



MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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CHC Foundation Receives \$10,000



Crafton Hills College will be able to provide increased opportunities to veterans and students in the first responder programs after receiving a grant from Bank of America.

“We want to thank Bank of America for the \$10,000 grant they awarded Crafton Hills College. The funds will be used to increase services in the Veterans Resource Center and to help students in the

EMT, paramedic and fire programs,” said Michelle Riggs, director of community relations and resource development.

“Access to basic needs and career development resources can make a major difference in easing the civilian transition for veterans,” said Al Arguello, Inland Empire Market President for Bank of America. “Bank of America is committed to working with organizations that put those who have served on the path to economic self-sufficiency.”

“It’s local support like this that benefit our students and ensure their academic success,” said Sam Irwin, past president of the CHC Foundation. “Our goal is to make an impact in our community by helping students graduate,” he said.

Bank of America made the check presentations at its San Bernardino branch during a short ceremony on Tuesday, June 19. CHC was one of 11 local agencies to receive funding.

Jim Holbrook Bids Farewell to Crafton

Jim Holbrook is stepping into the unknown.



After 40 years of teaching, the longtime Crafton Hills College professor of emergency services is retiring. His last day is June 30.

“I’ve never been retired before. I have no idea what to expect,” said Holbrook, 61, last week. “But I know that I am not going to sit around and garden for the next 40 years, and I’m not going to sit around and be reflective on what I’ve done.”

The plan is to stay busy in whatever capacity that may be. Holbrook knows he wants to learn how to play the ukulele and remain involved in education, but no set plans have come to fruition just yet.

Holbrook applies the same laidback approach to whatever comes his way, including his career.

He had no intentions on becoming a teacher until he was approached by Pat Thomas, CHC’s first paramedic program director, to precept a student. “I said, ‘Yes,’ and sort of had fun doing that,” Holbrook recalled. “Then I started teaching adjunct and the rest is history.”

Teaching allowed Holbrook to expose his students to something they’ve never experienced before.

In the world of emergency services, the patient comes first. That means there’s little time for distraction, including taking issue with someone’s race or orientation, he said. “My task has always been as an emissary of peace and help a student get outside of whatever bias they have,” he continued. “As an EMS, whatever family you go to is going to have a different heritage, a different religion, a different practice, a whole bunch of differences than you have. But as long as the person comes first, who cares about the rest of that stuff.”

The decision for Holbrook to retire was not years in the making as it can be for others. While he did talk to others about the possibility of “hanging up his hat,” he did not have a concrete retirement date in mind. It just happened.

And while walking away from teaching full-time presents an unknown, one thing Holbrook said he will miss the most is the students at Crafton Hills and the journey they went on together. “It was rewarding. For you to be able to take someone who believed one way and was open enough to allow somebody else’s belief system to be real, they grow up,” he said. “And the other thing is they challenged me in the sense that, ‘Alright, you’re an old hippie. So, how did you get to that point?’ I don’t want them to think like me. They’re way better role models than mine and should disagree with me.

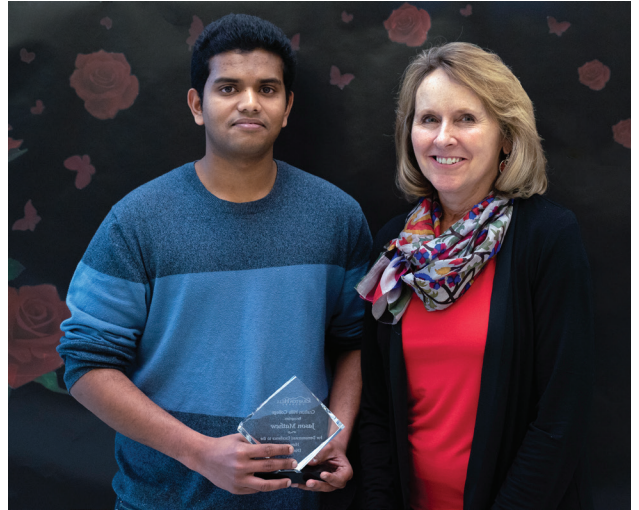
“That’s one of the things we always talked about,” he continued. “There’s almost eight billion people on this planet and all those eight billion people are necessary. So, we shouldn’t think alike, we shouldn’t always agree. It all goes back to that quote by Abraham Lincoln that said, ‘If two people always agreed, one is unnecessary. So you should have difference of opinion, you should have different processes. I never tried to have a student mold me. I used to always say, ‘You should be one step better than me.’”

Biology Graduate Receives President's Award

A future physician has been added to the growing list of Crafton Hills College students named a President's Award recipient. Jason Mathew, a 2018 CHC grad with an associate's in biology, received the honor this year after being nominated for the distinction by Judy Cannon, honors institute coordinator at the college.

"I was very shocked because I thought it would go to someone more involved in campus activities," said a humble Mathew, 21 of Yucaipa.

The President's Award is selected by the president from medal of distinction recipients who are nominated by faculty and staff based on their service to help better the CHC community or their academic successes.



In her nomination, Cannon described Mathew's desire to succeed after first stepping foot onto the Crafton campus six months after moving to the U.S. from India, and his plans for graduating from California State University, San Bernardino with a bachelor's in biology. Cannon said what impressed her most was Mathew's desire to become part of the medical community by participating in several workshops and leadership programs spotlighting careers in the field.

For example, Mathew took part in the Future Physicians Leader program at University of California, Riverside's School of Medicine in the summer of 2017, and earlier this year began working with the Cope Health Scholar Program at Riverside Community Hospital. He also works as a financial aid student worker at Crafton, a position he has held during his tenure at CHC, and is a volunteer at the Loma Linda VA Hospital. He is also an AVID tutor at Mesa View Elementary School in Menifee.

"What impresses me most about all of these activities is that they are ones Jason sought out and found on his own. No one is holding his hand and guiding him through this maze of opportunities," Cannon wrote. "He has demonstrated incredible leadership and self-motivation, and has done it despite the fact he is an immigrant student who came to Southern California just a few years ago.

Mathew said his drive to succeed stems from watching his parents struggle when first moving to the U.S. Prior to moving to the Inland Empire, Mathew and his family lived in Texas for about six months.

Mathew is focused on making a successful transition from Crafton to CSUSB, and should all go according to plan, he hopes to enroll in medical school upon graduation. From there, Mathew hopes to become a physician in the Inland Empire to address a growing need for service in the area.

"A lot of patients can't get care because the county is so large," he said. "That's why I want to stay and work here."

He also hopes his success motivates others to make their goals a reality, particularly immigrants who are struggling to adapt to a new country. "There are a lot of qualities in this country that others do not have," Mathew said. "I want to motivate those going through this process to stay engaged and apply yourself. When you do, you'll be successful here."

Paramedic Program Receives Gold Star

Five programs at Crafton Hills College earned the California Community Colleges' Strong Workforce Stars recognition for improving student employment and wage outcomes.

Crafton's Paramedic Program received a Gold Workforce Star, the Respiratory Therapy and Radiologic Technology programs received Silver Workforce Stars, and the Child Development and Fire Technology programs received Bronze Workforce Stars.

Strong Workforce Stars is an annual recognition for career education programs, also known as career technical education, within the California Community Colleges system whose graduates show significant gains in factors important for advancing social mobility – a substantial increase in earnings, attainment of a living wage and a job closely matched with the field of study.

“Our Paramedic Program is a leader in the region,” says Dan Word, dean of career education and human development. “Our experiential approach, state-of-the-art simulation labs, and industry partnerships make our students sought after by employers.”

The 2018 Strong Workforce Stars were given to career education programs throughout the state in 12 industry sectors, based on earnings gains, living wage attainment, and employment in field of study. Those named Strong Workforce Stars met one or more of the following thresholds:

- An increase in earnings by 50 percent or more, based on a match to the state wage file, for students who earned a certificate or degree and were last enrolled in 2015-16.
- Attainment of the regional living wage by 70 percent or more, based on a match to the state wage file, for students who earned a certificate or degree and were last enrolled in 2015-16.
- 90 percent or more are employed in a job similar to their field of study, according to the Career Technical Education Outcomes Survey, for students who earned a certificate or degree and were last enrolled in 2014-15.



Silver Star programs Respiratory Therapy and Radiologic Technology have high completion rates, with 97.2% and 100% respectively. The Radiologic Technology program also has a 100% job placement rate.

Students from Crafton's Child Development program, a Bronze Workforce Star, increase earnings by 75%, while Fire Technology certificate and degree completers can double their salaries within five years.

Mark your calendar!

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
