

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT

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Dr. Wei Zhou

Veterans Welcomed @ CHC Luncheon



The Veterans Resource Center hosted a “thank you” lunch for veterans on Tuesday, November 29. Veterans were treated to a delicious meal and a presentation from Jeffrey Tennen, relationship manager for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Tennen shared how the VA is refocusing their efforts on veterans by examining the life cycle of vets—from enlistment to death, and how they can make a positive impact in each cycle. Linda Umberg, local interagency network coordinator, California Department of Veterans Affairs, also extended her thanks to the veterans for their service.

The luncheon afforded our VRC staff, Carla Thornton and Steve Rush, an opportunity to reach out to our veteran students and invite them to use the resources available at Crafton.

New Student Success Tool Coming to SBCCD

Crafton Hills College is one of 13 community colleges in California to pilot Hobsons Starfish Retention Software and Degree Planner as part of the Chancellor's Office Education Planning Initiative (EPI).

Starfish is a web-based, mobile friendly, Software as a Service (SaaS) platform to be used by counseling faculty, instructional faculty, staff and students. Two key functional areas are the Degree Planner and Early Alert/Connect:

Degree Planner is an electronic education-planning tool that takes key information a student enters into the system, the path the student chooses, and builds a multi-year selection based on information that the college/district has included in the system. The student has access to their plan 24/7 and they have the ability to communicate with their counselors. The tool also has a built-in degree audit which college evaluators are able to check for graduation requirements, transfer, IGETC/CSU certifications and degree postings. This tool will be rolled out spring 2017.

Early Alert/Connect is a retention and scheduling tool that will allow faculty and staff the ability to track students and engage more deeply with them before it is too late. Messages can be sent to all students and individual students, or referrals can be sent if a student is struggling in a particular subject and needs tutoring services or other student services on a campus. Connect will assist colleges with appointment scheduling and wait-room kiosk functionality for those who have "walk-in" appointments. This feature allows students to make appointments with their counselors, allows counselors to block their time, and allows the ability for notes to be taken and shared among not only the counselors but also the student and counselor. This tool will be rolled out fall 2017.

Hobsons Starfish Retention software supports student success and completion rates while building community, focused on a holistic approach both inside and outside of the classroom. CHC is committed to keeping students on track to achieving their individual goals. Hobsons Degree Planner will support students in mapping out multi-semester course plans that present a clear, streamlined path to reaching their education goals.

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Graduations Highlight December



The 85th Fire Academy held its graduation on Friday, December 2 after an intense 15-week program. Congratulations to our newest firefighters!

A class of 25 students from throughout the Inland Empire completed their associate of science degree in respiratory care and graduated on Thursday, December 15. These graduates join the ranks of one of the highest paid entry-level careers, starting at over \$60,000 in California.



There was a full stage for the fall 2016 Emergency Medical Technician completion ceremony on Friday, December 16. Many of these students will go on to complete the Paramedic program.

STEM Success Center to be Named after Former Scientist & CHC Adjunct Instructor, Henry Stone

Henry Stone was known as Crafton Hills College's own "rocket scientist" where he spent nearly fifteen years (1999-2014) of his retirement teaching statistics and math classes as an adjunct professor. Henry was born in Poland but as a child his family fled the country during the early days of the Holocaust. They immigrated to the United States entering the US through Ellis Island and the family ultimately settled in the suburbs of Los Angeles. Henry graduated from high school early and went on to study at UC Berkeley. There he earned bachelor and master degrees in mathematics and stayed to complete coursework towards a Ph.D., but was lured away with a job offer prior to completing a dissertation.

Henry's career started in the oil industry as an engineer and later worked at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena. At JPL he led at least two teams of scientists providing experiments for space launch programs for which he received special proclamations from NASA. In his retirement he wanted to continue his passion for education and began teaching classes at community colleges. Soon Crafton Hills College became his new home. He loved teaching students and providing them with the motivation to pursue academic careers in the sciences, math and engineering. He spent many Saturday mornings tutoring students on campus. For Henry it was all about the students.

A \$100,000 gift will be used to establish the Henry Stone STEM Endowed Fund which will provide support for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) students and programs at Crafton Hills College through the STEM Success Center. The endowment distribution may be used for, but are not limited to, the following purposes: two annual \$500 Henry Stone Memorial Scholarship awards for STEM students, and support of programs offered through the STEM Success Center which encourage and motivate students who are considering majoring in science, technology, engineering and math fields.

In grateful recognition of the generosity of Elaine S. Rosen, the STEM Success Center will be renamed the Henry Stone Stem Success Center and the Henry Stone Endowed STEM Fund will be established and will remain with the College in perpetuity.

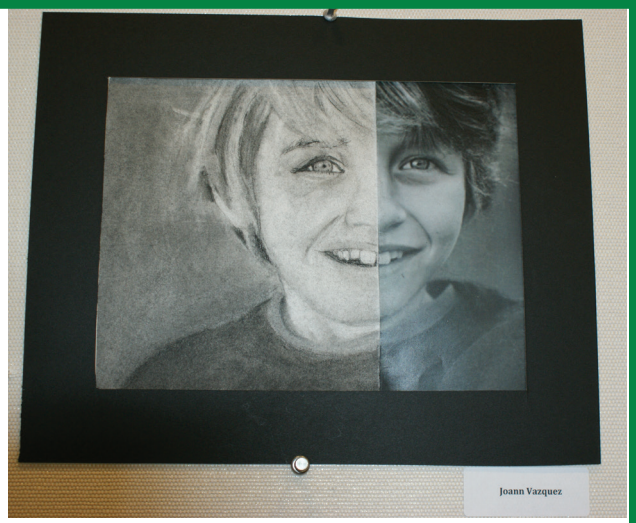


On December 22, Elaine Rosen took tour of the STEM Success Center, now under construction in the Central Complex.



Michelle Riggs, Nick Farano (Project Manager for Kitchell/Brj), Elaine Rosen and Brent Hunter, on site of the upcoming STEM Success Center.

Student Art Displayed in LRC



Talented art students from fall semester exhibited their work in the Art Gallery and LRC hallway, with an opening reception on Thursday, December 8. Art displays covered several media, including drawing, painting and sculpture. Instructor Conchi Sanford posed with her drawing class.

Holiday Happenings @ CHC



Student Senate rocked the Yucaipa Christmas Parade, representing Crafton Hills College.

The Counseling Department treated their student assistants to breakfast and photos as a semester-end thank you.



At this year's Holiday Champagne Toast, President's Circle presented a Crafton Hills student, Adrian Hermosillo, with a check to help him study abroad in Barcelona this spring.

RT Program Big Hit with HEART



After the respiratory therapy program hosted a demonstration day for high school students, they received a letter of appreciation:

Thank you for providing our HEART Academy students with the opportunity to visit the Respiratory Therapy Department at CHC. Students loved the trip! They particularly enjoyed the interaction with the RT students, being able to practice clinical skills, and of course, the Mercy Helicopter! They were disappointed that we did not have enough time to see the EMS station.

Students who have never been to Crafton Hills thought it was a beautiful campus! One student

shared with me that she had always thought of Crafton as being “crusty” with one big old building for the classrooms. When we returned to the classroom she told all of the students that the campus is “seriously pretty” and that they really need to go see it. She also explained that the classrooms and equipment were really nice and modern. I may have mentioned that since our first Mentor Night there are now students who are seriously considering attending Crafton before transferring to a 4 year. Now, since this visit they are convinced and are even thinking of RT as a career.

We would welcome the opportunity to participate in any other type of outreach activity that would expose our students to CHC and your Allied Health Programs. Thank you again. We truly enjoyed the experience.

*Patricia Manning
Redlands High School HEART Academy
Medical Occupations Teacher/Internship Coordinator*

Mark your calendar!

Fri., Jan. 13	Inservice Day, 8:30 a.m. @ Roadrunner Cafe
Mon., Jan. 16	Campus Closed for Martin Luther King Day
Tues., Jan. 17	Spring Semester Begins
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
