

Photo: Jake Fuller, Crafton Hills College Student Senate President.

New Student Senate President Ready to Lead Crafton into the Future

Jake Fuller knows he is going to be busy as Crafton Hills College's new Student Senate President. Elected to the position at the close of the Spring 2020 semester, the 20-year-old Redlands resident is ready to lead the college's student body through a global pandemic and way into the future.

One way the third-year Roadrunner plans to do that is through communication. Prior to joining the Student Senate last year, Fuller said he was unaware a group like it existed

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One Book/One College

One Book/One College is a college-wide reading initiative that brings together the Crafton Hills campus community through the reading of a common book focused on equity and inclusion.

The One Book/One College project derives from the College's Leading from the Middle team made up of faculty, administrators, and staff. Specifically, this team is focused on institutional reform efforts aimed at closing achievement gaps for underrepresented students. The LFM team is developing a launch plan to encourage college-wide conversation, creativity, and community with professional development activities for employees in the fall and through

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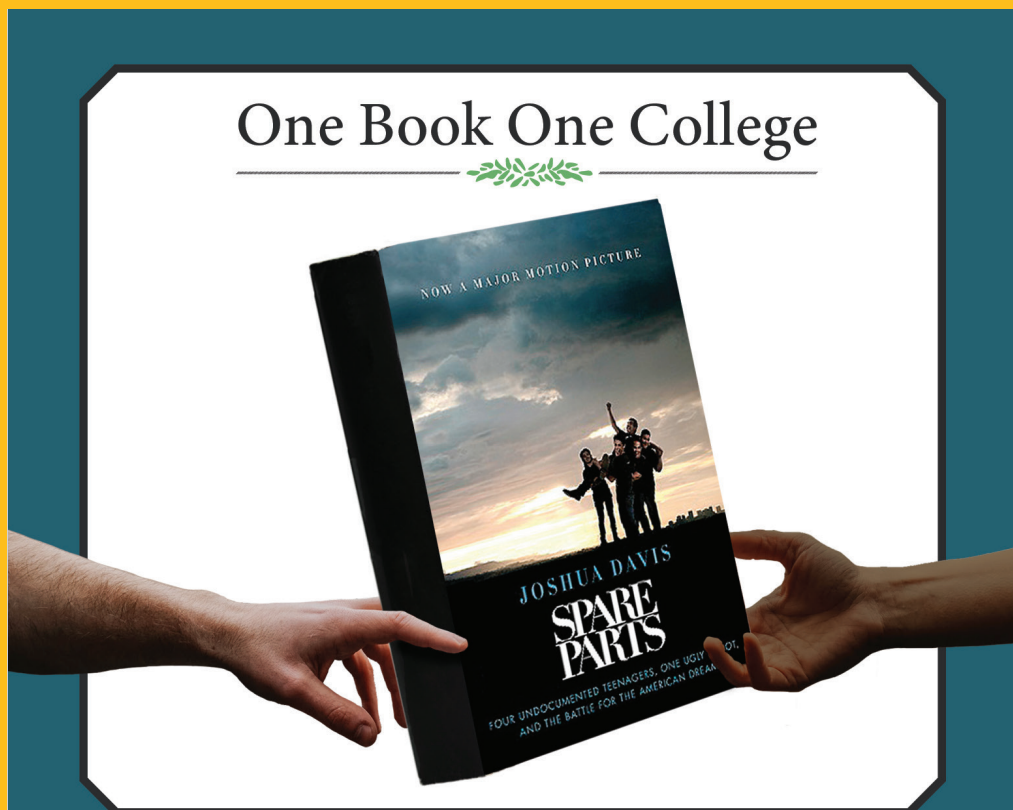


Photo: One Book/One College's first book selection, *Spare Parts*.

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classroom and college activities for students in the spring.

The group received 31 nominations and selected the book Spare Parts, by Joshua Davis. This first book for Crafton was selected because it addresses issues of equity and inclusion, its relevance to the Crafton student population, and the fact that it inspires critical dialogue. It will give the participants the opportunity to test their own ideas, and has a message that can develop empathy and build a stronger community between the students and staff on campus.

The book is based on the inspiring true story of four impoverished, undocumented Latino teenagers who won the Marine Advanced Technology Education Robotics Competition at UC Santa Barbara against all odds. This book highlights the power of innovation and perseverance, the effect of supportive educators, and the impact of immigration politics for DREAMers.

The LFM team encourages our entire campus community to engage in meaningful conversations, express their thoughts, and connect with each other through One Book/One College.



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on campus, and he's looking to change that. "If students don't know we exist, they're not going to come to us for help," he explained. "The goal is to serve the students as best we can, and we can't do that if they don't know about us."

The Student Senate is the governing board of the entire Crafton student body. Its mission is to "serve current and future students by establishing a foundation that fosters involvement, awareness and unity."

The group typically meets on campus at noon every Friday, but since the Coronavirus pandemic has pushed student learning and campus involvement online, Fuller and the Student Senate are looking for new ways to get the word out. This includes creating a new Student Senate publication, crafting a more user-friendly college website with help from CHC officials, and activating a new communication hub with other on-campus clubs. "I want to create a place where our clubs and Senate can have more dialogue because one of the biggest things we do is support our student clubs," Fuller said.

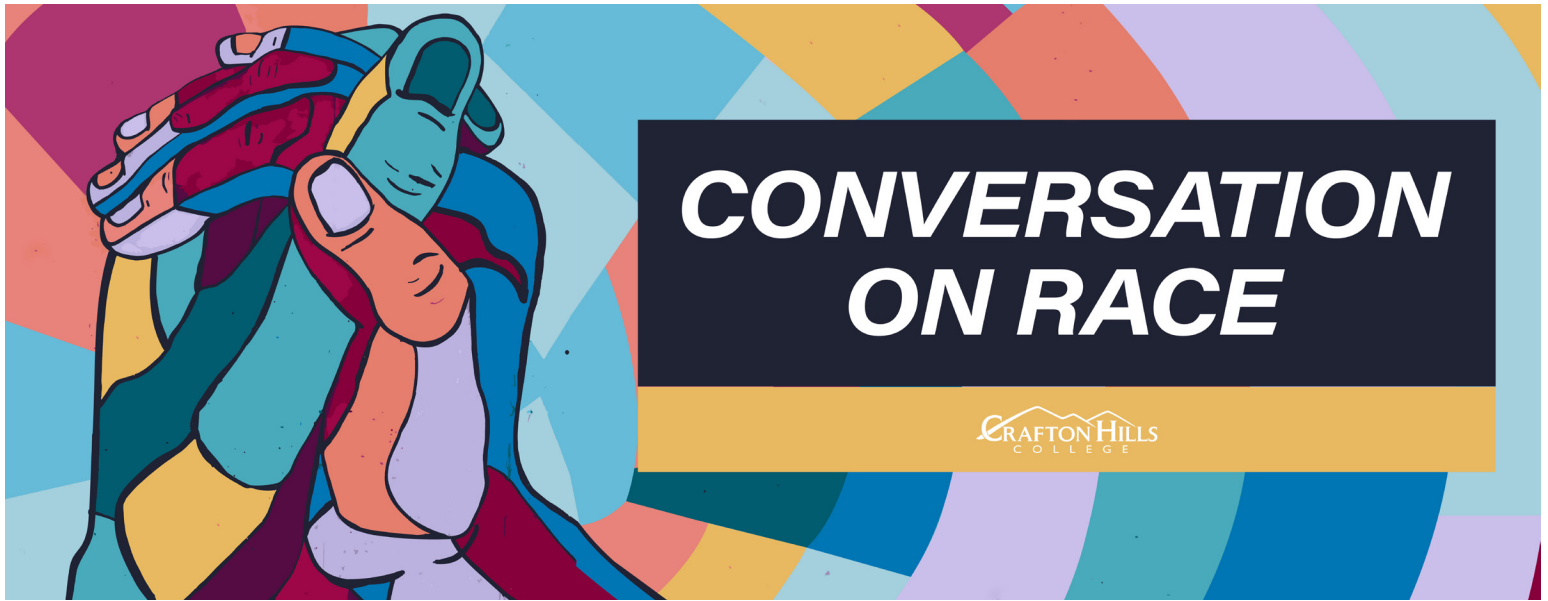
Another of his goals is helping students

navigate a new learning model. Prior to the end of the Spring semester, Fuller worked with the Student Senate to create a new grading policy — The Safety Net Proposal — that would support students struggling with online learning. The policy was not adopted, but Fuller said there's more to be done as online learning is not for everyone.

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He can relate. "Some students are really concerned about the online format," Fuller continued. "I, myself, had struggled with online classes before. It's not the same as sitting in the classroom and it is not for everybody. But we want to see what we can do to make things easier for those students."

The end of the Spring 2021 semester will be Fuller's last as a student. But his ties to Crafton will not stop there. The computer science major plans on transferring to Cal State San Bernardino next fall and later enroll in Georgia Tech's online master's program to continue his studies in the field. He then plans on coming back to CHC to teach. "I really, really love Crafton," he said. "It's my favorite place in general. It's like a family. And I like to be part of a community."



Crafton Hills College Conversation on Race

The recent events sparked by the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others, provided an opportunity for Crafton Hills College to stand in solidarity with people around the world working toward an equitable society. On July 16, the College hosted the “Crafton Hills College Conversation on Race,” an all-campus guided forum for students and employees to discuss matters of inclusion.

“This forum provided a safe space for attendees to engage with and learn from each other as we work together toward a more equitable institution,” said Dr. Ericka Paddock, Director of student life. Dr. Paddock called together a committee in mid-June to collaborate and plan the two-hour event.

In an effort to promote engagement, the 69 attendees were asked to share

their thoughts using a public comment form and through participation in polls throughout the forum. Participants were encouraged to welcome and respect multiple viewpoints, actively listen, own their intentions and impacts, lean into discomfort, and work to recognize their privilege. Knowing the possibility of stress and anxiety that may occur because of these topics, mental health support was encouraged and information on obtaining services was made available throughout the event.

President, Dr. Kevin Horan spoke about equity efforts on campus and shared a personal experience before turning the event over to discussion moderator and faculty member Gwen DiPonio. The four panelists were current student Auraleea Ambrielle, staff member Eva Bell, faculty member Kenyon Callahan, and alumnus Tyrone Ross, all of

whom introduced themselves before answering guided questions.

Each of the panelists commented on their understanding of privilege, supremacy, and systemic racism to begin the conversation. Next, panelists expressed their thoughts and feelings on the recent murders as well as the racial unrest in our country today before reflecting on what they hope our country can take from the experience.

Crafton is committed to ongoing equity and diversity conversations to help all students and employees feel welcome, connected, and listened to. This is the first of what will be many opportunities for our campus to grow and learn from each other’s experiences and perspectives while creating a more accepting and inclusive environment.



CHC Pool Open for Lap Swim-Athletics Delayed

On July 6, the CHC pool began offering lap swim and has since extended their hours to meet the high demand. The facility is currently open with strict COVID-19 precautions in place to keep staff, students, and the community safe.

On July 9, the California Community College Athletic Association board

voted to instate their contingency plan and shift all sports to spring 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For Crafton this means that Men’s and Women’s Water Polo will compete February-April and Men’s and Women’s swimming will compete April-June 2021. Returning to athletics in Spring 2021 will only be done if it is safe to do so at that time.

Crafton Hills Respiratory Care Program Recognized with CoARC Award



The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) recognized the Respiratory Care program at Crafton Hills College as a Distinguished RRT Credentialing Success award winner.

This award is presented to programs to recognize effectiveness in inspiring its graduates to achieve their highest educational and professional aspirations. The respiratory therapist (RRT) credential is a measure of professional achievement, and Crafton Hills was recognized for having documented credentialing success rate of 90% or above.

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incredible mix of varied backgrounds that lead to student success,” said Daniel Rojan, faculty co-chair for Allied Health Services and assistant professor of Respiratory Care. “I truly am appreciative to be able to work with such a valuable group of faculty with such an incredible wealth of varied experience. Another huge factor, as evidenced by our re-accreditation is the support of our amazing medical director, Dr. Sehuel - he plays a huge role in helping us to continuously push the bar for our program. And we couldn’t do this without our adjuncts and professional experts.”

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Photo: Respiratory Therapy students.



Summer Sociology Class Field Trip

Sixteen students in Professor Julie McKee’s Sociology class explored exhibits and collections in cultural and natural history at the San Bernardino County Museum on June 26. McKee usually takes students on field trips each semester thanks to funding from the CHC Foundation.

“Field trips allow students to experience learning outside of the classroom, and this was a welcome change from the online environment,” said McKee. With remote instruction this summer due to COVID-19, the class was lucky to have the opportunity to visit the museum, which was only open a few weeks.”

Photo: Sociology students at the San Bernardino County Museum.



Photo: San Bernardino County Fire Department donates a "Type 3" fire engine as part of an ongoing relationship with the College.

Crafton Hills College Regional Fire Academy Receives Donation of Fire Engine

Crafton Hills College Regional Fire Academy is the recipient of the donation of a Wildland "Type 3" fire engine from the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

The program currently holds two full-time fire academies per year, and the donation of the fire engine will benefit students directly. An integral part of the fire academy curriculum is the emphasis placed on wildland firefighting operations. With a "Type 3" fire engine on site, students will more effectively learn the various manipulative hose evolutions that are required in the curriculum.

"This generous donation will greatly improve our program as well as bring industry consistency to the students during their time in the academy," said Michael Alder, chief of the CHC Fire Academy. "It is ironic that this particular fire engine was one that I had actually helped develop and build while heading up our apparatus committee with the San Bernardino City Fire Department, so I'm very familiar with this fire engine."

The apparatus is a 1999 International / Pierce Type III Brush Engine, which served the San Bernardino Area for more than 20 years. The four-wheel drive engine carries 500 gallons of water, pumps 500 GPM & has the ability to "pump and roll," which is crucial for wildland firefighting. Besides the engine, it comes with a full wildland

a rich one. More than 100 SBCOFD firefighters have completed CHC Fire Academy, including McClintock. The Fire Academies at CHC are an integral part of San Bernardino County's "Cradle to Career" program, providing educational training and tracks to a career. Additionally, many instructors are current or retired firefighters from the Department.

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compliment of gear consistent with industry standards.

"With fire season longer, hotter and more intense than ever before, this engine will be a great addition to their training fleet," said Michael McClintock, Battalion 7, Division 4. "California crews are truly at risk and remain busy year around. CHC does a fantastic job with getting academy graduates ready for the work force."

"The partnership between the Fire Technology program at Crafton Hills College and the Fire Department is

"On behalf of our long running program as well as the Crafton Hills College and the San Bernardino Community College District, I would like to thank the San Bernardino County Fire Department for this great donation and all of the support that they have provided us throughout the years," said Alder. "We truly value our great working relationship and the positive impact it has on our communities."

Previously the Fire Department has donated two other "Type 1" fire engines as well as a "Rescue Squad."



CHC Foundation Receives Grant from Inland SoCal United Way

The Crafton Hills College Foundation received a grant for \$12,500 from Inland Southern California United Way to support Emergency Assistance grants for Crafton students impacted by COVID-19.

Inland SoCal United Way was created through a merger of Inland Empire United Way and United Way of the Inland Valleys.

“We at Inland SoCal United Way are delighted to be able to award grants

to local non-profits like Crafton Hills College Foundation who are dedicated to supporting the individuals in our community. We understand that our new normal is a challenge, but Crafton Hills College Foundation is rising to that challenge and we are extraordinarily proud to be able to assist in their efforts.” Said Lisa Wright, President of Inland SoCal United Way.

The funds received by the CHC Foundation will directly support students through emergency assistance grants. To be considered for the one-time funding of up to \$500, students must submit a completed application and supporting documents, have completed a minimum of 12 units, be currently enrolled, and be in

good academic standing.

“At Crafton, we are taking a holistic approach to help students recover from this pandemic with hotspots and Chromebooks available for check out, a food bank and grocery vouchers, and with emergency assistance grants to help with rent and utilities,” said Dr. Kevin Horan, President of Crafton Hills College. “This funding will enhance CHC’s strategic efforts in supporting students during this difficult time,” continued Horan. “With this help, students are more likely to succeed in their educational goals and we are so grateful to Inland SoCal United Way for their assistance.”



Child Development Center Closed for Fall

After careful consideration and out of concern for the health of College employees and the community, Crafton Hills College administration has reluctantly decided that the Child Development Center will not open in the fall. Under normal circumstances, the Center offers both community and State preschool programs for children ages 3-5 and also serves as a campus-based early education program providing a laboratory setting to CHC students enrolled in child development courses.

The center closed in mid-March, as did the College, due to COVID-19 and was hoping to reopen in August to serve students, faculty, and the community. After considerable review and discussion, the College has decided to remain closed through the fall semester.

Child Development Center Director Deborah Wasbotten has maintained communications with parents as updates became available and has notified both returning families and those who had newly applied to this

school year. “The decision to not reopen the center was based on many factors, and although we are disappointed not to bring students back, I want parents to know that safety is our highest priority, and we are doing everything we can to protect our students and employees from the virus,” said Wasbotten. The College continues to follow directions from the Center for Disease Control as well as county and state guidelines and plans to open the center as soon as it is deemed safe.

The CHC students enrolled in child development will be provided with alternate means of completing assignments. The State preschool at the center, which is conducted through a partnership with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, may continue to offer a remote learning environment for families in the fall. Parents will be notified as more information and additional details are given from the San Bernardino County Schools office.

Photo: Crafton Hills College Child Development Center prior to closing in March 2020.



Photo: Frank Madrid, Crafton Hills College Instructor.



Photo: Financial Aid Outreach office.

In Memory of Frank Madrid

Faculty Chair and Instructor of CHC's Multimedia and Information Technology Frank Madrid passed away unexpectedly on May 18 due to complications from an emergency surgery related to stomach pains.

The outpouring of love from his students and colleagues is testimony to the impact he had in his short tenure at Crafton. Memories and stories are being collected to create a book for his family. If you are interested in contributing to the memory book, please contact Dr. Iris Kearn-Foster at ifoster@craftonhills.edu.

To honor Frank's legacy at CHC, the 2020-2021 catalog is dedicated in his memory.

Crafton Hills College Receives CARES Act Funding

Students who were enrolled at Crafton Hills College in spring 2020 and who met federal requirements received federal relief funds awarded to the College. The Federal Emergency Relief Grant, commonly known as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, provides funding to the College to address the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus.

"Our students and college operations have been adversely impacted due to the pandemic," said Dr. Delmy Spencer, Vice President of Student Services. "We are grateful for this funding. The CARES Act gave Crafton the opportunity to provide students free technology, food and other essential support services to help them continue their education. It is more important than ever that we help our students stay in college, earn their degrees, and build a better future for themselves and our community."

Crafton Hills College has been allocated a total of \$1,933,930 of which \$966,965, was used to provide direct emergency financial aid grants to students. Grant awards ranged

from \$600 to \$1,700 depending on the number of units in which a student was enrolled, along with other qualifying criteria. Funds were awarded automatically to eligible students and disbursed through the College's financial aid department in June. "Thanks to the CARES ACT we were able to reach out to our neediest students and help them with related expenses from COVID 19. I have heard the tiniest help makes a world of difference for our students," said John Muskavitch, Director of Financial Aid.

Crafton is working to secure other funding for students currently enrolled who are not eligible for the federal relief grant. "We are committed to supporting all students," continued Spencer. "Thanks to the CHC Foundation and our generous donors, we have been able to provide emergency assistance funding to help additional students."

