned for graduation, representing a 10.5 percent increase from the class of 2018 (2,232).

The class represented 120 majors, with liberal arts and sciences (839) ranking as the leading field of study among graduates, followed by psychology (273), business (254), accounting (201), math and science (174), sociology (167) and communication studies (133).

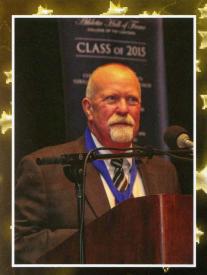
There were 817 students graduating with two or more degrees.

The class of 2019 was approximately 57.9 percent female (1,429) and 42.1 percent male (1,038).

Academically, 725 students graduated with honors, which requires a 3.5 GPA or higher, and 76 students graduated with perfect 4.0 GPAs, which granted them the status of valedictorians. The average grade point average for the class was 3.19.

This year's graduating class was also the first to include 105 First-Year Promise students from the first 262-student cohort. Launched in fall 2017, the program offers full-time freshman students waived tuition and fees during their first year of study.

2019 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Len Mohney addresses the crowd during induction of the 2001 women's golf state championship team.



Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Len Mohney (left) is welcomed to the stage by Chuck Lyon, dean of physical education, kinesiology & athletics, during the 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction Ceremony.



Former COC baseball fleat coach Mike Gillespi addresses the crowd during induction of the 1983 state championship baseball team.



Meritorious Service inductee Delores "Dody" Garcia thanks her supporters.



championship women's golf team on stage during the ceremony.

Members of the 2001 state



Members of the 1983 state championship baseball team listen as former head coach Mike Gillespie highlights the team's accomplishments.

The 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony event was held Jan. 31 at the Hyatt Regency Valencia.. The 2019 Hall of Fame Class includes:

- 1983 State Championship Baseball Team
- · 2001 State Championship Women's Golf Team
- Dolores "Dody" Garcia Meritorious Service
- Len Mohney Coach (Baseball) and Administrator (Athletic Director/Dean)

The evening brought together a collection of friends, family, former teammates, college and athletic department staff, as well as fellow alumni and hall of fame members, to celebrate the accomplishments and legacy of this year's honorees.

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2019/20 SEASON



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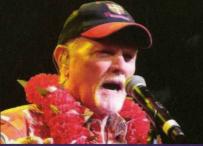
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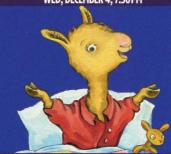
THE BEACH BOYS
CHRISTMAS TOUR: HOLIDAY HARMONIES & HITS
WED, DECEMBER 4, 7:30 PM



A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS LIVE WED, DECEMBER 18, 7PM



LASER SPECTACULAR
FEATURING THE MUSIC OF PINK FLOYD
SAT, JANUARY 11, 8PM



LLAMA LLAMA LIVE! SUN. FEBRUARY 9.1 & 5PM



TRAVIS TRITT
SOLO ACOUSTIC SHOW
TUE, FEBRUARY 18, 7:30PM



DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE! SAT, MARCH 7, 12 & 4 PM



SPECIAL GUEST TUE, MARCH 10, 7:30 PM



RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS
SAT, APRIL 4, 8PM

COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS HONORS

Don and Cheri Fleming with Silver Spur Award

















- Cheryl Stabler, Doris Marie Zimmer, Barry Gribbons, Steven Zimmer, Randy Stabler.
 2019 Silver Spur honorees Don and Cheri
- 3. Former Silver Spur honorees Howard "Buck" McKeon (left) and Tom Dierckman.
- 4. Chancellor Dianne Van Hook and 2019 honorees Don and Cheri Fleming join past honorees Harold and Jacquie Petersen, Myrna and Gary Condie, Jill Mellady, Diana Cusumano, Gary Cusumano, Doreen Shine, Tony and Reena Newhall, Howard "Buck" McKeon, Skip Newhall, Barry Gribbons, son of the late LaVerne Harris, and Tom Dierckman.
- 5. Guests included (seated from left) Bob and Andi Parker, Roger and Lina Seaver Dr. Don Nishiguchi, Dr. Cecelia Hann, (standing from left) Regan Lawrence, Dr. Judy Fish, Bud Lawrence, Cheri Fleming, and Marlee Lauffer.
- 6. Foundation board members Nick Lentini (left) and Brian Koegle served as the masters of ceremonies for the event.
- Guests included (seated, from left) Christy Hurley, Curtis Marzinzik, Eric Stroh, Jacque Stroh, 2008 Silver Spur honoree Wayne Crawford, Dianne Crawford, (standing, from left) Jeanna Crawford, Kyle Crawford, Ed Masterson and Valerie Masterson.
- 8. Chancellor Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook congratulates the Flemings.

TRANSFER

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gaps and increasing transfer rates for our students."

College of the Canyons currently offers 31 ADTs, which en-

able students to transition to California University State campuses. Known as "a degree with a guarantee," **ADTs** provide students with guaranteed admission to a CSU if they earn an associate in arts transfer (AA-T) or associate in science transfer (AS-T) degree and meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements.

Between 2013, when the first ADTs were awarded, and 2017, the number of degrees awarded at the college has



College of the Canyons received honors from the Campaign for College Opportunity for growing its Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs).

grown 703 percent.

The Campaign for College Opportunity helped to create a

clearer path for students to earn an associate degree and guaranteed admission to the California State University (CSU) system when it sponsored historic transfer reform legislation in 2010.

The Campaign for College Opportunity is a non-profit bipartisan organization that works toward increasing the number of California students attending two- and four-year colleges and who complete their college education.

LUCY

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hard work you do really does pay off."

Berberyan heard about L'SPACE while working on the Astronomy & Physics Club's High-Altitude Student Platform (HASP) project, which he says prepared him well for the academy's rigorous nature.

"HASP prepared me to work independently as well as in team efforts," said Berberyan. "It made going into the L'SPACE academy feel very familiar in the aspect of what to do rather than getting overwhelmed."

As a L'SPACE participant, Berberyan benefited from webinars hosted by Arizona State University professors, NASA projects managers and actual NASA employees and scientists working on the Lucy mission.

The experience was a dream come true for Berberyan, who has loved science since he was a kid.

"As a child I was always more interested in the science channel than generic children's shows," said Berberyan, who plans on getting a degree in astrophysics and a doctorate in a related field.

"It has been incredible to see how students have grown through their participation in the HASP project," said Teresa Ciardi, a physical science professor at the college and HASP co-advisor. "Seventeen students have gone on to complete internships at companies such as Caltech and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory."

When hiring, many businesses look for applicants who have gained hands-on experience or training through internships or extracurricular activities such as the HASP project.

PROMOTER

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creased facilities square footage five-fold, from 199,000 square feet on one campus to 950,000 on campuses in Valencia and Canyon Country.

Measure E, the \$230 million general obligation bond approved by voters in June 2016, provided the funding to build the 1,659-space parking structure at the Valencia campus and the current construction of the Science Center at the Canyon Country campus.

Dr. Van Hook has also enhanced access and opportunity for students by being a staunch advocate for Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) programs and Open Educational Resource (OER) materials, workforce training and access to upper division pathways on the COC campus.

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associate in arts transfer (AA-T) or associate in science transfer (AS-T) degree. Between 2013, when the first ADTs were awarded, and 2017, the number of degrees awarded by the college grew 703 percent. The college currently offers 27 ADT programs and the list continues to grow.

Dr. Van Hook has also been instrumental in the college's OER program, which has saved students more than \$4,000,000 in textbook costs. More than 200 COC courses are taught with OER materials instead of commercial textbooks.

CCPRO is a Sacramento-based nonprofit organization whose voluntary membership consists of California's 72 public community college districts. The organization's mission is to strengthen the state's community colleges through leadership development, advocacy and district services.

ADT

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- · Biology
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- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Teacher Education
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- · Sociology
- · Journalism

- · Music
- · Studio Arts
- Theatre Arts
- Hospitality Management
- Social Justice Studies
- Environmental Science
- Public Health Science
- Anthropology
- · Art History
- · Global Studies

gree for Transfer (ADT) degree.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) signed an agreement that now ensures that California community college students pursuing an ADT can receive guaranteed acceptance and a more affordable, seamless pathway to 36 private, non-profit four-year colleges and universities.

FIRE

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In addition to supporting the college's fire technology department, the grant has benefited 10 COC students who were

awarded \$1,000 scholarships for tuition, books and school related fees. Qualifying students had to have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher and be enrolled in the college's fire technology program. Recipients also responded to four essay questions about their fire service career goals.

From College of the Canyons, the following students were chosen to receive scholarships for the fall 2018 semester: Kiera Coblentz, Joseph Cortez, Danielle Desch, Trina Duncan, Lyndsee Little, Christian Meza,

Hunter Mills, Jesus Perez, Jonathan Scarano, and Jack Tuszynski.

The following ten students were chosen for the spring 2019 semester: Anthony

Caron, Christopher Denys, Jake Federico, Adam Gonzalez, Amjad Kirrish, Sean O'Connor, Christian Ramirez Guerrero,

College of the Canyons
FIRE TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAM

December 3, 2018

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Justin Russell, Emilio Santoyo, and Mark Sayegh.

California's devastating wildfires necessitate ample fire department staffing. For

this reason, College of the Canyons offers fire technology within the School of Mathematics, Sciences & Health Professions.

This program offers certificate/degree opportunities for both pre-service individuals and in-service professionals who seek career advancement. COC fire technology courses align with the uniform curriculum of California Community Colleges.

In 2008, the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACO) started a College Affiliation Program (CAP) with College of the Canyons to help firefighters meet state-mandated training requirements by providing additional training. Through

the partnership, 2,400 LACO firefighters receive online-based training from the Santa Clarita Community College District every year to complement hands-on training.

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and student email accounts to the app. College staff and community members can also enter the app as a guest.

Among its many useful features, the app's interaction with Google Maps provides a lot of value for those who aren't familiar with the COC Valencia and Canyon Country campuses. Users can select a destination, whether it be an ATM machine, restroom, parking kiosk, or specific building, and Google Maps will provide directions from the user's current location or a provided location.

The app also connects to Ask Canyons, where users can get quick answers to a variety of questions about the college. Information regarding application status, tuition costs, how to obtain a parking pass, and more can all be accessed via Ask Canyons.

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Canvas portal and COC's social media pages, all in one central location.

The college plans to increase the app's functionality and personalization with specific information regarding student education plans, financial aid status and campus events and activities relating to chosen areas of study. The college is also rolling out profiles for faculty and staff.

It's hoped that the Canyons M app will become an integral part of student and campus life, connecting users with relevant enrollment and student services information, while providing a unique experience for individuals.

This application is available for download now in the Apple App



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COC GOLF WINS 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

ollege of the Canyons strengthened its reputation as the top community college golf destination in the state with the women's and men's programs both bringing home California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Cham-

pionships during the 2018-19 year.

After recording victories in every tournament it competed in, COC's women's golf team claimed the 2018 state title with a convincing 18-stroke advantage over runner-up College of the Desert at the state tourney played at Morro Bay Golf Course. The title was the third in program history.

Freshman Haruka Koda (143-72/71) finished as the individual state runner-up, just

one stroke off the championship pace, and was subsequently named to the All-State Team.

Canyons also claimed the 2018 CCCAA Southern California Regional Championship as well as the program's ninth Western State Conference (WSC) title. In addition, freshman Jessie Lin was crowned the individual SoCal regional champion, while Koda won the WSC individual title and was also named the WSC Player of the Year to headline the team's five all-conference honorees.

"When the season started I knew we had a very talented team," said COC head coach Gary Peterson. "We played well all year and peaked at the right time. I'm extremely proud."

That collective performance helped set the bar for

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Dr. Dianne Van Hook (center) joins Head Golf Coach Gary Peterson and the men's and women's Golf teams.

COC's men's golf program which followed suite in winning the 2019 CCCAA State Championship and seeing freshman Nobuhiko Wakaari claim the individual state title.

Canyons topped the eight-team field with an 18-stroke victory over runner-up Santa Barbara City College at the Silverado Resort in Napa on May 13. Wakaari (142-73/69) finished two-under par for the tourney to hoist the individual championship. He was also named the WSC Player of the Year before finish-

ing fourth at the Southern California regional tourney. COC freshmen Jules Lavigne and Anguerrand Voisin finished third and fourth, respectively, at the state tourney to join Wakaari on the All-State team.

"This was not a year I expected to win a state

championship," said Peterson, about his team which featured four freshmen and two sophomores with limited tourney experience. "With six new guys it was surprising. I thought we would be building for next year, now I'm hoping we get some of these guys back."

The men's state title is the program's ninth overall (1993, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019), all coming under Peterson. Canyons has now won four state titles in the

last seven years. The Cougars also finished runner-up at the state tourney in 2018, 2016 and 2014. The nine state titles are the most of any program in CCCAA history.

"We've had a really good run," Peterson added. "I think the last 10 or 12 years have been a great success."

The College of the Carryons Athletics Department now boasts a combined 34 state championships (18 team and 16 individual) across 17 intercollegiate sports programs.