



## *President's Board Report* *August 11, 2011*

### **Birthday Party September 12!**

The kick-off event for the Crafton Hills College 40th Anniversary Celebration will be Monday, September 12 at noon in the PAC Quad. Please join us for a traditional birthday party: cupcakes, music, and balloons!

This will be the first of monthly events and related activities planned for the academic year. If you have any ideas for ways to help the campus mark this auspicious occasion, big or small, please contact Alisa Moore at x3333. The new logo is posted above and will be on the CHC Master Calendar, which is available online at [www.craftonhills.edu/mastercalendar](http://www.craftonhills.edu/mastercalendar). It is available for general use on publications and the web. An archival web link is in the design stage—that will be a permanent home for publications and photos related to the history of Crafton Hills College. We will also provide information there regarding the 40th events and memorabilia. We have so much to celebrate; let's make this a terrific year!



### **Message from the President**



Tomorrow brings us all back for In-Service Day, and I look forward to seeing everyone! I hope you had a fun and rejuvenating summer.

The 2011-2012 school year is starting with a bang. We held our first Parent Orientation for the parents of new summer and fall CHC students last night, complete with refreshments and tours of the campus. This gave parents and other family members the chance to ask questions, see where their students have chosen to attend college, and learn ways to help support them in that significant undertaking.

Our Answer Centers, staffed by faculty, staff and administrators, will be available for students in five locations for the first three days of school; no question is too big or too small!

And my thanks to the Vice President Mike Strong, his staff and the construction crews who have been working tirelessly to have students return to a beautifully resurfaced set of roads and parking lots, new Math & Science modular classrooms, and a new ADA compliant ramp. What a wonderful way to start the new year!

## What's New: The Summer Bridge Program

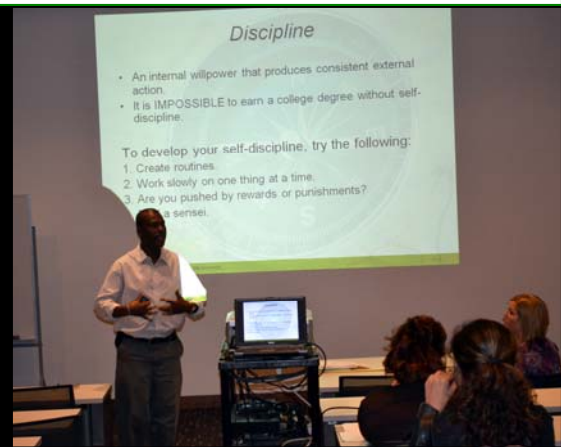
This summer, the Tutoring Center launched a pilot summer bridge program for developmental math and English students. The Mathematics Bridge Program targeted students enrolled in Math 090 (Beginning Algebra) this fall semester. The English Bridge Program targeted students enrolled in English 015 (Preparation for College Writing) and was offered through the CHC Writing Center, giving students a head start by covering a variety of English, Writing and study skills. All sessions were Monday through Thursday from July 25<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> and lasted three hours each day.

Offered at no cost to students and incentivized through the offer of funding assistance for books, response to the program was very good: over 120 students called to sign up. Unfortunately, the pilot program was designed to serve only 80 students, 40 from each discipline. If students successfully complete the Bridge Program they will be provided with books for English 015. In addition, if students successfully complete English 015 and take English 101 in the Spring, the program will provide students with their English 101 textbook as well. Funding for the program, including materials and book incentives, is provided by a generous gift from the Santos Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

Topics for Bridge Program include:

- Sentence structure
- Grammar
- Essay structure
- Note taking skills
- Learning Styles

Administrators will be working closely with ORP to track program participants throughout the academic year and will be using course success, persistence, success in the subsequent math or English course, and student satisfaction, as the basic measures of program success. As data is collected and analyzed, Dean Raju Hegde will share results with the college community.



Learning Center Director Robert Brown discusses the needed character traits for college success. The topic on the screen: Discipline.



## Keeping Up with CTE!

On the right, Dean June Yamamoto is shown at the **66ers Resource Fair** held at the Arrowhead Credit Union 66ers ball field on July 6, where Crafton Hills College provided information on certificate and degree programs for Fair attendees.

High school students learned how they can earn college credit by taking tech prep articulated courses from the high school, ROP or adult school.



EMT Basic students assist at the **Banning Disaster Expo** at the Banning Community Center on April 30. Students answered questions about the EMT Basic program and other CTE programs at Crafton Hills College.



## Live Burns Scheduled at SBRETC



Live Burns are scheduled to be held at the SBRETC on the dates listed below. These events meet FAA part 139 requirements for aircraft rescue and firefighting, and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- September 9
- September 22
- October 5
- October 12
- October 18

## CHC Students Spend Spring in Spain!

During the Spring Semester, Crafton Hills College was represented in Salamanca, Spain, by Ava Johnson, Justin Inostroza, Chad Chandler, Kristen Parker and Brandon Jones under the guidance of Art Professor Snezana Petrovic. They visited Toledo, El Escorial, Lisbon/Portugal, Madrid and Segovia and went on field trips to Madrid specially tailored to their course work, visiting the Prado Museum, the Museo Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, and a production of Lorca's "La Casa de Bernarda Alba". Professor Petrovic reports that "Our students were high energy leaders both in classes and outside while having fun. I was their teacher, mentor, friend, parent and occasionally an enemy while approaching the finals, and they did very well academically!"

Ava (right) received support from President Harrison, the Foundation and Citrus College, without which she would not have been able to travel. The trip was life-changing for her.



Justin, Snezana, Chad, and Kristen (left) during the Drawing Class held in front of the Old Cathedral in Salamanca. Students were learning about perspective and measurements on one of many field trips in Salamanca while visiting museums, galleries and historical sites.



A CHC alumni, Brandon Jones (left) started 8 years ago with art classes with Snezana at Crafton Hills College. He has since graduated from CSUSB with a ceramics degree and has been working professionally the past 3 years. He brought his wife Evyn, a graphic designer, and they took the Intermediate Drawing class with Professor Petrovic and a Spanish class. "It was great having these professional artists sharing the classroom experience with the younger students," said Snezana.



In this picture, they are getting ready to do the Treasure Hunt for their Drawing final. Each of the students had drawing projects disguised and hidden within a specific Salamanca site. The maps were made with the clues and all the students went on the Hunt for their final.

## Respiratory Therapy Students Move to Digital Textbooks

A pilot project limited to 35 students in the Respiratory Therapy Program at CHC will test the feasibility and effectiveness of using digital textbooks in the SBCCD. Working with program director Ken Bryson and his faculty, the students will receive laptops with the needed software and training on how to use the textbooks and access the help desk. The Office of Research and Planning is designing the needed surveys for the students to take after the semester ends for data assessment.

## Dr. Holbrook Presents at International Conference

Dr. James Holbrook, Professor of Emergency Medical Services, recently presented at the International Conference on High Reliability Organizing in Washington, D.C. The international conference brought together practitioners and academicians experienced in the practice and study of high reliability. High Reliability Organizing has the largest impact in those organizations such as commercial aviation, nuclear power, wild-land firefighting, or US Navy aircraft carriers and naval aviation.

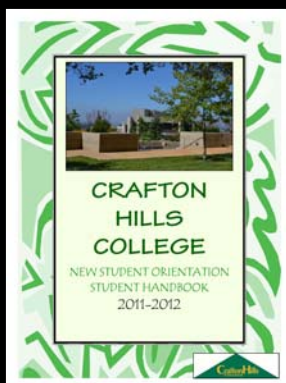


Dr. Jim Holbrook presented on the topic of *Bringing it together: Uncertainty, unexpected, thinking, and sense making*. The presentation was described as follows in the conference materials: "When faced with uncertainty, we must figure out the situation and when faced with the unexpected, we must rapidly make sense of the situation. Sense-making happens before decision-making. Sense-making for uncertainty and the unexpected is similar for high tempo and low tempo environments."

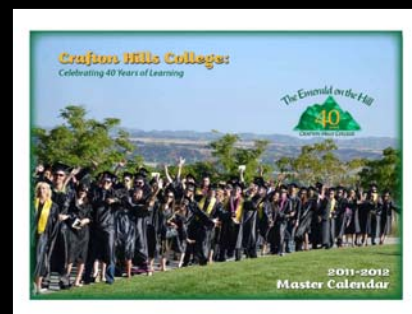
Dr. Holbrook was the moderator for two panels as well. The first was an International panel of experts who discussed Intervening to make high reliability organizing work. This group of scientists is involved in making HRO work in a broad range of organizations. He also moderated a panel of health care experts who discussed Standardization and Variability: Conflict or Stability?

This international conference, supported by the National Transportation Safety Board in the nation's capitol, was an opportunity for Crafton Hills College to present its local efforts on a world wide scale as well as facilitate the learning of others.

## New CHC Publications Available



The 2011-2012 New Student Orientation Handbook and the CHC Master Calendar are now available in hard-copy and online. Locate the Handbook under Counseling, and the Calendar under Faculty and Staff!



## CHC Students Head to London for Fall Studies



The Southern California Foothills Consortium for Study Abroad has 63 students going to London this fall, including ten Crafton Hills College students. CHC has the third largest number of participants. One CHC student, Nathan Dunn, was one of three participants receiving a \$1,000 AIFS scholarship for the fall 2011 London program!

Fall 2011 is CHC's 23rd Semester in London. Participants depart the U.S. on September 8 and return on November 18, unless they want to extend their stay and travel more extensively, returning to the U.S. on December 2. There is also offer a pre-program guided European tour visiting Paris, Brussels and Bruges.

Students may take advantage of the unique opportunities of studying and living in London. They enroll in 12 units and select their classes from curriculum designed to enhance their study abroad experience. Most course work is transferable for a bachelor's degree and fulfills general education requirements. Eligibility to participate in the program requires a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in 12 units of previous college level course work. Classes are offered on a four-day school week (M-Th). On-site student services staff advise and assist participants throughout the semester.

The London study center is located at the University of London Union (ULU) in Bloomsbury. Very much a university area, with the main buildings of the University of London at its center, the study center is within easy walking distance from Oxford Street, one of London's main shopping areas, and Soho, Covent Garden and the West End, London's evening entertainment scene.

The American Institute for Foreign Study provides both academic and non-academic support for the London study program, including accommodations (shared home stay or shared apartment), transportation, tube and bus passes, insurance, classroom facilities, field trips and lots of cultural and social events. Financial aid is available to eligible students.

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates



- August 12, In-service Day
- August 15, Fall 2011 Classes Begin
- August 15: OmniTrans Free Ride Program Begins
- September 6: College Transfer Fair
- September 7 & 13: UC TAG Application Workshops
- September 12: CHC Birthday Party

