

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT

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Dr. Wei Zhou

Three Peaks Triathlon #3



Testing their physical abilities in running, swimming and flipping tires, about 30 students participated in the third Three Peaks Triathlon on Saturday, April 22. It was a great day to engage, learn & advance!



Trip Targets Underrepresented Group

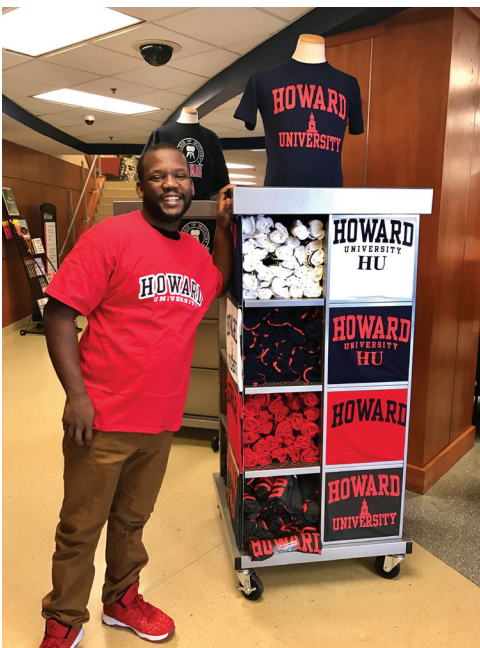
One of the missions of California Community Colleges (CCC) is to advance the education of our students with a priority emphasis placed on African-American and other underrepresented groups.

During SBCCD's spring break from March 12-17, 34 students and seven staff from Crafton and SBVC participated in a tour consisting of seven Historically Black Colleges and Universities and five museums including Civil Rights Int'l Institute, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and the National Museum of African American History in Washington DC.



The purpose of this trip was to provide access to colleges known for their retention of African-American students, highlight the new admission guarantee MOU between the 113 CCCs and select HBCUs, and to increase the transfer rate of one of our most vulnerable groups of students.

This was the first tour of its kind for Crafton Hills College and an experience that changed students and staff alike. Each visit included a tour of the campus, an admissions presentation, and a panel of students to get an idea about college life. Norfolk State and Bennett College, an all-women's college, provided on-the-spot admissions from which several students were conditionally admitted that same day. As for the museums, students learned about their rich history as well as context about the importance of education to the advancement of the African-American community. Students used words such as "life-changing," "empowering," "enlightening," "phenomenal," "blessed," "unforgettable," "surprising" and "amazing" to describe their overall experience.



"This tour expanded my knowledge about what kind of opportunities are available to students of color..." - Miranda Jiles, Nutritional Science

"My experience was one for the books. I will never forget all that this trip has given me. I did not expect to be affected so much..." Nyisee Thompson, Pre-Law

"After the tour, I feel that I can accomplish the dreams that I have and make them a reality." Nichelle Shannon, Forensic Biologist

"I will forever be changed from this experience" – Vanessa Arlt, Physical Science/Nutrition

"I will cherish this week for life" – Tiana Brown, Nursing

For ten of our students, it was the first time they had visited a college outside of California, and for two it was their first time flying. At the conclusion of the trip, all 13 Crafton students were likely to apply to an HBCU campus.

Thank you, Super Heroes!

CHC Administration & faculty took time to show their appreciation to the campus “Super Heroes” (aka CHC Classified Staff) on Friday, April 14 by providing them lunch (thank you Jojo’s Grill a Dog!) and prizes. Classified Senate recognized Joe Cabrales, Dean of Student Services & Student Development, as Outstanding Administrator of the Year; Colleen Maloney-Hinds, Professor of Kinesiology, as Outstanding Faculty of the Year, and Vicky Barra as Classified Employee of the Year. Employees with a 5-year anniversary were presented with certificates of appreciation.



College Website Wins Second Place in State



CCPRO--the statewide organization for community college public relations and marketing professionals--awarded Crafton 2nd place in its annual awards competition for "Website."

"My colleagues were especially impressed that the design was done in-house with our web developer," says Donna Hoffmann. "Kudos to Kristi Simonson!"

Golf Tournament Raises \$\$ for Fire Academy



There were close to 100 golfers on the course at Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon on Saturday, April 8 participating in the 10th Annual Fire Academy Golf Tournament. Proceeds go toward Academy uniforms and supplies. The tournament is an integral tool in reaching Academy alumni and keeping them affiliated with the College.

Honors Students Shine at Student Research Conference

Thirteen Crafton Hills College Honors Institute (CHI) students participated in this year's HTCC Student Research Conference at UC Irvine on Saturday, April 1. Seven students presented their own original research in poster or oral formats, and six additional students served as moderators at the event, meaning they were in charge of introducing speakers, timing presentations, and moderating audience questions in the oral presentation sessions.

Poster presenter Sunny Hasuka notes, "The HTCC conference allowed me to see who my future peers may be, how the system works, and what I can expect when I transfer. Presenting the research I had was very invigorating and rewarding."

Claire Lemos, another poster presenter, says, "I really enjoyed being on the UCI campus and meeting other community college students from around California. The conference was a great experience and made me feel confident in my work in psychology, especially because that is the field I am pursuing."

Tara Shultz, who gave an oral presentation, adds, "The vibe of UCI was so different from Crafton! I really enjoyed conversing with the friendly people there, and every individual I spoke to was extremely intelligent. It was an amazing feeling getting to socialize in such a like-minded environment, and I really enjoyed attending! This was a great opportunity to expand my worldview and broaden my academic goals."

In addition to the honor of being selected for the conference, three of our students came home with \$250 scholarship awards. Tristan Hayes won second place for her poster. Kaylia Carroll (who was unfortunately unable to attend) and Derrick Rose won Exemplary Honors Student awards.



--Judy Cannon, College Honors Coordinator

Presenters and Moderators 1: Arvid Zollinger, Pargol Arab (front), Carissa Slajer, Elizabeth Homer, Sunny Hasuka, Rebecca Israel, Waheed "Z" Zahir, Tara Shultz, Emily Hinckley, Derrick Rose

Another one of our CHI students, Andrea Gomez, had her original research accepted by the Bay Area Honors Consortium and will be presenting it at Stanford University on Saturday, May 6. Equity Funds will be paying for her attendance and for Judy Cannon to go along as the Honors advisor and project mentor. Andrea's project is entitled "Viva Los Doyers: The Reclamation of America's Pastime by America's Minorities."



June Yamamoto: Woman of Distinction x2

June Yamamoto, Dean of Career Education & Human Development, was recognized as a Woman of Distinction by Assemblyman Marc Steinorth at the April 11th Highland City Council meeting. June is a Highland resident.

Assemblyman Mike Morrell will also recognize June as a Woman of Distinction at a special luncheon on May 16 in San Bernardino.

Congratulations, June, for a well deserved honor!



Mark your calendar!

Sun., May 7	Herbivore Festival, 11 a.m. - 5 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
Mon., May 29	Campus Closed for Memorial Day
Mon., June 5	Summer classes begin
