

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT



Dr. Wei Zhou

March 2017

"Precision & Soul" @ CHC Art Gallery

A collection of still life paintings and drawings by the Los Angeles-based artist Gershom are on display at the Crafton Hills College Art Gallery from February 21 to March 10. The Gallery is open 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The retrospective exhibition "Precision and Soul" is a contemplation on Robert Musil's thought, "It is not that we have too much intellect and not enough soul, but that we have not enough intellect in matters of the soul." An opening reception was held on February 21, followed by a lecture from Gershom, "Precision and Soul: The Daily Practice of the Painting."

Born in the Netherlands, artist Rob Spruijt began to sign his work with his Hebrew name, Gershom, after he moved to the United States and found that people had difficulty pronouncing his last name. Gershom has had exhibits in Amsterdam, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Santa Monica, and Ontario, Canada. He earned his PhD from the University of Amsterdam, and teaches neuropsychology of perception and imagination at Otis College of Art Design and Art Center College of Design.

His exhibition at Crafton Hills College "is a bit unusual in that it shows some of the objects, the preparatory drawings, and the finished paintings," he said. "I hope of course that the viewers will sense some of the psychology or of the mystery I am trying to tap into. And by showing how it is done, the viewer also may understand that a still life painting is not so much a recording what is in the world, but a careful construction of objects telling stories, like actors in a play. The exhibit is not trying to teach how it is done, but it does aim to show that paintings are the evidence of complexity and time."



RT Graduate Epitomizes Stellar Program



Before he was even finished with the Respiratory Therapy program at Crafton Hills College, Greg Guardado was offered a job.

Guardado was one of five CHC students hired a month before graduation, and he is “truly honored and humbled” by how quickly he found work. A resident of La Verne, Guardado says the close connections he made with fellow classmates is a highlight of his time at CHC, and he recommends future respiratory therapy students get involved with extracurricular activities, like the California Society for Respiratory Care and the American Association for Respiratory Care.

“Anything you can do to stack your resume and put some extra accolades on there that the other person applying for your job doesn’t have, will give you a leg up in getting hired in this competitive field,” he said.

Guardado participated in the Sputum Bowl, a competition where people try to answer respiratory-related questions as quickly as possible. His team won the regional contest, and they went on to the state competition near Palm Springs. They were victorious, and the team received a free trip to the national championships in San Antonio.

“We ended up taking second in the national competition, but in doing so we all got of-fers to interview for the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, the number one rated hospital in the nation,” he said. “It’s too cold there for me, but three of my classmates passed their first interview and are getting flown out to Minnesota by the Mayo Clinic for a second interview. I owe all of my success to the Crafton Hills College respiratory program for helping me prepare.”

Chair Mike Sheahan says Crafton is well known in the respiratory community as an excellent program with top notch graduates. “Most of the practicing respiratory therapists in the area are graduates from this program,” he said. “We pride ourselves on excellence and are constantly working to improve our program to stay ahead of the ever-changing health care environment.”

The 16-month program begins in the fall, with 35 students who have completed prerequisites. During the first two months, students learn theory and safety practices, and then enter a hospital setting where they work alongside real therapists under direct observation.

“It’s like a job interview, because they’re spending time in a clinic being evaluated by supervisors,” CHC faculty member Dan Rojas said. “Physicians sometimes pull managers aside and say, ‘Make sure you hire that student.’ We tell them to always show their best when they’re there, because it’s not just about practice — it’s a job interview, too.”

Students rotate around several Inland Empire facilities, including Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Riverside Community Hospital and Redlands Community Hospital, giving them a well-rounded experience.

“Loma Linda University Medical Center, being a huge teaching institution, sees a lot of different patient populations, including sick babies and pediatrics,” Rojas said. “Facilities like Riverside Community are busy trauma centers with a lot of action, unfortunate things like motor vehicle accidents and gunshot wounds.”

Rojas says that while the market can be tough, CHC graduates are regularly offered jobs, and that inspires current students. In addition to teaching, Rojas works as a respiratory therapist, and he believes it’s a career that’s perfect for anyone interested in providing compassionate care to people with pulmonary illnesses.

“You have to have your heart in the right place,” he said. “If delivering care to people is something you’ve desired and you want to become a specialist in that field, we do a really good job of preparing you for the workforce.”

K-12/University Partnerships Pursued



Photo courtesy of Mountain News

Crafton Hills College out-shined the other campuses.”

President Zhou and Dr. Colleen Maloney-Hinds, kinesiology & health professor, presented at the board meeting of the Rim of the World School District on Thursday, January 26, speaking about a potential dual enrollment program. Heather Dominguez, the district’s educational services director, said that the conversation for dual enrollment started when the district received a \$75,000 grant specifically for College and Career Readiness. The search for the right college partner began and, “after reaching out to multiple colleges,

The presentation came about after RUSD board member Richard Lavin toured our campus. At the presentation, he mentioned that our clean campus demonstrated our “attention to details” attitude at the college. He was especially pleased about the opportunity for their students to take lab sessions at our college because of the exposure they would receive of our first-class lab facilities and the college environment.

“I’m pleased that Superintendent Giovanni Annous is excited about the opportunity for high school graduates to receive both high school and college credential at high school graduation and the possibility of attending college commencement at Crafton,” says Zhou.

Leaders from the University of Redlands, Crafton Hills, Redlands USD, Yucaipa/Calimesa USD, Redlands City and Yucaipa City met on February 15 to build a Pathways Promise partnership that will provide seamless, accelerated pathways to increase college attainment rates, with focus on equity and college affordability.



*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*

RSVP to Cyndie St. Jean, 909-389-3201, or cstjean@craftonhills.edu

One of the first steps is the University Transfer Agreement between UR and CHC, which we will celebrate on March 8.

Meet JuJuan Dotson, Senator at Large

Jajuan Dotson always wanted to be part of the Student Senate, and finally took the plunge last year.

“I absolutely love it,” he said. “I’m learning a lot, including how to better carry myself.”

Dotson, the Student Senate’s senator at large, lives in Highland and is studying kinesiology.

“I’m really big on physical health because my mom passed away from a heart attack,” he said. “I know kinesiology has to do with the study of human movement, but that’s one side of what I want to learn. I want to learn how to get someone in shape physically, and I’m really big on proper nutrition and working out. I’m interested in becoming a physical therapist, and helping train people who have been injured.”



Dotson grew up in poverty, and believes anybody can make it if they “just stay focused,” he said. “I want to get my master’s degree and take education as far as I possibly can and inspire others as well. I want to show people you go through hard times but can make it through to the other side of the tunnel.”

During Dotson’s time at Crafton, one teacher has stood out: English professor Peter Schuler. In his class, Dotson says he learned how to improve his writing, and he answered all of his questions as thoroughly as possible.

“He is one of the most influential English teachers I’ve ever had, and I learned so much,” he said.

This year in the Student Senate, Dotson will focus on tackling the issues students share with him, and plans to “help the student body as much as possible, in whatever way I can.” He also has words of encouragement for other students who might want to get involved. “You can come in with no knowledge and learn so much,” he said. “Your opinion matters, and you can make an impact.”

Crafton Hosts College Fair for YCJUSD



Crafton hosted middle school kids from Yucaipa Calimesa Joint Unified School District on Saturday, January 28 to introduce them to careers and our academic programs. The program was sponsored by Yucaipa Rotary Club and was a great opportunity to show off our campus.

Crafton Recognized for Non-Potable Water Project



The City of Redlands and San Bernardino Community College District were recognized for their efforts to save water at Crafton Hills College by receiving an award in Sustainability and Green Development from the Inland Empire Economic Partnership. The award was given at the IEEP's Fourth Annual Red Tape to Red Carpet Awards reception Feb. 23 in Ontario.

"We are honored to be selected for our nonpotable water project," Mike Strong, vice president of Administrative Services at Crafton Hills College, said. "The San Bernardino Community College District strives to actively enhance sustainability in our region by reducing our energy consumption in a variety of ways. This project is a representation of substantial efforts made by the Board of Trustees, Chancellor Bruce Baron and President Wei Zhou to develop and implement sustainability projects campus and district-wide."

In November, the Redlands City Council approved an agreement with the community college district for the funding, design, installation and operation of a nonpotable irrigation system at Crafton Hills. The council awarded a contract to Yucaipa-based MCC Pipeline Inc. to install about 1,250 feet of nonpotable water pipeline.

Upon completion, the college will reduce its annual potable water usage by 67 percent, conserving about 100 million gallons of potable water per year, Strong said.

This will not only save water, but it will reduce the college's operational budget and allow more funds to be spent in the classroom, he said.

Mark your calendar!

March 3	CHC Swim Meet, 2 p.m. @ Aquatics Center
March 13-18	Spring Break; No Classes
Sat., March 18	CHC Foundation Gala, California Dreamin', 5:30 p.m. @ Roadrunner Cafe
Mon., March 27	"Women & Leadership: Shattering the Glass Ceiling," presented by Denise Davis, Director, UCR Women's Resource Center, Noon @ Roadrunner Cafe
March 28-31	CHC Art Festival "Art: The Eyes on Healing" (Access www.craftonhills.edu/artgallery for more information.)
Tues., April 11	Flex Day; No Classes
April 17-19	Student Senate Elections
Sun., May 7	Herbivore Festival, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. @ Quad & Beyond
