



Photo: Student Speaker, Karina Lewis.

## Congratulations Class of 2020!

The 48th Annual Commencement Ceremony at Crafton Hills College was held virtually on Friday, May 22nd. The ceremony was prerecorded, but the link didn't go live until 6 p.m. Viewers had a choice to stream the event through Youtube or Facebook through the homepage of the Crafton Hills College website.

The event incorporated all traditional elements of the in-person ceremony including individual recognition of the 237 graduates who participated. The ceremony began with the song "Pomp and Circumstance" while a montage of videos featuring faculty and staff waving and cheering for the graduates set a celebratory tone.

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## Fire Academy 102 Celebration

On Friday, May 8th, the 29 cadets from CHC Fire Academy 102 spent their final day of the program celebrating their accomplishments. Some tri-tip, a cake, and tossing around a football replaced the usual bagpipes, formal presentation, and cheering family members of past completion celebrations. Although the cadets sat six feet apart and wore masks, the bond they formed throughout their 16 weeks is undeniable.

While this was not the traditional ceremony the Academy was hoping for, the group appreciated that they were able to celebrate their completion. The CHC Fire Academy was the only academy in the State to remain active during the COVID-19

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Photo: Captain Drew Smith, Cal Fire.





*Photo: Jimmy Urbanovich, Professor of Communications with Tyrone Ross, Student Senate President and Student Speaker, Karina Lewis filming for virtual commencement.*

## Virtual Commencement Ceremony continued...

Crafton Hills College President Dr. Kevin Horan was first to congratulate the class of 2020, which happens to be the largest graduating class in the history of the College. In total, the institution had 794 graduates who earned 650 degrees and 631 certificates during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Student senate president and 2020 graduate Tyrone Ross began the ceremony leading the virtual audience in the pledge of allegiance. Ross received an associate degree in Communications and is transferring to UCR majoring in global studies. Ross hopes to learn more about different cultures, policies and economic growth around the world, and his career goal is to become an officer in the military.

Graduate Vanessa Terry provided a beautiful performance of the National Anthem. Terry, a theater arts major, received two theater arts degrees -- one with a concentration

in performance, the other in technical theater and a fine arts degree. She served as president for the Theater Arts Association Club on campus this semester, and earlier this year performed in the Black History Month opening and closing ceremonies.

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A communication studies AA-T degree earner, Karina Lewis, served as the student speaker. Lewis, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA from Crafton this year, is transferring to CSUSB and will be dual majoring in English and communication studies. Lewis worked at the Crafton Hills Tutoring Center, tutoring in English and communications studies. She was also a member of the Crafton Hills College Honors Institute and the vice-president of the Communications club.

This years’ keynote address was given by Dr. Judith Valles. Valles, former mayor for the city of San Bernardino and published author, expressed to the graduates that they should be proud of themselves and take this opportunity to renew. Valles communicated that the secret to life is to “keep

discovering, keep learning, and remembering your purpose.”

The ceremony concluded with an inspirational message from the Crafton Hills College Academic Senate President and sociology professor, Julie McKee. McKee encouraged this year’s graduates to never give up. She shared the story of Walt Disney as an example of overcoming obstacles and facing challenges while inspiring the graduates to do the same.

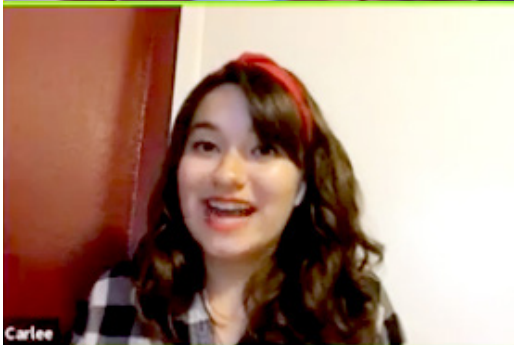
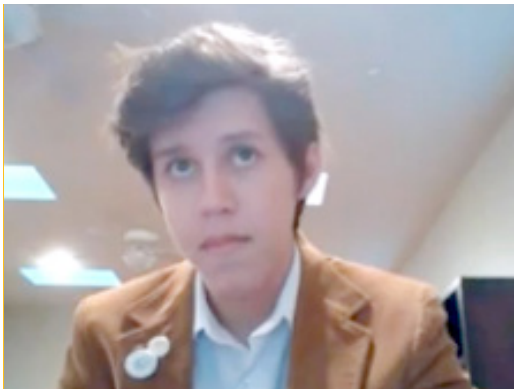


Photo: Student performances on Zoom.

## New Works Festival

Crafton Hills College's theater department presented the inaugural New Works Festival, "In the Beginning," virtually on Saturday, May 9th.

The festival featured 30 unpublished new plays presented in four-time blocks with short breaks between each block. The performances ranged from 6 to 27 minutes and were performed live through Zoom accessible directly through YouTube.

With over 1,200 views during the nine-hour event, the Crafton Hills College theatre department truly produced a day of social-distance magic! Congratulations to the writers, directors, cast, and crew.



Photo: Joshua Robles, math instructor and faculty co-lead at team meeting.

## Guided Pathways Planning

Faculty and staff have been working throughout the semester on a plan to implement the Guided Pathways Project at Crafton Hills College. The team meets regularly with the goal of developing guided pathways that will provide students with clear direction, including specific course sequences, aimed at increasing college completion rates and closing equity gaps.

The California Guided Pathways Project is an integrated, institution-wide approach to student success by creating structured educational experiences that support each student from point of entry to attainment of high-quality postsecondary credentials and careers.

This collaborative project has included college-wide discussions and feedback to make sure that students, faculty, and staff perspectives are all considered prior to implementation. The Guided Pathways team is

currently working to map out the pathways and anticipates finishing the drafts in the Fall 2020 semester.

Faculty lead Sabrina Jimenez outlined the progress stating, "our students voted, and approved pathways titled "CAPS," for Career and Academic Pathways." These pathways will help students successfully map out their educational journey. "Once the program is fully developed," Jimenez continued, "we will connect students with tools

such as Career Coach to assist them in navigating in-demand job opportunities."

The six pathways in the development phase are Creative Arts, Communication and Design; Business and Industry; Public Safety and Health Services; Society, Behavior and Culture; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; and Exploratory.

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Photo: Reynold E. Bernales.



Photo: Skye Barberena.



Photo: Clayton French.

## Crafton Hills College Foundation Awards Scholarships

The Crafton Hills College Foundation awarded \$161,950 in scholarships to more than 170 students. Due to the campus closure, the awarding of scholarships took place via email to each of the student recipients. This change didn't seem to affect their excitement as many of the students were very quick to reply with a "thank you" expressing their appreciation, including a few who even sent personal video messages that will be shared with their donors.

Forty-nine volunteers served on the scholarship committee to read, review, and score the scholarship

applications. With over 370 applicants, and many of the students eligible for multiple scholarships, the committee had their work cut out for them.

Development Coordinator Carrie Audet, who oversees the scholarship program at the college, says the college depends on volunteers. "We depend on our scholarship committee to review the applications and we absolutely could not do this without their help," Audet stated. She explained that this year was especially challenging as the timeline for review landed just as the campus modified classes and services to

a remote format. Audet explained, "some of our 'regulars' were not able to help this year as we had just gone online, but luckily there were others who were able to step up this year to volunteer."

The scholarships are funded through the CHC Foundation and made possible by more than 15 organizations and 100 individual donors who contribute annually. The scholarship recipient's pictures and bios are posted on the college website as a virtual recognition and in place of the traditional in-person convocation ceremony.



Photo: Crafton Hills College Foundation Board of Directors.





Photo: Scott Brown, SCE Fire Management Team.



Photo: Dan Sullivan, CHC Fire Academy instructor.

## Fire Tech Students Learn About Electrical Safety

For 25 years, Dan Sullivan was a firefighter and later captain in the Los Angeles City Fire Department. Throughout his career, Sullivan noted that at each structure fire call he responded to, he and his crew paid special attention to staying safe around electricity. It is a lesson he continues to pass on to his students now as an instructor at Crafton Hills College's Fire Technology Program.

"Electricity is a big factor in the fire service, and you have to be aware of

electricity in everything you do," said Sullivan.

Sullivan was joined in early March by Scott Brown, a member of Southern California Edison's Fire Management Team, to help teach electrical safety to the Fire Protection class. "There are no tools to deal with electrical safety; only training can keep you safe," said Brown, who noted SCE trains about 2,200 firefighters around electrical safety in a year. "We are their partners in this. Safety is our number one priority."

During the two-hour class, Brown discussed the hazards fire personnel may encounter around power lines, including poles hit by cars, structure fires, underground vaults, dig-ins, substations, and wildfire response. This presentation is part of an ongoing partnership between SCE and Crafton. Edison, a parent company of SCE, recently provided a \$25,000 grant for fire program scholarships.



Photo: Cathleen D'Arpa - recipient of emergency assistance funds.

## Growing Inland Achievement (GIA) Grant

On April 29th, the Crafton Hills College Foundation received a \$10,000 grant from Growing Inland Achievement (GIA) to provide emergency assistance funds for students. Growing Inland Achievement is a regional collective impact organization aimed at increasing postsecondary credential attainment, adding more qualified people to the workforce, and contributing to a thriving economy.

The Foundation will use this grant money to continue its efforts to provide emergency assistance grants of up to \$500 per student to help students continue their education. This financial assistance will help students experiencing unforeseen financial hardships because of lost jobs or wages due to the pandemic. Specifically, these funds will provide access to technology at home and basic needs such as food, rent, and

utilities.

One of the recent recipients, Cathleen D'Arpa, a student in the Emergency Medical Technician program, credited this funding with her ability to continue her education. D'Arpa, who was recently laid off due to COVID-19, said, "Receiving this help has allowed me to pay for my WiFi and phone in order to attend class via Zoom chats, take online tests and complete homework assignments."

"This funding will allow students to focus on their studies," said Dr. Kevin Horan, Crafton Hills College president. "We are so grateful to GIA for their donation to help our students complete their post-secondary educational goals, which will ultimately lead to a well-trained workforce and a stronger economy."





Photo: EOPS Counselor Racquel Schoenfield and Zoom participants.

## EOPS, CARE, CalWORKs, and Guardian Scholars Graduation

On May 21st, the EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/Guardian Scholars department recognized the students in their programs who were graduating with certificates or degrees or, transferring to a four-year university. The program celebrated the 71 graduates, 15 with honors, and 5 with highest honors.

The Zoom virtual event began with Hawaiian music and island backdrop as Crafton President Dr. Kevin Horan congratulated the students: "This year has thrown an incredible extraordinary

challenge in front of you, and each of you have risen to the challenge and met it head on."

Each student's name was announced with an accompanying slide that included his or her name, major, and transfer university, while students and family cheered, smiled, and waved as their screen was shared. Counselors and the Vice President of Student Services Dr. Delmy Spencer each took a moment to offer their words of encouragement and congratulatory messages.

"Each of the students we have honored has demonstrated great fortitude and inner strength in perusing their dreams," said program director Dr. Rejoice Chavira. Chavira gave an air hug to students on their success and ended the ceremony with a prerecorded video of staff donned in masks dancing to the song *Happy*, by Pharrell, while sending a final farewell to the graduates.



Photo: Judy Cannon and Denise See, CHI completer and 2020 graduate.

## Honors Institute Recognizes Graduates

CHC Honors Coordinator Judy Cannon was unwavering in her commitment to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2020 graduates who completed the College Honors Institute (CHI) program despite COVID19 disruptions. Cannon declared, "just because we

aren't having a luncheon to honor your achievements doesn't mean we don't want the world to know that you are an HONORS COMPLETER!" In lieu of the traditional luncheon, Cannon arranged for students to pick up yard signs designating their accomplishment,

purple Honors stoles embossed with the letters "CHI," and certificates of completion.

Thirty-seven CHC Honors Institute graduates met the following requirements: completion of 15 semester units in honors courses with a grade of A or B, a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher in all transferable course work, completion of 15 hours of community service, and completion of associate degree requirements.

Six of the graduates were designated as Honors Research Fellows and received a patch which was sewn onto their stole. Research Fellows are students who participate in research workshops put on by the Honors Institute and present their research in at least one research conference, either at Crafton or at a university or professional organization.





Photo: Fire Academy Graduates, Cadet Adame and Cadet Bullock.



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The college provided the group with a video ceremony that included comments from CHC Fire Academy Chief Mike Alder along with College President Dr. Kevin Horan and Dean of Career Services and Human Development Dan Word. Individual photos and video messages of each cadet were also included. The clear theme expressed by the students was their gratefulness to the SBCCD Board of Trustees and college administration for the opportunity to continue their

education and complete the program.

Crafton Hills College alumnus and City of Redlands Battalion Chief Dave Ketcherside spoke to the group about his career in the Fire Service.

### "Stay True - See it Through."

He highlighted the professional expectations, sacrifices, and rewards of this line of work. Chief Ketcherside's son was amongst the 29 cadets.

Cal Fire Captain Drew Smith, who served as an instructor for this

academy, addressed the group with words of encouragement and advice. He urged the cadets to invest in their community and take pride in their work. Chief Alder presented awards and scholarships to students before

Academy squad leaders carried on a tradition by presenting their academy plaque to be displayed in

the engine bay.

This group certainly lived up to their motto, Stay True - See it Through. Congratulations Academy 102!

## Congrats 2020 Transfers!



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## Transfer Recognition

As with many activities, the annual Transfer Recognition Luncheon was cancelled this spring. But, Transfer Center Coordinator Mariana Moreno found an alternate way to celebrate students who are transferring. The University Transfer Center created a short video compilation of congratulatory words and encouragement from

the campus community. Moreno compiled the videos of faculty and staff offering advice and celebrating the students' accomplishments to simulate what she believes to be the students' favorite part of the event, "their professors and supporters congratulating them for their hard work and achievements."



Photo: Logo Design by Young Song.



Photo: Logo Design by Savanna Padilla.



Photo: Logo Design by Ariana Allen.

## Multimedia Students Participate in Logo Design Contest

Students enrolled in the multimedia-130 design class engaged in a contest funded by the CHC Foundation. The class was challenged to design a logo that could be used for the college's athletics program.

Athletics are new to Crafton Hills College, and began with men's and women's swim teams in Spring 2018 and water polo in Fall 2019. The College is looking for a new logo to identify CHC athletic teams.

Dr. Iris Kern-Foster incorporated the need for a logo as a project in her "Digital Illustration with Adobe Illustrator 1" class, allowing each student the opportunity to develop a concept and pitch it. This course is essential for each degree and certificate offered in Crafton's new multimedia program, which was introduced in Fall 2019. The course features hands-on instruction in digital illustration and its use in print and web-based media. Dr. Kern-Foster used the CHC Roadrunner Logo project over the course of the semester.

"It is an exciting opportunity for students to practice a professional

workflow, learning to revise based on client's feedback," said Dr. Iris Kern-Foster. "Students are incredibly supportive to each other and engaged in the process. In addition, students get to apply critical thinking skills and verbal presentation techniques to support their ideas."

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The first stage was to conduct research on athletics team logos incorporating animals. Students then moved on to the ideation stage, exploring different design directions with thumbnail sketches based on direction provided by Institutional Advancement Director Michelle Riggs and Aquatics Director Heather Chittenden. In the design phase, students developed logo

design drafts in black and white, introducing color concepts a week later and refining them with feedback from classmates. Students tested the logo application on merchandise design, making modifications as needed. The last step was to create full sets of color and size variations for the logo.

The final class designs were presented to CHC President Dr. Kevin Horan on May 7 during the class meeting on Zoom. The creativity and individualism of each student's design was commended by Horan, who selected the contest winners. The first-place design was created by Young Song. The second-place designer is Savannah Padilla, and third is Ariana Allen. Honorable mentions are Fernando Flores and Mariah Rojas. The Foundation will award first, second and third place designers with \$500, \$300 and \$200, respectively. The athletics department will continue to work with the multimedia program next semester to further develop the logo designs.