

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT

February 2017



Dr. Wei Zhou

Fire Academy Receives Fire Truck

There was no shiny red truck for a photo because of inclement weather, but it didn't dampen the appreciation from Crafton Hills College when they received a donation of a fire truck from the City of Yucaipa/CAL FIRE on Monday, January 23 at the Yucaipa City Council meeting.



"This couldn't come at a better time," said Chief Mike Alder. "We have a need for a minimum of two fire engines in order to properly perform our hose and firefighting operations at the academy and we had to retire one at the end of last year. This will help us tremendously."

President Wei Zhou thanked the Council and CAL FIRE for the generous donation, "Simulation activities are a vital part of all of our occupational programs, and this fire truck will offer our fire academy students the hands-on experience they need in the real world. We thank the City of Yucaipa for their continued support."

The City of Yucaipa purchased a new fire truck late last year for their fire department, enabling them to make the donation to Crafton Hills College.

Pictured from left to right, Councilmember Greg Bogh, Councilmember Denise Allen, CHC Dean of Career Education June Yamamoto, CHC Director of Community Relations & Resource Development Michelle Riggs, Yucaipa Fire Captain Ralph Williams, CHC Fire Chief Mike Alder, Yucaipa Fire Captain Brian McIntire, CHC President Wei Zhou, Councilmember David Avila, Mayor Dick Riddell, & Councilmember Bobby Duncan.

Paramedic Program Graduates 86th Class



Crafton graduated its 86th Paramedic Class on Friday, January 6 in the Performing Arts Center. The 18 graduates, from throughout the Inland Empire, completed a 10-month program, attending classes Monday-Thursday, and finishing 600 hours of field work.

Crafton Leaders Active in Area Chambers



Michelle Riggs, Director of Resource Development & Community Relations (3rd from left), was sworn in on January 6 with her fellow board members by Assemblyman Chad Mayes as the 2017 president of the Yucaipa Chamber.

Her service is a vital link to the community in which Crafton resides.



June Yamamoto, Dean of Career Education & Human Development (left), joins the Executive Board of the Highland Chamber. She was sworn in as secretary at its annual meeting on January 19.

Students Gain Interview Skills

The Introduction to Career, Education and Life Planning class completes a mock interview learning activity as one component of the final course project. The class completed their interview component at the end of last semester.

Students are to prepare for the mock interview by sharing an elevator pitch, a portfolio (which includes resume, cover letter, and highlights of their skills and accomplishments) and dressing for a successful interview. Students participate in two rounds of a 20-25 minute interview and meet with professional administrators, faculty, or staff. At the conclusion of the interview students receive constructive critique and praise.

Overall, students begin to learn the art of interviewing successfully and how to communicate their major and career goals, passion, skills, talents, interests and ability to be hired to others. According to Trinette Barrie, Career Counselor, “Students have shared in the past that they feel more confident and ready about completing a real interview based on this class experience.” They are prepared to answer the more tough questions like, “Tell me about yourself,” “Why should we hire you”, and “Share your strengths and weaknesses.”



The Fall 2016 class prepares for their mock interviews.

Spring Semester Kicked Off on January 13...



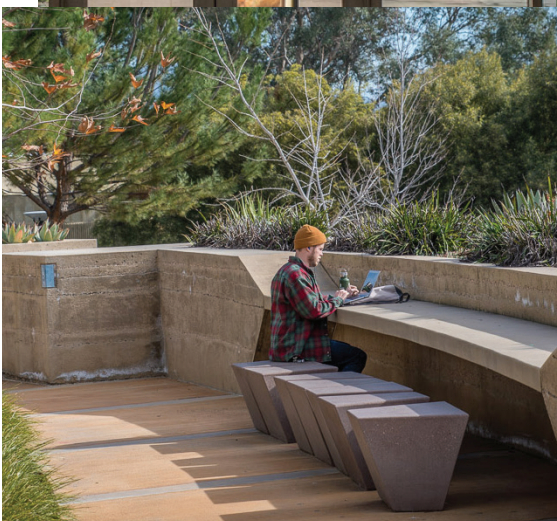
Spring semester's inservice day kicked off the new year on Friday, January 13. The CHC Campus came together to hear updates from administration, and Board President Joseph Williams. There was a student panel as well, where students shared how important the role of faculty are in their success at Crafton.

... and Students Welcomed on January 17



Thankfully the rain subsided for the first few days of spring semester, making it easier for students to find classes and get acclimated to campus. Answer Centers were set up in key locations to help answer questions and provide a welcome snack or bottle of water.

Welcome Roadrunners!



CHC Artists Represented @ LA Show



Adjunct art faculty member, Conchi Sanford (3rd from left), curated an art exhibit in Los Angeles that includes members of the Crafton family. Art instructors Nader Gergis and Jacqueline Bell Johnson, joined Mike Bedoya, CHC Art Gallery technician, in displaying their original art. The show runs through February 4.

Mark your calendar!

Tues., Jan. 31	Meet Your Student Senate, 1-2 p.m. @ CCR-155
Fri., Feb. 10	Campus Closed for President Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
Mon., Feb. 20	Campus Closed for President Washington's Birthday Holiday
Sat., March 18	CHC Foundation Gala, <i>California Dreamin'</i> , 5:30 p.m. @ Roadrunner Cafe



*The SBCCD Board of Trustees
and Dr. Wei Zhou, President,
invite you to a ceremonial signing
for the UR & CHC Transfer Agreement
Wednesday, March 8
3:30 p.m.
Crafton Hills College
University Transfer Center (CCR-220)
11711 Sand Canyon Rd.
Yucaipa, CA*

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