

# President's Board Report October 25, 2012

#### Message from the President



Dr. Cheryl Marshall, Interim President

We are half-way through the semester and all the flurry associated with the beginning of a new academic year has been in full force. This month's report is a sampling of the many events taking place on campus in addition to teaching classes. Our Goodwill Donation Drive is underway and the students have done a great job with advertising and setting up a donation site. The final day of the drive is Saturday, October 27, and we are hoping to fill several trailers with donated items.

We have also been busy preparing our accreditation report for assessment of student learning outcomes. I am very pleased to report that 100% of courses and programs have defined outcomes and 66% of courses have ongoing assessment cycles. Our steady progress is evident in using assessment results to help inform decisions about instructional and institutional improvements.

Finally, we await the results of the November election to determine how we will handle additional budget cuts if needed. I hope the Fall season is going well for you and we look forward to seeing you on campus.

### Chancellor's Forum well attended

Chancellor Bruce Baron met with the Crafton Hills College community on October 10 during College Hour, hosted by the CHC Classified Senate. He provided an update on the most urgent issues effecting the District and then offering an opportunity for attendees to ask questions. As expected, the greatest focus was on the current budget state and the impending impact if Proposition 30 does not pass in the November general election.



Chancellor Bruce Baron

### CHC Foundation First Annual Friends Luncheon

The Friends of Crafton Hills College Foundation held its First Annual Friends Luncheon on September 18th at the San Bernardino Hilton. Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch as speakers shared messages of support and hope. The focus of the luncheon was to recruit people who have an interest in helping the CHC with their time and talents or through donations.

Karen Childers, Director of Resource Development and Grants, Crafton Hills College, began the program and introduced speakers. David Raley, president of the Crafton Hills College Foundation, welcomed guests.

Crafton Hills College Alumni James Sharp performed "Concerto in E Flat Movement 11-Andante" and shared his personal story. Now a music professor at the University of Redlands, James praised the education he received at Crafton Hills College, and in particular the summer classes that advanced his educational goals. "The easy choice is to not invest in education and blame others," James said.

Dr. Cheryl Marshall, Interim President of Crafton Hills College, then spoke about the college today and strategies for success. She stressed the importance of a Summer Program that allows students to focus on a subject, get ahead and finish their degree earlier. Cheryl shared that according to a recent survey of students attending CHC, students passionately want summer school and more classes.

Doug Padgett, the CEO of Totally Kids, Inc, shared a business perspective. He said he is thankful for Crafton Hills College students and that they help businesses in our area. Later, guest Laura Ellers, of Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, echoed Doug's impression, "Crafton students are well prepared, train easily, and know the curriculum. They represent 90% of our Radiation Technicians."



Above left: CHC Foundation Vice President Don Nydam (far right) with luncheon guests; Above right: CHC Student Senate President Kyle Hundley (far right) with fellow students



Above right: CHC Foundation President David Raley welcomes attendees; Above left: CHC Vice President of Administrative Services Mike Strong discusses new facilities developments with guests



Above right: SBCCD Trustee and CHC Foundation Board Member Don Singer enjoys lunch with guest Linda Ellers; Above left: A guest examines renderings of new buildings planned for CHC

Below left: Doug Padgett, CEO of Totally Kids discusses the impact CHC students have had on his business; Below center: CHC Interim President Cheryl Marshall responds to a question; Below right: CHC alum James Sharp both spoke and entertained at the luncheon



## Left Lane Project Update

During Week 5 of the semester, Left Lane Project students were asked to attend a "check-in" meeting. To date, there are 245 students still participating in the program. Of those, 181 attended their scheduled check in meetings. The remaining students have been meeting individually with Karen Peterson, the LLP lead.

The purpose of the check-in meeting was to discuss the transition into college life and how well prepared participants felt after attending the Summer Bridge Program. This was also a time to provide feedback on a variety of topics related to the Left Lane Program as a whole. Students took the opportunity to discuss ways in which the program has benefited them, as well as areas it can be improved now and in the future.

While some areas of improvement were identified, nearly all feedback was positive. Students participating in the Left Lane Project are grateful for the opportunity and would recommend it to new students attending CHC next year. One student said, "[The Summer Bridge] made me feel more comfortable and not so nervous on my first day as a 'freshman.'" Another learned the value of Priority B registration and said, "I had to sit on the floor in my 7 a.m. Math class because there were more than 30 students trying to add." One bit of advice shared by a third student was that "Tutoring isn't just for nerds. It's for everybody. It helps you become a good student."

In addition to attending their study groups, 185 Left Lane students have attended at least one tutoring session. Several are seeing tutors on a regular basis. One Left Lane student scored so high on the English and Math placement exams that he has already been hired as a Math tutor.

The next phase of the LLP is completion of the Student Education Plan with a counselor. The deadline for completion is October 31 and already 45 students have met this requirement and 122 have scheduled their appointments.

Overall, students in the Left Lane Project are meeting stated goals and fulfilling all of their requirements. Many have expressed an interest in continuing into a second-year program, the discussions for which are underway. A number of current students have also asked about entering the Left Lane Program during the Spring semester. We are unprepared to admit a second group of students during this pilot year, but are excited at the growing interest in our program and will seek ways to have both a Fall and Spring cohorts in future years.



## Transfer Day Fair

Crafton Hills hosted its semi-annual Transfer Day on September 11. Starting at 10:00am and ending at 1:00 pm the day was found to be a great success by the coordinator of both the event and the Transfer Center, Mariana Moreno. Casting her hands to the sea of students attending the event, Moreno explained the event was "the most successful to date, [...] with 25 college representatives present."

Beginning underneath the LADM breezeway, and extending all the way out to the LADM quad-area, the grounds were dense with student participants. Colleges present at the event were as close as California State University, San Bernardino, and the University of Redlands – and as far as Johnson & Wales University, Providence, Rhode Island. Others included UC Riverside, CSU East Bay, Humboldt State, Cal Poly Pomona, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, and Loma Linda University. Representatives counted 1227 contacts, nearly double the 700 contacts from the Spring Fair.

When asked about the reasons for the success of the event, Moreno went on to say the faculty's support on the matter made all the difference. "Events like this are what prove [Crafton Hills] is committed to being the premier community college for transfer preparation." Over 20 faculty participated in the fair by bringing their classes or encouraging them to attend.



# CHC Public Safety Fair

Crafton Hills hosted several discussions on September 12 relating to public safety. The first day of a two-day Campus Safety & Health Fair, several organizations were present including San Bernardino's District Attorney, M.A.D.D., and Cal Fire. There were also information tables set up in the LRC Quad, including the Student Senate who had information on the consequences of alcohol abuse.

In the Learning Resource Center, San Bernardino District Attorney Michael Ramos explained recent crime trends in the county. Referencing recent activity spikes in identity theft and gang related activities, Ramos outlined strategies his office was taking to lower these negative trends.

In another presentation, Cpt. Travis Paye of Cal Fire showed a video explaining the processes firefighters go through when responding to emergencies. Cpt. Paye, a graduate of Crafton Hills College's Fire Academy '99, commented that Crafton Hills is a great school for those who wish to start a career in fire or emergency medical services.





Left: Student Senate Members Annaly Medrano, Lesli Jorden, Agustine Equihua, Sharifa Kato; Director of Student Life: Ericka Paddock; Above: District Attorney Michael Ramos

#### Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- Goodwill Donation Drive Final Day: October 27
- Open Q&A Session with Senior Management: October 31
- Michael Bedoya Paintings: through November 1, Art Gallery
- Classified Senate Chili Cook Off: November 2
- First Cultures: A Celebration at Crafton Hills, November 8 & 9
- Veterans Dinner: November 8
- CHC Art Club Print Jam: November 13 & 14, LADM



# At the Art Gallery



Daniel Schroeder's artwork was on display at Crafton Hills College Art Gallery in September. The exhibition featured a variety of work including painting, mixed media, and photography. Daniels uses a variety of mediums including oils, acrylics and spray paint, on a range of surfaces including canvas, glass, and skateboard decks. In his sculpture, he uses old engine parts and found or repurposed objects to create multiple visual experiences. Daniel is currently at Crafton Hills College, and plans on transferring to a four year college to earn a bachelor's degree in Fine Art. Daniel says art is all about the journey, just like everyday life, so he has fun with it and creates what he likes.

#### **Constitution Day**



CHC Student Senate honored the federally mandated Citizenship and Constitution Day on September 17 with games, prizes, information on lawmaking, the Constitution and voter registration.

# CHC Fire Academy Cadets Participate in 9-11 Memorial

For the second time, Crafton Hills College Fire Academy cadets participated in the Loma Linda Fire Academy Memorial Ceremony at the Loma Linda Fire Station 1.

This year, in honor of those lost, the Loma Linda Fire Department conducted a 9/11 memorial ceremony featuring the unveiling of a permanent 9/11 Memorial Monument which contains a steel artifact recovered from the devastation at Ground Zero. In addition, participation of Fire and Law enforcement honor guards, pipes & drums, representatives from military service branches as well as comments from recognized speakers made it a memorable event.

According to Dr. Cheryl Marshall, Crafton Hills College Interim President, "Crafton Hills College is honored to have our students, cadets in one of the finest Fire Academies in the state, participate in such a significant event. The tragedy of 9-11 changed the world as we know it, and we must continue to remember and acknowledge those who made the ultimate sacrifice."





Clockwise: Left: CHC cadets marching; Above: Interim President Cheryl Marshall and Chief Dan Sullivan with cadets; Right: Monument



### CoARC Confirms Respiratory Care Accreditation

Dean of Career Education and Human Development June Yamamoto reported that the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) reviewed the Crafton Hills College Respiratory Care Annual Report to determine ongoing compliance with accreditation Standards and CoARC Accreditation Policies and Procedures.

CoARC has confirmed the program has met or exceeded all currently set "thresholds" for success on each of the required outcome measures. The Commission commended the faculty for their commitment to continuous quality improvement in education.



# Congratulations!

Dr. T.L. Brink has been accepted to present at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference. He will be presenting with co-authors who are all Crafton Hills College students. The session topics are:

- Religiosity and Exposure to Adults with Dementia, T.L. Brink with Amanda Tennant
- Priming and the Measurement of Religiosity, T.L. Brink with Marcus Dashoff
- Religious Metaphor in a Presidential Speech: Lincoln vs. Obama, T.L. Brink with Bradley Harjehausen
- Acceptance of Creationism or Evolution in an African Immigrant Church, T.L. Brink with Sharifa Kato

#### Clean Out Your Closets & Save Summer Session!

Fundraising Donation Drive, October 27. CHC Student Senate & CHC Foundation are partnering with Goodwill SoCAL to raise funds and enhance awareness of Goodwill's Mission. Items must be in good condition. Contact the Department of Student Life for more information.



Drop off your items today at the Crafton Hills College Campus in Lot D

Questions? Call (909) 389-3410



Pirates were running amok at Club Rush on September 26—the Student Senate provided games and treats and the Clubs had something to offer for any one interested in getting involved at Crafton Hills College.

