



Board Report

September 2019



Welcome Back
Roadrunners!



EOPS Adult Education Summer Bridge Program Completion Ceremony

In a collaborative effort between Redlands and Yucaipa Adult Schools and Crafton Hills College, incoming freshmen transitioning from the adult schools are ready to start their journey at Crafton with information and resources that they will need to succeed. A celebration for the 14 students who participated in the summer bridge program was held at Crafton Hills College on August 8, 2019. Students were inspired by guest speaker, Jesse Felix, who was an Adult Ed Student from Redlands and a former EOPS student at CHC.



SBDC-OC Grant for Economic Development

Crafton Hills College is honored to partner with the Small Business Development Corporation of Orange County (SBDC-OC) to stimulate economic development in the Inland Empire. This grant will provide support for the vocational and academic disciplines that best serve the needs of students and our community.

Pictured at the check presentation on August 5, Michelle Riggs, CHC Director of Institutional Advancement, Ray Ashworth, CPA and Representative for SBDC-OC, Kevin Horan, CHC President, and Mike Strong, CHC Vice President of Administrative Services.



Meet Our New Student Senate President

Tyrone Ross wants to tell the world that community college is the right choice to make. And he's about to deliver that message on a huge platform, thanks to his role as Crafton Hills College's newest associated student president. The 21-year-old Redlands man was appointed to the position prior to the start of the new school year and already has his goals laid out.

"I want students to realize – especially younger students – that community college is a good thing and not a bad thing to pursue," said Ross. "I believe we live in a society where college can be a huge expense for many, but a community college helps you go through college without breaking the bank and helps elevate your status."

Ross' own story is relatable to many.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Penn., Ross wanted to attend college and play football after graduating from high school. But after he ran into some financial troubles due to out-of-state tuition costs, those goals were temporarily put on the backburner.

Ross started working at a local warehouse to save enough money to go back to school. In the Spring of 2020, he will graduate from Crafton with an associate degree in communications and plans to continue his studies at a four-year institution where he'll receive a bachelor's in communications with a minor in international business. The road to success may have been a bumpy one for Ross, but he wants to reach out to those with similar struggles and encourage them to pursue higher learning by looking at the "bigger picture."

"If I can find a way to afford college, you can, too," he said. "You have to think outside of the box sometimes because nothing comes easy. It takes a lot of thinking and determination to see it through, but it's worth it."

Not only does Ross want to bring attention to the work being done at CHC, but he also wants to develop a "Buddy System" that would help incoming students find their footing and excel in their studies. He also wants to be the voice for those "stuck in the middle," particularly students who do not qualify for the California Promise program.

"There are students that due to personal events and other reasons don't qualify for financial aid. Everyone looks at the top and bottom, but no one looks at the middle," Ross explains. "Anything that's worthwhile has a price. We're all going to have struggles at times, but you have to persevere through that. If you can persevere and make it through those struggles, there's light at the end of the tunnel."

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Student Senate President



Roadrunner Rally

New students and their parents were welcomed to Crafton at the 7th Annual Roadrunner Rally on August 14, 2019. The event, made possible in part thanks to funding from the Crafton Hills College Foundation, provided orientations offered in both English and Spanish, guided tours of campus, information booths for various college programs and services, food, t-shirts, raffles, and an opportunity for students to get their ID cards.



Crafton Hills College appoints Michelle Riggs its new Director of Institutional Advancement



Michelle Riggs has worn many hats during her tenure at Crafton Hills College. But her latest role will have her diving more into the storytelling element of the Roadrunner campus – from its student population to campus improvements.

“This new role really just expands what I have been doing already,” said CHC’s new director of institutional advancement. “It is my job to enhance the college’s visibility and reputation, foster goodwill, increase support, and build endowment funding for the (Crafton Hills College) Foundation.” Crafton’s president Kevin Horan appointed Riggs to the new position after a recent opening in the college’s marketing department. That vacancy led site officials to evaluate the college’s “past marketing efforts and the opportunities and challenges that are in front of us today,” Horan said.

“Michelle’s experience with promoting the mission of the college and experience presented an opportunity to include the marketing department in her areas of responsibility,” he continued. “Michelle

will be able to capitalize on our resources to continue to promote and develop outside support for the institution.” Riggs’ association with the college stretches as far back as 1993, when she began attending CHC as a student. She received an AA degree in Liberal Arts and Science/Liberal Studies from Crafton in 2008 prior to graduating from Riverside’s California Baptist University in 2009 with a Bachelor’s in interdisciplinary studies/public administration. In 2011, Riggs earned a master’s in management from the University of Redlands.

She began working for Crafton in 2008 as an administrative secretary for the college’s research and planning office. Prior to her recent appointment, Riggs served as the director of community relations and resource development for Crafton and oversaw the CHC Foundation, a nonprofit that supports the Roadrunner community year-round through student scholarships and campus improvements.

The annual CHC Foundation gala – the nonprofit’s signature fundraiser – helps subsidize much-needed support. The most recent Gala held March 28 brought in \$125,000 to support the cause. Overseeing the event and other Foundation-related matters will continue to be one of Riggs’ main responsibilities in her new role. “Over the past five years, Michelle has shepherded the Crafton Hills College Foundation to substantial success, and her leadership helped increase the

Foundation’s revenue by over 400 percent since 2013,” Horan said.

Riggs is eager to get started. When asked what her focus of storytelling would be, she said it was hard to

settle on one focal point. But one of Riggs’ main objectives is to “tell it all.”

“At Crafton, we transform lives through education. We provide opportunities for those who might not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue higher education – like myself,” she said. “But there is so much more to Crafton. I want our community to see Crafton as a first choice to prepare students for successful and meaningful careers.”

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Girl Scouts Visit CHC

Girl Scouts of San Geronio Council (GSSGC) spent Saturday, August 24, 2019 on the Crafton Hills College Campus at the “College Knowledge” workshop. Sessions ranged from financial literacy, financial aid, and scholarships to resumes and portfolios.

The College Knowledge badge is designed to help Girl Scout Ambassadors (11th – 12th grades) explore what college is all about and what it takes to get there. We are happy to partner with our local girl scouts to help them start planning their future.

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#TeamCrafton is an annual giving campaign for all employees. Our faculty, staff, and administration believe that our work shapes the lives of our students and strengthens our community.

Our employees are stepping up for a 50th Anniversary Endowment Challenge to raise funds in time to celebrate CHC’s 50th Anniversary in Fall of 2022. Donations will be invested through our Foundation to provide funds in perpetuity that directly serve and benefit students.

The following levels of giving have been established for the 50th Anniversary Challenge:

*President’s Circle (\$1,000 annually)

**Roadrunner Circle (\$600 annually)

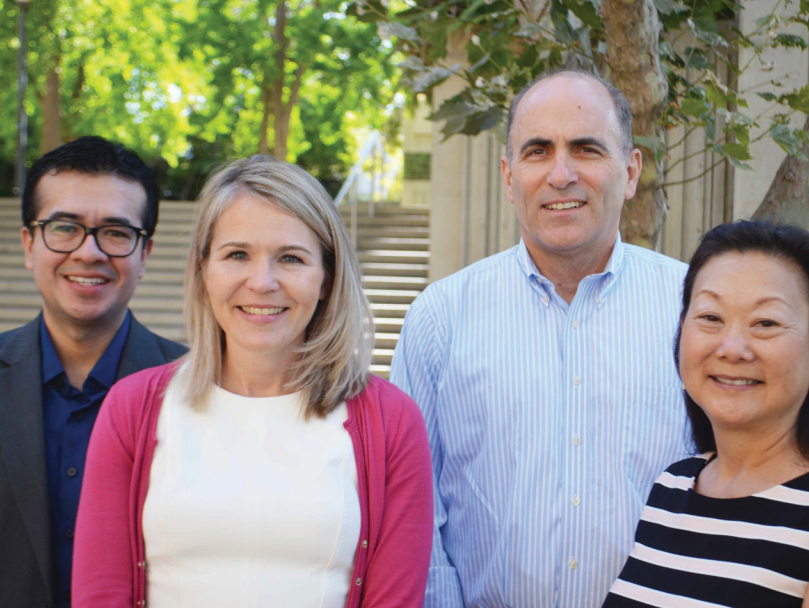
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For all Faculty or Classified employees who join the 50th Anniversary Endowment Challenge, the Foundation will contribute 25% of these funds back to the Academic or Classified Senate Foundation Accounts.

All other #TeamCrafton employees have designated their gifts to a specific fund, program, scholarship, department, or even divided gifts between funds.

*President’s Circle Members

***Patron



In-Service Day

Fall 2019 began with a traditional in-service day on Friday, August 16. Faculty, staff, and administrators participated in making accreditation fun while working on service area and student learning outcomes assessment. Happy familiar faces, a warm welcome to new employees, good food, and a few beach balls helped make the day one to remember.

Welcome new employees!

Pictured top left: New Administrators: **Gio Sosa**, *Dean OIERP*, **Melissa Oshman**, *Director Technology Services*, **Marty Milligan**, *Director DSPS*, **June Yamamoto**, *Interim Dean*

Pictured top right: New Faculty: **Paul Jacques**, *Theater Arts*, **Shirley Juan**, *Math*, **Ashley Hayes**, *English*, **Lauren**

Bond, *English*, **Joshua Robles**, *Math*, **Chloe De los Reyes**, *English*, **Isidro Zepeda**, *English*, **John Grounds**, *EMS*

Pictured bottom left: New Classified Employees: **Kenneth Byrnes**, *Lab Tech Physics*, **Alexa Aslanian**, *Student Services Tech I DSPS*, **Belinda Navarette**, *Admissions and Records Tech*, **Diana Vaichis**, *Research Analyst*, **Troy Hall**, *Senior Student Services Tech EOPS*

Not pictured: **Mary Scott**, *Child Development Teacher*, **Susan Burdick**, *Child Development Assistant*, **Terquoia Cain**, *Child Development Teacher*, **Yvonne Oliveras**, *Research Analyst*

Pictured bottom right, **Brandi Bailes**, *Math Professor*, and **Laurie Green**, *EMS Program Director*



Paramedic Graduation

A ceremony was held Friday, August 9, 2019 to celebrate Crafton Hills College Paramedic Class #91. The 15 graduates learned to provide the highest level of pre-hospital care during an intense 10-month program. Fire Chief for the City of Yucaipa, Grant Malinowski, offered advice and reminisced about his experience as an alumnus of the Crafton Paramedic Program 17 years ago. “An education is only as good as the faculty instructing it, and you have the best,” Malinowski said. “If you look around at the leaders in our profession, odds are that Crafton Hills College is a part of their background.” The bond with each other, their faculty, and their preceptors was evident as the fifteen

graduates walked across the stage to receive their certificates. A tradition and a highlight of the ceremony included Medical Director Dr. Phong Nguyen channeling his inner “Lady Gaga” while serenading the graduates. Class speaker, Thomas O’Brien’s speech wrapped up the ceremony. He said that the class spent a lot of time together, established very good friendships, and used their breaks between classes to become “unusually good at hacky sack”.

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Fire / EMS Job Fair



On Friday, August 23, 2019, Crafton Hills College hosted a Fire/EMS job fair on campus. This public event provided job-seekers with the opportunity to network with 18 employers seeking individuals to fill their open positions. Many of the representatives were alumni of Crafton Hills College. Thank you to the following partner agencies for answering questions and employing our graduates: American Medical Response (AMR), Big Bear Fire, CAL FIRE Yucaipa, California Conservation Corps, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Calimesa Fire, Chino Valley Fire District, Mill Creek Hotshots, Rancho Fire District's Prevention Bureau, Redlands Fire, Rialto Fire, Riverside City Fire, Riverside County Probation, Running Springs Fire, San Manuel Fire, San Marcos Fire, SB County Fire, SB Co Sheriff's Dept.



Upcoming

- 10 / 11** | **Legacy Wall Celebration**
Crafton Center
2:30 p.m.
- 10 / 17** | **Great Shakeout**
Campus-wide
10:17 a.m.
- 10 / 23** | **Hello Major, Hello Career Fair**
Quad
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 11 / 1** | **Friends Luncheon**
Crafton Hall
11:30 a.m.