College of the Canyons is taking part in a special manufacturing day event hosted by Mayor Eric Garcetti on October 15. Pre-apprentices from the Google IT Certification Program, and the Uniquely-Abled Academy have been asked to join the Mayor in a photo opportunity to recognize programs that are equipping citizens from under-served populations with the skills they need to gain employment in today’s ever-changing job market. The Google IT Certification Program has nearly 100 students enrolled, with more than 30% being comprised of Veterans from the Armed Forces. Upon completion of the program, students will receive a Certificate of Completion from Google, and the opportunity to apply for openings with the company as a Help Desk Support Specialist. The Uniquely-Abled program offers a 12-week intensive training program for students with high-functioning Autism. Here, they learn the skills to become entry level CNC Machinists. Over 20 students have completed the program which now has a placement rate of more than 90% of its graduates. College of the Canyons will be joined by Los Angeles Valley College which has a similar program for training CNC Machinists.

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Michael Bastine presented NCATC Innovation Award

College of the Canyons Uniquely Abled Academy (UAA) received the Innovation Award! The UAA’s career preparation program prepares individuals with high-functioning autism, for a career as a Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) machinist in industries such as aerospace, automotive, medical device, and manufacturing. Michael Bastine, South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC) Regional Director, and
ETI is excited to launch its new Microlearning Workshops beginning in October. The low cost Microlearning Workshops are a series of one or two session courses, focusing on skills-based learning with targeted strategies in an accelerated format. The first workshop is Risk Analysis & Management. This course will teach critical sourcing questions that need to be asked at the enterprise, division, and plant levels. Participants will learn how to refocus their make-or-buy and sourcing decisions through a "risk lens," in addition to traditional criteria of materiality, profitability, and productivity. The workshop will provide attendees with the tools and techniques to identify and analyze risks along with the ability to help mitigate those risks in the future.

Additional courses in the Microlearning Workshops series include: Statistical Process Control (SPC) and APICS Cycle Count Workshop on October 23rd; Lean Manufacturing: Conducting Time Studies and Line Balancing on October 25th; Leading a Kaizen Event on October 30th; Two-Part Scrum Workshop on November 6th & November 13th; and Design for Six Sigma (DFSS) Workshop on December 7th. More information on all of these workshops is available at http://canyonsecondev.org/eti.

COC Continues Partnership with McDonalds

College of the Canyons is excited to launch the third English as a Second Language (ESL) class for McDonalds employees. This pilot cohort has been working on their reading, writing and verbal communication skills for the past year and are seeing great progress. Some of the participants have been promoted as a result of this class and many are taking on additional responsibilities, such as moving from the kitchen to taking orders at the drive through. The employees described the cohort as a family environment and are eager to continue their education. In addition to this cohort, COC will also be launching an additional cohort so that more McDonalds employees can participate in these workforce development programs. There are 10 students in the cohort with over 160 hours of training so far.