



President's Board Report

December 10, 2009

CHC Celebrates Native American Heritage Month

California's First Cultures: A Celebration at Crafton Hills (Wa'at) was held on Thursday, November 19 and November 20. Held in recognition of Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day on November 27, the celebration brings together Redlands and Yucaipa elementary school students and Native American instructors into a traditional village setting to teach the Indian culture of the San Bernardino East Valley. Students participated in hands-on lessons covering aspects of Native American culture including basketry, pottery, music and story-telling.



Elementary students experienced samples of what life was like at Wa'at centuries ago.

In addition, presentations were given by Cliff Trafzer, UCR history professor, James Ramos, San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians, Jacque Nuñez, Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, Rosanne Hamilton, Cahuilla, David Largo, Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians, and Ernest Siva, Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

CHC Collects Over 1,000 Boxes of Cereal for Charity

Thanks to the generosity of community members and the staff, faculty, students at Crafton Hills College, a grand total of 1,007 boxes of cereal were donated to the children and families at Mary's Mercy Center in San Bernardino for Thanksgiving.

Spearheaded by the Associated Students and the staff of the Child Development and Education Center, this outpouring of charity has had a ripple effect on those involved.

"It's really moving to know that we are making a difference in the lives of homeless families in our community," said Moises Valencia, Associated Student President. I'm proud to say that my college is compassionate enough to see these families as good people going through tough times and not as a group of people who is, or should be, someone else's problem,"



Associated Students President Moises Valencia sinks into the over 1000 boxes of donated cereal.

Taking Student Learning Outcomes Into the Fire

Instructors at the CHC Fire Academy have a new firefighting tool—an electronic assessment that ensures that cadets are getting the training they need.

On Friday, October 30th, cadets in the 71st CHC Academy were evaluated to determine their readiness to enter the firefighting profession, and as a means of assessing student learning outcomes (SLOs). By assessing in this manner, the faculty is able to review cadet performance and improve the quality of the program for future classes in the academy. The CHC Fire Academy has made excellent use of eLumen Achievement Software, and specifically, the eLumen Portable Scoring System.

Crafton is one of about 23 California Community College campuses that have adopted eLumen. But it is one of only two campuses in the nation that currently uses the eLumen portable scoring system that allows instructors to take the assessment out of the classroom and into the field.

Utilizing the Panasonic Toughbook, a state-of-the-art ruggedized tablet PC, eLumen allows Instructors to easily and efficiently assess cadet performance, in any setting, and under the harshest conditions.

“eLumen has been a god-send in making the task of assessing and managing all the SLO data very easy and manageable,” said CHC Chief Dan Sullivan. “We used to spend hours and hours going through reams of scoresheets and tallying results. eLumen now does all that work instantly for us, so we can spend more time focusing on the quality of our academy, and giving our cadets the best experience anywhere.”

“I didn’t know much about SLOs and what they were all about, but eLumen has made the whole process easy for us. Having our SLOs and performance standards in the Toughbook out in the field makes it a no-brainer,” said Instructor Mike Horton. “We can look at how our current academy compares with past performance with just a couple of mouse clicks, and that helps us see if we’re on the right track.”



CHC Fire Academy Instructors Rick Groff and Wes Collins discuss cadet SLO performance with Chief Dan Sullivan, captured with eLumen Portable scoring system, utilizing the Panasonic Toughbook.

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It may have just been another dinner out for patrons at Yucaipa’s AJ Barile’s Chicago Pizza Restaurant on a busy Saturday night. But, each meatball and slice of garlic bread served on the evening of November 7th was a tasty treat of a fundraiser for CHC Fire Academy students as the restaurant donated 100% of the spaghetti dinner proceeds.

Over \$2,600 was raised in dinner and raffle sales to: help students pay for the State Certificates, support a hardship fund for academy cadets, help purchase needed supplies and several other academy projects.



Cadets from the 71st Academy served up spaghetti and meatballs at AJ Barile’s as part of a fundraiser on Saturday, November 7th.

Save The Date

Thursday, December 10 – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Student Art Exhibition – Opening Reception

Running through Wednesday, December 18th, check out the latest exhibition from CHC students. Admission is free. For more information, contact 909.389.3353.

Thursday, December 17 – 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Holiday Gathering – Crafton Center

The CHC President and CHC managers invite the campus to enjoy some holiday cheer. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, December 18 – 6:00 p.m.

EMT Basic Graduation – Finkelstein Performing Arts Center

Celebrate the beginning of new careers as emergency medical technicians graduate into the working world. For more information, contact 909.389.3214.