



Photo: EMT students learning on campus before social distance requirements.

Crafton Hills EMT Students Graduate Against All Odds

The Crafton Hills College Emergency Medical Technician Program has completed final testing, with 76 students graduating the program during the most stressful semester in recent memory.

The class endured extensive changes to the program due to COVID-19. During the first portion of the stay-at-home order, lectures were conducted online. “The transition was taxing for both students and faculty since this program is heavily based in personal contact and teamwork,” said Laurie Green, EMT Program Director. Later, the students were able to meet

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Judy Cannon Recognized by Redlands Rotarians

On June 11, Crafton Hills College Honors Coordinator Judy Cannon was honored by the Rotary Club of Redlands as Peacemaker of the Year 2020.

Cannon received this award in recognition of her outstanding service that promotes peace, understanding, reconciliation, and cooperation between individuals, groups, and the community at large.

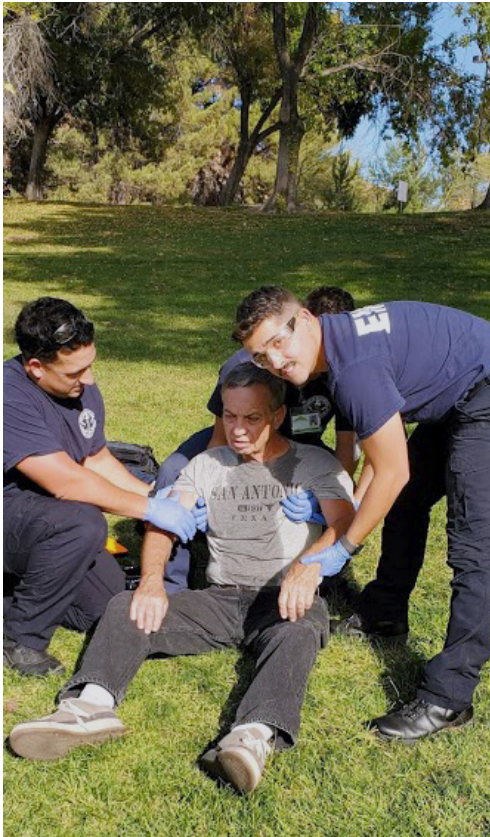
The Rotary Club stated, “Judy Cannon has heightened a spirit of peace that contributes to the quality of life in the city of Redlands and beyond.”

An international peace scholarship will be awarded in Cannon’s honor to a young person with promise to become a stellar peacemaker in the future.



Photo: Judy Cannon with 2019 Honors Students.

Crafton Hills EMT Students Graduate Against All Odds continued..



on campus with social distancing guidelines in place to complete skills practice and testing. "This had its own challenges," Green said, "since the students had formed a bond and we now required them to space out every six feet."

hours and the rest were able to conduct patient contact in the simulation lab. "This worked out because of the awesome equipment we have been provided in the lab, though nothing replaces the learning experience of a live patient," Green said.

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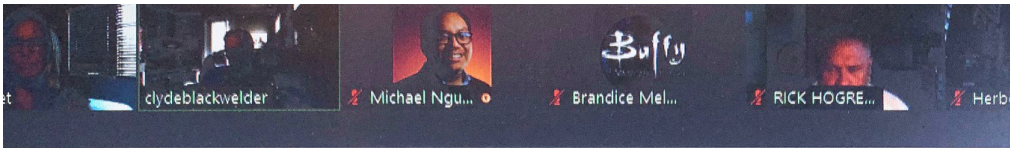
After Spring Break, students were not allowed to perform ride outs with community partners. This greatly limited the options students had to gain traditional hands-on experience;

Students who complete this State accredited allied health certificate program are prepared to take the National Registry examination and obtain entry-level employment as Emergency

however, 10 students were able to complete their required field contact

Medical Technicians or Emergency Department Technicians.

Photo: EMT students with patient.



CHC Classified Senate

The Classified Senate organized ten professional development opportunities for staff, faculty, and administrators to participate in virtually during the week of May 26. Sessions included a variety of HR training opportunities, instructions on better ergonomics at home, Thai Chi, and How to Zoom.

On The Couch



Brandice Mello, who has served as classified senate president for the past two and a half years will be stepping into the role of vice president and Herberth Alex Jaco will assume the role of president for the next two years.

The executive team also includes Rebecca Abeyta as secretary, Carrie Audet as treasurer, and Eva Bell as public information officer. Rosemarie Hansen, Monique Ware, and Ruby Zuniga will serve as senators.

Photo: Zoom ergonomics training.



Photo: Kirsten Adair, scholarship recipient.

Crafton Hills College Student Receives SoCalGas Scholarship

Kirsten Adair, recent Crafton Hills College graduate and resident of Yucaipa, was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship from the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas).

This scholarship will provide Adair with the opportunity to pursue her academic and career goals. “I am extremely grateful to have received this generous scholarship,” said Adair. “I plan on continuing my education at California State University San Bernardino as a biology major. In my future career, I hope to focus on the environment

and the protection of our natural resources.”

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Utility Company, awards Scholarships to community college students who plan to transfer to a four-year university in the fall. The SoCalGas scholarship program is just a small portion of how the local community supports Crafton Hills College and

the College’s Foundation.

“I am honored to represent SoCalGas, as they know the value of giving back to the communities we serve,” said Robert Visconti, SoCalGas Regional Affairs Manager and Director of the CHC Foundation Board. “I’ve supported Crafton’s students for years as a Foundation Director and have also enjoyed supporting the the scholarship program with the annual \$5000 scholarship that goes to a deserving Crafton student.”

“As a proud resident of Yucaipa, I am absolutely honored to award the 2020 SoCalGas’ Scholarship to a local student that absolutely excelled at Crafton Hills College,” said Visconti. “We anticipate she will have a stellar career at CSUSB studying environmental science. SoCalGas has been providing clean, efficient and affordable energy for 150 years and we embrace the environmental sciences as we strive to achieve greater sustainability and clean air goals.”

This year, the Crafton Hills College Foundation awarded \$161,950 in scholarships to more than 170 students. “The Crafton Hills College Foundation supports the College by raising money and building relationships and partnerships to support the success of our students,” said Michelle Riggs, Director of Institutional Advancement.

“Scholarships are made possible by more than 15 organizations, such as SoCalGas, and 100 individual donors. During these difficult times, financial support from our donors is not only appreciated but vital for our students to stay on course to achieve their educational and career goals.”



Photo: 2020 Radiologic Technology graduates.

Eight Students Complete Crafton Hills Rad Tech Program

This spring, eight students completed the Radiologic Technology (Rad Tech) program at Crafton Hills College. The 22 ½-month program, offered in partnership with Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, prepares students to perform diagnostic imaging examinations. Each student received his or her associate degree in Radiologic Technology or Radiologic Technology certificate and is eligible to take state and national board examinations to qualify for entry-level employment in radiography.

The graduates are Jason Brown, Fabian Cano, Lewis Middleton, Jerry Padgett Jr., Desiree Perez, Julianne Richter, John Shields and Alexis Ward.

These individuals endured a difficult final semester with the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

“All of the graduates worked hard and persevered through all of life’s unexpected surprises in 2020,” said program director Melissa Huynh. “I’m so proud of them!”

In addition to the awarding of degrees and certificates, the program faculty also presented awards and scholarships at the informal “socially distant” gathering

on June 9.

Jerry Padgett, Jr. received the Clinical Achievement Award for his superior clinical performance and commendable attendance record. Padgett plans to continue his education in computed tomography (CT).

Alexis Ward was recognized for her

memory of Michael Scott.

Scott, an alumnus of the CHC Rad Tech program was the recipient of the Cristi Hall Award in 2012. He went on to become an instructor in the program until he passed away in 2019. Scott’s family endowed a scholarship in his name this year that will accompany the award given to a deserving grad in perpetuity.

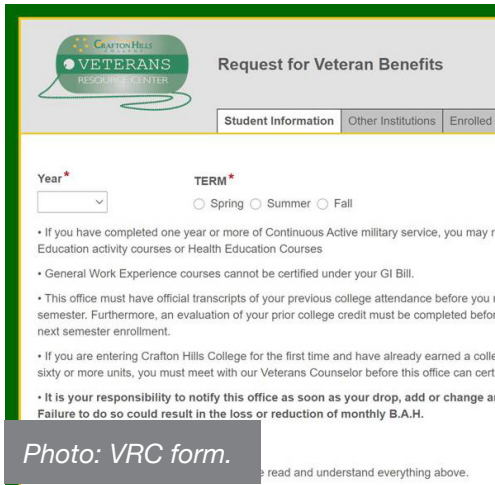
“I was blessed to have known Mike personally,” Perez declared. “The scholarship will go towards covering my State exam fees as well as my fluoroscopy license exam fees. As I continue my journey to become a rad tech, I hope I can exemplify all the qualities that Mike had. He was kind, compassionate, and eager to help the students.” Perez will be continuing her education in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Each of the students were commended by Huynh for being flexible through this unprecedented time and finishing the program strong. In lieu of a formal ceremony, a graduation recognition video, which includes messages from faculty and staff along with individual photos of each graduate is available on the CHC website under “Latest News.”

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academic excellence in the didactic portion of the program with the Academic Achievement Award. Ward is continuing her education and pursuing a license in mammography.

Another award, the Cristi Hall Award of Excellence in Radiography, in memory of Cristi Hall RT(R), who exemplified the value of being a caregiver and team player, went to Desiree Perez, selected for demonstrating these values. This year, the award was accompanied with an inaugural \$500 scholarship in



Online Forms replace Paper Forms at A&R and VRC

The Admissions and Records office and the Veterans Resource Center have been working diligently over the past few months to move all forms to a fully digital format. This update will allow students, faculty, and counselors to submit routine forms online, creating more efficient processes and enabling the College

to offer more services remotely. Eight forms are now live and available on the website. They include requests for grade-change, unit overload, and Veteran's benefits. Nine additional forms are pending in various stages of development.

Photo: VRC form.

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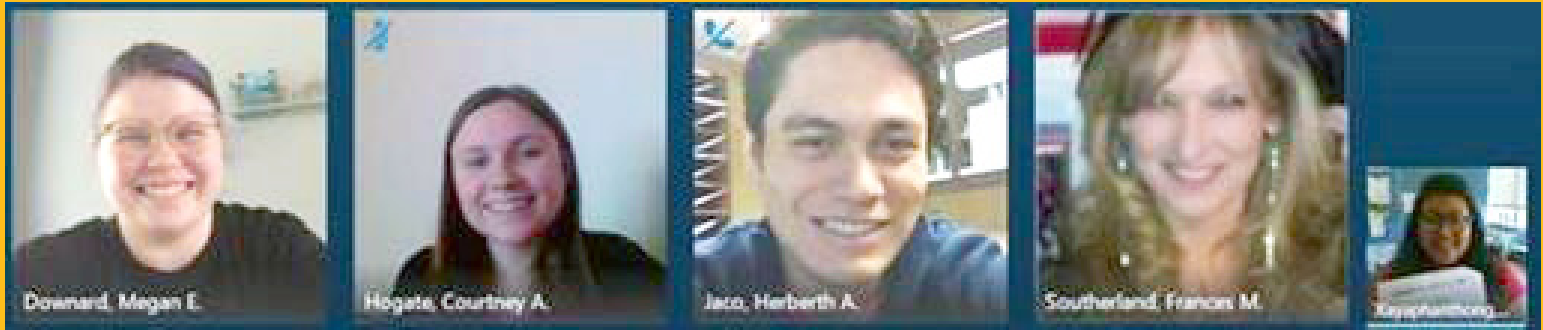


Photo: Promise program faculty and staff at Zoom meeting.

Summer Bridge Kicks off for Promise Students

The 2020 Free College Promise cohort at Crafton began a nine-hour summer bridge program on June 16. Five summer bridge sessions are scheduled over the next four weeks to provide information to the over 500 students who have met the program requirements. The goal of

summer bridge is to help these new students transition from high school to college. Students are introduced to available programs and services at the college that will help them build a solid foundation for success. Presentations during summer bridge include mental health, time

management, goal setting, Starfish, degree planner, Canvas, an overview of degree and certificate programs, and an introduction to career and transfer services.



CHC Faculty Trains over 1,000 CCC Faculty to Teach Online

Crafton Hills College Career Center Coordinator Trinette Barrie was invited to repeat her well received workshop "Common Mistakes Online Instructors Make and How to Avoid Them," for the CCC Online Teaching Conference, held virtually June 17 through 19. When this workshop was initially presented in person, it attracted about 50 attendees, but

with COVID-19 restrictions and the necessity to conduct classes online in the summer and next fall, 1072 CHC instructors attended the online presentation. Since the presentation, many participants have contacted Barrie, thanking her for her very informative session and asking for more information about the resources she provided.

Photo: CCC online Instructor Training.



Photo: Paramedic students and faculty.

CHC Foundation Provides Lunch for Paramedic Students

The CHC Foundation provided lunch on Thursday, June 11, for students in the paramedic program to celebrate their last day on campus together. Twenty-four students successfully completed the didactic (i.e., classroom) portion of the program, which included 460 hours of lectures, interactive presentations, skills labs, and simulations. With COVID-19 causing the campus to close on March 19, the program was disrupted, delayed, and transitioned to an online format. Students were brought back to campus on May 12 to practice isolated skills, including learning to place IV's and intubate, before testing and moving on to the clinical and field portions of the program.

Students returned to campus with increased precautions, including temperature checks, social distancing, limited groups, and increased cleaning. A major challenge this year is increased health concerns for clinical sites. According to program director Amanda Ward, each of these students will need to rotate through 17 clinical shifts in the Burn Unit,

Operating Room, Labor and Delivery, Pediatric Emergency Department, County Fire Department, Acute Care Pediatric Unit, and Emergency Department. According to Ward, many of the specialty hospitals are not allowing students as a precaution

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for their high-risk patients. Ward is working with program faculty to help students meet these requirements by running scenarios through the high-definition simulation lab and simulation ambulance at Crafton.

“This program is stressful enough as it is,” Ward expressed, concerned for the students who have had a challenging semester, “and most of these students are employed as first responders.” She explained often these students come directly to class after 12-hour shifts in an ambulance. Ward is grateful to the Foundation for recognizing

these students and appreciates the Foundation’s continued support of the program.

“The Crafton Hills College Foundation is here to provide support for our students and programs across campus,” explained program Medical Director Dr. Phong Nguyen, who also serves as a Foundation Director. Before lunch, Nguyen expressed his encouragement and pride in the perseverance of these students on behalf of the Foundation.

Next up for these students is 170 hours of clinical internship, where they will practice and refine the technical skills learned during didactic before they head to the 600-720 hours of field internships. During the field portion of the program, students are placed at various fire departments and transport agencies in Riverside and San Bernardino County. At that point, the environment will change from the controlled to the uncontrolled and will afford these students the opportunity to “put it all together”.

ADULT ED Summer Bridge Program and Training for Online College

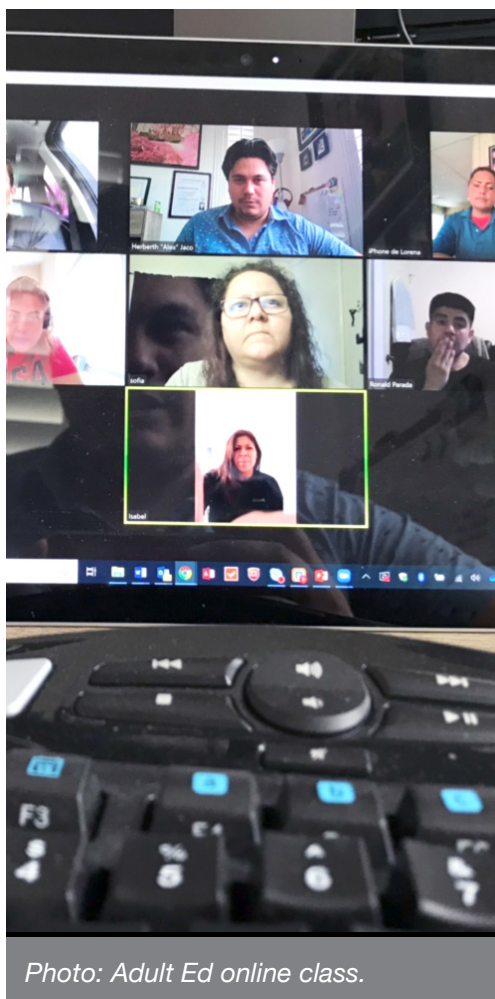


Photo: Adult Ed online class.

The California Adult Education Program and EOPS office at Crafton Hills College developed an Adult Ed Summer Bridge Program to help graduating adult school students from both Redlands and Yucaipa Adult Schools transition into college. This year marks the third annual Adult Ed Summer Bridge Cohort.

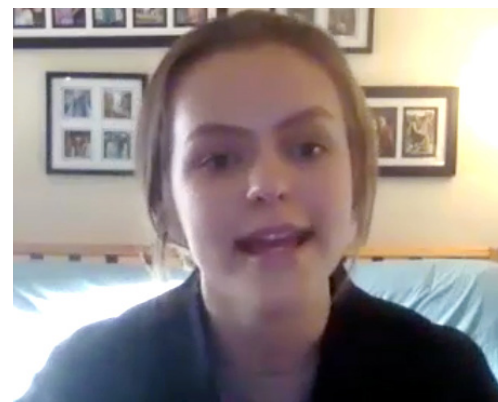
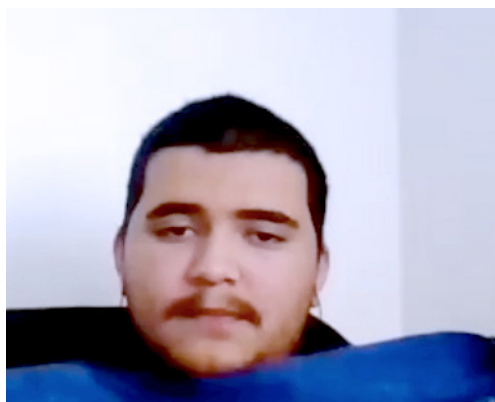
The program involves a five-week course, “Student Success and the College Experience,” in which participants learn about Crafton’s counseling, DSPS, financial aid, learning resource center, career and transfer programs, and health and wellness center services. Daily workshops on computer literacy, mathematics, and other areas of professional development along with weekly field trips to four-year institutions or cultural centers provide students with a broad understanding of college life.

“In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, educators and students had to transition

into an online environment. The bar has been raised for our transition program now that all classes for summer and fall 2020 are fully online,” explained Herberth Alex Jaco, adult education transition advisor.

This year’s program began with an online “boot camp” on June 8 for new adult school students and those who had already successfully transitioned to Crafton, to help with digital literacy skills and web-based services, such as CANVAS, WebAdvisor, and student email. For students who lack internet access or face additional barriers in this environment, Chromebooks and hot spots were provided.

“Our faculty, Brooke Clement and Arline Troncoza, have worked hard to provide the same experience of the in-person program to our online audience, and we are proud of the success and positive responses we’ve received so far,” Jaco added.



Crafton Hills College Summer Theatre Workshops

Crafton Hills College theatre department is providing opportunities this summer for students and our community members who love musical theatre to get involved.

“From June 15 to August 6, Crafton Hills has scheduled eight new, unpublished scripts that playwrights have graciously let us have a crack at work-shopping,” said Paul Jacques, Professor of

Theatre Arts. Students enrolled in the Theatre-130 begin remote rehearsals for a new play each Monday and that play is presented, via Zoom and YouTube live, each Thursday night.

Due to the unique format of these summer workshops, which are traditionally held on stage, the reach is extended as both the audience and students are able to participate from

anywhere.

“This is truly a one-of-a-kind opportunity for our community and our students,” added Jacques. “I cannot wait to see what our current students and new students bring to these courses. Their talent is endless, and we are honored to be able to join them in this experience.”

Employees of the Year

Each year, the CHC Academic and Classified Senates recognize the achievements of employees across campus.

The results for the 2020 Professionals of the Year, as voted on by the CHC Classified Senate:

Manager of the Year:
Gio Sosa

Faculty of the Year:
Ernesto Rivera

Classified of the Year:
Artour Aslanian and
Veronica Lehman

The 2020 Professors and Classified Staff of the year, as voted on by the CHC Academic Senate:

Full Time Professors of the Year:
Brandi Bailes and
Mariana Moreno

Part Time Professor of the Year:
Cynthia Hamlet

Classified Employee of the Year:
Tina Gimble

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication and hard work!



Photo: Liza Mejia, 2020 CHC graduate.

Liza Mejia is headed to UCLA

Liza Mejia, a 2020 graduate of Crafton Hills College, had the cards stacked against her as a single mother high-school dropout and first-generation college student. Mejia shares her story in hopes of encouraging other non-traditional learners to pursue a college degree.

“I never imagined that I’d attend a four-year college, especially not while raising and supporting a son,” said Mejia, who is transferring to UCLA in the fall. Three and a half years ago, Mejia suffered an alcohol and drug overdose. Waking up in ICU, Mejia recounts, The nurse said, “What are you going to do? You have a second chance.”

From that experience, Mejia committed to creating a better life for herself and her son. She enrolled at Crafton Hills College and credits the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and University Transfer Center with helping her reach her goals.

There were several individuals across campus, including a custodian, who Mejia depended on for encouragement and help. “You never know the exact form in which support may come, but you know it when you feel it,” says Mejia. “Faculty and administration at Crafton were instrumental in helping me both realize my potential and achieve my goal of transferring. The president personally assisted me in some of the communications with four-year colleges, and Mariana, my transfer counselor, helped me see things in myself that I could not see.”

Mejia’s message to other student-parents and first-generation college students: “Getting to college won’t always be easy. It might not be as fast as you hoped. But keep going. It’s worth it.”

Source: <https://hechingerreport.org/student-voice-i-never-imagined-that-id-attend-college/>

