



President's Board Report *September 6, 2012*

Message from the President



Dr. Cheryl Marshall,
Interim President

The semester is off to a great start. We had a successful In Service Day and students returned to campus on Monday, August 13. The reduction in the number of students is evident in the parking lots—spaces are available throughout the day.

Committee meetings are beginning and for the first time, we held training for Committee Chairs. Our Welcome Back Barbeque, held on August 24, gave us the chance to visit with one another.

We hope you will join us at our first annual Friends of the Crafton Hills College luncheon on September 18. The focus is to recruit people who have an interest in helping the College with their time and talents or through donations. The campaign to raise funds for classes for Summer 2013 will begin at the event. We look forward to serving our students and to helping them succeed.

Student Club Hosts Deferred Action Event



In an effort to continue their support of AB540 students on campus, one of our student organizations, "Walking Tall", hosted an extremely successful public forum on Tuesday August 14 about President Obama's executive order related to the Dream Act, known as "Deferred Action".

The order, which became effective on August 15, stops deportation of undocumented immigrants under the age of 30 who meet other requirements, and gives them the opportunity to apply for a two-year work

permit. Facilitated by Attorney Rosa Elena Sahagun, the event featured presentations by representatives from the Mexican Consulate of San Bernardino. Over 300 attendees reviewed the requirements, received a step-by-step tutorial on completing the six-page application, and asked questions about the process. It is estimated that the program will impact more than 1.7 undocumented young people in the United States.

Road Runner Rally

The first Road Runner Rally was held on August 8 and more than 300 students, parents and friends attended the event. The event was designed to give new students an opportunity to get to know the campus. A variety of departments set up information tables and were available to answer questions. Two Parent Orientations were offered, one in English and one in Spanish. The event was generously funded by the CHC Foundation and campus administrators.



Above left, Students make the rounds of the campus. Above right, Mariana Moreno (in staff t-shirt) provides transfer information to a new student and his parents



Above left, Tutoring Center staff available to answer questions. Above right, Crafton students recruit for Swim Club



Road Runner Rally, continued



Above left, new students show off their Road Runner Rally t-shirts; Above right, a campus tour group; left, Dean Rick Hogrefe cooks hot dogs for the Road Runner Rally participants

Paramedics Receive Specialized Training



Paramedic students at Desert Regional Medical Center being trained for clinical rotations on Powered Air purifying respirators (PAPR) for protection against aerosol transmissible diseases. Left to right: Garry Lingafelter, Joe Gerasrdi and Richard Valenti

In Service Day - Fall 2012

The importance of clear communication was a theme of the In Service Day attended by faculty and staff on August 10. The day began with breakfast, then for the first time, an interactive streaming video of Chancellor Baron updating both campuses on the state of the District. Following the video, CHC updates were provided by Mike Strong, Vice President of Administrative Services; Karen Childers, Director of Resource Development and Grant Management; Rebecca Warren-Marlatt, Executive Vice President of Instruction and Student Services; Keith Wurtz, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness; and Dr. Robert Brown, representing Professional Development. The Academic, Classified and Student Senates gave reports and new staff members were welcomed.

Interim President Cheryl Marshall shared her vision and goals for the upcoming academic year, beginning with the fact that 'people matter': "They are the most important part of any organization—the only part with the potential to become more valuable over time." Cheryl also emphasized the importance of open communication, even with difficult issues. She encouraged faculty and staff to "Do Stuff" - to plan for results, to try something new and to tolerate mistakes.

At lunch, faculty and staff enjoyed food and friendship before attending workshops and division meetings. The Fall 2012 semester is in full gear, and CHC faculty and staff members are prepared to lead students to success!



Above left: Instructor Janine Ledoux chats with one of the 'Taco Girls' who catered breakfast; Above right: CHC faculty, staff and management gathering for the start of the presentations



Above left: enjoying breakfast; Above right: enjoying lunch

In Service Day, continued



Above left and right: Faculty workshop on Student Learning Outcomes



Above left to right: Chancellor Bruce Baron presenting via EduStream; Dr. Cheryl Marshall, interim President; Executive Vice President Rebecca Warren-Marlatt



Above left to right: Vice President Mike Strong; Academic Senate President Denise Allen; Classified Senate President Michelle Riggs



Above left to right: Student Senate Vice President Chris Robles; Director of Resource Development & Grants Management Karen Childers; Dean of Institutional Effectiveness Keith Wurtz; Dr. Robert Brown

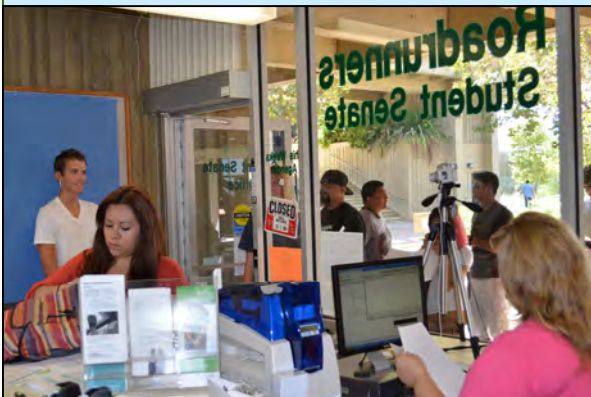
First Day of Classes

The Fall Semester 2012 began on August 13 with high temperatures and equally high expectations. Many students arrived early in case parking was sparse, giving them time to reconnect with friends, find classrooms, explore the Learning Resource Center, and buy their books. Students took refuge from the heat at the computers in the LRC or enjoyed a cool drink in the Cafeteria. "I knew parking was going to be bad, but I ended up finding a spot pretty easily. My classes are a little stressful, but I'm really looking forward to the rest of the semester! So far I really like it!" said Caitlyn Young, a first-time Crafton student.

Faculty and staff members pitched in at five Answer Centers around the campus, assisting students in locating classrooms and providing any information they needed for the first day of the semester. Many students attempted to add classes to complete their schedule. Freshman Zach Taylor summed up his first day, "I thought it was awesome! My teachers are all super cool and I'm stoked for the year!"



Above left and right: Welcome back, CHC Students!

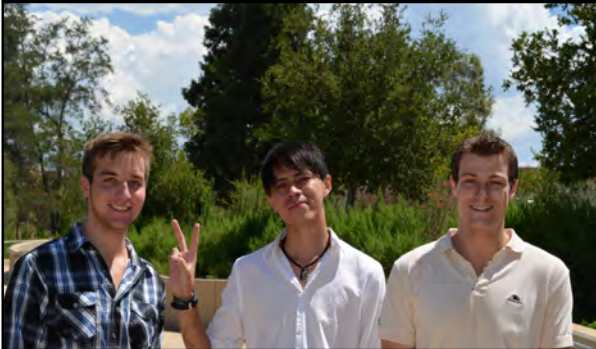


Above left: Students get their CHC ID badges from the Student Life Office; Above right: Dean Kirsten Colvey and Transfer Center Coordinator Marianna Moreno serve students at an Answer Center

First Day of Classes, continued



Above left: Faculty members Breanna Andrews, Tom Bryant and Julie McKee serve students at an Answer Center; Above right: Taking a cafeteria break



Above left and right: Students finding their way to classes on the first day of school

CHC Receives \$280,000 Grant from NEH

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded Crafton Hills College (CHC) a four-year Challenge Grant of \$280,000 to support the College's Arabic Studies Project. The Project will open the study of Arabic language and culture to community college students in the Inland Empire. Challenge Grants require that the institution raise two-to-one nonfederal funds during the grant time period to create an endowment to sustain Arabic instruction.

Preparations for Arabic Studies at CHC began in 2006 when the Chancellor challenged the district to increase the number of students acquiring foreign language proficiency. Over the next four years, a team of faculty members created curriculum and secured articulation agreements with four-year institutions, including those in the University of California and California State University systems. An Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree in Arabic was approved for CHC and has been listed in the CHC catalog since 2010, but funding cuts in the California community college system have made it impossible to offer Arabic courses as yet.

As a result of the NEH funding, students will have the opportunity to take beginning through intermediate Arabic courses at CHC, and to achieve the A.A. degree in this field. Although CHC students have a number of options when they decide to transfer to a four-year university, their most common destination is CSU San Bernardino, which is also the only CSU to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Arabic.

Staff Member Exhibits in the CHC Art Gallery

Stacey Fullwiler, a classified employee at CHC who works as a Library Technical Assistant and who serves as the treasurer of the Classified Senate, has been with the College since January 2007. In August, some of her many other talents were on display in the CHC Art Gallery. Stacey has always had an interest in creative activities and after studying art four years ago at CHC, she has discovered new creative outlets. Stacey is an alumna of CHC and will complete her Bachelor of Science in Business at the University of Redlands in April.



Above left: Church & State, acrylic on canvas; Above right: La Jolla Series (I, II, III, IV, digital photography on metallic paper)

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- Constitution Day, September 17, 11am -2 pm, Library Quad, hosted by Student Senate
- Friends of Crafton Hills College Luncheon, September 18. Contact Karen Childers, Director of Resource Development and Grants Management for details. 909.389.3392
- Club Rush, September 26, 10 am—4 pm, Campus Quad
- Great California Shake Out, October 18: The CHC Safety Committee is undertaking the campus' participation in this event at 10:18 am. There will be an evacuation drill triggered by a test of the informacast and Blackboard Connect mass notification systems. 100% participation is requested. More information will be disseminated soon!
- 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.

