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# Crafton Hills College Fire Academy 108 Student Matthew Alanis Awarded the Michael Orland Endowed Scholarship

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Photo: Matthew Alanis receives scholarship from Margie Orland.

Crafton Hills College (CHC) Fire Academy 108 student Matthew Alanis was awarded the Michael Orland Endowed Scholarship, established by Michael Orland, a graduate of CHC Fire Academy #34 and retired paramedic captain for the San Manuel Fire Department.

Orland, who was diagnosed with stage IV kidney cancer in 2017 and passed away in September of 2021, began awarding scholarships in 2020 to a deserving cadet of each Crafton Hills Fire Academy. The

recipient is someone who has overcome significant challenges and displays the necessary courage, perseverance, and tenacity it takes to be a firefighter.

Orland's mother, Margie Orland, has been presenting the scholarship in his honor since his passing. Margie applauded all twelve applicants for submitting such impressive applications and shared that she ultimately chose Matthew Alanis because of his extensive volunteer hours, academic achievements, and a passage in his essay that stood out. Alanis had written, "Oftentimes we envy people for their accomplishments, but oftentimes it's their hardships that create their character." Margie believes that Michael became the person he was because of his hardships.

Alanis has applied to the US Forest Service and hopes to work the upcoming fire season upon completion of the Academy. Next fall, Alanis hopes to obtain a position as an EMT to earn the hours he needs to enter the Crafton Hills College Paramedic Program.

Cadet Alanis was grateful to be the recipient and shared how much he admires Michael Orland: "This is the person who I want to become and strive to gain his character throughout my growth in the fire service." Through the Michael Orland Endowed Scholarship and the accomplishments of the recipients, Captain Orland's legacy will live on in perpetuity.

To learn more about the scholarships offered or to support the Michael Orland Endowment Scholarship Fund at CHC, visit: www.craftonhills.edu/scholarships.

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#### CHC Mathematics Professor Joshua Robles Recognized for Teaching Innovation



Photo: . CHC Math Professor Josh Robles.

For many, math can be a scary subject. But a familiar face at Crafton Hills College is here to help, and his hard work just landed him a spot in a 2023 campaign spotlighting Hispanics in mathematics.

Joshua Robles, a Roadrunner math professor, was selected to be part of this year's Lathisms Hispanic Heritage Month Calendar, a month-long campaign dedicated to providing a platform for Latinx and Hispanic math faculty and students to promote their love and contributions to the subject.

Founded in 2016, Lathisms' goal is to "provide an accessible platform that features the multifaceted and diverse nature of the Latinx and Hispanic mathematics community and inspires the younger generation of Latinx mathematics." During the campaign, a person selected from a pool of nominees is featured on the group's website, complete with a photo, biography and printable poster to promote the group or their fellow nominees' work.

Robles was selected to become part of this year's online calendar after being nominated by Brandi Bailes, Crafton's interim dean of social, information and natural sciences and associate mathematics professor, who noticed her co-worker's enthusiasm for the nonprofit and promoting the fun of math within a classroom setting and beyond.

"Josh is an amazingly gifted, kind and caring member of our math department," she said. "He actively works to ensure that the immense diversity we have in our mathematics community is highlighted throughout campus."

Part of that effort is done through social media, emails, websites, podcasts and Lathisms material, including a similar calendar/poster campaign that will feaure Robles in the coming months, she added.

Robles, a 32-year-old Claremont resident, first heard about Lathisms indirectly through one of his professors at Cal Poly Pomona, Robin Wilson. Wilson, Robles explained, was nominated to be featured on the Mathematically Gifted & Black website, which celebrates the accomplishments of scholars in mathematical sciences within the Black community. Robles said he "crosslinked resources" to find Lathisms and became active promoting the group's work.

At Crafton, Robles is heavily involved in uplifting and promoting Hispanic heritage through the planning of on-campus events and other means. Mix in a love for math that he discovered while at Cal Poly and you have the perfect Lathisms' nominee.

"I really enjoy the problem-solving aspect of math, and all the stuff I picked up [while at Cal Poly] about what we call 'modeling classes.' So, you have this idea of a real-life problem that you have to simplify with real-life models," he said. "Studying math is not doing algebra all day. My goal is for my students ...to find something [in the subject] they're interested in."

Robles added that even if STEM is not one's career or major of choice, math will always have a "cultural influence" in anything someone does. But what he has been focused on since joining Crafton in 2019 is "exposure," and he hopes his work and his promotion of Lathisms on campus and the fun of math will help do the trick. Already, students and his colleagues – including Bailes – are taking notice.

"Josh is the kind of person that focuses intentional efforts to make you feel safe, seen and appreciated," Bailes said. "His energy and ideas have changed how we teach mathematics on campus and throughout our teaching community. I nominated him for [Lathisms] because I wanted to share my vast gratitude for the opportunity to be known and be influenced by him."

Lathisms Hispanic Heritage Month Calendar featuring Robles will launch sometime during Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. And while he does not have plans to hang posters of his mug around campus, Robles joked others are more than welcome to. But, he added, "I'll probably just put a small one up in my office."

To learn more about Mathematically Black & Gifted and Lathisms, visit each group's respective websites at www. mathematicallygiftedandblack.com and www.lathisms.org.

### CHC Students Complete Primate Observation Live in-Person at San Diego Zoo



Photo: . CHC Students from Biological Anthropology Attend Zoo Field Trip.

The San Diego Zoo replaced the classroom for 32 Crafton Hills College biological anthropology students and their instructor, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Cheryl DiBartolo on February 20. The educational field trip, funded by the Crafton Hills College Foundation, enhanced classroom learning by connecting academic lessons to real-world observations. The class was able to do their primate observation assignment live in-person (usually done by way of video).

The students studied and watched the behavior of orangutans (including I-yearold baby Kaja and his mother and sister), gorillas, bonobos, and many species of monkeys.

Primatology is one of the four main topics of biological anthropology. Every day at the beginning of class, DiBartolo has had the students watch the live feed cameras at the San Diego Zoo, so to get to see the animals they have been watching all semester inperson was exciting.

Field trips enrich student learning and provide opportunities for student engagement that would not otherwise be possible. The CHC Foundation is grateful to the donors who make these activities possible. To learn more about the Foundation visit: www. craftonhills.edu/ foundation.



Photo: . CHC's Student Services Technician Jamie Sierra speaks with RUSD families.

### **Rialto USD Parent Summit**

On February 2, representatives from Crafton Hills College attended the Rialto Unified School District Parent Summit at Wilmer Amina Carter High School. Parents and families of RUSD students attended lectures, visited community booths, and enjoyed a complimentary lunch.

CHC's student services technician Jamie Sierra met parents and high school students and provided them with information about the various programs offered at CHC and the opportunities of dual enrollment, whereby qualified high school students can get a head start on college by enrolling in CHC credit classes on their home campus. Lots of candy and pencils were handed out to children, while parents and high school students were given CHC lanyards, lip balm, and mobile phone stands.

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### Crafton Students Attend Watchorn Lincoln Dinner at Smiley Library

The annual Watchorn Lincoln Dinner returned to the University of Redlands' Orton Center on Saturday, February 11 for the 91st time, and seven lucky Crafton Hills College students were among the attendees. The Crafton Hills College Foundation paid the cost for each CHC attendee. History professor Sabrina Jimenez was tasked with selecting Crafton history enthusiast attendees. The seven students, all declared social science majors and self-proclaimed history buffs, enjoyed the night tremendously.

The event honors the Watchhorn family and their generous gift of the Lincoln Shrine to the city of Redlands in 1932. The shrine is a tribute to Lincoln, a research center for scholars, and a museum. It was erected to honor Ewart Watchorn's memory, as both Ewart and his brother, Robert, had admired President Lincoln.

Dr. Nathan D. Gonzales -- historian, archivist, curator of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine and San Bernardino Community College District Board Trustee -- took time from his duties as presenter to personally welcome the students and thanked them



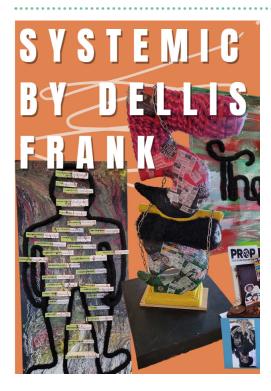
Photo: Watchorn Lincoln Dinner Attendees.

for attending. Redlands Mayor Eddie Tejeda and Mayor Pro Tem Paul Barich also introduced themselves to the students and thanked them for their interest and support.

The event allowed the CHC students to hone their networking skills as they were encouraged to interact with history experts, researchers, educators, philanthropists, university professors, policymakers and other students.

Crafton student outings like the Watchorn Lincoln Dinner are a great opportunity to enrich academic knowledge while supporting a meaningful cause.

To learn more about the Lincoln Memorial Shrine visit www.lincolnshrine.org.



### **Dellis Frank SYSTEMIC Art Exhibition**

The Crafton Hills College Art Department hosted a workshop and reception for Dellis Frank and her solo exhibition SYSTEMIC on February 22. Frank facilitated the workshop on three-dimensional portrait works, sharing the importance of art with a message for all artistic levels and encouraging students to express their creativity through fiber portraits.

Frank used a hands-on approach as she instructed students to choose a portrait of important figures in Black history and create art using fiber techniques such as hand sewing, embroidery and fabric collaging with glue to create a portrait or a mask with the mixed media materials provided. The workshop was well attended and reached standing-room-only capacity. After the workshop attendees participated in an artist's talk followed by a Q&A with Frank.

The SYSTEMIC exhibition centered around social justice issues as well as inequities and disparities in communities of color. Students were drawn to Frank and her optimistic demeanor, following her around the exhibit as she provided context and sources of inspiration for various pieces. She gave in-depth answers to innumerable questions while successfully engaging in deep and critical conversations with everyone who approached her with a question or comment.

## Roadrunners Celebrate Educational Successes, Club Rush at Annual Spring Fest

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Photo: . CHC Students At Club Rush with Mascot Ryker.

When it comes to making new friends on campus, joining a club is one of the best ways to get involved and start making connections. That was Isabella Hicks' goal on Tuesday, March 7, during Crafton Hills College's annual Spring Fest celebration, an event that looks to give Roadrunners a break from their studies and introduce them to ways to become more involved in campus life.

Hicks, along with friend and fellow biology major Anissa Oliva, went from table to table to see what piqued her interest. "I've tried to join clubs before, but they have never worked out," said the 19-year-old Highland resident. "But I want that social aspect because I feel that's the only thing that I'm missing from my college experience."

Students like Hicks and Oliva had plenty to choose from, including creative writing, basketball, theater and the recently launched Fashion Club, which displayed bountiful student projects and fashion magazines that even Sex and the City's Carrie Bradshaw would envy.

Meeting the first Monday of each month, Fashion Club helps its members create long-lasting connections and encourages them to let their creativity shine in a safe space, explained advisor Soutsakhone Xayaphanthong, a Crafton counselor. "I think the facility and administration have already been really supportive in allowing our students to be creative," she said. "And we all know that when our students feel connected to their campus, they are more likely to stay [here], complete their courses and succeed."

As a bonus, Xayaphanthong added, club members have opportunities to earn scholarships if they plan to transfer to the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.

Elsewhere during the event, Annalyse Yglesias was helping to usher in people to the American Sign Language booth with a friendly smile and bright hello. There, students – and faculty – were able to talk with members and walk away with a brochure filled with information about the group and ways to connect after Spring Fest hours.

ForYglesias, learning sign language helps her feel connected to the deaf community, and allows for her to learn a foreign language outside of the more known language offerings available to students, such as Spanish and French. Learning sign, she continued, "is just a great way to socialize and be more integrated in the community that I wasn't originally a part of. Learning more about ASL and deaf culture and what it is all really about from a deaf person's perspective, as a hearing person, I feel has been such a great experience."

Students in booths across the quad shared the importance of feeling connected as the basis for joining clubs at CHC. Many of the students expressed the importance of social support while at the same time having the opportunity to grow and learn in a safe, inclusive, nonjudgmental environment through their involvement with student organizations.

In addition to club rush and the New Orleans/Mardi Gras-like vibes, students who completed 30-plus units this year received a special celebratory gift of a commemorative pin, from Crafton officials. Food trucks, cotton candy and popcorn machines, a beignets station, and a live DJ spinning the latest and greatest were also event highlights.

There are currently 17 active chartered clubs at Crafton Hills College. To learn more about campus life at Crafton Hills College, go to www.craftonhills.edu/ current-students/student-life/.

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### American Sign Language Collaboration Conference Held at Crafton Hills College

The 8th annual American Sign Language (ASL) Educators Collaboration Conference, held at CHC on March 4, showcased the power of collaborative efforts in ASL education. The conference was organized by Crafton ASL Professors Breanna Andrews, Davena Burns-Peters, and Butch Zein.

The conference was built around collaborative efforts, with over 75 educators from as far away as Fresno City College to share their experiences, knowledge, and best practices. Attendees were able to connect with other ASL educators and discuss various aspects of teaching and learning ASL. The workshops and presentations, provided practical insights into the latest trends and techniques in ASL education. Conference attendees provided feedback saying this was the best event yet,



and the environment was comfortable and welcoming to all.

To learn more about ASL at Crafton visit: www.craftonhills.edu/asl.

# CHC Students Attend Conference on Strengthening Community in Research Mathematics



Photo: CHC Math Club Students.

Crafton Hills Math Club, along with Professor Josh Robles, their advisor, attended the Conference on Strengthening Community Research Mathematics in Claremont that focused on highlighting the strategic role and importance of mathematics research.

The group of eight students heard from a panel of experts who discussed the graduate school admission and matriculation processes, navigating the mathematics discipline as a member of a currently underrepresented group, the multitude of career opportunities that one can pursue with a graduate degree in mathematics, and managing academic and nonacademic job ladders. The students were also introduced to the Math Alliance mentoring program, which helps students of color get into graduate school.

For more information on the Math Club at Crafton visit: https://www.craftonhills.edu/ current-students/student-life/clubs/mathclub/index.php

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#### CHC Students/Administrators Attend A2Mend Conference



Photo: L to R: Devon Carter, Changwe Musonda, Dan Word, Lamont Montgomery, Willie Blackmon.

Crafton Hills College provided the funding for students Devon Carter, Changwe Musonda, and Lamont Montgomery to attend the annual African American Male Education Network & Development (A<sup>2</sup>MEND) conference in Los Angeles on the first three days in March. CHC Interim Dean of Student Services Willie Blackmon

and CHC Dean of Career Education and Human Development Dan Word, also attended.

A<sup>2</sup>MEND is a nonprofit organization representing African American male educators who volunteer to operate a statewide mentoring program for Black male college students. The conference included various sessions that provided appeals for action, with such titles as "We Have to Do More" and "Operationalizing Black Student Success."

This summit focused on ways Black male college students and educators can tap into innovative ideas that increase Black male student success in California's community colleges. This year's theme was "The Ausar Project: Resurrecting Black Male Success," to highlight the importance of re-establishing Black male success in the community college.

Student attendee Changwe Musonda commented on how amazing it was to see people that looked like him at the conference and said A<sup>2</sup>MEND was "an experience I only realized I needed once I got there." Changwe would love to attend another A2Mend Conference in the future. For more information on A<sup>2</sup>MEND visit: www.a2mend.org/.



Photo: CHC Faculty and Students enjoy the Snow Day.

A Winter Wonderland at Crafton Hills College

It's an unusual sight and experience for Yucaipa. While winter weather –including snow – has caused some problems in our local mountains, it also made for a fun experience for a group of math faculty at CHC. Mathematics Department Chair Danielle McCoy and her team enjoyed a break from the classroom while the snow fell on February 23.

Just a week later, the campus received yet another storm and snow fell again, this time sticking around long enough for students to make snowmen and even enjoy a snowball fight.

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### Crafton Hills College Transforms into Urinetown



Photo: Urinetown cast with Director, Paul Jacques (center).

Imagine having to pay each time you use the restroom. Now, imagine many such restrooms being owned by one man expecting a big payout to fund a trip to an exotic location with each flush. For those living in "Urinetown," this is daily life, all thanks to a 20-year drought and the greediness of a massive, corrupt corporation.

Their story is captured in a completely satirical musical called – you guessed it – *Urinetown*, first developed for the stage in the early 2000s by Mark Hollman and Greg Kotis and selected by Crafton Hills College's theater department as its 2023 spring musical.

Under the direction of Paul Jacques, more than a dozen actors took on personas of the town's diverse population of residents, from a humble janitor to his love interest whose view of the world is completely skewed, to the greedy owner of the shady corporation known as "Urine Good Company."

Urinetown is a bold presentation of realworld hot topics, such as the legal system, capitalism and corporate management. For Crafton's production, a simple but effective set and a solid cast under the direction of Jacques helped lead audiences through a series of emotions. But Jacques wanted each performance to do one other thing: get audiences talking.

"Urinetown pokes fun at the politics and policies of sustainability," he said. "While we don't want to tell people what to think, we certainly want to get the conversation started. 'Is this how we're living – and expanding? [Is it] good in the long term?' 'Who is it good for?' Questions like that.'

The musical, Jacques continued, is part of the partnership between Crafton and the Redlands Theatre Festival, which will stage the musical during its upcoming summer season. The musical *Urinetown* was selected "because of its dark humored nature," he explained. "We feel that [the musical] is a building block in that it is a step-up skillwise from 'Avenue Q,' which itself is a step up from [the] 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. We want to increase the type of musical that we are doing each year as the students in the program continue to build their skill sets." Building upon those skills is exactly what Sebastian Hernandez wanted to do when he auditioned for the role as Officer Lockstock, the show's narrator.

Although he had auditioned for musicals in the past, only to come up short, auditioning for this out-of-the-box musical allowed him an opportunity to try something new and develop Lockstock as if he were the first to play the role.

"I'm at the point where I want to take [acting] more seriously," said the 21-yearold Yucaipa resident. "My singing has never been quite the best and so I've been working on it leading up to this so I feel more comfortable in a professional setting being able to actually do this for a living."

Casting for *Urinetown* was completed in December. Rehearsals followed every Monday through Thursday since mid-January. Performances were staged March 10, 11 and 12 in the Finkelstein Performing Arts Center and, like its cast, brought in a diverse audience.

Along with Hernandez, rounding out the cast was Chelsea Bishop as Penelope Pennywise, Jacob Brantmeyer as Tiny Tom/Dr. Billeaux, Arthur Buenaventura as Senator Flipp, Juniper Burgess as Robby Stockfish/Mrs. Millennium, Chris Coon as Caldwell B. Cladwell, Kobe Darby as Bobby Strong, Miah Earl as Ms. McQueen, Kat Jacques as Little Becky Two Shoes/ Secretary, Monty Muse as Officer Barrel, Luciana Vignali as Josephine Strong, Sky Sigmund as Soupy Sue, Bailey Spletzer as Little Sally, Joshua Tongpo as Old Man Strong/Hot Blades/Harry, and Stephanie Yglesias as Hope Cladwell.

Missed your chance to see *Urinetown* at Crafton? A Jacques-led production will be staged on on select dates during the Redlands Theatre Festival in mid-June through July. To learn more, go to www. rtfseason.com.

## Kevin Fleming Workshop For Educators Reframes Successful Balance of Education and Skills Aquisition



Photo: Kevin Fleming (center) poses wth educational leaders before workshop.

On February 28, over 100 teachers, counselors, and administrators from Redlands Unified School District, Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program, Yucaipa Calimesa Joint Unified School District, and Crafton Hill College partnered to bring bestselling author Dr. Kevin Fleming to present a workshop entitled (Re)Defining the Goal: The True Path to Career Readiness in the 21st Century. During the morning workshop held at CHC, Fleming focused on the misalignment between degrees and job skills and the perception that higher earnings are based on college degree attainment levels that have been embedded in our society for decades.

Fleming's inspiring presentation challenged attendees to reframe the push for all high school graduates to go to college and introduced a new paradigm with tangible action steps for young adults to explore career and technical education that will help them gain a competitive advantage for well paying jobs.

"Technical skills are the new currency in the 21st century," Fleming stated, going on to explain that a balance is needed to prepare students for both higher education and the workforce simultaneously.

Fleming explained that students will only become career ready if they begin to explore career choices early, make informed decisions when declaring their college educational goals, and consider technical skill acquisition and real-world application in tandem with general education.

Fleming's message was clear: "Community colleges are in the ideal position to provide an education combined with applied technical training, industry driven credentials, and specific preparation for employment."

Crafton Hills College Hosts Transfer Center Meeting for Directors

On Mar 2, CHC hosted a Region 9: Inland Empire Community College Transfer Center Directors' meeting along with several fouryear university partners from the CSU, UC, Independent Private Colleges and two outof-state partners, Arizona State University & Grand Canyon University. This was the first in-person event for this group since 2019.

The group discussed best practices to engage students and learned about upcoming changes to financial aid, in addition to receiving updates on increasing collaborative efforts between community colleges and 4-year universities. The meeting led to a discussion about the

need to expose students to universities, especially in a post-COVID era. Field trips to 4-year institutions are one of the most impactful activities to promote transfer. However, transportation is expensive and most of the colleges in our area are not facilitating these trips for lack of resources. It was decided that collaborative efforts for 2023-2024 will center around sharing transportation costs among the Inland Empire CCCs and working with our 4-year partners to maximize our efforts. CHC continues to play a key role in the leadership, advocacy and streamlining efforts to increase students transferring to the university for our region.



Photo: Region 9 Transfer Center Directors Meeting.

## A Day of Advocacy returns to CHC after a Three-Year Covid-19 Hiatus

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Photo: CHC's Day of Advocacy student speakers with Professor Urbanovich.

Students across the country are not always given the opportunity to speak open and freely about their experiences and thoughts. But for Crafton Hills College's Day of Advocacy event, Jimmy Urbanovich, the event's creator and advisor, encourages it.

Each year, Urbanovich, a professor of communication studies, hosts A Day of Advocacy, an out-of-classroom experience where students from his Elements of Public Speaking course read aloud a prepared speech on varying topics. And this year's festivities – held for the first time in person following the COVID-19 pandemic on Tuesday, March 14 – did not disappoint.

The first Day of Advocacy took place in 2008, and although the weather for this year's festivities was not ideal for the outdoor event, each of Professor Urbanovich students was still eager to share their well-researched paper on topics such as sports and body image and the importance of knowing how to administer CPR. Max Magoon, a 19-yearold trans student, decided to draw from his own background.

While Magoon is out to his friends and peers, he is not out to his parents. And with trans-related issues making headlines across the globe, speaking freely about his story helps develop a sense of understanding for those unfamiliar with the trans experience.

"Personally, I have identified with the [LGBTQIA+] community for basically my entire life," he shared. "I grew up in a very transphobic household, so it is really important for me to advocate for this specifically because I know that being trans is not only hard on you mentally but ... hard on you physically. People will constantly be trying to demean you or physically harm you for existing."

"My main intention with the speech was to get the question out there, because I know that for a lot of people, if they are not close to someone who is trans or ... queer in some way, these issues do not come up for them. In fact, I did not know about a lot of trans issues until I started realizing that I identified with the trans label, and it's really sad to think about the fact that if an issue doesn't involve you, you tend to not to look at it," he continued.

And that is Urbanovich's focus of the annual event — to get people to think about different topics. While you might not agree with a point of view expressed, it gets people to start talking, Urbanovich explained.

"The [Crafton] campus needs to hear these speeches because they are so important, and it's such a good experience for students to learn the importance of advocacy," he said. "I have to confess a primary reason I continue to do this is because it has so much support on campus. Administrators love it [and] people always ask me, "When is Day of Advocacy?" Even if you don't see many people out here, there is something contagious about the energy of it."

Urbanovich hopes to continue hosting A Day of Advocacy for years to come because, as he shared with his students and attendees, without advocacy culture dies, and staying silent is not the answer to pushing culture forward.

"I'm not an issues person. I don't care if you're left, right, I don't care what you are. In fact, it concerns me when I hear one side not represented because my issue is free speech. That's it. So, I can come out here and I can support every single topic because I am supporting your advocacy," he said.

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#### 2023 Change-Maker of the Year Award: CHC's Admissions & Records



Photo: Crafton Hills College Office of Admission & Records Staff with CHC mascot, Ryker.

The team in Crafton Hills College's Admissions & Records Office (A & R) has been recognized by Laserfiche (a software development company) for transforming their operations, their customer experience and how services are delivered to students by using the Laserfiche platform. A & R streamlined various processes using online Laserfiche Forms. As a result, the department has successfully implemented an online process for dual enrollment requests, graduation applications, and transfer credit evaluation requests, reducing processing time from several months to a couple of weeks.

The department's efforts towards moving all forms to Laserfiche have enabled students and faculty to submit necessary documents and requests to A & R online. The department has collaborated with other departments on campus, including Financial Aid, Student Life, Health and Wellness, and Student Accessibility Services, to develop online Laserfiche forms for them. Doing so will provide greater efficiency for the campus community.

### PCAC Swim Meet

On Friday March 3, Crafton Hills College hosted the Pacific Coast Athletics Conference Sprint invitational kicking off the 2023 swimming season.

There were many outstanding performances from all our Roadrunners. Among them, these races resulted in the following top three finishes:

Men's Events:

Kyle Dennert - 50 yard Breaststroke (3rd place)

Kyle Dennert - 200 yard Freestyle (1st place)

Gerald Griffin - 200 yard Freestyle (2nd place)

Gerald Griffin, Jordan Balmer, Shane Randle, Kyle Dennert - Men's 200 Yard Freestyle Relay (2nd place)

Women's Events: Kathryn Wagner - 50 yard Breaststroke (3rd place)



Photo: CHC Men's & Women's Swim Team.

Cristal Duran - 200 yard Freestyle (2nd place)

Cristal Duran, Aislinn (Ace) Greene, Melanie Ruiz, Kathryn Wagner - Women's 200 yard Freestyle Relay (3rd place) Excellent start of the season for our student athletes! Additional events and information about joining the CHC Athletics programs, visit www.craftonhills.edu/athletics.