

City of Yucaipa and Crafton Unveil Street Banners



The City of Yucaipa has installed street banners that promote its hometown college, Crafton Hills. Funding for this project comes partly from donations received through the Crafton Hills College Foundation.

“The banners installed in the City of Yucaipa will increase the visibility and awareness of Crafton Hills College,” says Ray Casey, city manager. “Crafton has been a long-time partner of the city and we’re pleased to feature them through this collaborative effort.”

Mike Strong, vice president of administrative services, says, “This partnership cements our relationship with Yucaipa and our intent to be the college of choice for the region. The banners will increase the awareness in our community of the great college right in their own backyard.” Strong unveiled the banners for the Yucaipa City Council at the August 13 meeting, and thanked them for their continued support of the College.

The banners, which depict the various academic programs at the college, were installed on 14 different light poles around the campus.

Mark your calendar!

Monday, Sept. 3	Campus Closed for Labor Day
Thursday, Sept. 13	University Transfer Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. @ Central Breezeway
Wednesday, Sept. 26	Club Rush, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. @ Quad
Thursday, Sept. 27	Free CPR Training, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Quad
Tuesday, Oct. 2	FLEX DAY; No classes
Thursday, Oct. 11	Career Closet Open House, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. @ Assessment Center



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Inaugural Summer Bridge Program for EOPS deemed a success



EOPS initiated a Summer Bridge Program this year to assist graduating high school students and adults from Redlands Adult School and Yucaipa Adult School in visualizing themselves as college students. Designed to address barriers to their participation in college, the program gave the students a sense of belonging, introduced them to the community college system including developing educational goals and campus resources such as Financial Aid, and improved their study skills. Students who participated developed the personal and interpersonal communication skills critical to becoming responsible learners.

Field trips were a highlight of the program. The students visited Cal Poly Pomona, CSU San Bernardino, Cal Baptist University, and the Museum of Tolerance.

The EOPS Summer Bridge Program celebrated the graduates of the program on August 8, just a week before their next journey as students at Crafton Hills College.

This is Crafton.

Cheryl DiBartolo--Anthropology Faculty

Cheryl DiBartolo has big plans for Crafton Hills College's anthropology/archeology department.

Although the Highland resident has only taught at Crafton for a year, DiBartolo already has an extensive wish list from adding a more diverse concentrate of courses to the mix, to starting an archeology club on campus.

The idea: to help squash common misconceptions associated with the study and to encourage more students to pursue a career in the field.



"The biggest misconception people have is that we study dinosaurs and we don't," she said. "And it's not all about the adventure of discovery and ancient treasure – it's trying to understand communities and the everyday life of people – both past and present."

A first-generation college student, DiBartolo had plans to obtain a degree in economics. But a chat with her college academic counselor changed the trajectory of her life.

"He sat me down and said, 'I want you to tell me what you love.' So I did. I told him all about my fascination with ancient Egypt and all that stuff, and he said, 'You know, people do that for a living.' And then I thought, 'Maybe I should change my major and become an anthropologist.' So I did," she recalled with a chuckle.

After completing graduate school with a degree in museum studies and anthropology, DiBartolo began working for a museum in North Carolina. But her "true calling" would be teaching, something she would learn first-hand after teaching part-time at a local community college in the state.

"The museum work was great, but I loved teaching so much more than my work at the museum," she said. "When a full-time position came open, I grabbed it, and the rest is history."

Elijah Gerard--Anthropology Student & Trustee

In the past, people have told Elijah Gerard that he talks a little too much and shares his opinions too loudly at times.

So, he decided to put those so-called perceived flaws to good use by running to become Crafton Hills College's newest student trustee on the San Bernardino Community College District's Board of Trustees.

"Like most people my age I've been really stressed out about the state of politics right now, and I've always been interested in what I can do in my own community and college," he explained. "So, I sent an email to learn more."

Gerard ran for two open trustee positions, including a back-up role that would have allowed him to learn more about trustee responsibilities in that capacity. He ended up winning both races.

The Redlands resident said he could see himself running for local office some time in the future but first wants to focus on graduating college with a degree in anthropology and, later, in the classroom shaping a new generation of movers and shakers.

"But as of right now I want to see more students at Crafton become more involved. Trustee meetings are open to the public and I want to see more students become interested in the work that is being done on their behalf. So come and attend a meeting – or two."



Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, recently donated vehicle extrication equipment to the CHC Fire Academy. This equipment was used by the Fire Safety Team at the Auto Club Speedway during NASCAR races and other racing events. New, the equipment costs in excess of \$30,000.

This donation of equipment will strengthen the Vehicle Extrication Course delivery by allowing students multiple "touches" in performing the necessary steps to rescue a person trapped in an automobile accident.

This donation was made possible by the efforts of Dave Allen, President, Auto Club Speedway and Mike Carnes, Director of Fire Safety, Auto Club Speedway.