



President's Board Report

February 11, 2010

The “Answer” is 3,226

The question? How many CHC students were served during the first days of the Spring 2010 semester at the five Answer Centers set up around the CHC campus?

More than 40 CHC employees lent their time, effort, and knowledge to offer warmth and good will to CHC students during the first days of the Spring 2010 semester. From campus maps and directions to parking and registration info, a total of 3,226 students were served with a smile during the two-day time period.

The total number of students served over the 2-day time period represents a 34% increase over the Spring 2009 Semester.



Rosemarie Hansen-Barnes (at right) greets a CHC student at one of the 5 Answer Centers aimed at helping students find their way during the first few days of classes.

CDC Students Learn That Every Penny Helps



The Crafton Hills College Child Development Center collected pocket change to help the children of Haiti after the devastating January earthquake. All funds collected during the first week of the drive were met with a 50% match from Thrivent Financial.

The Crafton Hills College Child Development Club has joined in the campaign and the collection has been extended through March 1st, with an additional collection jar added in the Crafton Hills College library. A table will also be set up at the on-campus Career Fair on February 10th to provide yet another opportunity for students, staff and faculty to donate.

(At left) Devynn Skimin, a student at CHC's Child Development Center drops change into the "Help A Child in Haiti" donation bucket.

Crafton Hills College Construction Update – Mid-January 2010

Here are a few of the major construction milestones achieved at CHC since December 1st along with an update on what's been going on in January 2010:

- The Living Wall area is now open. Although landscaping and irrigation is not yet completed, the walkways are open. This means there is now ADA access to the PAC, SSB and Cafeteria without the use of an elevator.
- The campus domestic water is now supplied through two recently installed water meters. This replaces one supply, creates a true water loop through the campus which helps to balance water pressure and provide a redundant feed (in case one fails).
- Electrical cabling to a portion of the parking lot lighting was replaced due to failure of the old cable.



Aquatic Center Area



Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) is truly taking shape over the holidays and throughout January. The installation of the exterior skin of the building wall panels has begun on the first floor along with electrical rough-in and fire sprinkler installation. Similar rough-ins and electrical work continues on the mid and upper floors. On the roof, framing has continued and the roofing is well underway.

At the Aquatic Center (AC)/Soccer Field area, the drywall is going up and interior/exterior painting has begun along with continued installation of the elevator and plumbing, HVAC and electrical. Concrete deck and sidewalk construction continues along with site irrigation and landscaping.

Professor Presents CHC Curriculum at International Conference

CHC Professor James Holbrook recently returned from New Orleans after presenting at the International Workshop for High Performance and High Reliability: Building Performance Based Organizations. Sponsored by the Wildland Fire Lessons Lesson Learned Center and Brigham Young University, the conference is a continuing work for local groups in medicine, fire science and emergency services that has been meeting since 1989.

Holbrook's presentation at the conference centered on how to teach critical thinking in high risk organizations. The material was largely taken from the CHC course "Emergency Management and Decision Making" (PBSF 127 and PSYCH 127) that was assembled by Holbrook and fellow CHC faculty members T.L. Brink and Sandra Moore.



Since his presentation, three separate organizations have benefited directly from the content in the presentation (Louisiana State University, the Lesson Learned Center for Wild-land Fires and the County of San Mateo Probation Department).

"I've already sent the curriculum, course syllabus and instructional lessons to these three organizations so they can begin to explore our model," said Holbrook. "The conference and sharing of critical thinking from CHC was a huge success."

Crafton Hills Transforms Into Winter Wonderland

During the week of January 18, 2010, a handful of cold winter storms pounded Southern California.

On Friday, January 22nd, the Crafton Hills were blanketed with snow creating a campus-wide winter wonderland.

These pictures were snapped by CHC Dean June Yamamoto on the morning of the 22nd.



CHC Student to Study in Spain This Semester

No stranger to world traveling, Crafton Hills College student Emily Conner's passion for experiencing different cultures and places was first sparked by an opportunity to travel throughout a handful of European countries in 2005. Five years later, armed with a well-worn passport and a familiarity with world traveling, Emily Conner and 52 community college students from Southern California will spend the Spring 2010 semester in Salamanca, Spain, as part of the Southern California Foothills Consortium for Study Abroad.

Emily leaves for Spain on February 18th with her fellow students and will return on May 15th. While in Salamanca, Emily will be taking courses in Psychology, Spanish language and Spanish civilizations. These classes contribute precisely towards Emily's pursuit of a major in Psychology with a double minor in Creative Writing and Spanish. She hopes to transfer from CHC to Seattle Pacific University this Fall.

"I applied for the program because traveling is one of the great passions of my life," Emily said. "I'm excited to live with a host family, and really gain a better understanding of the culture, the language and what living there is really like," said Emily who kicked off 2010 with a backpacking trip around Belize, Honduras and Guatemala.

San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College have been members of the Southern California Foothills Consortium for Study Abroad since the Consortium was established in 1989. Spring 2010 in Salamanca will be the Consortium's 13th consecutive semester in Salamanca.

Typically, students enroll in 12-14 units and select their classes from curriculum designed to enhance their study abroad experience. Most course work is CSU/UC transferable and fulfills general education requirements. The program includes two nights in a Madrid hotel with city tour and visits to the famous Prado Museum and Royal Palace along with guided tours to Segovia, Avila, El Escorial and the Valley of the Fallen and an optional trip to Lisbon, Portugal is available.



CHC Student Emily Conner

Although she is nervous about facing the world-renowned cuisine of Spain while maintaining her status as a vegetarian, the excitement of experiencing yet another culture will provide Emily with a learning experience that will be a perfect training ground for her dream career—to travel the world as a writer.

"Emily is a very talented and serious student, and we are pleased to have her participate in the Spain program and assist her with a scholarship," said Lynn Jamison, a Study Abroad Specialist with Citrus College in Glendora.

Emily was one of seven Southern California region community college students who received a \$1000 scholarship from the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) that will completely cover one portion of the trip—the cost of living in the home of a local family in Salamanca. Scholarship winners were chosen based on a points system that included an essay, GPA, units completed and recommendations.

"I have been saving money for college nearly my entire life, and my parents are helping me as well," said Emily who estimated that the cumulative cost of the semester, travel, living expenses and activities over the 3-month stay will likely total between \$10,000 and \$15,000.



Emily peers out at the Guatemala horizon from atop the active Pacaya Volcano in Guatemala in January.

Beyond the expense and the necessary educational pre-planning, many students are hesitant to consider study abroad programs because of the isolation from the safety and security of family and friends.

“I hope to meet some amazing new people, and stay in contact with my host family afterwards,” Emily said. “I am so excited for this trip and would encourage anyone to go out and see the world, and experience all of its beauty, either by studying abroad or just travelling for pleasure.”

For more information on the Study Abroad program at CHC, contact Kris Acquistapace at extension 3347.

Save The Date

Friday, March 5, 2010

High School Senior Day – CHC Campus

This outreach event hopes to attract 800 local high school seniors to the campus to explore the idea of attending CHC after they graduate in June. More info, contact Kirsten Colvey at 909.389.3327.

Thursday, April 8, 9, 10 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m.

The Magic Flute – Student Opera – Finkelstein Performing Arts Center

For the 3rd consecutive year, CHC and University of Redlands School of Music will collaborate on a four-night run of performances featuring a cast and crew of nearly 100 students. Considered a very challenging piece, this production will also involve original video/multi-media presentations to help deliver the theatrical illusions of what promises to be an innovative, yet very accessible operatic performance for all ages. For more information, contact the CHC Fine Arts Department at 909.794.2161

Saturday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Crafton Hills College Foundation Gala Dinner & Auction – Hilton San Bernardino

Prepare your best collection of feathers, beads and brightly-colored garb for the Mardi Gras theme at this year's event. Presenting sponsor will be the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. For reservations or more information, contact 909.389.3245 or e-mail bjwood@craftonhills.edu.