

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Cheryl Marshall
President

As you know, I am serving as the CEO Representative for Region 9 and this opportunity has been a great learning experience. Not only have we been meeting as Regional CEOs to discuss shared concerns, but I provide input at the State-level on behalf of my colleagues. The topics are broad, having spanned the Student Success Initiative, legislation, budget, accreditation, and the Community College Baccalaureate Degree. The various perspectives from each region have been thought-provoking and a consistent reminder of the diverse student and community needs we serve as a system. In the next few months we will meet with Drs. Barbara Beno and John Nixon from ACCJC to discuss the accreditation process, we will provide input on the Baccalaureate Degree, and we will offer guidance on establishing legislative priorities. If you have any questions on these or other topics, feel free to let me or the Chancellor know and we will give you further information.

Spring semester is off to a great start and we are currently 105 Resident FTEs and 119 Total FTE's over last Spring's enrollment. While other districts are struggling to meet growth targets, we are confident that our district will be able to recover and gain ground on serving our area. At the same time, we continue to focus on student success and quality learning to ensure students have the opportunities they deserve on the next step of their journey. Thank you for the additional funds you've authorized for increased sections and for student success.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Jan. 27- Feb. 21 Art Exhibit at CHC Gallery: Rachel Lauren Kastner
Feb. 6-8 *Illuminaughty*, CHC Comedy Improv, 8 p.m. @ PAC
Feb.14-17 Campus Closed for President's Day
Mar. 29 CHC Foundation Gala, 6 p.m. @ National Orange Show

FREE TAX PREPARATION

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, sponsored by the Accounting program at Crafton Hills College and the IRS provides free tax preparation services to individuals and families earning less than \$51,000 a year who need assistance in preparing their own returns. VITA volunteers are CHC students who have completed a rigorous IRS-sponsored training and are certified by the IRS to provide basic income tax assistance.

The VITA site will be open Thursday evenings, 6-9 p.m. in the LADM Building, Room 217, February 6 -April 10. (The site will be closed on March 20 for the college spring break holiday). No appointment is necessary and free parking is available in Lot D.



VITA | Volunteer Income
Tax Assistance

SPRING IN-SERVICE DAY-- JAN. 10, 2014

Spring semester kicked off with an in-service day for faculty and staff on Friday, Jan. 10. The morning began with an all-campus meeting with a video welcome from Dr. Marshall, and the Vice Presidents giving reports and updates, followed by the Academic, Classified & Student Senate Presidents.

A variety of workshops were offered after the all-campus meeting:

- CWAVE: Campus with a Voice Elocution
- The Student Voice: A Panel of Experts
- Leading from the Middle
- Things to do on the First Day
- Becoming a Learning Campus
- Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention
- Data! Data! Data!
- Closures, Noise, Dirt, Dust & Rubble: Making CHC History



The workshops were well attended and provided an opportunity for faculty and staff to become engaged and learn something new. Lunch was provided for all before area meetings and division/department meetings commenced. The day proved an excellent opportunity for the campus to come together and prepare for a busy semester.



CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE VILLAGE PROPOSED



Joseph Lambert, Community Development Director for the City of Yucaipa, held an open forum at CHC on Wednesday, January 22nd to discuss the Crafton Hills College Village Plan. About 25 people attended the forum in the Performing Arts Center where they learned that the City of Yucaipa is updating its General Plan. In preparation for updating the General Plan, the City applied for a grant through Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for integrated land use and transportation planning efforts. The city received the grant to create a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) plan specific to the Crafton Hills College campus and a surrounding corridor around Yucaipa Boulevard.

The objectives of the plan are to:

- Develop a land use mix to serve the City as a whole, CHC, and the region
- Take advantage of existing open space uses (Yucaipa High School ball fields, tennis courts)
- Promote connectivity between existing trails at CHC and beyond
- Improve circulation for both motorized and non-motorized travel
- Be sensitive to site topography and improve aesthetics

Initial conversations include a mix of housing and retail that would appeal to CHC students, and a walkway from the housing to the CHC campus. CHC representatives at the forum encouraged continued participation in the planning process from the college administration and students. There is no timeline yet for the Crafton Hills College Village.

INAUGURAL CLASS OF “MASTER STUDENTS”

This semester Crafton Hills College hired 18 students to act as “Master Students” to assist with all the new activities that counseling is implementing as part of the Student Success Act.

A Master Student is a student who has completed at least two semesters at Crafton Hills College with a 3.0 GPA. The role of the Master Student is to assist prospective new and first semester students learn the ins and outs of being a successful student at Crafton. They can connect with other students from the “student perspective.” We know the Master Students know how to navigate many of the college systems better than most of us since they access them on a regular basis. They know WebAdvisor, registration, Blackboard, student email, counseling, etc. They can also help direct students to the various services of the college.

The Master Students will act as ambassadors for Crafton Hills College and will be able to help at various events on campus. Their activities will include:

- Group student education planning
- Registration
- New Student Advising Sessions
- SOA³R
- Senior Day
- Left Lane and Summer Bridge
- Road Runner Rally
- Answer Centers

We are happy to welcome our first class of Master Students:

Noor Aljerese , Jason Almazan, Destinique Brown, Amanda Felix, Martin Hernandez , Olga Juarez, Lenny Ledbetter, Nick Linares, Amanda Markey, AlyssaMarie Martinez, Dillon McDonald, Otto Perez, Dulce Pina, Joanna Rangel, Matt Rodney, Conor Williams, and Richard Williams.



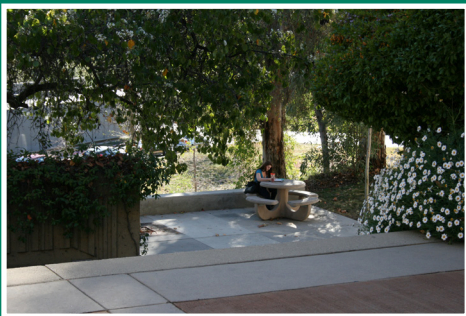
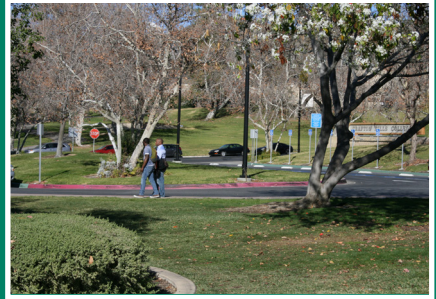
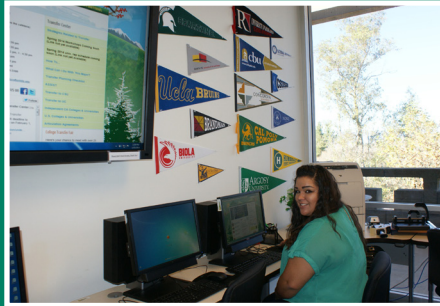
STEM STUDENTS “LAUNCH” A NEW SEMESTER

After completing their Spring STEM Orientation on January 8th, STEM Trek and Academy students joined at the center of campus for a challenge. They were to build a launching device with a 2’x1’ particle board, 2 stretch bands, rubber bands and binder clips. Their goal was to launch a wiffle ball or golf ball as far as possible. Not only were students’ creativity challenged but they were encouraged to be innovative and not to forget to implement elements of physics such as force, mass, velocity and angles.

Each team tested their device 3 times and made necessary modifications. Their fourth attempt was the final test. The record was over 90 feet.



SPRING SEMESTER IS UNDERWAY!



BLACKBOARD CONTRACT A WIN-WIN FOR CHC & STUDENTS



The San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) has selected Blackboard to automate the delivery of financial aid, student payroll, and other forms of student credit balances. By using BlackboardPay™, SBCCD expects to save hundreds of thousands of dollars per year through increased administrative speed and efficiency, while offering all students a secure and reliable way to manage their money.

Chancellor Bruce Baron said, “This service will allow us to better serve students in a more efficient manner. Blackboard is a reputable, experienced company and we look forward to implementing the BlackboardPay program

which will allow us to better serve students in a safe and effective manner.”

“Rapid, accurate funds disbursement to thousands of students each semester is an extremely challenging process and, up until now, a very costly one for colleges and students as well,” said John Muskavitch, director of financial aid for SBCCD’s Crafton Hills College. “In our research, we found there is no other system like BlackboardPay. Our campuses will eliminate the expense of processing checks and issuing short-term loans, and students will receive safe and immediate access to their funds. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

Designed to ensure that every student – including international and California AB540 students – can participate, BlackboardPay allows students to set up prepaid debit accounts or use their own existing bank account into which financial aid and student payroll funds are automatically delivered. BlackboardPay offers students immediate access to their financial aid and work-study funds while reducing schools’ expenses associated with distributing paper checks.

The prepaid account helps protect students from debt exposure, overdraft fees, or a PIN debit fee. Funds are available on the day they are disbursed and held in FDIC-insured accounts. Students can use the prepaid account to make purchases at more than 8 million Discover® merchant locations nationwide, or make surcharge-free withdrawals at any of the 55,000 Allpoint® Network ATMs, America’s largest surcharge-free ATM network. Students can also cash checks for free at thousands of MoneyNetwork® locations, including Walmart stores. Cardholders are protected by Discover’s zero-liability policy.

“The entire premise of the BlackboardPay program is to relieve students of the onerous fees that are often associated with other financial aid disbursement options or traditional bank accounts,” said David Marr, senior vice president of Blackboard Transact. “The feedback that we routinely receive from our BlackboardPay clients is that their students appreciate not only the speed and ease of receiving their financial aid disbursements, but also the many options they have for accessing those funds without any type of fees being assessed.”

“When I tell students that next year we’ll have a system that will give them secure, immediate access to their funds, without fees, and without having to stand in line at the Bursar’s Office, they say, ‘Sign me up!’ BlackboardPay is absolutely the best system to meet the needs of San Bernardino and all other California Community College Districts,” said Muskavitch.

Media Release courtesy of Blackboard.

PARAMEDIC STUDENTS GRADUATE



Crafton Hills College (CHC) graduated its 80th Paramedic Class on Friday, January 24, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

This year's 17 graduates are Andrew Banninger (Rimforest), Jeremy Castanon (Pomona), Joshua Chronister (Colton), Christopher Dietz (Banning), Lori Donaldson (Beaumont), Brandon Duggan (Highland), Joshua Fox (Twin Peaks), Robert Gastel (Highland), Beau Jones (Temecula), Jared Kurtz (Fontana), Nick Maksimuk (Yucaipa), Justin Mollicone (Corona), Ernest Mullenax (La Verne), Brett Underwood (Bloomington), Corey Williams (Menifee) and Sean Alan Works (Redlands). They each completed the 10-month program, attending classes Monday-Thursday, and finishing 600 hours of field work.

“WAY OF WELL BEING” HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR



CHC secured a grant from Bringing Theory to Practice to sponsor a one-day Health & Wellness Fair. The Fair was held on January 22nd and featured health testing, exhibit booths with various services (including free massages), and free snacks. Workshops were held on topics ranging from eating healthy, to transforming your body, mind and life with yoga.