

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT



Dr. Wei Zhou

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Clubs Conquer!

Student Clubs took over the Quad on Sept. 27 for Club Rush. Various clubs set up their tables, enticing new students to become engaged with Crafton by joining club activities.



Sacred Heart Academy Studies Symbiosis



Seventh graders from Sacred Heart Academy in Redlands spent the day in the CHC science labs studying symbiosis on Friday, October 6. "Students prepared samples and viewed under the microscope, termites, lichens, and legumes. They also had some parasites (cool gross things) to view under the microscope," said lab tech Renee Sanford.

Abraham Ancheta Revs up New Life Goals

Abraham Ancheta is ready to start living life in the fast lane.

When he finishes at Crafton next year, he plans on starting classes at Cal Poly Pomona, launching a clothing brand, and jumping into amateur car racing. He first started attending Crafton in August 2007, earning his associate's degree in Administration of Justice in 2009, and returned three semesters ago to study mechanical engineering in preparation of joining the automobile racing industry. This time around, he saw a flyer about working at Crafton, and signed up for the opportunity.

"I had just closed down my e-commerce business with Amazon and was looking for part-time work so I gave it a try and applied," he said. "Coming back to school after a seven-to-eight year break, I noticed the 'want' in me doing well in school had changed. I wanted to do better than I had done before, so I decided to become more a part of the school I was attending."

As a Master Student, Ancheta works with his fellow students, helping them reach their academic goals. The experience has been "phenomenal."

"It's all about student-to-student interaction," he said. "New or experienced students find it intimidating to speak to faculty and staff about certain problems or topics. But when there is someone there for the student who they can relate to with relative experiences, the student in need of help will open up a lot more versus speaking to faculty or staff. The Master Student program is the perfect bridge between students and their campus."

Ancheta looks at school as being a portal to "your highest potential in life," and believes it is only as valuable as you make it.

"I highly value school and learning in general because knowledge can be applied to anything, no matter what point in your life you are at," he said. "As long as you have a positive attitude, there's no such thing as useless information."



Welcome High School Seniors!

More than 900 high schools seniors from throughout the Inland Empire descended on campus on Friday, October 20 for Crafton's annual Senior Day. The event was moved from the traditional spring semester to fall to arm seniors with information earlier in their college search. The day was filled with workshops, academic program information/demonstrations, and hot dogs from JoJo's Grill a Dog.



Where have we been? Everywhere!

Crafton employees are representing the College on campus and in the community in a variety of ways. This is a synopsis of some of our activities for the past month.

- Statewide Library and Learning Resources Advisory Committee meeting, 9/25
- Meet with Yucaipa-Calimesa USD Superintendent, 9/29
- Attended Community Forum hosted by Assembly member Eloise Reyes, 9/29
- Meet with Mt San Jacinto College President and Norco College President to discuss educational opportunities for veterans, 10/2
- Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival Committee 10/2, 10/10, 10/23
- Assist Board Member Anne Viricel for the presentation to American Association of University Women, 10/3
- Beaumont Education Committee, 10/4
- Yucaipa Chamber of Commerce 10/5, 10/11
- Yucaipa Economic Development Advisory Committee 10/5
- Meeting with UC Riverside Provost and School Dean, 10/6
- President Wei welcomed the regional CORE group to our campus, 10/13 (The group includes Yucaipa-Calimesa, Beaumont, Mt San Jacinto, Rialto and Colton USD)
- Meet with City Manager of Yucaipa, 10/16
- YCJUSD Community Cabinet 10/18
- Yucaipa Chamber of Commerce Campus Tour 10/19
- Alignment San Bernardino County Executive Board meeting, 10/18
- Guided Pathways workshop, 10/20 (Attendees include VPI Kathy Bakhit, VPSS Rebecca Warren-Marlatt, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Planning Keith Wurtz, Dean of Instruction Robert Brown, Classified Senate President Ben Gamboa, CSEA rep Karen Peterson, Academic Senate President Mark McConnell, Academic Senate Past President Denise Allen, Academic Senate Vice President Patricia Menchaca, and President Wei Zhou.)
- Grand Terrace High School Career Week, 10/23 & 10/27
- San Bernardino Public Safety Academy Campus Tour, 10/25
- Redlands Adult School College Night, 10/26
- Discover Highland Community Fair, 10/28
- Beaumont Unified School District College/Career Day, 11/8



Gene Sasse, from the Inland Empire Art Museum (IEMA), joined Chancellor Baron, Snezana Petrovic and President Zhou at the closing reception for "From Abstraction to Minimalism" art exhibit on October 19.

The month-long exhibit was a partnership with IEMA to share their works in the CHC Art Gallery.

Campus Participated in Statewide Earthquake Drill



On Thursday, October 19, Crafton participated in the Great Shake Out earthquake drill. All buildings were evacuated to their designated evacuation sites, then the building monitors reported on their exercise. These drills ensure campus safety is always a priority.

Mark your calendar!

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| Thurs. Nov. 9 | Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., featuring San Bernardino County Auditor and Army Veteran, Oscar Valdez @ CHL-101 |
| Fri., Nov. 10 | Campus Closed for Veterans Day |
| Nov. 16-17 | <i>First Cultures: A Celebration at Crafton Hills</i> , presented by San Manuel |
| Nov. 23-24 | Campus Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday |
| Dec. 9-15 | Final Exams |
| Dec. 25 - Jan. 1 | Campus Closed for Winter Break |

