



# MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## August 2018

### AVID is Going to College!

Crafton Hills College and Riverside City College received a \$150,000, two-year grant from Growing Inland Achievement (GIA), a bi-county K-20 collaborative dedicated to increasing baccalaureate degree attainment in the region. The colleges will use the funds to implement AVID for Higher Education (AHE), and to serve the state as AHE demonstration sites. AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is well-known in secondary schools, and is becoming increasingly prevalent in middle and elementary schools as a structured preparatory system focused on closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success, particularly first generation college goers. AVID is less well-known at the postsecondary level; there are only about 50 colleges and universities in the nation using the AVID framework, and Crafton Hills College will become one of only a handful of AHE California Community Colleges.



At the college level, AHE aims to improve student achievement by focusing on two chief components: the Teacher Preparation Initiative, and the Student Success Initiative. The Teacher Preparation Initiative will provide CHC instructors access to training in AVID teaching methodologies that promote deep content knowledge, develop students as readers and writers, and help them develop the skills, habits, and behaviors for success. The AHE Student Success Initiative focuses on the development of support services and curriculum designed to meet the needs of first generation college goers, such as a student success course that includes AVID teaching techniques, and tutoring and guidance services that are rooted in Socratic Inquiry.

In June, a team of five CHC representatives attended the AVID Summer Institute in Denver to learn more about AHE, and to engage in some preliminary planning for the year. The team included Dr. Rebeccah Warren-Marlatt, vice president of student services, who will serve the college as the AVID liaison, Mark McConnell, professor of music and Academic Senate President, Kevin Palkki, professional development co-chair and theatre technician, Tina Gimple, adjunct instructor and project analyst, and Trinetta Barrie, career center coordinator. The team will work closely with the Professional Development Committee to plan a series of dialogues with stakeholders to determine the college's training needs, to develop a two-year plan for AHE, and to discuss ways to sustain AHE over time.

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# \$50,000 SCE Grant Aids Fire & STEM students



Crafton Hills College's Fire and STEM programs received a \$50,000 boost in grant funding for student scholarships thanks to Southern California Edison.

The energy company awarded \$25,000 each to support both programs and help lessen the financial burden of several CHC students.

"I am so excited and grateful to have received this generous gift," said Michelle Riggs, the college's director of community relations and resource

development. "I see the daily struggles of our students trying to attain degrees and certificates, and it is so wonderful to help turn their dreams into a reality."

Officials from the Crafton Hills College Foundation outlined its plan to distribute scholarships in its application to Edison. Per the application, a total of forty \$500 scholarships will be awarded to 20 academy students in the fall and 20 in the spring of 2019.

One deserving cadet will receive a \$2,500 to cover expenses associated with the program.

Mike Alder, chief of the program, said the funding for his department comes at a time when academies across the country are having to pay out additional funding to bring it up to par with increased liability issues and recent mandates within the fire industry. The purchase of additional equipment has cut into expenses associated with hosting the program, which means students are having to pay more out of pocket themselves for equipment, uniforms, certifications, tuition, fees, books, supplies, and room and board.

"Our 16-week program currently costs the students up to \$3,500," Alder said. "We have historically encouraged the students to do some fundraising events during the academy to offset the costs, and although this obviously can help, it still falls short of being economically feasible for the vast majority of students."

"Therefore," he continued, "an opportunity like the one that has been generously offered by Edison is a tremendous financial help for students. Because of the increased program costs we are seeing more and more students that want to be enrolled in our program but simply can't financially make it happen without these types of scholarships."

On the STEM side, 15 students studying science, technology, engineering or mathematics at Crafton will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to use toward college-related expenses to help them stay in school. In turn, said Keith Wurtz, interim vice president of instruction at CHC, this will help increase student access to STEM-related programming and help grow the program.

"Over 62 percent of Crafton students are low-income students," he said. "This grant will provide the support that many of our students need to attend and stay in college, and help them achieve their educational goals."

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# BOG program has a new name: California College Promise Grant

Those familiar with the Board of Governors Fee Waiver program may notice a slight change – a new name. Moving forward, the program will be known as the California College Promise Grant, a decision made last year by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office in consultation with the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA).

The change aims to increase college participation for recent high school graduates and continue the state's role as a national leader in providing students with financial needs with free tuition. Students must meet certain criteria to be considered.

California Community Colleges launched the program, which waives community college tuition fees for qualified students unable to afford fees associated with pursuing a higher education, in 1985.

Additional fees may be applied to other non-tuition related expenses, including books, supplies and transportation.

In 2017, the California College Promise Grant supported one million students – nearly half of the 2.1 million students enrolled in community colleges across the state, the release said. The chancellor's office has launched a branding and marketing campaign to help students become more acquainted with the change. To learn more, go to [www.icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com).

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## Strong Workforce & CCPRO Members Meet at CHC



*The marketing directors/PIOs from the colleges represented in the Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium met at Crafton on Monday, July 23 to get the latest marketing updates on the Strong Workforce campaign, Ready Career Education. Cheryl Broom from Interact, the advertising agency on contract, gave a presentation on the IE Media Preferences Survey. Check out [readysetcareer.org](http://readysetcareer.org) for the campaign.*

*Participants included representatives from Riverside CCD, SBCCD, Barstow and COD, who were also able to learn more about the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) activities.*

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# Psych Student and Serendipitous Swimmer Sails to Cal State San Bernardino

Growing up in Yucaipa, Brendon Hamilton could always hear the clock tower at Crafton, and when it came time to choose a college, he knew exactly where he wanted to go.

Hamilton just completed his psychology studies, and as a member of the Psychology Club, visited Portland last semester for the Western Psychology Association Convention.

“That was fun and rewarding,” Hamilton said. “I learned a lot and made connections with students in the club.”

He was also a member of the swim team, signing up after a swim instructor recommended he join.

“I figured that it would be a good way to meet people and get into better shape,” Hamilton said. “The swim team also led me into becoming a lifeguard at the Crafton pool.”

Being part of the team was a “great experience,” he added. “The team is led by an awesome coach. Though the team was always on the small side, it was filled with nice and interesting people.”

Hamilton is preparing to transfer to Cal State San Bernardino, to further his psychology studies. He worked with a graduate student there for a Western Psychology Association research project, and got to hear more about the program from her.

“My plan after Cal State San Bernardino is just to continue on with my education, so wherever that takes me, the end goal is a PhD in psychology,” he said.

Hamilton found his time at Crafton “challenging at some points,” but very enriching.

“I met so many great instructors and learned from all of them not only academic lessons, but life lessons,” he said. “That’s shaped who I am as a student and an individual.”



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## Mark your calendar!

Friday, August 3	89th Class Paramedic Graduation, 6 p.m. @ Redlands Seventh Day Adventist Church (520 Brookside Ave.)
Tuesday, August 7	Roadrunner Rally, 3-6 p.m. @ Crafton Center
Thursday, August 9	FLEX Day activities
Friday, August 10	Opening Day, 8 a.m. @ Roadrunner Cafe
Monday, August 13	First Day of Fall Semester
Thursday, August 30	Donor & Scholar Reception, 5 p.m. @ Crafton Hall
Monday, Sept. 3	Campus Closed for Labor Day

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