



PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT



Dr. Wei Zhou

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La Verne to Offer B.A. Degrees @ CHC



*Back row: Trustee Gloira Harrison, Student Trustee JuJuan Dotson, CHC students Valerie Johnson and Lorin Costello. Trustee Frank Reyes and Trustee Don Singer
Seated: President Wei Zhou, President Devorah Lieberman, and SBCCD Chancellor Bruce Baron.*

VIPs from CHC and University of La Verne celebrated their new partnership at a signing ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 6. The partnership allows ULV to offer three bachelor degrees at Crafton, giving a seamless pathway from an AA degree to a BA degree for our students. The agreement was signed by CHC President Wei Zhou, ULV President Devorah Lieberman, and SBCCD Chancellor Bruce Baron.

Classes will begin this semester with degrees in business, child development and educational studies being offered. Information is available at craftonhills.edu/transfercenter.



CHC Hosts ASL Regional Conference



The ASL Educators Collaboration Conference began out of a need for local professional development opportunities for ASL teachers. Breanna Andrews (Crafton) and Davena Burns-Peters (Valley) saw this need and decided to do something about it. The first annual conference drew 30 ASL teachers from around southern California to engage in a day of networking and sharing best practices.

Now in its sixth year, the conference (which bounces back and forth from Crafton and Valley) now gathers approximately 75-100 attendees each year, some coming from out of state to attend. The conference remains for and by ASL teachers. All of the presenters are volunteers from the field sharing their expertise on various topics.

Spring Club Rush Calls Superheroes



Spring Club Rush beckoned superheroes of all kinds to the Quad on Wednesday, February 21, for Jojo's Grill-a-Dog, dance lessons, and information on student clubs.

Black History Month Brings Variety of Events



At the end of the Fall 2017 semester, Crafton Hills College art professor and professional development coordinator Snezana Petrovic was wondering what she could do to bring the campus together. When counselor Eva Bell approached her to ask for help with organizing some events for Black History Month, Petrovic knew that was what she had been looking for. Carla Thornton, coordinator of Veteran Services, and other faculty, staff, and administration members soon got involved, and a

schedule of events for February began to emerge.

Crafton's Black History Month started with a kick-off event on Thursday, February 1. Joseph Williams, President of the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees, gave a welcome, followed by a short history of Jazz by music professor Mark McConnell, a jazz band performance by CHC students and faculty, spoken poetry presented by Dean of Letters,

Arts, and Mathematics Robert Brown, a dance performance by CHC's Obsidian Dance Club, and Ethiopian food sharing from Ayda Restaurant in Loma Linda.



2/22: Kathryn Ervin, a Professor of Theater Arts at CSUSB and recipient of numerous theater awards and an NAACP Pioneer Award, delivered a lecture on the history of Motown.



2/26: African American faculty and staff from Crafton served on a career panel.



2/7: Lt. Col. Robert Friend, one of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen (the first African-American military aviators in the U.S. armed forces) shared the story of the historic World War II group and his experiences as a member of that group.



If not for the fundraising efforts of the Crafton Hills College Foundation, students like Jeremiah Lucas would not be able to attend CHC, the first step in fulfilling his dream of becoming a firefighter.

“My biggest obstacle was money and making the time for school,” Lucas said. “I was stuck between cutting my hours at work to go to school and struggling with bills or waiting another year until I figured something else out.”

At the urging of his older sister, Lucas enrolled at Crafton, and a counselor told him about the different ways he could get financial assistance, like grants and scholarships. Through the CHC Foundation, Lucas has received the funding necessary to cover his Fire Tech classes and books, allowing him to focus on his studies without worrying about how his paycheck will cover necessities like housing and food along with college costs. He is the first of his siblings to attend college, and is enjoying learning the ins and outs of firefighting.

“All of my teachers are great,” he said. “I can tell they really want us to succeed. Sometimes it’s hard and a lot of work, but it will all be worth it and I am enjoying the program so much.”

Maranda Jiles is another student benefiting from the fundraising efforts of the CHC Foundation. She’s studying sociology, and wants to become a social worker so she can help families and improve the community.

“The financial assistance I have received from Crafton has allowed me to focus on school,” she said. “I am able to do more than I would have if I was solely relying on my own income.”

The annual CHC Foundation Fundraising Gala and Auction is the organization’s largest fundraising event of the year, a fun-filled night that brings in money used to support students, purchase equipment for programs, and provide services at CHC. This year’s gala, “Sweet Home Crafton Hills,” will take place on campus March 24 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to wear denim and diamonds, and will spend the evening dancing to live music and participating in an action-packed live auction.

Individual tickets are \$100 each, and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Carrie Audet at 909-389-3245 or caudet@craftonhills.edu.

Where has Crafton been? 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.

- Meeting with Yucaipa City Manager, 1/16
- Inland Empire Economic Development Annual Dinner, 1/17
- Pathways for Hispanics in STEM, 1/22-1/24
- Annual Legislative Conference, 1/28-1/29
- University of Redlands Open House, 1/30
- Meeting with Housing Authority County of San Bernardino, 1/30
- Meeting with Housing Authority of San Bernardino County in Redlands, 1/31
- SBRETC Joint Powers Authority Meeting, 2/1
- Good Morning Yucaipa Breakfast, 2/1
- **Redlands High School College/Career Fair, 2/2**
- Region 9 CEO Meeting, 2/2
- Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival Committee, 2/5
- **Mountain View Middle School AVID College & Career Fair, 2/7**
- EOPS/Guardian Scholars presentation @ SB County Independent Living Program Taskforce, 2/8
- Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Partnership Meeting. 2/8
- Meeting with University of Redlands Faculty, 2/9
- Meeting with CRY-ROP Superintendent , 2/9
- Inland Empire Unforgettable Hearts Award Luncheon, 2/9
- **Citrus Valley High School College/Career Fair, 2/9**
- Meeting with Rim of the World Unified School District Cabinet, 2/12
- Alignment San Bernardino County Executive Board Meeting, 2/14
- Yucaipa Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 2/14
- We Love Manufacturing Executive Reception, 2/14
- **Redlands East Valley High School College/Career Fair, 2/16**
- Guided Pathways Workshop, 2/20
- Meeting with Yucaipa City Manager, 2/20
- Association of Fundraising Professionals Funders Roundtable, 2/20
- Presentation at Yucaipa Valley Kiwanis, 2/21
- Visited San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board, 2/21
- Black Student Education Summit, 2/23
- Redlands (Hispanic) Community Coalition, 2/23 (Group will tour Crafton on 3/23)
- Campus Tour with Calimesa Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief, 2/26
- Presentation at Redlands Sunrise Rotary, 2/28
- **Morongo Tribal TANF College Night, 2/28**

Mark your calendar!

Tues., March 20	Henry Stone STEM Success Center Grand Opening Celebration, 1 p.m.
Sat., March 24	CHC Foundation Gala, 5:30 p.m. @ Crafton Hall
Wed., April 4	Planned Giving Advisory Panel, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. @ PSAH-227
Tues. April 10	FLEX Day; No classes
Sat., April 14	Fire Academy Golf Tournament 10:30 a.m. @ Tukwet Canyon
Thurs., April 19	Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Issues Mixer 5-7 p.m. @ PSAH Engine Bay
Sun, May 6	Herbivore Festival, 11 a.m. @ CHC Quad+