

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT



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Three Peaks Challenge=Community Service



Over 50 people took the Three Peaks Challenge on Saturday, November 12 by volunteering to sort food for Family Services Association in Redlands. Over 20,000 pounds of food was picked up throughout Redlands on that morning and delivered to Family Services, where Crafton students, staff, faculty and their family helped sort it for distribution to needy families throughout the year.



“I want to be a helicopter pilot”

Over 200 Girl Scouts came to campus for Allied Health & Medical Careers Day on November 4. They participated in activities for careers in nursing, respiratory care, fire service, and ambulance operations (ground and air). This event provided an opportunity for the girls to learn more about careers they may not have previously considered. It was a pleasure to partner with the San Gorgonio Girl Scout Council and their Classroom to Career program. These girls will be our future leaders, professionals and skilled workforce.

Comments from the participants included, “I liked seeing the pigs lung actually expand and deflate, like it was breathing,” “It was cool being able to listen to my own heartbeat with the stethoscope,” “I liked being in the ambulance and fire engine,” and “I want to be a helicopter pilot to help rescue people.”

Kudos go to Ann Sandez, the event coordinator. She is a part-time faculty member at Crafton Hills College and works as the Emergency Medical Services Coordinator at San Manuel Fire Department. Wendy Zinn, CTE Project Manager with the San Bernardino Community College district, was the administrative coordinator for the grant funding. Many thanks go out to Avante Simmons the Deputy Sector Navigator for the Inland Empire/Desert Region Community Colleges Health Workforce Initiative, who funded this exciting event.



San Manuel Shares Traditions with Local 4th Graders at CHC

Native American culture was spotlighted on November 17 and 18 during the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians' annual *California's First Cultures: A Celebration of Crafton Hills or Waa't Celebration*.

Mentone Elementary and Inland Leaders Charter School were two of the area elementary schools who brought their fourth graders to take part in hands-on lessons covering aspects of Native American culture including basketry, pottery, music, language and history.

Elders like Ernest Siva and Robert Levi of the Serrano and Cahuilla people used traditional songs to bring new generations together. November is Native American Heritage month.



Sarmiento Reaches Out Through Student Senate Role



Nicole Sarmiento wants to make a difference at Crafton, and is encouraging her fellow students to join her.

The Yucaipa native says she always wanted to get more involved in campus life but “was nervous to take that first step into the Student Life office.” A friend on the Student Senate urged her to attend the Elect Her conference, and she became motivated to run for VP of Academic Affairs.

“I felt it was the perfect fit for me,”

Sarmiento said. “I want to be able to share information between the students and faculty regarding academics.”

Sarmiento hopes that in her new role she will be able to spend the next year serving as “a voice for the student body and to let them know that their ideas matter on campus.” She is studying political science and history, and plans to transfer to a four-year university and continue on to law school.

“I hope to be able to encourage students along my educational journey to be more involved and get familiar with their campus by getting out of their comfort zone,” Sarmiento said. “Being involved in the Student Senate has allowed me to meet people I never would have met on campus, students and faculty alike. It has really opened my eyes to all the awesome things Crafton is involved in and all the ways we as students can make a difference.”

PUENTE Project Being Explored

Kathy Martinez from the PUENTE Project came to Crafton on Tuesday, November 22 to explain the national award-winning program to interested faculty, staff and students as part of Crafton's professional development program. PUENTE's mission is to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees and return to the community as mentors and leaders to future generations. The program is interdisciplinary in approach, with writing, counseling and mentoring components.

"Persistence is higher for PUENTE students than traditional community college students," said Martinez.

Susana de la Pena, English instructor, is championing the program at Crafton and working on the program viability report. PUENTE requires a dedicated English faculty member and Counselor. PUENTE staff train the instructors and counselors to implement a program of rigorous instruction, focused academic counseling, and mentoring by members of the community.

If Crafton moves forward they could potentially receive \$5,000 in start-up funding from PUENTE.



Campus Tours Successful Tool in Foundation Outreach



Director of Resource Development & Community Relations Michelle Riggs regularly gives campus tours to donors, alumni, Trustees, elected officials and community members. “Sharing our beautiful campus is an easy way to build relationships and get more people connected with the College and Foundation,” she says.

Mark your calendar!

- Fri, Dec. 2 CHC Student Research Conference, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. @ LRC-226
- Sat. Dec. 3 Three Peaks Challenge: Morton Night Hike @ 4:30 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 6 Post Election Forum, 1-1:50 p.m. @ LRC-231
- Wed., Dec. 7 CHC Holiday Party, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. @ Roadrunner Cafe
- Dec. 10-16 Final Exams
- Dec. 25-Jan. 2 Campus Closed for Winter Break
- Fri., Jan. 13 FLEX DAY for faculty and staff
- Mon., Jan. 16 Campus Closed for Martin Luther King Day
- Tues., Jan. 17 Spring Semester Begins

