



## August 2022 Board & Stakeholders Update

Dear Stakeholders,

We are days away from the start of our 54rd Fall semester. The stage is set. Our team is ready and excited to host our first fully in-person new-student orientations since 2019. Meanwhile, we enter the third month of our fiscal and planning year with significant progress to report across our annual institutional goals.

The latest:

## Fall Enrollment Update

Our final JD admission files are advancing through committee review. At press we stand at 91 net deposits for the fall on a budget goal of 82 starts. While weeks remain before final counts are confirmed at census, we are well positioned to meet or exceed our goals. Turning to our new Master of Arts in Law (MAL), we currently stand at five deposits on 10 applications.

Campus/Program	Fall Deposits
Santa Barbara	16
Ventura	34
Hybrid	41
MAL	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

## Annual Goals Update: COL Enters Continuing Education Market with Lifelong Learning Courses

At its annual meeting last April, the COL Board approved strategic goal to enter the continuing education market by offering individual classes to the local legal community and COL alumni.

Called the Lifelong Learning initiative (or L3), a pilot program is underway this fall to test the market and build infrastructure for self-enroll and self-pay functionality.

The pilot features two courses:

## **Fall 2022 Professional Lifelong Learning courses:**

### ***First Term – August 29 – October 14***

#### **Technology for Legal Professionals**

Technology has transformed the legal industry. This course will provide students with the theoretical and practical background to understand these changes while having a positive impact on a firm's or an organization's responses to such challenges. Areas of special focus include: litigation technologies; court technologies; document storage, security and management; evidentiary considerations of ESI; communication software including encryption technology; and hands-on exercises in Microsoft's Office suite designed for legal professionals.

### ***Second Term – October 24 – December 12***

#### **Building Legal Apps**

Lawyers who learn to automate legal forms and expert systems may sell access to online systems that dispense sophisticated legal analysis without direct human involvement. Government officials may find citizen assistance easier and more cost effective to provide when using expert systems. Courts and legal aid programs are providing intelligent forms for unrepresented litigants. Non-profit organization support their constituents who need assistance with form completion and legal education. In this course you will learn to create scalable expert systems with low-code tools designed to lower barriers and scale service models.

Registration for these online courses is available now.

Outreach is underway to alumni and the public inviting them to enroll at a lower price point than our tuition rate for credit-bearing students. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

## **COL Globe Talk Featuring Dean Gardina on *Dobbs* Ruling Draws Wide Audience, Recording Available**

Days removed from the Supreme Court's historic ruling on abortion, **Dean and Chief Academic Officer Jackie Gardina** hosted a special edition of TCS' Globe Talk series centered around the *Dobbs v. Women's Health Organization* decision. Dean Gardina's wealth of experience in law, legal interpretation, and legal history provided an illuminating perspective on the court decision, its historical roots, and the implications it may have on our future as a society. Nearly 100 attendees from across the TCS community participated in the session.

[Watch the recording ...](#)

## Prof. April Vincent Joins COL as New Associate Dean of Student Success and Bar Preparation

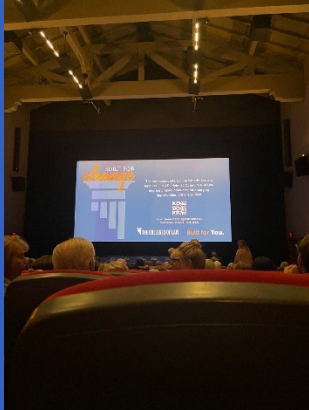


Our strategic plan initiative to improve student outcomes (including retention, graduation, and bar results) stands to take a leap forward this fall with the arrival of **Prof. April Vincent** as COL's new Associate Dean of Student Success and Bar Preparation.

Associate Dean Vincent comes to us from Southwestern Law School where she served as Associate Professor of Law for Academic Success and Bar Preparation. Prior to Southwestern, she served as Co-Director of Academic Success and Bar Preparation at Whittier Law School, where she had graduated *summa cum laude* in 1999. Her practice areas include securities law, corporate law, and estate planning.

Associate Dean Vincent is not new to COL. She taught Contracts in our hybrid JD program since it first launched in 2018, most recently being recognized for "Best Collaborative Assignment" at the 2022 TCS Academic Assembly.

## Annual Goals Update: Re-brand Project Advances with SBIFF Sponsorship



The new COL brand continues to reach new audiences. After launching in the spring online and moving to an outdoor advertising campaign in June, the project now enters its next phase. COL is among the signature sponsors of the Santa Barbara International Film Festival (SBIFF), one of the region's highest profile events. Additionally, our branding is continually showcased before members of the SBIFF Film Society and patrons of the SBIFF Rivera Theatre.

The photo was taken at the July 25 screening of *13 Lives*, an event that drew a capacity audience and a Q&A with the film's director, Academy Award winner Ron Howard.

## A Landmark TCS Achievement, Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine Opens in Wichita



As our distinguished **Trustee Richard Winn** often reminds us in Board meetings, "it begins with leadership." His truism shined this month at a special event in Wichita, KS. I had the privilege of being in the room over a decade ago when **TCS President Michael Horowitz** shared his vision to establish a new osteopathic medical school. The goal became reality on

July 29 with the opening of the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine—Teddy Roosevelt (1905) was president the last time Kansas opened a new medical school.

I was honored to be at the event to see firsthand the power of leadership and recognition for those who made it happen, especially my TCS colleagues and **KCOM President Tiffany Masson**. The new addition to TCS furthers Dr. Horowitz's original vision of health and medicine being among the System's core disciplines. The day was a reminder of what can be done through leadership and a lasting inspiration.

## Upcoming Important Dates for Fall 2022

Date	Meeting/Event
August 8-9 @ 4:30	Onsite JD New Student Orientation & Bootcamp
August 15 @ 6:30	Beginning of Onsite JD Fall Semester
August 27-28	HJD Orientation and Bootcamp
August 29	Beginning of HJD and MAL Fall Semester
August 24 @ Noon	Institutional Advancement/Alumni Committee
August 25 @ Noon	Governance Committee Meeting
Sept. 20 @ Noon	Finance Committee Meeting
Sept. 20 @ 12:45p	Audit Committee Meeting
September 29 @ 4p	Fall Board of Trustees Meeting
October 20–21 in DTLA	TCS Biennial Board of Trustees Conference

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I'll be back next month with final numbers for Fall enrollment and more updates on our strategic priorities. I close with appreciation to all of you for your leadership and contributions to our mission.

In service,





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