

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT

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Dr. Wei Zhou

Abstract Art Exhibit is Partnership with IEMA

For the first time ever, Crafton Hills College is showcasing abstract art pieces from the Inland Empire Museum of Art's permanent collection, featuring work by 24 Southern California artists.

"From Abstraction to Minimalism" is a survey of modernist ideas, and the goal is to "expand understanding" of abstract art, Crafton Hills College student and co-curator Yadira Dockstader said.

"The artworks cover a period from 1960 to today," Dockstader said. "The work presented is an exploration of mediums via shapes and forms within a composition. A spectator could see a progression of ideas and how the figuration gets into the abstraction."

"This is a great opportunity to create an exhibition that highlights abstraction and mini-malism through local artists from the Inland Empire Museum of Art's collection," Dockstader said.

The exhibition will run in the Crafton Hills College Art Gallery September 21 through October 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Friends Luncheon Highlights 45th Anniversary



The CHC Foundation highlighted Crafton's 45th Anniversary with its annual *Friends of CHC Luncheon* on Friday, September 15. In addition to student scholarship recipients who spoke about their journey to Crafton, the luncheon included a brief trip down memory lane with Paul Barich, Redlands Councilmember, who attended Crafton the first year it opened. "Crafton was a great choice for me to start my education," he said.

Gloria Macias Harrison also shared her educational journey from San Bernardino elementary schools to president of Crafton Hills College.

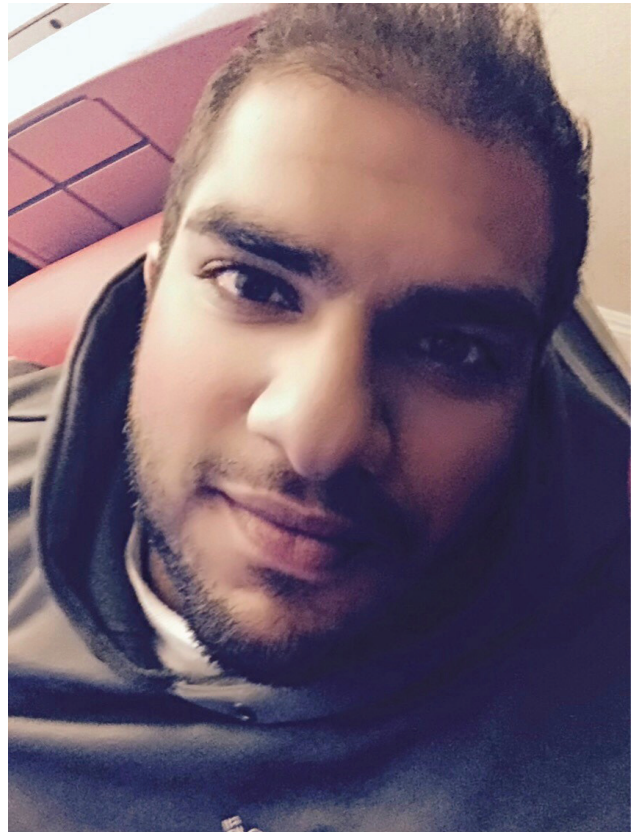
Crafton opened its doors the week of September 11, 1972.

Master Student Waheed Zahir

Had a friend not encouraged him to enroll in community college, Waheed “Z” Zahir wouldn’t be where he is today — preparing to attend medical school, his sights set on becoming a board-certified neurosurgeon.

Zahir enrolled at Crafton Hills College in fall 2015, and is now a Master Student, working with his peers to offer support and advice as they strive to be successful learners.

A Master Student is a student who has completed at least two semesters at Crafton Hills College with a 3.0 GPA. The role of the Master Student is to assist prospective new and first semester students learn the ins and outs of being a successful student at Crafton. They can connect with other students from the “student perspective” as they know the college systems better than most because they access them on a regular basis.



“In my opinion, going to school is one of the best things you can do for yourself, the people around you, and for society in general,” he said. “Arrogance and ignorance runs deep, especially with our current societal and political atmosphere, and I believe education can help remedy many of these problems.

As someone who originally had no interest in going to college, Zahir comes into the Master Student role with a different perspective.

“If I can help and encourage anyone else to pursue academics, I’ll be satisfied,” he said. “It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who said, ‘To know that even one life has taken a breath easier because I have lived, is also to have succeeded.’”

Zahir thinks that having Master Students is “great for the simple fact that it makes the whole process of applying and attending Crafton easier for new students. I’ve had prospective students ask for my personal experience in classes as well as the campus in general, and I think that help other students make an informed decision. My hope is that the program will eventually be expanded; I think it’s a great service provided by Crafton.”

Scholarship Recipients Connect with Benefactors

The CHC Foundation connected students scholars with their scholarship benefactors at a special reception on Thursday, August 31. Two students shared their Crafton stories and how the scholarships they were awarded made a difference in their educational journeys.

Stephanie Cereceres, benefactor for the Roger Anton Memorial Scholarship, talked about her father and why a scholarship was created in his memory for Crafton students. “He touched many lives,” she said, “and continues to do so with this scholarship.”



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 quarter.

- Good Morning Yucaipa Chamber Breakfast, 7/6
- Economic Development Advisory Committee City of Yucaipa, 7/6
- Campus Tour with Inland Empire United Way Representatives, 7/7
- Good Morning Beaumont Chamber Breakfast, 7/14
- Children and Family Services Independent Living Program (ILP) meeting, 7/18
- Redlands Emergency Services Academy Graduation, 7/19
- University of Redlands Summer Academy Celebration for Foster Youth, 7/20
- Campus Tour with Elaine Rosen & Leslie Stone, 7/26
- Campus tour and college presentation for Career Institute students, 7/31
- Good Morning Yucaipa Chamber Breakfast, 8/3
- Economic Development Advisory Committee City of Yucaipa, 8/3
- Inland Empire Legislative Caucus Meeting, 8/3
- Western University of Health Sciences Presidential Inauguration and Convocation for Dr. Daniel Wilson, 8/12
- Presented at Knights of the Roundtable Redlands, 8/15
- Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Yucaipa Adult School, 8/15
- Veterans Resource Center VIP Reception, 8/18
- Campus Tour with Representatives from Congressman Paul Cook, Senator Mike Morrell, Assembly member Marc Steinorth, Assembly member Chad Mayes, 8/18
- KVCR TV movie pilot Casa Blanca California organization meeting, 8/23
- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, 9/6
- Paralympic Meet, September 8-10
- University of Redlands Expanding Horizons Foster Youth meeting, 9/1
- ILP Independent City Planning Meeting, 9/7
- County of San Bernardino Superintendent of Schools Foster Care Advisory Committee meeting, 9/11
- Yucaipa Valley Rotary Club Golf Tournament, 9/11
- Yucaipa City Council Meeting, 9/11
- County of San Bernardino CalFresh Meeting, 9/12
- Community College Workgroup Meeting Riverside County, 9/13
- San Bernardino County ILP Task Force Meeting, 9/14
- UCR Inland Regional Policy Summit, 9/14
- Region 9 combined EOPS and FA meeting, 9/14
- Mental Health Resource Fair, 9/15
- State Chancellor's Office EOPS Allocation Task Force Meeting, 9/15
- 45th Anniversary Celebration and Friends Luncheon, 9/15
- YST Swim Meet, September 15-17
- Region 9 CEO meeting, 9/22
- Fitter and Faster swim event 9/23
- Weekly Yucaipa Kiwanis Meetings
- Monthly Yucaipa Chamber of Commerce Meetings
- Monthly Redlands Chamber of Commerce Meetings
- YHS 6th period PE, Aquatic Athletics, home games. Held at CHC during YHS school year

Mark your calendar!

Tues., Oct. 3	No Classes; Flex Day for Faculty & Staff
Fri., Oct. 20	UCR Fieldtrip for Transfer Students
Wed., Oct. 25	<i>Hello Major, Hello Career</i> , Networking Fair, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ Roadrunner Cafe
Fri., Nov. 10	Campus Closed for Veterans Day