

# President's Board Report

## November 14, 2013

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Dr. Cheryl Marshall*  
*President*

Each Fall the Research and Planning Group of California hosts the Student Success Conference and it has grown from 200 participants to nearly 700. It is one of the most inspiring events I have the opportunity to attend; hearing about best practices for student success reaffirms our commitment to helping students achieve their goals. This year Keith Wurtz and I gave a presentation about learning through continuous improvement where we showcased our program review, strategic planning, and assessment processes. Over the past four years, CHC has made great strides in establishing, building upon, learning from, and improving each of these processes. Our progress becomes more evident when visiting other institutions as part of an accreditation team and I am very proud of the campus for their work in these areas. We are well-positioned for addressing the gaps in student achievement and becoming a stronger organization each and every year.

I encourage you to attend the Student Success Conference at some point. It is enlightening and refreshing to hear about the great work being done at community colleges.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Nov. 13	Fire Academy Graduation, 6 p.m. @ PAC
Nov. 14-15	California's First Cultures: A Celebration of Crafton Hills/Wa'at
Nov. 18	Arabic Studies Gathering, 5-8 p.m.
Nov. 28-29	Campus Closed for Thanksgiving
Dec. 6-8	<i>Through Wonderland</i> @ PAC (Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 2 & 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.)
Dec. 10	Fall Choir Concert, 7 p.m. @ PAC
Dec. 11	CHC Holiday Open House, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. @ Cafeteria
Dec. 12	Fall Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m. @ PAC
Dec. 19	Respiratory Therapy Graduation, 5 p.m. @ PAC
Dec. 20	EMT Graduation, 6 p.m. @ PAC
Dec. 25-Jan. 1	Campus Closed for Winter Break

### THE SAND CANYON REVIEW



Ryan Bartlett, Faculty Advisor and Editor-in-Chief of *The Sand Canyon Review*, had a launch party for the literary magazine on Friday, Nov. 1st. Writers, poets, and artists showed up to see their work in print and share their creativity during an Open Mic session.

Owen Klaas stands with his artwork. He also designed the cover of this year's *The Sand Canyon Review*.

## “COME TO COLLEGE” FAMILY FEST A SUCCESS

About 200 kids and parents attended the first “Come to College” Family Fest at Crafton Hills College on Saturday, October 12, including a bus of middle school kids from Kolb Middle School in Rialto. The outreach event was targeting K-6 graders and their parents to encourage them to start thinking about college now.

The perfect weather contributed to a day of fun on the CHC Quad, where kids could climb into firefighter gear and sit in the fire truck, see what their organs look like, write their name in Japanese, race a tricycle, and take their “graduation” photo in a cap and gown. There was even a free lunch. Of course, there was also an opportunity to learn about programs at San Bernardino Valley College, Mt. San Jacinto College and the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa ROP.

Redlands Mayor Pete Aguilar gave a keynote address in the morning and the day ended with a special musical performance by the Yucaipa Performing Arts Council, *Anything’s Possible*.





# FRIENDS OF CHC FOUNDATION SECOND ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The Friends of Crafton Hills College Foundation Second Annual Luncheon was held on October 8th at the San Bernardino Hilton. Used as an opportunity to build relationships with those who have “time, talent or treasure” to contribute, the program highlighted those possibilities.

The focus for this year’s luncheon was on enlightening the group on current activities and needs at Crafton Hills College, specifically the Left Lane Project (LLP) and naming opportunities at new buildings. Jonathan Townsend, Tutoring Center Coordinator, introduced two LLP students, Lucas Jamroz and Andrea Lopez, and interviewed them about the impact the program had on their college career. Their answers gave a glimpse of how successful this program is in helping students navigate the rigors of college.

Mike Smith, Fire Chief for the San Manuel Fire Department and an alumnus of CHC, then shared his experience at Crafton Hills College and why he believes they produce such employment-worthy students. “Although the skill and acumen of graduates may lay the foundation for a career, that is not what elevates an applicant to employment. That is merely the entry ticket to consideration in an increasingly competitive job market,” he said. “The ability to incorporate technology in the workplace--training now for jobs not yet invented; the ability to incorporate analytical methods; and critical thinking skills, are what make the difference. Skills developed in the college ‘lab’ environment.”

Former Foundation President Don Nydam closed the luncheon with an appeal to also lay a “concrete” foundation by purchasing a brick in your name, or someone else’s, at the Occupational Education Building which will break ground next year.





## CHC CONQUERS 3 PEAKS CHALLENGE!

By Bryan Reece, Vice President of Instruction

*Twenty-five CHC faculty, staff and administrators completed the inaugural 3 Peaks Challenge on Saturday, October 19. We walked 16 miles and climbed about 4,500 feet to the top of San Bernardino Peak at 10,649 feet. A few people didn't get all the way to the top, but everyone pushed themselves through fatigue and pain to realize a great accomplishment.*

*The day reminded me of how much we need each other to achieve as individuals. I was nearly the last to summit and would not have made it but for Yasmeen. Our very own Student Trustee walked with me the last hour, when I felt there was no more climb left in my exhausted legs.*

### *Engage-Learn-Advance*

*Deep engagement, transformational learning and steady advancement are essential to our growth as individuals, but we need each other if we hope to push past the fatigue and pain. This is the kind of place Crafton Hills College aspires to be: a place where all of us (students, faculty, staff and administrators) can achieve remarkable personal growth because others walk with you when it feels too difficult to finish.*

*Thank you to everyone who helped make a day I will long remember!*



Countdown before the hike.



Summitting the peak.

## SBRETC HOSTS EUROPEAN GROUP



The San Bernardino Regional Emergency Training Center hosted a group of firefighters for a four-day customized training session. Ten of the firefighters were from Germany and two were from England.

They spent the last day of training suited up for photos and learning how to cut through airplane walls.



## RECEPTION MATCHES SCHOLARS & DONORS



The CHC Foundation hosted a special reception on Tuesday, October 15 to pair their scholarship donors with their scholarship recipients. The reception gave donors an opportunity to meet the students benefitting from their donations and hear their story.

Betty Davis represents the Beaver Medical Clinic Foundation. They fund scholarships throughout the Inland Empire, including Crafton Hills College. This year's recipient is Julia Minter, a Radiologic Technology student. "I love the variety of this program," said Minter. As part of the 22-month program, students complete clinical rounds at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

They move from department to department, so it's something different every day. "There are only nine students in our program," said Minter, "so we get one-on-one attention. It's very personalized instruction," she said.

Davis said she appreciated the opportunity to meet her scholar. "I love this," said Davis, who commented that Beaver has supported students in CHC's paramedic program in the past. "I appreciate meeting the students whom we help," said Davis.

A number of other donors attended the reception as well, including a couple who came from Las Vegas. Nancy Kasin is the daughter of former Chancellor, Ray Ellerman, of whom the Foundation has an endowed scholarship. Nancy attended the reception with her husband.

Dr. Marshall thanked everyone for their generous support of Crafton Hills College and its students.

## STUDENT SUCCESS FOCUS OF RETREAT

The Student Success, Engagement, Enrollment Management and Matriculation (SSEEMM) committee held a retreat on Friday, November 1 to continue the work they began in January. The committee is focusing on six areas that they believe will have the biggest impact in helping students succeed:

- Integration of instruction and student success (i.e. matriculation) processes
- Crafton Policy Changes for Student Success
- Faculty and Staff Culture
- Student Culture
- Instruction
- Student Requirements

The day-long retreat ended with a number of goals and objectives for the committee to focus on over the next 18 months that will help students engage, learn and advance.





## HOWDY PARDNER, WANT TO JOIN A CLUB?



Associated Students put on their western gear for Wild, Wild West Club Rush on October 2nd. Crafton Hills' students had an opportunity to learn about and join the various clubs on campus, ranging from Alpha Gamma Sigma to the Terrestrial Investigation Club (TIC). A little boot scootin' was going on as well as the Dance Club hit the Quad for some line dancing.

