

# President's Board Report February 25, 2016

## President's Message



*Dr. Cheryl Marshall*

For the past 7 years, we have been involved in some part of a construction process. Shortly after I arrived, we participated in updating the facilities master plan and then moved quickly to the design of our new and renovated buildings. Watching the demolition of the old library was bittersweet – it was hard to lose such an iconic building but we knew a new student center was needed. Our public safety and allied health programs were operating in very poor conditions and we had outgrown our science facilities. We survived the actual construction, the loss of parking, and the moves.

Our grand opening celebration on Feb. 5th was a joyful occasion to reflect on and to honor the work that has been done and the beautiful new buildings. I was very pleased with the attendance. We had community members, alumni, retirees, and current employees present to enjoy the festivities. It was a great day to be president of Crafton Hills College.

## Crafton Hosts Regional Classified Senate



4CS South, or California Community College Classified Senate South, held their annual retreat on Friday, January 3. Crafton Hills was happy to host them in the new Crafton Center. Participants spent the day covering topics such as: Resolutions Writing, Representation on Statewide Initiatives, Their Role in Student Success, and Senate Issues.

Thanks go to Michelle Tinoco, CHC Classified Senate President, who arranged the meeting.



# Spring Semester Begins January 19

Answer Centers were in place the first week of spring classes to help students find their way around campus. In addition to three new buildings opening, all of the others were also renamed.



# Faculty & Staff Come Together for Spring Kick-Off

InService Day brought faculty and staff together on Friday, January 15. The morning started with a general session by Dr. Marshall and the VPs. A number of professional development workshops were held before and after lunch, but lunch was a highlight as it is always a time to come together again after a long break.



# Grand Opening Celebration, February 5

## BUILDING BETTER BEGINNINGS

A ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration was held on Friday, Feb. 5 for the Public Safety & Allied Health (PSAH) building, Canyon Hall, and Crafton Center. Well over 100 people, including community members, government representatives, alumni and education officials, attended the special event.

A highlight of the afternoon was the naming of the Stanley Krasovec Simulation Lab in PSAH. Krasovec named the College as a benefactor after positive encounters with paramedics who had graduated from Crafton Hills College. He was so impressed with them, he left one third of his estate to the College. Visitors could take tours of the buildings before the ribbon cutting. The event ended with refreshments and unveiling of the engraved bricks in the Crafton Center patio.



## CHC Alumnus Recognized as Firefighter of the Year

CHC alumnus Todd Beard, a firefighter in Highland, was named Firefighter of the Year at the Highland Chamber of Commerce Awards and Installation banquet on January 27. Beard lived in Highland as a youngster. Battalion Chief John Toon, who serves as Highland's fire chief, introduced Todd Beard as a former Highland Explorer who became a paid call firefighter in 2004 and full time firefighter in 2007, first assigned to Yucca Valley and Independence stations.

He returned to Highland in 2011 and in 2012, and was assigned as a firefighter/paramedic at Station 1. He completed the EMT program at CHC in 2005, the Fire Academy in 2008 and the Paramedic program in 2009.



"Todd Beard was one of my Cadets," said Dan Sullivan, former CHC Fire Chief. "He received an award for achieving the highest overall score in his Academy." Congratulations to Beard.

## CHC Attends Recruitment Fair



In conjunction with SBCCD Human Resources, Crafton administrators attended a recruitment fair on Saturday, January 30 in Los Angeles.

"It was a non-stop day," said Cheryl Marshall, as interested candidates came by the hospital-ity room to learn more about the institution. Their first stop was the exhibit table by SBCCD, where HR representatives Janet Penn and Secret Brown then referred people upstairs to learn more from the president, vice president or dean.

## #SBStrong Holds Benefit Concert at Crafton

San Bernardino Cares presented a jazz concert in the PAC on January 13 to benefit the victims of the Inland Regional Center shootings last December.

Featured artists included the Jennifer Leitham Trio, Greenspot Beebop and vocalist Lauren Koval.

In preparation for the concert, Dr. Marshall commented, "We are honored to play a small part in the healing of our neighbors and friends by hosting this benefit concert."





## CHC Alumna Seizes Opportunity

Last spring, Jaelin Palmer attended the Elect Her Conference before graduating from CHC, to learn more about becoming active in politics and participating in government. She took what she learned to heart, became active on Student Senate at the regional level, earned a scholarship to a national conference, then applied for and received one of 7 STAR Fellowships from Running Start. She now works for Representative Carolyn B. Maloney in Washington D.C., with housing and a stipend included. Way to go, Jaelin!

## Foster Youth Explore Careers

On Saturday, January 23, EOPS/Care/CALWorks partnered with San Bernardino County Probation Dept. to host over 100 foster youth for a morning of career demonstrations, mock interviews, soft skills training, and a fashion show of business attire. Career and college vendors were on hand to give advice on next steps for the youth. "We were happy to show off our beautiful campus and introduce these high-risk youth to a college culture," said Rejoice Chavira, Director.



## Student Beating the Odds, Headed for Success



*By Kristyn Rethaford*

Christopher Sharp's journey that led him to Crafton Hills College is one of success against all odds. A Master Student with a 4.0 GPA, Sharp's life wasn't always as grounded as it would seem.

"I was thrown out onto the streets when I was thirteen," he explains. Having never known his biological father, Sharp says things were okay until his mother and stepfather started getting involved with drugs. From then on, he struggled with homelessness for years, floating from friend to friend's house until he started renting his first apartment when he was only fifteen.

Life didn't get easier from there; though he married his high school sweetheart when he was nineteen, a severe car accident tore them apart. Sharp was left incapacitated for about a year after being thrown from a car as

passenger. Following these events, he began to drink heavily. "I ended up going to prison for a DUI," he says. "I was in for sixteen months."

Sharp went on to have two children, Alexis and Dylan, after he got out. Both were in his custody for the first several years of their life, until the death of his brother left Sharp in a downward spiral. "I started trying to drink myself to death," he explains. Although he continued to care for his children, their mother used his behavior outside the home as a means of gaining custody. He hasn't been allowed visitation since.

The birth of his third and youngest child served as what Sharp describes as a wake-up call. "I realized I could never be anything just drinking and working jobs with no real advancement," he says. Motivated by his love for his children, Sharp stopped drinking and decided to return to school. His daughter Sarina was born on August 19th of 2014, at 9:32 in the morning. It was just in time for him to cut the umbilical cord before heading to his first day of college.

Since then, Sharp has been majoring in Radiologic Technology, but he's unsure if that's his ultimate goal. "I'd like to do something in the medical field," he says, but he also admits he'd be interested in becoming an instructor as well. Looking toward the future, Sharp says he's applied to the Honor's Institute and that he's working on developing a plan to transfer.

"If it doesn't go right, go left," Sharp says. "In other words, life is always going to throw something at you. It's all a choice, we always have choices. Just keep trying and never give up." Though he still struggles with homelessness, living out of his car on and off, he says he's determined to remain in school. "Life will always give us obstacles," he says. "It's up to us to overcome."

According to Sharp, CHC has done an excellent job of making his college experience worthwhile. He says the instructors have all been extremely helpful. Of his overall experience at Crafton, he says, "It's been great. It's been one of the best decisions I've ever made."

## Mark Your Calendar!

Thurs., March 3	Accreditation Forum, 1-2 p.m. @ LRC-226
March 14-18	Spring Break--No classes
Sat., March 19	CHC Foundation Annual Gala, 6 p.m. @ Crafton Center, \$90
Fri., April 29	Student Recognition Dinner, 6 p.m. @ Crafton Center
Fri., May 20	Scholars Convocation, 6 p.m. @ PAC
Fri., May 27	Commencement, 6 p.m. @ Quad

