



President's Board Report

*April 8,
2010*

High School Senior Day Attracts 633 Students From 15 Local Schools

On Friday, March 5th, Crafton Hills College Hosted 633 high school seniors during the annual Senior Day event that was a rousing success.

High schools represented included: Yucaipa, Redlands, Redlands East Valley, Orangewood, Green Valley, Beaumont, Glenview, San Bernardino, Rim of the World, Arroyo Valley, Sierra, San Andreas, Arrowhead Christian Academy and Aquinas. San Bernardino, Slover Mountain, Green Valley and Glenview High Schools participated for the first time.



ABOVE: Students gathered at the base of the Lab/Administration (LADM) Building before departing on tours of facilities and instructional programs. (Photo by Vickie Barra)

After breakfast, students were greeted at a general session that covered basic info about community colleges, CHC, financial aid. Current CHC students helped showcase programs such as Fine Arts, Emergency Services, EOP&S and Financial Aid. Students from the Associated Students at CHC (ASCHC) and other volunteers gave tours of the campus. Before enjoying lunch, students were given the opportunity to attend workshops given by faculty covering all disciplines and programs offered at CHC.

Without the tremendous collaboration and team effort of staff, faculty and administrators from across campus, this event could not have been as successful.

Radiologic Tech Student Wins 3rd in National Competition

CHC Radiologic Technology student Wesley Cain recently received a 3rd place award at the Annual Academic Bowl Competition at the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology Conference in Las Vegas in February.

Each year as part of the Annual Conference, Radiologic Technology students enter a nationwide competition called the Academic Bowl. At this year's event more than 300 students participated. Each student is given cards with letters to answer sample test questions projected on a giant screen. After 2.5 hours of competition, three Crafton Hills College students remained in the top 25: Wesley Cain, John Cairney II, and Hugo Flores. At the end of the 3 hour marathon competition, Wesley Cain emerged as the 3rd place award winner and was presented with an 8-gigabyte Apple iPod Touch and \$50.00.



CHC Student Wesley Cain

Founded in 1975, ACERT is the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology, Inc, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to improving the quality of education at the collegiate level in radiologic technology.

Respiratory Care Program Meets/Exceeds Outcome Measurements

The CHC Respiratory Care Program recently received word that its 2009 Annual Report of current status was accepted by the Commission for Respiratory Care (CoARC). The notifying letter states: "Your program has met or exceeded all currently set 'thresholds' for success in each of the required outcome measures."

While no further action is required on the part of the program staff, they are continuing their current "Resource Assessment and Outcomes Assessment" activities in preparation for the next Annual Report due April 15, 2011. Congratulations to Ken Bryson, Respiratory Care Program Director, and all the faculty and staff for their fine work.

"Hollywood-Types" Get Training at SBRETC



*TV and film professionals took part in a special safety course that included explosions at the SBRETC.
(Photo by CHC student Vincent Cornish)*

The California State Fire Marshall's Office and the Inland Empire Film Commission requested the San Bernardino Regional Emergency Training Center (SBRETC) to conduct a special Fire Safety Officer course specifically for the motion picture and television industry.

Participants from throughout California attended the February class and students received additional state certification upon successful completion.

Financial Aid Updates: Low Loan Default Rate & Launch of WebAdvisor

For the past four years Crafton Hills College has had a single-digit Federal loan default rate which is due to the strong debt counseling policies and procedures practiced by the Financial Aid Office.

The Department of Education (DOE) sets a threshold level by which it determines whether an institution can offer financial aid to its students. When an institution exceeds a 25% loan default rate for the prior three years, it will be removed from all Federal financial aid programs and will never be allowed back.

In 1999, CHC's student loan default rate was over 22%. CHC was at risk of losing all Federal aid programs and the Financial Aid Office took aggressive measures to reduce the default rate. The DOE recently sent a letter notifying that CHC's default rate was lower than last year and that CHC loan programs would continue. Congratulations to Financial Aid Director John Muskavitch and his team for keeping CHC in compliance and providing students the opportunity to receive aid from federal loan programs.



The launch of WebAdvisor provides new online access to students' financial aid information thereby minimizing time spent waiting in line for information

On a somewhat related note, CHC students now have online access to their financial aid information thanks to the launch of WebAdvisor. Working closely with DCS over the last year, the highly-anticipated launch of WebAdvisor will allow students to view their award letter, fill out the FAFSA and check their status without having to wait in line. Many more student services features will be added over the coming months.

Fire Tech Student Interviewed at Firehouse World Convention

CHC Fire Academy #57 Graduate Greg Petersen was interviewed by Fire Department Network News (FDNNTV) at the Firehouse World Convention in San Diego in early March.

Petersen, who is back at CHC taking classes to finish his Associate's degree, commented on the breadth of information and opportunities at the annual event during his interview. Numerous CHC Fire Technology students attended the field trip to the national convention and made a big splash at the event with their bright red team shirts.

The interview aired on Fire Department Network News (www.fdnntv.com) alongside the latest news and videos for fire departments, firefighters, their friends and families, and all support personnel within the firefighting community.



CHC Student Greg Petersen

“Lost Horizons” and “Remembered & Imagined Places” Art Exhibitions



Two long time colleagues in the CHC Art Department Michael L. Bedoya and Marc WurmbRAND are currently showing recent work in the Art Gallery.

The exhibition titled “Lost Horizons and Remembered and Imagined Places” reflects a shared concern on the part of both artists with manipulating landscape imagery while deeply respecting the original visual source.

The exhibition runs from March 25-April 15 and was feted with a public reception held on Thursday March 25th. For Art Gallery hours or more information, call 909.389.3353.

Save The Date

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.

Thursday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Academy Graduation

Friday, April 30 at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

EOP&S/CARE Graduation/Scholars Ceremony – Finkelstein Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.

EMT Completion Ceremony– Finkelstein Performing Arts Center

Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Commencement – Library Quadrangle

Celebrate with the graduates as they are joined by family and friends to commemorate the culmination of their studies at CHC.