



MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Congratulations Class of 2018!

It was a perfect evening for graduation on Friday, May 25. Crafton's newest class is composed of 700 graduates who earned 574 associates degrees and 342 certificates. Of those degrees, close to 180 – or 31 percent – are associate in arts or science degrees which guarantees admission and junior status into the California State University system.

Of the 700, close to 170 graduated with honors, with 25 graduates leaving Crafton with a 4.0 GPA.

This year's class is also quite diverse with 28 percent of students becoming the first in their families to graduate from college or earn a post-secondary certificate. Sixty percent of the class of 2018 are female, while 42 percent are Hispanic, 43 percent are Caucasian, five percent are white, nine percent are Asian, and 1 percent are Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian. Twenty-four graduates are military veterans.

Congratulations Roadrunners! Welcome to the Crafton family.

Find photos, video and stories at <https://bit.ly/2GQ28E5>.

Three Faculty Selected for Inspiring Students

Three professors specializing in different fields were named Professors of the Year for the 2017-18 school year.

Margaret Yau, a professor of computer science and computer information systems, Scott Simonson, an adjunct professor of music, and Snezana Petrovic, chair of the fine arts department at Crafton, were selected from a pool of nominees for the designation.

Every year, CHC faculty and staff nominate their peers for the title. Those selected this year join a growing list of faculty members who go above and beyond their commitment of inspiring students to continue their desired path of success.



A first-generation college student, Yau enjoys teaching on a community college level because she can reach a diverse student population.

“It’s a great setting to help bridge the gap for students who just came out of high school, or students who haven’t gone to school for a couple of years, or just a student who wants to learn,” she explained.

Originally from Hong Kong, Yau had other plans for herself outside of a classroom setting. But it was while attending University of California, Berkeley that she found her “calling” and hasn’t looked back since starting at Crafton in 2011.

Like Yau, Petrovic, too, enjoys the wide demographic of students she can reach at Crafton.

She also knows what it is like to adapt to a completely new setting having hailed originally from Yugoslavia. And when coming to America, Petrovic said she had a lot to prove, starting with showing her folks back home that she could live off her art.

It was while attending grad school at University of California, Irvine that Petrovic’s mentors encouraged her to head inside the classroom. And after years of creating, she found the means to do just that. “Pretty much after a decade or so you get to the place where you can teach others and share that knowledge and experience,” she said.

Music has been a part of Scott Simonson’s upbringing since the age of 8. Today, he helps students unlock their talent by unlocking “two sides” of the picture: the serious side and the fun side.

“And if one is not fun, then why are you doing it,” he said.

Simonson got into teaching mostly because he likes helping others, he explained. He came on-board Crafton five years ago and calls himself the “captain of the ship” by helping students discover a bigger picture of music.

“You can’t focus on the day-to-day too much,” he said.

Yau, Petrovic and Simonson were formally recognized at the annual Employee Appreciation and Retiree Recognition Reception held earlier this month where they received plaques touting their accomplishment. You can find in-depth stories on each professor at <https://bit.ly/2GQ28E5>

Psychology Club Members Travel to Oregon for Conference



(Top left to right) Brendon Hamilton, Tristan Freeman, Jaime Sillas, Joshua Grothe, Juan Reynoso, Andrea Duarte, Abdalla Taha, Jaidy Chavez, Cailleb Misale, Tyler Giatroudakis, (Middle left to right) Stephanie Oropeza, Shaina Goss, Willem Porsona, Jovie Vasquez, Jennifer Meza, Heather Long, Adam Soleski, (Bottom left to right) Shailah Keme, Sam Scott, Vianny Chavez, Lynné Zehms, (Not pictured) Ian Wentel, and Ben Aguilera.

Members of the psychology club took it upon themselves to attend the Western Psychological Association (WPA) Conference in late April, traveling to Oregon with funds they raised throughout the year.

According to Shaina Goss, president, 23 students attended, with four of them giving poster presentations at the conference. “More than anything else, we went to support our classmates,” she said. “There was always at least one of our club’s members talking with a presenter from Crafton if the presenter wasn’t with someone not representing our school,” she said.

The club raised money by selling tacos and burritos on campus every Tuesday, having two yard sales, and sponsoring a “walk-a-thon.” “Throughout all of these fundraisers, everyone in the club helped in one way or another, so everyone pulled their weight for this trip,” said Goss.

“Next year the conference is in Pasadena and although it’s going to be close to home, we are still all very excited for our next trip together as a club,” she said.

Where is Crafton? 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 month+.

Yucaipa State of the City, 4/11
SBCCD Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee, 4/11
Yucaipa Joint Issues Mixer @ CHC, 4/19
Redlands Community Day of Service, 4/28
SOAR, Beaumont High School Assessment testing, 5/1
SOAR, Oak View High School, application, 5/2
Non-Profit Executive Forum, 5/2
Redlands Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 5/3
Yucaipa Chamber Breakfast, 5/3
Economic Development Advisory Committee, 5/3
Redlands Chamber "Rise & Shine," 5/4
Hosted Citrus Belt League Swim Championship 5/4
Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival, 5/4-5/6
Herbivore Festival, 5/6
Give Something Back Foundation Meeting – University of Redlands, 5/7
Roy Coble Luncheon @ Redlands YMCA, 5/8
Yucaipa 1st Committee, 5/8
Yucaipa Chamber Board of Directors, 5/8
Uptown Meeting, 5/9
Yucaipa/Calimesa Joint Partnership, 5/10

SOAR, Beaumont High School, Advisement, 5/10
SBCCD Block Party, 5/11
Yucaipa Chamber Retreat, 5/14
YCJUSD Community Cabinet, 5/16
EOPS/CARE/CaWORKs Outreach, Redlands Adult School, 5/16 & 5/17
Pathways Meeting from YCJUSD to CHC, 5/18
Yucaipa Business Incubator Tour, 5/18
EOPS/CARE/CaWORKs Outreach, Yucaipa Adult School, 5/22
Colton HS Classroom Presentation, 5/22
Indian Spring HS Classroom Presentation, 5/23
EOPS/CARE/CaWORKs Outreach, Oakview High School, 5/24
San Bernardino HS Classroom Presentation, 5/24
EOPS/CARE/CaWORKs Outreach, Yucaipa Adult School, 5/25
EOPS/CARE/CaWORKs Outreach, Foster Youth Conference @ Valley Star Children and Family Services in San Bernardino, 5/26
Colton HS Classroom Presentation, 5/29

88th Fire Academy Graduated on May 19



The CHC Fire Academy graduated 24 cadets at its 88th Academy on Saturday, May 19 at the Public Safety & Allied Health Building.

As part of the ceremonies, the cadets demonstrated their new skills to their family and friends at the graduation. "This was a new feature of the graduation and we'll definitely do it again next year," said Chief Alder.