



# COD Foundation Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

February 21, 2024 – 3:00 PM

**Cravens Student Services Center**

**Multipurpose Room**

**College of the Desert Palm Desert Campus**

OR

**ZOOM (Special Circumstance, Guest, Public Only):**

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# Agenda





**Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
Foundation Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**3:00PM-4:30PM**

**Location: Palm Desert Campus, Cravens Student Services Center, Multipurpose Room**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

1.1 Call to order

1.2 Roll Call

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**2. AGENDA**

2.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), the Board may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda, upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a)

2.2 Confirmation of Agenda: Approval of agenda for the Foundation Regular Board of Directors Meeting of February 21, 2024 with any additions, corrections, or deletions.

### **3. MINUTES**

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3.1 Approval of the January 24, 2024 Foundation Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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### **5. VOTING ON NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

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5.1 VOTING ON CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **6. MISSION MOMENT**

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6.1 Update on Palm Springs Campus - MAAS and Dr. Scott Adkins

### **7. REPORT ITEMS**

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7.1 Board of Trustee Liaison Report - Ruben Perez

7.2 Vice President Administrative Services Report - Rod Garcia

7.3 Superintendent's/President's Report - Laura Hope

7.4 Board Chair's Report - Diane Rubin

7.5 Executive Director's Report - Catherine Abbott

7.6 Directors' Reports (Reports may be submitted by emailing the Foundation at [codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu))

### **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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8.1 Update on New Format of President's Circle

8.2 Board Member Recruitment

8.3 Campus Tour Update

8.4 Informational/ Miscellaneous

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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9.1 Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Cravens Multi-Purpose Room

9.2 Adjournment



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# Minutes for Approval



## **Foundation Board of Directors Regular Meeting (Wednesday, January 24, 2024)**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

#### 1.01 Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.

#### 1.02 Roll Call

Members present: Diane Rubin, Christine Anderson, Bill Chunowitz, Norma Castaneda, Marge Dodge, Dale Landon, Tom Minder, Barbara Foster Monachino, Jane Saltonstall, Jake Wuest, Robert Moon, Jenell VanDenBos, Shari Stewart, Joan R Lamb  
Members absent: Carol Fragen, James Greene, Paul Hinkes, James Williams, Donna MacMillan

Non-voting members present: Laura Hope, Ruben Perez

Guests: Catherine Abbott, Barbara Fromm, Kirstien Renna, Eddie Hernandez, Elena Moiseeva, Juli Maxwell, Amanda McCarthy, Lizbeth Chambers, Gailya Brown, Dotty Durney (recorder).

### **2. AGENDA**

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2.02 Confirmation of Agenda: Approval of agenda for the Foundation Regular Board of Directors Meeting of January 24, 2024 with any additions, corrections, or deletions.  
Agenda was approved as presented.

### **3. MINUTES**

3.01 Approval of the November 1, 2023 Foundation Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes  
Minutes were approved as presented.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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No public comments.

### **5. MISSION MOMENT**

5.01 Tour of the Indio Child Development Center  
The tour took place today, ahead of the Board meeting being called to order.

### **6. REPORT ITEMS**

#### 6.01 Board of Trustee Liaison Report

Diane Rubin welcomed Ruben Perez to the Board.

Rubin Perez introduced himself as a Trustee of the College of the Desert representing Area 1, consisting of Indio and portions of the eastern Coachella Valley.

He spoke briefly about the textbook rental program and the Roadrunner Express shuttle service, both of which he said President Hope would discuss in more detail in her report.

He announced the sale this week of New Markets Tax Credits for the Indio Child Development Center and the expansion of the Indio campus.

He shared the appointment of two new representatives to the Citizen Bond Oversight Committee: David Ready and Bruce Bauer both from Palm Springs.

#### 6.02 Superintendent's/President's Report

Laura Hope, Interim Superintendent/President

President Hope announced two new programs that will launch this semester: the \$5 textbook rental program and the new Roadrunner Express shuttle service. She thanked the Foundation, Friends of the Library, and private donors who made these programs possible.

#### 6.03 Bond Update

Diane Rubin, Board Chair and member of Citizen Bond Oversight Committee

Diane gave an update on the CC bonds. This issuance is now available for purchase, and it is expected that it will sell out. Marge Dodge pointed out that these are tax-free municipal bonds, and that the sale has been opened to all residents of the Coachella Valley first before being opened up to the big investors.

#### 6.04 Board Chair's Report

Diane Rubin, Board Chair

Diane Rubin welcomed all to the new Child Development Center. She introduced Dotty Durney, the new Executive Assistant in the Foundation office and welcomed Trustee Ruben Perez to the Board. She thanked all the committee members for their diligence,

enthusiasm hard work - they have been very busy this past month.

#### 6.05 Executive Director's Report

Catherine Abbott, Executive Director, College of the Desert Foundation

Catherine Abbott shared her gratitude that her team now complete with the addition of Eddie Hernandez and Elena Moiseeva. Preparations are well underway for State of the College. She asked Kirstien Renna to report on the current revenue and expenses for the event.

Bighorn Charities has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Foundation to be used for the Central Pantry.

Gailya Brown is working with the Schlinger Chrisman Foundation for a grant to purchase iPads for the Nursing program.

She asked Norma Castaneda to give an update on Stepping Out. We made an offer country singer, Clay Walker, and we expect to hear back from him by Friday.

A bench dedication and celebration of life will be held on Feb 8, 3:00-4:30pm in honor of the late COD professor, Lisa Wilander, who was instrumental in our disabled students program services (DSPS). Everyone is invited to join us just outside the Cravens Student Center.

#### 6.06 Director of Development's Report

Eddie Hernandez, Director of Development, College of the Desert Foundation

Eddie gave report on State of the College event taking place on Thursday Feb. 29 at Toyota of the Desert 5-7pm. He acknowledged all of the sponsors, especially Toyota of the Desert who is not only providing the venue to us at no cost, but they also made a \$5000 donation.

He shared that campus tours have been very successful. As a result of these tours, Gerald Fogelson set up a \$25,000 scholarship. Tours for the second half will be on Feb 8, Feb 15, and Feb 25. Follow-up calls are made to the tour guests to encourage membership in the Academic Angels or President's Circle. The Development team is also working to create thank-you videos from the students to the donors. He invited all members to sign up for a campus tour.

The Development team is creating a new membership, the President's Business Circle, to connect with the business community.

He met with an anonymous donor last week who asked to create a \$25,000 scholarship for students who are working parents.

This anonymous couple will also be including COD in their estate which amounts to an additional \$1M.

#### 6.07 Directors' Reports (Reports may be submitted by emailing the Foundation at [codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu))

Rob Moon, Director of Resource Development and Stewardship

The most recent membership appreciation on Nov. 9 at BG Bird Gardens was very well attended and came in \$944 under budget.

The next event will be Pizza & Putters on March 3 at Shadow Mountains.

The Advancement and Stewardship committee has combined with the President's Circle committee. President's Circle committee going forward will be an ad hoc committee (not governed by the Brown Act) and will serve to create camaraderie and increase membership.

The newsletters for the President's Circle and Academic Angels will be combined and retitled, "The Roundup." It will cover all upcoming events for both memberships and will be published three times per year.

He gave an update on membership and talked about the need to reevaluate the lifetime membership designation. The committee is working with the staff to revamp the benefits of the various levels of memberships, which will take effect next year. Elena Moiseeva gave a presentation covering the new benefits.

Marge Dodge, Director of Recognition and Outreach

Marge Dodge Gave membership report. Gave update on Hospitality students traveling to Japan and discussed proposed fundraising to assist them with the travel.

Next Academic Angel mixer will be March 6 at the Nest.

Spring into Summer lunch will be held at Desert Horizons Country Club, date TBD.

Jane Saltonstall, Director of Programs/Campus connections

Jane announced that invitations have been sent to faculty to apply for campus grants. The committee will meet on Feb 26 to decide on distribution and the announcements will be made on Feb 28.

No report on the audit for now.

Jane shared bios of four Board of Directors candidates: Jerry Fogelson, Ed Gubman, Jaishri Mehta, and Ramraghi Fuller. No action will be taken at this meeting, but she expects to vote on them at the next meeting.

The Board Treasurer and Secretary positions will be opening soon. Please notify Jane, Diane, or Cathy if you are interested in either of these officer positions.

Barbara Foster Monachino, Director of Operations and Nominating Committee

Audit has been completed until next year. A 990 form will be available soon for all to review.

She deferred to Jane to discuss Nominating Committee activities.

Jake Wuest, Treasurer

A new subcommittee has been created to do a thorough review of the Foundation's investment portfolio. Joan Lamb will lead that subcommittee.

Chris Anderson/Bill Chunowitz, Past Chairs

Chris Anderson announced that she will be chairing the Legacy Leaders committee going forward due to the resignation of Charles Vinci. Shared goals, new members and gifts received this year, as well as upcoming events.

Barbara Fromm, Secretary

No report.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

7.01 Review of Revised 23.24 Operating Budget

Kirstien gave overview of revised operating budget, explaining that the Finance Committee agreed to multiple adjustments to expected revenues and expenses due to unforeseen circumstances including changes to the Stepping Out entertainer and the addition of State of the College as a fundraising event. Jake Wuest moved to approve the revised operating budget. Chris Anderson seconded. A roll-call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 7.02 Approval of 2023 Sept-Nov Financial Statements

Kirstien Renna gave an overview of Financial Statements from September-November 2023. Jake Wuest moved to approve the Financial Statements from September-November 2023. Tom Minder seconded. A roll-call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8.01 CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (Government Code Section 54956.9): ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subd. (d)(2) and (e)(1)) One (1) potential case Meeting paused at 4:25 for Closed Session. All guests exited the room. No reportable actions from Closed Session were presented. Open session resumed at 4:38pm with all guests returning to room.

#### 8.02 Resignations and Leave of Absence from the Board of Directors

8.02.01 Charles Townsend Vinci - Resignation from Board of Directors  
Resigned due to health issues.

8.02.02 Connie Lurie - Resignation from Board of Directors  
Resigned due to time constraints.

8.02.03 Marlene O'Sullivan - Leave of Absence from Board of Directors  
Taking leave of absence due to health issues.

#### 8.03 Update on Stepping Out Event

Norma Castaneda gave her Stepping Out update during Cathy's Executive Director's Report.

#### 8.04 Update on State of the College

Eddie Hernandez updated the Board during his Director of Development's Report.

#### 8.05 The Springs Woman Club Presentation to be held on March 14, 2024

Jane Saltonstall shared that tickets are available to the public for this event that will feature President Hope, Catherine Abbott, and Sarah Fry, Director of Nursing at COD. It will be held at the Springs Country Club Thurs, March 14 at 11:30am.

#### 8.06 Informational/ Miscellaneous

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

9.01 Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 21, at 3:00 PM-4:30 PM, at Cravens Multi-Purpose Room

#### 9.02 Adjournment

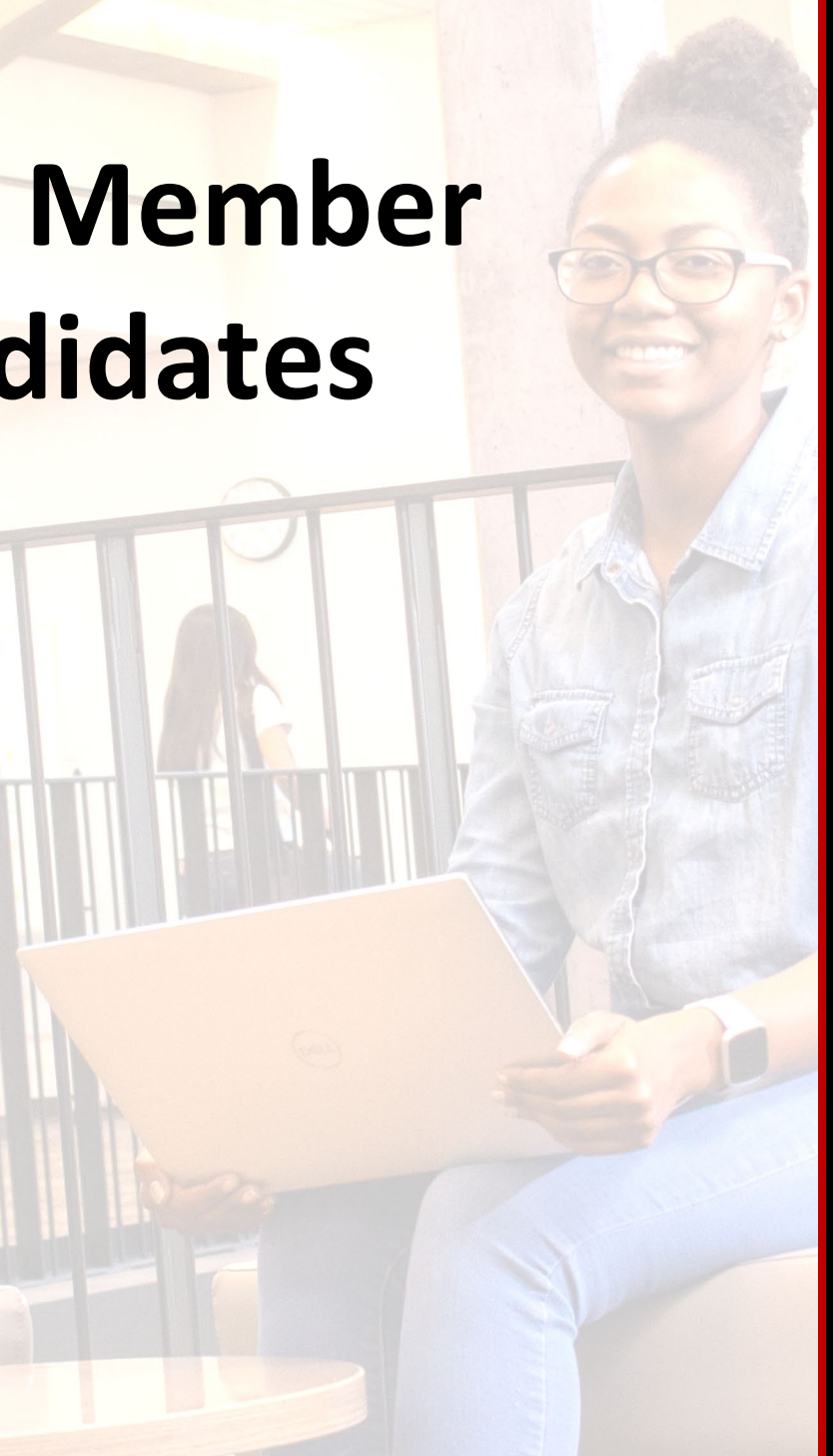
Meeting was adjourned at 4:42pm





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# **Board Member Candidates**



Board Member Candidates  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- Ed Gubman
- Gerald Fogelson
- Ramraghi Fuller
- Jaishri Mehta



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# Mission Moment





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**PS CAMPUS UPDATE**  
**FOUNDATION**  
**BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2024**



# AGENDA

**01**

**Project  
Concept**

**02**

**Student Services &  
Academic Offerings**

**03**

**Architectural  
Overview**

**04**

**Finances**

**05**

**Schedule**



**“...the Palm Springs Campus is intended to be a living laboratory, providing General and Basic Skills Education in four targeted academic areas: hospitality and tourism, media and the arts, allied health, and sustainable technology. With this vision, the Palm Springs Campus will provide more opportunity to work with industry partners and serve as a proving ground, building and testing training, programs and approaches that, if proven successful, could be expanded and replicated in other locations and in other delivery modalities.”**

# **PALM SPRINGS STUDENT SERVICES**

- **Enrollment Services**
- **Counseling**
- **Computer Lab**
- **Student IDs**
- **Food Pantry & Food Box Program**
- **Tutoring & Academic Skills Center**
- **Library Services**
- **pledge/EDGE Support**
- **Transportation - Roadrunner Express & SunLine**
- **Bursar Services**
- **Virtual DSPS Services**



California Indian Nations College  
(CINC)

Film & TV  
Production

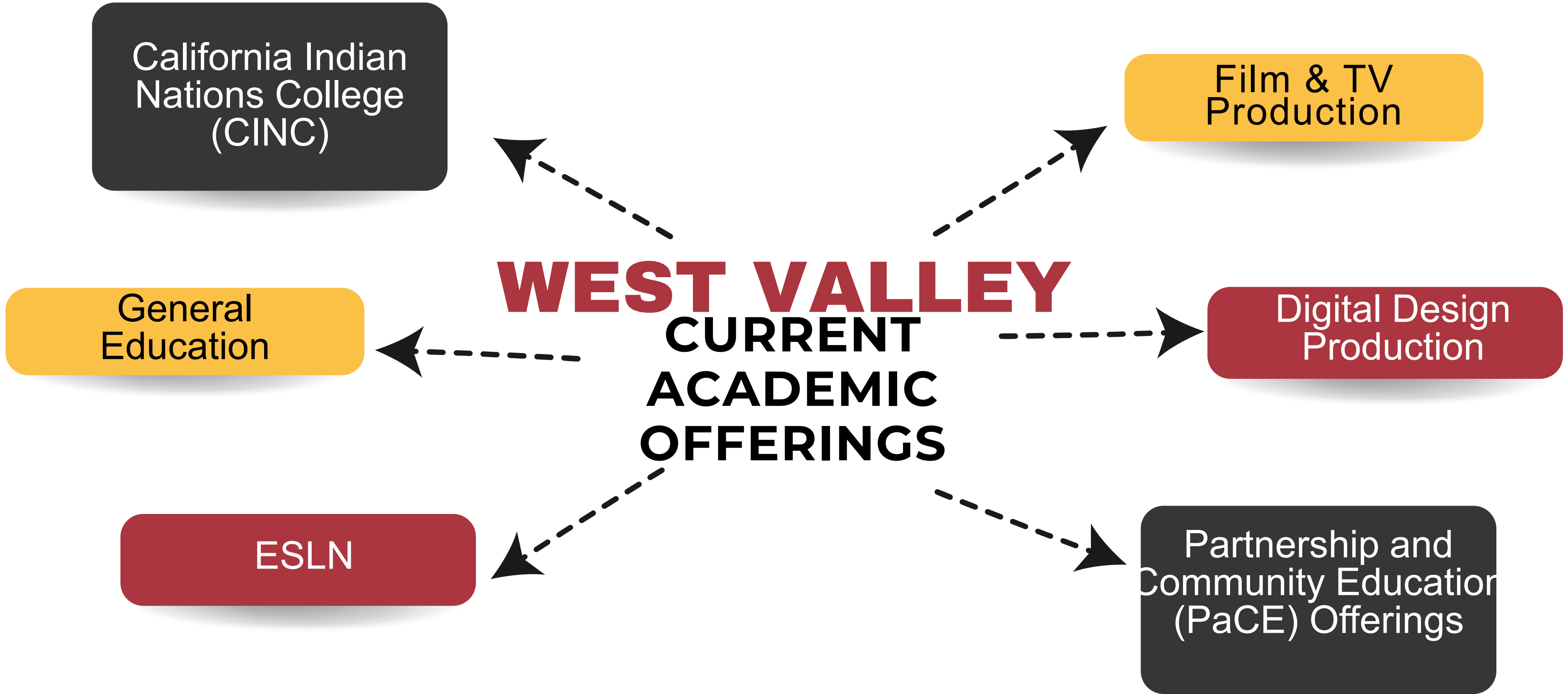
**WEST VALLEY**  
**CURRENT**  
**ACADEMIC**  
**OFFERINGS**

General  
Education

Digital Design  
Production

ESLN

Partnership and  
Community Education  
(PaCE) Offerings





# GUIDING PRINCIPLES



- **Access**
- **Collegiality**
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility**
- **Empathy**
- **Fiscal Accountability**
- **Innovation**
- **Integrity**
- **Social Justice**
- **Student Success**

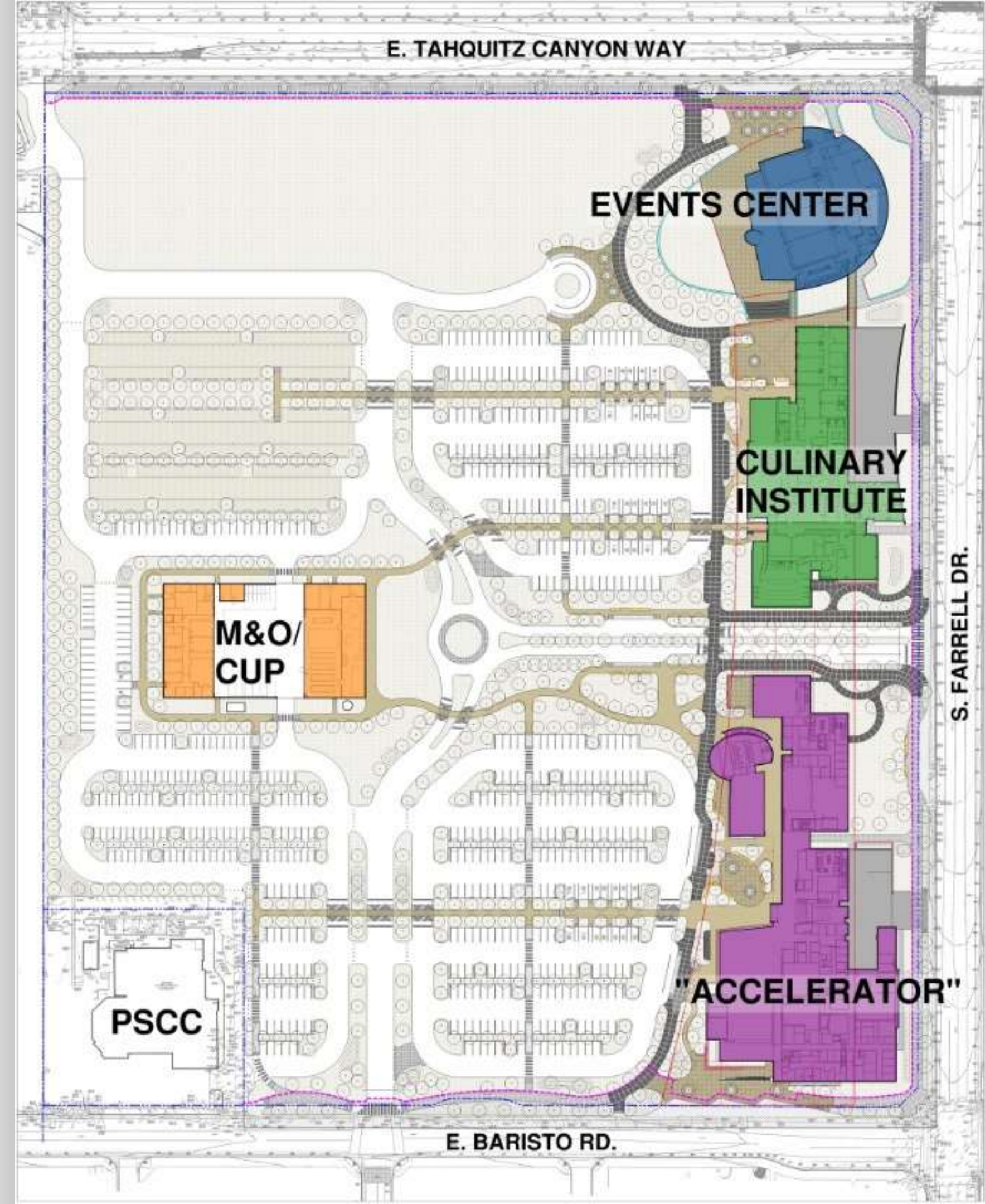
# OVERVIEW

## Site Plan

- Accelerator
- Culinary Institute
- Events Center
- M&O/CUP

**Parking: 841 stalls**

**Total SF: 167,137 gsf**



# OVERALL, LOOKING WEST



# OVERALL, LOOKING EAST



# MOBILITY HUB



# FARRELL ENTRY



# ENTRY PLAZA



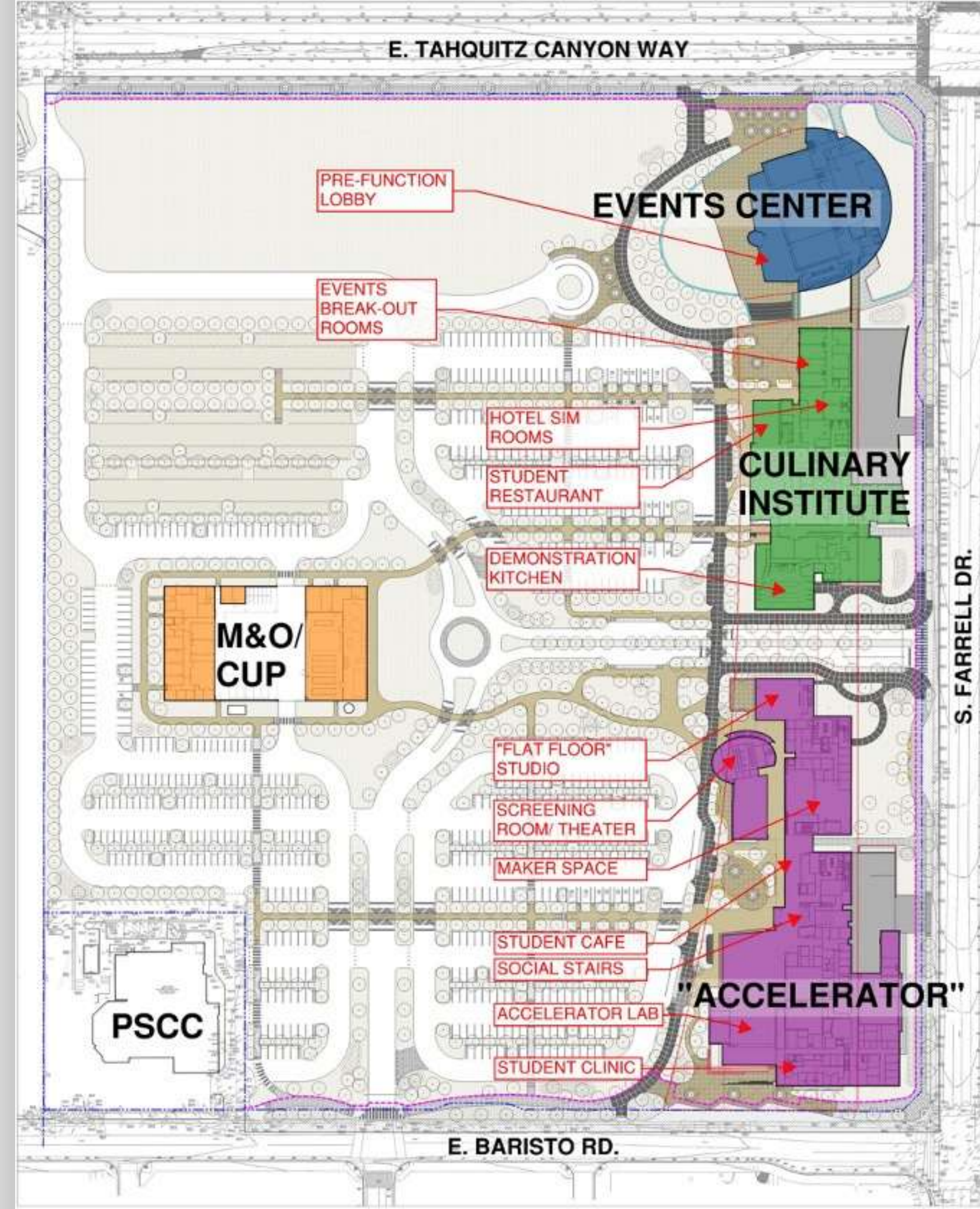
# HOSPITALITY PLAZA





# PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Student Clinic
- Accelerator Lab
- Social Spaces
- Maker Space
- Screening Room
- Flat Floor Studio
- Demonstration Kitchen
- Restaurant
- Hospitality Spaces
- Events Center



# ACCELERATOR LAB



# SOCIAL STAIR



# FLEXIBLE CLASSROOMS



# STUDENT CAFE



# FILM SCREENING ROOM



# FLAT FLOOR STUDIO



# DEMO KITCHEN THEATER





# PRE-FUNCTION LOBBY



# FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

**\$405.7M**  
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET

**\$56M**  
FUNDING COMMITTED TO-DATE

**BOND**  
MEASURE B AND CC FUNDING

**\$200M**  
IN BOND ISSUANCE APPROVED BY BOARD 1/19/24



PROPOSED NEW ISSUE

ANTICIPATED RATING: Moody's Investors Service "Aa1"  
S&P Global "AA"



**Desert Community College District**

**\$200,000,000\***  
General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2016  
Series 2024 (Authorized Pursuant to Measure CC)

Anticipated date of offering on or around  
**Week of January 22, 2024**

The offering of Bonds will be made only by the Official Statement, which describes the security for such issue and which may be obtained in any state in which the undersigned may lawfully offer such issue.

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# PROJECT PHASES

## Schematic Design

**Completed**  
June 2023

Defines overall concept, massing, aesthetic, site design and building systems

- Diagrammatic
- Aspirational



## Design Development

**Completed**  
November 2023

Adds material refinement and detail, develops and coordinates systems across disciplines

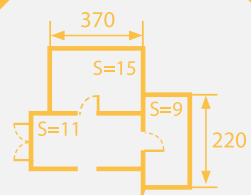
- Drawn to scale
- Definitive
- Refined



# PROJECT PHASES

## Construction Documents

**In Progress**  
Spring  
2024



Final documentation used for construction, including details & specifications

- Engineered
- Reviewed by AHJ
- Ready for bidding



## Construction Administration

**Phased Approach with DSA**  
Expected to Break Ground  
Fall 2024

Physical on-site construction and installation as designed

- Subject to DSA Inspection

# SCHEDULE: MILESTONES



# QUESTIONS?



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# Directors' Reports



# Advancement and Stewardship/President Circle Chair Report

February 24, 2024, COD Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

## President Circle Membership Appreciation Events

The second President Circle Member Appreciation event will be held as scheduled on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. This will be a “putters and pizza” event at Shadow Mountain Golf Club. Contracts for the use of the beautiful one-acre putting field and for the pizza catering have been completed and are in place. Pizza catering will be by Piero’s PizzaVino. There will be four different pizzas, two salads, iced tea, and soft drinks. There will be a hosted bar with bloody marys, mimosas, beer and wine. The head of the Shadow Mountain Putting Club, Barb Nelson, will attend as our guest and lead our members through the putting tournament. Participants will be in teams of four, scramble format, with best ball. Trophies for the winning team members are being made. There will also be drawings for great prizes. The club will provide putters, markers, balls, and score cards. Thus far we are more than halfway to our planned maximum of 60 people. We are projected to end up well under budget.

## Special Event for Screening of “Invisible Valley” film produced by Mary Pohlad

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Jane Saltonstall and Rob Moon met with Michael Green, CEO/Executive Director of the Palm Springs Cultural Center, also known as the Camelot theatre. The theatre is part of the same square and adjoins the new COD campus site. It was a very good meeting. Michael is very excited about our hosting a screening at the theatre. We found that the main auditorium seats 490. We were also offered the use of the upstairs lounge for a VIP or reception prior to the screening. This space can easily accommodate 50 people, and if necessary, up to 100. There is a full bar there, and catering is available or can be brought in by an outside caterer. This space has a large balcony overlooking the construction site of the new Palm Springs COD Campus. The theatre can also accommodate chairs, lighting, and microphones for a post screening discussion of the film. We are currently planning our first committee meeting on this event, which is projected to be in November.

## Advancement and Stewardship/President Circle Meetings

The Foundation Advancement and Stewardship Committee Meeting, combined with the President Circle Committee, has not met since our January Foundation Board meeting. However, work is progressing well on the restructuring of the President Circle vis a vis the Advancement and Stewardship Committee. Also, staff is working on creating new informational material on the benefits of the different levels of President Circle membership. The new benefits will be in place for the 2024-2025 season.



The first combined quarterly Academic Angels and President Circle newsletter, *The Roundup*, was published in February.

#### President Circle Membership Numbers Status

Membership renewals in President Circle continue. As of Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, our renewal donations were at \$113K vs last year's \$80K.

We have sent renewal letters to former members from 2019 and 2020. We are also sending out a letter to our 47 Lifetime Members thanking them for their generous past support and inviting them to continue their support by also joining on an annual basis at any of our levels.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Moon

Chair, Advancement and Stewardship and President Circle

Academic Angels Report  
February 21, 2024  
Submitted by Marge Dodge

## **ACADEMIC ANGELS**

Ten COD logo-ed backpacks were delivered to the COD Hospitality Department for the upcoming trip of two students to Japan for the Hospitality Management and Japanese Culture Program hosted by Kansai University of International Studies in Kobe, Japan. The trip will be February 28 through March 11.

### Upcoming Events:

- Academic Angels Mixer on March 6, at the Yard House at the River. 71800 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage. 5:00 PM for happy hour.
- Academic Angels Spring into Summer lunch to be held on April 18, 2024 from 11:30 to 1:30, at Desert Horizons Country Club in Indian Wells, 44900 Desert Horizons Drive. The program will be professors and a student from architecture department discussing the Tiny House project. There will be an ask.

## Campus Grants

The Campus Grant committee will meet on Monday February 26 to review and vote on the submitted proposals. At that meeting we will select and allot money to some of the proposals.

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will put four prospective candidates in front of the Board of Directors for a vote of approval on February 21. They are:

- Ed Gubman
- Jerry Fogelson
- Ramraghi Fuller
- Jaishri Mehta

The slate of officers will be presented to the Board at the March Board meeting

## Legacy Leaders

March: A Bequest Campaign will begin in March. A new Bequest Brochure with a response form will be mailed to a large number of donors who are not yet Legacy Leaders. Also, an eBlast and eNewsletter will go out to a select group of prospective Legacy Leaders.

April: A dinner meeting is in the planning stages for a group of allied professionals, estate planning attorneys, financial planners, wealth managers and trust officers. They will serve as an advisory group for planned giving.

May: The College of the Desert's matinee performance of "Guys & Dolls" at the McCallum Theatre will serve as the focus of the Foundation's spring reception to honor our Legacy Leaders and their guests. It is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th, at 12:00pm in the Founders Room. Prior to the show, several NEW Legacy Leaders will be awarded their engraved crystal prism recognition pieces. All Foundation board members will be invited to attend, and you are urged to bring a guest!



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# Upcoming Events



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## State of the College

Thursday, February 29 | 5 - 7 pm

Toyota of the Desert Showroom

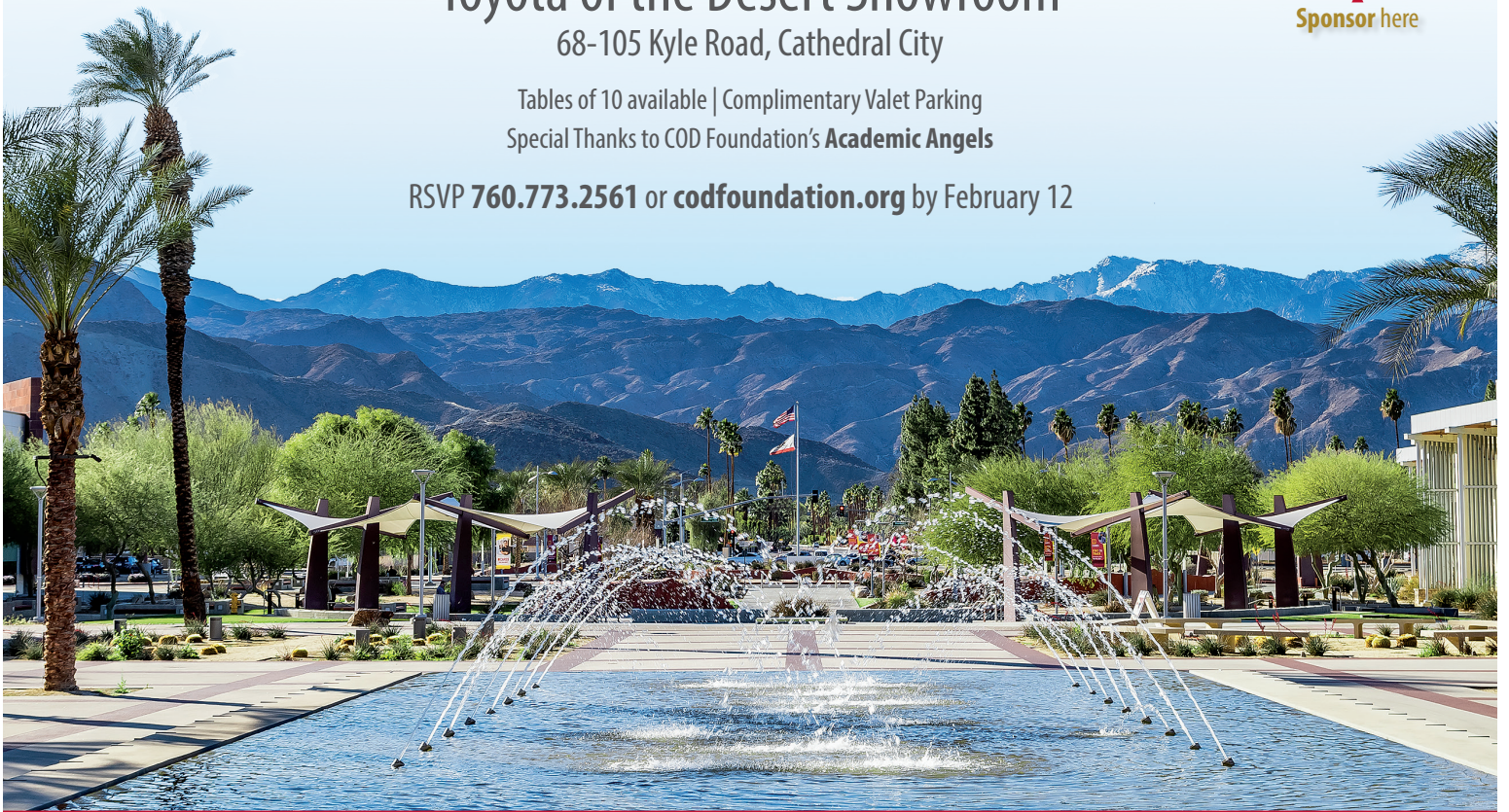
68-105 Kyle Road, Cathedral City

Tables of 10 available | Complimentary Valet Parking  
Special Thanks to COD Foundation's **Academic Angels**

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Our Sponsors are important to our programs and we are offering you unique opportunities to advertise your high level support to important donors while making a generous investment in our COD students' success.

### **Platinum | \$25,000+**

*Tax deductible portion \$24,700*

- Table of 12 with premier seating
- Special recognition during State of the College event by Superintendent/President Hope
- Opportunity to show 2-minute video and speak for 2 minutes
- Logo listed on sponsor slides
- Significant recognition in Program and on marketing collateral
- Logo on table numbers

### **Gold | \$10,000**

*Tax deductible portion \$9,750*

- Table of 10 with prime seating
- Special recognition during State of the College
- Logo listed on sponsor slides
- Recognition in Program and on marketing collateral
- Special thank-you as Charcuterie Board sponsor

### **Silver | \$5,000**

*Tax deductible portion \$4,800*

- 8 prime seats
- Logo listed on sponsor slides
- Sponsor listing in Program
- Logo on license plate table numbers
- Logo on cocktail napkins

### **Bronze | \$2,500**

*Tax deductible portion \$2,350*

- 6 preferred seats
- Logo listed on sponsor slides
- Sponsor listing in Program
- Logo on license plate table numbers
- Logo on cocktail napkins

**Individual Tickets are  
\$90 per person, to purchase  
call 760.773.2561.**

*Complimentary valet parking for  
all attendees (tip not included).*

For more information on Sponsorships, please contact the COD Foundation office at **760.773.2561** or email **ehernandez@collegeofthedesert.edu**.

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COD FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERS  
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# PIZZA & Putting Par-Tee

Sunday, March 3rd  
11 am - 2 pm

**Shadow Mountain Country Club**  
73800 Ironwood Street, Palm Desert

Pizza, cocktails and friendly putting competition.  
Putters provided or bring your own.

RSVP by clicking below. Questions? Please email Elena Moiseeva at  
[emoiseeva@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:emoiseeva@collegeofthedesert.edu) or call 760.862.1380.



## Join Us for a Pizza & Putting Par-tee!

COD Foundation President's Circle Members are cordially invited to a Pizza & Putting Par-Tee on Sunday, March 3rd, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at Shadow Mountain Country Club, located at 73800 Ironwood Street in Palm Desert!

We'll have pizza, cocktails, and a friendly putting competition. Putters will be provided, or you can bring your own.

[Register online now](#) and we'll look forward to seeing you on March 3rd! Questions? [Email Elena Moiseeva](#) or call 760.862.1380.

**REGISTER NOW**

# The Springs Woman Presents: "College of the Desert"

THURSDAY, March 14

**Interim Superintendent/President Laura Hope** will update us on COD's future plans.

**Catherine Abbott**, Executive Director and COD Nursing program faculty will share what's involved with helping our Valley students achieve their educational dreams.

## How is College of the Desert Taking Care of You and the Entire Coachella Valley?

Did you know that COD educates 80% of the Valley's healthcare workforce including EMT's, firefighters and public safety officers? They also train your favorite chefs, hospitality service teams, auto mechanics and the business leaders who consistently give back to our community and generate over \$300 million annually into our local economy. What an impact!

Join us for our Springs Woman Event  
Thursday, March 14th, 2024



Our Valley thrives on COD Alumni! COD produces a professional workforce to strengthen our Valley's social and economic infrastructure. Imagine just one of the 83% of first-generation students who receive a COD diploma. Now multiply the empowerment of that one student to the 125,000 alumni who impact our community, workforce and economy.



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<p>11:30 am Lunch: 12pm</p>	<p>\$40 Springs Woman Members \$45 Guests <small>(Check or cash only Springs Members may charge to club #)</small></p>	<p>RSVP: (760) 324-8292 Deadline Friday, March 8th</p>	<p>The Springs 48 Hour Cancellation Policy APPLIES</p>	<p>We cordially invite ALL MEMBERS to join us. MEN &amp; WOMEN</p>	<p>Please make us aware of any dietary issues. No substitutions on the day of the luncheon.</p>	<p>PRESENTED BY  THE SPRINGS WOMEN</p>
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