



MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Alumni & Friends Gather to Support CHC



The CHC Foundation hosted its annual luncheon for new and seasoned friends of Crafton on Friday, November 30 in Crafton Hall. Guest speakers were alumnus Lillian Vasquez and CHC Student Trustee Elijah Gerard. Both touched on how their experience at Crafton Hills has opened doors and broadened their horizons. Read the complete story at www.craftonhills.edu.

“Hard Working” 90th Paramedic Class Graduates

Dedicated, smart, supportive, compassionate and hard-working are adjectives Kathryn Crow used to describe Crafton Hills College’s most recent class of paramedics.

Composed of 20 graduates, CHC’s 90th Paramedic Class was honored in the college’s Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Friday, Dec. 7, with Crow delivering remarks capturing the group’s personality.



“Each of them possessed different strengths,” said the director of paramedic education during the ceremony. “Some were quiet while some were outspoken. Some were happy to take on new leadership while others preferred to avoid the spotlight.

“But as the program progressed and became more difficult, they each discovered they possessed the opposite characteristics as well. All of this led to their ability as a group to support each other through the process,” she said.

And although each paramedic class is different, it is Crow’s hope each group puts what they learned to good use in

not only their desired career field, but their personal lives as well.

Circling back to those descriptive adjectives, Crow said they all will be “important attributes” for each grad to keep in mind as they move forward to making their goals a reality.

“They will need to learn to reconcile the worst they see in humanity while also feeling blessed by the inherent good in people,” she said “They will need to balance being an employee with being a spouse or parent. They will be asked to help others in need while leaving their families behind.

“As they have proven time and time again, this group of young men can do that,” Crow continued. “As the industry shifts from one where showing emotion is often viewed as a weakness to one where we provide compassion to not only patients but to each other, they are well positioned to lead that change.”

Additional ceremony highlights included remarks from Michael Strong, Crafton’s vice president of administrative services, the presentation of individual awards and the passing out of certificates of completion.



99th Fire Academy Conducts Graduation Drill

A tragic event changed Ryan Sandoval's whole outlook on life.

After his mother was involved in a traffic collision, the 37-year old Colton man said he was inspired by the first responders who arrived on scene.

After talking it over with his family, Sandoval made the decision to apply for Crafton Hills College's most recent Fire Academy, successfully completing the program along with 26 other cadets whose hard work was recognized on Saturday, Dec. 15.



"The whole experience was amazing and changed my whole vision of working with younger cadets," he said. "The hard work put in to graduate was just the tip of the iceberg."

Academy Chief Mike Alder called this most recent group of graduates one of the best he's led, adding that while Crafton's 99th academy class started with 27 cadets enrolled, each worked together to keep that number intact throughout the program.

While some roadblocks were thrown its way – one student dealt with a cancer scare and another faced potential financial troubles – cadets rallied around one another and worked collaboratively to find solutions when needed, Alder said.

"They wanted to make sure no one washed out of the program," he said. "This academy showed the best teamwork I have ever seen."

Sandoval agrees. "Just over the course of the 16 weeks you build bonds with people you thought you weren't going to click with immediately. It just meshed well," he said. "Chief (Alder) said this was the best academy he's done, and we thought, 'Nah, he's just blowing smoke.' But this was the best group I've seen. We just all stuck together."





Twenty-five respiratory therapists are celebrating after they graduated on Thursday, December 13, finishing a rigorous 18-month program.



The Fall 2018 Class of Emergency Medical Technicians graduated on Wednesday, December 12.

Faculty, staff and district colleagues celebrated the beginning of the holiday season with a luceon on Wednesday, December 5. Ryker was happy to pose for pictures.



Mark your calendar!

Monday, Jan. 7	Dr. Horan's first day!
Thursday, Jan. 10	Flex Day
Friday, Jan. 11	InService Day
Monday, Jan. 14	Spring Semester Begins!
Monday, Jan. 21	MLK Day: Campus Closed