

President's Board Report

January 15, 2015

President's Message



Dr. Cheryl Marshall

Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to the start of Spring semester and having students back on campus. One of our themes for In Service Day is "connecting with students" and we will be focusing some of our Spring professional development activities on student equity and student success. We have two guest speakers scheduled for In Service who are coming to us from Tarrant County College in Ft. Worth, Texas. They have successfully implemented the Men of Color Mentoring Program for first generation African American and Latino young men and will be sharing best practices with us.

Best Regards,

Cheryl



CHC Ranked in Top 10 Fastest Growing CCs

We're bucking the trend! Crafton Hills College is one of the California Community College who saw enrollment growth last year. In fact, CHC was the ninth fastest growing community college in the nation in its size category (5,000-9,999 students).

Across the nation there was a decline in enrollments by 2.2% from 2012-2013, according to *Community College Week* (12-08-2014), using data from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES). It is common for college enrollments to decrease when the economy improves, as occurred the last few years.

However, Crafton Hills College grew 7.9%, thanks in part to the passage of Proposition 30, which provided funding for the college to offer more courses. "We have strategically managed our enrollment by offering the classes of highest need for our students," says Dr. Bryan Reece, vice president of instruction.

"Our beautiful campus, with outstanding faculty and transfer opportunities has made Crafton Hills the college of choice in our community," says Dr. Cheryl Marshall, president. "We expect to see additional growth this year as well."

Crafton Hills shared the top ten in its category with three other California colleges. California colleges also dominated the 10,000+ category, taking the top five spots.

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CHC Receives \$15,000 Grant from Edison

CHC recently accepted a check for \$15,000 from Edison International for scholarships and instruction.

"We are excited to increase the number of scholarships we can provide our students," said Michelle Riggs, assistant director of resource development. "Textbook costs can be prohibitive to students entering college, especially in the STEM fields, so this is very much appreciated."

The \$15,000 grant is earmarked for ten \$1,000 scholarships for STEM students, and the remainder to update fire curriculum to meet the State Fire Training revised certification standards.

"We are so thankful to be able to review and update our curriculum to meet the new standards," said June Yamamoto, dean of career education and human development. "We pride ourselves on providing state-of-the-art instruction in our career education programs. These funds will ensure that our fire cadets are experiencing real-life simulations."

Crafton Hills College is proud to work in partnership with Edison International in support of community needs and priorities.



Rick Hogrefe, dean of arts and sciences; Dr. Cheryl Marshall, president; Col. David Raley, CHC Foundation president; June Yamamoto, dean of career education and human development; and Michelle Riggs, assistant director of resource development; accept a check from Annette Franco, region manager for Southern California Edison (third from the left). The \$15,000 check is earmarked for STEM scholarships and fire academy curriculum.

Respiratory Care Graduates 26 in Class of 2014



Twenty-six students comprised CHC's Respiratory Therapy Class of 2014, the 36th Class of RT.

They celebrated the completion of the 18-month program with a graduation on Thursday, December 18 at 5 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The Crafton Hills Respiratory Care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (COARC).

Emergency Medical Technicians Complete Certificate

It was standing room only as friends and families packed the Performing Arts Center for the 2014 EMT Graduation on Friday, December 19. The 99 EMTs completed an intensive 18-week program, and about 10% passed the EMT National Registry exam before graduation. Class leaders received certificates of appreciation from their instructors.



The Holiday Spirit was Abundant in December

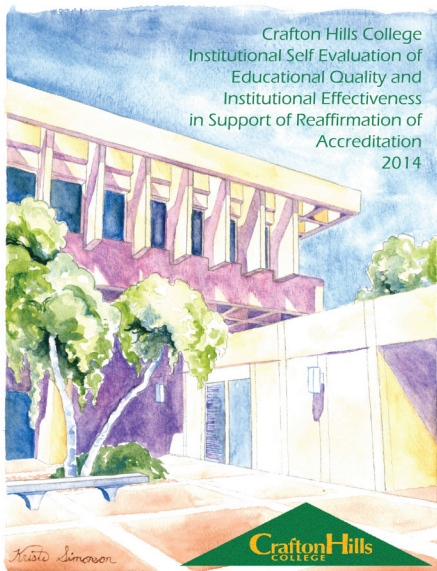
It was looking a lot like Christmas on campus in December! The holiday spirit began with the Annual Holiday Party on December 10, then really blossomed for the holiday decór contest, and was especially evident during the EOPS Christmas party on December 19.

From the looks of the holiday decór contest, everyone was hoping for a white Christmas! Congrats to the Transfer Center for winning the contest, which was sponsored by Classified Senate.

We hope everyone had a fabulous holiday and wish you a Happy New Year!



Accreditation Update



On January 8, 2015, Dr. Marshall will provide the Commission with an update regarding CHC's progress toward meeting the six college recommendations outlined in the external evaluation report. She will report:

- SLO assessment has increased from 72% to 85% of courses, and a new universal web tool has been approved by the Academic Senate;
- The Distance Education Plan is in the process of being updated;
- The new online college catalog is being implemented;
- A program discontinuance policy was approved by the Senate on December 17;
- The new mission statement was approved by the Board of Trustees on October 9; and to date,
- All CHC personnel evaluations have been completed in a timely fashion.

Updates to the four district recommendations will include the Human Resource Department's plans to address the team's recommendations.

Fall Semester Student Art Exhibit

The fall semester ended with the traditional exhibit of student art. Original drawings, paintings, sculpture--you could find it all in the Art Gallery from December 10-17.





CHC Hosts CRY-ROP

Wondering if college is right for you? Crafton hosted students from the Colton, Redlands, Yucaipa Regional Occupation Program on two different days to provide advice on applying for college and financial aid.

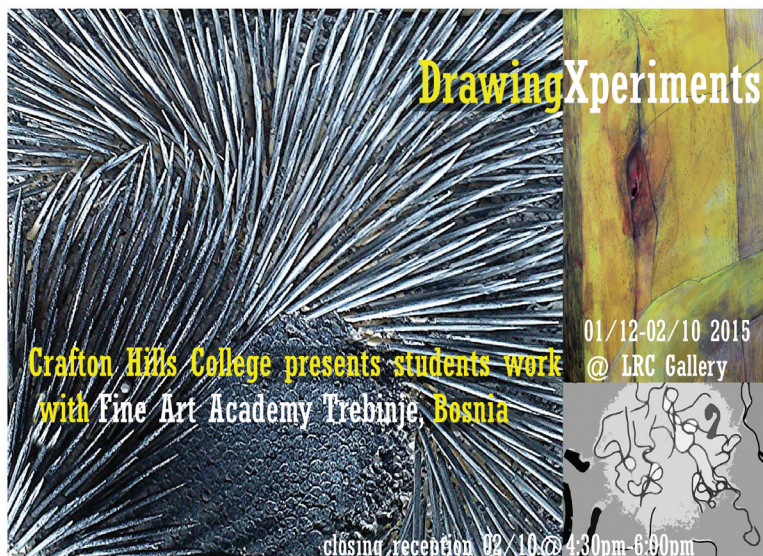
The students had lunch and took a campus tour as well. The juniors and seniors are now equipped with the skills necessary to attend Crafton Hills College when the time is right.

International Collaboration Results in Drawing Xperiments

During fall semester, students in drawing classes at CHC and at Fine Art Academy Trebinje in Bosnia, collaborated on the same project related to exploration of non-traditional media in creating experimental drawings.

There will be an exhibition exchange in the spring. The plan is for a Skype or web connection during the exhibit, if timing can be arranged.

The project is a result of the work of Snezana Petrovic, professor of art.



Mark Your Calendar!

Jan. 12	Spring semester begins
Jan. 16	Region 9 Conversation on CTE @ Moreno Valley College (All-day meeting to include CEOs, VPIs, Deans and faculty)
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day--Campus Closed
Feb. 6 & 16	President's Day Observed--Campus Closed