

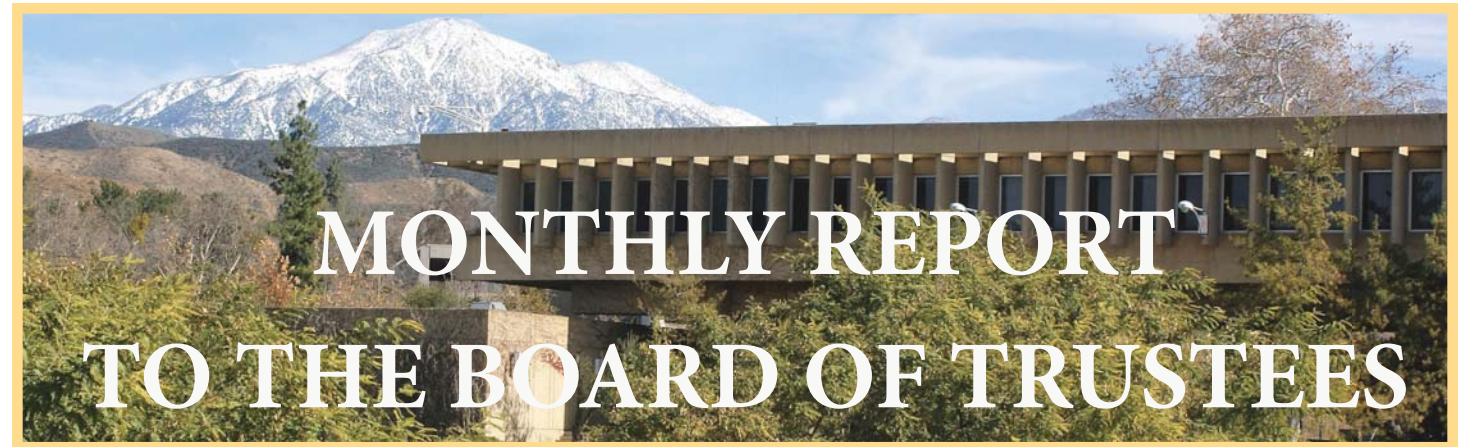
## Club Rush 2018 Brings Truth Initiative to Campus



Fall Club Rush dominated the Quad on Wednesday, September 26. In addition to the student clubs conducting outreach, there was an active booth for The Truth Initiative, a nonprofit tobacco control organization “dedicated to achieving a culture where all youth and young adults reject tobacco.” CHC was awarded a grant to move the College to become a tobacco free campus and this was one of the activities toward that.

## Mark your calendar!

Tuesday, Oct. 2	FLEX DAY; No classes
Monday, Oct. 8	Lorena Guillén Tango Ensemble, 6 p.m. @ PAC-308
Thursday, Oct. 11	Career Closet Open House, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. @ Assessment Center
Thursday, Oct. 18	The Great Shakeout @ 10:18 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 30	Give BIG San Bernardino County
Mon., Nov. 12	Veterans Day; Campus Closed
Fri., Nov. 30	Friends of Crafton Hills Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Crafton Hall



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## Foundation Connects Scholarship Recipients with Donors



Scholarship recipients had an opportunity to meet their benefactors on August 29 when the CHC Foundation hosted its annual Scholar/Donor Reception. The special event gives students a chance to say thank you and for donors to learn about the students they’re helping to achieve their education.

Veronica Roberts, benefactor for the Todd Browne Memorial Scholarship, shared memories of her brother Todd and how Crafton impacted his life. “Without Crafton, Todd would not have become a teacher. He had a great experience here,” she said.

A Community Foundation Scholarship recipient, Fairoza Yamini, spoke about her educational goals and how the scholarship is helping her, and Riane Ferras, the recipient of the inaugural Diana Harrison Memorial Scholarship and music major, provided some entertainment by singing and playing the guitar.

# This is Crafton.

## Mike Alder--Fire Academy Chief

Mike Alder has seen a lot of change to Crafton Hills College's Fire Academy since first stepping foot on campus in the 1980s.

Today, he's chief of the entire department, which is working to diversify itself by adding more women to its fleet. But one big issue has always stood the test of time: program costs. The 16-week academy requires cadets to spend close to 12 hours each day on campus training both mentally and physically for their desired career path. This often leaves little time to secure part-time or even full-time work.

Alder and his crew are not immune to the hardships many cadets face, which is why they work behind-the-scenes securing grants and other scholarship opportunities for academy students.



Alder knows what it takes to succeed in the field, as do others working with Crafton's fire program.

He first became involved with the fire academy in 1985 while working full-time with the San Bernardino City Fire Department. He left Crafton to take care of his brother following a horrific car accident but returned to classroom instruction in 2009.

He retired from the fire department after a 30-year career in 2012. Two years later, he became chief of Crafton's fire academy.

Alder looks to set the department's tone by helping his cadets pick the right career for them and which work they wish to do for the fire department.

He wants cadets to know the realities that could come with working in public safety, from the good to the bad to the ugly. Alder also wants to teach his cadets the importance of service because, as he put it, maintaining a career in fire is "not about the money but giving back to the community."

"I get really energized working with these young men and women who have their whole career in front of them," he said. "Teaching the curriculum is the easiest part. The hardest part is getting them mentally prepared to get into the fire service."

When not on campus, Alder enjoys spending time at home in Redlands with his wife Carla and their two rescue dogs. The couple enjoy cycling and have incorporated their love for the sport into their vacations, most recently taking a 200-plus ride from Seattle, Wash. to Portland, Ore.

## Jessica Renfrow--RESA Graduate & Fire Cadet

Jessica Renfrow enrolled in the Redlands Emergency Services Academy on a whim.

Although the 2015 Redlands High School grad knew she wanted to explore a career in public service like her father – a police officer – the former Terrier never considered becoming a firefighter.

RESA is a week-long academy hosted by the Redlands Fire Department. The goal of the program is to expose high school graduates to careers in public safety with cadets traveling across the city to take part in a series of activities that do not shy away from the nitty gritty of life on the job.

Renfrow, now 21, was hooked.

After graduating from the program, the Redlands resident began working with the Redlands Fire Department's Fire Explorers which, eventually, led her to apply for Crafton's Fire Academy where she is already excelling just weeks after its start date.



"She's on the fast-track to getting into the fire service," said Mike Alder, the program's fire chief. "She is one squared away young lady."

That's Renfrow's goal.

Eventually, she wants to see herself among Redlands' finest. The department itself has thrown its support behind Renfrow, who recalled some of its personnel taking time from their busy schedules to help her train and share a bit of advice.

"When everyone in the department knows you're going into the fire academy, they want to talk to you and tell you what's going to happen, and that in itself gave me a good idea of what coming into the academy was going to be like," Renfrow said. "What surprised me though was the additional knowledge and opportunities where I can build upon what I've already learned."

"I want to go back (to Redlands Fire) and invest in the community I grew up in," she said. "I want to give back to other cadets and teach them things the way I've been taught by others."