

MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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#CHC2019Grad



Crafton's Class of 2019, who graduated on Friday, May 24, is composed of 678 graduates who earned 761 associates degrees and 361 certificates. Of those degrees, 43 percent are associate in arts or science degrees which guarantees admission and junior status into the California State University system.

Of the 678, close to 180 are graduating with honors, with 32 graduates leaving Crafton with a 4.0 GPA. Thirty-four graduates are military veterans. The youngest graduate is 18 and the oldest is 68. Congrats, Roadrunners!

Anthony Abate Named President's Award Recipient

When Anthony Abate graduated from Crafton on May 24, he walked away with three degrees. But among his many accomplishments as a college student, the one that took him by total surprise was being named this year's President Award recipient.



"I was actually completely in shock," said Abate with a chuckle.

While hard work and dedication to his studies is credited in helping the 28-year-old Cabazon resident accomplish his goals, the journey to graduation day wasn't easy.

A high school dropout at 16, Abate said he took an "untraditional road to life" which took him a while to "reach a level of stability."

Before becoming a Roadrunner, Abate made a name for himself in retail and quickly moved up the ranks. Although he enjoyed what he was doing, Abate said his main objective wasn't about sales, but about developing people and their talent. "I was passionate about helping people realize their full potential regardless of their circumstance," he said. "What I did was hire people who had school schedules because no one else did. But I decided that these kids - well, some of them were a bit older - had goals and were doing their best to reach them, and that's what I wanted to do."

It was while talking to a coworker about his desire to go back to school and help others like him that Abate learned about Crafton. But he believed not having a high school diploma stood in his way. He was wrong.

"She told me, 'No, you can go to a community college and get a fresh start.' And, so, the next day I went to Crafton and took an assessment test," Abate said.

Abate got "heavily involved" in campus life and was later named an ambassador for Crafton's Honors program. Others, too, noticed his hard work, including Judy Cannon, honors coordinator, who recommended Abate for the college's Medal of Distinction.

"He has shown strong leadership skills and has impacted the Honors program in long-lasting ways," she wrote in her nomination packet. "It has not been completely smooth sailing along the way as Anthony has challenging personal circumstances..., (but he) represents one of the strengths of CHC: creating scholars. I am so proud of what he has accomplished."

Abate, too, is proud of what he has accomplished, and although the merits are still trickling in, he said he is "humbled" by it all. "None of this came easy and is just an honor to be nominated" for any award, Abate said. "That night at convocation (on May 17) when (Dr. Kevin Horan) got up there and started talking about the President's Award I think it was about two sentences in that it clicked he was talking about me.

"Up until this point I haven't had a moment when I've been rewarded for the work I've done aside from a promotion and a pay raise, and to achieve all of these things is just all very humbling and it's amazing," he continued. "If I can do it, that means anyone literally can do it."

Abate plans to attend University of California, Riverside in the winter where he plans to earn a bachelor's in sociology and a minor in communication sciences. And although he is leaving Crafton to pursue his next step in life, he'll be back. "I'm so thankful for this experience, this school and the people I've met," Abate said. "My goal after leaving Crafton is to come back and donate to the Foundation or be involved in another aspect or two. My goal is to give back to what has been given to me."

New adventures await for CHC retirees

DENISE ALLEN - 17 YEARS

Q. What is your fondest memory of your time at Crafton?

The instruction of course - the CHC CIS Networking Students rock; the heartfelt adventures with my CHC colleagues, and swimming laps in the amazing aquatics center.

Q. What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

Traveling, golfing and spending time with my family and friends.

Q. What unique trait or talent do you claim that others are not aware of?

I am a certified scuba diver.

Q. Who do you most admire at Crafton and why?

Mike Strong - because he is an angel

Q. Star Trek or Star Wars?

Star Trek - because the continuing mission is: to explore strange new worlds. To seek out new life and new civilizations. To boldly go where no one has gone before!

Q. Any parting comments?

A quote from Tim McGraw:

“Don’t take for granted the love this life gives you
When you get where you’re going, don’t forget to turn
back around
Help the next one in line
And always stay humble and kind”



SNEZANA PETROVIC - 18 YEARS

Q. What is your fondest memory of your time at Crafton?

Having Interdisciplinary Day in spring with hundreds of students participating in creating a variety of projects all across the campus and collaborating with colleagues from Fine Arts, Math, English, and CIS Departments.

Q. What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

I will be teaching at University of Redlands and focusing on my art projects full time. I have upcoming solo exhibition at Museum of Art and History in July.

Q. What unique trait or talent do you claim that others are not aware of?

I was national champion in math. I am artist to the bone but have analytical and rational way of thinking which is often omitted as it is not expected from an artist to have.

Q. Who do you most admire at Crafton and why?

I admire students and faculty for the dedication and countless hours put into their programs, and all invisible heroes like grounds workers, custodians, and classified staff who make this campus function.

Q. Star Trek or Star Wars?

Both Star Trek and Star Wars- I am a SciFi fan. I love even Godzilla movies, as long it is happening in the future.

Q. Any parting comments?

“Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.” Rumi



REBECCA WARREN-MARLATT - 25 YEARS

Q. What is your fondest memory of your time at Crafton?

I have too many to enumerate. I've loved just about every minute of my job, except for some of the meetings. I won't miss Board meetings. Not at all.

Q. What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

Spending my time in ways that strengthen and support my family. Finding new work that interests and excites me. Having time to do things I always say I don't have time to do.

Q. What unique trait or talent do you claim that others are not aware of?

I have no hidden talents. What you see is what you get.

Q. Who do you most admire at Crafton and why?

I admire our students. When I think about the students who marched across the stage at Scholars Convocation, EOPS Recognition, and Student Recognition, I feel the world is in good hands.

Q. Star Trek or Star Wars?

Star Trek—the original, of course. I'm a purist.

Q. Any parting comments?

I'll miss this place. I'll miss the people. But I'm looking forward to the next chapter of my life with great excitement and anticipation. As Robert Frost wrote, "The afternoon knows what the morning never suspected."



SHERRI WILSON - 19 YEARS

Q. How would you like people at Crafton to remember you?

As having patience and being persistent (hopefully in a good way)

More importantly I would like them to forget and forgive me for things I have done or said that were not positive, caused hurt, or hindered fun and positive progress.

Q. What is your fondest memory of your time at Crafton?

Taking the groups of students on field trips,.... the most memorable was a biology trip with Diane Purves over a spring break on a trip to Yosemite, UC Merced, and other stops. Many of these students had never camped or been out of the Yucaipa area before. Other trips included taking students to Morro Bay and several geology field trips with Rich Hughes.



I love sharing the wonders of the outdoors, National parks and camping with students, especially, those who have not had these experiences before.

Q. What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

Not being tied to a schedule allowing me to travel whenever I want to.

Q. What unique trait or talent do you claim that others are not aware of?

Not very unique but I have installed a lot of tile on floors, counters, and showers. I still enjoy doing tile work.

Q. Star Trek or Star Wars?

Star Trek

Q. Any parting comments?

It has been a great experience working at Crafton I have learned a lot and have many memories to take with me. I will miss all of the great people I have worked with and thank them for their patience, friendship, guidance, and support in accomplishing many projects over the years.

Most importantly, I hope there are some students whom I have had a positive impact on. (I am sure that some have been successful in spite of me and my math classes.) They all are the reason for my being here and I feel privileged to have had them share part of their lives with me. Having had them in my classes has enriched my life greatly and gives me great hope in the future of humankind.

WAYNE BOGH - 24 YEARS

Q. What is your fondest memory of your time at Crafton?

Not too many years ago we held Graduation in the rain. Everyone huddled under tents and they seemed to enjoy the moment.

Q. What are you most looking forward to in retirement?

Primarily working with wood not technology.

Q. What unique trait or talent do you claim that others are not aware of?

Working with wood. I love to visualize what is inside the board and then bring it out.

Q. Who do you most admire at Crafton and why?

There have been a few that have earned admiration. Jim Holbrook for his unabashed personality, Donna Ferracone for her devotion to Crafton and Bill Orr for his humor and guidance when I started working here. But of the current group, I admire Dan Word. Dan understands concrete and my humor.

Q. Star Trek or Star Wars?

Both. Different universes can exist at the same time. But then what is time and how is it relevant to the current situation?

Q. Any parting comments?

Remember, Crafton Hills College exists for the STUDENTS and not committees, policies, procedures, or any other form of distraction!



Other retirees are:

**LYNN LOWE - 33 YEARS • TED PHILIPS - 18 YEARS • TOM BRYANT - 15 YEARS
CARRITA MORALES - 11 1/2 YEARS**

CHC graduated its 100th class of fire cadets on Saturday, May 11. The ceremony, which includes drills by the cadets, was held in the Public Safety & Allied Health Building and led by Chief Mike Alder. What a privilege to celebrate the completion of 100 fire academies.



PUBLIC SAFETY GRADUATIONS



Eighty-three students completed the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate and graduated on Wednesday, May 22. The students completed a 16-week certificate and can now perform basic life support in the pre-hospital setting. Many will now pursue a path in fire technology or paramedics, according to program chair Laurie Green.