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Horan Welcomed as Ninth President



Dr. Kevin Horan is officially a Roadrunner.

Crafton Hills College installed the longtime educator as its ninth president on Friday, Feb. 1, during an Investiture Ceremony held in the College's Finkelstein Performing Arts Center.

Community leaders, educators and students from across San Bernardino County attended the event, which included remarks by officials from neighboring institutions, including Cal State San Bernardino and the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District.

More information and photos from the event can be found at craftonhills.edu.



Dr. Helen Benjamin, former Chancellor of Contra Costa CCD.



Cali Binks, Superintendent of Yucaipa-Calimesa USD

This is Crafton.

Judy Cole--A welcome face in a busy place.

Judy Cole considers herself a grandmotherly figure to Crafton Hills College students. The Bloomington resident has been a fixture on campus for 27 years. And although each day is different, Cole is eager to work with all who walk through CHC's Tutoring Center where she's employed as a learning resource assistant.

Crafton is "a wonderful environment," she said. "In the years I have been here, I don't think I have had an unpleasant experience with any instructor or student.

"I love all my students – especially the tutors because those are the ones that I get to know the most."



Cole, 75, herself has experience as a community college student having graduated from San Bernardino Valley College with a degree in restaurant management.

After graduation, Cole put her degree to use for some time working in food services before switching careers after a full-time opportunity became available at Crafton in the Tutoring Center. She never looked back.

Cole is often the first person students see as they walk into the center and does her best to address questions as they arise. Her most important job – she said – is to make students feel as comfortable as possible.

Cole does her best to understand the many challenges college students face today. For example, senior-aged Roadrunners could have trouble adjusting to working with computers while those more versed with the technology have it a bit easier.

"When I started, we were working with big floppy discs," Cole said with a chuckle. "Younger kids today fly through it but older students who haven't done much with a computer struggle because they have to start with the basics. I can help them with "the basics," but our tutors – who are wonderful – can help with the rest."

Cole may not see the immediate impact of her work, but she shared stories of Crafton alumni returning to campus years later to thank her. That's the fuel that keeps her going considering others in their 70s may have already retired from their desired career choice.

And while the grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of 13 may not have much time for hobbies – she does love Korean dramas and seeing shows at the Palm Canyon Theater in Palm Springs – her enthusiasm for the job never waivers.

"The main advice I give my students is to never give up and search for help when you need it," Cole said. "It's all about finding your balance."

From Cupboard to Cupboard: Community donation helps students with food insecurity

A chance meeting between officials from Crafton Hills College and Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County has resulted in a new collaboration to combat food insecurity on campus. The San Bernardino-based nonprofit is now delivering monthly food and goods donations to Crafton in support of the college's efforts to ensure its students do not go hungry while enrolled in school.

"This is something that I have dreamt about," said Janine Ledoux, a professor of kinesiology and health at CHC. "I'm on a mission to help students with food insecurity because we want to make sure they're successful throughout their college experience."

The new partnership came at the right time after an ongoing on-campus granola bar drive came to a "screeching halt," Ledoux said. And on a rainy day in late January, four pallets of goods arrived at Crafton and ready for distribution.

Donated items – from KIND granola bars to toiletries – will be distributed through CHC's COACH Cupboard, a food pantry under Ledoux's guidance, while the donations itself come through Community Action Partnership's Campus Cupboard Program. The initiative "works to alleviate the barriers and challenges associated with food insecurity and hunger, to encourage college and university students to remain in school and achieve their educational goals and degrees," according to the nonprofit.



Janine Ledoux inspects one box of the three pallets donated by CAP last month.

"We are always looking at putting in different and new programs in places where we can reach populations that are currently not receiving them," said Brandon Romano, CAP's food bank program manager, adding the goal of Campus Cupboard is to focus on long-term stability. "College students make a lot of sense because the long-term goal is to encourage them and support them to stay in school and to break that cycle of poverty."



Now on exhibit at the Crafton Hills College Art Gallery, *i.e. vistas* explores the heritage, landscape, memory, and reality of the communities that make up the Inland Empire.

Running through Feb. 15, *i.e. vistas* is the collaborative effort of artists Juan Delgado and Thomas McGovern, both professors at CSUSB and known collectively as JUANANDTOM. Together, they combine the written word with images, and *i.e. vistas* features the photography of McGovern and poetry of Delgado.

Professor of Fine Art Renée Azenaro curated the exhibit.

Student Senate President Appointed to Statewide Committee

On January 9, California Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins (D- San Diego) announced the appointment of individuals forming part of the Community College Student Success Funding Formula Oversight Committee.

Our very own Student Senate President, Valerie Johnson is the only student on this committee, representing more than 2.3 million California Community College students.



She joins others such as Michelle Siquieros, president of the Campaign for College Opportunity, and Dr. Bonnie Dowd, executive vice chancellor for business and technology services at San Diego Community College District.

We are so proud of you, Valerie! Congratulations!

Mark your calendar!

Friday, Feb. 15- Monday, Feb. 18	President's Holiday; Campus Closed
March 11-16	Spring Break; No classes
Wed., March 13	Redlands Bicycle Classic 10 a.m. @ Crafton
Sat., March 30	CHC Foundation Gala, 5 p.m. @ Crafton Hall
Sat., April 27	Annual Women in Fire Service Seminar, 9 a.m. @ PSAH
Sun., April 28	Herbivore Festival, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri., May 17	Scholars Convocation 6 p.m. @ PAC
Fri., May 24	Commencement

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