

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT

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Dr. Wei Zhou

Pathways Promise is Sealed

Crafton Hills College students will be guaranteed admission at the University of Redlands under a new agreement signed by Dr. Wei Zhou, president of CHC, and Dr. Ralph Kuncil, president of University of Redlands on March 8, 2017. A ceremonial signing took place in the CHC Transfer Center at 3:30 p.m. that day.

“The transfer agreement with University of Redlands will provide a seamless pathway for our students to earn a bachelor’s degree from one of the most highly-ranked private institutions in our own backyard,” Zhou says. “Even more exciting is the promise of a \$10,000 scholarship for those students accepted into the program. With about 70 percent of our students receiving financial aid, this agreement alleviates the financial hurdle so many of our students encounter when they transfer from Crafton Hills College. Thus, it has the potential to take the widely discussed community college completion promise program to the next level.”

Under the agreement, CHC will provide students with articulated transfer courses, develop student education plans and schedule courses in a pattern that supports their transfer as a junior-level student at University of Redlands. Crafton students must earn a 3.1 cumulative grade point average in 24 transferable units, and they must complete college-level English and mathematics with a grade of C or better.

“We are proud to be part of this promising pathway,” says University of Redlands President Ralph Kuncil. “It is a dynamic partnership that puts higher education within reach of every student, guides them through the liberal arts to careers experience, and prepares them to succeed at each level.”



California Dreamin' Raises \$100,000

Crafton students will have increased Veterans services, additional funding for Study Abroad, and more scholarship opportunities, due to the funds raised at the 2017 CHC Foundation Gala, *California Dreamin'* on Saturday, March 18. "Thanks to the support of our donors, we raised close to \$100,000 again this year," says Michelle Riggs, Director of Resource Development & Community Relations.

Guests were treated to a visit from the Mamas & Papas (the CHC senior administration team), who, appropriately enough, sang their rendition of *California Dreamin'*.

Students spoke on behalf of the CHC Honors Institute, Veterans Services, and Study Abroad. Kitchell/Brj was recognized for their contribution of \$25,000.

Photos/video can be found at www.craftonhills.edu.



Troy Mondragon is 2017 Distinguished Alumnus



A highlight of the annual gala is the recognition of the outstanding alumni of the year. This year's Distinguished Alumnus is Troy Mondragon. Mondragon overcame serious obstacles in his educational journey to reach his dreams. With a diagnoses of bipolar disorder in high school, Mondragon struggled to succeed academically. Pursuing his goals of obtaining a higher education, he began taking classes at Crafton in spring 2000. Mondragon spent countless hours in the math lab and at the library studying to pass the several semesters of remedial classes he needed in both English

and math. One of the best experiences in Troy's life was his participation in the Study Abroad program at Crafton. The first in his family to travel outside of the country, this life-changing experience with diversity and culture opened the door to a whole new world of possibilities and sparked his interest to major in sociology.

Understanding that college students are at a high risk for mental health issues, Mondragon soon became an advocate for mental health services on college campuses. Transferring to California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) in 2008, Mondragon was the first in his family to graduate from a university earning a bachelor's of arts degree in sociology in 2010. He went on to graduate from the San Bernardino Community College District Entrepreneurship Institute in 2013, and after receiving a Fellowship from Catholic Charities, earned a masters in social work from CSUSB in 2015. Mondragon serves on the San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Commission representing Supervisor James Ramos and the Third District. In 2014 he was presented with the Outstanding Youth Advocate award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Currently Mondragon is completing his hours to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and will soon begin teaching at National University.

Congratulations, Troy!

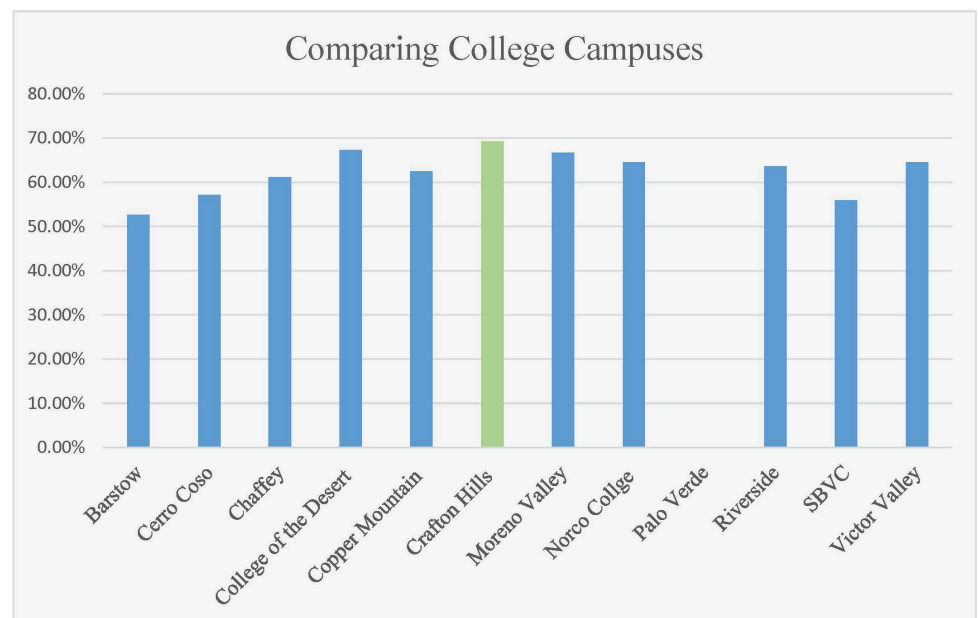
CHC UC Transfer Rates #1 in the Region!

Crafton Hills College students have a higher admission rate to the University of California than all the other community colleges in the Inland Empire. For the 2015-2016 academic year, 69% of all students that applied to a UC, were admitted to at least one campus. This demonstrates that Crafton Hills is doing an excellent job in helping its students transition to 4-year institutions.

According to Mariana Moreno, University Transfer Center Coordinator, "It takes a college to transfer a student and at Crafton Hills College, we are doing an excellent job in helping our students become competitive for admission. I would like to especially acknowledge the counselors who understand how admission is done and who work directly with students to plan their classes in order to have the greatest advantage in the acceptance decision. They have engaged in monthly transfer trainings for several years now and regularly attend conferences to make sure our students are prepared. They are an outstanding group. Without this structure and support, Crafton would not be the college it is today."

University of California Admission Rates 2015-16

School	Applied	Admits	Admit %
Barstow	19	10	52.63%
Cerro Coso	35	20	57.14%
Chaffey	247	151	61.13%
College of the Desert	144	97	67.36%
Copper Mountain	16	10	62.50%
Crafton Hills	117	81	69.23%
Moreno Valley	123	82	66.66%
Norco Collge	172	111	64.53%
Palo Verde	6	0	0.00%
Riverside	536	341	63.61%
SBVC	118	66	55.93%
Victor Valley	93	60	64.51%



**Source: <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/admissions-source-school>

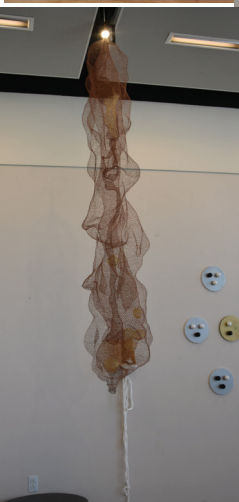
Kudos to our students who are excelling in and outside of the classroom, and to our committed faculty and staff for helping them succeed.

Art: Eyes on Healing Features Art and Integrated Medicine

The first incarnation of the global project titled: *Parallels: MEDICINE=ART*, initiated by Tomoko Tanuma, Yumiko Kikuchi, and CHC Art Professor Snezana Saraswati Petrovic, started its journey as part of the CHC ARTS Festival “Art: Eyes on Healing.”

This curatorial project explored and recorded the artistic voice as related to integrative medicine developed in various regions in the worlds as heritage of humanity. The exhibition investigated the synchronicity of the practices and philosophy in relationship to moxibustion and acupuncture as a global phenomenon.

There was a full schedule of art exhibits, workshops, panels, and new media productions during the week-long festival, March 27-31.



Shattering the Glass Ceiling



Starting with a powerful video by United State of Women, Denise Davis opened her presentation on *Women in Leadership: Shattering the Glass Ceiling* on Monday, March 27. Davis is the director of the Women's Resource Center at University of California, Riverside. She was invited to speak as part of the myriad Diversity & Inclusion activities on campus.

Davis shared how women have been graduating from college at higher rates in the last 30 years, but noted how it has not translated into workplace success, especially at high level jobs. As an example, only 4.6% of Fortune 500 companies have female CEOs.

"I am excited about the current wave of feminism," said Davis, commenting on how the recent Women's March in Los Angeles brought 750,000 marchers, ten times the expected 75,000.

Mark your calendar!

Tues., April 11	Flex Day; No Classes
Fri., April 14	Classified Appreciation Luncheon, 11:30 am. @ Roadrunner Café
April 17-19	Student Senate Elections
Fri., April 28	Student Recognition Dinner, 6 p.m. @ Roadrunner Café
Sat. April 29	Women in the Fire Service Day, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ PSAH
Sun., May 7	Herbivore Festival, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. @ Quad & Beyond
Fri., May 12	EOPS Graduation & Scholars Ceremony, 6 p.m. @ Roadrunner Café
Tues., May 17	Retirement Reception, 3-4:30 p.m. @ Roadrunner Café
Fri., May 19	VIP Donors Reception (Pre-Scholars Convocation), 4:30-6 p.m. @ PAC
Fri., May 19	Scholars Convocation, 6 p.m. @ PAC
Tues., May 23	Fire Academy Graduation, 6 p.m. @ PAC
Thurs., May 25	EMT Graduation, 6 p.m. @ PAC
Fri., May 26	Graduation Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. @ CHC Cafeteria
	Commencement Reception, 5 p.m. @ CCR-156 (Student Life)
	Commencement Robing, 5:30 p.m. @ CCR-155 (Student Life)
	Commencement Procession, 6 p.m. @ Quad
