

# CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT

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Dr. Wei Zhou

## Crafton Faculty & Industry Partner Recognized for Excellence

The Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium presented Excellence Awards last month, including two Crafton nominees. The region honored fifteen college CTE faculty, administrators, and industry partners from throughout the region who were nominated by members for exemplifying excellence in leadership, partnership, and teaching.



### **Phong Nguyen, Medical Director, Redlands-Yucaipa Medical Group,**

Nominated by Dan Word, Faculty Chair, Public Safety

“As the Paramedic Program’s Medical Director, Dr. Nguyen has faithfully dedicated time and effort to ensuring the medical accuracy and rigor of the program’s educational materials. He is an exceptional classroom teacher and adored by the students for his wit and humor. Additionally, Dr. Nguyen serves on the advisory committee and is a trusted resource and friend of the emergency medical services programs.”

### **James Eder, Regional Sales Manager, Western United States, Draeger Safety Inc.**

Nominated by Michael Alder, Chief, CHC Fire Academy

“As the Western United States Regional Sales Manager of Draeger Safety, Inc., James

Eder was extremely influential in procuring 28 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) Units for the Crafton Hills Fire Academy. James has been a long-time supporter of Crafton’s program. The donation to the program could not have come at a better time as the vast majority of our SCBA units were outdated and literally falling apart. His ability to have these SCBA units donated through the Draeger Safety, Inc. has saved the program approximately \$100,000.00. Crafton Hills College and the Regional Fire Academy are very grateful for James and Draeger Safety, Inc. and greatly appreciate our partnership with them.”



Rich Solometo, Frank DeBoer, June Yamamoto, Mike Alder,  
James Eder, and Rebeccah Warren-Marlatt



## University Coastal Trip is Once in a Lifetime Opportunity for Diverse Group

On May 31st, 18 Crafton Hills College students participated in a three-day university road trip to visit campuses on the central coastline. It was the first of its kind trip with the goal to expose first generation and underrepresented groups to higher education. Furthermore, it was the first time that all 18 students had participated in an overnight activity sponsored by the college.

Crafton Hills College's mission is "to advance the educational, career, and personal success of our diverse campus community through engagement and learning." Through equity funding, some of our most vulnerable students were able to engage in this activity that promoted inclusiveness and exposure to resources not otherwise available to them. The majority of the participants are students of color including Latino, Pacific Islander and Native American. Half of the students are first generation college students and one student is an undocumented DREAMER. In addition, we had a diverse range in age – four students are 25 and older, including one who is over 60 years of age.

Our coastal road trip included four universities that consisted of campus tours at each: first we began with California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo, known for their strong engineering and agriculture programs; University of California Santa Barbara (located right on the coast); the newest of the CSU campuses, California State University Channel Islands and lastly, California State University Northridge, which is the only public CA university to host a deaf studies program.

Students demonstrated excitement and high levels of interest throughout their experience by asking questions, writing notes, taking pictures, and making connections amongst each other, as well as with the faculty chaperones. All students reported they knew nothing to very little about each campus prior to the trip. After the tours, students reported they would likely apply for transfer to at least two of the four universities that were visited; UCSB was the most popular choice among them. Historically, California community college students transfer primarily

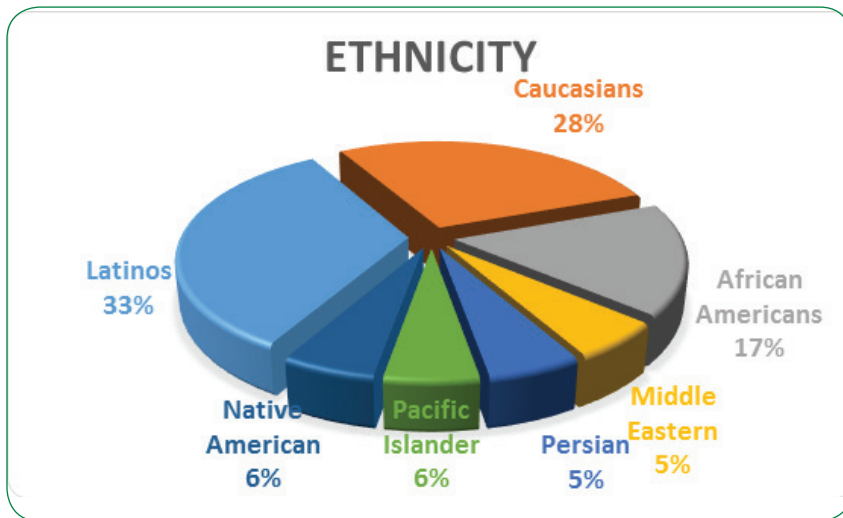
## University Coastal Trip, continued

to the CSU vs. the UC system thus providing evidence that through these tours, the students' saw more options/opportunities than may have been previously considered.

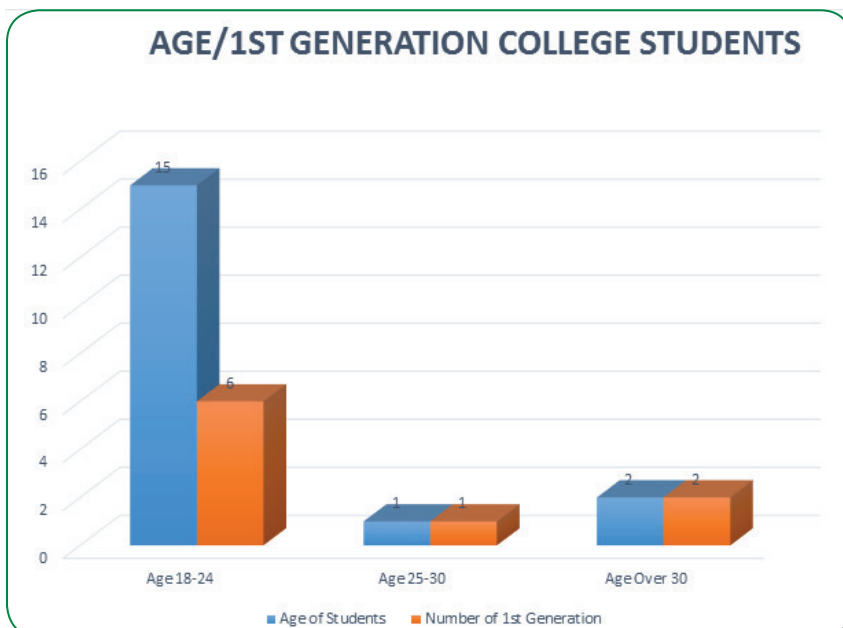
Overall, students expressed a positive experience. Some of their comments include:

- o "Exhilarating"
- o "I learned a lot about the education and resources"
- o "Best trip ever"
- o "With all the questions asked, it has helped me see what I want in the school I pick"
- o "I feel a lot more knowledgeable"
- o "Insightful"
- o "Motivating"
- o "Fantastic"
- o "I had an amazing time. I learned a lot about these universities. This trip helped me a lot in getting more info about these colleges. I hope there are more trips in the future. The chaperones were great. This trip was an overall amazing experience. Thank you!!!"

*Submitted by Mariana Moreno, Transfer Center Coordinator and chaperone extraordinaire.*



*Trevor Clarke, Steven Ortega and Lena Lebeda enjoying the University Coastal Trip.*



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## Mad Hatter Party!

An Alice in Wonderland theme permeated Classified Professionals Week, June 6-9. Workshops on a variety of topics, including “Debt Management,” “Five Languages of Appreciation,” and “The Future of Crafton Hills College and You,” plus a Zumba class, were offered throughout the week.

The annual event culminated with the Classified Appreciation Luncheon, which this year was a Mad Hatter Party.

Thank you to the CHC Classified Staff—you are appreciated!



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## EMS “Wanna-be’s” Attend Summer Boot Camp



Local 11th and 12th graders who had a desire to learn more about Emergency Medical Services as a career attended a summer boot camp on campus, June 13-24.

Their experiences included a demonstration from the Sheriff Rescue helicopter, which landed on the Crafton track.

Students had to submit an essay and two teacher/counselor recommendations before being accepted to the summer camp.

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## Greyraven & Beitscher Named Profs of the Year



History professor Jane Beitscher and biology professor Ruth Greyraven have been named Crafton Hills College's 2015-2016 Professors of the Year.

With the honor, Beitscher comes full circle — she received the award during her first year teaching at Crafton in 1990, and again this year as she prepares to retire.

“Receiving Professor of the Year the first year I taught here was very unusual for an untenured professor, and a tremendous honor,” she said. “I carried that with me the whole time I’ve

been here. Everyone is saying this is a wonderful way for you to go out on top of the heap, and I keep saying to myself it’s time to honor the younger faculty. ... It’s always an honor to be evaluated on such a high scale by your colleagues.”

Beitscher comes from a family full of educators, and says she was born with a “history gene and a teaching gene.” She can often be found with her students having lunch, coffee, or just a conversation.

“I’m a very inclusive person, and a lot of students have become my personal friends,” she said. “My husband comes from Mexico City, and when we got married about six years ago, he was just stunned at how friendly I was with my students. I had to explain to him this is Crafton, and this is what we do at Crafton.”

Greyraven says she is “constantly amazed, impressed, and inspired” by all of her colleagues at Crafton and believes that “every single CHC faculty member is at least as deserving of this award as I am.”

“In my opinion, we have a great faculty at CHC,” she said. “Every professor is passionate about helping students, each in their own way.”

Her favorite thing about Crafton is the beautiful landscape and how she incorporates that into her teaching.

“It’s a wonderful resource for field trips that teach about the diversity of biological organisms, the challenges of wildlands conservation, and the ethnobotany of local wildflowers,” Greyraven said.



*History professor Jane Beitscher retired after 25 years at CHC.*



## Eight Graduate from RadTech Program

Eight students graduated from the Radiologic Technology program on June 7 at the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

The rigorous program is based at ARMC and requires students to have a 2.5 grade point average in all prerequisite courses and interview for one of the eight spots before being admitted.

Morris Hunter, M.E.D., R.T., is the program director. The program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

Congratulations to our newest RadTech graduates!

## Mark your calendar!

July 4	Campus closed for Independence Day
August 5	Community Reception for Dr. Wei Zhou, 3-4 p.m @ Roadrunner Café
August 10	Roadrunner Rally & Splash, 4-6 p.m.
August 15	InService Day, 8 a.m. @ PAC
August 16	First day of fall classes
August 16	Deadline for fall Fire Academy application
Sept. 5	Campus closed for Labor Day
Sept. 26	University Transfer Fair

