

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT

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Dr. Wei Zhou

Reception Unites Donors & Students



Scholarship donors and the students who receive their scholarships were able to meet and get acquainted during a special reception hosted by the CHC Foundation on August. 25. Two students, Belle Pham and Wes Stevens, spoke on behalf of all students, thanking the donors for their support of Crafton students. "I don't know where I would be today without the scholarship support I received," said Pham.

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Chairwoman Lynn Valbuena attended and

spoke about the importance of education to the Tribe and how pleased they are to provide substantial scholarship support to Crafton students.



San Manuel Grant Helps Students Focus on School

A \$150,000 grant from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is benefiting dozens of Crafton student employees, who say working on campus gives them experience while providing them with money for books, supplies and transportation.

With \$20,000 earmarked for scholarships, the remainder of the grant will be used to fund student employment on campus. Having gainful employment boosts self-esteem and allows students like Neil Saldana-O'Brien to focus on their studies, leading to higher success rates. Saldana-O'Brien, a graphic designer in the marketing and public relations department, says his job has helped him with everything from time management to enhancing his writing skills.

"If it weren't for grants like the one from San Manuel, I would not have been able to work at CHC," he said. "I think it's really important that student workers be compensated for their work; unpaid internships are great but they take up precious time that students, especially employed ones, are already short on. I'm so thankful for the opportunity given to me to pursue my dream job, and without grants for student work it wouldn't happen. The idea that other students could get a similar opportunity, no matter what career they're pursuing, really gives me hope."



Saldana-O'Brien used to work off campus at a warehouse doing "really menial labor," he said. "I felt like a robot. I felt like my schooling wasn't paying off, and the stuff I learned in school wasn't going to help me in the real world." Everything changed when he took on a position at Crafton.

"I've gotten to work with other students to achieve a goal, take photos of school events, and spread information to students," he said. "Not only that, but I used a lot of information I learned in my classes at Crafton, such as writing, file management, geometry and a lot of art and desktop publishing. Now I have work experience in a career I'm excited about, and I got paid for doing work I love while still going to school. Helping with school outreach also made me feel like I was a part of something I could be proud of, and I wanted to do well in my classes because of that feeling of inclusion."

One added bonus of working on campus as a student is having a home base, with your job just steps from your classroom. Saldana-O'Brien said Crafton accommodates student workers by ensuring, "schedules never clashed, because CHC doesn't want you to miss school for work."

"It's wonderful to know that students with on-campus jobs are able to focus on their studies without worrying about how they will be able to purchase books and supplies," Michelle Riggs, Director of Community Relations and Resource Development, said. "We commend our students for all of their hard work, and appreciate San Manuel's dedication to the community and education."

Thousands Attend Herbivore Festival

Colleen Maloney-Hinds captures interest of community



Thousands of people streamed on campus on Sunday, October 2nd for the Fall Herbivore Festival, orchestrated by Colleen Maloney-Hinds, professor of kinesiology and health.

There were seminars and lectures on veganism cooking demonstrations, vendors from throughout Southern California, entertainment, and information booths from Crafton Hills.

“This is a great event for the College,” says Denise Hoyt, president of Academic Senate. “We get to show off our beautiful campus and broaden our outreach while sharing information on healthy lifestyles.”

The Spring Herbivore Festival is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2017. #VegansRock!



It's Candyland @ 2016 Club Rush

If you needed a sugar fix, Club Rush was the place to be on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Clubs lined the Quad with their themed booths, trying to attract other students to join their club. The big competition was guessing the amount of candy in a big jar filled by the Health Sciences Club. The winner got to take home a jar with 817 pieces of candy! Now that's a sugar rush.



Artist Reception Draws Family & Friends

Friends and family were a big part of the opening reception for the art exhibit by Redlands native Sean Regalado on Saturday, Sept. 17. Regalado has become known for his custom toys, pop culture likenesses and narrative sculptures. He considers himself a “nostalgic forealist with narrative tendencies,” and loves “monsters, stories and a well-made toy.” In this show, Regalado explored the notion of ‘feral’ as it relates to diverse cultural identities. His work has also been exhibited in San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles. His exhibit runs through October 13.



College Honors Institute Attracts New Members



2016-17 CHI Ambassadors

Jason Mathew, hopes to study biophysics @ UCSD
Waheed "Z" Zahir, plans to study biology
Sunny Hasuka, hopes to study business @ UCLA
Lena Lebada, wants to study neuroscience @ UCR
Nathan Petreaca, plans to study computer science
@ UC Berkeley

The College Honors Institute (CHI) had a great Meet 'n' Greet Opening Social on Saturday, September 24. The event was planned and executed by the new CHI Ambassadors. There were about 30 students in attendance. They were divided into teams for some competitive games, beginning with a trivia test developed by the Ambassadors. I can tell you that the questions were very, very hard!"

We also had several rounds of Flyswatter Volleyball using a balloon as a ball. I was surprised by how much the students liked playing this! A third station was a computer game that rotated players and involved teams of students. At the end we dined on a fine meal of pizza, chips, salsa, and cookies. I actually had to chase the last table of students out at about 1:30 (We had planned to end at 1 p.m.). It was a good opportunity for students to get to know each other and to develop some new friendships.



We currently have 60 students in the Honors program, with about half attending the social-- which is pretty good for a Saturday morning. We hope to increase the size of the program to 100 active members by the end of the Spring 2017 semester.

Submitted by Judy Cannon, CHI Coordinator

Crafton Responds with ITT Information Sessions

Crafton joined SBVC in offering information sessions for beleaguered ITT students who were left adrift when the institution closed their doors on September 12. Crafton offered two sessions on campus on September 20, and joined Valley in offering two sessions at the District Office on September 21.



Staff from A&R and Counseling joined representatives from the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education, and the U.S. Department of Education to offer assistance to those interested in attending a community college.

“We spoke with approximately 50 ITT students over the course of two days,” said Violeta Vasquez, counselor, “and at least three of them are planning to enroll at Crafton.”

Stakeholders Invited to Respond to EMP/FMP at Open Forums



Two open forums were held on September 20 to allow Crafton’s stakeholders to provide input to the Education & Facilities Master Plans.

The Education Master Plan Committee has been working on the EMP for 18 months and is in the final stages of drafting a plan with the help of Alma Strategies. The plan will include comprehensive Facilities Use information.

Student Trustee Spreads the Word



Beverly Rapouw understands the power of clear communication.

At the age of two, Rapouw left Redlands to live with her grandparents in Indonesia. She returned to the United States five years later, “not knowing how to speak English correctly,” she said. “It gave me the passion to one day be the voice of a group who needs assistance with voicing their opinions and concerns.”

Rapouw, a communications and anthropology major, says she hopes to one day start a career with a “strong presence in social media.” She stays up to date on the latest trends and has secured an internship focusing on social media.

To achieve her goals, Rapouw joined the Student Senate and took on the role of publicist — something her older brother did when he was part of Crafton’s Student Senate in 2009. Now, she’s a student trustee, and wants to forge stronger relationships between students and faculty members.

“I want to make sure they know I am here to help in any way, shape or form and to ensure student’s concerns and voices are being heard,” Rapouw said. “Doing things that help others in the way they need to be helped is just one thing I hope to accomplish this year.”

Mark your calendar!

Mon., Oct. 17	<i>Socio-Economic Satus and the Impact on Education</i> , Noon @ LRC-231 Presented by Brandi Lawless, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of San Francisco
Fri., Oct. 21	Friends of Crafton Hills College Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. @ Roadrunner Café
Fri., Nov. 11	Campus closed for Veterans Day
Thurs., Nov. 17	Soberfest
Nov. 24-26	Campus closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 29	GIVE Big Day! (Pick CHC for your “nonprofit donation day.”)
