



## *President's Board Report* *May 9, 2013*

### Message from the President



Dr. Cheryl Marshall, President

May is one of the most exciting times of the year as we see students transition to the next step in their educational journey. Some are moving on to a four-year university while others are entering the workforce. It is a time of hope, opportunity, and celebration for the students, for their families, and for the campus. We are filled with pride as we watch students we've worked with for the past few years take a step into the future.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!

### Graduation!

The 2013 Crafton Hills College (CHC) Commencement will be held in the Campus Quad on Thursday, May 23, beginning at 6 p.m. The event should complete by 7:30 p.m. This community celebration is open to the public and parking is free on campus that evening. Approximately 550 students will be eligible to walk in Commencement this year, having earned over 700 degrees and certificates in the fall 2012 and spring 2013 semesters. Speakers for the Commencement and the names of the graduates will be announced in the next weeks.

Festivities begin with a Graduation Breakfast in the cafeteria served by faculty, staff and administrators on Thursday morning, immediately following the graduation rehearsal which begins at 8:30 a.m.

Commencement is the culmination of a busy month of events that includes the EOPS Graduation and Scholars Ceremony (May 10), the Scholars Convocation (May 16), the Transfer Recognition Celebration (May 17), and the EMT Graduation (May 22), all of which follow the Fire Academy Graduation that was held on April 18 and the Student Recognition Dinner held on May 3.

## 78th Basic Firefighter Training Academy Graduation

Nineteen cadets started the Academy in February and every one of them finished and graduated on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Trustees Donna Ferracone, Joseph Williams, and Gloria Harrison attended the celebration, assisting with the presentation of the certificates.

Academy Leader Cadet Brian Crowder addressed the graduating class, and other graduating student leaders included Sierra Brown, Association President; Bradford Williams, Association Treasurer and Squad 4 Leader; Daniel Cherpín, Squad 1 Leader; Bryson Rahier, Squad 2 Leader, Andrew Spackman, Squad 3 Leader and Pheakdey Yim, Guidon.

Mike Alder, Division Chief, San Bernardino City Fire Department, now retired, was the guest speaker.



Front Row – Left to Right: Blake Sorensen, Calimesa; Sierra Brown, Forest Falls; Christopher Malray, Moreno Valley; Yim Pheakdey, Moreno Valley; Shane Bohner, Yucaipa; Shane Thompson, Mentone; Roberto Sanchez, Rialto

Back Row – Left to Right: Ernest Mullenax, La Verne; Derek Wochholz, Yucaipa; Caleb Long, Yucaipa; Bradford Williams, Highland; Daniel Cherpín, Redlands; Hayden Hower, Crestline; Brian Crowder, Rialto; Daniel Casner, Running Springs; James Harlan, Bakersfield; Andrew Spackman, Glendale

Not pictured: Bryson Rahier and Jesse Horn

## 30th Reunion of Fire Academy Graduates

Crafton Hills College takes pride in providing quality training and educational programs that enhance our community. For 30 years, the Crafton Hills College Fire Academy has prepared our local firefighters to extinguish fires, provide emergency medical care to the sick and injured, respond to traffic collisions, perform technical rescue, and so much more.

On April 12, over 60 alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, retirees, cadets, and friends gathered to celebrate 30 years of excellence in training for the Crafton Hills College Fire Academy. The Alumni Association is working to establish relationships between alumni and Crafton which will strengthen the college and increase opportunities for students. All alumni, the cadets from the 78 graduating classes, were invited to return to Crafton for this fundraising luncheon which raised over \$625 to help provide necessary equipment for our Academy through donations and sponsorships.

Highlights included a speaker, Leonard Temby who chronicled the history of the Academy and his father, the late Ed Temby's role in establishing the program at Crafton Hills College. A certificate of recognition was presented on behalf of the California State Senate by Art Welch, representative from the office of Senator Bill Emerson (23rd District).





## Honors Luncheon Recognizes Successful Students

Over 50 students attended the Honors Luncheon held on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The event gives students an opportunity to visit with one another and with honors faculty and administrators. Those who are graduating shared their lists of colleges where they applied and were accepted. It was heartwarming to hear their sentiments about the Honors Program and how it has contributed to their success.



## Student Senators Attend Conference

The 2012-2013 CHC Student Senate prepares to leave for the statewide Student Senate General Assembly in Burlingame, Ca. They were accompanied by the Senate Advisor and Student Life Director, Ericka Paddock.

The two annual general assemblies provide a critically important forum for discussion and debate on state-wide issues, multi-district challenges, and for sharing ideas for how to make the community college system better.



## CHC's Sustainability Initiatives



Larry Cook, CHC's Director of Facilities, is a sustainability champion and is leading a number of the initiatives at CHC. He provided an overview of our initiatives in a workshop on Earth Day and met with Crafton Council the following day.

Some of the many benefits of the initiatives include decreased environmental impact, lower energy and water costs, and reduced waste costs. Solar power is being harnessed through the 7 acre solar farm and the thermal panels which provide a portion of heating for the pool.

The installation over the past two years of energy systems for lighting and HVAC help manage utility usage and costs. Irrigation and storm control systems are in place to reduce water usage and flooding.

A newly expanded recycling program and our green waste program will both enhance our efforts to reduce land fill waste. All of these programs exemplify our commitment to sustaining our environment and reducing our costs.

Many thanks to Larry and others who have taken a leadership role.





## Congratulations, New Student Senate Elected Officers

Student Senate Elections were held on April 23 and 24th and CHC had another stellar turnout! 440 students, 8% of the student body, voted. The national average in student elections is 2%. All aspects of the Spring 2013 Student Senate elections were staffed and validated by the Reading Instructional Assessment Technician, Secretary, Department of Student Life, and Director, Department of Student Life .

### The 2013-2014 Executive Officers are:

- A. President: Samantha Skaggs
- B. Executive Vice President: Patrick Dorsey
- C. Vice President, External Affairs: Matt Rodney
- D. Vice President, Academic Affairs: Cameron Lyons
- E. Treasurer: not filled
- F. Secretary: not filled
- G. Student Trustee: Yasmeen Flores

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!**

Skaggs



Flores

## "Altered Books" on Exhibit



"Altered Books" features explorations in form, function and material through the approach of repurposing objects and reinterpreting their original functions. The works were created by Professor Jessica McCambly's class and are on display in the Library.

Featuring works by Adesegun Adeyeye, Kelsey Appis, Marlee Butler, Craig Flowers, Adrian Gaastra, Adrien Grace, Brandee Gross, Emily Gross, Nicole Hakim, Yvonne Lanthripp, Marissa Lopez, Christopher McDonald, Harland Newby, Jade Olsen,. Evan Roberts, Pauline Velarde, Kirsten Welch, Eric Whitesell, and Matthew Wiseman

## Transfer Center Numbers Impressive

The Transfer Center opened in the Spring 2012, funded in large part by the Hispanic Serving Institution Title V grant. The Center has been a whirlwind of activity and is showing successful results. In large part, Center Coordinator Mariana Moreno attributes those results to the faculty involvement of the Transfer Advocates program.

The Transfer Center encourages students to consider transferring on to a four year college or university through university visits and transfer fairs, workshops, classroom presentations, transfer agreements that guarantee acceptance for our students if all conditions are met, the available computer lab and other resources on universities and this year's new event, the Transfer Recognition Celebration, scheduled for May 17.

The Transfer Advocate Program (TA) presents a rare opportunity for faculty to encourage, support and mentor students who are considering transferring. The CHC Transfer Advocates are 15 instructional faculty, including representatives of all three academic divisions who participate in two trainings per semester and staff the mobile transfer center. The TAs are the liaisons through which their discipline or department disseminates transfer-related information to interested students. The program began in Fall 2011, and over its existence has reported almost 4000 student contacts. Individual TAs have demonstrated a variety of methods of assisting students.

Transfer Fairs this year experienced a 39% increase in student contacts over the prior year. The number of individual applicants to CSU San Bernardino increased 42% from Fall 2011 to Fall 2012, and the corollary number of CHC students applying to the University of California system increased 45% over the same time period. As they say, 'the proof is in the pudding' – and the numbers all support the exceptional dedication of the TAs in supporting student transfer activities, and to the other undertakings provided by Transfer and Honor Center staff.

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

**May 10** EOPS Graduation and Scholars Ceremony, 6 pm, PAC

**May 13-23** CHC Art presents Spring Student Exhibition

**May 14** CHC Music Presents Choir Concert, 7 pm, PAC, \$5 admission

**May 16** CHC Music Presents Jazz Concert, 7 pm, PAC, \$5 admission

**May 16** Scholars Convocation, 6 pm, PAC

**May 17** Transfer Recognition Celebration, 6 pm,

**May 22** EMT Graduation, 6 pm, PAC

**May 23** CHC Commencement, 6 pm, Campus Quad



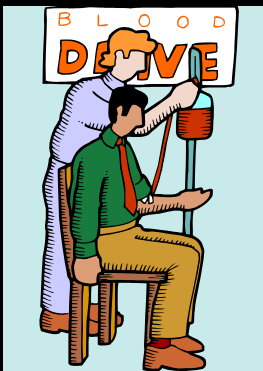
## Evacuation Drill



Ensuring that a campus as spread out as CHC can evacuate in a timely and safe fashion takes practice. Events are held regularly, like this one in April that included the evacuation of the LRC, led by Vice President Mike Strong, seen below, and members of his staff, among others.



## Students Host Blood Drive



The Health Sciences Club hosted a blood drive on April 24 that brought three blood mobiles to campus in an effort to support an opportunity for the students to win a scholarship.

Called the Cesar Chavez Blood Drive Challenge, CHC set an impressive goal of attracting 110 donors. The national event celebrates Chavez's legacy as an American civic leader by engaging college students to promote health education, health and science careers, civic engagement and saving lives!

More than 250 colleges and universities and 30,000 students participate.