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Crafton Hills College Recognized as 2021 Equity Champion for High Rates of Latinx Student Transfer

Crafton Hills College is a 2021 Equity Champion for Excellence in Transfer for Latinx students, an award conferred by the Campaign for College Opportunity (CCO), for California institutions of higher education that lead the state in Latinx students earning Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT).

This CCO recognized CHC for its achievement during a virtual ceremony on Tuesday, November 16. This non-profit organization is devoted to ensuring that the next generation of college-age students in California has the chance to go to college and succeed. The Campaign for College Opportunity selected colleges for the award by comparing the number of ADTs awarded to Latinx students to their total number of ADTs.

Crafton Hills College graduates, including those who earn ADTs, are well-received by universities. They have some of the

highest admission acceptance rates to the University of California system among all Inland Empire colleges, with an average acceptance rate between 70 and 80 percent for Latinx students who apply to UC campuses.

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Crafton Hills College President Dr. Kevin Horan said that ensuring student success and working toward academic equity for all students is what the college has always striven to achieve.

“This recognition is critical because it signals to students, both current and future, that Crafton Hills College is here to support you and wants you to succeed,” Horan said. “We want to see our students thrive while they’re here and set them up to be able to transfer to a four-year college or university where they can continue to work toward their dreams.”

CHC bolstered Latinx student transfer in recent years by creating many new ADT degrees and fully supporting a variety of student services across campus, according to University Transfer Center Coordinator Mariana Macamay. She described a cross-departmental effort to stay updated on legislative changes, transfer policy, collaboration, and best practices.

“The transfer center is not solely responsible for this achievement. It started with (CHC Communications Professor) Rick Hogrefe, who was instrumental in championing the creation of so many ADTs and the faculty who supported it,” she said. “Many of our students utilize a variety of CHC’s student services, including counseling services DSPS, (Disabled Student Programs and Services), and EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services).”

Additionally, Crafton Hills College has reached out to students nearing completion and created ADTs for programs with high Latinx enrollment. Macamay said CHC’s approach is unique because the various student support departments work collaboratively.

Since its creation in 2001, Crafton Hills College’s University Transfer Center has focused on its mission: to advance the education of all students, particularly Latinx and other disproportionately impacted students.



CHC Theatre Program Presents *The Apocalypse Project*

The Crafton Hills College Theatre Department presented three showings of *The Apocalypse Project* on November 4, 5, and 6. The play, written by Briandaniel Oglesby, is set in 2024 and follows a group of young adults who explore climate change, social change, coming-of-age, immigration, and the navigation of a world destroyed by previous generations.

“The talented and diverse cast of student actors deftly tackled parts where they were asked to portray multiple characters. The students that worked on the technical and production end of *The Apocalypse Project* delivered a setting which was the latest in a series of strong work, a credit to the Technical Director, Kevin Palkki. We ended up selling nearly every available seat over the weekend,” stated Director Paul Jacques.



Photo: Vicky Barra, Charlie and Kristina Heilgeist, and Joe Cabrales at vaccine clinic.

CHC COVID and Flu Vaccine Clinic Provides Over 100 Doses

With vaccinations remaining the leading public health strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic, Crafton Hills College partnered with the San Bernardino Community College District, County of San Bernardino,

and Family Service Association to host a vaccine clinic on November 10.

The event offered individuals a \$25 gift certificate and backpack as an incentive

to participate. Event coordinators wanted to make it convenient for employees, students, and other community members to participate. The on-site manager for San Bernardino County Department of Public Health and the representative from FSA agreed that this was one of the best-attended pop-up vaccine clinics they had hosted.

Adults 18 and over were able to choose the one dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, while individuals five and older could receive their first or second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. In addition, flu vaccines were available for anyone three and up. The crew began the day with 62 appointments scheduled and welcomed walk-ins. A total of 76 COVID-19 and 33 flu vaccines were administered.

A second clinic is planned for December 2 from noon – 5 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. To register for an appointment, visit MyTurn.ca.gov and enter 92399.



Crafton Hills College Celebrates Native American Heritage Month with a Series of Speaker Presentations

On Wednesday, November 17, Serrano Tribal Citizen Keely Marquez facilitated an online session about the Serrano Indians and their history in the Yucaipa region. The Crafton Hills area of Yucaipa is known

as Waa't in the Serrano Indian Language, which means juniper or where the juniper trees grow, according to tribal elders.

The first people used the land for

ceremonies that brought tribes together to feast and give thanks. Elders from local tribes still hold fond memories of the Crafton hills and the surrounding area. Marquez provided additional insight by sharing her research from the book "Pioneer Days in the San Bernardino Valley" written by Mrs. E.P.R. Crafts, the owner of Crafton Retreat in the 1880's.

Crafts wrote about the native people sometimes disparagingly. To provide a less biased view, Marquez provided context and compared two very different accounts of what happened in the area at the time.

Oral storytelling passed down from generation to generation by elders is vital to the tribal nations and although a lot of effort is put into safeguarding traditions and sacred rituals, much of these have faded. Participants of this session were able hear the Serrano language and gain a deeper understanding of the Serrano People.



CHC Roadrunners Partner with Redlands Family Service Association

CHC faculty, staff, and students, along with their friends and family, volunteered to sort and organize 22,215 pounds of food on Saturday, November 13 as participants in a "Three Peaks" volunteer event to challenge students to engage, learn and advance.

Director of Student Life Dr. Ericka Paddock noted, "The Three Peaks Challenge has been part of the college since 2014. We feel that service projects such as these help foster strong social connections and embody our institutional value of civic engagement."

The sorted food will be distributed to needy families in our community through the holidays. Way to go, Roadrunners!





Photo: Sean Ceballos.



Crafton Hills College students attend the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Conference

In October, Crafton Hills College (CHC) student leaders attended the annual summit conference of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). Attendees met and shared ideas about promising practices in the education of Hispanic and Latinx students and opportunities in furthering their education and finding rewarding employment.

The conference invites HACU member institutions to collaborate, form alliances and partnerships and share strategies for promoting greater educational equity and achievement for Hispanic/Latinx students.

CHC is a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), with 50 percent of its students identifying as Hispanic or Latinx. The college was recently recognized as a 2021 Equity Champion for Excellence in Transfer for Latinx students, an award given to California community colleges that confer high rates to associate degrees for transfer to Hispanic/Latinx students.

The college sent a handful of its students to attend the conference, including English major and Executive Assistant to the Student Government Sean Ceballos. He said he was excited to participate in

the forum and learn about his options as a Latinx student in higher education. Ceballos started college a decade ago but soon dropped out. He returned recently

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to complete his education after becoming “flooded with ambition and an urge to make a change somewhere in the world.”

“Attending the conference allowed me to rub elbows with business professionals and learn what opportunities are present for someone in my situation,” he said. “I was able to get a lot of tips and advice, as well as make connections with people who could help me in my journey. I want to break so many generational curses and stigmas that follow someone like me with my background. I’m a disabled, queer

minority with a troubled past, but a bright future.”

Students were given the opportunity to network and learn about internships, scholarships and job opportunities. The conference offered many workshops and panels with practical and soft skills, including tips for overcoming imposter syndrome and building confidence in others.

Ceballos said the conference “emboldened” him and created new relationships that he hopes to someday develop into mentorships.

“With the knowledge, connections, and experience gained from the HACU conference, I know I can move forward with my professional goals at full steam and know that the opportunities are endless and that the professional world is becoming so much more inclusive,” said Ceballos. “There’s a place for me out there, and the conference has made me understand that.”

Ceballos said that all Hispanic/Latinx students should consider attending the HACU conference, especially if their goal is to create better opportunities for future generations.



RC Department Award
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CHC Respiratory Care Program Recognized as Regional Leader by Professional Organization

Respiratory Care Week took place Oct. 24–30 and provided a chance to celebrate the respiratory care profession and the vital role respiratory therapists play in patient health.

As a part of the celebration, the California Society for Respiratory Care (CSRC), which provides education, professional development, representation, and a community for respiratory care

practitioners in California, recognized the Crafton Hills College respiratory therapy program with an award for their commitment to excellence.

In the announcement, CSRC included the following message: "Congratulations to the Respiratory Program at Crafton Hills College for winning the CSRC's RC Department Award in our Inland Empire Region. This is the first time a respiratory therapy program has received this recognition.

The faculty at Crafton Hills College works tirelessly to ensure the best quality of education for the next generation of respiratory therapists without asking for any acknowledgment or reward.

Crafton Hills is among the top 10% of RT programs in the nation for student outcomes. They have graduates practicing all over the United States, and they have saved countless lives. The faculty's passionate care and commitment to the community show in each patient encounter with Crafton Hills College graduates. Congratulations!"



Veterans Resource Center Represents Crafton in the Community

The Crafton Hills College Veterans Resource Center (VRC) represented the College at two Veterans Day celebrations.

On November 6, VRC Coordinator Steve Rush, along with a group of CHC student veterans, set up an information booth at the Highland Inaugural Veterans Day event. Festivities for the family-oriented day included a patriotic agenda, special guest veterans as well as local dignitaries.

On November 11, Dean of Student Services Joe Cabrales, VRC Coordinator Steve Rush, VRC Counselor Lisa Mills, and student veterans represented

Crafton at the Redlands Veterans Celebration. The event included a parade, food vendors, live music, fly overs, military vehicles, and vendor booths. Army veteran Gary Hatfield, CHC class of 1972, stopped by to say hello to the CHC group.

The VRC provides assistance to veterans and their dependents that may be eligible for educational benefits and helps transition veterans from military to civilian life within the academic environment.

Photo: Army veteran, Gary Hatfield CHC class of 1972 with Steve Rush.



Photo: Brett Waterman and Julie McKee.

An Evening with Brett Waterman and Celebration of 100 President's Circle Members

The Crafton Hills College Foundation presented an evening with Brett Waterman on November 4. The dinner event was held specifically for the CHC Foundation's President's Circle donors and their guests.

Waterman, host of the DIY Network program *Restored*, brings new life to historic homes in Redlands and throughout Southern California. The show follows

individual restorations of old homes and captures the stories of the owners as their properties are renovated. Each home is updated to showcase its original charm, which is often buried beneath poorly done repairs and unsightly additions.

The evening featured a conversation with Waterman and the college's president, Dr. Kevin Horan. Waterman shared his journey

to the show and his love of preservation, architecture, and history. Several of the guests had personal knowledge of homes Waterman has featured, and the question-and-answer portion of the program was lively, with laughs and interactions amongst guests.

At the end of the evening, Dr. Horan thanked President Circle members for their investment in the College and announced that the group had just added its 100th member. Each year President's Circle members support the Crafton Hills College Foundation with an unrestricted \$1,000 donation. The membership has tripled under Horan's leadership, with just 33 members in January of 2019, when Horan became president.

"These funds play a vital role in supporting the College and we are so grateful for your continued support," Horan stated. "Your membership in the President's Circle provides maximum flexibility in helping to meet our current priorities and needs."

All President's Circle members receive invitations to exclusive events like this one and prominent acknowledgment and listing in all appropriate publications. To join President's Circle, visit www.craftonhills.edu/presidentcircle.



Trunk or Treat

On Friday, October 29, the 2021/2022 Student Senate co-sponsored a Halloween themed "Trunk or Treat" celebration for the families and children served by the Redlands Family Services Association. Children wore costumes provided by Redlands Family Services and were treated to a "carnival like" experience.

Upon arrival, they were given punch cars which sent them to different game booths and included visiting the more than ten vehicles gathered to offer candy. Once the punch cards were completed, children were able to redeem the cards for a toy of their choice and enjoy a pizza party.

