

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT



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Student Senate Pushes Voter Registration



Armed with a \$10,000 grant from the California Community Colleges Civic Impact Project, Student Senate took on the challenge to promote voter registration to CHC students.

In the 2014 General Election, only 52% of eligible youth were registered to vote, which was more than 20 points below any other age group, and only 8% of eligible youth aged 18-24 voted. With these statistics in mind, Student Senate developed a plan of action that featured multiple registration locations, t-shirts, the use

of social media, and more. Activities included making announcements in various classes, creating visual displays in the Library and Crafton Center, sending letters to the entire student body, hosting a Snapchat geofilter for a week, creating a hashtag, having voter registration set up in the Quad at peak traffic times, and even giving out gourmet cupcakes. The Student Senate's efforts resulted in 85 CHC students registering to vote, one of the highest totals in the state.



Student Leadership Conference Leads to Personal Transformation

Iris Perez reflects on her time at NCCWSL

I never thought I would leave California, let alone leave my 2-year-old son, travel to the opposite end of the U.S. to a beautiful university and learn how to belly dance. Thanks to a scholarship from the AAUW Redlands chapter and my participation in the joint “Elect Her” Conference with AAUW, Crafton Hills and the University of Redlands earlier this year, that’s exactly what I did.

On behalf of Crafton Hills College, I was given the opportunity to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), in June. I attended lots of interesting workshops on body image, diversity, personal growth, succeeding under pressure, and more.

I met women with different opinions and feedback. Women with different interests and thoughts on various topics. It was amazing listening to them because they were so passionate. It was awesome meeting them and hearing their perspectives on things whether we agreed or disagreed.



The keynote speaker, Hilary Corna, shared her personal story and her experience studying abroad and learning to speak Japanese. Listening to her speak about her challenges living abroad and almost giving up was very inspiring. She chose to follow her dreams instead and found herself with the opportunity to work with Toyota Motor Asia Pacific in Singapore as the “One White Face,” of the company (which happens to be the title of her first book). Hearing how she was able to succeed made me feel that anything can happen when you set your mind to it. She showed me that when you are the one to go out there and make your dreams come true, your life can be such an amazing self-fulfilling prophecy.

Another life changing moment was the “How your haters make you greater” workshop led by Joan Maze. She was a very strong-minded African American woman who taught me that “I don’t have to like you to respect you.” This quote has been in my head ever since then because it reminds me that for years now women in a male dominated working environment still get disrespected, still get

unequal pay, and still get rejected. I learned that those feelings should not get in the way. No matter what, you can’t stop trying to get to the top all because you don’t like someone. Joan taught me to always be professional during any situation, and how to handle a situation where “haters” try to stand in my way.

During my trip to NCWSSL, I learned to grow and to evolve instead of changing myself. A lot of people tend to change their mindset based off other people’s opinions. I learned not to do that to myself. Instead, I will listen with an open mind, take in what’s being said and take it apart to try to understand it even more. I will not change myself, instead I will teach myself to be my own leader.

–Iris Perez

CHC Ramps Up Outreach Efforts



Crafton representatives have been in the community in full force this year, ramping up outreach activities and recruitment efforts.

In addition to a weekly booth at Redlands Market Night and the Yucaipa Farmers Market this past summer, outreach teams have made 10 school visits for college fairs and presentations, and attended the AutumnFest in Yucaipa and Discover Highland, in October alone.

More school visits are scheduled for November, as well as the San Bernardino County Youth Resource Fair in December.

EMT students joined the booth at Discover Highland, checking blood pressures.

Dean's List Students Get "Served"



Dean's List students were recognized for their achievement at the biannual Tea with the Deans on October 13. Deans serve the students tea, sandwiches and cookies while offering their congratulations.

Michelle Riggs Recognized by Sen. Mike Morrell

Senator Mike Morrell together with the National Latina Business Women Association – Inland Empire hosted the 12th annual Women of Distinction ceremony on Oct. 7, recognizing 45 women from around the 23rd State Senate District for their work in the community. Our own Michelle Riggs was one of them.

“The annual Women of Distinction Ceremony is a tradition that recognizes the positive impact made by women from across the 23rd Senate District. I thank them for the work they do on behalf of others,” said Morrell.

Serving as the Director of Community Relations and Resource Development, Michelle is passionate about the power of education to transform lives. She is active representing Crafton in the community, as the chair for the Yucaipa Valley Chamber of Commerce, Director for the Yucaipa Valley Kiwanis Club, and a member of the city of Yucaipa Economic Development Advisory Committee. She was nominated by David Avila, Yucaipa City Council member.



Zach Anner Brings Sense of Humor to Presentation

Zach Anner, author of *If at Birth You Don't Succeed*, award-winning comedian, and renowned public speaker spoke honestly and humorously to a packed room on October 5th--twice!

Anner is an Austin, Texas-based comedian, actor and writer with cerebral palsy who gained world-wide attention with the submission of a video to Oprah Winfrey's "Search for the Next TV Star" competition. He won his own travel show on OWN called "Rollin' with Zach," and also hosts the webseries "Have a Little Faith," "Top of the Monday," "Riding Shotgun," and "Workout Wednesdays" on his YouTube channel which has over 13 million hits.



Breanna Andrews, Diversity & Inclusion Committee Chair, with Zach Anner

Anner was invited by the Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

Faculty, staff and students read his book before his visit and were eager to ask him questions about his life and future plans. His advice to the students? "Take a chance. You'll never know if you'll succeed if you don't try."

Thank you, Crafton Hills!

The CHC Foundation hosted the annual Friends of Crafton Hills Luncheon on Friday, October 21. Guests were treated to success stories from five alumni from the anatomy and physiology department, Rayna Zaragoza, John Noble, Marcus Criner, James Marshall and Amanda Edwards-Harrell. They have all moved on to further their education and/or get jobs in their field.

The highlight of the luncheon had to be 91-year old Bill Ahlborn, who spoke about taking classes at Crafton Hills that led to a third career of teaching on cruise ships and at community colleges and universities in California. "Thank you, Crafton Hills," he concluded.

The lunch also afforded the College an opportunity to recognize the Foundation Board and the President's Circle members.



It's Transfer Season: Help @ UTC

There's anticipation, excitement and a bit of apprehension in the fall term for students. Why is that? It's application season for the Cal States, UCs and many independent/private schools. Students have been working hard, and submitting their application for transfer is a milestone toward moving forward with their dreams. The University Transfer Center (UTC) offers 40 workshops to help reduce the stress associated with completing the applications while making sure students represent themselves accurately. Workshop topics include how to complete the UC or CSU application, and writing a personal statement. The application deadline for CSU and UC is November 30.



This year, using Equity funding, the UTC arranged field trips to local and out of the area universities. "It's important for students to step on different campuses to experience the culture, climate, location and resources. For some of our most vulnerable students, campus tours can have a significant impact in their confidence to see themselves at institutions of higher education," says Mariana Moreno, Transfer Center Coordinator. Most tours also include an admission presentation and a student panel. Schools visited or scheduled for fall 2016 include: CSU Long Beach, CSU San Bernardino, UC Riverside, San Diego State, UC San Diego, Cal Poly Pomona, CSU Fullerton, CSU Los Angeles, Cal Baptist University, La Sierra University, University of Southern California (USC).

Mark your calendar!

Fri., Nov. 11	Campus closed for Veterans Day
Nov. 17-18	Wa'at Celebration
Nov. 24-26	Campus closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Tues., Nov. 29	GIVE Big Day! (Pick CHC for your "nonprofit donation day.")
Tues., Nov. 29	Veterans "Thank You" Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Roadrunner Cafe
Wed., Nov. 30	Honors Luncheon, Noon-1 p.m. @ Roadrunner Cafe
Fri., Dec. 2	CHC Student Research Conference, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. @ LRC-226
