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Photo: Paralympian Laura Goodkind.

CHC Alum rows for Team USA during the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games

Crafton Hills College (CHC) alumnus Laura Goodkind crossed the finish line for Team USA on the world stage in Tokyo during the 2020 Paralympic Games.

It was the second appearance (Goodkind's first was 2016) at the Paralympics for the rower and 2009 CHC graduate. During both the 2016 Rio and 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, Goodkind competed in the mixed double sculls event and placed tenth in the event for both Games.

Goodkind began college at CHC and initially pursued psychology. The CHC alum eventually switched over to the College's renowned EMT program, becoming certified as a level-I EMT. Some of Goodkind's fondest memories of CHC were in the program, calling them the "best instructors ever."

"I have some amazing memories with the EMS Department and was able to become a Skills Instructor for a bit after completing the course," Goodkind said. "While a

student and instructor, my favorite days were Over the Hill, when we set up as true-to-life as possible scenarios that our future (EMT) students would run into when working. Whether I was a student figuring out how to solve the situation or organizing the scenarios for future EMT's, it was always a blast to be hanging out in that department."

Goodkind's time at CHC was brief, but led to lifelong friendships, including with many of the faculty and instructors.

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In 2009, Goodkind left CHC, earning associate of arts degrees in both psychology and liberal studies. The Paralympic rower went on to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology at Whittier College, while also dual-enrolled at Southern California University of Health Sciences.

It was after CHC that Goodkind began rowing. In 2014, the athlete became exceptionally ill as a result of secondary complications from a swallowing disorder, developing sepsis and septic shock that same year. It was that illness, however, that began the rower's path toward Paralympic glory.

"A dietician recommended that I hang out with people like me and I realised she meant people with physical differences," the rower said. "She didn't want me to engage in sports as my vitals were all over the place, and I didn't want to attend a support group, so we had to compromise."

Goodkind searched for paralympic sports clubs in the area. The CHC alum began playing different sports and with that, Goodkind's vitals began to improve.

The rower's trajectory toward the Paralympic Games was far from seamless. In 2015, Goodkind became homeless -- but the alumnus' love for sports never wavered.

"I attended two different events, one for table tennis and one for rowing that year," said Goodkind. "Both sports had staff telling me I might be able to fast track it to (the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games)."

The paralympian could choose only one -- and the idea of traveling all over the world in beautiful locales to row was ultimately the deciding factor:

The paralympian expressed gratitude to all of the people who lent their support over the years, including all of those who cheered Goodkind on at CHC. For the current and future students at CHC, Goodkind said, just one piece of advice should take them far: believe in yourself.

"We are more than our situations or labels," Goodkind said. "We can rise above any situation at any time, make our own path, our own destiny."



Photo: CHC Art Gallery.

Art Exhibit Showcases Crafton Faculty Talent

After more than a year and a half of being closed to the public, the doors are open again at Crafton Hills College's Art Gallery, with a new exhibit celebrating the talent of the College's faculty.

Six faculty members – including Art Department Chair Renée Azenaro and Lab Technician Michael Bedoya – each selected works representing different mediums and interpretations to display inside the space.

The show celebrated the important connection art has on communities like Crafton and the surrounding area, explained Azenaro.

"Honestly, art itself is the 'connective tissue' for all of humanity and society," she said. "It's about bringing the community together. It's the nexus and the connection to get new ideas."

The show also signals a bit of normalcy to the Art Department and the Roadrunner campus following the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year, the department took things online with a virtual faculty art show but being back in the gallery space allows for guests to take their time to absorb each piece and reflect on what they see.

"Art is so important because it fulfills parts of our life," said Azenaro. "We are happy to be back in the space and put up physical work."

There was not a limit imposed on how many pieces each artist could submit, nor a timeline. For example, Bedoya had three works on display, including a piece he created in the 1990s.

The painting, he explained, was originally sold to relatives, but when his uncle died, Bedoya noticed the painting was no longer on display at his uncle's home.

"Three of my pieces are on the back wall (of the gallery), and the one furthest to the left is the one my aunt was on the verge of throwing away, which I think is funny," Bedoya continued with a chuckle. "Exhibitions aren't about new work necessarily, but 'your work.'"



From CHC to Healthcare Career Programs

Health Science Professor Sam Truong will host a series of virtual student workshops entitled "From CHC to ..." through the Tutoring Center and STEM Center this semester. Truong developed this series that he previously hosted in-person prior to the pandemic.

This series includes remote or limited capacity in-person workshops to cover the following topics:

- From CHC to
- ... Healthcare careers
- ... RN (Registered Nurse)
- ... PA (Physician Assistant)

- ... MD (Medical Doctor)
- ... PharmD (Doctor of Pharmacy)
- ... DDS/DMD (Doctor of Dentistry)

Truong explained, "In the series, I walk students from the general pre-requisites, as some programs require specific pre-requisites to their corresponding national boards, subspecialties for some careers, and job market outlook (based on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)."

Students enrolled in Truong's classes can also make appointments during his open office hours to receive individual or small group healthcare career options advisement via Zoom.



Photo: A few #TeamCrafton members pose for a group photo.

#TeamCrafton Night

On September 30, the CHC Foundation hosted a #TeamCrafton night for all employees who donate through payroll deduction to the CHC Foundation and make a difference in the lives of our students!

Join the team today! Visit www.craftonhills.edu/teamcrafton



Photo: Mike Strong addresses earthquake preparedness.

Great ShakeOut

Crafton Hills College participated in the Great ShakeOut on Oct 21. This drill asked employees and students to imagine an earthquake scenario that could affect our area in an effort to improve preparedness.

The event was followed by a debriefing to collect feedback on any changes that should be incorporated into our disaster plan.



Photo: Students in quad for Club Rush.

Fall Club Rush

The CHC Student Senate hosted an in-person event on Oct 20 and an online event on Oct 22 to encourage student participation in clubs. Attendees were able to learn about the various campus clubs, enjoy the DJ, participate in costume contests, win prizes and AS sticker holders received a free meal from the food truck that was brought in for the afternoon.



Photo: Avery Andrews stands next to CHC psychology club banner.

Psychology Club Supports Local Youth

The CHC Psychology club sponsored a Yucaipa Youth Soccer Organization team as a community service project to help provide local youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives. A banner hanging on the fence at the Rick McCown soccer complex acknowledges the sponsorship and promotes the club and College.



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Undocumented Students Action Week

At CHC, we remain committed to serving all students, regardless of immigration status, and took the opportunity to celebrate Undocumented Student Action Week October 18-22. Virtual events such as an AB540 conference, DREAM application workshop, and "Know your Rights" seminar provided support resources and advocacy for undocumented students.



Photo: CHC Aquatics Complex.

Paralympic Event Held at CHC

On October 23 and 24, Crafton Hills College hosted the U.S. Paralympics Swimming California Classic Open Series event for athletes who are physically, intellectually, and visually impaired. Thirty-six swimmers competed in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, and individual medley events including one CHC student, Austin "Auggie" Olive.



Photo: Battalion Chief Ralph Tovar from San Manuel Fire, and Captain Jon Garber from San Bernardino County Fire were on campus to deliver the check.

SBCTOA Fund Endowed Scholarship to Support Fire Academy

The San Bernardino County Training Officers Association, who serve as the advisory board for the Crafton Hills College Fire Academy, presented a check on Oct 22 to endow a scholarship for the Crafton Hills College Fire Academy.

Conversations began in 2018 when the then SBCTOA Board Members: President Craig Hauenstein, Vice President Jon

Garber, Treasurer Ralph Tovar and Secretary Jon Cripe along with other members of the Association decided they wanted to support a scholarship for a firefighting candidate who successfully completes all phases of the Crafton Hills Fire Academy.

This newly endowed scholarship will recognize an outstanding cadet from the Inland Empire who demonstrates

exceptional citizenship, proficiency in skills and outstanding overall grades. The chosen cadet will have overcome significant challenges in order to become a part of the Crafton Hills Fire Academy and display the necessary courage, perseverance, and tenacity that it takes to be a firefighter with a selfless and humble attitude.



Photo: San Geronio High School students visit CHC.

San Geronio High School Tour

On October 14, San Geronio High School students visited CHC. A stop at the Paramedic Program provided a

demonstration of intubating a victim followed by a tour of the Fire Academy, where one student was able to try on the

turn out gear. The Respiratory Program provided the students with an overview of breathing lungs on a preemie mannequin as well as a respiratory ventilator and other equipment used for adults.

Students also learned about the Child Development and Radiology programs, as well as support programs including, DSPS, Financial Aid, EOPS, and Student Life.

Outreach staff member Frances Southerland-Amsden was grateful that the visiting students were able to interact with CHC students. "They were engaged and motivated students, and they asked very detailed and key program questions. It was a pleasure to be able to show the San Geronio students the awesome programs that CHC has and what they can expect when they become students here," stated Southerland-Amsden.

Redlands State of the City

On September 30, SBCCD Board Chair, Dr. Anne Viricel, Chancellor Diana Rodriguez and Crafton Hills College President Dr. Kevin Horan, Vice President of Instruction Dr. Keith Wurtz, and Vice President of Student Services Dr. Delmy Spencer attended the State of the City event for the City of Redlands.

Mayor Paul Barich, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Tejada and Council Members Paul Foster, Denise Davis and Jenna Guzman-Lowery shared accomplishments and plans for the future.



Photo: SBCCD, CHC, and City of Redlands Leaders.



Photo: Adam Yahel Diaz.

Adam Yahel Diaz Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship established in memory of Adam Yahel Diaz has received funding from a longtime supporter of education and the College.

Patricia Atherton and the Crafton Hills College Foundation recently entered into an agreement to accept a \$20,000 gift to help fund a memorial scholarship endowment established in Diaz's memory after his 2015 death. The scholarship was

created "to recognize the accomplishments and contributions" of Diaz who was just weeks away from graduating from Crafton before he was killed from injuries sustained in a car accident. He was 26.

"I feel honored that I was able to do this," said Atherton. "I can't think of a better cause."

Six years after Diaz's death, his impact is still being felt around the entire Roadrunner community by those who loved him, including Atherton who took Diaz in when he needed a place to live.

Atherton said she first met Diaz when her daughter asked if Adam could live with them temporarily as he looked for a job and sustainable income. Four months had passed, and Diaz was presented with an ultimatum: either find a job and pay rent or go to school full-time.

"He decided to go to school even though he thought college 'was for rich white kids with nothing to do,'" Atherton explained. "But he said that when he walked into a classroom (at Crafton), he was hooked that very first day."

Diaz had big plans for the future. Before his death, he had been accepted into U.C. Berkeley and aspired to earn his Ph.D. in English literature and teach at the college

level, all while serving his community as a priest in the Orthodox Christian Church. He died while on his way to attend Easter service on April 7, 2015.

Atherton hopes scholarships awarded through the memorial fund will make an impact on a student's life. When asked what Diaz's reaction would have been knowing the fund was established in his honor, Atherton said Adam would have been "very, very proud."

"When he lived with us for those few years, he became my son in every way. I just want his memory to live on forever," Atherton said, adding prior to his death, Diaz had finally "found his spot in the world."

"He would have been happy to know that someone else would be getting some help along the way," she said. "Education can change your life."

The Foundation remains committed to raising the additional \$5,000 to fully endow the fund. To make a donation or learn more about Adam's scholarship, visit www.craftonhills.edu/diaz.



Photo: Michael Smith.

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Fire Chief Michael Smith Committed to Helping CHC

San Manuel Band of Indians' Fire Chief Michael Smith continues to be fully committed to the success of Crafton Hills College. Smith, a CHC alumnus, graduated from the College's paramedic program in 1992. He then went on to study at the University of Redlands, where he earned his bachelor's in arts degree in biology. He then earned a master's degree in leadership, with an emphasis in disaster preparedness and executive fire leadership in 2016 from Grand Canyon University.

Smith currently serves as a Director on the Crafton Hills College Foundation Board, where he helps to raise funds and support students with support from scholarships and emergency assistance to program enhancement at the College.

Smith credits his success to getting his start at CHC, and said he hopes to help the College make dreams come true for countless future students.

"I really got my start in my career field at CHC," Smith says. "As a graduate of the CHC Paramedic Program, I acquired not

only the knowledge, skills, and abilities to enter emergency services, but moreover the passion to do so! My support now is driven by the desire to pull up the next

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generation so they can enjoy the same opportunity and rewards which I have."

As a member of the Board of Directors for the College's Foundation, Smith helps reduce financial worries for students. Last year, Smith helped the organization launch the Because of You campaign with the goal of raising a \$1 million for an endowment to provide long-term financial strength for the College.

The endowment fund is an investment which will provide a perpetual resource of unrestricted funds for the college to use as future needs arise. Ultimately, the goal is to create an endowment that would support the needs of all students on campus year after year.

Smith brings an extensive background in fire safety and prevention to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. Prior to his position with the Tribal government, he took on numerous roles within fire service, including serving as the executive officer and a colonel for the California National Guard's California Cadet Corps. Smith is one of only a few dozen who is certified by the State of California as a fire chief and has been designated by the International Commission on Professional Credentialing as a Chief Fire Officer.

His dedication to service and helping those in need has taken him to all corners of the country. As a part of the Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Smith was a part of teams that responded to the attacks in New York City on September 11, 2001, the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and the disasters caused by Hurricane Maria to Puerto Rico in 2017.

For current and future CHC students, particularly those in the public safety programs, Smith has one piece of advice. "Make service a passion and commit to being a lifelong learner in your chosen profession."

To support Crafton Hills College's Because of You Campaign, visit www.craftonhills.edu/endowment. Your gift will provide direct support to students and additional funding for public safety programs, both now and in the future.

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WE ARE \$692,501 CLOSER TO REACHING OUR GOAL OF \$1 MILLION



Photo: CHC Paramedic Students practicing skills.

Crafton Hills College Expands Paramedic Training

Hands-on career training for paramedics at Crafton Hills College has continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic according to Amanda Ward, director of the paramedic training programs at Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa.

"We graduated 62 students from March of 2020 to now, which is a typical number of

graduates from before the pandemic hit," Ward said. "Of those students, only two are not working locally."

Crafton Hills College has earned high marks for the way the college connects newly trained graduates to relevant jobs. The program is a "Strong Workforce Star" according to California's Community

College system.

The Inland region is fortunate that hands-on training continued at Crafton Hills College because the pandemic made the need for skilled clinicians much greater.

Ward said it is the pandemic itself, as well as high 911 call volume, that has increased the need for paramedics and not a shortage of high-quality training programs. "We are hearing that local ambulance companies and fire departments are looking to hire additional paramedics," Ward said. "Crafton has heard the need and is answering."

Crafton Hills, which is part of the San Bernardino Community College District, operates two cohorts of paramedic students annually now and will begin a third cohort in the Summer of 2022. "This is a direct response to the paramedic shortage and our community partners' vacancies," Ward said.

She said new applicants are always welcome and financial aid is available for community college students. More information about the paramedic program is available online at www.craftonhills.edu/paramedic.



Indigenous Peoples' Day

Crafton Hills College celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day by hosting events on campus and a powerful online celebration that honored the cultures of both Native American and Indigenous people.

Attendees watched a video of the first ever Native American Poet Laureate Joy Harjo read her poem "Running". Harjo a full member of the Muscogee Creek Nation writes about celebrating ancestors and being optimistic about future generations but also acknowledging the violence they endured and demanding justice.

Theatre department head Paul Jacques, a member of the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo tribe of New Mexico, gave an in-depth presentation while sharing family photos

and stories.

English Professor Isidro Zepeda gave a presentation on Mesoamerican Mythology and touched on the changes to indigenous cultures brought about by colonialism.

The celebration while educational was deeply moving and reverent to Native American and Indigenous People.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October to recognize Native people as the first inhabitants of the Americas.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY PANEL

Via Zoom Mon. 10/11 12 pm



CHC Celebrates LGBTQIA+ Equality

National Coming Out Day is an annual awareness day to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, and agender people in “coming out”, being proud of who they are, and for allies to show their support for LGBTQIA+ equality.

To celebrate, Crafton Hills College presented a National “Coming Out” Day Panel via Zoom on October 11. Administrative Coordinator Tina Gimple served as host and welcomed the guests, panelists, and College President, Dr. Kevin Horan. Three panelists answered a series of guided questions about their personal experiences, advice to others, struggles associated with acceptance, and the importance of these experiences in their journeys.

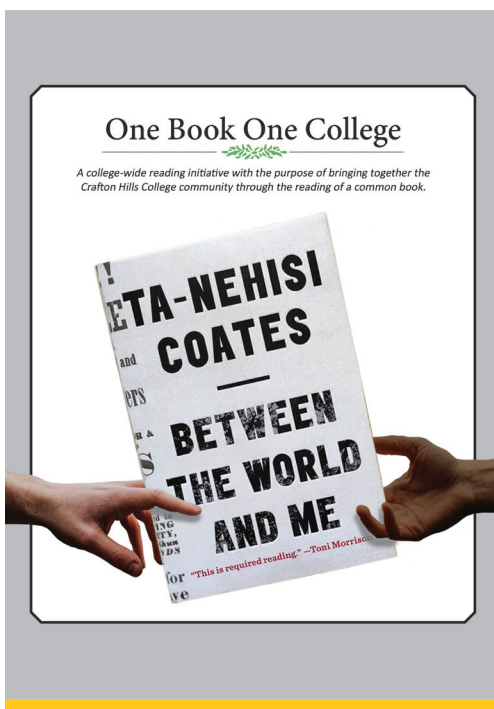
Thank you to Justin Davis, Rabbi Lindy Reznick, and George “Butch” Zein for serving as panelists.

Justin Davis is a recent alumnus of Crafton Hills College and received his Associate of Arts degree in History. He is currently pursuing his bachelor’s degree in Politics at the University of California, Santa Cruz. When Justin isn’t studying or saving the world, he enjoys his free time dancing in the forest listening to Cardi B.

Rabbi Lindy Reznick is honored to serve as Congregation Emanu El’s first female Rabbi in its 127-year history. She is proud of the inclusive, warm, and welcoming, vibrant, 21st century Jewish community that she is helping build at Congregation Emanu El. She is thrilled to finally be settled with her family, her partner and two children in Redlands California.

George “Butch” Zein’s 30+ professional highlights began in California starting off as Linguistic Research Assistant at the famed Salk Institute studying how the human brain acquires Signed Language. Also, one of founding members of the Deafhood Foundation and has conducted over 100 classes/workshops on issues related to Deafhood the past 12 years. Currently a temporary assistant professor teaching ASL and Deaf culture classes.

One Book, One College - Between the World and Me



One Book, One College is a college-wide reading initiative intended to bring together the campus community through the reading of a common book focused on equity and inclusion. This year’s book, *Between the World and Me*, asks us to reimagine the boundaries of fear, hope, and racial inequality. Written as a letter to his teenage son, *Between the World and Me* describes Ta-Nehisi Coates’ experience of being Black in America. The book explores issues of race, racism, justice, education, fear, relationships, identity, and diversity.

The One Book, One College task force, in collaboration with the Professional Development committee, organized a series of events to encourage conversation,

creativity, and community. In 2018, Coates transformed his book *Between the World and Me* to the theatrical stage. On Oct 20 CHC provided a virtual screening of the HBO Special adaptation of that production, which included celebrity readings, clips from participants, civil rights archival footage, and animation.

In addition, three hosted discussions explored the black body, fear, and the value of diversity. Dialogue centered around how our identities and experiences shape our perceptions and the systemic challenges that create barriers.

The book will be incorporated into student activities throughout the spring semester.